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Signed from Widnes, a fine marksman

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A fast winger

Tommy Martyn

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Vince Nicklin

A versatile player

Richard Irving

Won youth international honours before turning professional

Ged Byrne

Great utility back

Neil Flanagan

Won international honours as a young amateur

Ian Sherratt

Powerhouse front row

Ian Bates

A versatile player

Tim Street

A strong prop

Chris Joint

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Club Honours

Yorkshire County Challenge Cup 1922, 1933, 1936 (Runners Up) 1935, 1957, 1978

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Rugby League Second Division Championship 1980-81 (Runners Up) 1973 - 74

Club records

Record Attendance 14,689 v. Swinton (RLCC) 10.2.34

Highest Win: 70 - 8 v. Keighley 11.3.1990

Highest Defeat: 3-75 v. Warrington 23.9.50

Points in a Career: 2,159 - Vic Yorke 1954-67

Points in a season: 318 - Graham Steadman 1984-85

Tries in a Career: 167 - P. Foster 1955-67

Tries in a season: 35 - John Crossley 1980-81

Goals in a Career: 1,060 - Vic Yorke 1954 - 67

Goals in a Season: 146 - Vic Yorke 1957 - 58

Points in a Game: 28 - W. Jacques v. Featherstone 22.12.1990

(This was before York became a Senior Club)

Points in a Game: 26 - G. Steadman v. Batley 25.11.84 & G. Sullivan v. Keighley 11.3.90

Tries in a Game: 6 - G. Hardgrave v. Bramley 5.1.35 & D. Kettlestring v. Keighley 11.3.90

Goals in a Game: 11 - Vic Yorke v. Whitehaven 6.9.58

Goals in a Game: 11 - Chris Gibson v. Dewsbury 28.9.80

Most Appearances: 448 - W. Hargreaves

Consecutive Appearances: 102 - F. Oliver September 1910 to September 1913

York RLFC formed in 1868, joined Northern Union 1898

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Matchday 1 hour before the game and 15 minutes after

STRAIGHT FROM THE TOP



For those of you who are shareholders of the company, I look forward to seeing you in the Social Club on the 22nd December. Our draft accounts ending May 3rd were very late being finalised, hence the AGM being squeezed in, just in time before the end of the year. We hope to be quicker next year. My view of the figures is that we are on the mend, survival is almost assured and hopefully it won't be long before we can start to build for the future

The medicine is working, but alas the "side effects" are our league position. A David Watson or a Tawera Nikau would have made a big difference over the last four or five matches when victory has been so close. But the financial costs of employing such quality players on a year to year basis is money we cannot afford - indeed money we shouldn't pay anyway. We will be investing in more youth and up and coming young players. Any quality overseas players will have to be signed for 5 years. Then they will become our asset.

1991 will be remembered for our very "near miss" in April for promotion, and the horrendous start we have made to the 1991/92 season. Lets hope the New Year brings a change of fortune.

We welcome for his home debut today Mike Clements (Clema) - I hope he will be happy

with us and we with him. Let's hope he can bring a variation to our rather stereotyped attacking play.

I hope (not certain at the time of writing) that the lads will be wearing the new strip today. After a 3 year connection with Bukta, we have had a change to Ellgren Sports. We hope we will have a successful co-operation in the future with our new secondary sponsor.

I noted with horror and astonishment that the match sponsor at Carlisle last week was Nestlé. Not only that, they had also sponsored an earlier match and had an advertisement in the programme. Our President was equally shocked and has a copy of the programme which no doubt will be on somebody's desk by now with an accompanying letter - Good luck, Denzil!

Today we welcome players, officials and supporters from Oldham. They, like us, are going through choppy financial waters. All I can say is "Keep taking the medicine." We can't go on as we have in the past. Until everybody realises it, our game is in danger of "self-destruct!"

Finally I wish all our supporters a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

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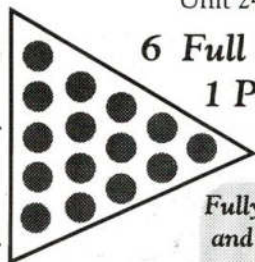
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OLDHAM - VISITORS LINE UP (SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER)

DUNCAN PLATT

Brother of Wigan's test forward, Andy Platt, Duncan signed for Oldham for £35,000 from Widnes and has scored 250 goals and 17 tries in 74 appearances. A fine marksman, he recently attracted Halifax's attention.

DARRYL ROGERS

Another teenager from the local DDA side. Can play full back, stand-off or centre. Signed just before the French trip, he was taken on tour but was sadly sidelined with a foot injury throughout the trip.

TIM STREET

Career followed a similar pattern to Richard 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 Colt and Under 21 honours during his Wigan days.

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 played with St George and Easts in Sydney, before making a name for himself in France and then joining Oldham during the summer. Currently playing full back, but can also operate at half-back, stand-off and in the centre.

RICHARD IRVING

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

CHRIS JOINT

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 Packnuik, to play for a NSW country team.

TOMMY MARTIN

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 60s. 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.

IAN BATES

Dewsbury boy and nephew of the 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.

GARY CHRISTIE

Fast winger and yet another member of the BARLA international youth squad. Oldham clearly believe in a youth policy. Gary was top try scorer in New Zealand, but he hurt his ribs in a pre-season friendly at Dewsbury and that has delayed his introduction to the professional game.

NEIL FLANAGAN

A local lad, Neil is a scrum-half who won international honours as a young amateur and had several clubs chasing his signature. Recently he attracted the attention of Hull with his all-action displays.

GED BYRNE

A Wigan Schoolboy International, also at professional level. An excellent stand-off or centre. Left Wigan for Wakefield and signed for Oldham this season in a player exchange.

SHANE TUPAEA

Ex-New Zealand R.L. player. Played for Swinton and Rochdale. A hard tackling defensive second-row forward.

LOGAN EDWARDS

Another New Zealander from Wellington. Played at top-level in Queensland, Australia. Currently loose forward. An intelligent ball player.

IAN SHERRATT

Former Oldham & Lancashire schoolboy. Left Oldham for Salford and returned this season. A strong hard-working prop forward.

SHEFFIELD EAGLES - VISITORS LINE UP (BOXING DAY)

TEAM MANAGEMENT.

Gary Hetherington has been in charge of coaching for the past six seasons and has enjoyed the support of Steve Ferres, the former Bradford Northern and Carlisle half back, and Howard Cartwright, a former winger with Castleford. Dean Riddle, a Kiwi who recently joined the Eagles staff helps with conditioning.

DARYL POWELL - 25 - Schools Coach

The Eagles' first signing in 1984, Powell has played over 230 games for the club, and has enjoyed success at International level, having played in the last twelve Test matches for Great Britain.

MARK ASTON - 23 - Schools Coach

Mark is a prolific points scorer who last year achieved his ambition of International selection. A key figure in Eagles' promotion drive.

MARK GAMSON - 24 - Machinist

The Eagles' second signing in 1984 from Leeds Colts. Mark has occupied every back position and two forward positions in his career.

RICHARD PRICE - 21 - Joiner

£25,000 signing from Hull at the end of last season. Clever and elusive player who is at home at centre or stand off.

PAUL BROADBENT - 22 - Plasterer

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 - 29 - Joiner

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'.

KEITH MUMBY - 33 - Joiner

A signing from Bradford Northern, where he spent 17 seasons and represented Great Britain on many occasions. His vast experience makes him a valuable member of the squad.

DAVID PLANGE - 26 - Security Alarms Installer

Eagles' signing from Castleford, David is a very strong and fast winger with an eye for the try line. David has represented Great Britain and hopes to further his International career with the Eagles.

RICHARD PICKSLEY - 20 - Plumber

Very fast young winger hoping to establish himself in the first team after some very promising performances.

DES MAEA - 21 - Schools Coach

A Kiwi who made a big impression during his short stay with the Eagles last season. Has played on the wing but now settling into the forwards where his pace and size cause problems for most defences.

IVA ROPATI - 22 - School Teacher

One of six Kiwi rugby playing brothers who starred for Featherstone Rovers two years ago. Very fast and elusive with a good record for scoring tries.

TONY TUIMAVAVI - 21 - Schools Coach

Tony makes up a trio of Kiwis and is enjoying his first spell in England. Captain of New Zealand's top club Northcote and Auckland. Tony is a good all round forward with a strong defence.

IAN HUGHES - 19 - Bricklayer

Signed from East Leeds in the summer and quickly established himself in the First team as a strong running and very hard-working forward.

DALE LAUGHTON - 22 - Miner

Signed from Dodworth ARLC in Barnsley two years ago. Made his debut this season. His strength and speed suggest he could have a big future in the game.



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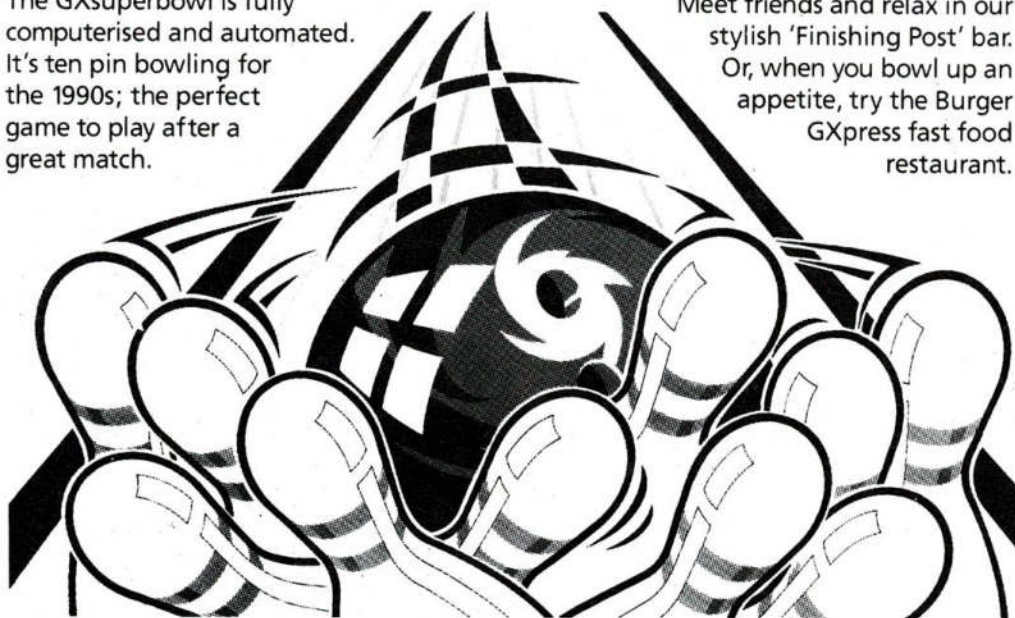


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Christmas didn't come early for the York & District junior league with just one outstanding game to play York have failed to record a win at any age level from Under 9 through to U 15.

The sad statistic is that York played nearly 20 matches against three West Riding towns with the experience and organisation of their opponents coming through every time.

With just four junior club set-ups in York, the city was always going to be at a big disadvantage, and until there is a much wider choice, York are always likely to struggle.

At least York's youngsters were given their chances to show their individual talent to the league's selectors who shortly announce their squads to take on North West Counties and Humberside leagues.

This has been made possible by some enthusiastic local coaches who are prepared to give up their time for the betterment of amateur rugby league football.

The inquest into York's performances has already begun with that new junior league headed by former York Directors Peter Geraghty (President) and Paul Duffield (Chairman) planning the way forward for junior rugby in and around York.

Some well-attended meetings have brought about plenty of constructive comments but the overall opinion is that York needs more youngsters playing the game - quantity must bring quality - and more coaching, hopefully on the lines of schools of excellence.

This all takes time, money and more adult help, and following an initial £25 donation from the member clubs Heworth, Clifton Moor, All Blacks and Acorn the league are shortly to approach the York and District league for financial help which could come from their relatively new Development Fund.

Everyone recognises that junior and youth rugby is such a vital area and though York have followed the national trend of a big boost in teams this season more is needed.

As has been said many times in the past everyone will benefit in the long term.

The local open-age Sunday league needs new blood fast with teams decreasing each season to a point that with any more teams falling by the wayside or opting for Saturday rugby then the league will fold.

As a starting point for players making the transition from schoolboy/youth to open-age this competition must be kept going at all costs. Thankfully, plenty in the city are now pulling in the same direction with Ryedale-York doing their bit by encouraging the youngsters with curtain raisers.

Today brings Acorn U13s playing Clifton Moor U13 in a match that also takes in Yorkshire League points.

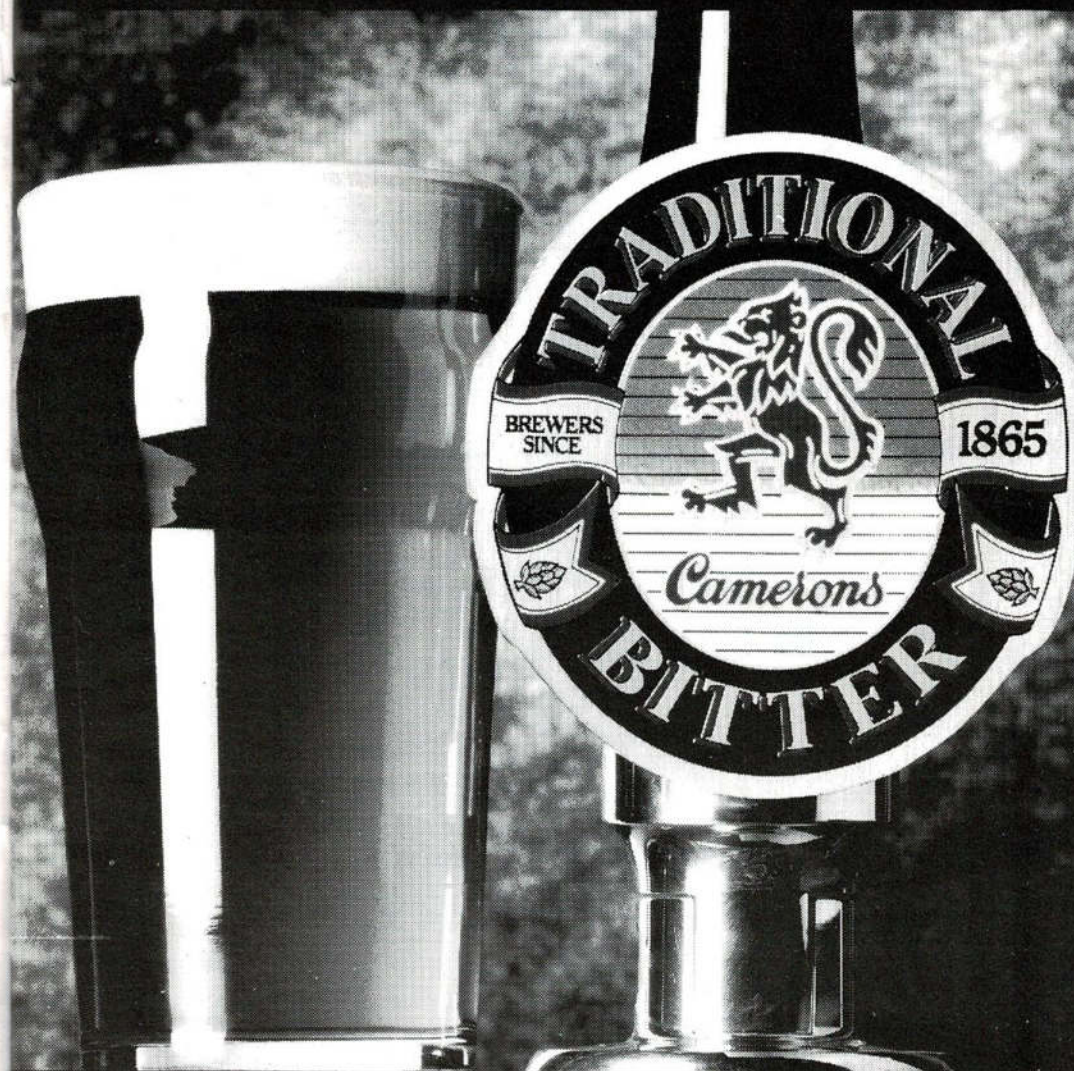
Leaving the junior scene the open-age have been involved in cup and representative rugby with Southlands 'A' and Hartlepool making it to the first Sunday final and Acorn waiting for the winners of Heworth and Civil Service in a Saturday final.

Three York players, Darren Wheatley (Heworth), Pete Lockwood and Lee Titchner (Acorn) all made the county squad though it was to be only Wheatley and Lockwood who played in both championship games - Yorkshire finishing runners-up to Lancashire who beat both counties.

It's a big day today for Ryedale York Director Peter Warters who takes his National inter-league open-age side to Wakefield for the semi-finals.

Hopefully York are just one match away from returning in style to the good years of the early 80s when Warters last coached the side that went to three finals on the trot.

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ROUND UP



Ray Ashton's dismissal as coach of Workington Town was a major shock. At the start of the season he was hailed as one of the rising young coaches who had transformed the fortunes of the Cumbrians. Widnes were beaten in the first round of the Lancashire Cup and our own Ryedale-York were thrashed at home in the opening league match. Most people reckoned promotion beckoned and Ashton was picked as Lancashire coach. But inexplicably a run of bad results set in and after the 35-2 defeat at home at the hands of Sheffield, the Workington board swung the axe. It seems they want someone to add enthusiasm just three months after he was being praised to the rafters.

Bradford Northern's move to Valley Parade seems to be growing ever more certain. Rugby League's decision to give Odsal the thumbs down and stage the Regal Trophy semi-final at Valley Parade was another kick in the teeth. Reports from Bradford seem to only add to the confusion. Peter Fox has back-tracked on earlier comments in favour of the move while my spies inform me that half Bradford say they'll never go to Valley Parade while the other half say they're fed up with Odsal's bleak stadium and won't go there.

Hull have sacked Aussie stand-off

Wayne Portlock, another from Down Under to find the game in Pommie land is a little harder than they reckoned. Still no news at the time of print about John Gallagher joining London Crusaders on loan. Ryedale-York made a tentative inquiry and were quoted at least £1,000 a match to meet his contract payments! The Londoners claim to have sponsorship from Air New Zealand and Kiwi brewers, Steinlager, for Gallagher.

Another coach on the move is Norman Turley, who resigned from Trafford Borough. The club has also lost director and former chairman, Mike Marsland, but deny their future is in jeopardy despite embarrassingly-low gates and humiliating results. Instead they revealed they were making plans to move back to Blackpool.

Leeds reject, Eddie Rombo, is proving a snip for his new club Dewsbury. He scored a debut try with his first touch of the ball against Scarborough and followed up with the winner. A third try was added in the defeat of Huddersfield.

Salford coach Kevin Tamati has told the club he will return to New Zealand when his contract expires at the end of the 1993 season. He is front-runner to coach Auckland, expected to be the first New Zealand team to play in Australia's top competition, the Winfield Cup.

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8	WORKINGTON T.	H	18-42		1564
15	Huddersfield (Y.C.1st)	A	10-28		1387
22	Rochdale H.	A	14-66		1203
29	SHEFFIELD E.	H	22-26		1155
Oct 6	CARLISLE	H	6-26		992
13	Oldham	A	18-52		3034
20	London C.	A	10-20		550
28	LEIGH	H	7-22		1165
Nov 10	ROCHDALE H.	H	12-12		1405
17	REGAL TROPHY Rd 1				
	SHEFFIELD		6-13		1155
24	Workington	A	16-20		1768
Dec 8	Carlisle	A	10-28		600
15	OLDHAM	H			
26	SHEFFIELD E.	H			
29	Sheffield E.	A			
Jan 5	London C.	A			
12	Leigh	A			
19	WORKINGTON T.	H			
26	SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP Rd.1				
Feb 2	Rochdale H.	A			
9	SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP Rd.2				
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17	Carlisle	A			
19	Sheffield E.	A			

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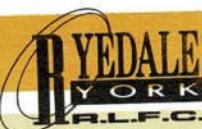
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PRESS GANG

by Ian Lockwood,
Sports Editor, Yorkshire Evening Press



It's Christmas time and once again I've intercepted the post to the North Pole and discovered a few letters addressed to Santa with a Ryedale Stadium postmark.

Here, in yet another Evening Press exclusive, I can reveal the contents of those letters. Here's what some prominent members of the club asked for:

- From John Stabler: A millionaire with money to burn.
- From Steve Wheatley: A pushbike.
- From Stewart Horton: A decent haircut.
- From Paul Hutchinson: Three points from the Evening Press awards.
- From Dean Williams: A contract.
- From Steve Dobson: A pair of platform shoes.
- From George Marwood: A smile.
- From Mark Laws: A year's supply of Woodbines.
- From Steve Pryce: For commentators (and fans) to stop giving big brother credit for his tackling.



Martyn Pysanczyn (Mascot) Age 8 yrs
For Christmas Martyn has asked Santa for a home win!!!

- From Chris Hopcutt: A decent moustache.
- From Gary Stephens: All York players aged 20 or under.
- From Derek Foster: Two points.
- From York wingers: A pass
- From Graham Sullivan: A Cashline Agent.
- From Martin Pysanczyn (Mascot): A Ryedale York home win.

As for 1991, it's been another year of disappointment. From a side so nearly in the first division in May, the Wasps six months later are so nearly in the third division.

Here's the highs and lows of 1991, a strictly personal view.

Best player: Tawera Nikau - by a street
Most improved player: Paul Hutchinson
Best try: A few of Nick Pinkney's are up there but Chris Hopcutt's 'A' team special takes the vote.

Worst moment: The defeat at Oldham.

Missed opportunity: Deciding not to sign the Russians.

Best referee: Kevin Allatt. (Honestly)

Worst referee: Generally a good year

Best news: Return of Iain Wigglesworth.

Best fans: Sheffield

Worst fans: Workington

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SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES



Welcome to Oldham and their supporters on Sunday, 15th December and Sheffield Eagles on Boxing Day.

Last Thursday evening, December 5 was the Quiz and Tombola event and it was good to see many people there. I understand from Ken Pearson that £140 was raised from the combined event. Thanks to all who donated prizes and thanks to Mrs. Sylvia Pearson for organising the Tombola.

I also wish to thank Alistair Yeomans for arranging an announcement on Radio York because I am sure it helped the attendance figures.

It looks as though we have to reconcile ourselves to the fact we shall be seeing Div. 3 Rugby league here next season, but it is not the end of the world and there must be a turning point at some time. We must have HOPE and FAITH.

FINAL REMINDER The New Year's Eve Buffet and Disco to be held in the Bar Area on December 31st. Tickets £10.00. Please contact David Smallwood for tickets. I believe the number sold is somewhere in the 100 region at present. So come on support and lets have a good evening.

As the Old Year draws to a close I wish to thank once again all the Committee members, also Chairman Dennis Baker and Treasurer Ken Pearson for a hard working and enjoyable year.

TO ALL SUPPORTERS A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS, A PROSPEROUS AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR, AND KEEP ON SUPPORTING OUR ACTIVITIES.

J. A. Croft
Hon. Cte. Sec.



What a difference a year makes! 30th December 1990 - Ryedale York celebrate a try in the 34-0 win against Barrow - and the officials give each other a New Year's kiss! Yorkshire Evening Press

ALASTAIR YEOMANS TALKING

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There is something that has been rankling with some of you for some time - the lack of Ryedale York commentaries on BBC Radio York when they play away from home.

I'd like to explain why.

Before this season coverage of the Wasps was carried in Rugby League North, a programme originated from Leeds which concentrated on all the teams in Yorkshire.

We were lucky to hear more than five or six reports on York during a Sunday afternoon.

At the beginning of this season I negotiated a deal with the BBC so that Radio York could launch its own Rugby league programme entitled Rugby League Sunday, which would concentrate on York and the Scarborough Pirates.

I was committed to providing full, live commentaries on the home games of our two teams, which I hope

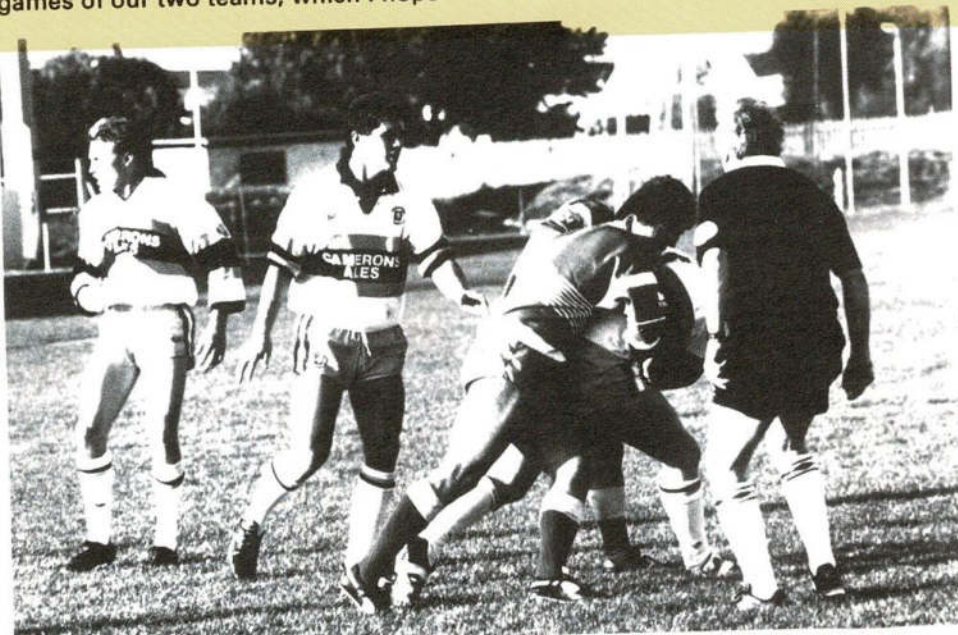
are enjoyable.

I admit it would be more valuable to have live commentaries, but there are technical difficulties involved in this, although I do promise to increase coverage of York's away games wherever possible.

There is also a question of cost. I AM the sports department at York and only have the budget to buy in one other reporter and a technical operator for every Rugby league Sunday programme.

I believe that we should have our own Rugby League programme for North Yorkshire and fear that the amount of coverage we would get for the Wasps and the Pirates would be negligible if we returned to Leeds based programmes - especially if the unthinkable happens and both teams are in the Third Division.

Merry Christmas.



The unfortunate Dean Revell in action against Carlisle (6TH OCTOBER, 1991)
Dean has had to return to Australia due to a serious neck injury.
Our best wishes go to him for the future.

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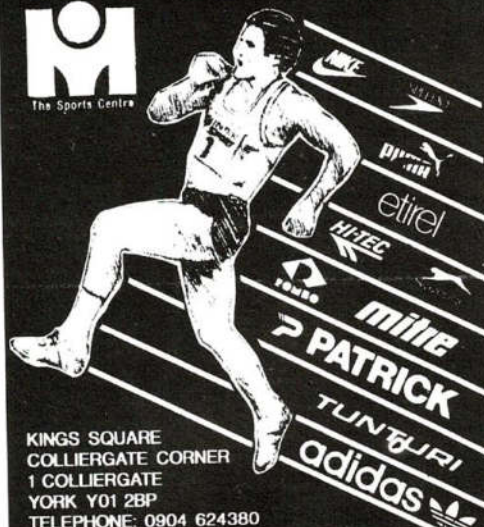
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	Sat. 21st	Dewsbury	A	2.00	
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DONCASTER	11	5	-	6	174	187	-13	10
BRAMLEY	10	5	-	5	115	171	-56	10
LONDON CRUSADERS	11	4	-	7	190	266	-76	8
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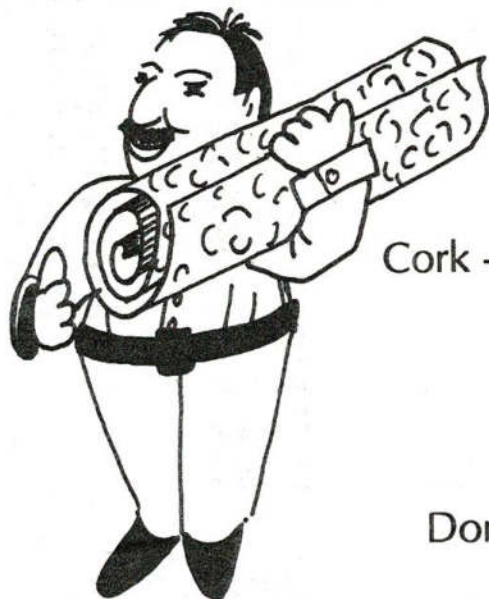
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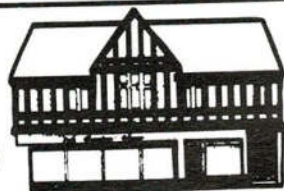
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