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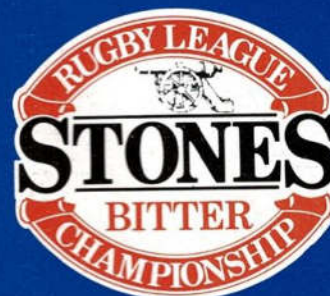
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GOOD AFTERNOON

Ladies and gentlemen and welcome to Spotland for the first time in over four weeks, a long time by any standards. Welcome also to our visitors this afternoon, Oldham.

Whilst we had to sit out the last two weeks due to the Regal Trophy matches, Oldham progressed through to the second round and a tight, thrilling encounter against St Helens. By all accounts Oldham are running into form just at the right time.

A two week break at this stage of the Season is just what we could have done without, but unfortunately, due to the limited number of teams in the Second Division, the Club was thwarted in its efforts to re-arrange a fixture.

Our last match at Ryedale York must be looked upon as a point lost, the only consolation being that the York team seem to be over the worst of their bad spell and could well cause a few upsets at the Huntington Stadium.

On the subject of the Second Division, debate has now started on the viability or otherwise of the eight team Division. If you have any comment to make on the subject, please let Secretary Paul Reynolds or Supporters Club Secretary Tom Stott have them. They will be sent along with the Board's views to the Rugby League Council.

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TODAY'S OPPONENTS

Our near neighbours from Watersheddings are our first opponents for three weeks following our early exit from the Regal Trophy. Oldham have gone, indeed are going through a transitional phase with new faces appearing as Peter Tunks looks for the right formula. We can welcome back to Hornets Logan Edwards who has joined Oldham for a month and also Shane Tupaea who played one game two years ago.

OLDHAM PEN PICS

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.

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.

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.

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 80'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.

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.

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.

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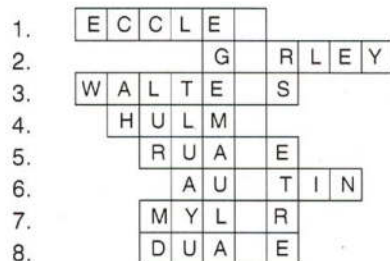
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Fill in the names of the brothers in answer to the 8 clues across to find the vertical answer.

1. Hornets current crop, Bob and Cliff.
2. Cumbrian pair who went from Workington to Saints and Chemics.
3. Down under trio of Kerrod, Kevin and Steve.
4. Pair of Widnes GB internationals.
5. Two now at Leigh but Dennis played with Andy here in Rochdale.
6. Tony took to the air, but Greg on a flyer at Thrum Hall.
7. John and Tony, part of the Widnes dynasty.
8. 1985 and 1991, this pair arrived here 6 years apart.

Answers to our last quiz: Tony Humphries, Bob Eccles, Ronnie Duane, Neil Holding, Mike O'Neill, Kevin McCormack, Colin Whitfield, John Woods have all appeared for Lancs in RODSTOCK Roses matches

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BITS & BATS

Its back into action today after a break of two weeks and there is still a lot to play for in a very tight second division. Two years ago, a few weeks before the then corresponding match, Oldham coach Tony Barrow went on record as saying that no team in the second division were fit to be on the same pitch as his "second division in name only" club. Boxing Day 1989 and his club attaining only the third promotion place showed the wisdom of keeping your mouth shut! However, current Oldham coach Peter Tunks interviewed on radio last weekend totally dismissed Hornets' Lancashire Cup Final performance by suggesting that St Helens didn't really try in a match they should have won by just turning up! Let's hope for some 'deja vu'!

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As some of you may not be aware, our next two league matches have been affected by the Sportscast broadcasting arrangements. Next weeks match against Leigh will now take place at Hilton Park next Monday evening (9th December) with a 7.30 kick off and our next home match against Workington Town (15th December) has been brought slightly forward, the Sunday kick off here at Spotland will be at 1.00 pm rather than 3.00.

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A great turn out of voices at Crystal Palace a few weeks ago helped the team to come back from a disastrous start and overcome a typically nasty London side 22-14. Despite what Mr Maurice Lindsay may say, that match proved that Australian style refereeing does not work in the English game. I think Karl Marriott and Dave Webster's headaches after the game would clearly demonstrate that point.

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Going back to the Capital day out, the London PA announcer was a little biased in his celebration of scoring; Crusaders scores met with rapture bordering on orgasm, whereas Hornets success greeted in stony silence. But who was the idiot on the touchline in the frock?

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IN CHARGE TODAY is JOHN CONNOLLY from Wigan. John made his debut in the top grade here against Keighley during our promotion season and has quickly established himself among the top men with the whistle. Aged 31 and a British Aerospace employee, he is the twin brother of Bob, who officiated in our recent match against Leigh. Neil Farrimond from Blackrod and Cliff Sumner from Leigh make up the team on the touchline.

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The Supporters Club are hoping to arrange an AGM soon in the New Year. Unfortunately, due to lots of commitments from various Supporters Club Members, it hasn't been possible to have a get together recently, but if there is anyone who has any spare time on match days, we still need ticket sellers for our half-time special.

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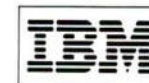
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	8	London Crusaders	H	26-28	1046	S + B Associates
	15	Highfield (GLC)	A	34-11	750	Greenalls
	22	Ryedale-York	H	66-14	1203	British Millerain
	26	Salford (GLC Round 2)	H	25-18	1829	Greenalls
	29	Oldham	A	26-18	4106	
OCT	6	Leigh	H	10-19	1899	
	10	Carlisle (GLC Semi)	H	19-6	1900	Greenalls
	13	Workington Town	A	48-12	2311	
	20	St Helens (GLC Final)	W'ton	14-24	9103	
	23	Sheffield Eagles	A	14-35	2500	
	29	Widnes (Regal Trophy Prelim)	H	14-24	3456	IMPERIAL TOBACCO
NOV	3	London Crusaders	A	22-14	750	
	10	Ryedale-York	A	12-12	1405	
	17	Regal Trophy Round 1				
	24	Regal Trophy Round 2				
DEC	1	Oldham	H			BINDER HAMLYN
	8	Leigh	A			
	15	Workington Town	H			Midas Lotteries
	26	Oldham	A			
1992						
JAN	5	Sheffield Eagles	H			Sandersons Buildings
	12	Carlisle	A			
	19	London Crusaders	A			
	26	Silk Cut Challenge Cup Round 1				
FEB	2	Ryedale-York	H			
	9	Silk Cut Challenge Cup Round 2				
	16	Leigh	H			Cook St Pallets & Lion Springs
	23	Workington Town	A			
MAR	1	Carlisle	H			
	8	Sheffield Eagles	A			
	15	Ryedale-York	A			
	22	Workington Town	H			
	29	Sheffield Eagles	H			
APR	5	Leigh	A			
	12	Carlisle	A			
	17	Oldham	H			
	20	London Crusaders	H			

GLC = Greenalls Lancashire Cup

STAN SAYS

Its nice to get back to the league after a break of two weeks and we welcome our friends from Oldham for our second meeting this season.

Hornets fans should take heart from our performance against Widnes and yet, at the same time not be too disappointed at the draw against a greatly improved Ryedale York side. In bad conditions which affected both teams (Hornets more than York), an entertaining game was witnessed by 1400 people which again included a large Hornets contingent. The lads really appreciate the away fans and hope to live up to the expectations in the coming weeks.

Today's match is the start of the next phase of matches in division two and

we are matched against a vastly different Oldham side from the one we played earlier in the season. Oldham have gone for experienced players in Ian Sherratt and Ged Byrne. With Duncan Platt and Shane Tupaea back in the side and Logan Edwards just signed, Oldham are going to be looking for revenge in what should be an entertaining match.

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WHAT THE PAPERS SAID

Hello, remember us! It's been quite a while since we last turned out at home, so here's a precis of the reports of our games in November.

Having run a poor Widnes very close in the Regal Trophy prelim, it was back on the road again — first stop, a surprisingly shoddy National Sports Stadium, home of the execrably named London Crusaders.

Not only did they have the unbelievable gall to charge £6 to get in, it cost a ridiculous £1 for their programme which had us named as merely 'Rochdale'. Thanks Fulham!

League Express demonstrated a stunning lack of imagination in their headline "Hornets sting slack Crusaders" and the clichés just kept coming as their reporter described it as "... a game of two halves." and in an exercise in stating the obvious claimed that "... Rochdale deserved the spoils." The M.E.N. described Brett Clark's try as "... stunning ..." and who am I to argue?

Thanks to the many spectators who made the trip, both the Crusaders fans were very impressed. (the following week's game against table toppers Sheffield had an attendance of over 200 less!)

Sod's law dictates that a team who have undergone major upheaval and who are without a win in living memory will be at full strength when we pay them a visit.

Q.E.D. Ryedale York! Beneath witty headline "York quick on the draw" our vociferous away support got 'official' recognition in the opening paragraph "When Rochdale players took the field they were greeted by some excellent support from over the Pennines". In 18 months of reading the League Express I've never seen anyone's supporters given such a mention — well done! Unlike in September's drubbing York were an impressive side and having run Workington close last week could be on the way back. The L.E. described the atmosphere of the closing stages as "... fever-pitched ..." and gave the man of the match to the impressive Jeff Bimson. It's somehow fitting that we return home against the 'old enemy' from down the road, who have only a late victory against the abhorrently named London Crusaders in the Regal Trophy to show from their last four outings. Welcome back to Spotland, get behind the lads and enjoy the game!

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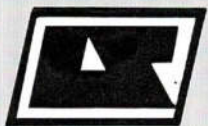
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Cahill, Bailey.

Front: (l to r) Buxton, Fishwick, Jones, Ralph, Taylor, Kelly.

LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Following an enforced absence from the league activities, this week we can look back at the league so far. In the first division, St Helens have sneaked into a lead over Widnes, who have a game in hand, and Leeds. It is quite surprising to see Wigan in fifth position having lost four of their nine games. In fact there is a whole pack of teams on 10 points including two of the promoted teams, Halifax and Salford. Two points adrift are the Humberside Clubs followed by Featherstone (now coached by Allan Agar), Swinton and finally Bradford Northern who must wonder what has hit them since the return of the prodigal son, Peter Fox. Fox must also be wondering if his move was a good career decision as Northern are struggling in the League. In the second division, Sheffield have stormed into pole position with some brilliant attacking Rugby. After a somewhat shaky start Leigh have proven they cannot be discounted at the end of the season, but a loss at Crystal Palace last week gives Hornets a chance should we win our two games in hand. Oldham have gone through a sticky patch and now have 10 points from 10 games, and the early

season pace makers Carlisle and Workington seem to have fallen away, Workington's demise being excused by an horrendous injury list which makes Liverpool FC's look small. Finally in division two, Ryedale York gained their first point, as you all know, against Hornets, putting up a vastly improved performance — this following the return of some key players.

The third division is dominated by the heavy woolen district of Dewsbury & Batley plus Leeds (in the shape of Hunslet and Bramley). Scarborough are showing well in their first season.

Whilst Doncaster are struggling to show the form which made them title contenders at the start of the season, Whitehaven and Highfield have not produced the form they are capable of, Highfield especially have not continued their early season form which started with 2 wins from 2 games. To close, spare a thought for Chorley, Trafford Borough and Nottingham City. No wins, over 1000 points conceded between them, and not as many points scored as Hornets. Things can only get better.

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TOP TEN TRY SCORERS

1.	Greg Austin (Halifax)	17
2.	David Myers (Wigan)	15
	Paul Newlove (Featherstone R)	15
4.	John Devereux (Widnes)	13
	Vince Gribbin (Whitehaven)	13
	Mark Preston (Halifax)	13
7.	Shaun Edwards (Wigan)	12
	Adrian Hadley (Salford)	12
	Ikram Butt (Featherstone R)	12
	Owen Simpson (Featherstone R)	12

TOP TEN GOAL SCORERS (Including drop goals)

1.	Deryck Fox (Featherstone R)	64
2.	Steve Carroll (Bramley)	59
3.	Jonathan Davies (Widnes)	56
4.	Paul Eastwood (Hull)	54
5.	Chris Vasey (Dewsbury)	52
6.	David Hobbs (Bradford N)	49
7.	Steve Parrish (Batley)	45
8.	Andrew Precious (Hunslet)	44
9.	Barry Vickers (Carlisle)	41
	Greg Pearce (Halifax)	41

TOP FIVE POINT SCORERS

		Tries	Goals	Drop Goals	Points
1.	Jonathan Davies (Widnes)	10	56	0	152
2.	Paul Eastwood (Hull)	6	54	0	132
3.	Deryck Fox (Featherstone R)	1	62	2	130
4.	Chris Vasey (Dewsbury)	4	52	0	120
5.	Steve Carroll (Bramley)	1	54	5	117

REGAL TROPHY — THIRD ROUND

Featherstone Rovers are the only club in the last eight of the Regal Trophy who have never appeared in the semi-finals since the competition began in 1971-72 although this is their fourth appearance in the third round.

Widnes have made the most semi-final appearances with a total of 11, including last season when they were beaten.

LEADING SCORERS

Deryck Fox of Featherstone Rovers has gone to the top of the goals chart with 64 after totalling 17 in three Regal Trophy ties in six days.

Greg Austin of Halifax remains at the top of the try chart with 17 and Jonathan Davies is still the leading point scorer with 152 from 10 tries and 56 goals.

TRY SCORING RUN

Mark Preston of Halifax has the current longest try scoring run covering seven successive matches. The winger's sequence has brought him ten tries as follows:

1-4-1-1-1-1-1

Preston's centre partner, Greg Austin, has scored in six successive matches as follows:

5-1-2-1-3-1

Salford winger Tex Evans has scored one try in each of their last five matches.

Injury ended John Devereux's try scoring run for Widnes at seven matches and Paul Newlove's sequence for Featherstone Rovers stopped at five when he failed to score in the drawn Regal Trophy match at Bramley.

POINT SCORING SEQUENCE

Barry Vickers of Carlisle holds the current longest point scoring run covering 21 matches. The full back's sequence began with eight goals in a 52-14 Second Division win at Trafford Borough on 24 March 1991.

WINNING RUN

Sheffield Eagles' winning run ended at ten matches when they lost 44-10 at Bradford Northern in the Regal Trophy second round.

Salford now have the longest winning run of five successive matches covering three Stones Bitter Championship games and two Regal Trophy ties.

LOSING RUN

Nottingham city have the current longest losing run covering 19 matches. City's last win was 20-14 at home to Runcorn Highfield on 3 March 1991. Since then they have lost eight matches in the Second Division last season, nine in the Third Division, a John Smiths Yorkshire Cup tie and a Regal Trophy tie.

MILESTONES

Mike Fletcher needs eight points for a club career total of 1000 for Hull KR.

Phil Ford of Leeds needs three tries for a career total of 200.

RUGBY LEAGUE ACADEMY

The last game of Phase 1 of the Academy was played on Friday 22 November, when Widnes defeated Salford by 24-12 to secure a position in the First Division for Phase 2 which begins on Saturday 30 November.

Phase 1 of the competition, which was won by Wigan, secured positions for Division 1 and Division 2 for Phase 2.

New teams, Bradford Northern, Halifax, Leigh, and a combined Hunslet/Bramley, bring the total number of teams to 16. They will play in two divisions of eight.

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	HOME	AWAY	CARLISLE	LEIGH	LONDON CRUSADERS	OLDHAM	ROCHDALE HORNETS	RYEDALE-YORK	SHEFFIELD EAGLES	WORKINGTON TOWN	
CARLISLE				12-16	12-4	10-30			23-12	39-10	GAME 1
											GAME 2
LEIGH		32-22				20-4		24-10	13-14	10-5	GAME 1
											GAME 2
LONDON CRUSADERS			28-18			20-23	14-22	20-10	22-44		GAME 1
			14-4						12-29		GAME 2
OLDHAM			46-19				18-26	52-18	12-38	14-15	GAME 1
											GAME 2
ROCHDALE HORNETS	18-18	10-18	26-28					66-14			GAME 1
											GAME 2
RYEDALE-YORK	6-26	7-22					12-12		22-26	18-42	GAME 1
											GAME 2
SHEFFIELD EAGLES	12-6				16-16	35-14				28-14	GAME 1
											GAME 2
WORKINGTON TOWN				12-8	6-6	12-48	20-16				GAME 1
				4-10							GAME 2

SPORTING COMMENT

One of the greatest sights in modern day Rugby League is that of Martin Offiah in full flight; the effortless glide as he eats up the ground, the hopelessly beaten opponents trailing in his wake, the superlatives gushing from the lips of commentators the world over and the awe on the face of his hero worshipping fans as they salute yet another masterpiece of scoring.

His well documented dispute with his current employers, Widnes, apparently for no reason, has often been the media's only coverage of Rugby League. This we can do without and the only person capable of ending this sorry tale is Mr Offiah himself. I feel that if he does not listen to some good advice soon, the game will lose one of its greatest ever exponents.

The presence of that scourge of modern day sport, the agent, does not appear to be helping the situation and one wonders where this particular chap was when Martin Offiah's 10 year contract was being negotiated. One would like to think that the agent is looking for the best deal for his client, but many horror stories from other sources would suggest that a percentage cut from any deal could be a motivating force! This, of course, is not to discount the age old problem of player "tapping".

Whatever people may be thinking now, it appears that Widnes took an almighty gamble in the first place by offering such a large and long contract to an untried player. If Widnes had "cut" Offiah after 4 years of a failed experiment, the breach of contract would have been the clubs and Offiah would have had legal grounds to sue. As it is, Widnes have him on a watertight contract which originally he was happy to sign and which has about 5 years to run. Widnes have therefore, the right to place him on the transfer market at whatever price THEY see fit — a tribunal will not be required for a few years yet.

The only person able to resolve this situation is Martin Offiah. If greed is his motivation, then he will come off the worse when bonuses fail to appear. His international career is, at present, over and the fat overseas contract will not be forthcoming, likewise TV appearances.

Widnes are quite within their rights to freeze him out of ANY sport and, after all, are currently enjoying a great start to the league and Regal campaign without him. As an Offiah fan however, there are three questions I would love to put to him;

1. Who in the World of RL would make as many scoring opportunities for him as Widnes? After all this is the one thing upon which he thrives and upon which his fame is based.
2. Having himself valued three years of his service at £600,000, who can he see being able to justify that contract money to the rest of their first team squad?
3. Who in their right mind would shell out a total sum in excess of a million quid in a "legally binding contract" for a man who appears not to know the meaning of the phrase.

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The Supporters Club and Commercial Office have been selling Xmas draw tickets for a few weeks now and the Grand Draw with 102 prizes this year takes place in the Spotland Suite on Monday 16th December, along with Rochdale Hornets "double" weekly draw. Anybody that has kindly made a donation to the Xmas draw please try to deliver your prize to the Commercial office before the due date on Wednesday, 18th December. There is a children's Christmas party, again in the Spotland Suite 7 pm with party games, a magician, buffet, disco, and of course Father Christmas. If you are a member of the Supporters Club or an Agent for the weekly draw or Golden Share please contact me as soon as possible with your child's name so I can send them their personal invitation. Junior Supporters will automatically receive an invitation.

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7th Sept	Whitehaven	Away	2.30
13th Sept	Salford	Away	7.30
28th Sept	Barrow	Home	2.30
5th Oct	Lancs Shield (Fulham)	Away	
12th Oct	Chorley	Home	2.30
12th Oct	Lancs Shield		
26th Oct	Swinton	Home	2.30
1st Nov	Huddersfield	Away	7.30
9th Nov	Whitehaven	Home	2.30
16th Nov	Carlisle	Away	2.15
23rd Nov	Leigh	Home	2.30
30th Nov	Salford	Home	2.30
7th Dec	Swinton	Away	2.30
14th Dec	Huddersfield	Home	2.30
20th Dec	Barrow	Away	7.30
28th Dec	Carlisle	Home	2.30
2nd Jan	Keighley	Away	7.30
9th Jan	Leigh	Away	7.30
18th Jan	Keighley	Home	2.30
25th Jan	Chorley	Away	2.00
1st Feb	Youngers Challenge Cup		
22nd Feb	Second Division Cup		
29th Feb	Second Division Cup		

ALLIANCE REVIEW

Saturday 16th November 1991
CARLISLE "A" v HORNETS "A"
Score 24-18 (WON)

TEAM

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. P. O'Keffe | 8. J. Viller |
| 2. A. Belle | 9. M. Kay |
| 3. P. Viller | 10. R. Hall |
| 4. K. Marriott | 11. S. Bamber |
| 5. I. Halsall | 12. M. Viller |
| 6. S. Gartland | 13. S. Turner |
| 7. M. Williams | 14. T. Wooton |
| | 15. I. Gormley |

A very heavy pitch greeted Hornets on their visit to Gillford Park for this top of the table alliance 2nd Division clash. The groundsman at the ground explaining the drain failure was to blame for the state of the pitch, which can only get worse as the season progresses.

Steve Turner led Hornets out fresh from being awarded the captaincy in midweek, in place of the Trafford bound Mike Hulmes. Hornets opened up brightly and were first on the board, but at the cost of losing full back O'Keffe who was tackled off the ball. After he had put Ian Halsall under the post for a try, Ticker converted to put Hornets 0-6 up, Gormley replaced O'Keffe at this stage.

The game was turning into a very physical affair with the Carlisle full back being put into the cooler for 10 minutes, and loose forward Gary Charlton very lucky to escape getting his marching orders after a series of high tackles.

Simon Bamber and Mark Viller were providing Hornets with some excellent surges from midfield, which were taking their toll on Carlisle.

A Turner penalty stretched Hornets lead to 0-8 before Carlisle closed the gap to two points with a converted try after 30 minutes.

Turner tagged on two more penalties before half-time which was further reply to another Carlisle try to make the inter-

val score 10-12 in the "nets" favour. The second half started with Carlisle doing all the pressing but Mark Viller and Gartland saved the day on two notable occasions.

Just as the game seemed to be slipping from Hornets grasp Mark Viller came up with a killer blow. He took the ball just over half way, stepped his way through and finished off from 40 yds out, Turner converted to make the score 10-18 after 60 minutes.

Carlisle tagged back a penalty to keep in touch at 12-18. The game again turned sour for Hornets as they lost Mike Williams, badly concussed from another off the ball tackle, after 62 minutes, Tony Wooton replaced the out of luck Williams.

The game was made relatively safe for Hornets on 72 minutes when Adrian Belle latched onto a brilliant Steve Turner pass to touch down in the corner, and with Turner adding the extras Hornets looked safe at 12.24 with eight minutes remaining.

Carlisle did hit back with a converted try right on the final whistle to back the score 18-24 to Hornets. This was a splendid win for Hornets, in a hard fought and sometimes over physical game, with Simon Bamber and Mark Viller outstanding for Hornets with the latter getting the man of the match award. Jason Viller also played well in his unaccustomed role of open side prop.

The Editors were approached at one of the recent games by a slightly upset Kitman (and stand in No 14) who asked us to include the following piece in a future programme: Always happy to be of service!

At the recent 'A'-team match at Huddersfield, Mr Reynolds (Jr) was seen wearing the No. 14 shirt, answering an urgent call to arms. A superb display of bench sitting was rewarded a week later by being dropped. He was most upset at this move by coach Kev Lowe and he wondered how much better he would have to sit on the bench to keep his place.

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Mike Kuiti well held, but where's the ball?



Cliff Eccles on the dodge

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Boxing day. Dean Lonergan opens the scoring



February. Oldham's latest signing, Logan Edwards in his Hornets days.

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	App	Sub	Try	Goal	DG	PTS
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Phil Fox	10		9			36
Darren Abram	14		11			44
Matt Calland	10	1	4			16
Brian Garrity	14		7			28
Brett Clark	14		7			28
Steve Gartland	10	1	5			20
Tony Humphries	9		2			8
Martin Hall	10	1	1			4
Bob Marsden	10	1	3			12
Ian Gormley	3	4				
Simon Bamber	8	5				
Ronnie Duane	10	1	4			16
Mike Kuiti	12	1	4			16
Robert Hall		2				
Karl Marriott	4					
Martin Kay	4					
Andy Sullivan	1	4				
Darren Pitt	2					
Cliff Eccles	8		1			4
Bob Eccles	4	3	4	11		38
Dave Webster	4					
Steve Turner	2	3		7	1	15
Paul Okesene	5	1				
Jeff Bimson	3	ON LOAN FROM CHORLEY — RETURNED				
Mark Lord	1	TRANSFERRED TO WORKINGTON				

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MATT CALLAND	4	TOMMY MARTYN
BRIAN GARRITY	5	RICHARD IRVING
BRETT CLARK	6	GED BYRNE
STEVE GARTLAND	7	NEIL FLANAGAN
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MARTIN HALL	9	IAN BATES
BOB MARSDEN	10	TIM STREET
BOB ECCLES	11	CHRIS JOYNT
PAUL OKESENE	12	CHARLIE McALISTER
MIKE KUITI	13	SHANE TUPAEA
STEVE TURNER	14	STEVE WARBURTON
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