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To this Quarter-final fixture of the Lancashire Cup we welcome to Knowsley Road this evening Peter Tunks (former Canterbury Bulldogs and Australian Test prop) and his Oldham team, staff, directors and supporters.

I am of the opinion that the promotion-relegation systems need further scrutiny when the calibre of teams like Oldham and Sheffield, who showed competence and competitiveness last season, are now in the 2nd Division. 16 1st Division sides and eliminate one or two of the Clayton's Cups?

I respect tradition but realistically - saturation at the expense of a sharper athlete and a stronger comp.

The Trafford Borough game to the 'speccies' must have been like watching the backhand and forehands of Wimbledon with the return volleys less effective from our visitors. The pre-dominant pace of our three quarters was expressed where the try ratio was evenly proportioned.

Mike McClennan

The scoring of a try is one of great elation to the scorer and his team mates but the celebrations that follow will, with my team, be in accordance to the principles of respect and dignity to the opposition.

I tell my players that one of the main reasons that they play the game is that they can share and rejoice in tries that are scored and that they can embrace each other when the final hooter signifies a victory because it is an expression of jubilation. But - what I will not tolerate is the 'Show-Pony' antics that are characteristic of some 'Big-Heads' I've seen.

Bernard Dwyer deputised quite well in the goal-kicking role and Freddy showed that age is irrelevant when you are a true and fully committed professional. Commiserations to Phil Veivers who copped a bad one to the head and 15 days abstinence from training and playing is his penalty for being the innocent party.

IN TOUCH

WITH MIKE MCCLENNAN



IN THE "KNOW"

BEHIND THE SCENES AT KNOWSLEY ROAD

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Black cats in the vicinity of Knowsley Road should be kept indoors until Saints' injury crisis is over. Rumour has it that someone has recently run over a couple of these feline symbols of good fortune - hence Saints' astonishing run of ill-luck.

LOKKERS

Top-gun Paul Loughlin should now be out of hospital following his fractured arm and dislocated wrist at Swinton on Sunday. Paul should be back for December. Happy Christmas kid!

OTHERS

Jonathan Griffiths and leading try scorer Allan Hunte will both be out for another month, but popular second rower Sonny Nickle might just make it back for the Castleford match this Sunday.

BARLA internationals Mike Riley and Darren O'Brien,

who have been outstanding at Alliance level also picked up weekend knocks.

O'Brien, who figured so well at fullback in the senior side at Swinton, has been in sensational form since switching to 'scrum half in reserve grade. Watch out Bish', Darren's now on four shredded-wheat a day.

TABLE TOPPERS

Come on you statisticians! When did Saints' last top the table at First Division and Alliance level? Don't ask me, but let's hope it stays that way for the rest of the season.

O.K. so we didn't play too well at Swinton as a team, but big games from little Bish', Gary Connolly and Kevin Ward saw us through in the end. As Mike McClennan said at the final whistle, "!!*!*!" (That's Kiwi for "dear me").

COMMITMENT PLUS

For pure, raw, undiluted commitment, Saints' under-strength Alliance side has got what it takes. Last Friday, saw them shoot down a Leeds side containing three-quarters of a million pounds of talent. Details of the match are reported elsewhere, but I must comment on the prodigious

work-rate of young forward Dave Lever. Never still, Dave makes everyone else look unemployed. Keep an eye on this 20 year old.

THE RUSSIANS ARE HERE

Watching their first ever game of Rugby League tonight are a group of Russian Industrialists over here to study the free market economy as practiced in the West. Let's hope their stay is worthwhile in a Rugby League sense too.

AND THE AUSSIES

On Sunday at the Cas' game, we will be joined by Aussie Grand Final victors Penrith who are over here to take on Wigan in the World Club Championship match. Whether you greet them in local dialect ("Yalrite cock?") or Aussie ("G'd die mite"), they surely merit a warm welcome.

DINERS CLUB

Book a date for the Sportmans Dinner at Knowsley Road on the 22nd November (Friday). An excellent meal, superb entertainment and splendid company. Tickets from Jimmy O'Sullivan, George Darwin and George Connelly, priced at £12.50. Give yourself a pre-Christmas treat.

SAINTS CENTURY

As I write these notes, I've just about got my breath back after Saints demolition of Trafford Borough here last Sunday-week. For those of you who slept for the last ten days the final score was 104-12. Saints second ever highest points total. The final score probably was a fair reflection on the difference in class and ability of the two sides and no disrespect to Trafford, but they were probably the worst side I've seen at Knowsley Road. Thank God Saints played! Far too often lowly clubs have come to Saints and have left beaten but not disgraced due to a lackluster Saints performance, but not Trafford - they were obliterated. Some people believe that results like the Trafford game are bad for the game in general. It probably is, and shows exactly why we had to have 3 Divisions this season, and possibly why sides in all cup competitions **should** be seeded. However, the win will certainly help the sides confidence on the park and has certainly given the Saints fans something different to shout about.

RECORD

For the record, as I said above, 104 points is Saints second ever century and second highest win. Anthony Sullivan became the first Saints substitute to come on and score a hat-trick and becomes the first Saints player to score three tries on his home debut. 20 tries equalled the club record-achieved against Carlisle who were beaten 112 nil here five seasons ago. Hat-tricks for Allan Hunte,

Les Quirk and Anthony Sullivan shows exactly what happens when you introduce competition for places in the side as when Jonathan Griffiths and Paul Loughlin are fit it's possible these three stars will be fighting for two places. Bernard Dwyer has kicked goals before - in fact when he was younger he was an accomplished goal kicker. Before last Sunday-week, he'd kicked 10 and a drop goal for Saints first team - his 12 against Trafford puts him in joint 4th place along with Austin Rhodes (twice), John Walsh and Kel Coslett in the list of successful kicks in a game for Saints. Ahead of him are Paul Loughlin with 16 and Peter Fearis and Geoff Pimblett with 13 and for once the game seemed more one sided than the "Sidelines" column in your programme - quite an achievement!

INJURIES

On the blackside, severe concussion suffered by Phil Veivers following, in my opinion, one of the worst tackles I've seen, means that Phil is unable to train never-mind play, for 15 days after the game, and winger Allan Hunte suffered a knee injury, and will probably miss Saints next few games.

COUNTY CAP

The rest of the ties went very much as planned and the draw for the 2nd Round of the Lancs Cup was:- Rochdale v Salford; Wigan v Leigh; Saints v Oldham and Workington v Carlisle. No surprises in the Talking Rugby predictions - Salford, Wigan, Saints and Workington for the semis.

TALKING RUGBY

WITH BILL BATES

FASTEST TRY

At Batley, Castleford's Tawera Nikau scored the fastest try of the season - possibly ever after just nine seconds in his sides 36-12 Yorkshire Cup 1st Round win. Apparently a Batley defender dropped the ball from the kick off and Castleford's ace Kiwi test star scooped up the loose ball and scored beneath the posts - quite an achievement.

SCHOFIELD LOSES LEEDS CAPTAINCY

Ellery Hanley replaced Gary Schofield as Leeds captain for their Yorkshire Cup 1st Round visit to Hull, which they lost 16-11, fueling rumours that the Great Britain stand off is unhappy about the move and may ask for a transfer.

GOOD LUCK & CONGRATULATIONS

Good luck to Roy Haggerty and best wishes for a successful career at Barrow. Roy joined other ex Saint Tony Kay at the "Shipbuilders" for a reported £15,000. In his 12 years at Saints Roy made 320 appearances for Saints scoring 115 tries and 20 drop goals. Finally, tonight I'd like to send my congratulations and best wishes to Alan and Karen Southall and to Stephen and Yvonne Parker on their recent marriages and to Eric Whalley on his recent retirement.

ACTION REPLAY

v TRAFFORD BOROUGH 15.9.91



▲ **NO WAY THROUGH!** - Jonathan Neill is brought to a halt with ex-Saints Gary Ainsworth looking on.



▲ **ON THE BREAK!** - Kevin Ward breaks yet another tackle in last week's Lancashire Cup encounter

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THE MEN SAINTS FACE TODAY OLDHAM

Shaun Allen

A hard-working member of the pack, Shaun joined Oldham from St. Helens in the Tony Barrow era. He has figured in many of Oldham's most important matches in recent seasons and has returned to the senior squad under Peter Tunks after impressing in pre-season training.

Keith Atkinson

Local lad, Keith came through via the Colts and played in France for Great Britain Colts a year or two ago. Full of courage, he is one of the unluckiest players in the game, twice having returned to action in the second-row after major spinal surgery.

Tony Barrow

Prop or second-row, aged 19, and the son of Oldham's former coach of the same name. Tony jnr. played junior RL in his native St. Helens, earned county honours as an under-17 and followed his father to Watersheddings where he is emerging as a hard working forward.

Ian Bates

Dewsbury boy and the nephew of former GB internationals,

Alan and John Bates. Small, but with the heart of a lion. Basically a scrum-half, but can play at stand-off, hooker or even full-back, anywhere in fact, where he is asked to worry the opposition.

Richard Blackman

A Londoner, Richard made his way north to Dewsbury to play for Dewsbury Moor, Yorkshire and Great Britain youth before signing for Oldham two years ago. Fast, tricky and elusive, he impressed in the pre-season Carlisle sevens and will be looking for a senior chance this season, on the wing.

David Bradbury

Signed from Leigh Miners after touring New Zealand with the BARLA under-19 squad, David is a strong-running loose-forward, who impressed on Oldham's pre-season tour of France.

Gary Burns

Stand-off or scrum-half, Gary is a typical Widnesian and a typical half-back... cheeky, with a touch of humour! Reminds one a lot of Ray Ashton at his age and if he plays as well, he'll do all right. Toured New Zealand with BARLA.

Richard Irving

A blockbusting winger from the Huddersfield area, Richard won youth international honours before turning pro for Oldham in Eric Fitzsimons's first spell at Watersheddings. Played regularly in the first team for the past couple of seasons.

Chris Joynt

A young man from Wigan whom Oldham believe will have a big

future. Chris is 19 and he joined Oldham after winning county youth honours in the same team as Tony Barrow junior. Went to Australia last summer, along with his Oldham colleagues Paddy Mitchell and Richard Pachniuk, to play for a NSW country team.

Simon Longstaff

Simon was a young man whom many clubs were chasing. Almost joined Oldham in the first instance, but opted for Halifax and finally came to Watersheddings towards the end of the 1990-91 season when things did not work out for him at Thrum Hall. A versatile player, he could have made a big name for himself in athletics but has chosen Rugby League - and Oldham - to make it big in sport.



▲ VINCE NICKLIN

Charlie McAlister

A New Zealander, Charlie signed for Oldham three years ago from Bradford and Bingley RU club in Yorkshire. Can play centre or second-row and is also a good goal-kicker. A powerful man, Charlie has played in Australia and has just been appointed as the club's vice-captain.

Barrie McDermott

Strong and powerful despite his 19 years, local boy Barrie is yet another member of the BARLA squad to throw in his lot with Oldham. He is a dedicated young professional and he's quickly made enough impression to earn a place on the bench in Oldham's early season matches.

Tommy Martyn

A player of exciting potential, Tommy is the son of former Leigh, Warrington and GB forward Tommy Martyn and the nephew of Mick Martyn, who set scoring records as a forward with Leigh in the early 60's. He is a stand-off or centre, who can 'sniff' tries out of nothing - a 'poacher' of the Rugby League variety who can turn a match at a stroke.

John Maxwell

John is a forward with a promising future, but illness and injury have restricted his appearances so far. Deserves more luck and has the pedigree to do well when he gets it.

Keith Newton

One of the more experienced players in a young squad, Keith had several seasons with home

town club Widnes before signing for Oldham for £12,000 during Tony Barrow's reign as coach. A hard working prop or second row man, he can bob on a bit when the gap appears. Prefers second row.

Vince Nicklin

An Aussie with a New Zealander's passport. Vince came to Oldham from Sydney via Limoux in France. Sort that one out! As a boy he played with St. George and Easts in Sydney, before making a name for himself in France and then joining Oldham in the summer. Currently playing full back, but can also operate at half back, stand off or in the centre.

Richard Pachniuk

A 20 year old from Dewsbury with Polish grandparents, Richard starred in the 'A' team last season, did well pre-season in France and made his debut in the first home game of the current season against Leigh. A clever, creative, thinking type of hooker, he is expected to go a long way.

Paul Round

One of the most respected and well known forwards in the Rugby League, Paul signed for Oldham from St. Helens for £65,000 four years ago. The fee was set by tribunal and at the time was an Oldham club record. A long striding running forward, he has recently been elevated to club captain, a position which he regards as a great honour.

Richard Russell

A local lad who arrived "home"

at Watersheddings via Wigan. Played for Wigan on the wing in the World Club Championship match against Manly but is now regarded as a hooker or loose forward. Creative player with an excellent pair of hands.

Tim Street

Career followed a similar pattern to Russell's. Local lad he signed for Wigan and then moved to Leigh and Swinton before joining Oldham in the summer in a swap move, with John Fairbank and Neil Clawson going to Station Road. A strong prop, Tim earned GB Colts and Under 21 honours during his Wigan days.

Steve Warburton

Steve was the BARLA open age international stand off last season. He signed for Oldham from Warrington amateur club Woolston and made his debut as substitute against Hull in the last match of last season. Did well and enhanced his reputation further in France. A clever attacking player with poise and class.



▲ STEVE WARBURTON

PASSING BACK

A NOSTALGIC LOOK AT
PAST ENCOUNTERS



POST WAR LANCs CUP ENCOUNTERS

20th September 1954	LC2	Oldham 20 St. Helens 9
20th October 1956	LCF ^w	Oldham 10 St. Helens 3
2nd October 1957	LCSF	St. Helens 9 Oldham 29
25th October 1958	LCF ^{sw}	Oldham 12 St. Helens 2
2nd October 1961	LC2	St. Helens 30 Oldham 7
2nd October 1962	LCSF	Oldham 8 St. Helens 10
25th October 1968	LCF ^w	St. Helens 30 Oldham 2
31st August 1975	LC1	Oldham 17 St. Helens 19
27th September 1989	LC2	St. Helens 6 Oldham 36

Record	PL	W	D	L	F	A	GD
	9	4	0	5	118	141	-23

POST WAR CUP TIES

Record	PL	W	D	L	F	A	GD
	25	19	1	6	399	250	+149

DIVISION ONE

Record	PL	W	D	L	F	A	GD
	22	18	0	4	506	295	+211

Key: ^{sw} - Swinton ^w - Wigan.

As can be seen from above Oldham slightly hold the upper hand in Lancashire Cup encounters, mainly due to 4 successive wins over Saints in the late 1950's including 2 Final successes in 1956 and 1958. However, Saints hit back to win the next 4 meetings including the 1968 final before the Roughyeds defied all the odds in 1989 when as a Second Division side they came to Knowsley Road and murdered Saints 36-6. On the other hand, in Post war cup ties overall and Division One encounters Saints have been far superior. To date this season, Oldham have made a very good start defeating 1st Division Swinton 22-21 in the 1st Round ten days ago, beating Leigh in their first home league encounter 46-19 and drawing with Sheffield Eagles at Don Valley on the opening day of the season 16 all, young star Tommy Martyn scoring in each game, and are hot favourites to

win the 2nd Division title under new coach Peter Tunks. Last season they were relegated for the 6th time after a very disappointing league campaign, despite fine home wins over Castleford, Hull, Leeds and Warrington. Oldham, with 20 points from their 26 league games from 10 wins, but only 3 wins away from Watersheddings proved their achilles heel. In the respective cup competitions they had rather mixed fortunes coming only eighty minutes away from Wembley before losing to eventual winners Wigan at Burnden Park Bolton 30 points to 16 in the semis - on route winning at Bramley 38-6 and Workington 20-15 and at home to Salford 40-3. In the Lancs Cup Salford knocked Oldham out at the Willows at the 1st stage 27-24 and in the Regal Trophy a fine home win over Salford 26-6 was followed by an embarrassing 2nd Round exit at lowley Batley 20-16.

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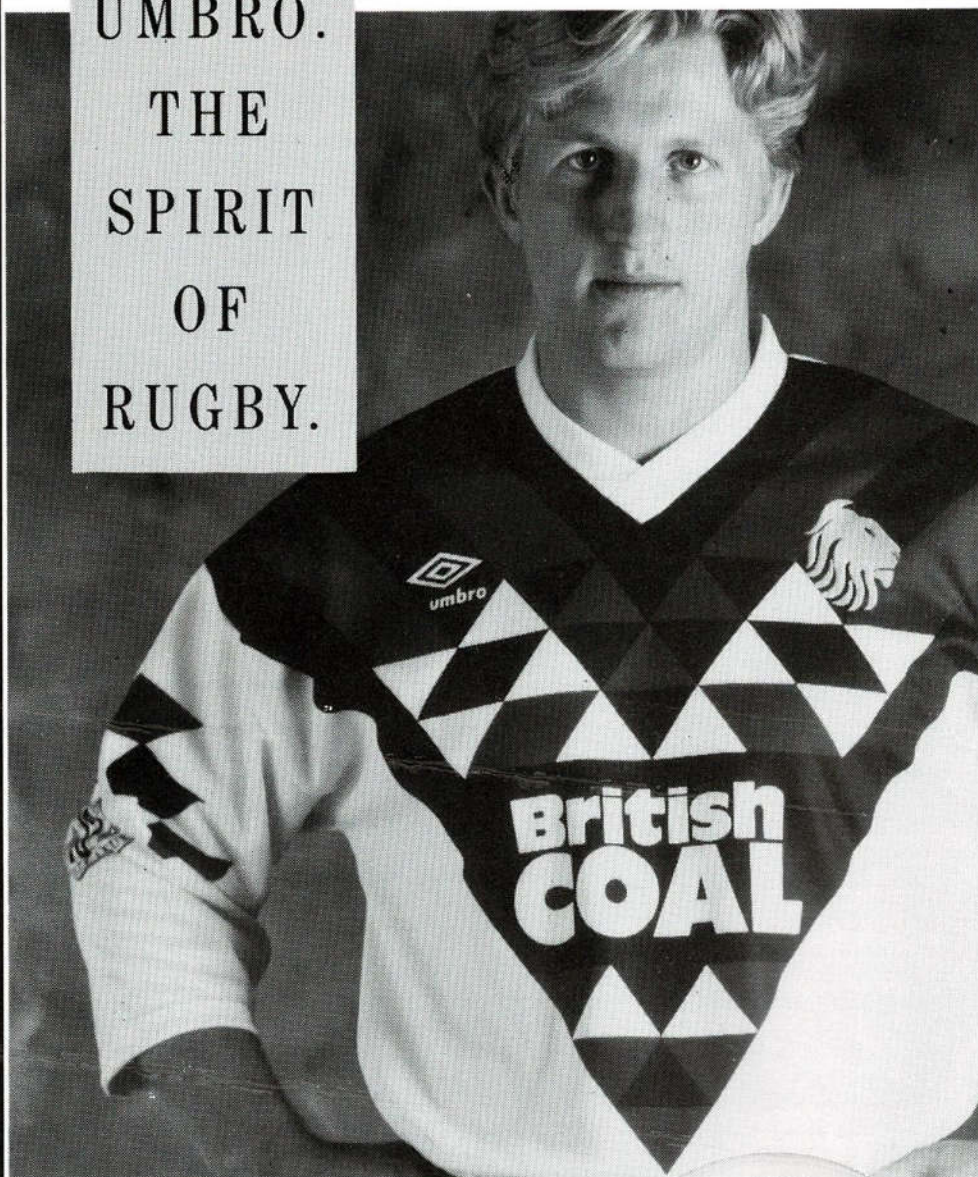
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Many a doughty Rugby League team can trace its origins to a band of enthusiasts conjuring up the idea while downing a pint of bitter in a tap-room 'commitee meeting'.

But the tippie was nothing stronger than dandelion and burdock laced with sarsaparilla when a side destined to make its mark on the local amateur scene was born in 1946.

Johnson's Temperance Bar, Liverpool Road, was the focal point from where the celebrated Glover's Ropery outfit burst onto the 13-a-side stage - a fitting venue when it is considered that most of the imbibers were under age at the time.

Prime movers in orchestrating the youngsters into a feared force were former Saints full-back and Ropery boss Charlie Crooks, and stalwart Bill 'Bumper' Cardwell, from Lewis Street, who took up the teams managerial reigns.

Liverpool Road newsagent Crooks, who appeared in the Wembley defeat by Widnes in 1930, was instrumental in supplying his new charges with both a blue-and-white strip and the benefit of his vast experience.

Taking their name from a Glover-Street based wire works, where many found employment, the Ropery graced the Under-19 League for just three seasons, but remained unbeaten throughout and picked up silverware galore.

A record breaking 119-0 victory over Haresfinch was arguably the highpoint of a remarkable run of success-a win which came on the day Cahoo Cottage won the Grand National at odds which also hit the century mark.

A pictorial gem of those distant days has been unearthed and, although it is not suitable for reproduction, identification of the line-up should set tongues

wagging in the pubs and clubs around the Sainly borough.

On the back row are Ged Smith, Gerry Dwyer, Josh Maloney, Harry Bacon, Derek Sephton, Ken McCawley and Bill Cardwell. Front row reads Ronnie Collins, John Fairhurst, Fred Halton, Les Barrow, (captain), Norman Thompson, Jack Bamber and Joe Dingsdale.

Most of the group will now be over or around the 60 mark, and understandably with the passage of time, several have died, including Dwyer, Bacon, Halton, Sephton and Maloney.

No doubt they will now have the ball out in the great beyond but, as for the rest, it is a fascinating exercise to cast a reflective eye on those Ropery stalwarts of the early post-war years when Rugby League was booming after years of grinding austerity.

The 'Sandbeds' (behind Liverpool Road), Brown Edge and the Recreation Park, Boundary Road, were among the pitches where Les Barrow's starlets pitted their skills against daunting opposition such as Clock Face, Thatto Heath and United Services.

'Clock' provided Pat Corbett for the Saints, and Josh Gaskell took the Knowsley Road ticket from the Services set-up, while Glover's Ropery could proudly point to Smith and Bamber (Warrington) and Halton and McCawley (Salford) as players who ventured into the professional ranks.

But probably their greatest claim to fame was that England and Saints stand-off Peter Metcalfe cut his oval ball teeth in the Ropery squad, at a time when other members of his family were helping to run the club.

Other misty-eyed memories of those days include loose-forward Barrow, a brilliant tactician, and centre Maloney, regarded as the

WHITTLES WORLD OF RUGBY

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best in the junior league at the time.

Facilities-wise Ropery had to content themselves with a bucket of cold water and a towel shared between 13 in often freezing temperatures. Brrrr!

Touchline characters and reseves abounded with the Tatlock and Lynch families, Dinkie Downie, Jackie McGill, Paddy Foy, Dickie Kelly and Bob Mellor being names to stir the ageing memory banks.

No doubt the spirit of those newspaper- and-string ball days around deepest Greenbank still burns brightly, and talk of a nostalgia-soaked reunion is indeed a welcoming prospect.

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SPOTLIGHT ON A SAINT

BERNARD DWYER



Be it a heavyweight forward or a flying wing threequarter there are few that tackling machine Bernard Dwyer cannot deal with, but he has been swept off his feet recently by a tiny tot who is proving to be quite a handful!

For another little lady has cooed her way into the affections of the tough-as-teak forward and wife Jackie doesn't mind one bit - having presented Bernard with his great big bundle of joy. Bouncing babe Kelly Marie made her debut at Whiston Hospital last month, weighing in at a bonny 9lbs 2 oz, and leaving a doting mum and dad wrestling with the knotty problem of organising a christening date that will not clash with the Saints fixture list.

Happy event number two for the delighted Dwyers came with Bernard's return to action after a nagging hamstring strain - just one of the many injuries that have bedevilled him since signing for Saints in 1984.

So the chunky 14 stone son of Thatto Heath was in understandably buoyant mood when I chatted to him as he nursed the good-as-gold new arrival at his Roby Street, Toll Bar, home.

'Double Agent' Bernard played both codes of rugby at St. Austins and Edmund Campion schools, gaining Merseyside, Lancashire and England under 16 Union caps, in company with a certain young placekicker named Shaun Edwards.

Fifteen-a-side with Moss Lane Colts and League with Saints under-17 squad was the Dwyer oval ball menu before taking the professional ticket, following recommendations to the Saints board by coaches Bob Dagnall and Johnny Fishwick.

But realisation of Bernard's dream of senior rugby became a nightmare due to injury setbacks, including jaw fractures against Castleford and Salford, plus vertebrae damage also sustained versus the Red Devils.

Typical of the man, the determined Dwyer fought his way back to fitness and strives to keep in peak condition through extra training stints and weightlifting sessions at Tom Tatlock's gym.

"Physiotherapist Jeanette Smith has played a big part in curing my pulled hamstring and has proved a real God-

send since arriving at Knowsley Road," said Bernard.

"When you are a little 'un like me you have to work hard to maintain maximum body strength," he chuckled, as I quietly took due account of the jumbo-sized shoulders and generally muscular frame. Summer 1989 found our subject guesting with Australian club Manly, a trip organised by Paul Vautin and Michael O'Conner who, like Dwyer, were in the Saints team hammered by Wigan at Wembley.

"I was substituted then," said Bernard, "and did not complete the action replay in the season's Cup Final due to a head wound needing 17 stitches which I suffered a few minutes from time. My collision with Andy Platt was a pure accident which left me groggy, but I recovered sufficiently to go up for my medal, while being chosen players' player-of-the-match helped ease the pain."

"But you were still talking 'broken biscuits' that night," chipped in Jackie, now fondly cuddling Kelly Marie after a slick 'straight from the coaching manual' pass from hubby Bernard.

And a quick glance at the Dwyer pedigree reveals that the Knowsley Road stalwart is a real chip off the old block with Dad, also named Bernard, a household name in schoolboy and junior rugby in his hey day.

I have personal recollection of St. Austins Shool half-backs Aurthur Pimblett and Tommy Finn forming a devastating mid-field trio with loose-forward 'BD' as Dwyer senior was known in the late 1940's and beyond.

And for good measure his wife Beryl is a sister of the late Norman Wills, a Lancashire schoolboy giant and contemporary of Saints vice-chairman Eric Ashton while at Rivington Road School.

What are the main hopes for the future then for a rejuvenated Bernard Dwyer junior?

"To steer clear of injury, keep my first team place, and find a job after being unemployed for some time," said a pack star famed for his on-the-field work rate.

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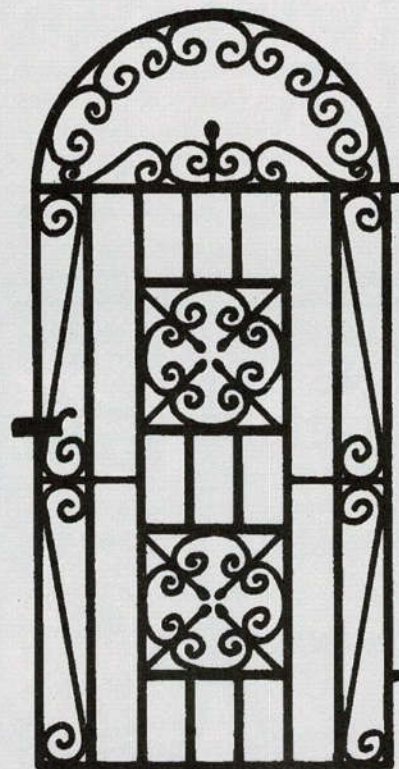
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2. Halifax.
3. Ellery Hanley (249).
4. Manly.
5. Billy Boston (31 with Wigan).
6. 18.
7. Ryedale York.
8. Gert Coetzer (for Wakefield versus Leeds 1968).
9. Cliff Watson, John Mantle and Tommy Bishop.
10. Austin Donegan and John Fieldhouse.

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A. Fred Terry. The opposing team are Dewsbury.

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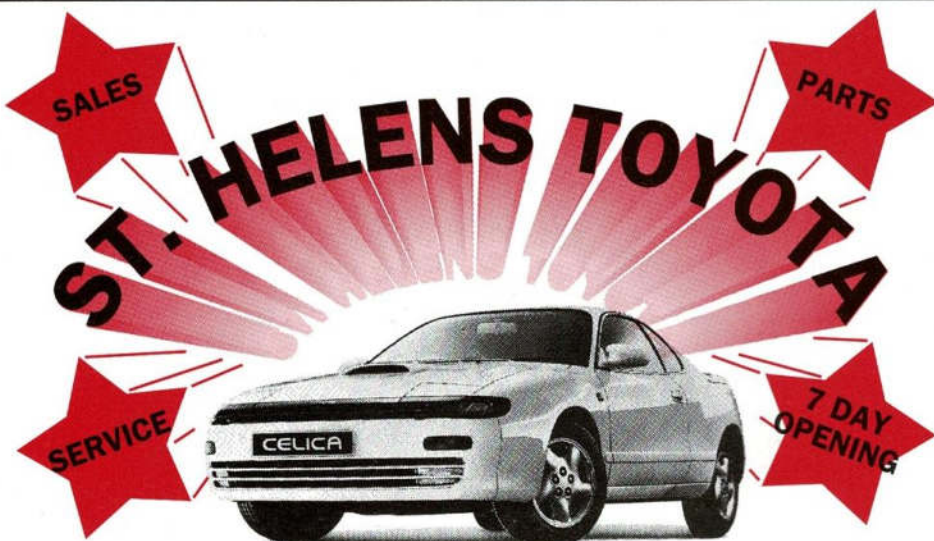
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The late Jim Sullivan is regarded as the greatest coach ever seen at Knowsley Road. He had what we would call today a thoroughly professional approach to the game. For Sully, winning was all that mattered. Indeed, such was the fear of complacency from his side that his favourite expression was always 'No mercy' - particularly against lowly opposition. It was interesting to read the comments of current coach Mike McClellan before the Trafford match, when he talked about no-one looking for a 'cheap win'. Like Jim Sullivan, Mike wanted no mercy from his team - regardless of the status of their opponents. That is the only way to play the game.

As everybody knows, the Saints' attacking machine treated the fans to a veritable riot of scoring, climaxed by Les Quirk's dazzling surge to score try number twenty and bring the score past the century mark for the second time in the Saints' history. Those looking for the shattering of individual records were to be disappointed, however, except for a memorable 12 goal performance from stand-in kicker Bernie 'The Boot' Dwyer. This more than makes up for a point-less

1990/91 season for the burly second rower. Yet Bernard's true value to the side is the way in which he prevents the opposition from scoring-by tackling way above his weight every time he takes the field!

Although the chase for the elusive 'ton' provided a thrilling last quarter, the incident in which Phil Veivers was concussed enraged spectators-especially when the assailant got off with barely a warning. I am certain that this was at the back of referee Connolly's mind when he dismissed the Trafford stand off Jones after a dangerous-looking tackle on Allan Hunte. Indeed the referee initially waved play on before the intervention of the linesman and Jones's subsequent dismissal. Perhaps the tackle looked worse because Hunte lost the ball, yet it certainly was not as damaging as the other offence-although Allan will doubtless argue to the contrary! Down to twelve men, Trafford's fate was sealed, capping the end of a hectic week in which they were lucky to field a team at all, according to former full back Steve Tickle. They accepted their defeat in a sporting manner, however, and I am sure we will wish them better luck for the rest of the season.

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The Saints now have the proud record of being the only team in the League to have reached the elusive century on two occasions. It would be wrong to play down the achievement-the look of sheer delight on young Sullivan's face when Quirk sailed over for the 'ton' said it all. A great boost for team spirit, certainly. Let us hope that the lads can go from strength to strength and bring back the Lancashire Cup to Knowsley Road for the first time since 1984.

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Leeds 102 Coventry 0 (LGE) 1912/13
Huddersfield 119 Swinton Park 0 (C.Cup) 1913/14
Wigan 116 Flimby and Fothergill 0 (C.Cup) 1924/25
St.Helens 112 Carlisle 0 (L.Cup) 1986/87
Hull K.R. 100 Nottingham City 6 (Y.Cup) 1990/91
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TEAM CHECK



ALIVE AND KICKING

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Full Time



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Richard Irving

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SCRUMS

IN SUPPORT

SAINTS SUPPORTERS CLUB

This evening we welcome all our friends from the Watersheddings for this Quarter-final match in the Greenalls Lancashire Cup. We also welcome ex-Saints Neil Holding and Paul Round on their return to Knowsley Road.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

This evening we welcome the opportunity to tell you a little about your own **Supporters Club**. It was re-formed in the mid 70s due to a few years lapse when people had been more involved in a social club. There are two committee members who have been involved since the re-launch - **Ron Roughley** and **Gerry (Ged) Moore** who was also involved with the 'old' Supporters Club. Your Chairman is **Gerry Moore** whose wife and family are long standing Saints supporters and whose son-in-law plays for Widnes. The Vice-Chairman is **John Powell** whose family are also involved in supporting Saints (even if it is only wife Barbara keeping his dinner warm!). Secretary is **Jenny Linker**, a Manchester United and Rugby Union convert who originates from Manchester and Treasurer is **Gordon McCully** who has also watched Saints for many years. Throughout the year we run Bingo evenings on a Monday night and

throughout the season we run various activities including Junior Saints who meet once a month, coaches to away matches, various duties on match days e.g. manning the car park and Supporters office, working the scoreboard and anything else that we are asked to do.

All the money that we raise is used, in some way, to help the fans. In recent years we have 're-vamped' the car park and behind the Eddington Stand, donated money to buy medical supplies for the fans First Aid Room, rebuilt the scoreboard (which is now the police control box) and various other small projects around the ground. We regularly have 'chats' with members of the Board of Directors, in particular with Mr. Bill Lyon who is our liason director and in fact, on **30th October**, we are holding another **Supporters Club Forum** in the Banqueting Room at 8pm when Supporters Club Members will have a chance to air their views. (Admission by production of Membership Card).

COACHES

IF THERE IS ENOUGH DEMAND we will take coaches to all representative matches. The first one of these is the World Cup Challenge Match between Wigan and Canberra/Penrith (outcome unknown at present) on 2nd October. We already have a few names on the list but please let us know as soon as possible.

MEMBERSHIP

May we remind supporters that your annual subscription is now due. We also welcome any new members. The annual fee is only 50p for adults and 25p for Senior

Citizens and Juniors (under 16). **Junior Saints members** are entitled to free membership of the Supporters Club. **The next Junior Saints meeting is on 7th October at 6pm.**

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO...

Carol Balderson, 16 recently from Mum, Dad, & family. **Joanne Mouldsdales**, from Mum, Dad, Marg, Bernie, Irene, Brenda & Cuthwyn. **Wilf Penketh**, steward on 'B' stand, who was 81 recently. **Joe Conlon-Perry**, one of our London supporters, who was 8 recently, from Auntie Maura, Uncle Jim, Alice & Emily. **Tony Tye**, (21 again) from family and all at St. Augustines. **Cath Twist**, from husband Tony & friends. **Theresa Wilson**, from husband Bernard, Mike & Emma.

Wedding Anniversary greetings to **Christine & Ron Hoofe** for last Saturday 21st September. (Ron says Chris deserves him!!!). Congratulations to **John & Barbara Powell** on the birth of their first granddaughter **Kirsty Joanne**.

Finally, apologies to our Chairman's wife, **Shirley Moore**. In the first programme this season I congratulated our Chairman on the birth of two more grandsons but I forgot to mention Shirley (the brains of the team!!).

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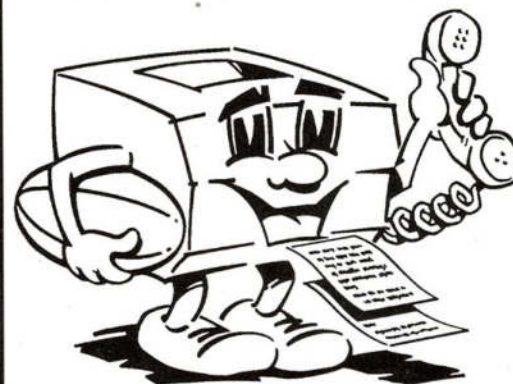
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HALF TIME QUIZ

- 1 Which former St. Helens centre coached Bradford Northern for a spell in the early 1960's?
- 2 What Rugby League record did former Salford star David Watkins establish during the 1972/73 season?
- 3 Who captained Castleford at Wembley in 1969?
- 4 Apart from Vollenhoven & Llewellyn, which two other players have scored 6 tries in a match for St. Helens?
- 5 Which club played for a spell at Roots Hall?
- 6 How many times did Hull KR win the Yorkshire Cup in the 1970's?
- 7 Who was the secretary of the St. Helens club before Geoff Sutcliffe?
- 8 Two defunct clubs have won the Lancashire Cup. Who are they?
- 9 Which ground has staged the highest number of Challenge Cup semi-finals?
- 10 Reg Gasnier, the famous Australian centre played for which Sydney club?



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Tonight's £5 letter comes from Brian Rigby from Crossley Road, Thatto Heath, who writes:

"Congratulations on an improved programme and let me be the first to ask Mike McClennan to give it another season after 1991/92. He is a first class coach and we won't get any better. Now for my question - after failing to sign Mal Meninga for a reported £250,000, can you tell us if there is anything planned as regards using the money which must be available?"

Back Chat Replies: Thanks for the comments Mr. Rigby. No doubt the answer about Mike McClennan will become clearer as the season goes on. At this stage Mike has said he's definitely going back to New Zealand but who knows?! Yes, Saints are still in the market for top players but only the best. As for the £250,000

BACK CHAT

THE FANS POINTS OF VIEW

(and it wasn't that much) - NO it wasn't there. It was obviously a gamble and the club was hoping Meninga would pay for himself through the increased gates. Rest assured though, Saints won't be lagging behind in the transfer market - look at Sonny Nickle and Anthony Sullivan . . . and anyway, how about donating your fiver to the fund!!!

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- George Mann.

"I don't want to leave Saints but I do want the right contract if I'm to sign a two year deal. Hopefully it

will all be sorted out soon."

- Stuart Evans on his contract dispute with the club.

"I'm gutted. I feel I'm in really good form after scoring six tries already. I just hope I'm back in action soon."

- Allan Hunte after picking up the knee injury against Trafford.



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FROM MELANIE WHITEHEAD



CANARIES TO CROSS YOUR HEARTS

I was concentrating so much on not missing another Saints try last week, that I didn't realise Trafford were down to 12 men until half an hour into the second half.

Like the majority of the crowd, I screamed for the poor man's blood when he tackled Allan Hunte - Allan's a martyr to his

team - what would Eddie Hemmings think of him?

Speaking of high tackles, it might interest you to know that Trafford's player who presented Phil Veivers with the opportunity to enjoy three quarters of the match in concussion land is an avid canary breeder, but it was Phil who had bluebirds flying round his head after that tackle.

Mike McClennan tells me that he's considering dropping forward giants, John Harrison and Jonathan Neill. He reveals their inability to score tries in the vital matches could prove crucial in the club's cup aspirations. Shame on you lads.

Big Bern (Viz readers will understand) had a great day with the old kicking boots. I loved the hush on the terraces when he stepped up to take the shot at 98-12. Bernard put a curfew on the scoring at the interval - only tries directly under the posts were acceptable - unless Barrie Ledger was coming back.

It was great to see Tony

Sullivan diving over for his hat trick - if I wasn't being bias I'd say 'Tony turned on a sixpence' before sending Cooper over - (Did anybody else see Shane smile? I think the new haircut has definitely gone to his head). Lazio have got Gazza's fancy footwork - or have they? We've got Sully's silky skills - try saying that after eight pints of McEwans Lager. The plug must be worth a free pint, eh Mike?

Before anyone has the chance to inform me that my reputation as a tipster has taken a nosedive - I know Warrington are out of the Lancashire Cup. What's the betting Wigan get a home game tie against the winners of the all Cumbrian tie though? Uncle Maurice has already got the balls well shaken - if you pardon the phrase.

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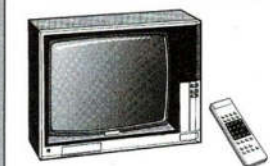
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| 2. David MYERS | (Wigan) 4 |
| = Tony SMITH | (Castleford) 4 |
| = Bright SODJE | (Hull KR) 4 |

TOP GOAL SCORERS THIS SEASON

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| 1. Frano BOTICA | (Wigan) 18 |
| = Lee CROOKS | (Castleford) 18 |
| 3. Deryck FOX | (Featherstone R) 17 |
| 4. Chris WILKINSON | (Swinton) 13 |
| 5. Bernard DWYER | (St. Helens) 12 |

TODAY'S REFEREE



IAN OLLERTON

(Wigan)

Date of Birth: 31.3.53
Grade One: 1990-91

TODAY'S MASCOT



PAUL RIGBY

Age: 5 years

School: Brook Lodge,
Rainford

Hobbies: Has been
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Favourite Player: Phil
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8	Warrington	H	3.00	27-20	Veivers T	Hunte 2T	Ropati	Loughlin 2G	Quirk	Griffiths ●	Bishop 3GD	Neill +	Groves	Ward	Harrison	Nickle T	Cooper	Connolly ●	Mann +
15	Lancs Cup Rd 1 - Trafford B	H	3.00	104-12	Veivers ●	Hunte 3T	Connolly 2T	Bailey T	Quirk 3T	Ropati 2T	Cooper T	Ward T	Groves 2T	Neill +	Harrison	Mann T	Dwyer 12G	Sullivan 3T●	Lever T+
22	Swinton	A	3.00																
26	Lancs Cup - Rd 2	H																	
29	Castleford	H	6.15																
Oct 6	Halifax	A	3.00																
9	Lancs Cup Semi-Final																		
13	Bradford N	H	3.00																
19	Lancs Cup - Final																		
20	Salford	H	3.00																
27	Leeds	A	3.00																
Nov 3	Wakefield T	A	3.30																
10	Hull K.R.	H	3.00																
17	Regal Trophy - Rd 1																		
24	Regal Trophy - Rd 2																		
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12	Featherstone R	H	3.00																
19	Wakefield T	H	3.00																
26	Silk Cut Challenge Cup - Rd 1																		
Feb 2	Bradford N	A	3.00																
9	Silk Cut Challenge Cup - Rd 2																		
23	Silk Cut Challenge Cup - Rd 3																		
Mar 1	Leeds	H	3.00																
8	Castleford	A	3.30																
22	Halifax	H	3.00																
29	Hull	H	3.00																
Apr 5	Warrington	A	3.00																
17	Wigan	H	3.00																
20	Widnes	A	3.00																

NOTES

- Phil Veivers try for Saints at Hull took his career points for Saints to 303.
- Anthony Sullivan and Sonny Nickle made their Saints debuts in the above game.
- Sonny Nickle scored his first try for Saints in the 27-20 win over Warrington.
- Paul Groves 2nd try for Saints v Trafford took his total career points for Saints to 101.
- Bernard Dwyer's 8th goal in the above game took his career points for Saints 101.
- Saints 20 tries against Trafford equalled the greatest number of tries scored in one game.
- Saints 104 points was the second time they've scored 100 in a game and the second highest points in a game.
- Anthony Sullivan scored his first try for Saints against Trafford.
- Anthony Sullivan's hat-trick was the first time a sub has come on for Saints and scored 3 tries.
- Anthony Sullivan became the first Saints player to score 3 tries on his home debut.
- David Lever scored his first try for Saints in the above game.
- 12 different players scored against Trafford - A Club Record.
- Bernard Dwyer's 12 goals in the Trafford game puts him in joint 4th place in the total goal successes in a game for Saints.
- Anthony Sullivan has made one appearance for Yorkshire.

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YOUNGERS ALLIANCE LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 16.9.91

FIRST DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Leeds	3	3	-	-	134	42	6
Hull KR	3	3	-	-	86	26	6
Warrington	3	3	-	-	78	56	6
Widnes	3	2	-	1	130	56	4
Wigan	3	2	-	1	99	34	4
St. Helens	3	2	-	1	84	67	4
Featherstone R	3	2	-	1	58	69	4
Hull	3	1	-	2	79	73	2
Oldham	3	1	-	2	56	64	2
Bradford N	3	1	-	2	50	60	2
Castleford	3	1	-	2	36	122	2
Halifax	3	-	-	3	31	76	-
Wakefield T	3	-	-	3	36	112	-
Workington T	3	-	-	3	22	122	-

TELEVISED MATCHES

The British Coal International between the reformed Welsh side and the touring Papua New Guinea team will be shown live on Sky Sports on Sunday 27 October at 6.15pm.

Sky Sports will also be screening the eagerly awaited clash between Wigan and Leeds on Sunday 3 November, the Central Park fixture retaining its 3pm kick-off, the recording being shown at 6.15pm.

The new style eight club Stones Bitter Second Division makes its debut on Sky Sports with the live showing of the Oldham v Workington Town encounter on 10 November.

Yorkshire Television's Scrumdown series returns on 3 November with highlights of the Halifax v Widnes Stones Bitter Championship fixture, followed a week later by the Leeds v

Featherstone Rovers meeting. British Aerospace's Sportscast service to the licensed trade features the screening of three major matches. The John Smiths Yorkshire Cup Final will be shown live at 1.00pm on 20 October. The Greenalls Lancashire Cup Final will be recorded from the same Sunday afternoon and shown on Monday 21 October at 7.30pm. The Papua New Guinea tour fixture against a Humberside XIII will be shown live from the Boulevard at 1.00pm on Sunday 3 November.

RECORD DEFEAT

Trafford Borough went down to a club record defeat when they lost 104-12 at St. Helens in the first round of the Greenalls Lancashire Cup.

Their previous biggest defeat was at Blackpool Borough when

they lost 77-8 to Wigan in the old Western Division on 26 October 1963. Trafford conceded 20 tries against St. Helens and 17 against Wigan. St. Helens' 104 points was eight points short of the club and Lancashire Cup record they set with a 20 try 112-0 first round defeat of Carlisle on 14 September 1986.

TRY SCORING SEQUENCE

Allan Hunte of St. Helens made it seven successive try scoring matches with a hat-trick in the 104-12 Greenalls Lancashire Cup first round defeat of Trafford Borough. The winger's sequence has brought him a total of 13 touchdowns. He has scored in all three matches this season and his sequence going back to last term is:

1-4-1-1-2-3.

MATCHBALL ROLL OF HONOUR

1st September: WARRINGTON
WESTLEGATE FW SERV
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29th September: CASTLEFORD
BURTONWOOD PLASTICS
13th October: BRADFORD N
FRODSHAMS SOLICITORS
20th October: SALFORD
FISHERS
10th November: HULL
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BETAKREET
8th December: SWINTON
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1st January: WIDNES
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12th January: FEATHERSTONE R
BURTONWOOD PLASTICS
19th January: WAKEFIELD
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1st March: LEEDS
FISHERS
22nd March: HALIFAX
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29th March: HULL
FISHERS & BETAKREET
17th April: WIGAN
WELCOME INN

MATCH PATRON ROLL OF HONOUR

1st September: WARRINGTON
BRITISH GAS
29th September: CASTLEFORD
COLOURPLAN
13th October: BRADFORD N
COAL PRODUCTS
20th October: SALFORD
BRITISH GAS
10th November: HULL
-
8th December: SWINTON
-
1st January: WIDNES
CHALON PRESS
12th January: FEATHERSTONE R
-
19th January: WAKEFIELD
COAL PRODUCTS
1st March: LEEDS
CELCON BLOCKS
22nd March: HALIFAX
ST. HELENS FORDS
29th March: HULL
NORTHERN CONVEYORS
17th April: WIGAN
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SAINTS 'A' v HALIFAX 'A' FRIDAY 13th SEPT

This was an excellent performance by Frank Barrow's young team against an experienced Halifax team.

Saints opened the scoring after 7 minutes. When a good break by Dave Lever was finished for a try by Darren O'Brien converted by Fenlon. (6-0).

10 minutes later O'Brien returned the favour when he passed to Lever who scored, having scored in each of Saints matches so far this season. (10-0).

In the 23rd minute a Halifax triallist centre opened their scoring converted by Silva. (10-6).

Saints did not have to wait long to score again and on the 30th minute slick passing from Cosgrove, Bateman and Lever led to a Fairclough try. (14-6).

Just on half time, Halifax narrowed the gap with a try by Richardson. (14-10).

HALFTIME

The first half was played at a blistering pace with good performances by O'Brien, Lever, Cosgrove and Bateman.

In the 42nd minute Halifax scored their only points of the half with a Silva penalty. (14-12).

7 minutes later, Fenlon kicked a penalty for Saints (16-12) and 5 minutes later

Jason Roach scored a good try when he ran round 4 Halifax players, converted by Fenlon. (22-12).

By now Saints were really confident and in the 62nd minute slick passing between Fairclough and Hodgkinson put Riley in for a try in the corner. (26-12).

In the 74th minute Man of the Match Darren O'Brien put Bernard Dwyer in for a try under the posts, converted by Fenlon. (32-12).

It was good to see Bernard Dwyer come through the match unscathed but Andy Bateman sustained a back injury.

This was a good all-round performance with strong contributions by Man of the Match Darren O'Brien, Andy Bateman and Dave Lever.

ST. HELENS TEAM

(1) Fenlon, (2) Roach, (3) Fairclough, (4) Riley, (5) Cooper, (6) Tanner, (7) O'Brien, (8) Bateman, (9) Hodgkinson, (10) Lever, (11) Cosgrove, (12) Measures, (13) Dwyer. Subs - Casey, Green.

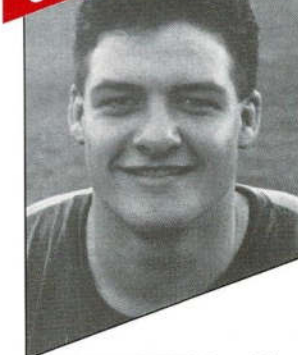
HALIFAX TEAM

(1) Silva, (2) Richardson, (3) A.N.O., (4) A.N.O., (5) A.N.O., (6) Needham, (7) Robinson, (8) Symes, (9) McCallion, (10) Brooke-Cowden, (11) Rhodes, (12) Keebles, (13) Roberts. Subs - A.N.O., Hancock.

IN RESERVE

A LOOK AT THE ALLIANCE SCENE

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▲ NEIL MEASURES (age 20)

Neil played RU at school for Cowley and played for their First Fifteen. Neil was also interested in soccer and played for Parr and Hardshaw. He always wanted to play Rugby League but with his soccer and RU commitments he didn't have the time. After leaving school he joined Blackbrook ARLFC, where he played for the U-19's. He played in two DDA finals for St. Helens, including their win at Hull. Signed for Saints in May 89 and has been a very versatile player, playing in almost every position but mainly second-row or prop. Played in the Alliance Lincs Cup Final in 89/90.

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