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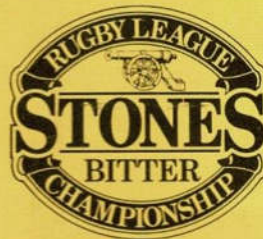
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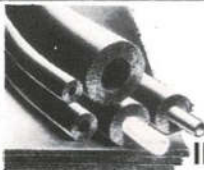
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Tunks' Talkback

Oldham's Coach
gives you his views

TODAY'S game sees my old club, Sheffield, come to Watersheddings for a vital top of the table fixture which will have a tremendous influence on which two teams get promoted to Division One this season.

At the moment, it would appear that Leigh, Sheffield and ourselves are the main contenders. However, if we are to stay in contention it is essential that we win today's game against our rivals from South Yorkshire.

Our track record against Sheffield recently has been very good, apart from the home defeat earlier this season. That period of the season was a difficult time for us, with injuries and an unsettled side. Now we are much more cohesive and have the added benefit of two superb prop forwards in Ian Sherratt, who played through the pain barrier against Carlisle last Sunday, and Tim Street, who gets better with every game. Tim is still very young and learning the game, and has a great future.

I am in the fortunate position of having a young team, most of whom have yet to reach their peaks. I am delighted, for instance, that a player of the calibre of Tommy Martyn has signed for the club for a further three years. Keeping players of Tommy's quality at the club bodes well for the future, and I will be looking forward next season to building on the work I have done this season.

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Skipper's Spot

Oldham Captain
Neil Flanagan
looks at today's game

TODAY'S game is probably our most important match of the season if we are to maintain our promotion challenge.

Sheffield Eagles were the season's early pace setters and looked like they would run away with the title. Recently they have faltered and can be caught. A win today would shorten the odds for us achieving our goal.

Our form has been good in recent weeks.

We were unlucky to lose against Leigh as the game could have gone either way up until the last quarter of the match.

Against Carlisle at home we produced a solid performance in appalling conditions — with Tim Street, Logan Edwards and Tommy Martyn producing outstanding performances.

Once again our injury jinx has ruled out several key players from today's game, including Chris Joynt and Shane Tupaea. We hope they will both make a speedy recovery.

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A Watersheddings welcome to . . . Sheffield Eagles

Daryl Powell (25): The Eagles' first signing in 1984, Powell has played over 200 games for the club, and has enjoyed success at international level, having played in the last ten Test matches for Great Britain.

Mark Aston (23): 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): The Eagles' second signing in 1984 from Leeds Colts. Mark has occupied every back position and two forward positions in his career.

Anthony Farrell (22): A record signing from Huddersfield. Now settled into the loose forward position with good effect. Ellery Hanley look-a-like with side-step to match.

David Mycoe (19): Had a sensational debut season after joining the Eagles from Criggleston under-17s. Won Great Britain under-21 honours international status last season. Can play full back, centre or stand-off and his talent and pace suggests he could go all the way to the top.

David Close (23): A former county junior at Rugby League and Rugby Union who signed from Pontefract Labour ARLC in 1987.

Richard Price (21): £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): 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 offload the ball suggests that representative honours could come his way.

Mick Cook (29): Rated by many as one of the game's best ever hookers, Mick's terrific tackling displays have alerted the attention of several leading Australian clubs. Another signing from Queens Park ARLC and last season's Player of the Year.

Hugh Waddell (31): A £50,000 signing from Leeds, Hugh has added experience and mobility to the forwards. Well remembered for his Man of the Match award in Great Britain's defeat of Australia in 1988. He is keen to reclaim a Test place this season.

Nick Grimoldby (28): Born in Doncaster, Nick learned his Rugby League in the South before signing to Fulham. Transferred to the Eagles in January, 1989. A powerful running forward with plenty of pace and a sound defence.

Andy Young (25): A former Eastmoor amateur and voted the best-looking player of 1991. Has made his appearances mainly on the wing. A very strong runner and tackler with a good turn of pace, who is settling in well after moving into the forwards.

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

Nick Halafihi (22): A former Hull Colt who signed in 1988. Nick is hoping to pin down a first team place. Very fit and fast forward with an eye for scoring tries.

Tim Wilby (33½): A much-travelled player who joined the Eagles from Hull at the start of this season. A good defender with a neat side-step.

Keith Mumby (33): 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): 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): Very fast young winger hoping to establish himself in the first team after some very promising performances.

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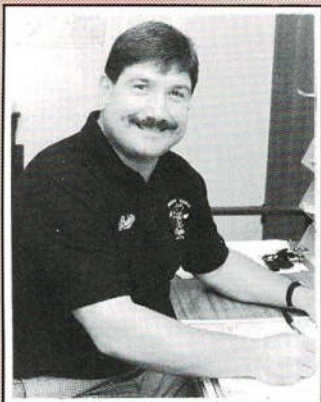
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Hill's Highlights

Commercial Manager

Ray Hill

reports on the
Watersheddings Scene

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Lifeline really has gone from strength to strength since we launched the society six years ago. And it is going to be better than ever as more people than ever before will be able to win great prizes. Now, in 1992, as well as the weekly guaranteed £1,000 and £50 payouts we've added extra prizes. Twice a month Lifeline members will get the chance to win special prizes ranging from trolley dashes at local supermarkets to superb colour televisions to state-of-the-art mountain bikes.

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To join, all you have to do is contact either Peter Young, John Watkins or myself at the club on 061-620 4870. To make your life as easy as possible there are a number of options open to you to pay your weekly £2, including direct debit, standing order and collection at your house by our agents. However you want to pay, we will work out a way that best suits you.

Finally, cup action returns to Watersheddings on Monday, January 27th, when we entertain Warrington in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup, when we'll also be announcing the winners of our Win An Unforgettable Trip to London competition, brought to you exclusively by our ORLFC match day programme and Bob Sopel Travel. If you haven't entered there is still plenty of time, as the closing date for the competition is January 21st, 1992. Make sure you enter today, because you could soon be tasting the high life in London!

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A LOOK AT THE PAST — FIVE YEARS AGO

OLDHAM'S fixture with Wakefield Trinity on January 11th, 1987, was postponed because of the weather, but a week later Oldham defeated the elements by taking their home match against Featherstone Rovers to

Maine Road. The decision was justified when Oldham won a free-flowing encounter on the wide pitch by 20-16. A match-winning cover tackle by Mick Burke lives in the memory from this game. The attendance of 2,719 was below average, but receipts would have been good as only seated accommodation was in use. Oldham's scorers were Foy, Sanderson, Burke and Bridge, with Hobbs landing two goals.

The Oldham team that day was: Burke, Sherman, Foy, Bridge, Taylor, Topliss, Kirwan, Clark, Sanderson, Waddell, Hobbs, Flanagan and Raper. Subs: Edwards and Clawson.

Unfortunately, 1986-7 turned into a relegation season. Oldham collapsed from mid-table respectability to go down fourth from bottom with an inferior scoring record to Leeds. For comparison, Oldham's record read: Played 30, Won 13, Drawn 0, Lost 17, For 554, Against 679, Points 26. Leeds: Played 30, Won 13, Drawn 0, Lost 17, For 565, Against 571, Points 26.

That any team winning 13 matches can be relegated shows how absurd the structure of the Rugby League has been over the years. On this occasion, of course, four sides were relegated and only two promoted in order to reduce the size of the First Division. Hunslet and Swinton were the promoted teams, but neither could bridge the gap and were immediately relegated in 1987-8, while Oldham, under Eric Fitzsimons, came straight back as Champions and Premiership winners. However, what the yo-yo systems reveals is the impossibility of establishing any kind of continuity of playing fortunes, with massive turnovers of players either to cut costs if relegated or to mount a

challenge if promoted. This instability has driven the middle range of clubs — notably Leigh, Halifax, Oldham, Swinton, Barrow, Hull KR, Wakefield and York — to the brink of extinction and surely cannot be for the long-term good of the game.

With hindsight, of course, Oldham contributed to their own demise. The premature announcement of Frank Myler's decision to leave the club undermined morale and Oldham lost their last six matches when a point from anyone would have condemned Leeds to the Second Division! Worse of these defeats was the 22-24 reverse at Barrow, a match which could easily have been won. Humiliation was to follow when Leigh thrashed the Roughyeds at Watersheddings by 54-12.

Other contributory factors to Oldham's plight were the untimely sales of the influential Ray Ashton and David Hobbs. The early return of Aussies Gary Bridge and 'Bruiser' Clark also left holes in the side which would not be plugged.

On the brighter side this season, but also highlighting the absurdity of the structure of RL in Britain, were two never-to-be-forgotten nights at Watersheddings which proved that Oldham were never a relegation side. The first was the tour match on November 4th when Oldham came nearer than anyone else to halting the invincible Australians. The tourists scraped home 22-16 after being given the fright of their lives by an Oldham side which performed heroically before 5,678 rapturous fans. In a match which was Bruiser's finest hour, Oldham fielded: Edwards, Sherman, Foy, Warnecke, M'Barki, Topliss, Ashton, Clark, Flanagan, Clawson, Worrall, Hobbs, Raper. Subs: Hawkyard and Nadiola.

Additional cheer this season came on February 4th, 1987, when Oldham were the last team to defeat Wigan in the Challenge Cup, Paddy Kirwan's memorable last-minute try ensuring his place in any future Oldham Hall of Fame. 11,906 saw an enthralling match which will live forever in the minds of all those present. Oldham's heroes that night were: Burke, M'Barki, Foy, Bridge, Taylor, Topliss, Kirwan, Clark, Sanderson, Waddell, Worrall, Hobbs, Flanagan. Subs: Warnecke and Raper.



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SPOTLIGHT ON TIM STREET



"Before I joined Oldham I never took the game too seriously. Now I am really enjoying my rugby and have worked very hard on my fitness."

— Tim Street.

OLDHAM supporters breathed a huge sigh of relief when Tim Street escaped a suspension after being sent off on Boxing Day against Rochdale, as the prop forward has been in outstanding form all season. Tim, 23, who signed from Swinton during the summer, is clearly one of the key players to lead Oldham's promotion charge.

His firmly established front-row partnership with fellow prop Ian Sherratt is built on mutual respect. "Ian is still the best prop I've ever played with in my career. He will play all day for you and the amount of work he will put in during a match is incredible. We are working really well together."

Tim, who signed for Billy Benyon's Wigan in 1986 at the age of 18, is enjoying his rugby more than at any other time in his career. "Before I joined Oldham, I never took the game too seriously. Now I am really enjoying my rugby and have worked very hard on my fitness. I have really concentrated on my rugby this season, especially after spending four and a half months in Kirkham prison. That was the worst experience of my life, not just because of the effect on me but also because I hurt my family badly. I can definitely say I have learnt my lesson and will never go back. The one benefit is that the spell inside finally convinced me to knuckle down to my rugby."

And Tim has been knuckling down to dramatic effect ever since then with a string of performances that have earned the Oldham-born former Leigh forward rave reviews, ignoring opposition players who have deliberately set out to provoke him. "Certain players will play act to get fellow players sent off. I unfortunately have a reputation in the game which makes them assume I am an easy target. However, they are wasting their time. That's not the way me or any of the lads at Oldham play. All I am interested in is concentrating on my rugby."

Now Tim hopes to match his hard work on the pitch off the field. "I am interested in finding a job and would be delighted to hear from anyone who can help. All they need to do is contact me via the club."

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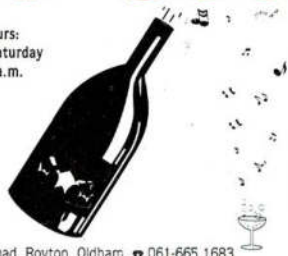
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- 11 LOGAN EDWARDS
- 12 CHARLIE McALISTER
- 13 RICHARD PACHNIUK
- 14 SHAUN ALLEN
- 15 DAVID BRADBURY

SHEFFIELD

Team Changes

- 1 KEITH MUMBY
- 2 RICHARD PICKSLEY
- 3 DAVID MYCOE
- 4 DARYL POWELL
- 5 DAVID PLANGE
- 6 IVA ROPATI
- 7 DAVID CLOSE
- 8 PAUL BROADBENT
- 9 MICK COOK
- 10 DALE LAUGHTON
- 11 DAVE MAEA
- 12 TONY TUIMAVAVI
- 13 ANDY YOUNG
- 14 MARK GAMSON
- 15 HUGH WADDELL

PENALTIES

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

SCRUMS

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
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Referee:
Charlie Tidball
Touch Judges:
Terry Moran (Red Flag)
Howard Josephson (Orange Flag)

PENALTIES

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First team players Tommy Martyn, Logan Edwards, Tim Street and Ian Sherratt are pictured here at the Warrington Brewery with members of Tetley Walker's telesales team.

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	P	Sub	T	G	D	Pts
Shaun Allen	2	1	0	0	0	0
Tony Barrow	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ian Bates	7	0	0	0	0	0
Dave Bradbury	1	5	0	0	0	0
Ged Byrne	12	0	3	0	0	12
Gary Christie	13	1	6	0	0	24
Mike Clements	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tony Conroy	2	2	0	0	0	0
Austin Donegan	6	0	1	0	0	4
Logan Edwards	6	0	2	0	0	8
Neil Flanagan	16	0	4	0	0	16
Joe Grima	3	0	0	0	0	0
John Henderson	6	1	2	0	0	8
Neil Holding	3	1	0	1	0	2
Richard Irving	16	0	4	0	0	16
Chris Joynt	12	1	6	0	0	24
Simon Longstaff	5	4	0	0	0	0
Paul Lord	5	0	3	0	0	12
Tommy Martyn	17	0	7	23	1	75
Charlie McAlister	16	4	4	5	0	36
Barrie McDermott	1	7	1	0	0	4
Paddy Mitchell	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mark Mulligan	2	0	0	0	0	0
Keith Newton	7	1	1	0	0	4
Vince Nicklin	18	0	6	0	0	24
Richard Pachniuk	13	0	6	6	0	36
Duncan Platt	6	0	0	10	0	20
Steve Robinson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Round	6	0	2	0	0	8
Richard Russell	6	2	0	0	0	4
Ian Sherratt	9	0	1	0	0	4
Tim Street	13	1	3	0	0	12
Sean Tyrer	4	0	0	8	0	16
Shane Tupaea	9	1	0	0	0	0
Steve Warburton	12	5	5	0	0	20

OLDHAM STATISTICS 1991/92

Stones Bitter Second Division

	Home					Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leigh.....	16	7	0	1	159	95	5	0	3	129	128	24
Sheffield.....	14	4	1	1	159	70	6	0	2	194	114	21
OLDHAM	16	4	0	4	182	148	4	2	2	133	121	18
Crusaders.....	15	5	0	4	152	154	3	0	3	66	67	16
Carlisle.....	14	5	0	2	149	86	2	1	4	101	103	15
Rochdale.....	13	2	1	3	172	107	3	1	3	162	141	12
Workington.....	15	2	1	5	76	155	2	0	5	100	176	9
Ryedale.....	15	1	1	5	89	156	0	0	8	88	286	3

NEXT HOME GAME (SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP)

v

Warrington

Monday, January 27th (kick-off 7.30p.m.)

NEXT AWAY GAME

v

Workington Town

Sunday, February 2nd (kick-off 3.30p.m.)

Opponents	Date	KO	Res	F/A	Att	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sheffield E	13.91	A	3.15	0	16.16	3.500	-	Nicklin	Irving 1	Warburton 1	McAlister 1	Martyn 1	Holding 1	Donegan 1	Russell	Street	Round	Allen	Longstaff	Newton	McAlister
Leigh	8.91	H	1.00	W	46.19	3.765	-	Nicklin	Irving 1	Martyn 1	McAlister 1	Warburton 1	Holding 1	Donegan 1	Pachniuk 1	Street	Round	Allen	Russell	Longstaff 1	McAlister 1
Sunder (Lancs) Cup	23.91	A	3.00	W	22.21	3.265	-	Nicklin 1	Irving	Martyn 1	McAlister 1	Warburton 1	Flanagan	Donegan	Pachniuk 1	Street	Round	Newton	Russell	Longstaff	Tapscott
Workington 1	23.91	A	7.30	0	6.6	3.200	3	Nicklin	Irving	Martyn 1	McAlister 1	Warburton 1	Holding 1	Donegan	Pachniuk 1	Newton	Round	Tupaea	Longstaff	Russell	Street 1
St Helens (Lancs) Cup	26.91	A	7.30	L	26.39	3.925	-	Bates	Irving	Martyn 2	Longstaff	Nicklin	Flanagan 1	Street	Russell	McAlister 1	Round 1	McAlister 1	Joynt 1	Cheshire	Bathory
Rochdale H	28.91	H	3.00	W	16.26	4.106	5	Longstaff	Cheshire	Nicklin	Newton	Warburton 1	Flanagan 1	Street	Pachniuk 1	Street	Round 1	McAlister 1	McAlister 1	Cheshire	McAlister
Crusaders	6.10.91	A	3.00	W	23.20	3.50	3	Platt	Cheshire	Martyn 1	Longstaff	Holding	Flanagan	Street	Pachniuk 1	Burns	Newton	McAlister	Longstaff	Joynt	McAlister
Ryedale York	13.10.91	H	3.00	W	52.10	3.074	3	Nicklin 1	Cheshire 2	Martyn 1	Longstaff	Warburton 1	Flanagan 1	Street	Pachniuk 1	Conry	Joynt 1	McAlister 1	Newton	Longstaff	Bathory
Carlisle	20.10.91	A	2.00	W	30.19	3.200	1	Nicklin 1	Cheshire 1	Martyn 1	Byrne 1	Warburton 1	Flanagan 1	Conry	Pachniuk 1	Conry	Joynt	McAlister 1	Newton	Longstaff	McAlister
Sheffield E	21.10.91	H	2.00	L	12.38	3.204	2	Nicklin	Cheshire 1	Martyn 1	Byrne 1	Warburton 1	Flanagan	Conry	Pachniuk 1	Conry	Joynt	McAlister 1	Newton	Longstaff	Russell
Leigh	6.11.91	A	7.30	L	4.20	3.300	4	Martyn 1	Irving	Warburton 1	Byrne 1	McAlister	Flanagan	Conry	Pachniuk 1	Conry	Joynt	McAlister	Newton	Longstaff	Russell
Workington 1	18.11.91	H	3.00	L	14.15	2.536	4	Nicklin	Cheshire	Martyn 1	Warburton 1	Cheshire	Flanagan	Conry	Pachniuk 1	Conry	Joynt	McAlister	Newton	Longstaff	Russell
Crusaders (Reg Trophy) Red 1	13.11.91	H	3.00	W	16.10	3.000	-	Nicklin	Cheshire 1	Martyn 1	Warburton 1	Cheshire	Flanagan	Conry	Pachniuk 1	Conry	Joynt	McAlister	Newton	Longstaff	Russell
St Helens (Reg Trophy) Red 2	24.11.91	H	3.00	L	18.24	5.914	-	Platt 1	Cheshire	Warburton 1	Nicklin 1	Cheshire	Flanagan	Conry	Pachniuk 1	Conry	Joynt	McAlister	Newton	Longstaff	Russell
Rochdale H	1.12.91	A	3.00	W	20.10	3.305	3	Platt 1	Cheshire 1	Martyn 1	Nicklin	Cheshire	Flanagan	Conry	Pachniuk 1	Conry	Joynt	McAlister	Newton	Longstaff	Russell
Crusaders	8.12.91	H	3.00	L	0.10	3.144	-	Platt 1	Cheshire	Martyn 1	Nicklin	Cheshire	Flanagan	Conry	Pachniuk 1	Conry	Joynt	McAlister	Newton	Longstaff	Russell
Ryedale York	15.12.91	A	3.15	W	22.15	3.222	3	Platt 1	Cheshire	Martyn 1	Nicklin	Cheshire	Flanagan	Conry	Pachniuk 1	Conry	Joynt	McAlister	Newton	Longstaff	Russell
Rochdale H	26.12.91	H	3.00	W	25.10	4.051	3	Platt 1	Cheshire	Warburton 1	Nicklin	Cheshire	Flanagan	Conry	Pachniuk 1	Conry	Joynt	McAlister	Newton	Longstaff	Russell
Leigh	1.1.92	A	3.30	L	12.23	4.568	3	Nicklin	Cheshire	Martyn 1	Warburton 1	Cheshire	Flanagan	Conry	Pachniuk 1	Conry	Joynt	McAlister	Newton	Longstaff	Russell
Carlisle	5.1.92	H	3.00	W	14.4	3.003	3	Tyrer 1	Irving	Nicklin	Byrne 1	Warburton 1	Flanagan	Conry	Pachniuk 1	Conry	Joynt	McAlister	Newton	Longstaff	Russell
Sheffield E	12.1.92	H	3.00	W																	
Workington (SCE) Red 1	27.1.92	H	7.30	W																	
Workington 1	2.2.92	A	3.00	W																	
SCE - Round 2	9.2.92																				
Crusaders	16.2.92	A	3.00	W																	
Ryedale York	23.2.92	H	3.00	W																	
SCE - Round 3	23.2.92																				
Sheffield E	1.3.92	A	3.15	W																	
Carlisle	8.3.92	H	3.00	W																	
Crusaders	15.3.92	H	3.00	W																	
Carlisle	29.3.92	A	2.00	W																	
Workington 1	5.4.92	H	3.00	W																	
Ryedale York	12.4.92	A	3.15	W																	
Rochdale H	17.4.92	A	3.00	W																	
Leigh	20.4.92	H	3.00	W																	

Key: 1=try g=goal dg=drop goal * =played as substitute



Gary's View

by
A-Team
Coach
Gary Hyde

A TREMENDOUS defensive display in atrocious conditions was the key to an excellent victory over Hull KR by 12-6.

Heavy rain throughout the game made handling difficult, but the Oldham team responded well and made far fewer mistakes than their opponents. However, defence was the vital part of Oldham's game and they restricted Hull to just a "consolation" try a few minutes from the end.

A half-time lead of 10-0 was made up of three goals from a triallist full-back and a solo try from Abraham Philip, who showed great strength brushing off three would-be tacklers before racing away to score under the posts. A further penalty goal in the second half completed the scoring.

While it was an all-round team effort, a special mention should be made of Jeff Bimson, who had an excellent match on his debut and was a constant thorn in the Hull KR defence.

Our next game is at Warrington, where we will be looking to continue our winning start to the New Year.

Youngers Rugby League Alliance Fixtures 1991/92

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res	F A
Aug 30	Bradford Northern	H	W	24-14
Sept 6	Castleford	A	L	20-34
13	Warrington	H	L	12-16
21	Workington Town (2.30)	H	W	84-12
27	Halifax	A	L	6-26
Oct 5	Hemel Hempstead (Shield)	A	W	46-8
11	Widnes	H	L	18-24
19	St Helens (Shield Round 2)	A	L	10-49
24	Bradford Northern	A	L	10-30
Nov 1	Featherstone Rovers	H	W	14-4
9	Workington Town (2.30)	A	W	16-12
15	Leeds	A	L	16-36
22	St. Helens	H	L	22-38
29	Hull KR	A	L	0-36
Dec 6	Wakefield Trinity	A	L	0-60
13	Castleford	H	Postponed	
20	Wigan	A	L	0-42
27	St. Helens	A	L	10-40
Jan 3	Hull KR	H	W	12-6
10	Warrington	A		
17	Halifax	H		
24	Widnes	A		
31	Challenge Cup			
Feb 7	Hull	H		
14	Challenge Cup — Round 2			
21	Featherstone Rovers	A		
28	Wigan	H		
Mar 6	Hull	A		
13	Leeds	H		
20	Wakefield Trinity	H		

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Youngers Rugby League Alliance

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	17	13	0	4	625	220	26
Leeds	16	11	0	5	470	265	22
St Helens	16	9	1	6	460	333	19
Halifax	16	9	0	7	378	306	18
Hull	14	8	1	5	334	213	17
Hull KR	15	8	1	6	301	282	17
Warrington W	14	8	0	6	286	272	16
Widnes	15	7	0	8	462	400	14
Bradford N	14	7	0	7	318	356	14
Castleford	14	6	2	6	270	314	14
Featherstone R	17	6	1	10	255	388	13
Wakefield T	15	5	0	10	318	399	10
Oldham	16	5	0	11	264	430	10
Workington T	17	3	0	14	174	737	6

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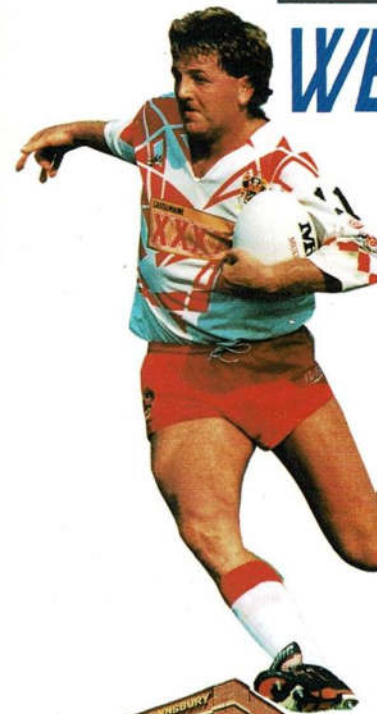
ACTION REPLAY



In-form Tim Street (centre), seen here in the thick of the battle against Carlisle, produced another immaculate match-winning performance at prop forward.



Stop that man! Oldham's three smallest players — Richard Pachniuk (left), Ian Bates (No. 9) and Neil Flanagan — stop Carlisle's Ian Armstrong in his tracks during last week's hard-fought 14-4 home victory.



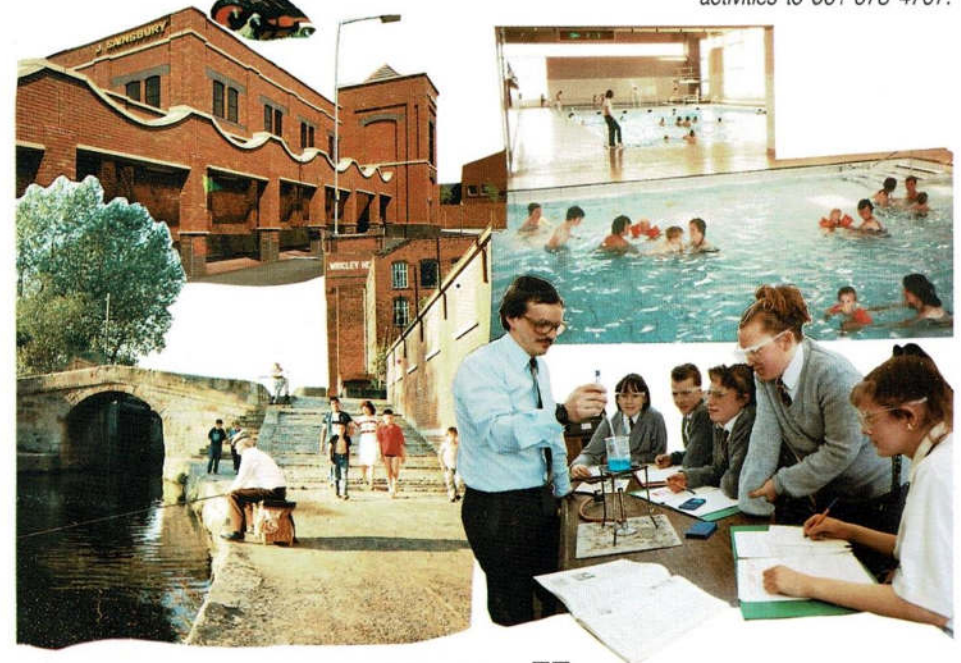
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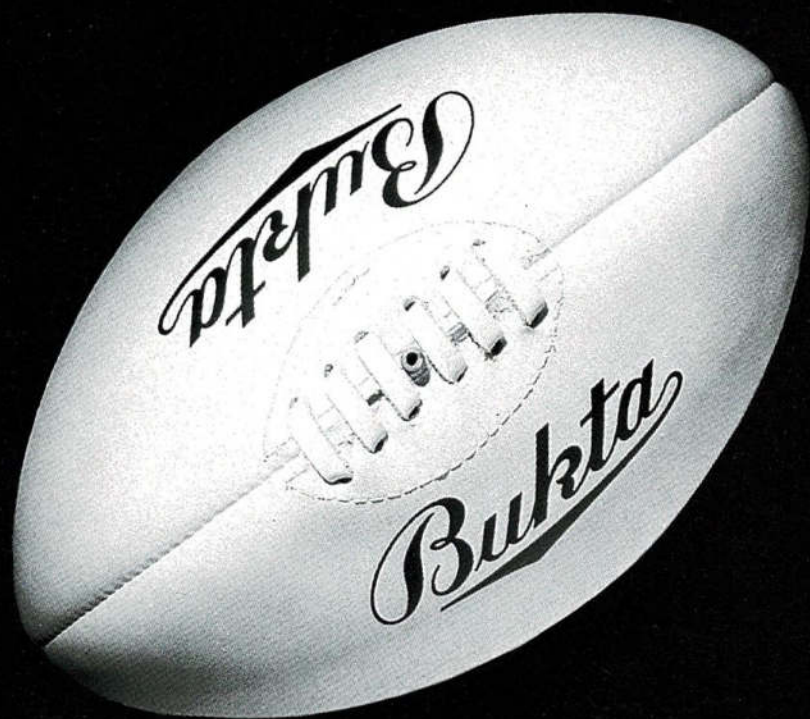
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