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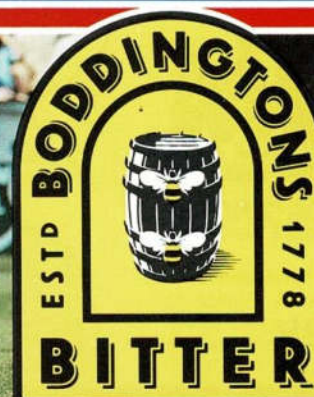
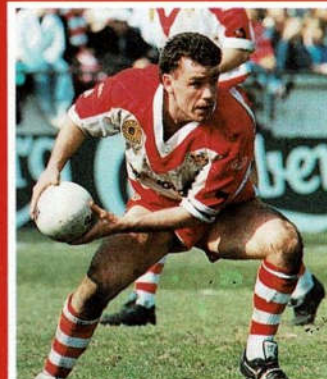


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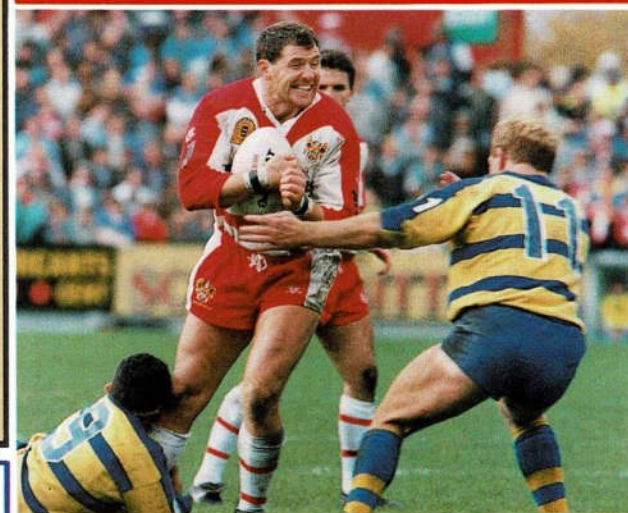
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STATEMENT FROM THE DIRECTORS



IT is with regret that the Oldham board of directors announces the departure from the club of senior coach Tony Barrow, the assistant Derek Whitehead, the sprint coach Bill Kindon and the 'A' team coach Ian Taylor.

The board had a long and searching meeting last Monday evening and decided unanimously that in the best interests of club and team it had no alternative but to terminate the employment of Tony, Derek and Bill as a result of results and performances over the past two months or so.

These decisions were not made lightly, and the club will honour the contract of the senior coach, which runs until the end of next season.

It was intended that Ian Taylor should carry on as 'A' team coach, but Ian announced earlier this week that he wished to resign because he had not been involved in the new coaching set-up which the club established in a caretaker capacity.

To all those people who have left the club this week we wish every good wish for the future and record our appreciation for the work they have done on behalf of this club.

You will have read various things in the press, depending on which newspaper you take, but the situation now is that John Fieldhouse is taking over as caretaker player-coach with Maurice Bamford in an advisory capacity and with Mike Ford and Gary Hyde assisting as senior professionals.

At the time of going to press, the club was considering various options in filling the gap left by Ian Taylor's departure.

Finally, may we take this opportunity of assuring all shareholders and supporters that the board is totally united in its resolve to guide the club through these difficult days and into a bright and successful future.

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Mike Ford

ALL the players were surprised by the news that Tony Barrow is no longer coach at Oldham. However, we'll be giving all the support we can to John Fieldhouse and carry on trying to make sure we get it right on the field.

After all, last Sunday's performance against Hull KR was our worst of the season as we badly let ourselves and the club down.

Worse, we let down our fabulous travelling support who have been tremendous throughout this prolonged bad spell. They made the long journey over the Pennines to the east coast and deserved a better result.

Unfortunately, it didn't materialise and we find ourselves in a dire situation where we need to quickly reverse, starting today against Wakefield Trinity.

Tonight's game is being treated like a cup final, it is that important to us all. Wakefield are our closest rivals in the league and it is essential that we collect two points from the game.

I am convinced that a good win under our belts will make the world of difference as far as the confidence of the side is concerned.

And if our confidence grows, I am sure we can gain the necessary future to secure our place in the top flight. Realistically, we need to win six of our last ten games.

It won't be easy, but it is a task all the players are committed to as they are now playing for their professional pride as well as the loyal fans who support Oldham.

And please remember, we really do appreciate your support and we are sure it will be rewarded soon!



ROGER'S FOCUS

Oldham Evening Chronicle Rugby League writer, Roger Halstead, looks at today's visitors

WAKEFIELD TRINITY come to Watersheddings tonight for a match televised by BSB, having played Warrington in midweek when they hoped to recover from their two holiday defeats by local rivals Featherstone Rovers.

Three consecutive league defeats sent Trinity shooting down the division after a spectacular start to the season in which they won the Stones Bitter team-of-the-month award in November after reaching the Yorkshire Cup final earlier in the season.

At the time of writing, Trinity were one place above Oldham in the league, but had three games in hand — statistics which underline the importance of this evening's game in the home side's fight against relegation.

The points are also vital for Trinity and their coach David Topliss, the former Oldham captain, who says: "Most teams have a bad patch in the First Division and it is all a matter of pulling out of it as quickly as possible."

"Everybody seems to be beating Rochdale but after that it is extremely competitive. We slipped up when losing twice to Featherstone and it sent us down the table, but after 12 games we had played six and won six, so we were probably on par with realistic expectations."

"We made a terrific start, but it is difficult to maintain consistency at that level in this most competitive of First Division competitions."

Trinity's overseas players are full back Chris Perry, stand-off Chris Mortimore and big Kiwi prop Adrian Shelford, the former Wigan star.

Other well-known players in the side include centres Ged Byrne and Andy Mason, scrum-half Mark Conway — always an influential figure — and forwards Andy Kelly and Garry Price, a youngster of whom big things are expected at Belle Vue.

Indeed, Wakefield Trinity relied heavily on a terrific contribution from some of the teenage forwards when they managed to beat Oldham at Belle Vue early in the season.

"We won on a wing and a prayer that day," admitted "Toppo," "but I was proud of the young forwards who got through the match on sheer courage and commitment."

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Wakefield . . .

Chris Perry: This young Australian utility back, signed in October, 1989, is safe on defence and an elusive, pacey, attacking player who links well with his three-quarters.

Andy Mason: Former captain of Wakefield and Trinity's leading try-scorer for the second successive season in 1989-90 with 17 touchdowns. Operating primarily as a centre, he was previously with Leeds.

John Thompson: Loyal, long-serving front-row forward who enjoyed a richly-deserved benefit season in 1988-89, crowning the year by being adjudged Trinity's Player of the Year for the first time.

Billy Conway: A product of the club's fine Colts side of the mid-1980s, Billy is a busy hooker, whether probing at dummy-half on attack or defending furiously. Considered to be one of the First Division's most consistent number nines.

Adrian Shelford: After gaining six winners medals in three seasons with Wigan — including three successive Wembley triumphs and a 1990 Championship — the New Zealand Test prop joined Wakefield at the beginning of this season.

Andy Wilson: One of the outstanding discoveries of the 1988-89 season, scoring ten tries in 30 appearances after beginning his Belle Vue career as a trialist winger. He followed that up with nine tries in 30 appearances last season.

David Jones: One of Wakefield Trinity's major signings of the 1990 close season, winger David opted to come to Belle Vue in preference to signing for home town Wigan or nearby Leigh. He enjoyed an outstanding summer tour with the BARLA party.

Tracey Lazenby: Has returned to Belle Vue for a second spell after a short stint with home town Hull. Played with Sydney outfit Penrith in 1989, starring in the second-row berth.

Mark Conway: Fast and elusive with good all-round kicking skills and an excellent football brain, Mark won Trinity's Player of the Year award for the second time in three seasons, in 1990. Joined his hometown club from Leeds, where he gained Great Britain Colts honours.

Nigel Bell: One of the mainstays of the Trinity side for six years, whether at loose-forward, prop or scrum-half. A consistent, fearless and loyal performer who has produced some outstanding displays for the club since making his first-team debut as half-back partner to Wally Lewis, against Leigh, in January, 1984.

Andy Kelly: The new Trinity captain began his career with the club in the 1979-80 season, before moving to Hull KR in a record £60,000 deal for a forward in June, 1982. Gained Championship and England international honours whilst with the Robins. Trinity's only ever-present throughout the 1989-90 season.

John Glancy: Has a reputation as a solid, no-nonsense forward, with the added ability of being able to slip a short pass. He signed from Sheffield Eagles for a bargain £20,000 at the start of the 1988-89 season.

Gary Price: Trinity's only Lions tourist to PNY and New Zealand last summer, and a player signed from Charlton ARLFC in October, 1986. The Under-21 international scored two tries for Great Britain in their 30-0 defeat of France at Headingley in 1989.

Chris Mortimer: Australian who joined the club from Penrith, for whom he appeared in this year's Grand Final. He was previously with Canterbury-Bankstown and has appeared in a total of six Grand Finals in a brilliant career, mainly as a centre and latterly at stand-off or loose-forward.

Nick Du Toit: After arriving in England from South Africa, the giant back-rower enjoyed success with Wigan, with an appearance in the 1985 Wembley Cup Final. He was with Barrow before joining Trinity.

Ged Byrne: The former Wigan and Salford utility back became Trinity's record signing at £60,000 when he left Central Park in September. He was a member of their 1988 Wembley winning side.

Lynton Morris: A teenage forward with a big future, he was outstanding in Alliance football as Trinity romped to the Second Division title and has the size and determination to make a big impression in 1990-91.

Richard Slater: One of the brightest young prospects at Belle Vue, playing a prominent role in the Alliance team's Second Division Championship-winning season in 1989-90. Richard is equally at home in either the half-back, full-back or loose-forward roles.

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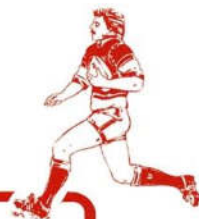
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*Tommy
Martyn...*

This week's PLAYER PROFILE

TOMMY Martyn, Oldham's teenage centre, capped a remarkable 12 months when he was selected for the GB Under-21 squad to play against France at Limoux next Saturday.

In the past year Tommy, still only 19, has burst out of the 'A' Team into the first team with the sort of flair that is expected to win him full international honours.

"I was very pleased to be picked for the squad and I am eternally grateful to Tony Barrow for giving me the chance to prove myself. I'd like to thank Tony for putting my name forward for the squad," said Tommy, who was voted the Boddingtons Bitter young player of the year by Oldham fans last season.

At the moment, he is the club's second-highest try-scorer — eight in 12 games. "I am closing in on Paul Round fast!" said Tommy.

However, despite his try-scoring record, he still sees a lot of room for improvement. "I need to place more emphasis on defence and improve my tackling, even though it is not that easy because the first division is so hard and fast," said Tommy, whose father played for Leigh and Warrington and toured with the GB squad in 1975 and 1979.

Proof of the hardness of the First Division is provided by the fact that Tommy has been concussed three times already this season, against Wakefield, Castleford and Salford, and has been wearing a head guard for protection.

"I've taken knocks but it is part of the game. The head guard is for protection but I'll no longer need it in a couple of weeks."

It has been a tremendous season for the young player, who fully expects to be playing in the first division next season. Tommy says: "It will be a hard fight, but we have enough class to stay up!"



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*General Manager
Ray Hill
reports on the
Watersheddings
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The second winner was Jean Ewitt, a manager at Foden Insurance, who won £3,000. When we told her she had won, her office colleagues went wild with delight because they were part of a syndicate with Jean.

Our third winner was bus driver Peter Charlton. His lucky number earned him a £2,000 bonus to start the new year in great style.

Two other Lifeline members who had plenty to smile about were Karen Kershaw, with a £1,000 win, and G. Hobin, who collected £100.

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Next month we'll be taking Oldham Rugby League into Oldham's busy town centre from February 4 to February 9 to promote the club to the people of the town.

There's plenty of great things happening over the week, with personality girls and players joining in the fun. Let's hope that the weather improves a bit

because we have a beach theme for the week.

This is a great opportunity for myself, club officials and the players to meet the people who really count when it comes to Oldham Rugby — you, the paying spectator.

It promises to be a great seven days and I look forward to meeting old and new friends alike. See you there!

Finally, Paddy Kirwan is enjoying a well-deserved testimonial at the moment and has a number of dates coming up. There are race nights at the Friendship Inn, Salem (24.2.91), Hathershaw Hotel, Hathershaw (31.1.91), Union Inn, Werneth (7.2.91), Travellers Rest, Royton (13.2.91) and Robin Hood, Lees Road (14.2.91).

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RICHARD RUSSELL'S No. 1 FOR DECEMBER

HOOKER Richard Russell, recently
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month for December.



He was presented with an inscribed
silver tankard, a £100 cheque and a case
of Boddingtons Bitter by Oldham general
manager Ray Hill at a training session
recently.

This is the second time that Richard has
won the award.

Oldham Evening Chronicle Rugby League
writer and award judge Roger Halstead
said: "Richard has produced consistently
sound performances throughout the
month, particularly because of his ability
to break from dummy-half or on the edge
of rucks.

"Richard is fast becoming a player
whose style and technique is very similar
to Widnes's Phil McKenzie, who has a
great reputation as that kind of hooker."

WHO ARE YOUR FAVOURITES?

WHO are your favourite players this
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Last year's winner of the senior award was
the Oldham skipper, who collected a
handsome trophy and a £250 cheque. The
inaugural winner was Chris O'Sullivan,
who picked up a Regal Trophy winner's
medal last Saturday with Warrington.

The young player's award was won by
teenager Tommy Martyn, who was pre-
sented with a silver salver and a £150
cheque.

When you decide who to vote for, you
should be looking for the most consistent
players who have performed well
throughout the season.

In addition to the players, there's also a
special award for the dedicated spectators
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Last year this was won by Brenda Rogers.
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Team Changes

- 1 DUNCAN PLATT
- 2 NORMAN FRANCIS
- 3 TOMMY MARTYN
- 4 JOHN HENDERSON
- 5 RICHARD IRVING
- 6 BRETT CLARK
- 7 MIKE FORD
- 8 AUSTIN DONEGAN
- 9 ANDY RUANE
- 10 JOHN FIELDHOUSE
- 11 PAUL ROUND
- 12 KEITH ATKINSON
- 13 RICHARD RUSSELL
- 14 CHARLIE McALISTER
- 15 TBA

WAKEFIELD

Team Changes

- 1 CHRIS PERRY
- 2 DAVID JONES
- 3 GED BYRNE
- 4 ANDY MASON
- 5 ANDY WILSON
- 6 CHRIS MORTIMER
- 7 MARK CONWAY
- 8 ADRIAN SHELFORD
- 9 BILLY CONWAY
- 10 JOHN GLANCY
- 11 ANDY KELLY
- 12 GARRY PRICE
- 13 NIGEL BELL
- 14 TBA
- 15 TBA

PENALTIES

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

SCRUMS

1	2	3	4	5
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16	17	18	19	20

Referee:
Mr. R. Whitfield (Widnes)

Touch Judges:
Mr. C. Sumner (Red Flag)
Mr. P. Hind (Orange Flag)

PENALTIES

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Appearances and Scorers

	P	Sub	G	D	T	Pts
Shaun Allen.....	0	5	0	0	0	0
Tony Anderson.....	8	0	0	0	1	4
Keith Atkinson.....	5	0	1	0	0	2
Tony Barrow.....	3	1	0	0	0	0
Brett Clark.....	18	0	0	0	5	20
John Cogger.....	11	2	0	0	0	0
Austin Donegan.....	7	4	0	0	3	12
Ronnie Duane.....	14	1	0	0	0	0
John Fairbank.....	9	4	0	0	1	4
John Fieldhouse.....	9	1	0	0	0	0
Mike Ford.....	18	0	1	1	2	11
Des Foy.....	1	1	0	0	0	0
Norman Francis.....	14	0	0	0	4	16
John Henderson.....	5	0	0	0	0	0
Gary Hyde.....	3	1	1	0	1	6
Richard Irving.....	10	5	0	0	2	8
Paul Lord.....	17	0	0	0	7	28
Tommy Martyn.....	12	2	7	3	8	49
Charlie McAlister.....	10	4	1	0	2	10
Keith Newton.....	5	2	0	0	1	4
Duncan Platt.....	15	0	42	0	2	90
Derek Pyke.....	4	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Round.....	18	0	0	0	10	40
Andy Ruane.....	4	0	0	0	0	0
Richard Russell.....	15	2	0	0	3	12

Stones Bitter First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull.....	14	8	0	0	214	62	3	0	3	77	98	22
Widnes.....	13	6	0	0	179	58	4	0	3	96	110	20
Leeds.....	15	6	0	2	258	102	3	0	4	127	142	18
Hull KR.....	16	6	1	2	174	144	2	1	4	114	183	18
Wigan.....	13	4	1	1	132	69	4	0	3	194	112	17
Featherstone.....	16	4	1	3	163	142	4	0	4	131	167	17
Bradford.....	15	5	0	2	145	123	3	0	5	124	146	16
Castleford.....	14	6	0	1	163	107	2	0	5	111	189	16
St Helens.....	14	5	0	2	211	132	2	0	5	116	139	14
Warrington.....	15	4	0	4	140	90	2	0	5	92	112	12
Wakefield.....	12	4	0	2	109	68	2	0	4	76	148	12
OLDHAM.....	16	4	0	4	159	149	1	0	7	107	222	10
Sheffield.....	15	2	0	5	110	164	1	2	5	127	215	8
Rochdale.....	14	1	0	5	105	154	0	0	8	72	279	2

NEXT HOME GAME

v ST HELENS (February 3rd, kick-off 3 p.m.)

NEXT AWAY GAME

v FEATHERSTONE (January 27th, kick-off 3.30 p.m.)

Opponents	Date	KO	Res	F/A	Att	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Salford	2.9.90	A	3.00	L	24-27	4,238	—	Plant 4g	Irving	Foy	Henderson	Lord	Clark	Ford g	Pyke	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round 1	McAlister t	Duane	Martyn t	Newton
Leeds	9.9.90	H	3.00	W	32-22	6,338	—	Plant 3g	Irving	Martyn t 4g	Duane	Lord	Clark t	Ford t g 4g	Pyke	Ruane	Newton t	Round 1	McAlister t	Cogger	Russell*	Donegan*
Wakefield	16.9.90	A	3.30	L	12-17	5,651	8	Plant t 2g	Irving t	Martyn	Duane	Lord	Ford	Clark	Fieldhouse	Ruane	Newton	Round	McAlister	Cogger	Russell*	Fairbank*
Castleford	26.9.90	H	7.30	W	28-22	3,101	6	Plant 4g	Francis t	Martyn t	Duane	Lord	Clark t	Ford	Pyke	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round 2t	McAlister	Barrow	Donegan	Fairbank
Widnes	2.10.90	A	7.30	L	16-24	7,361	8	Plant 2g	Francis	Irving	Duane	Lord t	Clark	Ford t	Pyke	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round	McAlister	Barrow	Donegan	Fairbank
Hull KR	7.10.90	H	3.00	L	25-28	4,710	—	Plant 2g	Francis	Martyn 2g 4g	Irving	Lord t	Clark	Ford t	Pyke	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round 2t	McAlister	Cogger	Barrow*	Donegan*
Sheffield	14.10.90	A	3.15	W	24-14	5,500	6	Martyn t 3g	Francis t	Irving	Duane	Lord	Clark t	Ford	Pyke	Russell	Fairbank	Round 2t	McAlister	Cogger	Barrow*	Donegan*
Warrington	20.10.90	H	2.45	W	4-2	4,097	3	Plant 2g	Francis	Martyn	Duane	Lord	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Russell	Fairbank t	Round	Barrow	Cogger	Newton*	Hyde
Wigan	4.11.90	A	3.00	L	15-38	13,847	6	Plant 2g	Francis	Martyn g 4g	Anderson t	Lord	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round	Newton	Cogger	Irving	Fairbank
Bradford N	11.11.90	H	3.00	L	16-18	5,874	8	Hyde g	Francis	Martyn 2t g	Anderson	Lord	Clark	Ford	Fairbank	Russell	Newton	Round 1	Duane	Cogger	Irving	Allen
Castleford	18.11.90	A	3.30	L	10-28	5,074	10	Hyde t	Francis	Martyn	Anderson	Lord t	Clark	Ford	Fairbank	Russell	Newton	Round 1	Duane	Cogger	Irving	Allen
Widnes	25.11.90	H	3.00	L	16-24	5,421	12	Plant 3g t	Francis	Irving	Anderson	Lord	Clark t	Ford	Fairbank	Russell	Round	Duane	McAlister g	Cogger	Irving	Allen
Salford (Regal Trophy)	2.12.90	H	3.00	W	26-6	4,932	—	Plant 3g	Francis t	Anderson	Martyn	Lord	Clark	Ford	Donegan t	Russell t	Round	McAlister	Cogger	Cogger	Hyde	Allen
Barley (Regal Trophy)	9.12.90	A	3.00	L	16-20	2,054	—	Plant 2g	Francis	Anderson	Irving	Lord t	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Russell t	Fairbank	Round	McAlister	Cogger	Irving t	Allen
Hull	16.12.90	A	6.30	L	31-4	5,500	12	Plant	Irving	Anderson	Henderson	Lord t	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Russell t	Fairbank	Round 1	McAlister	Cogger	Duane	Fieldhouse
Rochdale	26.12.90	H	3.00	W	18-13	4,618	11	Plant 3g	Francis t	Anderson	Henderson	Lord	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Russell	Fairbank	Round	McAlister	Duane	Foy	McAlister
Leeds	11.1.91	A	3.00	L	12-28	11,587	12	Plant 2g	Francis	Anderson	Henderson	Lord	Clark	Ford	Donegan t	Russell t	Fieldhouse	Round	McAlister	Duane	Martyn	McAlister
Featherstone	6.1.91	H	3.00	L	18-20	4,753	12	Plant 2g	Francis	Martyn	Henderson	Lord t	Clark t	Ford	Donegan	Russell	Atkinson	Round	McAlister t	Duane	Irving	Joynt
Hull KR	13.1.91	A	3.00	L	14-42	490	12	Plant 3g	Francis	Martyn 2t	Henderson	Irving	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Ruane	Fieldhouse	Round 1	Atkinson g	Duane	Cogger	McAlister
Wakefield	20.1.91	H	6.30														Fieldhouse	Round	Atkinson	Russell	Cogger	McAlister
Featherstone	27.1.91	A	3.30														Fieldhouse		Atkinson	Duane	Foy	McAlister
St Helens	3.2.91	H	3.00														Fieldhouse		Atkinson	Duane	Martyn	McAlister
SCCR 1st Rd	10.2.91	A	3.00														Atkinson		McAlister t	Duane	Irving	Joynt
Bradford	17.2.91	A	3.30														Fieldhouse		Atkinson g	Duane	Cogger	McAlister
SCCR 2nd Rd	24.2.91	A	3.00														Fieldhouse		Atkinson	Russell	Cogger	McAlister
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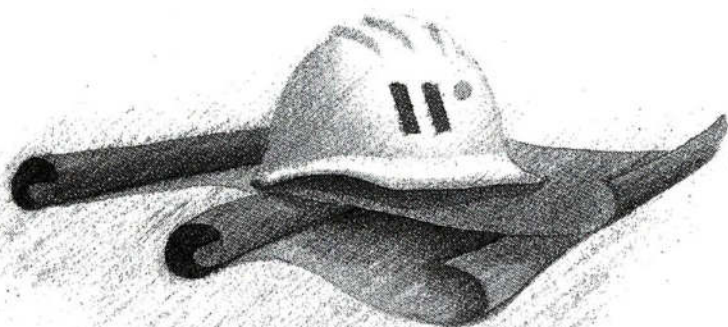
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A-TEAM ROUND-UP



The Coach's View

OUR game at Featherstone even got a mention on Ceefax. Unfortunately, it was for all the wrong reasons. I spoke to the team at training on the Tuesday after the match and talked about how unnecessary it was for players to over-react in the heat of the moment.

The game is hard enough — and I don't expect any player to step down when the going gets tough — but we, and the game, do not need to get involved in brawls.

The game saw Shaun Allen once again in the wars and he ended up, after two minutes, with a badly-broken nose which forced him to leave the field.

His luck this season can only start to get better and here's hoping he can soon start getting back to normal form and start pushing for a senior spot at the club.

The final result of 26-16 was disappointing.

The game against Hull KR was our first home game since the middle of December and the victory was very much needed. The performance of John Cogger did enough for him to be brought off just after half-time to go into the first-team squad. After John went off, we did go off the boil a little and Hull KR did come back to take the lead with a converted try and drop goal.

It was then that the youngsters needed to show great determination and character to overcome a useful Hull outfit.

The fact that we did manage to come out with the right result, helped by some steady goalkicking from Richard Pachniuk, has done a lot to keep the team at the right end of the division. Let's hope we can go on and do even better.

IAN TAYLOR

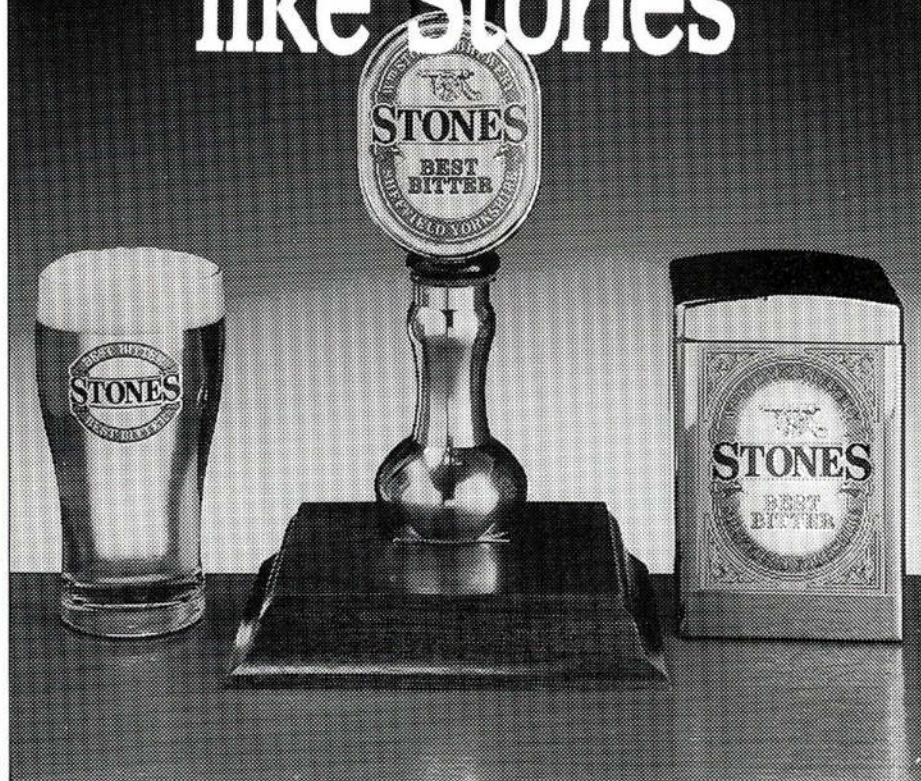
Slalom Lager Alliance Fixtures

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res	F	A
Aug 31	St Helens	H	W	32-8	
Sept 7	Leeds	A	L	12-18	
14	Wakefield	H	W	18-12	
21	Salford	A	W	22-17	
28	Widnes	H	W	34-10	
Oct 5	Workington (Lancs Shield)	H	W	28-10	
11	Leigh (Thurs)	A	L	8-24	
21	Wigan (Lancs Shield)	H	L	14-16	
Nov 2	Warrington	H	W	34-6	
9	Widnes	A	L	6-28	
16	Salford	H	W	22-6	
23	Castleford	A	L	10-14	
Dec 7	Wigan	A	W	28-18	
14	Hull	H	L	12-13	
21	Halifax	A	L	12-28	
28	Leeds	H	—	POST	
Jan 4	Featherstone	A	L	18-26	
11	Hull KR	H	W	16-13	
18	Wakefield	A			
25	Featherstone	H			
Feb 1	St Helens	A			
8	Castleford	H			
16	Alliance Cup (Sat)				
22	Hull	A			
Mar 2	Alliance Cup (Sat)				
8	Halifax	H			
15	Warrington	A			
22	Hull KR	A			
29	Leigh	H			

Slalom Lager Alliance First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull	16	15	0	1	442	211	30
Castleford	15	10	0	5	407	313	20
Hull KR	15	9	0	6	302	282	18
Halifax	16	9	0	7	342	374	18
Featherstone	16	8	1	7	368	325	17
Leeds	15	8	0	7	355	304	16
OLDHAM	15	8	0	7	282	261	16
Widnes	13	7	0	6	293	313	14
Wigan	14	6	0	8	283	305	12
St Helens	14	5	1	8	346	374	11
Leigh	13	5	0	8	222	298	10
Wakefield	15	4	0	11	262	297	8
Salford	14	4	0	10	208	331	8
Warrington	13	3	0	10	242	366	6

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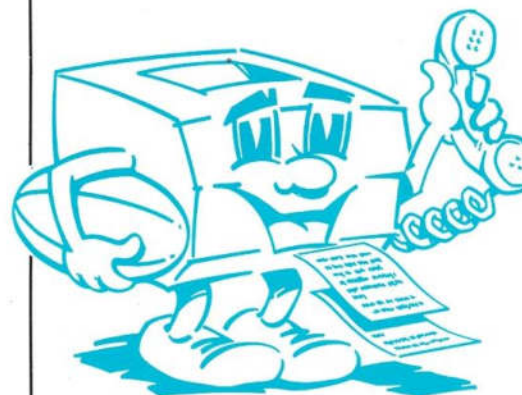
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around Oldham*

I SPENT a splendid day coaching Lancashire's under-15 squad last weekend. Their coach, Haydn Walker, coach of Orrell St. James' under-16s side, who has already seen six of his under-16 side sign for professional clubs this year, invited me to run the rule over them and it was a great opportunity to have a close look at the youngsters who will be tomorrow's stars.

At Oldham, we do not have the big scouting set-ups that many of the other Lancashire sides have and it's important that we look at a player's attitude as well as his size, speed and skill (which, of course, are clearly to be seen by all), because we don't have the financial resources to allow us to make mistakes.

It's interesting to talk to the chief scouts, particularly of Wigan and Warrington, who are both now only watching under-15 games.

Jimmy Reeder, the Warrington man, was responsible for the signing of nine out of last year's Wembley 15 and the total cost of them all was covered by the sale of one of my former schoolboy pupils, Steve Molloy, to Leeds this year.

That's naturally the sort of success rate we're looking for here, and although we don't intend to rush into signings for signing's sake, we're optimistic that the youth policy will continue to produce gems like Tommy Martyn, who has fully deserved his GB under-21 call-up. Well done, Tommy!

Tonight's curtain-raiser: N. Chadderton (blue) v Failsworth (red).

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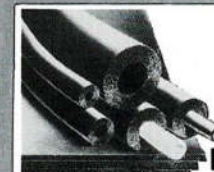
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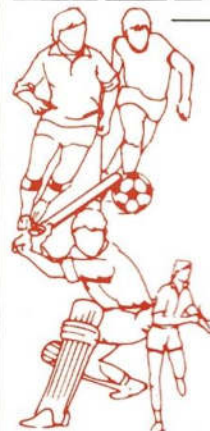
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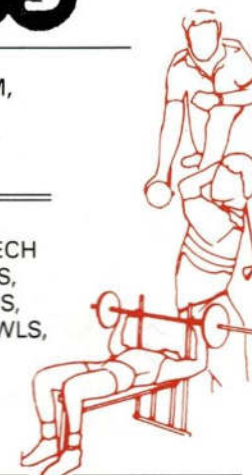
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