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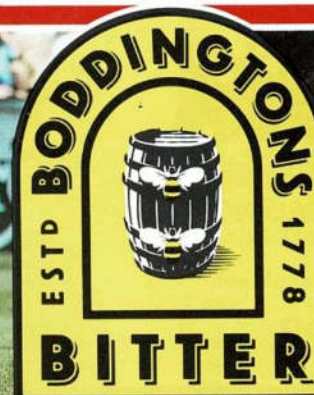
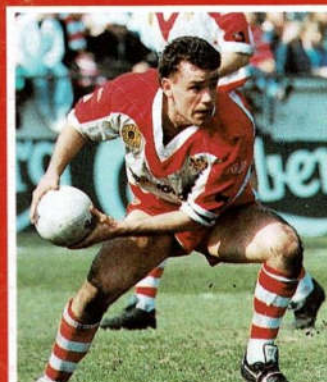


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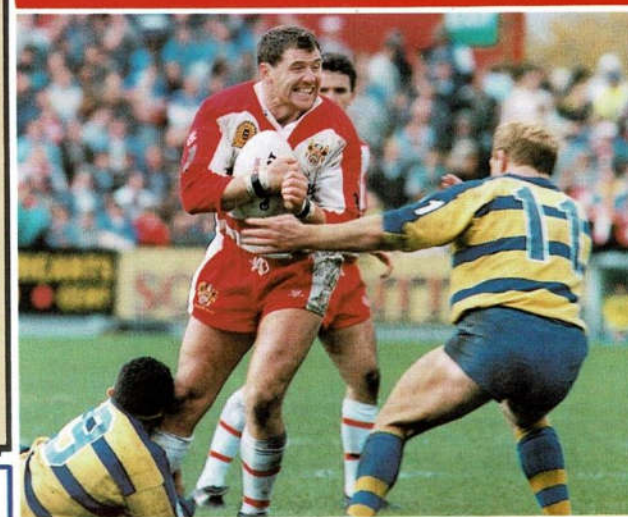
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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

CONGRATULATIONS to John Fieldhouse, Iain MacCorquodale and all the boys for their tremendous 40-3 victory over Salford in the third round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

It was a workmanlike, professional and entertaining performance which put us into the last four for the televised draw that took place last Monday evening, no doubt watched by thousands of our supporters.

We drew probably the hardest possible semi-final in Wigan, the team which has won the Challenge Cup for the past three years and is bidding to equal the record of four consecutive finals, set by the great Oldham team of the 1920s.

However, we were the last team to beat Wigan in this competition ... and who will ever forget that magnificent evening in 1987 when Paddy Kirwan scored the winning try in the last minute?

Somebody did suggest this week that Paddy should carry a placard at Burnden Park and walk around the pitch at the start with a message: "Remember me? I'm Paddy Kirwan!"

Just a joke, of course. But we do have a good record recently against Wigan in cup competitions. Come to think of it, Gary Hyde also has good reason for remembering Wigan because it was his late penalty goal that knocked them out of the Lancashire Cup only last season.

So to the semi-final — our second on the trot in the Silk Cut competition and our third in six years, following defeats by Castleford in 1986 and Warrington in 1990.

The big game this time takes place on Saturday at Burnden Park, Bolton, the home of Bolton Wanderers and a ground on which we will be playing for the first time, Wigan having played there on several occasions in the past.

The kick-off will be 3 o'clock and it goes without saying that we will be looking forward to as much support as possible, in the knowledge that Wigan's big following will be out in force.

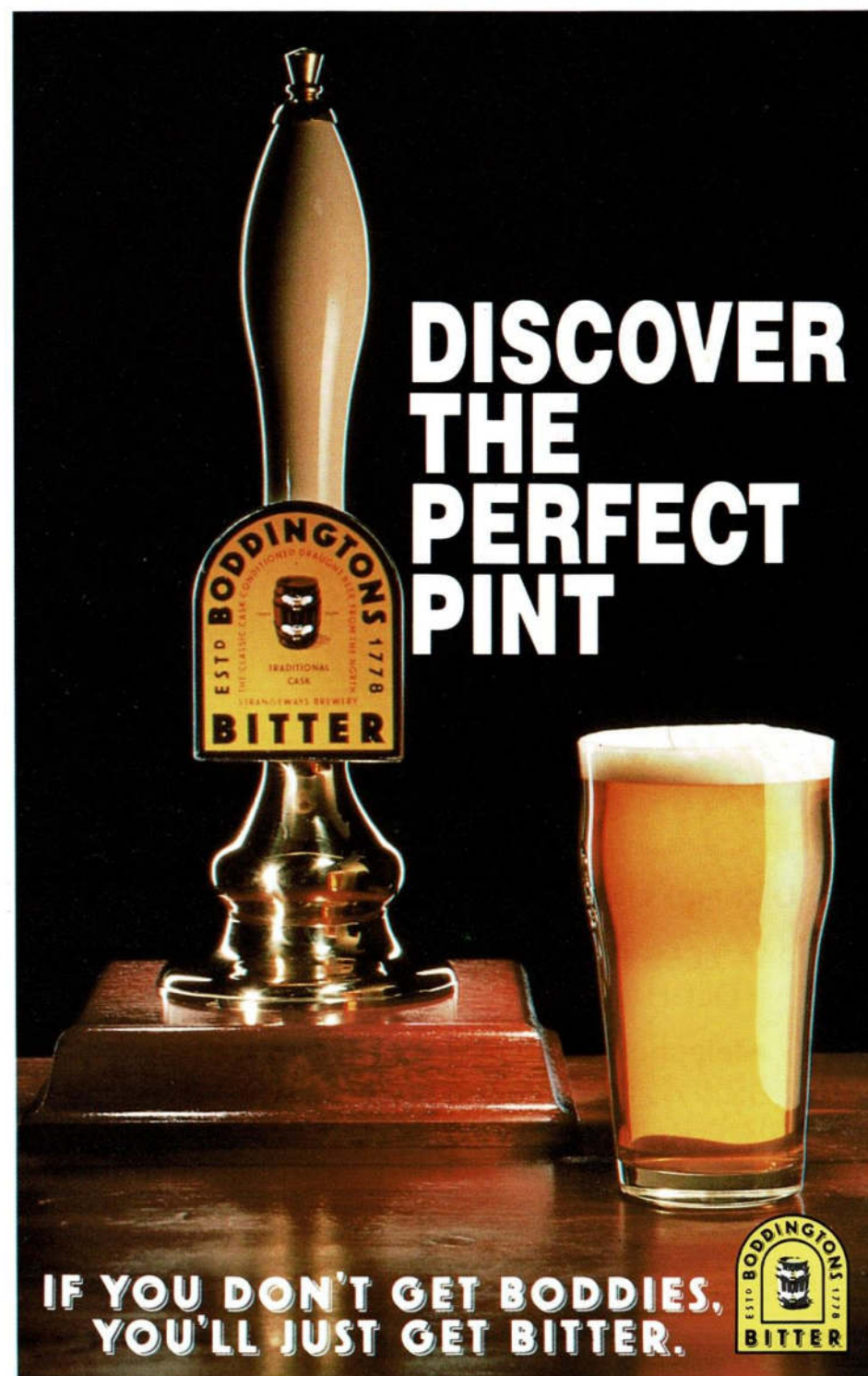
The only tickets on sale are those for the seats and these are priced at £10 for the best seats in the main stand and at £7 for seats at one end behind the posts. Turnstile admission will cost £5 for adults and £3 for pensioners and juniors.

The Burnden Park capacity is 24,000 and we are hoping for a full house or near to it as we bid to finally fulfil the club's Wembley dream.

With that in mind, we have had a voucher scheme operating for Friday's Slalom Lager Alliance Cup-tie against Castleford and for today's important First Division battle against Sheffield Eagles. If you have attended both games, you will have two vouchers, marked 'A' and 'B', and you will be guaranteed a Wembley ticket in the event of our victory at Burnden Park next Saturday.

It has been an important weekend for us, first with the annual meeting in the club last Friday lunchtime, followed by the Alliance Cup-tie in the evening and concluded today with a match which ranks as one of the most important in the season in terms of First Division survival.

It is all happening at Watersheddings just now. Good luck to the lads today ... and next Saturday when once again we stride out proudly in the semi-final of the Challenge Cup. See you there. Don't miss it!

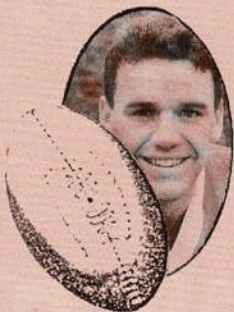


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LAST Monday's draw for the Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final saw us paired with my old club Wigan, unquestionably the greatest rugby league side in the world.

And although the vast majority of the Rugby League world will see us as the underdogs, the team are confident that we can beat Wigan.

Certainly the omens are there. Oldham were the last side to beat Wigan in the Challenge Cup thanks to a dramatic last-gasp try by Paddy Kirwan four seasons ago. And we beat them in the Lancashire Cup last season.

We'll be looking for the continued support from the greatest fans of the game to cheer us to Wembley, where I first played as an Oldham schoolboy in 1977. Incidentally, team-mate Richard Russell, a tender nine, played in the same match.

Today we have to forget about the cup and concentrate on the important bread and butter of the League. This is a crucial match for Sheffield and ourselves as we are both fighting off relegation.

Sheffield have played well recently, including beating Widnes, but we are playing well too and should get a result today with home advantage.

Retaining our First Division status is very important to all the players, so this match will be just as important as next Saturday's semi-final.

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ROGER'S FOCUS

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

SHEFFIELD EAGLES come to Watersheddings today for a crucial battle in the fight to stay in the First Division. The result is an extremely important one for both clubs, and Eagles will not be short of information on the Oldham team because former Watersheddings coach Eric Fitzsimons is on the staff at the Don Valley Stadium and big prop Hugh Waddell, who made his name here, is a key member of the Eagles pack.

Gary Hetherington, chairman, coach and, without doubt, "Mr. Sheffield" himself — is one of the most respected young men in the game — a man of vision and foresight who has hit the headlines recently with the Hetherington Plan for the introduction of a 14-8-14 three-division split. This did not win enough support for adoption at a recent meeting of clubs, but it has another chance to succeed on April 3 and the Oldham club will be voting in favour, as it did last time out.

Eagles caused a few raised eyebrows when they beat Hull in the preliminary round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup and then knocked out Featherstone in round one, but they slipped up in the second round when beaten at home by Salford. However, they recovered quickly from their disappointment to pick up shock First Division wins at Bradford and Widnes and enhance their chances of staying in the First Division.

Injuries have hit them hard in recent times, so much so that they went into the Castleford game last Sunday without players such as Mark Gamson, Peter Lewis, Richard Picksley, Sam Panapa, Sonny Nickle and Des Maea.

Having signed centre Richard Price on loan from Hull and second-row man Andy Bateman on loan from St. Helens, Eagles could still field a strong side, however, with former Bradford star Keith Mumby at full back and a half-back partnership of Great Britain international Darryl Powell and the high-scoring Mark Aston. They are particularly strong in the front-row with Waddell and former Australian Test forward Peter Tunks providing plenty of strength and experience, while £55,000 buy Anthony Farrell — an Ellery Hanley lookalike — is dangerous from the loose-forward position.

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Sheffield Eagles . . .

Daryl Powell (Age 24): The Eagles first signing in 1984, Powell is now approaching his 200th appearance for the club and has enjoyed success at international level, having played in the last eight Test matches for Great Britain.

Mark Aston (22): A record run of 65 consecutive scoring appearances ended last season with an eight-match suspension. This season started brightly but a knee injury sustained in September curtailed his international aspirations. Hoping for better luck during the second half of this season.

Mark Camson (24): The Eagles second signing in 1984, from Leeds Colts. Mark has occupied every back position throughout his 199 appearances and has missed only one game in the past two seasons.

David Nelson (26): Signed from Queens Park ARLC in 1987 after playing Rugby League for only one season. Very speedy and exciting runner with a sound defence.

Andy Dickinson (29): One of the Eagles best-ever buys four years ago. Andy has justified his £1,500 transfer from Halifax with 57 tries in 134 appearances. Excellent defender who specialises in good support play.

Anthony Farrell (22): A record signing from Huddersfield last season. Now settled into the loose forward position with good effect.

David Mycoe (18): Had a sensational debut season last year after joining the Eagles from Criggleston under-17s. Scored nine tries in 52 appearances and also won Great Britain under-21 honours. Can play full back, centre or stand-off, and his talent and pace suggests he could repeat last season's performances.

David Close (22): Missed most of last season with a knee injury, but is now fit and eager to cement a place in the team. A former county junior at Rugby League and Rugby Union who signed from Pontefract Labour ARLC in 1987.

Paul Broadbent (21): Another recruit from Lock Lane under-19s, Paul has emerged as one of the game's most up-and-coming prop forwards. Very big work-rate and an ability to off-load the ball suggests that representative honours could come his way.

Mick Cook (27): Rated by many as one of the game's best hookers, Mick's terrific tackling displays have alerted the attention of several leading Australian clubs. Another signing from Queens Park ARLC and last season's 'Player of the Year'.

Hugh Waddell (30): A £50,000 signing from Leeds in March. Hugh has added experience and mobility to the forwards. Well remembered for his Man of the Match award in Great Britain's defeat of Australia in 1988. He is keen to reclaim a Test place this season.

Sonny Nickle (20): A £20,000 signing from Hunslet eighteen months ago. Sonny had an outstanding season last term, including 17 tries and a Great Britain under-21 appearance. Tipped for future international honours.

Nick Grimoldby (27): Born in Doncaster, Nick learned his Rugby League in the South before signing for Fulham. Transferred to the Eagles in January, 1989, and has made 49 appearances. A powerful running forward with plenty of pace and a sound defence.

Andy Young (25): A former Eastmoor amateur and voted the best looking player of 1990. Has made 79 appearances, mainly on the wing, but hoping to graduate to the centre position this season. Very strong runner and tackler with a good turn of pace.

Neil Kellett (26): Signed from Mansfield Marksman after previously playing for Castleford. Very powerful runner who scored eight tries last season.

Simon Rhoades (17): A summer signing from Bransholme under-17s in Hull. Represented England under-17s last season and captained Yorkshire. Very pacy and talented player and an excellent goalkicker.

Nick Halafihi (21): A former Hull Colt who signed in 1988. Has made 33 appearances and is hoping to win a place in the team this season. Very fit and fast forward with an eye for scoring tries.

Tim Wilby (33½): A much-travelled player who joined the Eagles from Hull at the start of this season.

Sam Panapa (28): A New Zealand international who played in all three Tests against Great Britain this summer. Prolific try-scorer and exciting runner.

Peter Tunks (32): The former Australian Test prop was a recent signing from Salford as part-exchange for Kiwi Francis Leota. Tunks' experience should prove invaluable to the Eagles younger players.

Keith Mumby (33): A recent signing from Bradford Northern, where he spent 17 seasons, and represented Great Britain on many occasions. Made an immediate impact with the Eagles with a Man of the Match performance in the recent win over St. Helens.

Peter Lewis (26): A recent signing from Bramley. The League's tallest winger. Very fast and elusive player with a natural ability to score tries.

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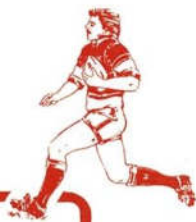
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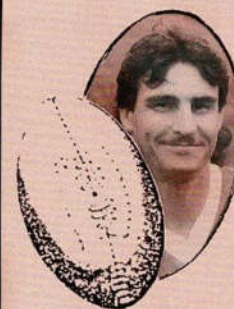
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*Brett
Clark . . .*

This week's PLAYER PROFILE

ONE of the key figures behind Oldham's successful Silk Cut Challenge Cup run has been the form of Aussie stand-off Brett Clark, the only ever-present in the side alongside skipper Mike Ford.

Brett has only missed a handful of games since playing Rugby League and puts his lack of serious injuries down to keeping out of trouble.

"I don't seem to get hurt that badly although I normally feel pretty sore on a Monday morning," says Brett, who has scored 10 tries in the First Division this season, five less than top scorer Paul Round.

However, Brett doesn't set himself any scoring targets. "I am not interested in breaking records. I'd much rather score tries that win us important games, like next Saturday's semi-final."

Like everyone at the club, Brett is looking forward to the Wigan semi-final and the chance to win through to Wembley, even though he's been there before.

"I was playing for St. Helens alongside Paul Round and John Fieldhouse. Unfortunately, we lost narrowly to Halifax, so I'd like to get the opportunity to go back there and collect a winner's medal!"

Brett, who is 30 in November, will be able to devote himself totally to his Wembley dream as wife Donna and his two children, Andrew, three, and Aaron, seven months, have flown back to Sydney for a couple of months.

"I'll miss them all while they are away but if we get through to Wembley they'll be back a couple of months earlier than planned!"



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*General
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WATERSHEDDINGS WHISPERS

WHAT a climax we're going to have to this season as we find ourselves 80 minutes from our first-ever Wembley appearance in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

We're more determined than ever before to reach Wembley's famous twin towers, especially as we came so close last season to taking part in Rugby League's most glamorous and prestigious match of the season.

Wigan stand in our way, and although we may start as underdogs anything can happen in 80 minutes.

Your support, as always, will help tremendously on the day when we take our last step to reach our Wembley dream. The more colourful you look, the greater the inspiration to the players.

You can stock up on all the latest Oldham RLFC souvenirs by simply calling in at the Watersheddings Souvenir Shop, which has numerous items for sale, including our distinctive replica shirts.

A new item coming into the shop are special rosettes for the semi-final.

A full list of what's available and at what cost can be found on page 25. Take a close look. There's something for everyone — young and old.

Talking of Wembley, don't forget the special offer for the Silk Cut Challenge Cup Final.

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

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And don't forget, we're on the lookout for agents to help build our membership of our highly successful Cashline Society, which has proved to be an invaluable fund-raiser for the club.

We'll be hosting a special evening for existing and potential Cashline agents at the Sheddings Night-club next Wednesday (March 20th). It promises to be a great night out, with a comedian, live music and a chance to mix with the players and club's commercial team.

Finally, another one of my now famous gremlins crept into my word processor in my last Watersheddings Whispers column when I wrote that Cashline membership only costs 50p per week.

It is, in fact, £1 per week. We increased the weekly subscription so we could offer members a bumper £500 payout every week in addition to the daily £100 cash prize to give them even better value for money.

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JOHN'S FEBRUARY'S MAN

JOHN FIELDHOUSE received a boost before last Saturday's Cjlk Cut Challenge Cup quarter-final when he was presented with an inscribed tankard and £100 cheque after being selected the Boddingtons Bitter player of the month for February by award judge Roger Halstead.

Boddingtons representative Ken Regan presented John with the award before the match started.

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 workrate and the fact that he has taken on the added responsibility of coaching duties, too. For many players this extra duty would be a hindrance. It is obvious, however, that it is bringing the best out of John Fieldhouse."



LAST CHANCE TO VOTE TODAY!

TODAY is your last chance to influence the voting for the Boddingtons Bitter player of the year as this is the final insertion of the FREEPOST coupon in the club's match-day programme.

Already we've had plenty of votes but we want as many fans as possible to influence the final decision of this prestigious award.

Remember, all you have to do is select the player you think has been consistently outstanding throughout the year.

At the same time you can vote for the Boddingtons Bitter young player of the year and nominate your choice for the Boddingtons Bitter supporter of the year.

The announcement of the winner of the Boddingtons Bitter young player of the year will take place before the Wigan home game on April 1st, on Easter Monday.

The Boddingtons Bitter player of the year and supporter of the year presentations will take place at the last home game of the season against Hull on April 14th.

Last year's winner of the player of the year award was Mike Ford, with Tommy Martyn collecting the young player of the year title.

Brenda Rogers won the Supporter of the Year competition.

PADDY'S BUSY TIME

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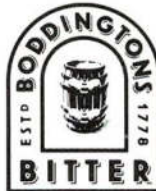
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BODDINGTONS TEAM CHECK

SUNDAY, MARCH 17th, 1991



OLDHAM

Team Changes

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

SHEFFIELD

Team Changes

- 1 KEITH MUMBY
- 2 DAVID NELSON
- 3 DAVID MYCOE
- 4 RICHARD PRICE
- 5 ANDY YOUNG
- 6 DARRYL POWELL
- 7 MARK ASTON
- 8 PETER TUNKS
- 9 MICK COOK
- 10 HUGH WADDELL
- 11 PAUL BROADBENT
- 12 ANDY BATEMAN
- 13 ANTHONY FARRELL
- 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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11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

Referee:
Mr. D. Carter (Widnes)

Touch Judges:
Mr. J. Chamberlain (Red Flag)
Mr. K. Spencer (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	14	0	0	0	2	8
Keith Atkinson	6	6	3	0	2	16
Tony Barrow	3	1	0	0	0	0
Brett Clark	25	0	0	0	9	36
John Cogger	11	9	0	0	1	4
Austin Donegan	14	4	0	0	3	12
Ronnie Duane	16	1	0	0	1	4
John Fairbank	9	4	0	0	1	4
John Fieldhouse	16	1	0	0	1	4
Mike Ford	25	0	1	2	6	28
Des Foy	6	2	0	0	2	8
Norman Francis	14	0	0	0	4	16
John Henderson	9	0	0	0	2	8
Gary Hyde	3	1	1	0	1	6
Richard Irving	16	5	0	0	5	20
Paul Lord	17	0	0	0	7	28
Tommy Martyn	14	2	7	3	8	49
Charlie McAlister	17	4	1	0	4	18
Keith Newton	5	2	0	0	1	4
Duncan Platt	22	0	74	0	2	152
Derek Pyke	4	0	0	0	0	0
Steve Robinson	3	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Round	24	0	0	0	15	60
Andy Ruane	11	0	0	0	2	8
Richard Russell	22	2	0	0	5	20

Stones Bitter First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Castleford	21	9	0	1	251	123	6	0	5	239	241	30
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
Wigan	16	6	1	1	182	81	5	0	3	216	126	23
Leeds	21	7	1	3	302	178	4	0	6	191	200	23
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	22	6	2	3	212	186	2	1	8	144	297	19
Bradford	19	5	0	4	161	170	4	0	6	143	192	18
Wakefield	19	6	1	3	167	102	2	0	7	112	224	17
OLDHAM	20	5	0	5	201	191	2	0	8	164	260	14
Sheffield	21	3	0	7	184	231	3	2	6	164	247	14
Rochdale	21	1	0	9	153	342	0	0	11	96	379	2

● The table does NOT include this week's midweek games

NEXT HOME GAME

v WIGAN (April 1st, kick-off 3 p.m.)

NEXT AWAY GAME (Burnden Park)

v WIGAN (March 23rd, kick-off 3 p.m.)
(Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final)

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	—	Irving	Foy	Henderson	Lord	Clark	Ford g	Pyke	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round 1	McAlister 1	Duane	Martyn 1	Newton
Leeds	9.9.90	H	3.00	W	32-22	6,238	—	Irving	Martyn 1 g	Duane	Lord	Clark	Ford 1 g dg	Pyke	Ruane	Newton 1	Round 1	McAlister 1	Cogger	Russell*	Donegan*
Wakefield	16.9.90	A	3.30	L	12-17	5,651	8	Irving 1	Martyn 1 g	Duane	Lord	Clark	Ford	Pyke	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round 1	McAlister	Cogger	Russell*	Fairbank*
Castleford	26.9.90	H	7.30	W	29-22	5,101	6	Francis 1	Martyn 1	Duane	Lord	Clark	Ford	Pyke	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round 1	McAlister	Barrow	Donegan	Fairbank*
Widnes	2.10.90	A	7.00	L	16-24	7,261	8	Francis	Irving	Duane	Lord	Clark	Ford 1	Pyke	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round 1	McAlister	Barrow	Donegan*	Donegan*
Hull KR	7.10.90	H	3.00	L	25-28	4,710	—	Francis	Martyn 2 g dg	Irving	Lord	Clark	Ford 1	Pyke	Russell	Fairbank	Round 2	McAlister	Cogger	Barrow*	Donegan*
Sheffield	14.10.90	A	3.15	W	24-14	5,500	6	Francis 1	Irving	Duane	Lord	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Russell	Fairbank 1	Round 1	Barrow	Cogger	Newton*	Hyde
Wigan	4.11.90	H	3.00	L	15-38	13,847	8	Francis	Martyn g dg	Anderson 1	Lord	Clark	Ford	Fairbank	Russell	Newton	Round 1	Duane	Cogger	Irving	Allen
Bradford N	11.11.90	H	3.00	L	16-18	5,874	8	Hyde g	Martyn 2 g	Anderson	Lord	Clark	Ford	Fairbank	Russell	Newton	Round 1	Duane	Cogger	Irving	Allen
Castleford	18.11.90	A	3.30	L	10-28	5,974	10	Francis	Martyn	Anderson	Lord	Clark	Ford	Fairbank	Russell	Round	Duane	McAlister g	Cogger	Hyde	Allen
Widnes	25.11.90	H	3.00	L	16-24	5,421	12	Francis	Irving	Anderson	Lord	Clark	Ford	Fairbank	Russell	Round	Duane	McAlister	Cogger	Hyde	Allen
Salford (Legal Trophy)	21.12.90	H	3.00	W	26-6	4,932	—	Francis 1	Anderson	Martyn	Lord	Clark	Ford	Donegan 1	Russell 1	Fairbank	Round	McAlister	Cogger	Irving 1	Allen
Bedley (Legal Trophy)	9.12.90	A	3.00	L	16-20	2,054	—	Francis	Anderson	Irving	Lord	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Russell 1	Fairbank	Round 1	McAlister	Cogger	Duane	Fieldhouse
Hull	16.12.90	A	6.30	L	31-4	5,500	12	Platt	Anderson	Henderson	Lord	Clark	Ford	Fieldhouse	Russell	Fairbank	Round	Adkinson	Duane	Foy	McAlister
Rochdale	26.12.90	H	3.00	W	18-13	4,818	11	Francis 1	Anderson	Henderson	Lord	Clark	Ford	Donegan 1	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round	Adkinson	Duane	Martyn	McAlister
Leeds	11.1.91	A	3.00	L	12-28	11,587	12	Francis	Anderson	Henderson	Lord	Clark	Ford	Donegan 1	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round	Adkinson	Duane	Irving	McAlister
Featherstone	6.1.91	H	3.00	L	16-20	4,753	12	Francis	Martyn	Henderson	Lord	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Ruane	Fieldhouse	Round 1	Adkinson g	Duane	Cogger	McAlister
Hull KR	13.1.91	A	3.00	L	14-42	480	12	Francis	Martyn 21	Henderson	Irving	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Ruane	Fieldhouse	Round	Adkinson	Russell	Cogger	McAlister
Wakefield	20.1.91	H	6.30	W	26-22	4,938	12	Irving	Henderson 1	Martyn	Anderson	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Ruane	Fieldhouse	Round	Adkinson	Russell	Cogger	McAlister
Featherstone	27.1.91	A	3.30	L	20-28	4,291	12	Robinson	Henderson	Anderson	Irving	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Ruane	Fieldhouse	Round	Adkinson	Russell	Cogger	McAlister
St Helens	3.2.91	H	3.00	L	16-20	5,319	—	Anderson 1	Martyn	Anderson	Robinson	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Ruane	Fieldhouse	Round	Adkinson	Russell	Cogger	McAlister
Barley (SCCC End 1)	17.2.91	A	2.30	W	38-6	1,300	—	Irving 1	Foy 1	Duane	Anderson	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Ruane 21	Fieldhouse	Round	McAlister	Russell	Cogger	Adkinson
Warrington (SCCC End 2)	24.2.91	A	3.00	W	20-15	5,500	—	Robinson	Foy	Duane 1	Irving	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Ruane	Fieldhouse	Round 1	McAlister	Russell	Cogger	Adkinson
Bradford	3.3.91	A	3.00	W	37-10	4,029	11	Irving	Foy 1	Anderson	Henderson	Clark	Ford dg 21	Donegan	Ruane	Fieldhouse	Round 1	McAlister	Russell	Cogger	Adkinson
Salford (SCCC QF)	10.3.91	H	3.00	W	40-3	6,500	—	Irving 21	Foy	Anderson	Henderson 1	Clark	Ford 1	Donegan	Ruane	Fieldhouse	Round 1	McAlister	Russell	Cogger	Adkinson
St. Helens	13.3.91	A	7.30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheffield	17.3.91	H	3.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wigan (SCCC SF)	23.3.91	—	3.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rochdale	29.3.91	A	3.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wigan	14.91	H	3.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Warrington	7.4.91	A	3.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hull	14.4.91	H	3.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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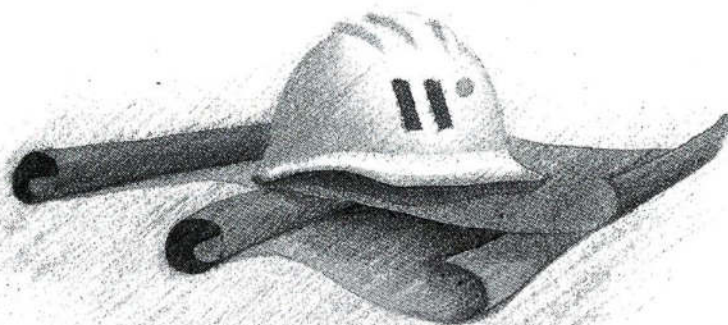
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A-TEAM ROUND-UP



The Coach's View

TWO games in three days is always a demanding schedule, but when the teams involved are third, fourth and fifth place in the league, then the matches take on an extra significance.

We started the week in fifth place, with the first visitors on Wednesday being Leeds, who occupied fourth spot. The welcome return of John Fairbank and Shaun Allen, following lengthy injury lay-offs, provided me with the opportunity to rest a couple of players who had played in all our recent matches.

Leeds came with a good reputation and included a number of first-team players in their line-up, but the Oldham players not only matched their opposite numbers but outplayed them in nearly all departments, and so a game we thought would be a close and hard-fought affair turned into a fairly comfortable victory by 25-6.

Tries by Mitchell and Pachniuk gave us a half-time lead of 11-0 while further second-half tries by Francis, Newton and Joynt secured the win and saw us leapfrog over Leeds into fourth place in the league.

Friday brought third-placed Halifax to Water-sheddings in what turned out to be a tremendous game of Rugby League.

Both teams gave 100%, with no quarter asked or given by either side. The willingness to try and play open rugby, coupled with some bone-jarring tackling from both sides, made this an excellent game to watch and to play in.

Ian Bates opened the scoring with a try converted by Pachniuk. This was countered by a converted try to Halifax, giving a half-time score of 6-6.

The second half was a game for those who enjoy the physical confrontation rugby provides. No further tries were scored, but the superior discipline of the Oldham side saw us sustain periods of pressure which resulted in three penalty goals and a drop goal for man-of-the-match Richard Pachniuk and a winning margin of 13-6.

It was difficult to single out individuals in what was a superb team performance which took us to third place in the Alliance League.

Gary Hyde

Slalom Lager Alliance Fixtures

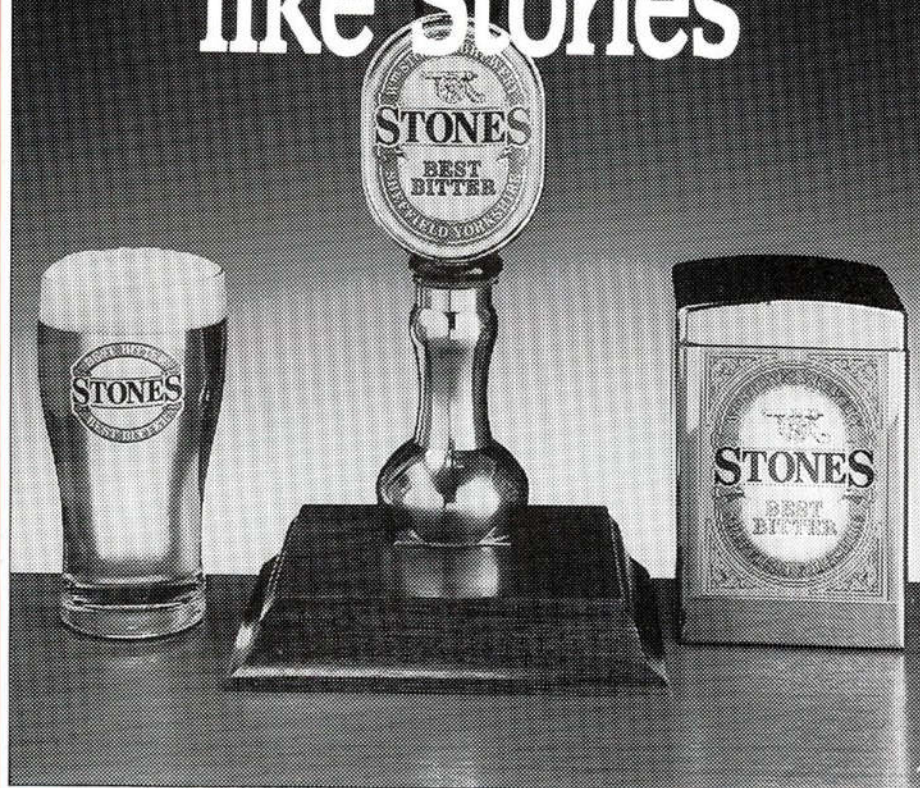
Date	Opponents	Venue	Res	F	A
Aug 31	St Helens	H	W	32-8	
Sept 7	Leeds	A	L	12-18	
14	Wakefield	H	W	18-12	
21	Salford	A	W	22-17	
28	Widnes	H	W	34-10	
Oct 5	Workington (Lancs Shield)	H	W	28-10	
11	Leigh (Thurs)	A	L	8-24	
21	Wigan (Lancs Shield)	H	L	14-16	
Nov 2	Warrington	H	W	34-6	
9	Widnes	A	L	6-28	
16	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	
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	W	25-6	
8	Halifax	H	W	13-6	
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	22	20	0	2	594	284	40
Castleford	20	14	0	6	551	365	28
OLDHAM	21	12	0	9	394	359	24
Halifax	21	11	1	9	438	464	23
Hull KR	19	11	0	8	355	337	22
Leeds	20	10	0	10	447	419	20
Widnes	19	9	0	10	469	438	18
Featherstone	20	8	1	11	421	427	17
St Helens	20	8	1	11	477	493	17
Wigan	20	8	1	11	405	453	17
Wakefield	20	8	0	12	364	422	16
Warrington	20	8	0	12	437	502	16
Salford	20	7	0	13	342	472	14
Leigh	20	5	0	15	320	579	10

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Lancashire Domination of Challenge Cup

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Steve's Points Run

SALFORD'S Steve Kerry is the only player to have played and scored in every match for his club this season — a run of 30 matches at the time of going to press. So far he has scored 309 points, with 129 goals, five drop goals and 14 tries. If he remains top goal scorer, Steve will collect £5 for every goal.

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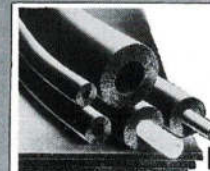
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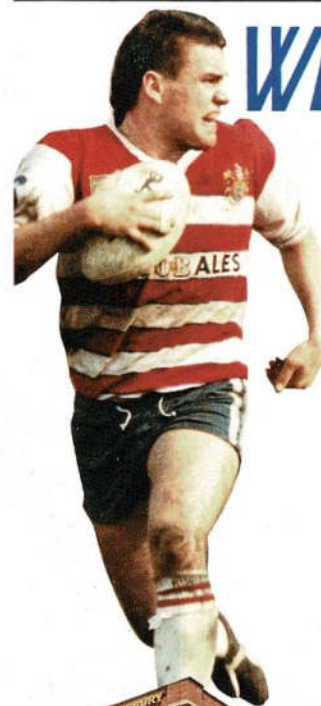
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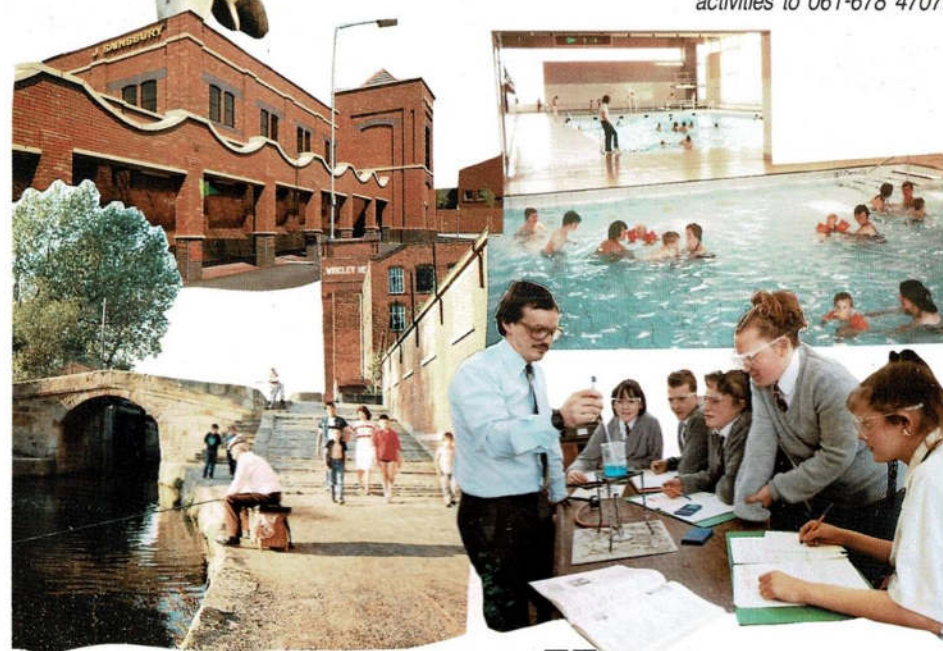
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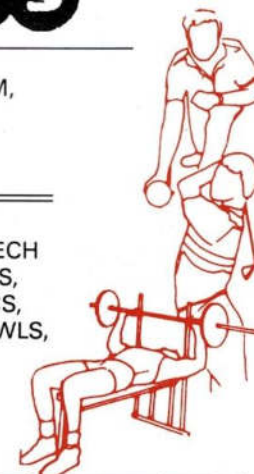
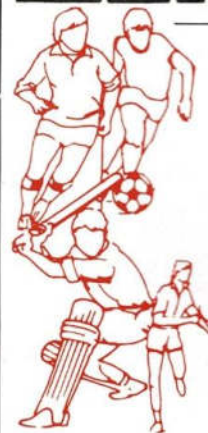
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