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GOOD AFTERNOON

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and welcome to Spotland for this afternoon's Stones Bitter Second Division Championship match against neighbours Oldham. Joining us at today's match sponsored by the Metropolitan Borough of Rochdale are the Mayor and Mayoress of Rochdale, Mr & Mrs Brian Ashworth, a very warm welcome to them.

After some early season stutters, Oldham have put together an impressive run that has left them on the very brink of promotion, needing maximum points from the Easter fixtures to fulfil their ambitions. Last week they recorded their seventeenth victory of the campaign at Ryedale York.

This is of course, our last League fixture of what has been a frustrating Season, this was never more apparent than at Carlisle last week, when we lost a match that would have guaranteed us a place in the Premiership play-off. Consequently, only a victory today will do, we cannot rely on Workington beating Crusaders at Crystal Palace.

Prior to today's match the Alliance Team will be presented with the Second Division West Championship Trophy, which was finally clinched last Saturday against Swinton. Congratulations to Kevin Lowe and the players.

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Today's Opponents

As far as Hornets fans are concerned, this is the match of the season version 4. The old enemy from Watersheddings always give a hard game and this season has been no exception. A marvellous win by Hornets early in the season has been overshadowed somewhat by two defeats since but we have a chance to redress the situation today. Since our last meeting Oldham have swapped former favourite Charlie McAlister for Sheffield Eagles centre Iva Ropati, who has continued his rich scoring vein. A win today is vital for both teams, for Hornets a guaranteed Premiership place and for Oldham a lifeline possibly to the first division.

Iva Ropati One of at least five rugby playing brothers. Iva has moved to Oldham this season after becoming Sheffield's leading try scorer. A devastating finisher, he has carried on where he left off.

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.

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.

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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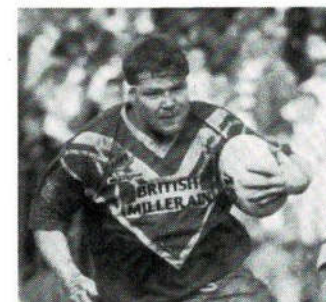
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Our heartiest congratulations today go to Neil Cowie after his recent call up to tour Australia and New Zealand with the Great Britain Squad. In his first season with Champions Wigan, Neil has put in some sterling displays against some of the top forwards in the game. His performance against Bradford Northern in the semi final of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup was outstanding and perhaps the one that finally booked his passage. The people of Todmorden and their fine amateur RL club must be very proud of his achievements, as indeed are we here at Hornets. The selection of players like Neil, Mick Jackson, Sonny Nickle and Daryl Powell continually prove that the so called "smaller clubs" can unearth real talent and have just as much to offer the Rugby League as the alleged "big 17", never let that be forgotten!



★★★★★

The month of March was a good one for Hornets, although including a narrow defeat at Don Valley, players confidence rose and gave rise to a points spree as Carlisle, Ryedale York, Workington and then Sheffield, in that fine encounter at Spotland, succumbed to some of the finest attacking Rugby



League seen by Hornets fans. 175 points were amassed including 32 tries as we went on to be awarded the Stones Bitter Division Two Team of the Month for March, our second of the season, the other being September's following our reaching the Greenalls Lancashire Cup Final.

★★★★★

OUR REFEREE TODAY is Mr Kevin Allatt from Southport. Aged 49, he attained grade one status in the 1972/73 season. After Gerry Kershaw, Kevin is probably the longest serving top grade referee in the world. He has officiated in three County Cup finals and a Premiership final, as well as the 1975 Roses Match. His touch judges today are Mr Mike Hesketh and Wembley bound Mr Tony Brown, both from St Helens.

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Dear Supporter

Funny ol' game isn't it? Two fantastic wins and then — well lets forget about last Sunday's game. A good day was had by the supporters who came on the supporters' coach, the coach was almost full, please continue to support the team and the supporters' club.

Quite a few events are lined up, starting with Friday 24th April. The end of League Season Disco, 8 pm Spotland Suite £2.50 including potato pie supper. The Albany Hotel, Heywood, hosts our Supporters' Player of the Year luncheon on Sunday 24th May. Price is £7.00. Please note you do not have to be a member to attend this lunch, players, directors, fans, anyone is welcome. Please contact Ken Oldham, myself or the club for details. I am also trying to arrange a crown green bowling competition in July. Watch the press for details. The quiz night was

very successful and enjoyable, repeat nights have been requested.

During the Leigh match some of us saw some ugly scenes from the Leigh fans. Two of our supporters were punched and pushed and had beer sprayed over them. Because of what I said in the programme a few weeks ago about crowd violence they literally "turned the other cheek". Well done lads!! A letter of complaint has been sent to Leigh. Maybe serving alcohol during the match isn't such a good idea after all.

Hopefully this won't be the last letter from me this season if all goes well today.

Keep supporting your team and the supporters club.

Regards

Judith Savin

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	15	Highfield (GLC)	A	34-11	750	Greenalls
	22	Ryedale-York	H	66-14	1203	British Millerrain
	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	10-20	3335	Binder Hamlyn
	15	Workington Town	H	42-8	1094	IDN Computer Services
	22	Leigh	A	22-24	2861	
	26	Oldham	A	18-26	4094	
1992 JAN	12	London Crusaders	H	12-32	1034	
	15	Sheffield Eagles	H	12-26	1094	Sandersons Buildings
	19	London Crusaders	A	18-20	750	
FEB	2	Hull FC (SCCC Round 1)	H	28-32	1459	
	5	Ryedale-York	H	14-18	1004	Midas Lotteries
	9	Carlisle	A	5-0	700	
	16	Leigh	H	14-27	1822	Cook St Pallets & Lion Springs
	23	Workington Town	A	5-4	1774	
MAR	1	Carlisle	H	44-14	1074	Hornets Supporters Club
	8	Sheffield Eagles	A	17-23	2611	
	15	Ryedale-York	A	30-4	1120	
	22	Workington Town	H	50-14	1035	Rochdale Electrical Welding Co
	29	Sheffield Eagles	H	34-18	1248	Siesta World Travel
APR	5	Leigh	A	12-0	3351	
	12	Carlisle	A	8-20	950	
	17	Oldham	H			Rochdale MBC

GLC = Greenalls Lancashire Cup

STAN SAYS

The most pleasing thing about the excellent wins over Sheffield and Leigh is that, finally, the team has begun to realise its potential and play with confidence.

We've known all along that we have talent in abundance in our squad and that on our day we are capable of beating any team in this division. It is only disappointing that we lost our self belief a little either side of Christmas and, had we performed to the standard of the last few weeks, we would be on our way out of this division — in the right direction.

Overhauling London proved a great fillip to the morale of the players and now we can set our sights on a successful premiership run and continue to build for an even better season next term.

Thanks must go to our magnificent supporters at Wilton Park, where your constant vocal encouragement boosted the team when we looked in danger of losing our shape and momentum due to injuries.

Though maybe not the largest band of supporters in the league, Hornets can boast one of the most loyal and, certainly, one of the loudest!

Thanks to you all — and hopefully we can give you even more to cheer before the 1991/92 season ends.

This afternoon we close our league programme by welcoming old rivals Oldham back to Spotland.

Oldham are hoping that Leigh will have continued their run of bad form and left a possible promotion chance for them.

The departure of Sheddings favourite Charlie Macalister has enabled Peter Tonks to bring Kiwi try-machine Iva Ropati into his squad and we'll be on our guard against him today.

At the time of writing, our A team need to have beaten Swinton in last weekend's game to have clinched promotion.

Needing just two points from the last two games (the other being at basement club Chorley) promotion to the Alliance first division outlines the strides made by Kev Lowe's young side and Congratulations go to him and his team.

In closing I'd like to thank both Kev and Mike Kuiti for their invaluable assistance during the season and we all hope to see you at Old Trafford.



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WHAT THE PAPERS SAID

Go on, gloat a bit. Enjoy it. Feels good, doesn't it? As the Hornets premiership band wagon gathers momentum — fuelled by a new air of confidence — we leave Sheffield and Leigh in our wake.

Eagles first: 'Hornets dent promotion hopes' led the League Express headline and then went on to describe Hornets' victory as both '... scintillating' and '... spectacular'.

They seemed to see the sin-binning of Mark Aston as the turning point of the game, but being reduced to 12 for 10 minutes didn't do US any harm as we rattled in 12 points in that time. Hornets defence was '... superbly marshalled by Webster and Duane' and the pick of the tries was from 'Brett Clark's exquisitely timed pass which sent Abram galloping home.'

If this was the sort of form that Mr Hetherington thinks will establish Sheffield as one of a 'Big 17', he's in for a shock and the cheers of the Eagles fans were reciprocated by shouts of 'Feeble, Feeble!' by a section of the home supporters.

Hilton Park next: Without a win at Leigh since 1975 Hornets travelled there having beaten Sheffield who, in turn, had drubbed them the week previously.

So, fancying a win by 80 points (Hornets scored 30+ against the Eagles who were 50 points better than Leigh at Don Valley), hands up those who were disappointed by a breathtaking shut-out of the 2nd Division title pretenders! 'Hornets continued their rich vein of late season form ...' said the League Express '... and must be rated as dark horses for the premiership.'

They continued 'Hornets looked red-hot, showing a refreshing willingness to keep the ball alive.' Mal Reddican was praised for the way he made John Woods look like a has-been and Colin Whitfield deservedly picked up the man-of-the-match award. Sadly, towards the end of the game, Leigh's own band of drunken morons came amongst the Hornets supporters shouting, using abusive language, threatening everybody within earshot and attempting to pick trouble with anybody in the red, white and blue colours. The police reaction to this behaviour was, to say the least, lamentable, and if indeed Leigh do make it into the first division, these sad nutters had better get used to losing, because on the form they showed two weeks ago Leigh, like Sheffield, will be in for a very quick return.

Thanks to everybody for getting behind the lads in our usual vociferous and good humoured fashion this season and here's to a good run in the play-offs.

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Full Back
1—LAWRENSON

Threequarters
2—UNSWORTH
3—SHORT
4—EVANS
5—LEVULA

Half Backs
6—ASHWORTH/WALSH
7—FISHWICK

Forwards
8—BIRCHALL
9—SIVILL
10—KETTLETON
11—JONES
12—PARR J.
13—BAXTER

OLDHAM

Full Back
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Threequarters
2—LORD
3—NOON
4—PRICE
5—SIMMS T.

Half Backs
6—KELLETT
7—PITCHFORD

Forwards
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9—McINTYRE
10—GODDARD
11—ROBINSON
12—BOTT
13—PARKER

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The official programme of Hornets v Oldham 28th
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LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Rochdale Schools under 11's v Oldham Schools under 11's

Rochdale Schools Under 11's have had their most successful season for many years. Under the guidance of coach Brian Warrington and tireless work of manager, Danny Mulkeen, they were able to reach the semi-finals of the English Schools Knock Out. Metro Rochdale has also fielded 2 teams in the North West Counties Development League. One representing Rochdale and a second from Middleton and Heywood under John Addison and Neil Bruckshaw. The Town Teams pick from the 18 junior schools who now regularly play Rugby League in Rochdale. This Town Team also demonstrates the value of the District Development Association (DDA). The co-operation between the schools and clubs is such that we are now able to boast 5 Under 11 Club teams in the Borough all playing in the Greater Manchester Youth League. Rochdale DDA are pleased to welcome Oldham Schools Under 11's and wish them every success as they head off to Wembley on May 2nd.

Rochdale Under 11's

1. Paul Halkyard, 2. Andrew Buckley, 3. Ryan Mather, 4. John Casey, 5. Kenny Taylor, 6. Dean Howorth, 7. Ryan Blake, 8. Ryan Snape, 9. Thomas Power, 10. Nathan Doyle, 11. Ben Simpson, 12. Steve Chadwick, 13. Ben Whitter

Subs

14. Danny Catlow, 15. Ryan Lord, 16. Chris Smith, 17. Lee Storey, 18. Max Power

Oldham Under 11's

1. Jimmy Scales, 2. Matthew Wright, 3. James Campbell, 4. Michael Grennon, 5. Michael Thomas, 6. Gareth Barber, 7. Chris Hough, 8. Rhys Orriss, 9. Greg Wellings, 10. Wayne Taylor, 11. Craig Bickerstaffe, 12. David Booth, 13. Kevin Sinfield (Capt), 14. James Howe, 15. Darren Nixon, 16. David Cuthill, 17. Adam Perry, 18. Ryan Grumbridge

This will be Oldham's last game before they represent N.W Counties Schools RL in the Wembley Curtain Raiser. For Oldham this will be their 21st game of a busy season but the first time that Oldham and Rochdale Junior Town Teams have ever met. Watch for county players Hough (7), Barber (6), Sinfield (13), and Campbell (3). Full back, Jimmy Scales is a deadly tackler.

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Nottingham City

Nottingham City have become only the third team to lose all their matches in a season. They lost all 26 Third Division matches plus three Cup ties.

Runcorn Highfield lost all 28 Second Division matches and three Cup ties in 1989-90. In 1906-7 Liverpool City lost all 30 of their League matches plus two Cup ties and dropped out after only one season. They did manage a home League draw against Bramley but when they were unable to fulfil a return fixture the match was expunged from League records.

Nottingham have the current longest losing run of 36 matches made up of seven in the Second Division last season, 26 in the Third Division plus one each in the John Smiths Yorkshire Cup, the Regal Trophy and the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

They last won on 3 March 1991 when they beat Runcorn Highfield 20-14 in a Second Division home match.

The record longest losing run is 61 by Runcorn from January 1989 to February 1991.

Steve Carroll

Steve Carroll is one point short of the Bramley record of 276 in a season by George Langfield with 123 goals and 10 tries in 1956-57. Carroll's total is made up of five tries and 131 goals including seven drop goals.

He is also set to join the few players who have scored in every match throughout a season.

Winning Run

Wigan have the current longest winning run of 19 matches, 15 in the Stones Bitter Championship and four Silk Cut Challenge Cup ties. They last lost on 30 November at Salford when they went down 24-14 in the third round of the Regal Trophy.

Milestones

Neil Turner, the Hull and former Doncaster winger, needs one try for a career century of touchdowns.

Whitehaven Records

Vince Gribbin finished the season with a club record 31 tries and Steve Maguire kicked a club best 12 goals in a match, as Whitehaven ran up their highest score in an 80-6 Third Division home defeat of Nottingham City.

Needing three tries to equal the club record of 29 in a season, Gribbin smashed it with five to give the winger 10 in Whitehaven's last three matches.

The previous record was set by winger Billy Smith with 29 in 1956-57;

Gribbin also holds the club record of six in a match, against Doncaster in 1984.

Maguire beat the goals record of 11 by Bill Holliday in a 61-0 home League defeat of Hunslet on 31 March 1962. Holliday also scored a try for a club record 25 points.

Whitehaven's previous biggest victory was 72-6 in a Lancashire Cup first round home tie against Fulham on 14 September 1986 when they scored 12 tries, compared with 14 on Sunday.

Point Scoring Sequence

Steve Carroll of Bramley and Steve Parrish of Batley are the only players to have scored in all of their club's matches this season.

Carroll has scored in 31 matches and Parrish in 30 matches. Neither scored in the final match of last season.

Team of the Month Award

Congratulations on being selected as Team of the Month in the Second Division for the month of March 1992.



DEVELOPMENT CORNER

For those of you who are regular readers of the programme, here are the Rochdale Ravens Pen Pictures we promised you, heavily censored — sorry Tracy Smith, we couldn't print your "likes" but the team is aware!

Name	Position	Age	Occupation	Hobbies	Likes	Dislikes
Jackie Powley	Winger	21	Warehouse Person	Boozing	Animals	Men/working
Wendy Charnley	Winger	20	Housewife/Tidy Upper	Being ill	Men	Male ego's
Vicki Hulme	Centre/winger	23	Printers Asst	Watching The Simpsons	Food	Men
Kim Courtney	Winger	18	P.E. Teacher	Basket Ball	Censored!!	
Helen Molloy	Winger	27	Mum of 16!	Belly dancing/Juggling	Practicing making children	Having children
Zoe Smith	Centre (rest censored)	16!	Sweet Sex Symbol	Seducing older men	Having a massage	Not getting what I want
Louise Daveron	Prop	29	Analyst	Knitting/Basket weaving	None	None
Louise Green	Prop	19	Student	Insuring	Booze Food	Running
Tracy Smith	2nd row	49	Massager & afters	Collecting money from clients	***	Small W*ll*s
Karen Jopson	Stand Off	15	Censored!	Censored!	Big Men	Little Men
Karen Clegg	Winger	29	Part time Robber	Gary Lineker	Gary Lineker	Lineker's wife
Kay Lindsay	Prop	21	Government Artist (Think about it)	Getting injured	Thinking of ways of not to train	Training
Debbie Nokes (Captain)	2nd Row	Not	Anything which involves being on top	Spotting Mal's lookalike	Mal Meninga	Women who like Mal Meninga
Cathy Whitehead	Prop	26	Analyst	F*rt*ng	F*rt*ng	Anyone who F*rts louder than me!
Marie	Centre	28	Assist Accountant	Garden-ing/Reading	None	None
Micklethwaite				Standing on Street Corners		
Jackie Hodgson	Hooker		Guess Auxilliary Operative		Men who pay well!	Men who don't pay well!

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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	0-5	28-10	23-12	39-10	GAME 1
			19-11	28-24	10-23	20-8		22-25		GAME 2
LEIGH	32-22			13-6	20-4	22-24	26-10	13-14	10-5	GAME 1
	19-18			30-8	23-12	0-12	70-0	26-24	68-6	GAME 2
LONDON CRUSADERS	12-8	20-18			20-23	14-22	20-10	22-44	28-7	GAME 1
	20-15	14-4			8-12	20-18	18-6	12-29		GAME 2
OLDHAM	14-4	46-19	0-10			18-26	52-18	12-38	14-15	GAME 1
	20-17		16-4			26-18	30-6	18-44	44-10	GAME 2
ROCHDALE HORNETS	18-18	10-19	26-28	10-20			66-14	12-26	42-8	GAME 1
	44-14	14-27	12-32				14-18	34-18	50-14	GAME 2
RYEDALE-YORK	6-26	7-22	8-14	16-22	12-12			22-26	18-42	GAME 1
	22-1	4-21	16-4	18-26	4-30			8-6		GAME 2
SHEFFIELD EAGLES	12-6	10-16	38-4	16-16	35-14	58-4			28-14	GAME 1
	32-14	51-6		10-16	23-17				48-8	GAME 2
WORKINGTON TOWN	11-17	5-10	12-8	6-6	12-48	20-16	2-35			GAME 1
		8-34	4-10	0-5	4-5	19-19	18-36			GAME 2

SPORTING COMMENT

'Rules is Rules!' — The future of R.L. by The Man With The Plan

As another season draws to a close — and another plan to launch a 'Big 17 Super-duper League' dissolves — I've come up with a great new idea for restructuring the league which makes about as much sense as any that come out of Sheffield.

There will be four divisions numbering 2, 15, 15 and 4. Division 4 contains the current 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th clubs from the current 3rd Division.

Divisions 2 and 3 divide equally all the remaining clubs except the bottom team in the league — and Wigan!

So, Division 1 contains Wigan and Nottingham — that way the fans at Central Park can get to see lots of tries — because that's all they understand!

The 4th division will act as a 'feeder' division to the first division — with the bottom club being promoted into the first and the bottom club in the first division being compulsorily expelled from the league — in keeping with the R.L.'s expansion plans.

Relegation from the 2nd & 3rd divisions will be two down (two up from the third) and the club finishing top of division two will receive a pat on the back from Uncle Maurice.

The Rugby League Levy will be increased to 50%, paid by all teams outside the first division and then distributed evenly to the club at the top of division one.

All television money will be split 85-15 with the team at the top of the first division because they have a new stand to pay for. At Council meetings of the R.L. there shall remain the practice of one club one vote — Wigan shall become the one club and they will have the vote, the chairman of the RFL Board of Directors carrying the right to veto.

The remaining 35 clubs will be allowed to register their vote if they can raise a minimum majority of 36.

The number of players made available to Great Britain by the team leading the first division shall be decided by: the club chairman, the chairman of the R.L. Board of Directors and the Gt. Britain Manager.

Anyone attempting to form a new club in any area other than one designated a 'development area' shall be refused entry to the league on the grounds that they are not London Crusaders, and the new clubs must meet the following criteria: in a catchment area of almost 10 million people you must **NOT** attract crowds in excess of 350 or you shall lose your development status. The exception to this rule shall be: if you give away 5000 free tickets to artificially boost your attendance figures you shall be heralded as a genius.

The league shall introduce the sin-bin for the new offence of 'BEING BORING'. Henceforth London Crusaders will comply by only playing 35 minutes each way every week ... and Bradford Northern!

So there you have it — a great new plan to take Rugby League back to the halcyon days of unlimited tackles, fat, useless forwards, eighty minutes of 'one man ploughing a furrow up t'middle with t'ball up his shirt' (as still used by Bradford Northern) and an isolated, regional, flat caps, whippets, cobbled streets, 'dahn t'pit' image. I think it will really catch on. Nurse, the screens!

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Sheila Hodgkinson

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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

Hornets "A" finally wound up their season on Monday night thrashing Hapless Chorley 74-0. It has been a magnificent season, and one that has seen us achieve our ultimate aim of promotion to the Alliance Division!

It was quite clear we were going to be a force to be reckoned with after just six days of the season had gone, by then we had chalked up two away wins, at Whitehaven (32-6) and at the Willows (32-24).

The first of three slip up's came on a cold October Friday evening in Barrow when we were over run by the massive Barrow pack finally going down 18-9.

Crystal Palace was the next port of call in the Lancashire Shield, the journey being worth while, Hornets winning 25-14. The second round was an anti climax with Hornets stumbling at Whitehaven before going down 16-13.

At the start of December Hornets were clearly on a roll having put together a run of 6 wins from 7 games, Chorley (H) 70-6, Swinton (A) 17-5, Huddersfield (A) 30-24, Whitehaven (H) 46-36, Carlisle (A) 24-18, Salford (H) 22-14. The only slip up came at Hilton Park when Hornets came up against the masterly John Woods who kicked 5 goals and scored a try, Hornets going down 19-14.

Lack of regular fixtures became a problem for Hornets around Christmas, with postponements becoming a regular event.

Hornets final loss of the season came on the 14th December at Fartown, with windswept conditions being the major factor as Hornets went down 22-8.

Seven wins on the trot secured Hornets position in the Alliance first division, the wins being: Barrow (H) 44-22, Carlisle (H) 22-14, Keighley (A) 32-18, Leigh (H) 44-18, Keighley (H) 40-20, Chorley (A) 74-0, Swinton (H) 73-4.

In between these league games, Hornets lost to Warrington in the Challenge Cup 34-8 at Spotland.

The end of season cup competition proved a major disappointment for Hornets. After winning their respective pool group, Bramley (A) 18-4, Salford (H) 38-32, Sheffield (A) 30-26 and Doncaster (H) Bye, Hornets went to Monks Cross Stadium in Ryedale for the semi final. After leading 11-2 at half-time the second half turned out to be a nightmare, before the "kick that never was" put us out of the competition 18-17.

Putting aside that disappointment, the season has been absolutely superb with the growing band of Alliance fans being treated to a Rugby League at it's best.

It would be wrong to single out individual players, because it has been a magnificent team effort that has won us promotion. But in my mind Steve Turner must be singled out for the way he has led the side to this achievement, and all the players have responded to him, showing him the utmost respect.

Thoughts should also be spared for Ian Gormley and Kevin Lowe. Ian is currently recovering from a badly broken jaw, which he suffered in an ugly incident against Swinton last Saturday. We all wish him well.

As for Kevin, what more can we say about this free scoring Hooker cum second row forward, all we can do is say thanks for the effort he in particular has put in this season.

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Martin Hall stopped short by Mumby

Whose ball? Ronnie Duane contesting



It takes Broadbent and Cook to halt Matt Calland's progress



Triumphant Hornets 'A' Team after their title clinching 73-4 drubbing of Swinton 'A'. Back row (l-r): Trialist Winger, Mark Viller, Karl Marriott, Steve Gartland, Martin Kay, Darren Pitt, Ian Finney, Tony Wootton, Steve Hardman (physio). Front row: Mark Reynolds (all round good egg!), Steve Turner, Paul O'Keeffe, Mike Hulmes, Trialist Halfback, Kevin Lowe (coach). Ian Gormley was missing due to having sustained a badly broken jaw.



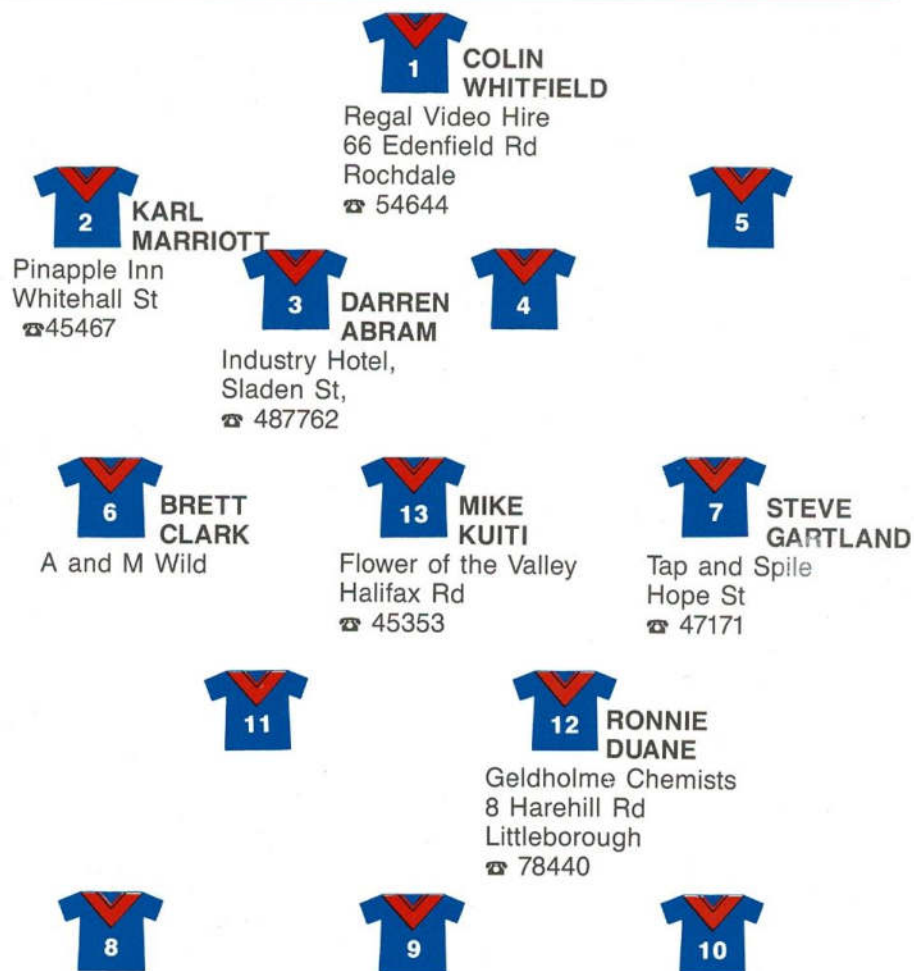
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WHO DID WHAT 1991/92

	App	Sub	Try	Goal	DG	PTS
Colin Whitfield	23			74	5	153
Phil Fox	24		15			60
Darren Abram	31		24	7	1	111
Matt Calland	21	3	12			48
Brian Garrity	23		10			40
Brett Clark	31		11			44
Steve Gartland	17	2	9			36
Tony Humphries	13	8	4			16
Martin Hall	24	1	3			12
Bob Marsden	29	1	8			32
Ian Gormley	7	4	1			4
Simon Bamber	18	9	5			20
Ronnie Duane	23	2	7			28
Mike Kuiti	31	1	7			28
Robert Hall		2				
Karl Marriott	7					
Martin Kay	9		1			4
Andy Sullivan	1	4				
Darren Pitt	3	2				
Cliff Eccles	23	3	3			12
Bob Eccles	8	12	5	15		50
Dave Webster	20	2	1			4
Steve Turner	2	3		7	1	15
Paul Okesene	19	3	2			8
Mark Viller	3			3		6
Adrian Belle	9		2			8
Alan Platt	1					
Mal Reddican	2	4	1			4
Mike Williams	1					
Jeff Bimson	3	on loan from Chorley — returned				
Mark Lord	1	Transferred to Workington				

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ADRIAN BELLE	5	SEAN TYRER
COLIN WHITFIELD	6	GED BYRNE
MIKE WILLIAMS	7	NEIL FLANAGAN
BOB MARSDEN	8	IAN SHERRATT
MARTIN HALL	9	RICHARD PACHNICK
CLIFF ECCLES	10	TIM STREET
MAL REDDICKAN	11	CHRIS JOYNT
SIMON BAMBER	12	RICHARD RUSSELL
MIKE KUITI	13	VINCE NICKLIN
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