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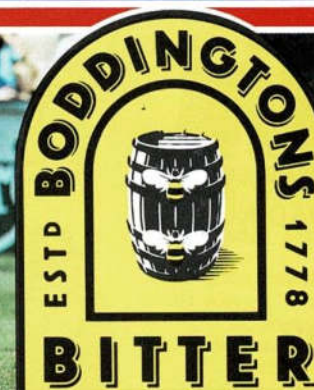
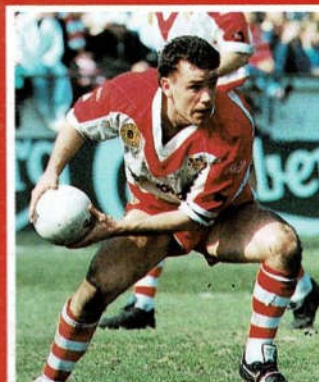


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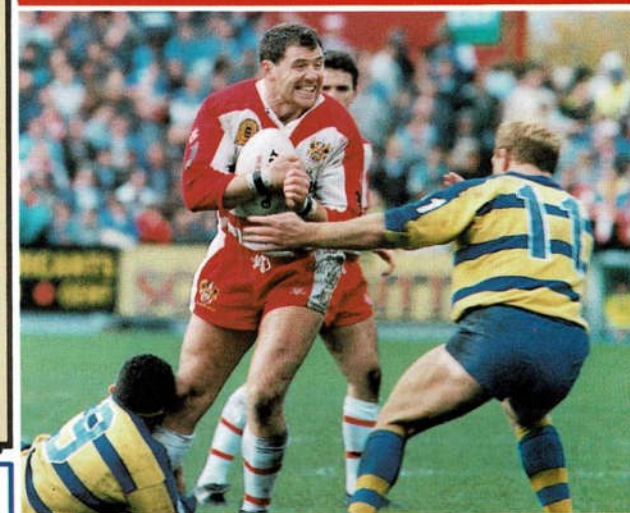
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1987-88, 1989-90

# WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

PEOPLE can be excused for thinking that there is never a dull moment at Watersheddings, for events behind the scenes have continued to move on at a great pace since the directors reluctantly took the decision to terminate the employment of Tony Barrow, Derek Whitehead and Bill Kindon three weeks ago. In the aftermath of this upheaval, 'A' team coach Ian Taylor resigned and Gary Hyde, one of our senior professionals, agreed to take charge of the reserves which he led for the first time in a player-coach capacity at Wakefield a fortnight ago.

The board had previously taken the decision to put John Fieldhouse in charge of the senior side in a caretaker player-coach capacity and John had called in his old friend, Maurice Bamford, to help out in an advisory capacity. The new teamwork behind the scenes was obvious to all when we enjoyed a good win over Wakefield Trinity with John and Mike Ford taking charge on the field, Gary Hyde in the dug-out and Maurice up in the stand with Iain MacCorquodale alongside him.

Unfortunately, the dust had still not settled on that victory, which kept alive our hopes of First Division survival, when Maurice informed the club that he would have to sever his unofficial link with Oldham after accepting a promotion at Bramley.

Maurice was promoted from commercial manager to general manager and the new arrangement meant that he would have to commit himself entirely to the club which, by way of a strange co-incidence, we meet in the first round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup at McLaren Field next Sunday. John was naturally disappointed to lose the assistance of such an experienced man after only one match but he was confident that he could do a good job with the help of other people on the Watersheddings staff.

At the following training session, Gary Hyde prepared the 'A' team for the home game against Featherstone and Iain MacCorquodale assisted John in the preparation of the senior side. It was no surprise to learn, therefore, that John wanted Iain as his assistant and at the time of writing these notes it was a proposal that was merely awaiting boardroom clarification.

Just as pleasing as the good start made by the new backroom combination was the news that Andy Ruane, Des Foy and Keith Newton had agreed to come off the transfer list as the playing staff looks forward to a good run in the Challenge Cup. All three players have settled down at Watersheddings after talks with John, and all three will be fighting hard to get into or retain their places in the senior side.

Not such good news was the findings of an unofficial supporters' organisation survey on grounds, which did not look too favourably on our facilities here at Watersheddings. Many of you will know, however, that the club has spent a lot of money on refurbishing the popular side and the area beneath the main stand, where we have put in new dressing areas, a referee's room, a stewards' room, a fully-equipped first-aid post and other facilities.

There are new toilets on the popular side and we have developed an area behind the main stand for the exclusive use of parking vehicles run by disabled people. They have a special pass to get into the ground and we do our best to accommodate them.

There is a lot of work still to be done and nobody is more aware of that than the board. Please bear with us. Everything will be done in the fullness of time.

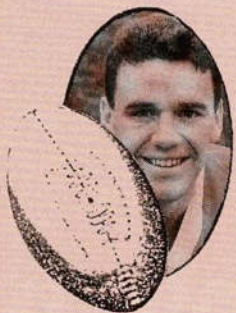


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## SKIPPER'S SPOT

by  
Oldham Captain  
**Mike Ford**

DESPITE Featherstone completing the double over us last Sunday, I was extremely pleased with the total commitment from all the players in the side who gave everything they had!

Indeed, I felt we were very unlucky not to take the points as we finished the stronger side, especially when Des Foy came on as substitute.

Caretaker coach John Fieldhouse had a tremendous game leading the pack, probably the best he had all season, which shows that he is revelling in his new responsibilities.

All the players at the club are 100% and more behind John and you can all rest assured that we will be fighting every inch of the way to ensure the Rugby League's best fans get First Division football at the Watersheddings next season.

Realistically, our nearest rivals for that third relegation place are Wakefield, who we beat at home two weeks ago.

Like us, Wakefield have struggled after a bright start to the season, which proves just how tough this year's First Division is proving to be!

They have lost their last six league games and need to start winning again, soon. However, Trinity's next two games are away to Bradford Northern and to Widnes so getting back into the winning habit won't be easy.

Despite having a couple of games in hand, I feel Trinity have a tougher run-in to the end of the season than we do, so the sooner we can get above them in the table in the next couple of weeks the better.

If we are above them it will make their position even harder, as they will have it all to do!



## ROGER'S FOCUS

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

ST HELENS, on their day, are still one of the most useful teams in the First Division, despite the recent dominance of Wigan, Widnes and Warrington (cup ties) on this side of the Pennines.

Saints have a more-than-useful squad from which to choose and at Hull KR last week they were able to field a strong side despite the absence through injury of Kevin Ward and Garry Connolly and the appearance in the Great Britain under-21 side in France of winger Allan Hunte.

Hunte will probably be back in contention for a place in today's team, rivalling Brimah Kebbie for the No. 2 jersey.

Ward, the former Great Britain prop, broke a thumb a few weeks ago but he, too, could be ready to resume activities in today's line-up, although Stuart Evans and George Mann might have a thing or two to say about that.

Young Connolly has a hamstring problem which kept him out of the Great Britain under-21 international and if he is still unfit Saints will probably look to Australian utility man Phil Veivers to go in at full back.

Star men in the Saints back division are Test centre Paul Loughlin and winger Les Quirk, while Jonathan Griffiths, a former Welsh RU scrum-half, is now making a good job of the stand-off half berth, with local youngster Shaun Devine at the base of the scrum.

Hooker Paul Groves is another Test man, while Saints possess plenty of size and bulk up front as provided by Ward, Evans, Mann, John Harrison and Bernard Dwyer, with the creative ball skills of New Zealander Shane Cooper at the back of the pack.

The Kiwi influence is strong, in fact, because Tea Ropati is challenging for a middle-back spot, George Mann is a tower of strength up front, Cooper provides the silky skills, and it is all co-ordinated by a New Zealand coach, Mike McClellan.

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TODAY'S

# VISITORS

## St Helens . . .

**Gary Connolly:** 18-year-old full back who made his first-team debut in January, 1989, and within six months had established himself as Saints' regular full back, playing in the Wembley side that lost to Wigan in the 1989 Challenge Cup Final.

**Phil Veivers:** Made his Saints debut in October, 1984, along with his Brisbane Souths team-mate Mal Meninga and established himself as a very safe and steady full back. Phil has played in five major finals with Saints and was Player of the Year in 1988 and 1989. Moved to the centre position in mid-1988-89 season to allow Gary Connolly to play full back and finished last season as joint top try-scorer with 21 in 39 games.

**Brimah Kebbie:** Joined Saints from Widnes in March, 1990, and made five appearances during the championship run-in.

**David Tanner:** A utility back signed from Fylde RUFC in 1987, he has played in all Saints' back positions except scrum-half. He starred for Saints in both their John Player Trophy and Premiership Trophy final sides in 1988. Last season he scored four tries and kicked 15 goals in 21 appearances.

**Les Quirk:** Signed from Barrow in October, 1987, and quickly established himself as being one of the top left wingers in the British game, finishing as the club's leading try-scorer in 1988 and 1989. During 1988-89 Les broke a 50-year club record by scoring tries in ten consecutive matches and scored two vital tries which took Saints to Wembley.

**Alan Hunter:** Last term, in his first full season, Alan, 19, finished up as Saints' joint top try-scorer with 21 in 35 appearances and scored a try in his Great Britain Under-21s debut in France — playing the majority of his rugby on the wing, although his future is playing centre.

**Jonathan Griffiths:** Signed before 1988 premiership trophy final in a blaze of publicity from Llanelli RUFC and scored a brace of tries on his Saints debut at Sheffield on the opening day of last season. Jonathan is a very strong, powerful runner, who has bags of potential who should have a great future in the game.

**Paul Loughlin:** Has achieved almost all there is to achieve in rugby league even though he is still only 24. Regarded by many as being one of the best centres in the British game, he made his debut in March, 1984, against Oldham at Knowsley Road. He toured Down Under with Great Britain in 1988 and has kicked over 100 goals in each of his last four seasons.

**Mark Bailey:** Joined Saints in 1985 and has been unfortunate not to have played more than he has. Played in Saints' 1988 Premiership Trophy Final at Old Trafford. Last term he crossed the line 13 times in his 37 appearances.

**Tea Ropati:** Joined Saints last November following the Kiwi tour of Great Britain, which ended prematurely for him when he suffered a serious knee injury. Never really regained his fitness and broke down on his Saints debut at Wakefield v Dewsbury in the Regal Trophy and was forced to return to New Zealand for an operation. Now fully recovered.

**Sean Devine:** Made his Saints debut against Castleford in April, 1985. Sean found it difficult to break into the first team. This was to change in January, 1990, when, on his first appearance of the season, scored a try and kicked nine goals in Saints' demolition of Castleford in the preliminary round of last season's Challenge Cup. By the end of the season had made the scrum-half position his own.

**George Mann:** New Zealand international prop forward who joined Saints last season, scoring three tries in 21 appearances. Remarkably mobile for his size, he toured Great Britain with Auckland in 1987 and had a spell with Leigh the year after.

**Kevin Ward:** A major signing from Castleford at the beginning of the season, Kevin made his GB debut against France in 1984. He was "Man of the Series" in the 1986 Ashes series and consolidated his position as a top prop forward after the 1988 tour. Kevin has won Challenge Cup and Grand Final medals in a distinguished career.

**Stuart Evans:** Capped nine times for Wales as a Rugby Union prop forward, including four in the World Cup, Stuart joined Saints in 1987. This big forward, currently weighing in at over 19 stone, has struggled with injury during the last 18 months.

**Paul Groves:** Joined Saints from Salford and has enjoyed plenty of success since starring in Challenge Cup, John Player, Premiership finals. Scored nine tries in 37 appearances and was voted St Helens' and Lancashire supporters' player of the year last season.

**John Harrison:** A huge forward standing at 6ft. 7in., John became a first team regular towards the end of the 1988-89 season, although he missed out on a Wembley appearance through injury.

**Bernard Dwyer:** He signed for Saints in 1984 and has established himself in the back row during the last three seasons, winning a place in the 1989 Challenge Cup final side. Last season restricted to 10 games because of injury.

**Shane Cooper:** New Zealand club captain who toured UK with Kiwis in 1985 and played in the World Cup final against Australia in 1987. He joined Saints in 1987 and led them to the John Player Trophy the following year. He currently holds a joint club record for scoring six tries in one match.

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*Paul  
Round . . .*

### This week's PLAYER PROFILE

BUSTLING forward Paul Round has dominated this season's Boddingtons Bitter player of the month awards as he has produced a string of consistently outstanding performances.

Already he has picked up two awards prior to Christmas and completed a hat-trick for the 1990/91 season in January when award judge Roger Halstead picked him out once again.

Paul, an ever-present in the side this season until injury to a shoulder kept him out of the Featherstone Rovers match, has been in stunning form, scoring 11 tries and creating numerous others.

That injury, a damaged shoulder picked up before half-time during the Wakefield match, should have healed in time for today's match against his old club, St. Helens, who he left in 1987 for a then record £65,000 fee.

Award judge and Evening Chronicle writer Roger Halstead had this to say about the former St. Helens player: "Although Paul Round has only played in four out of five matches in January, his performances against Wakefield Trinity and the Hull KR match put him head and shoulders above his team-mates.

"He is full of great spirit and commitment and is now fully justifying the £65,000 that Oldham paid for him three years ago."

Paul, 27, who must be one of the favourites to win the Boddingtons Bitter player of the year award, is enjoying his rugby, especially as injury kept him sidelined for most of last season.

He returned in the latter stages of last season to form a dynamic second row partnership with Charlie McAlister and helped Oldham to a dramatic Second Division Premiership victory against Hull KR.

Now with that partnership reunited after Charlie's prolonged absence through injury, Paul will be looking to help to keep Oldham in the First Division.



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*General  
Manager  
Ray Hill  
reports on  
the Water-  
sheddings  
scene*

## WATERSHEDDINGS WHISPERS

LAST week it was my pleasure to telephone one of our regular programme buyers and inform them they had won a super trip to Paris courtesy of their match-day programme and Oldham travel agent Bob Soper Ltd.

Our lucky winner, one of many who got all six questions in the competition and collected six vouchers, was Mrs. Anne Hulston, of Borrowdale Road, Royton, who was first out of the hat. At the time, Anne was off work ill so my call telling her she had won the weekend in Paris really cheered her up!



It was good fun meeting her, too, when we presented her with her tickets at Bob Soper's office in Oldham's Henshaw Street office.

Our last home match was a lot of fun, too, when we presented cheques to the Lifeline winners of our special New Year's prize draw.

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### PADDY'S DATES

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# BODDINGTONS TEAM CHECK



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 1991

## OLDHAM

*Team Changes*

- 1 DUNCAN PLATT
- 2 STEVE ROBINSON
- 3 TONY ANDERSON
- 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 CHARLIE McALISTER
- 13 RICHARD RUSSELL
- 14 DES FOY
- 15 JOHN COGGER

## ST HELENS

*Team Changes*

- 1 PHIL VEIVERS
- 2 ALLAN HUNTE
- 3 TEA ROPATI
- 4 PAUL LOUGHLIN
- 5 LES QUIRK
- 6 JONATHAN GRIFFITHS
- 7 SHAUN DEVINE
- 8 STUART EVANS
- 9 PAUL GROVES
- 10 GEORGE MANN
- 11 JOHN HARRISON
- 12 BERNARD DWYER
- 13 SHANE COOPER
- 14 MARK BAILEY
- 15 KEVIN WARD

### PENALTIES

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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |

Referee:  
Mr. D. Asquith (York)

Touch Judges:  
Mr. D. Booth (Red Flag)  
Mr. A. Meredith (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.....     | 10 | 0   | 0  | 0 | 1  | 4   |
| Keith Atkinson.....    | 6  | 1   | 1  | 0 | 2  | 10  |
| Tony Barrow.....       | 3  | 1   | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   |
| Brett Clark.....       | 20 | 0   | 0  | 0 | 6  | 24  |
| John Cogger.....       | 11 | 4   | 0  | 0 | 1  | 4   |
| Austin Donegan.....    | 9  | 4   | 0  | 0 | 3  | 12  |
| Ronnie Duane.....      | 14 | 1   | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   |
| John Fairbank.....     | 9  | 4   | 0  | 0 | 1  | 4   |
| John Fieldhouse.....   | 11 | 1   | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   |
| Mike Ford.....         | 20 | 0   | 1  | 1 | 2  | 11  |
| Des Foy.....           | 1  | 2   | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   |
| Norman Francis.....    | 14 | 0   | 0  | 0 | 4  | 16  |
| John Henderson.....    | 7  | 0   | 0  | 0 | 1  | 4   |
| Gary Hyde.....         | 3  | 1   | 1  | 0 | 1  | 6   |
| Richard Irving.....    | 12 | 5   | 0  | 0 | 2  | 8   |
| Paul Lord.....         | 17 | 0   | 0  | 0 | 7  | 28  |
| Tommy Martyn.....      | 13 | 2   | 7  | 3 | 8  | 49  |
| Charlie McAlister..... | 12 | 4   | 1  | 0 | 2  | 10  |
| Keith Newton.....      | 5  | 2   | 0  | 0 | 1  | 4   |
| Duncan Platt.....      | 17 | 0   | 52 | 0 | 3  | 116 |
| Derek Pyke.....        | 4  | 0   | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   |
| Steve Robinson.....    | 1  | 0   | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   |
| Paul Round.....        | 19 | 0   | 0  | 0 | 11 | 44  |
| Andy Ruane.....        | 6  | 0   | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   |
| Richard Russell.....   | 17 | 2   | 0  | 0 | 4  | 16  |

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|                   | P  | W | D | L | F   | A   | W | D | L  | F   | A   | Pts |
|-------------------|----|---|---|---|-----|-----|---|---|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Hull.....         | 15 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 248 | 68  | 3 | 0 | 3  | 77  | 98  | 24  |
| Castleford.....   | 17 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 235 | 109 | 3 | 0 | 5  | 123 | 197 | 22  |
| Widnes.....       | 14 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 193 | 80  | 4 | 0 | 3  | 96  | 110 | 20  |
| Wigan.....        | 14 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 132 | 69  | 5 | 0 | 3  | 216 | 126 | 19  |
| Featherstone..... | 18 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 191 | 162 | 4 | 0 | 5  | 141 | 183 | 19  |
| Hull KR.....      | 18 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 200 | 170 | 2 | 1 | 5  | 116 | 213 | 19  |
| Leeds.....        | 16 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 258 | 102 | 3 | 0 | 5  | 143 | 164 | 18  |
| St Helens.....    | 16 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 233 | 148 | 2 | 1 | 5  | 142 | 165 | 17  |
| Bradford.....     | 16 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 145 | 123 | 3 | 0 | 6  | 130 | 180 | 16  |
| Warrington.....   | 17 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 156 | 100 | 2 | 1 | 5  | 104 | 124 | 15  |
| Wakefield.....    | 15 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 117 | 80  | 2 | 1 | 5  | 98  | 174 | 13  |
| OLDHAM.....       | 18 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 185 | 171 | 1 | 0 | 8  | 127 | 250 | 12  |
| Sheffield.....    | 16 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 140 | 180 | 1 | 2 | 5  | 127 | 215 | 10  |
| Rochdale.....     | 16 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 105 | 154 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 88  | 351 | 2   |

NEXT HOME GAME  
v SHEFFIELD EAGLES (March 17th, kick-off 3 p.m.)

NEXT AWAY GAME  
(Silk Cut Challenge Cup Round 1)  
v BRAMLEY (February 10th, kick-off 3 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 | 4,236  | —  | Plant 4g    | Irving    | Foy          | Henderson  | Lord     | Clark   | Ford g      | Russell   | Fieldhouse | Round 1    | McAlister t | Duane     | Martyn t | Newton     |
| Leeds                  | 9.9.90   | H  | 3.00 | W   | 32-22 | 6,338  | —  | Plant 5g    | Irving    | Martyn t 4g  | Duane      | Lord     | Clark t | Ford t g 4g | 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 t     | Duane      | Lord     | Ford    | Clark       | Ruane     | Newton     | Round      | McAlister   | Cogger    | Russell* | Fairbank*  |
| Castleford             | 26.9.90  | H  | 7.30 | W   | 28-22 | 5,101  | 6  | Plant 4g    | Francis t | Martyn t     | Duane      | Lord     | Clark t | Ford        | Russell   | Fieldhouse | Round 2t   | McAlister   | Barrow    | Donegan  | Fairbank   |
| Widnes                 | 16.9.90  | A  | 7.30 | L   | 16-24 | 7,361  | 8  | Plant 2g    | Francis   | Irving       | Duane      | Lord t   | Clark   | Ford t      | Russell   | Fieldhouse | Round      | McAlister   | Barrow    | Donegan* | Donegan*   |
| Hull KR                | 7.10.90  | H  | 3.00 | L   | 25-28 | 4,710  | —  | Plant 3g    | Francis   | Martyn 2g 4g | Irving     | Lord t   | Clark   | Ford t      | Russell   | Fairbank   | 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        | Russell   | Fairbank t | Round      | Barrow      | Cogger    | Newton*  | Hyde       |
| Warrington             | 20.10.90 | H  | 2.45 | W   | 4-2   | 4,097  | 3  | Plant 2g    | Francis   | Martyn       | Duane      | Lord     | Clark   | Ford        | Russell   | Fieldhouse | Round      | Newton      | Cogger    | Irving   | Fairbank   |
| Wigan                  | 4.11.90  | A  | 3.00 | L   | 15-38 | 13,847 | 6  | Plant 2g    | Francis   | Martyn g 4g  | Anderson t | Lord     | Clark   | Ford        | Russell   | Newton     | Round 1    | Duane       | Cogger    | Irving   | Allen      |
| Bradford N             | 11.11.90 | H  | 3.00 | L   | 16-18 | 5,874  | 8  | Hyde g      | Francis   | Martyn 2t g  | Anderson   | Lord     | Clark   | Ford        | Russell   | Newton     | Round 1    | Duane       | Cogger    | Irving   | Allen      |
| Castleford             | 18.11.90 | A  | 3.30 | L   | 10-28 | 5,974  | 10 | Hyde t      | Francis   | Martyn       | Anderson   | Lord t   | Clark   | Ford        | Russell   | Round      | Duane      | McAlister g | Cogger    | Irving   | Allen      |
| Widnes                 | 25.11.90 | H  | 3.00 | L   | 18-24 | 5,421  | 12 | Plant 5g t  | Francis   | Irving       | Anderson   | Lord     | Clark t | Ford        | Russell   | Round      | Duane      | McAlister   | Cogger    | Hyde     | Allen      |
| Salford (Regal Trophy) | 2.12.90  | H  | 3.00 | W   | 26-6  | 4,932  | —  | Plant 5g    | Francis t | Anderson     | Martyn     | Lord     | Clark   | Ford        | Russell t | Fairbank   | Round      | McAlister   | Cogger    | Irving t | Allen      |
| Bedley (Regal Trophy)  | 9.12.90  | A  | 3.00 | L   | 16-20 | 2,054  | —  | Plant 2g    | Francis   | Anderson     | Irving     | Lord t   | Clark   | Ford        | Russell   | Fairbank   | Round 1    | McAlister   | Cogger    | Duane    | Fieldhouse |
| Hull                   | 16.12.90 | A  | 6.30 | L   | 31-4  | 5,503  | 12 | Plant       | Irving    | Anderson     | Henderson  | Lord t   | Clark   | Ford        | Russell   | Fairbank   | Round      | Atkinson    | Duane     | Foy      | McAlister  |
| Rockdale               | 26.12.90 | H  | 3.00 | W   | 18-13 | 4,818  | 11 | Plant 3g    | Francis t | Anderson     | Henderson  | Lord     | Clark   | Ford        | Russell t | Fieldhouse | Round      | Atkinson    | Duane     | Martyn   | McAlister  |
| Leeds                  | 1.1.91   | A  | 3.00 | L   | 12-28 | 11,587 | 12 | Plant 2g    | Francis   | Anderson     | Henderson  | Lord     | Clark t | Ford        | Russell   | Atkinson   | Round      | McAlister t | Duane     | Irving   | Joynt      |
| Featherstone           | 6.1.91   | H  | 3.00 | L   | 18-20 | 4,753  | 12 | Plant 2g    | Francis   | Martyn       | Henderson  | Lord t   | Clark t | Ford        | Ruane     | Fieldhouse | Round 1    | Atkinson g  | Duane     | Cogger   | McAlister  |
| Hull KR                | 13.1.91  | A  | 3.00 | L   | 14-42 | 490    | 12 | Plant 3g    | Francis   | Martyn 2t    | Henderson  | Irving   | Clark   | Ford        | Ruane     | Fieldhouse | Round      | Atkinson    | Russell   | Cogger   | McAlister  |
| Wakefield              | 20.1.91  | H  | 6.30 | W   | 26-22 | 4,938  | 12 | Plant 3g    | Irving    | Henderson t  | Martyn     | Anderson | Clark t | Ford        | Ruane     | Fieldhouse | Round 1    | McAlister   | Russell   | Cogger t | Atkinson t |
| Featherstone           | 27.1.91  | A  | 3.30 | L   | 20-28 | 4,291  | 12 | Plant t 4g  | Robinson  | Henderson    | Anderson   | Irving   | Clark   | Ford        | Ruane     | Fieldhouse | Atkinson t | McAlister   | Russell t | Foy      | Cogger     |
| St Helens              | 3.2.91   | H  | 3.00 |     |       |        |    |             |           |              |            |          |         |             |           |            |            |             |           |          |            |
| Bramley (GCCR 1st End) | 10.2.91  | A  | 3.00 |     |       |        |    |             |           |              |            |          |         |             |           |            |            |             |           |          |            |
| Bedford                | 17.2.91  | A  | 3.30 |     |       |        |    |             |           |              |            |          |         |             |           |            |            |             |           |          |            |
| GCCR 2nd End           | 24.2.91  |    | 3.00 |     |       |        |    |             |           |              |            |          |         |             |           |            |            |             |           |          |            |
| St Helens              | 10.3.91  | A  | 3.00 |     |       |        |    |             |           |              |            |          |         |             |           |            |            |             |           |          |            |
| Sheffield              | 17.3.91  | H  | 3.00 |     |       |        |    |             |           |              |            |          |         |             |           |            |            |             |           |          |            |
| Rockdale               | 29.3.91  | A  | 3.00 |     |       |        |    |             |           |              |            |          |         |             |           |            |            |             |           |          |            |
| Wigan                  | 14.9.91  | H  | 3.00 |     |       |        |    |             |           |              |            |          |         |             |           |            |            |             |           |          |            |
| Warrington             | 7.4.91   | A  | 3.00 |     |       |        |    |             |           |              |            |          |         |             |           |            |            |             |           |          |            |
| Hull                   | 14.4.91  | H  | 3.00 |     |       |        |    |             |           |              |            |          |         |             |           |            |            |             |           |          |            |

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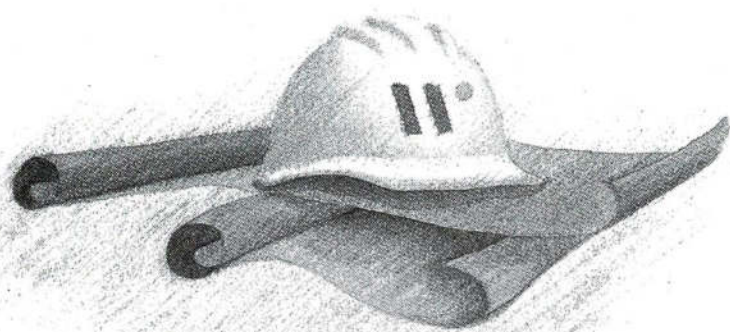
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# A-TEAM ROUND-UP

## The Coach's View

GARY Hyde is now looking after the 'A' team following the resignation of Ian Taylor and in his first two games in charge Gary sampled the disappointment of defeat at Wakefield and the satisfaction of victory against Featherstone at Watersheddings.

The reserves lost 20-12 at Wakefield on a dreadful night and then bounced back seven days later to beat Featherstone 24-18.

At Belle Vue, Gary played his first game for several weeks, having recovered from a nasty groin injury, and he was happy with his team's commitment and effort, believing that Oldham were worthy of victory.

Trinity went 10-0 up in the first 15 minutes and Hyde said afterwards: "But for those early lapses I am sure we could have won."

Oldham were unlucky in the first half when they had three tries disallowed.

Craig Mort caught the eye for Oldham with his strong, direct running from full back while Chris Joynt — enjoying his best game for several weeks — was the pick of the forwards.

Team: Mort; Entwistle, Hyde, Robinson, Trialist; Foy, Bates; Joynt, Pachniuk, Newton, Barrow, Croston, Cogger.

The side to play Featherstone on the following Friday was considerably weakened because Hyde was unfit due to a recurrence of his groin problem, Steve Robinson, Des Foy and John Cogger were on senior duty, and Keith Newton had to pull out of the team late on due to a hand infection.

As a result, Paddy Kirwan helped out at loose-forward, Steve Entwistle played in the centre and there were two trialists on the bench.

As the 'old head' Paddy did a splendid job and several of the younger players caught the eye, notably Mort, Neil Flanagan, Richard Pachniuk and Chris Joynt, although Tony Barrow also gave an enthusiastic display in only his second game back after his long absence with a broken cheekbone.

Flanagan returned to scrum-half after a two-match absence due to suspension and he gave a splendid display to earn, with Mort, a call-up to the senior squad at Featherstone last Sunday.

Tries for Oldham were scored by Richard Blackman, who looked to have regained some of his old confidence, Trevor Croston and Entwistle, with Pachniuk landing six goals.

Team: Mort; Blackman, Mitchell, Entwistle, Trialist; Bates, Flanagan; Joynt, Pachniuk, Croston, Trialist, Barrow, Kirwan.

In the first round of the Slalom Lager Alliance cup, Oldham 'A' have been drawn at home to Huddersfield 'A' and this game will be played on the weekend of February 16.

The full draw is: Rochdale v Whitehaven; Hull KR v Bramley; Hunslet v Hull; St Helens v Halifax; Castleford v Carlisle; Warrington v Leigh; Batley v Trafford; OLDHAM v Huddersfield; Leeds v Barrow; Bradford v Wigan; Wakefield v Fulham; Widnes v Salford; Keighley v Doncaster; Workington v Swinton; Sheffield v Dewsbury; Ryedale-York v Featherstone.

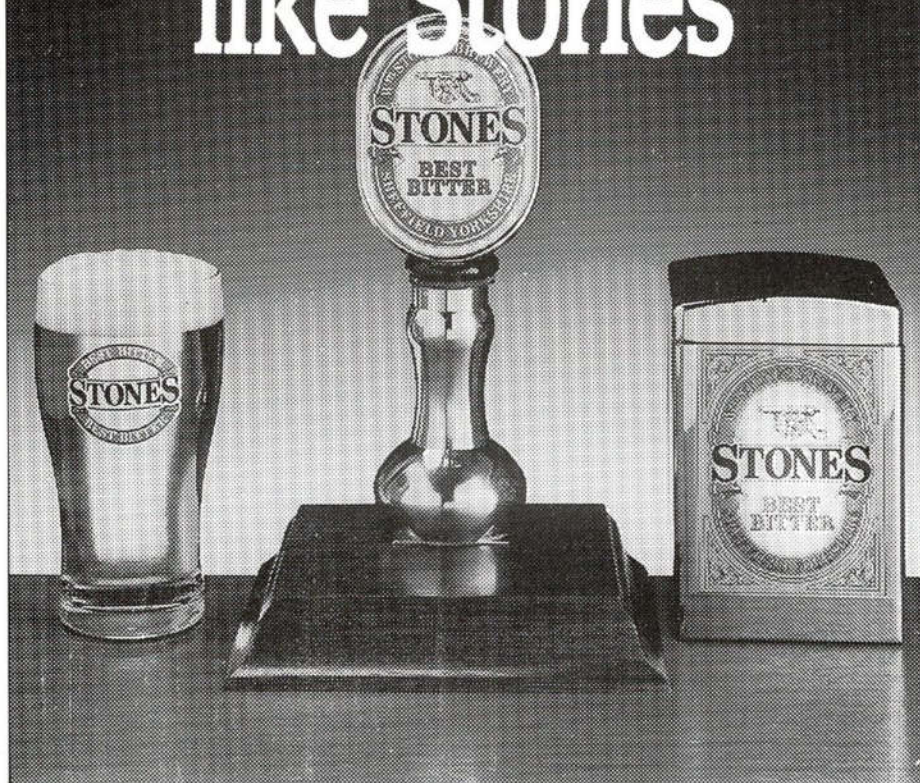
## Slalom Lager Alliance Fixtures

| 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     | L   | 20-12 |   |
| 25     | Featherstone              | H     | W   | 24-18 |   |
| 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 .....         | 18 | 16 | 0 | 2  | 480 | 228 | 32  |
| Castleford .....   | 17 | 11 | 0 | 6  | 455 | 319 | 22  |
| Leeds .....        | 18 | 10 | 0 | 8  | 419 | 368 | 20  |
| Hull KR .....      | 17 | 10 | 0 | 7  | 323 | 303 | 20  |
| Halifax .....      | 18 | 10 | 0 | 8  | 374 | 409 | 20  |
| OLDHAM .....       | 17 | 9  | 0 | 8  | 318 | 299 | 18  |
| Featherstone ..... | 18 | 8  | 1 | 9  | 396 | 373 | 17  |
| Widnes .....       | 15 | 8  | 0 | 7  | 347 | 350 | 16  |
| Wigan .....        | 16 | 7  | 0 | 9  | 313 | 347 | 14  |
| St Helens .....    | 16 | 6  | 1 | 9  | 381 | 417 | 13  |
| Salford .....      | 16 | 6  | 0 | 10 | 282 | 369 | 12  |
| Wakefield .....    | 17 | 5  | 0 | 12 | 282 | 355 | 10  |
| Warrington .....   | 15 | 5  | 0 | 10 | 296 | 388 | 10  |
| Leigh .....        | 16 | 5  | 0 | 11 | 270 | 411 | 10  |

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## Offiah still on fire!

RED-HOT Widnes winger Martin Offiah scored the 200th try of his professional career with the first of two against France in the 45-10 Test victory at Perpignan. The try-scoring phenomenon currently heads the game's top try-scorers with 31 touchdowns. Grey Austin (Halifax) is second with 25 while Anthony Sullivan (Hull KR) and Graham Steadman (Castleford) are in third place with 18 tries apiece.

## Kickers

STEVE KERRY (Salford) is the League's top goalkicker with 109. Simon Irving (Leeds) is second with 77 while Jonathan Davies (Widnes), Graham Sullivan (Ryedale-York) and Paul Eastwood (Hull KR) are third with 70 each. Oldham's Duncan Platt is 8th with 52.

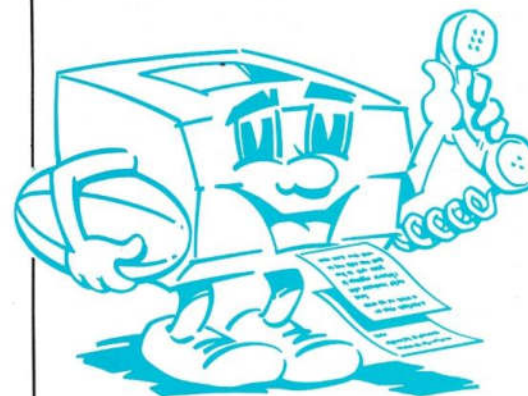
## Top Points Scorer

SALFORD'S Steve Kerry, whose side is unbeaten in the Second Division, is this season's top points scorer with 254 points from 109 goals, four drop goals and 10 tries. Steve, whose nearest rival is Widnes's Jonathan Davies, is the only player to have played and scored in every match for his club this season — a run of 24 games.

## Winners and Losers

SECOND Division promotion favourites Halifax and Salford have the longest winning runs of seven matches each. Salford's run includes one Silk Cut Challenge Cup victory. The longest run of defeats is held by Runcorn Highfield, who have now gone 72 successive cup and league games without a win, including one draw. The club's last victory was 20-12 at home to Fulham in October, 1988. The last time they avoided defeat was 8-8 at home to Workington Town in January, 1989.

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Good news for Breeze Hill teacher Mark Regan in that he has regained his first-team spot at Keighley after a series of niggling injuries is unfortunately bad news for the town's under-16 side in that he is now needed for training on Saturday morning and can no longer take the team.

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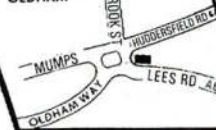
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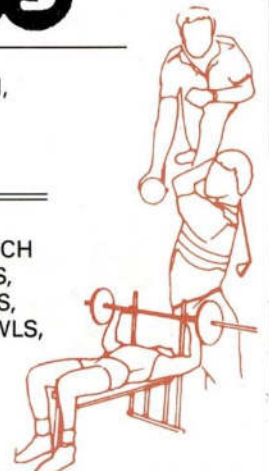
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