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1975-76, 1979-80

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1987-88, 1989-90

WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

YOU will no doubt have read in the Press that the Oldham Rugby League Football Club plc had a trading loss of £156,000 to the year ended May 31, 1990.

The company's current net liabilities now stand at £663,232 and these figures will be presented to the shareholders at the company's second annual meeting, to be held at noon next Friday in the social club.

There were five main reasons for the deficit on the year under review — the youth policy, transfer fees, ground repairs, contract payments to players and interest charges.

The youth policy is continuing as was shown last week when three more local youngsters pledged their support to the club in a get-together with their parents and club officials.

Lee Bradbury (16), a full back or centre who plays for St. Augustine's School and Saddleworth Rangers, has signed amateur forms and will turn professional when he is 17 later in the year. The same applies to Martin Halkyard, another 16-year-old who is a second-row man or loose-forward and plays for Saddleworth School and Saddleworth Rangers. He captains the Oldham schoolboys team and he was also captain of the Oldham schoolboys squad that went to Australia in 1988 and returned unbeaten.

The third Oldham boy who has decided that his future is at Watersheddings is 15-year-old Richard Badby, nicknamed Joe Cool, and a stand-off half who has earned county honours at every age-group and has also captained North-West Counties schoolboys. Richard cannot sign amateur forms until he is 16 but he will ultimately become a fully-fledged pro with his home-town club.

When Richard signs on as an amateur we will then have five schoolboys waiting to turn pro — the aforementioned threesome plus Chris Eckersley and Paul Barrow, who signed amateur forms last year.

Whilst on the subject of youth, we must congratulate Tommy Martyn on his appearances recently for the Great Britain under-21s both in France and at Wigan, where he was the substitute.

Special mention, too, for several youngsters who have been performing particularly well in the 'A' team, notably Chris Joynt, Craig Mort, Paddy Mitchell, Richard Pachniuk and Neil Flanagan, not forgetting others, who are working hard at their game and making progress or are battling back after injury.

On transfer fees, the club paid out £154,000 during the year under review — mainly on Tony Anderson (£70,000) and John Fieldhouse (£45,000) — and pulled back only £48,000 from the sale of Ian Sherratt, Martin Hall, Tony Morrison and Bob Marsden.

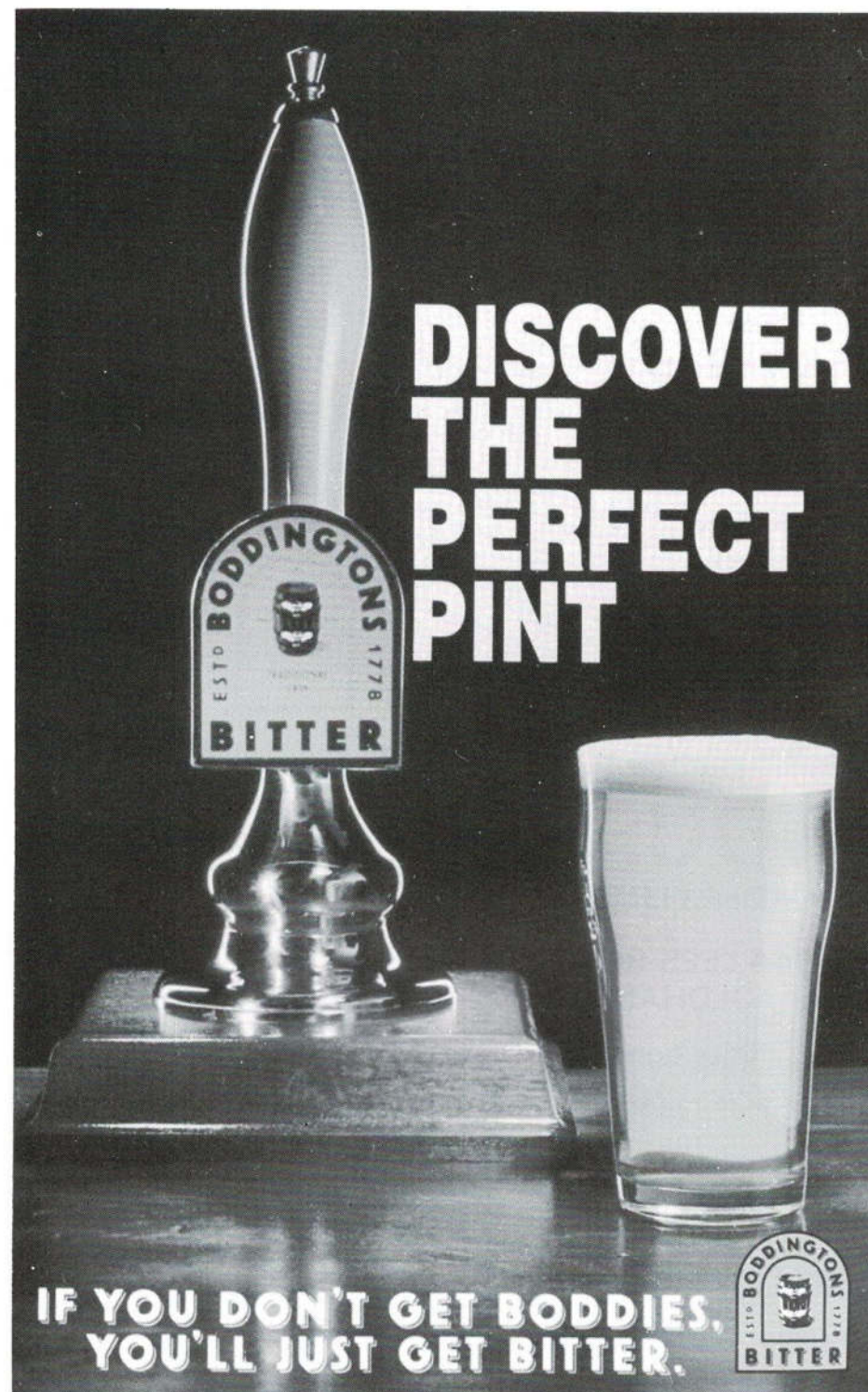
A great deal of money has been spent on the ground and directors Ian Carr and Tom Patterson were delighted to show a party of about 30 supporters around the club the other Saturday morning to show them in detail what had been spent and where the money had gone.

The open-day was regarded as a great success and was finished off over a cup of coffee and a chat with John Fieldhouse and a couple of the players before the first-team squad left the club for Cumbria for the cup win at Workington in the last round.

The directors were left with the distinct impression that the fans thoroughly enjoyed their visit, including the questions-and-answers session which seemed to clear up a lot of their worries and doubts. If you are interested in joining a similar trip around the club either give us a ring or watch the press for details of when the next open day will be arranged.

The financial situation is a source of worry, of course, but the directors are working hard to try and return the club to profitability and the problems they are experiencing on the financial side, are not peculiar to Oldham. A similar picture is painted at clubs throughout the Rugby League.

The further we go in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup competition the greater chance we have of making some money, so today's tie is of a great importance to both clubs and we trust that we can rely on as much vocal support as possible so that we get the best possible advantage from our home draw.

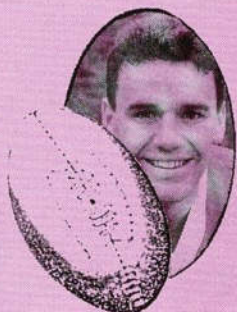


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SKIPPER'S SPOT

by
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**Mike
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TODAY'S quarter-final between Oldham and Salford — the third time we have met in cup competitions this season — is a good draw for both clubs, although we probably start as favourites with home advantage.

Salford's current campaign mirrors our season last year, with both sides reaching the Lancashire Cup final and having successful runs in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup. Promotion for Salford is almost guaranteed, like it was for ourselves.

Hopefully, the coincidences end there and it is the red and white of Oldham that wins through to the semi-final of Rugby League's most prestigious cup competition for the second consecutive year.

Certainly the players have prepared well for the game and appreciate the coaching of Iain 'Corky' McCorquodale, who has quickly earned the respect of all the players. His ideas are refreshing, not just for Oldham, but for Rugby League as a whole.

One of the main areas he is working on is our concentration, where there is plenty of room for improvement. Lapses have cost us dear this season.

If we can maintain our concentration for 80 minutes this afternoon there is absolutely no reason why we shouldn't win, especially as player-coach John Fieldhouse is playing 15-man rugby using two substitutes to good effect.

The system is proving to be particularly effective for us as John Cogger and Keith Atkinson are playing so well at the moment.

Finally, congratulations to John Fieldhouse for winning the player of the month award for February. We all know how hard he has worked on and off the field and he fully deserves the award.



ROGER'S FOCUS

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

IF SOME folk think there is a magnet which draws Leeds and Bradford together in cup competitions, they will soon be thinking the same of Oldham and Salford if the trend of the last 12 months continues.

Just over a year ago, Oldham won at the Willows in round two of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup and a few months later the teams were paired again in the first round of this season's Lancashire Cup and Salford won this time, en route to their final appearance against Widnes at Central Park, Wigan.

Onto the Regal Trophy and, sure enough, the teams clashed again, this time at Watersheddings in the first round. Oldham won this one, so Salford will be eager to level things up again in today's Silk Cut Challenge Cup quarter-final tie.

To reach this stage, the Reds beat Yorkshire amateurs Cutsyke in the preliminary round, Batley at the Willows in the first round and Sheffield Eagles at the Don Valley Stadium in round two — a great result this because Eagles were soaring high after knocking out championship-chasing Hull and Featherstone Rovers in their first two outings.

Salford won 19-16 in Sheffield with the following team: Gibson; Gilfillan; Fell; Williams; Hadley; Cassidy; Kerry; Sherratt; Lee; Blease; Hansen; Worrall; Burgess. Subs: Birkett; Conroy.

This was Salford's tenth successive league and cup victory, but it was marred by a serious collar-bone injury to prop and club captain Ian Blease which is likely to put him out of action for the rest of the season.

Nevertheless, Salford have assembled a squad which, at the time of writing, was on top of the Second Division with a 100-per-cent record and will be playing First Division rugby next season. That's for sure.

Scrum-half Steve Kerry, a former RU man, is the only player to have played and scored in every match for his club this season — a run of 28 matches, not counting last Sunday's game at Keighley.

Most of the Salford players are well known to Oldham supporters and two of them — Ian Sherratt and Mick Worrall — need no introduction at all as former Watersheddings forwards, who were extremely popular players during their time here.

Mick signed for Oldham as a boy and won Test honours and a 1984 trip to Australia with Great Britain before he joined the Reds for a fee of £50,000 a year or two ago.

Ian, an Oldham boy, joined his home-town club via Bradford Northern, in the deal that took David Hobbs to Odsal, and then moved on to the Willows for a fee of £22,500.

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Salford . . .

Steve Gibson: Fullback. The popular Australian fullback, formerly with Brisbane Souths, is now in his fourth season at the Willows. To date he has scored 43 tries in his 99 appearances for Salford.

Tex Evans: Winger. Signed from neighbours Swinton in a £40,000 move, he has scored 23 tries in 51 appearances since his move at the beginning of the 1988-89 season.

Martin Birkett: Centre. Joined Salford on a three year contract in December 1989 after representing English Schools and Colleges before being selected for the BARLA G.B. side prior to turning professional.

Peter Williams: Centre. A sensational capture from the Orrell RU club in March 1988, after representing both Lancashire RU and England RU, gaining four caps in all at the International level. Peter has already played for GB and Lancashire in the professional code.

Adrian Hadley: Winger. Turned professional in September 1988, becoming Salford's costliest signing at £100,000 in a four year deal. The former Welsh RU International and Cardiff club player has now settled in well at the Willows after a niggling injury halted his progress.

Frank Cassidy: Stand off. Another former Swinton player who joined Salford for £35,000 in November 1989. A clever footballer and accurate touch finder who originally played for Rose Bridge ARL.

David Fell: Stand off. Joined Salford from Orrell RU club on a five year contract in October 1989. Made his debut against Leeds last season.

Steve Kerry: Scrum half. Signed in December 1988 from the Preston Grasshoppers RU club. Prolific scorer who is improving all the time. After spells at stand off and on the wing he is now being given a run at scrum half. Top try scorer last season and the number one choice goal kicker at the Willows.

Shaun Brown: Scrum half. Forced his way into the first team last season after some dazzling Alliance team performances. Former BARLA G.B. International who toured Down Under in 1989. Played for Leigh East ARL as an amateur.

Ian Sherratt: Prop. Powerhouse front row forward signed in August 1989 from Oldham. Also had a spell with Bradford Northern where he began his professional career. A leg injury forced him to miss a large part of last season but he is now back to full fitness.

Mark Lee: Hooker. Bargain £15,000 signing from St. Helens in January. Went straight into the first team and has missed one match since then.

Shane Hansen: Second row. New Zealander with bags of experience having played for top Auckland side Northcote Tigers. Tremendous tackler who adds steel to the Salford pack.

Chris Whitley: Prop. Joined Salford from Wigan St. Patricks ARL club in August 1986 and was voted Alliance's Player of the Year in his first season at the club.

Arthur Bradshaw: Second row. Signed from Thatcho Heath ARLC in August 1989 after representing BARLA at County level. Broke his leg in his first team debut match against Warrington but has now made a full recovery.

Ian Bleasde: Second row. Former Folly Lane ARL player who signed professional for Salford in March 1985. Developed well at the Willows and can play anywhere in the pack. Installed as captain of the side at the beginning of the season.

Andrew Burgess: Loose forward. Signed professional on his 17th birthday after several games with the Alliance side as an amateur. Previously played for Irlam Hornets ARLC.

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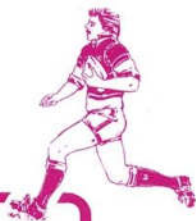
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*John
Fieldhouse . . .*

This week's PLAYER PROFILE

FEW fans could argue with John Fieldhouse's selection as Roger Halstead's Boddingtons Bitter player of the month for February.

John, who took over as player-coach following Tony Barrow's departure, has led the team into the quarter-finals of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup and given the side a vital lifeline in the fight for First Division survival.

After six weeks in the job, John is loving every second: "I am the kind of person who likes responsibility. The more I have, the better I perform. At the same time, the players have helped tremendously and made my job a lot easier."

At first, John hesitated when he was offered the coaching job, but eagerly accepted after receiving Tony Barrow's backing.

"Tony and I will always be friends because we've known each other a long time. A lot of what went wrong wasn't Tony's fault. Players were in a rut, lacked confidence and didn't believe in themselves. However, Tony understands the game and what happened to him could easily happen to me."

John, a former Great Britain international, has put as much commitment into coaching as he does on the field: "In addition to coaching, I also work full time as a joiner. However, all my spare time is spent thinking about Rugby League."

"We've all worked to improve our commitment and attitude and to support each other on the field. At the moment, we are riding on the crest of a wave and I'd like to play every day."

"However, there will be no celebrations until the end of the season because we'll be fighting right to the very last kick."

And John's hopes for the future! "I want the job this season, the next season and the season after that!"



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Manager
Ray Hill
reports on
the Water-
sheddings
scene*

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As an incentive, all agents — new and old alike — who introduce five new members to Cashline will be presented with a bottle of whisky.

What's more, we are planning a special night out for Cashline agents in the near future. More about that at a later date.

Although we haven't played at home for quite a while, we have still been very busy spending a week manning a stand in Oldham's town centre to give you the chance to meet club officials, players and other staff.

Needless to say, the week was a superb success and everyone at the club had a great time renewing many old friendships and making a lot of new acquaintances.

It is at times like this when you really appreciate just how important Oldham Rugby League Club is to you and how much you want the club to succeed.



A special thanks must go to the two Amandas — Amanda Edwards (left) and our own Boddingtons Bitter-sponsored beauty queen Amanda Norris — who added a touch of glamour to the stand. They were great fun to work with and their help was really appreciated.

Coming up in the near future is a special draw for the Grand National, which this year takes place on Saturday, April 6th.

Forty Lifeline winners will be drawn out of the hat and automatically win £10. They will be invited to spend the Big Race day at the club's social club with a champagne reception prior to watching the race.

It promises to be a lot of fun for everyone involved and is further evidence of the great value we try to give all the loyal fans who support both our Lifeline and Cashline societies.

By the end of the next 80 minutes we should know if our Wembley dream is going to come true. If it is, you can watch the Silk Cut Challenge Cup Final in style by contacting me straight away.

We've lined up a rather special weekend, regardless of whether we are in the final or not, which kicks off on the Friday when we travel down to Wembley by luxury coach. We'll spend two nights at the luxurious Swiss Cottage Holiday Inn Hotel.

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TOUCH DOWN

JOHN'S FEBRUARY NUMBER 1

JOHN FIELDHOUSE has picked up his first award since becoming Oldham's player-coach by becoming the Boddingtons Bitter player of the month for February.

He will be presented with a £100 cheque, an inscribed tankard and a case of Boddingtons Bitter before today's match by Boddingtons' representative Ken Regan.

Award judge, Oldham Evening Chronicle rugby league writer Roger Halstead, said: "This month's award was one of the hardest I have had to make at what is a difficult time for the club.

"Several players performed with great consistency and enthusiasm throughout the month, including Des Foy, Mike Ford, Duncan Platt, John Fieldhouse, Andy Ruane, Paul Round, Richard Russell and Keith Atkinson.

"However, I have selected John Fieldhouse because of his tremendous and consistent work-rate and the fact that he has taken on the added responsibility of coaching duties, too. For many players this extra duty would be a hinderance. It is obvious, however, that it is bringing the best out of John Fieldhouse."

YOUR CHANCE TO VOTE, TOO!

THERE'S been plenty of votes cast for the Boddingtons Bitter player of the year already, but we still want you to help influence the outcome of this prestigious award.

You have two chances left as FREEPOST voting forms are included in today's programme and the forthcoming Sheffield match.

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TEAM CHECK

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OLDHAM

Team Changes

- 1 DUNCAN PLATT
- 2 RICHARD IRVING
- 3 DES FOY
- 4 TONY ANDERSON
- 5 STEVE ROBINSON
- 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 JOHN COGGER
- 15 KEITH ATKINSON

SALFORD

Team Changes

- 1 STEVE GIBSON
- 2 TEX EVANS
- 3 JOHN GILFILLIAN
- 4 PETER WILLIAMS
- 5 ADRIAN HADLEY
- 6 DAVID FELL
- 7 STEVE KERRY
- 8 IAN SHERRATT
- 9 MARK LEE
- 10 FRANCIS LEOTA
- 11 MICK WORRALL
- 12 SHANE HANSEN
- 13 ANDY BURGESS
- 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
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

Referee:
Brian Galtress (Bradford)

Touch Judges:
Mr. D. Milburn (Red Flag)
Mr. D. Nathan (Orange Flag)

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
6	7	8	9	10
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16	17	18	19	20

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Appearances and Scorers

	P	Sub	G	D	T	Pts
Shaun Allen	0	5	0	0	0	0
Tony Anderson	13	0	0	0	2	8
Keith Atkinson	6	5	1	0	2	10
Tony Barrow	3	1	0	0	0	0
Brett Clark	24	0	0	0	8	32
John Cogger	11	8	0	0	1	4
Austin Donegan	13	4	0	0	3	12
Ronnie Duane	16	1	0	0	1	4
John Fairbank	9	4	0	0	1	4
John Fieldhouse	15	1	0	0	1	4
Mike Ford	24	0	1	2	5	24
Des Foy	5	2	0	0	2	8
Norman Francis	14	0	0	0	4	16
John Henderson	8	0	0	0	1	4
Gary Hyde	3	1	1	0	1	6
Richard Irving	15	5	0	0	3	12
Paul Lord	17	0	0	0	7	28
Tommy Martyn	14	2	7	3	8	49
Charlie McAlister	16	4	1	0	3	14
Keith Newton	5	2	0	0	1	4
Duncan Platt	21	0	71	0	2	140
Derek Pyke	4	0	0	0	0	0
Steve Robinson	3	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Round	23	0	0	0	14	56
Andy Ruane	10	0	0	0	2	8
Richard Russell	21	2	0	0	5	20

Stones Bitter First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Widnes	19	8	0	2	269	111	6	0	3	194	116	28
Hull	19	11	0	0	316	98	3	0	5	89	138	28
Castleford	20	9	0	1	251	123	5	0	5	215	221	28
Wigan	16	6	1	1	182	81	5	0	3	216	126	23
Leeds	20	7	1	3	302	178	3	0	6	157	180	21
St. Helens	19	7	0	2	245	158	3	1	6	182	215	21
Featherstone	20	5	1	3	191	162	5	0	6	190	247	21
Warrington	21	6	0	5	202	133	3	2	5	142	154	20
Hull KR	21	6	2	3	212	186	2	1	7	138	271	19
Bradford	19	5	0	4	161	170	4	0	6	143	192	18
OLDHAM	20	5	0	5	201	191	2	0	8	164	260	14
Sheffield	19	3	0	6	164	207	3	2	5	160	235	14
Wakefield	17	4	1	3	129	92	2	0	7	112	224	13
Rochdale	20	1	0	8	133	308	0	0	11	96	379	2

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

NEXT AWAY GAME
v St HELENS (March 13th, kick-off 7.30p.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	2.9.91	A	3.0	L	24-27	4,238	—	Platt 4g	Irving	Henderson	Lord	Clark	Ford g	Pyke	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round 1	McAlister 1	Duane	Martyn 1	Newton
Leeds	9.9.91	H	3.0	W	32-22	6,238	—	Platt 3g	Irving	Duane	Lord	Clark 1	Ford 1 g dg	Pyke	Ruane	Newton 1	Round 1	McAlister 1	Cogger	Russell 1	Donegan 1
Widnes	16.9.91	A	3.0	L	12-17	5,651	8	Platt 1 2g	Martyn	Duane	Lord	Clark 1	Ford	Pyke	Ruane	Fieldhouse	Round 1	McAlister	Cogger	Russell 1	Fairbank 1
Castleford	26.9.91	H	3.0	W	26-22	5,001	6	Platt 4g	Francis 1	Duane	Lord	Clark 1	Ford	Pyke	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round 21	McAlister	Barrow	Donegan	Fairbank 1
Widnes	2.10.91	A	3.0	L	16-24	7,261	8	Platt 2g	Francis	Duane	Lord 1	Clark	Ford 1	Pyke	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round 21	McAlister	Barrow	Fairbank 1	Donegan 1
Hull KR	7.10.91	H	3.0	L	25-26	4,710	—	Platt 2g	Francis	Irving	Lord 1	Clark	Ford 1	Pyke	Russell	Fairbank	Round 21	McAlister	Cogger	Barrow 1	Donegan 1
Sheffield	14.10.91	A	3.0	W	24-14	5,530	6	Martyn 1 3g	Francis 1	Duane	Lord	Clark 1	Ford	Donegan	Russell	Fairbank 1	Round	Barrow	Cogger	Newton 1	Hyde
Warrington	30.10.91	H	3.0	W	4-2	4,097	3	Platt 2g	Francis	Duane	Lord	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round	Newton	Cogger	Irving	Fairbank
Wigan	4.11.91	A	3.0	L	15-38	13,817	6	Platt 2g	Francis	Anderson 1	Lord	Clark	Ford	Fairbank	Russell	Newton	Round 1	Duane	Cogger	Irving	Allen
Bradford N	11.11.91	H	3.0	L	16-18	5,874	8	Hyde g	Francis	Anderson	Lord	Clark	Ford	Fairbank	Russell	Newton	Round 1	Duane	Cogger	Irving	Allen
Castleford	18.11.91	A	3.0	L	16-28	5,674	10	Hyde 1	Francis	Anderson	Lord 1	Clark	Ford	Fairbank	Russell	Round	Duane	McAlister g	Cogger	Irving	Allen
Widnes	25.11.91	H	3.0	L	16-24	5,421	12	Platt 3g 1	Francis	Anderson	Lord	Clark 1	Ford	Fairbank	Russell	Round	Duane	McAlister	Cogger	Hyde	Allen
Salford (Regal Trophy)	2.12.91	H	3.0	W	26-6	4,932	—	Platt 3g	Francis 1	Martyn	Lord	Clark	Ford	Donegan 1	Russell 1	Fairbank	Round	McAlister	Cogger	Irving 1	Allen
Featherstone	9.12.91	A	3.0	L	16-20	2,054	—	Platt 2g	Francis	Anderson	Lord 1	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Russell 1	Fairbank	Round 1	McAlister	Cogger	Duane	Fieldhouse
Hull	16.12.91	A	3.0	L	31-4	5,530	12	Platt	Irving	Henderson	Lord 1	Clark	Ford	Fieldhouse	Russell	Fairbank	Round	Atkinson	Duane	Foy	McAlister
Rochdale	26.12.91	H	3.0	W	16-13	4,488	11	Platt 3g	Francis 1	Henderson	Lord	Clark	Ford	Donegan 1	Russell 1	Fieldhouse	Round	Atkinson	Duane	Martyn	McAlister
Leeds	1.1.91	A	3.0	L	12-26	11,587	12	Platt 2g	Francis	Henderson	Lord	Clark 1	Ford	Donegan	Russell	Atkinson	Round	McAlister 1	Duane	Irving	Joynt
Featherstone	6.1.91	H	3.0	L	16-20	4,753	12	Platt 2g	Francis	Henderson	Lord 1	Clark 1	Ford	Donegan	Ruane	Fieldhouse	Round 1	Atkinson g	Duane	Cogger	McAlister
Hull KR	13.1.91	A	3.0	L	14-12	440	12	Platt 3g	Francis	Henderson	Irving	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Ruane	Fieldhouse	Round	Atkinson	Russell	Cogger	McAlister
Wakefield	20.1.91	H	3.0	W	26-22	4,938	12	Platt 3g	Irving	Martyn	Anderson	Clark 1	Ford	Donegan	Ruane	Fieldhouse	Round 1	McAlister	Russell	Cogger 1	Atkinson 1
Featherstone	27.1.91	A	3.0	L	26-28	4,291	12	Platt 1 4g	Robinson	Anderson	Irving	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Ruane	Fieldhouse	Atkinson 1	McAlister	Russell 1	Foy	Cogger
St Helens	3.2.91	H	3.0	L	16-20	3,119	12	Platt 2g	Anderson 1	Martyn	Robinson	Clark 1	Ford	Donegan	Ruane	Fieldhouse	Round	McAlister	Russell 1	Cogger	Atkinson
Bramley (NSCC Ind 1)	12.2.91	A	3.0	W	36-6	1,200	—	Platt 3g	Irving 1	Foy 1	Anderson	Clark	Ford 1	Donegan	Ruane 21	Fieldhouse	Round 1	McAlister 1	Russell	Cogger	Atkinson
Warrington (NSCC Ind 21)	24.2.91	A	3.0	W	26-15	5,300	—	Platt 1 4g	Robinson	Foy	Irving	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Ruane	Fieldhouse	Round 1	McAlister	Russell	Cogger	Atkinson
Bradford	3.3.91	A	3.0	W	32-10	4,024	11	Platt 6g	Irving	Anderson	Henderson	Clark 1	Ford dg 21	Donegan	Ruane	Fieldhouse 1	Round 1	McAlister	Russell	Cogger	Atkinson
Salford (NSCC Q1)	10.3.91	H	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St Helens	13.3.91	A	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheffield	17.3.91	H	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rochdale	24.3.91	A	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wigan	13.91	H	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Warrington	7.4.91	A	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hull	14.4.91	H	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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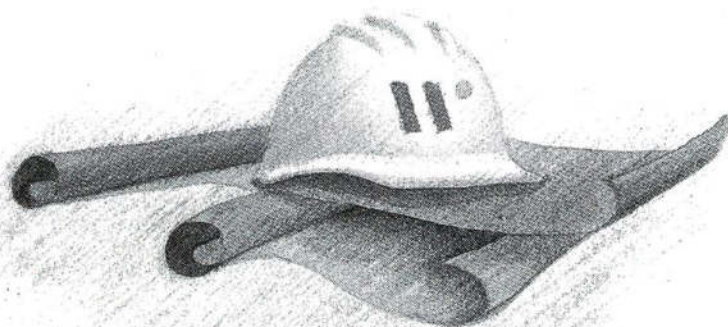
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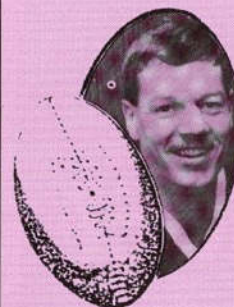
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A-TEAM ROUND-UP



*The
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View*

THE last two weeks of February proved to be an extremely hectic time for players and staff as we tried to catch up on games lost due to the bad weather.

The break did, however, give players the chance to clear up niggling injuries and when we did return to action we were fit and raring to go.

The first game was a hard-fought victory over Huddersfield 16-18 in the first round of the Alliance Challenge Cup. Although we always looked in control, the Huddersfield outfit came with an organised defence and the relut wasn't secured until the middle of the second half when tries from Paul Lord and Norman Francis saw us safely through to the second round.

Four days later we were in action again with Wigan the visitors in a league game. A fast and furious match saw the Oldham side outplay their opponents for much of the game for Wigan to score a couple of opportunist tries which kept them in touch.

A try by Wigan late in the second half saw them take a 22-20 lead which looked to have earned them the spoils until a dramatic try in injury time by Richard Pachnuik gave us a thoroughly deserved victory, 26-22.

Although both results were gained through excellent team performances a special mention must go to Chris Joynt, who earned man-of-the-match awards in both games.

Our third game in eight days saw Hull K.R. the visitors in the second round of the Alliance Cup. A superb first half performance, capped by tries from Blackman (2), Lord and Robinson with 3 goals from Pachnuik, saw us take a commanding 22-4 half-time lead.

The second half brought further tries for myself and Paddy Kirwan, the latter being clearly the most popular of the evening as the crowd of over 1000 gave Paddy a tremendous ovation for a score which was thoroughly deserved following an excellent individual performance.

In between the time of writing these notes and their publishing, the 'A' team will have played two further league games, Leeds and Halifax, here at Watersheddings, and hopefully we will have extended the winning sequence to take us into next Fridays third round Alliance Cup match against Castleford at Watersheddings with confidence and high hopes of further progress towards the Final.

The full third-round draw is: Doncaster v Featherstone; Hull v Leeds; Oldham v Castleford; Bradford v Salford.

Gary Hyde

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	Postponed	
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	L	26-12
8	Castleford	H	Postponed	
22	Huddersfield (Alliance Cup)	H	W	16-8
25	Wigan	H	W	26-22
Mar 1	Hull KR (Alliance Cup)	H	W	34-8
6	Leeds	H		
8	Halifax	H		
15	Castleford (Alliance Cup)	H		
22	Hull KR	A		
29	Leigh	H		

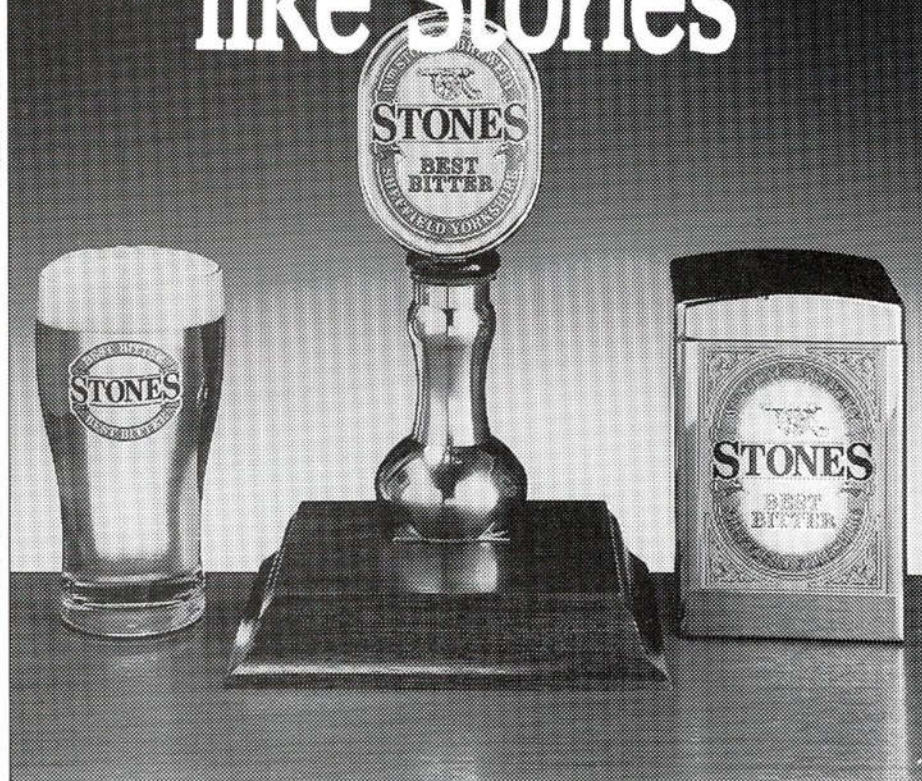
To be arranged: Castleford (H); Hull (A); Warrington (A)

Slalom Lager Alliance First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull	20	18	0	2	536	252	36
Castleford	19	13	0	6	517	353	26
Halifax	20	11	1	8	432	451	23
Hull KR	19	11	0	8	355	337	22
Leeds	19	10	0	9	441	394	20
OLDHAM	19	10	0	9	356	347	20
Widnes	18	9	0	9	447	410	18
St Helens	19	8	1	10	469	475	17
Featherstone	20	8	1	11	421	427	17
Wigan	19	7	1	11	377	431	15
Wakefield	19	7	0	12	342	405	14
Warrington	18	7	0	11	384	464	14
Salford	18	7	0	11	314	402	14
Leigh	19	5	0	14	296	539	10

● This table does not include Oldham games on Wednesday and Friday

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Congratulations to Runcorn

CHAMPAGNE celebrations were the order of the day last Sunday when Runcorn ended a two-year spell without a win by beating Dewsbury 9-2. The Merseyside club had gone 75 matches without a win. However, the home victory took them off the bottom of the Second Division. The club's next match is at home to Nottingham, currently holding up the rest of the Rugby League.

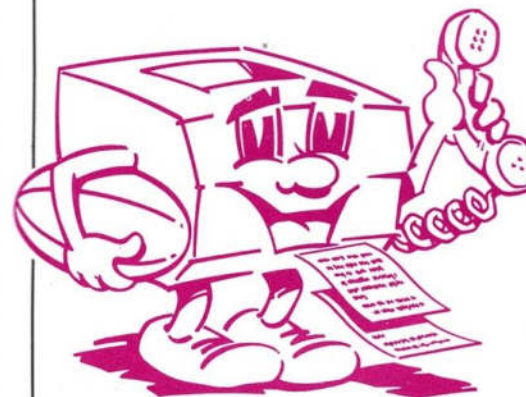
Kerry Wins Boddies Award

SALFORD'S Steve Kerry, currently heading Rugby League's goals and point-scoring charts, has won the Boddingtons Bitter Manchester Evening News sports personality of the month award for February. The 25-year-old scrum-half, who signed for Salford from Preston Grasshoppers Rugby Union Club, will receive a £250 cheque, an inscribed tankard and a case of Boddingtons Bitter for winning the award. Kerry has played and scored in all 29 of his club's matches this season and has scored 127 goals, four drop goals and 14 tries for a total of 306 points. Hull's Paul Eastwood is a distant second with 230.

Widnes Boost

WIDNES have won the Stones Bitter team of the month for February, remaining unbeaten throughout the month in both the Championship and the Silk Cut Challenge Cup. Batley, who beat Oldham in the Regal Trophy earlier in the season, won the second division award for three league victories and a creditable Silk Cut Challenge Cup first round defeat away to Salford.

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PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

SALFORD and Oldham have met on eight previous occasions in the Challenge Cup, with the Roughyeds registering three victories and five defeats. The first cup battle was a semi-final in 1902-03, when Salford won 8-0 after a replay. The latest battle, last year, was at the Willows, when Oldham won 18-7 on the way to the semi-finals.

Fellow quarter-finalists Wigan and Bradford Northern have met no less than 15 times, with the team from Central Park winning on 11 occasions, including two finals in the 1943-44 and 1947-48 seasons. Wigan have beaten Bradford twice on the road to Wembley since their last Challenge Cup defeat against Oldham.

Second division promotion contenders Halifax take on St. Helens for the 10th time in today's third quarter-final. At the moment, Halifax have seven victories to St. Helens' three. The clubs have met twice in the final, with St. Helens winning 13-2 in 1956 and losing 19-18 in the epic 1987 final.

Saturday's encounter between local rivals Warrington (three wins) and Widnes (four wins to date) was the eighth encounter since 1949. This includes two finals between the sides, the first won by Warrington and the second by Widnes in 1975. The scores in the finals were 19-0 and 14-7 respectively.

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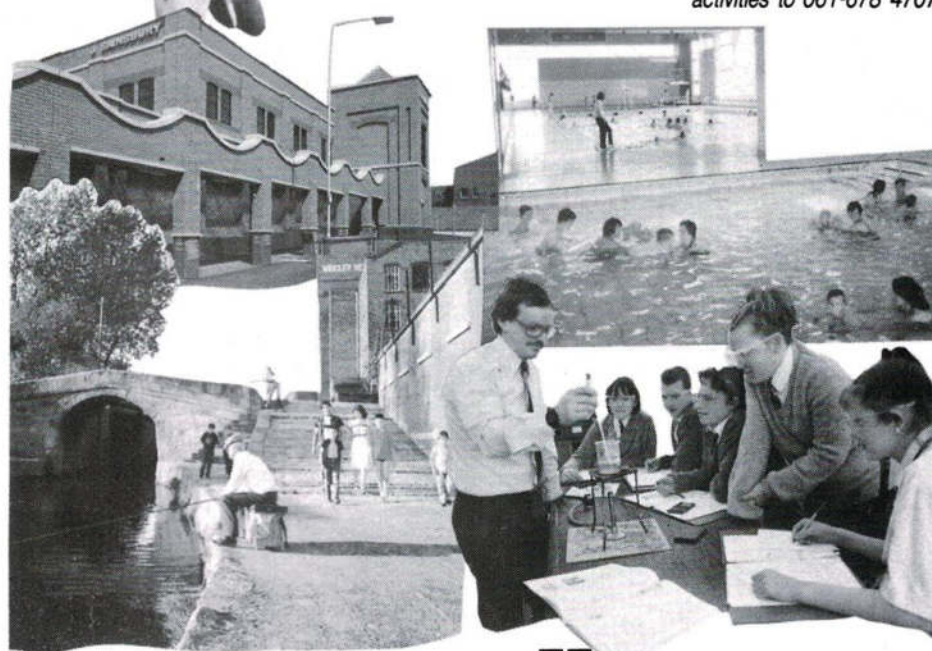
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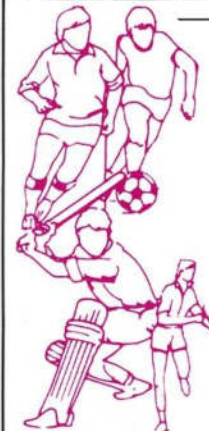
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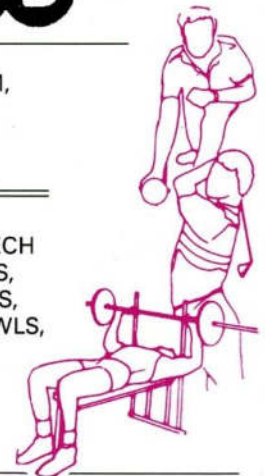
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