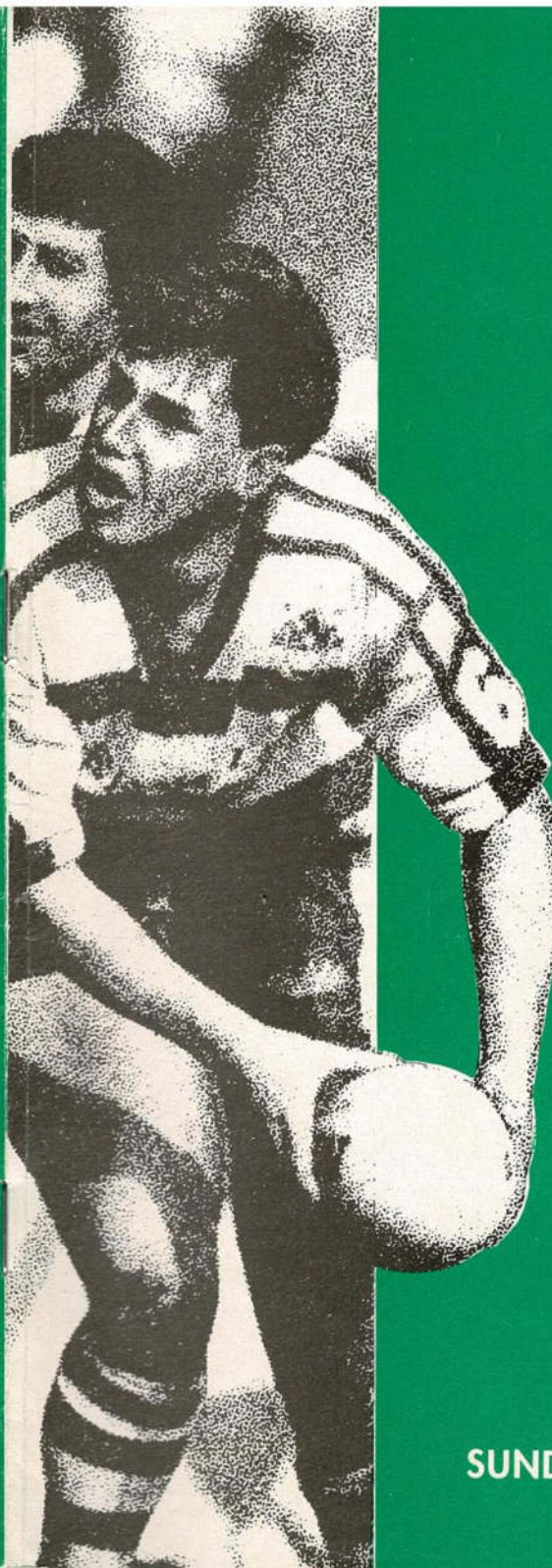




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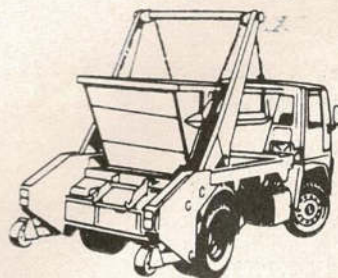


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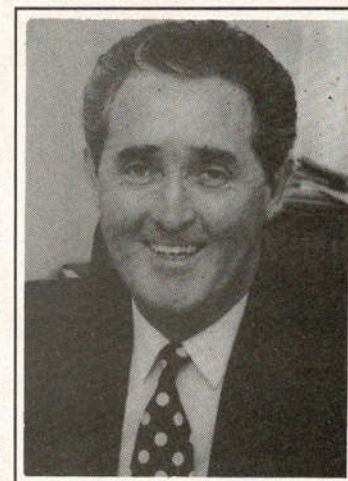
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FROM the BOARDROOM

by

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The Oldham Club was to the forefront of last week's major debate by the Rugby League Council into the circumstances of the special arrangements made on overseas players at London Crusaders.

Our Council representative, Tom Patterson, questioned London's use of 10 overseas players on the opening day of the season at Watersheddings.

We all thought they were allowed to use five: that, in itself, being two more than every other club in the Rugby League. One or two unconfirmed whispers had got around, about Crusaders also being allowed to use an additional five 'residents', but there was no confirmation of this until it was revealed on the BSkyB 'Boots N' All' television programme more than 24 hours after we had played the Londoners.

All was revealed at the Council meeting, when Tom sparked the big debate on Oldham's behalf and it emerged that London had, in fact, been given permission to field five 'overseas' men, plus five 'residents' - a total of TEN players with Aussie or Kiwi accents.

For your information 'residents' are players born overseas, who have lived in this country for more than two years.

The League has worked hard to establish the exact status of each London player and opposing clubs are now within their rights to examine the credentials and identity cards of the Crusaders players before each match.

You might ask why London should be given what many people would regard as an advantage over everyone else. The theory behind it all is that London are disadvantaged anyway because they are outside the traditional League area and that the whole of the Rugby League would benefit if there were a thriving, successful club in our capital city.

I do not disagree with that. Indeed, in terms of media exposure for our game and its appeal to major, national sponsors, there would be enormous advantages to be gained if we had a TOP club in London.

'Top', of course, is a crucial word. A London club would have to be chasing honours and among the leading clubs in the First Division, before it could begin to make much of an impact down in the south.

It is my firm contention, therefore, that if the Rugby League is serious about London, it should be prepared to go into the project wholeheartedly, establish a club with the financial clout to bring over top Aussies, put London into the First Division and let the First Division clubs argue about what advantages, if any, they should be allowed.

The present London club will always struggle to make an impression in the First Division and, in the meantime, it is being given a big advantage over the other Second Division clubs, ourselves included, who are desperate to get into the First Division.

Second Division clubs are fighting for their very existence and the financial benefits to be gained from winning promotion are considerable. Only those clubs in the Second Division, who are competing with London for a place in the top two, have a vested interest.

It is easy for clubs in the First and Third Divisions to speak glibly of 'development' in London, when they are not playing them four times a season in life-or-death battles.

The Council is to debate the whole issue again next month and this club will be pinning its flag finally to the mast of one set of rules for ALL clubs in the Second Division.

To conclude, I would like to wish Des Maea a speedy recovery from the injuries he received in a road accident in Auckland. It was a terrible blow for him and for the Oldham club, but you can rest assured that we will be doing our best to ensure that the club suffers as little as possible, while showing Des as much sympathy and understanding as we possibly can.

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IN TOUCH



GARRY SCHOFIELD

Garry Schofield needs four tries for a career century of touchdowns with Leeds. His total of 96 tries has come in 151 matches, including one substitute appearance.

The former Hunslet Parkside junior began his professional career at Hull, in 1983, before being transferred to Leeds for a then record £155,000 in October 1987.

Playing at centre, he scored two tries on his Leeds debut in a 29-25 home defeat against the touring Auckland side on 25th October, 1987. Schofield played mostly at centre in his first two seasons with Leeds, before moving permanently to stand-off, in the latter half of 1989-90.

He has now played 81 matches at stand-off, 66 in the centre, twice at loose forward, one scrum-half plus one substitute appearance.

Schofield's best season's try total for Leeds was 22 in 1987-88, followed by 20 in each of the next three seasons.

His three four-try feats for Leeds include his only hat-tricks for the club.

At Hull, he scored 107 tries in 12 matches, including six substitute appearances.

His grand total in club and representative matches is 249, including 27 in Tests for Great Britain.

Schofield's season-by-season figures for Leeds are as follows:

	Appearances	Tries
1987-88	27	22
1988-89	30	20
1989-90	29	20
1990-91	30	20
1991-92	32+1	13
1992-93	2	1
TOTAL	150+1	96

NOTTINGHAM CITY

Nottingham City ended their run of 37 defeats, with their 19-12 win at Barrow, on Sunday. It was their first win since a 20-14 home victory over Runcorn Highfield on 3rd March, 1991.

City's losing run was made up of 34 League matches, one Yorkshire

Cup, one Regal Trophy and one Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

Centre Tony Chappell was the only member of Sunday's starting line-up who played in their previous win. Darryl Jackson, who went on as a substitute at Barrow, was in the second row against Runcorn.

Nottingham's win was their first away since 20th October, 1989, when they won 17-14 at Runcorn Highfield. It ended a run of 35 away defeats.

LOSING RUN

Following Nottingham City's win after 37 successive defeats, the longest losing run now belongs to Castleford and Swinton, who have lost five in a row since last season.

LEADING SCORERS

Brimah Kebbie of Bradford Northern is the early season leading try scorer with six, after scoring two tries in each of his first three matches for Northern.

Whitehaven's Steve Maguire is the top goal kicker with 12 in two matches.

Tea Ropati of St. Helens has scored most points with 30 from 11 goals and two tries.

POINT SCORING RUN

Mike Smith of Chorley Borough has the longest point-scoring run of 16 matches, stretching back to last Boxing day.

MILESTONES

Paul Medley, the Bradford Northern and former Leeds and Halifax International forward, needs three tries for a career century of touchdowns with the club.

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Carlisle	2	1	0	1	32	48	2
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Swinton	2	0	0	2	18	28	0
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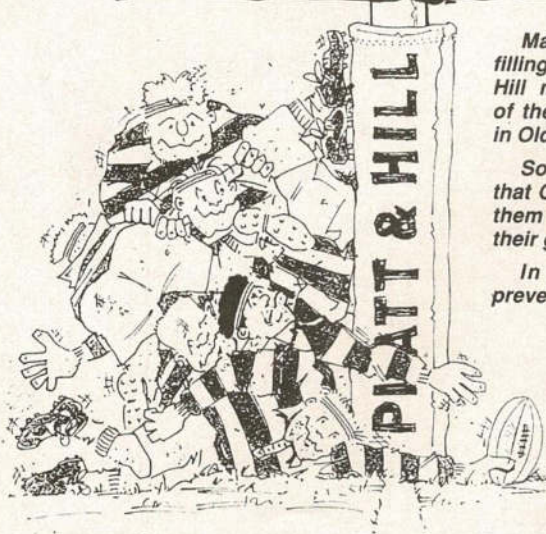
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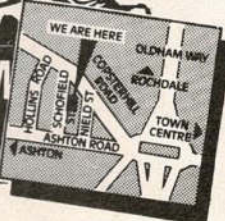

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DAVID LYON. Goalkicking full-back. Joined Warrington in 1987 from Widnes, in one of the first cases settled by the R.L. 'Tribunal'. Has toured with Gt. Britain and was very unlucky not to be selected on this season's tour. Began his career in the second row, but now relished the full-back role.

NEIL KENYON. Quickly becoming Warrington's premier wingman. Scored 10 tries from 17 outings last season and has now firmly established his first team spot. St. Helens born, he is in his fifth season at Warrington, having served his apprenticeship with distinction in the Alliance team.

ALLAN BATEMAN. Another player whom many thought should have gone on tour. An exciting ex-Welsh R.U. International, highly thought of at Warrington and has scored 14 tries in his 50 games for the Wires.

TONY THORNLEY. A local lad who joined Warrington in 1986 from Woolston ARLC. His career has been dogged by injury, which he happily now seems to have overcome, and this has curtailed his appearances for Warrington. An aggressive running centre, much is expected from him this season.

CHRIS RUDD. Missed the last half of the 1991-92 season with injury. A naturally talented centre, signed from Kells ARLC two years ago and is widely tipped as a future International.

MARK FORSTER. Celebrating his testimonial year, having joined Warrington in 1981. Has scored 88 tries so far for the 'Wire', including many memorable long-distance efforts. A former G.B. International who still has plenty to offer.

ROBERT TURNER. Has recently signed a new contract with Warrington. He is a Wigan lad who joined Warrington from Blackbrook ARLC in 1987. Has earned Under 21 honours and can play in most back positions and is more than a useful goal kicker.

KEVIN ELLIS. Has just returned from the tour to Papua/Australia and N.Z., where he played all his rugby at stand-off, as opposed to his favoured position of scrum-half. Signed two years ago from Bridgend RUFC and has converted well to the 13-a-side code. Already has more than 50 games under his belt for Warrington.

ROBERT MYLER. Talented full-back who will be aiming to make the No. 1 spot his own this season. Has played just 18 first team games, but could well break into the first team on a regular basis this season. Has suffered from a series of nagging injuries which have hampered his first team progress.

RICK THACKRAY. Recently signed after a year in the amateur game. Rick was previously with Warrington, before being sold to Widnes in 1985, but injury forced him into temporary retirement two seasons ago. Has now been given the all-clear again and is determined to resurrect his impressive career.

PAUL DARBYSHIRE. Joined Warrington from Wigan St. Patricks and is another player whose career has been badly hit by injury. Missed nearly all of last season with a groin injury and played in just four first team games. He played for 'Wire' in the Challenge Cup Semi-Final, when just 17 years old and has an exciting future ahead of him.

NEIL HARMON. Joined Warrington in 1987 from Blackbrook ARLC and should be the regular No. 8 this season. A strong forward with an immense work rate, he has already played over a century of games for Warrington and has earned Under 21 honours.

DUANE MANN. New Zealand hooker and a vastly-experienced player, who gives a solid look to the Wires pack. Another 80 minutes player and is highly-respected throughout the game. Joined Warrington in 1989 and has just signed a further contract, much to the relief of all at Wilderspool.

PHIL SUMNER. Was playing first team rugby for Warrington when he was just 17. A tremendous prospect, who is now coming to terms with the rigours of First Division first team football. Is still a teenager with a great future ahead of him. Currently Gt. Britain Under 21 International prop forward.

BASIL RICHARDS. Joined Warrington in 1989 from the Yorkshire Amateur code and is another player whose development has shown a marked upturn towards the end of last season. A fast-running second row forward, of whom much is expected this season.

GARY SANDERSON. Wires Mr. Dependable. Rarely has an 'off day' and has a work rate second to none. Has played in 150 games for Warrington since he signed from Thatto Heath and has, hopefully, now recovered from an injury which forced him to miss most of last season.

GARY TEES. Prop forward signed from Barrow two seasons ago and has struggled to break into the first team, having played 18 games so far. He has great potential and works hard and is determined to claim a first team spot this season.

BOB JACKSON. Now in his second spell with Warrington, Fulham being his first English club. Can play equally well in the front or second row and has now played almost 200 games for Warrington. A popular man with both spectators and players and his style and enthusiasm rubs off on all around him.

KELLY SHELFORD. In his second season with Warrington. Part of the New Zealand Shelford 'clan', who produce so many great players. A good organiser with plenty of vision, he will be needed to lead the Wires pack in the absence of Mike Gregory.

PAUL CULLEN. Has just celebrated a well-earned benefit. Paul has been a tremendous servant to Warrington, having played in almost 250 games with, I am sure, more to come. Began his career at centre, but has recently reverted to the loose-forward role. He is also Warrington's Commercial Manager.

ROWLAND PHILLIPS. Joined Warrington from Neath RUFC and he will be the first to admit that it took a little time to adjust to the game of Rugby League. He broke into the first team at the end of last season, playing nine games and with his physique and distribution qualities, could be more than a useful asset to the Wires pack this season.

GREG MACKAY. Scrum-half, returns from Hull for a second spell with Warrington. Play-maker supreme, expected to make a big impact this season.

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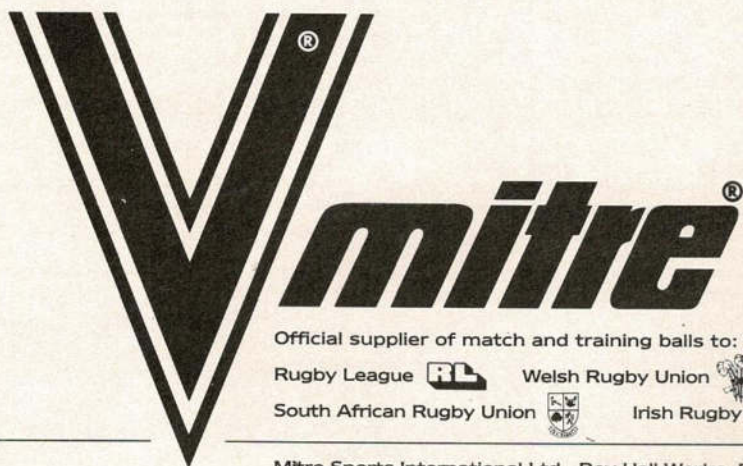
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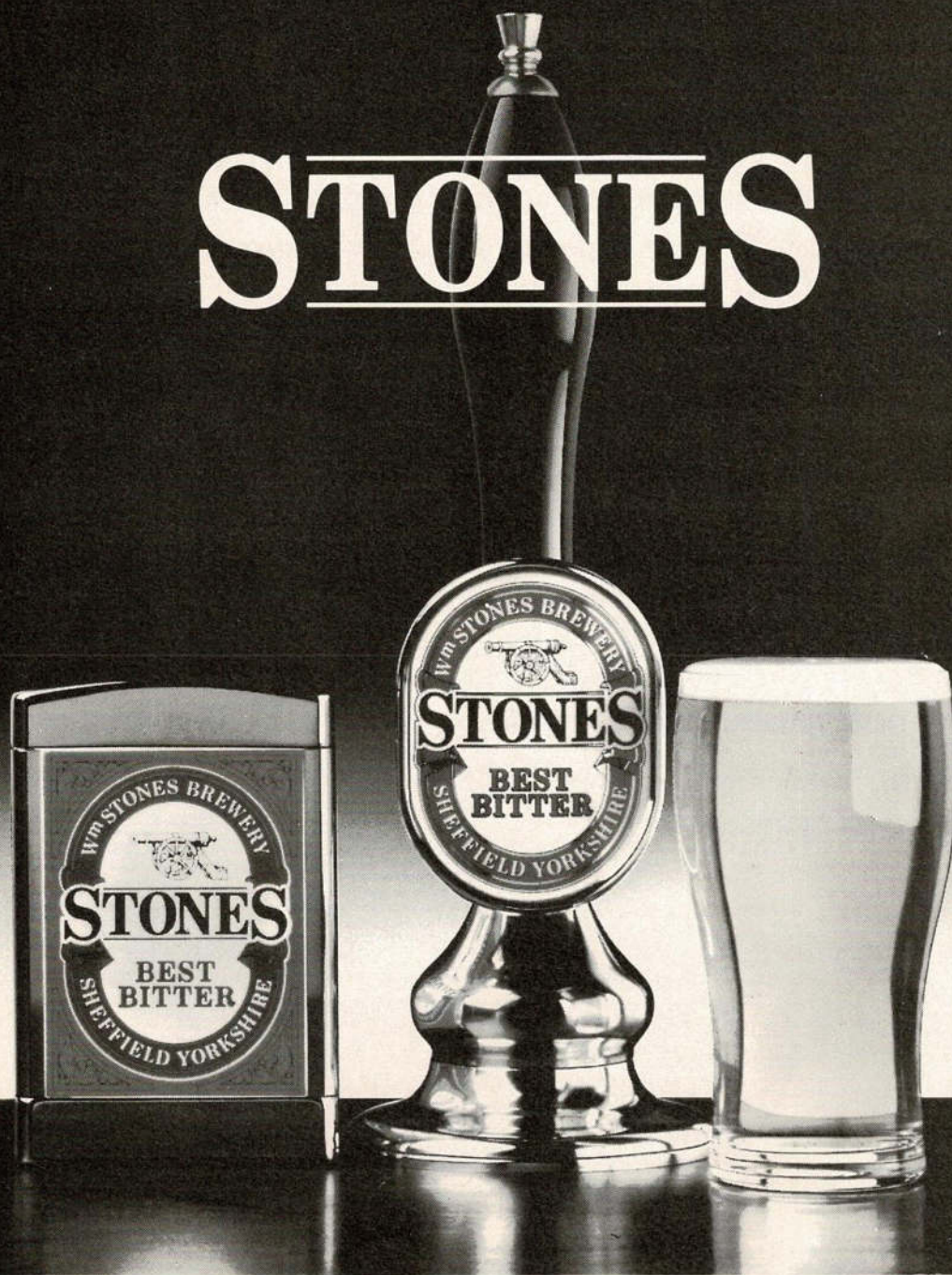
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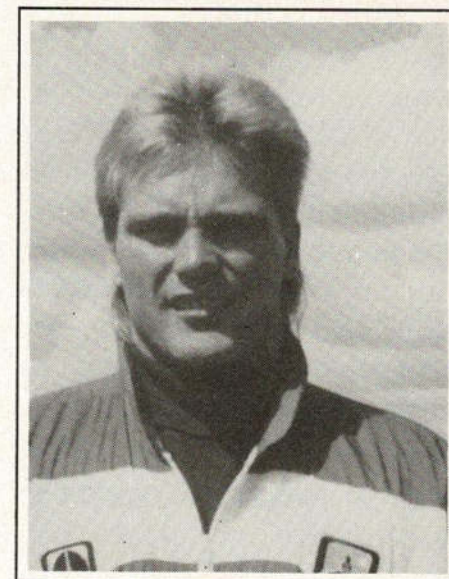
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PLAYER PROFILE

BEN OLSEN



Full Name: Ben Voschero Olsen.

Date of Birth: 17.3.65.

Birthplace: Denmark.

Height: 5 ft. 11 ins.

Weight: 92 kg.

Favourite Drink: XXXX Lager or Rum and Coke.

Favourite Food: Any Pasta dish.

Favourite TV Show: Cheers and Paul Hogan Show.

Favourite Music: Van Morrison and Elton John.

Hobbies: Scuba Diving, Spear Fishing, Wrestling Crocs.

Previous Clubs: Ipswich Jets, Collinsville Miners, Gold Coast, London Crusaders.

Biggest Influence on Career so far: Tommy Ravdonikis.

Favourite Player: Wally Lewis.

Favourite Ground: Lang Park, Queensland, Australia.

Most Difficult Opponent: Bob Lindner.

Most Memorable Match Seen: Any state of origin game.

Biggest Thrill: Coming to England to play Rugby League.

Biggest Disappointment: Losing 1988 and 1989 Brisbane Grand Finals.

Personal Ambition: To have a Long and Successful R.L. Career

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TEAM CHECK

SUNDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER, 1992

OLDHAM

TEAM CHANGES

1. SEAN TYRER
2. HUGH GUMBS
3. STUART COCKER
4. IVA ROPATI
5. SCOTT RANSON
6. TOMMY MARTYN
7. SEAN DEVINE
8. MARK SHEALS
9. RICHARD PACHNIUK
10. TINY SOLOMONA
11. BEN OLSEN
12. MARK MEADOWS
13. RICHARD RUSSELL
14. DAVID BRADBURY
15. PAUL JONES

PENALTIES

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

SCRUMS

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6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

WARRINGTON

TEAM CHANGES

1. ROBMY LER
2. MICK THACKRAY
3. CHRIS RUDD
4. TONY THORNILEY
5. NEIL KENYON
6. ROBERT TURNER
7. GREG MACKEY
8. NEIL HARMON
9. DUANE MANN
10. ROWLAND PHILLIPS
11. GARY SANDERSON
12. PAUL CULLEN
13. KELLY SHELFORD
14. ALAN BATEMAN
15. BASIL RICHARDS

PENALTIES

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SCRUMS

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Touch Judges: D. BARRATT
S. LAWRENCE

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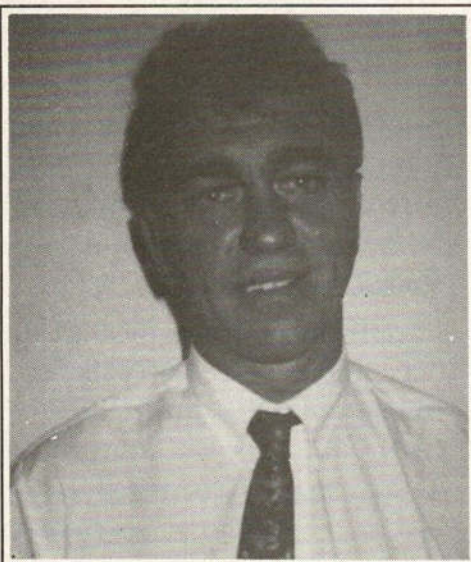
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'A' TEAM ROUND UP

with COACH JOHN PRINCE

ALLIANCE NEWS

OLDHAM 'A' 28 v. CARLISLE 'A' 18 Away Saturday, 5th September, 1992

Playing our second Alliance fixture, this very young Oldham side with an average age of 19, gave a much-improved performance, taking an early lead after eight minutes, with a try from Michael Edwards. The enthusiastic youngsters made too many errors in attack, resulting in them having long spells in defence. Carlisle took advantage to score two unconverted tries to lead 8-4 after 30 minutes. Two excellent long-range goals from 40 and 45 yards levelled the scores then, right on half time. Hudspith collected a Carlisle kick-through well in his own half, side-stepped two defenders and raced 65 yards for a try and a half-time lead of 12-8.

For the next 20 minutes, Oldham got the game plan right and tries from Richard Yeomans, Craig Wright, Gary Burns, plus two goals from Mark Hudspith, extended the lead to 28-8 before Carlisle hit back with two tries to make the final score 28-18 to the Oldham lads.

Outstanding in a good performance were: Man of the Match Michael Edwards, top tackler Darrell

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Rodgers and captain for the day Paul Jones who, at 24, was the oldest player. Making his debut after signing from St. Helens, Paul is sure to add experience and strength to the club's playing squad. As promised last week, we will start a Player Profile for our young players:

MARK HUDSPITH: Age 20. Born: Leigh. Occupation: Driver.

Signed for Oldham: 1992 from Leigh East.

Honours Gained: Lancs Schools/Barla Sides - Presidents XIII v. France '91.

Proudest moment to date: Playing for Leigh East, who beat Chorley in Regal Trophy last year. Only third amateur side to beat a pro side.

Likes: Winning and going on holiday to warm countries.

Dislikes: Losing, Wigan, ignorant people.

Ambition: Full G.B. honours/play at Wembley.

RICHARD YEOMANS: Age 19. Born: Rochdale. Occupation: Electrician.

Signed for Oldham: December, 1991 from Parkside Golborne Under 19's.

Honours Gained: Lancashire Under 17's and Under 19's.

Proudest Moment to Date: Signing for Oldham.

Likes: Everything.

Dislikes: False people, sprouts.

Ambition: To play at Wembley. More in next issue.

Yours in Oldham R.L.,

JOHN PRINCE

ALLIANCE FIXTURES 1992\93

Saturday, 29.8.92	Sheffield Eagles	H 20-33 (L)	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 5.9.92	Carlisle	A 28-18 (W)	12.00 p.m.
Saturday, 12.9.92	Keighley	A	2.30 p.m.
Saturday, 19.9.92	Salford	H	1.00 p.m.
Friday, 2.9.92	Ryedale York	A	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 10.10.92	Leigh	H	1.00 p.m.
Friday, 30.10.92	Salford	A	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 14.11.92	Carlisle	H	1.00 p.m.
Friday, 20.11.92	Huddersfield	A	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 5.12.92	Hemel Hempstead	H	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 12.12.92	Swinton	H	1.00 p.m.
Friday, 18.12.92	Bramley	A	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 2.1.92	Swinton	H	1.30 p.m.
Saturday, 16.1.92	Hunslet	H	1.00 p.m.
Thursday, 23.1.92	Leigh	A	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 6.2.92	Dewsbury	A	2.00 p.m.
Saturday, 13.2.92	Workington	H	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 20.2.92	Hemel Hempstead	A	2.30 p.m.
Saturday, 27.2.92	Doncaster	H	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 6.3.92	London Crusaders	H	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 20.3.92	Workington	A	2.30 p.m.
Saturday, 27.3.92	Huddersfield	H	1.00 p.m.

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Today's game against Warrington, our rivals from Wilderspool, should be a hard and entertaining game, with their power round the rucks and their strong running out wide. Also with their lethal half-back combination of Greg Mackey and Kevin Ellis.

Today's opponents will be there or thereabouts when it comes to the race for the First Division title.

May I, once again, take this opportunity to thank you for your support and encourage you to get behind us today and make it three wins in a row.

Enjoy your rugby,

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Opponents	Date	Ven.	Res.	F-A	Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
LONDON C.	30.9.92	H			2,428	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker 2T	Regan	Murrell	Murphy SDG	Devine T	Sheals	Bales	McDermott	Meadows T	Tupana	Russell	Oliver*	Solomons*
CARLISLE	6.9.92	H	W	27-12	2,282	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker 2T	Regan	Murrell	Murphy SDG	Devine T	Sheals	Bales	McDermott	Meadows T	Tupana	Russell	Oliver*	Solomons*
WARRINGTON	13.9.92	H	W	38-14																
HUDDERSFIELD	20.9.92	A																		
SWINTON	27.9.92	H																		
FEATHERSTONE R.	4.10.92	H																		
ROCHDALE HORNETS	11.10.92	A																		
BRAMLEY	18.10.92	A																		
SHINTON	1.11.92	H																		
REGAL TROPHY RD. 1	8.11.92	A																		
CARLISLE	15.11.92	A																		
HUDDERSFIELD	22.11.92	H																		
SWINTON	29.11.92	A																		
REGAL TROPHY RD. 2	5.12.92	A																		
FEATHERSTONE R.	13.12.92	A																		
BRAMLEY	20.12.92	H																		
ROCHDALE HORNETS	26.12.92	H																		
SHINTON	1.1.93	A																		
BRAMLEY	10.1.93	H																		
CARLISLE	17.1.93	A																		
ROCHDALE HORNETS	24.1.93	H																		
SILK CUT CHALL. CUP RD. 1	30.1.93	A																		
FEATHERSTONE R.	7.2.93	A																		
SILK CUT CHALL. CUP RD. 2																				
CARLISLE	21.2.93	H																		
SILK CUT CHALL. CUP RD. 3	27.2.93	A																		
LONDON C.	28.2.93	A																		
HUDDERSFIELD	7.3.93	A																		
FEATHERSTONE R.	14.3.93	H																		
LONDON C.	21.3.93	H																		
BRAMLEY	4.4.93	A																		
ROCHDALE HORNETS	9.4.93	A																		
HUDDERSFIELD	12.4.93	H																		
LONDON C.	18.4.93	A																		

NEXT HOME GAME

OLDHAM

v.

SWINTON

27th SEPTEMBER, 1992

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

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FIXTURES

SECOND DIVISION

1992/93

1992

AUGUST	30	LONDON C.	H	3.00
SEPTEMBER	6	CARLISLE	H	3.00
	13	WARRINGTON	H	3.00
	20	HUDDERSFIELD	A	3.30
	27	SWINTON	H	3.00
OCTOBER	4	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	H	3.00
	11	ROCHDALE HORNETS	A	3.00
	18	BRAMLEY	A	3.30
	24	WORLD CUP FINAL		
NOVEMBER	1	SWINTON	H	3.00
	8	REGAL TROPHY (Round 1)		
	15	CARLISLE	A	2.00
	22	HUDDERSFIELD	H	3.00
	29	SWINTON	A	3.00
DECEMBER	5	REGAL TROPHY (Round 2)		
	13	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	A	3.30
	20	BRAMLEY	H	3.00
Boxing Day	26	ROCHDALE HORNETS	H	3.00

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JANUARY	1	SWINTON	A	3.00
New Year's Day				
	10	BRAMLEY	H	3.00
	17	CARLISLE	A	2.00
	24	ROCHDALE HORNETS	H	3.00
	30	SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP (Round 1)		
FEBRUARY	7	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	A	3.30
	13	SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP (Round 2)		
	21	CARLISLE	H	3.00
	27	SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP (Round 3)		
	28	LONDON C.	A	3.00
MARCH	7	HUDDERSFIELD	A	3.30
	14	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	H	3.00
	21	LONDON C.	H	3.00
	4	BRAMLEY	A	3.30
Good Friday	9	ROCHDALE HORNETS	A	3.00
Easter Monday	12	HUDDERSFIELD	H	3.00
	18	LONDON C.	A	3.00

LEAGUE TABLE

STONES BITTER 2ND DIVISION

1992/93

	P	W	L	D	F	A	PTS	PTS DIFF
OLDHAM	2	2	0	0	65	26	4	+39
FEATHERSTONE R.	2	2	0	0	48	23	4	+25
BRAMLEY	2	1	1	0	44	28	2	+16
LONDON C.	2	1	1	0	42	37	2	+5
CARLISLE	2	1	1	0	32	48	2	-16
ROCHDALE H.	2	1	1	0	24	40	2	-16
SWINTON	2	0	2	0	18	28	0	-10
HUDDERSFIELD	2	0	2	0	25	68	0	-43

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BACK PAGES

by MICHAEL TURNER

First of all, can I apologise for the error that appeared in the last 'Back Pages'. I stated that Oldham had 13 consecutive victories over Wigan in the 1950's, actually the figure should have been 14. The first on 27th December, 1952 and the last of 1st February, 1958. Wigan ended the run with the Third Round Cup victory, four weeks later.

The first request for a match review came from local supporter Mr. George Cowburn, who asked about an Oldham v. Leeds match, when four forwards were sent off in the same incident.

The game took place on 27th January, 1981 and the dismissals came in the 12th minute after a scrum had erupted in a brawl. The referee, Mr. Hodgson of Maryport, who had already warned several players, ordered off Platt and Clarkson from Oldham and Dickinson and Townend of Leeds. This loss of so many players early in the game made for a fast open match, which Oldham won by 19 points to 12, thanks to two tries from Geoff Munro, one try from Dennis O'Neill and five goals kicked by Mick Parrish. The attendance was 3,100 and Oldham lined up as follows: Murphy, Munro, Caffery, Parrish, Sullivan, O'Neill, Ashton, Clarkson, Walker, Harris, Platt, Mordell, Flanagan.

PHOTO FEATURE

This week's photograph shows the above-mentioned Mick Parrish kicking a goal at Workington on 7th March, 1982, one of four that helped Oldham to a 17-13 victory. This was the season that Mick became the only Oldham player, so far, to play and score in every match in a season. A feat he also achieved with his previous club, Hunslet.

Photo courtesy of Oldham Evening Chronicle



I am currently researching for a book covering the complete playing records and history of OLDHAM RLFC. If anyone has any old material connected with the club (photos, programmes etc) I would be very interested in viewing such items. Please contact: Michael Turner, 158 Balfour Street, Oldham OL4 1NS. Tel: 061-620 6005

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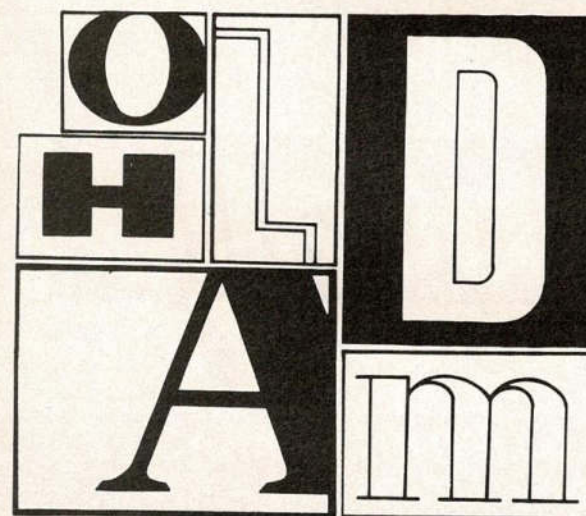
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HALF-TIME TEASERS

1. Who holds the Oldham record for most points in a match?
2. What was the year and team, the last time Oldham played an amateur team in the Challenge Cup?
3. In what season did Workington Town join the Rugby League?
4. Name the two Australian brothers who played for Oldham in season 1985-86.
5. When was the last time Oldham made a draw in the Challenge Cup?
6. Who was last season's Player of the Year for Oldham?
7. What was unusual about the Oldham game against the New Zealand Tourists in 1961.
8. What is the latest date that Oldham have concluded their season?
9. Which team are nick-named the 'Airlie Birds'?
10. Who were Oldham's first-ever opponents after the formation of the Northern union?

ANSWERS
 1. Bernard Gabley, 26 v. Liverpool City on 14th April, 1959
 2. 1979 against the Ayrshire of this
 3. 1947-48
 4. David and Glenn Liddard
 5. 1975 Oldham drew at Rotherham in the second round and won the replay
 6. Tim Sirett
 7. The match was played by a combined Oldham/Huddersfield XIII
 8. After the severe winter in 1947, Oldham played their last match v. Liverpool Stanley on 3rd June, 1947
 9. Huddersfield on 14th September, 1995

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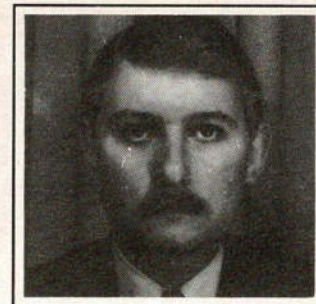
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After the opening two League games at Watersheddings and maximum points, today attention turns to the first Cup Competition of the season and formidable opposition is provided by the 'Wire', who were surprisingly beaten last weekend at home to last season's Division two Champions, Sheffield Eagles.

Next weekend sees the boys on their travels for the first time, as we cross the Pennines to take on Second Division newcomers Huddersfield.

If you're not going to the first away game, then Clubcall will give you full coverage of the game by just picking up a telephone, anywhere in the country. Regular match updates and post-match reaction at the end of a telephone.

During the last seven days on Clubcall, we spoke to Hugh Cumbs on his Watershedding debut. 'I really like the club, I've only been here a short while - everything's new, therefore it's still a learning process. I'm really enjoying it, the crowd made me welcome on my debut. Hopefully I can go on and keep my first team place and go from strength to strength'.

Barrie McDermott was also a guest last week. 'We have a lot of new faces at the club, Peter Tunks is bringing the team together. We've got a new forward, Paul Jones from St. Helens who, I believe, had a stormer in the 'A' team on his debut at Carlisle, so he's going to be making his way into the side and it's the new faces who will get better as weeks and games go by'.

He went on to say: 'I've been watching Oldham for years, I've watched them play in the First division and beat the best and I want to be up there, as do all the players. Playing against the best, it's like we've got Warrington this week and we are treating this as a big game but, when we're up there with the big boys, every week is a big game'.

Richard Russell, the new captain at Watersheddings is very pleased to be wearing the Number 13 jersey. 'I prefer loose forward, it gives me a little more time and a roving role which, I think, gives me more opportunity to try and create openings for the backs'.

I'll be back with more from the players and Peter Tunks in two week's time.

Don't forget, give us a call after today's game and hear post-match reaction. In fact, give us a daily call to keep up-to-date with the latest from Watersheddings.

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Yours in sport,

GED MASON

ROGER HALSTEAD looks at PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

There is little danger of Warrington underestimating their Second Division opponents, Oldham, in today's Lancashire Cup First Round tie.

It is little more than seven months since the Wires were here, in the First Round of last season's Silk Cut Challenge Cup, in which they scraped through 8-3 after a tremendously competitive and evenly-balanced tie.

Brian Johnson, the Warrington coach, was quoted later as saying: 'I'm just glad we are through. Oldham gave a tremendous performance. I don't want to come back here in a cup-tie for a long time'.

Well, here he is and with both cubs having made significant changes in their ranks since last February, it will be interesting to see how today's tie compares with that absorbing contest in the Challenge Cup.

The teams that day were as follows:

OLDHAM: Platt, Christie, Edwards, Nicklin, Tyrer, Martyn, Flanagan, Sherratt, Bates, Street, Maxwell, McAlister, Pachniuk. Subs: Russell, Atkinson.

WARRINGTON: Lyon, Drummond, Rudd, Bateman, Kenyon, Ellis, Crompton, Harmon, Mann, Jackson, Sanderson, Mercer, Shelford. Subs: Cullen, Chambers.

Of the Oldham team that day, only Christie, Tyrer, Martyn, Sherratt, Bates, Maxwell, Pachniuk and Atkinson are still on the books and there is a distinct possibility that only one or two players will wear the same number on their backs today as they did the last time the teams met.

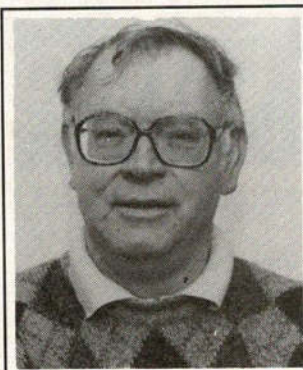
Warrington will also show significant change and will be without Lyon, Drummond, Crompton and Mercer, the first two being involved in contract disputes and the latter two having been transferred to Wigan and Leeds respectively. The most significant replacement is that of Aussie scrum-half Greg Mackey, who has returned to Wilderspool after a successful spell at Hull.

In the last four or five seasons, Oldham and Warrington have been involved in some stunning Cup ties, including a Lancashire Cup Final and that thrilling Challenge Cup Semi-Final at Wigan when Oldham, once more, came so desperately close to breaking their Wembley duck.

Last season's First Round tie was just as enthralling. There was only one try in the game and it came on the stroke of half time, when Welshman Kevin Ellis capitalised on a Chris Rudd break, deep inside his own quarter, to score a long-range try that was to prove decisive.

For much of the first half, the scores were locked at 2-1 in Warrington's favour, Martyn having dropped a goal for Oldham and Lyon having kicked an early penalty for the Wires.

The Ellis try and Lyon goal edged Wires into an 8-1 interval lead but a penalty goal by Sean Tyrer, in the 55th minute, made it 8-3 and put Oldham within a try and goal of victory.



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OLDHAM v. CARLISLE - SUNDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER 1992

Top: A determined Ben Olsen runs at the Carlisle forwards.

Bottom: Pack power from Mark Sheals.



SUPPORTERS CLUB

We extend a warm welcome to all our friends and fellow supporters from Warrington who, I am sure, will be given a warm reception from all the Oldham fans.

This year's club mascot is Miss Jennie Turner of Balfour Street, Oldham and we hope you will give her all your support during the coming season.

We will again be organising coaches to all away matches during the coming season, departing from the Social Club. Seats can be booked at the Club Shop, by phoning 6651832 (evening) or 624 4865 (during shop hours). Full details of away match coaches will appear in this column during the season.

We are organising a coach to the World Cup Final at Wembley on the 24th October, with seats priced at £12.00. The coach will depart at 8.00 a.m., returning directly after the match.

There are a limited number of match tickets priced £19.00 available for those booking a coach seat. Further details can be obtained from either the Club Shop or by phoning 665 1832.

Supporters Club Membership for the coming season is now available at £2.00, which allows discounted travel in all coaches to away matches plus a 5% discount on all purchases from the Club Shop. Don't delay, join now, obtain your form from the Club Shop or any Supporters Club Official.

The Club Shop is now being manned on a voluntary basis by the Supporters Club Officials and is open on weekdays from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. and Saturdays 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon in addition to match days. Prices of items available in the Club Shop are given below.

Membership for the Junior Reds can be taken out at the Club Shop or the Small Wooden Hut on the Ground on matchdays. The Junior Reds are now being run by S. Collinge, E. Crowther and J. Shaw.

More details about the Junior Reds in further programmes or contact any Supporters Club Committee Member.

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GO AWAY!

Seats for the coaches to next week's game at Huddersfield can be booked at the Club Shop during the day or ring 665 1832 evenings.

GO FURTHER AWAY

There are still a few seats available on the Supporters Club trip to the World Cup Final but all match tickets have now been sold.

Anyone who has ordered a coach seat, plus match ticket, is now required to pay for the match ticket by the end of the Swinton home game on 27.9.92, otherwise the tickets will be put back on general sale.

JUNIOR REDS

Join Now! Membership £2.00 includes: Card, Game, Monthly Newsletter and Discount on Supporters Club Coaches.

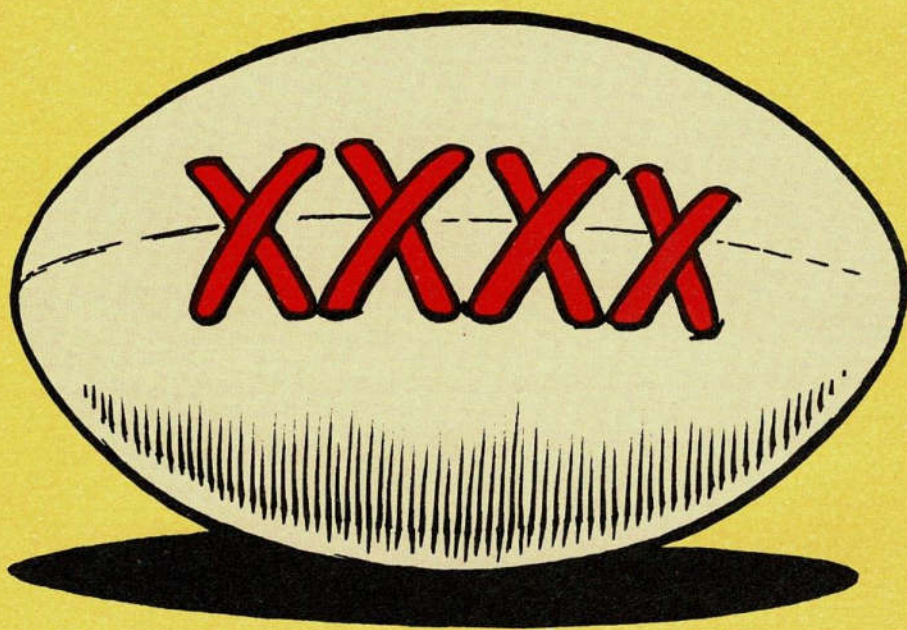
We are also hoping to run a coach to Blackpool Illuminations. Anyone interested contact Sue on 681 3397 or call at the Club Shop.

SHOP PRICE LIST

REPLICA SHIRTS (ADULTS)	£29.95	SHIRT NUMBERS	99P. 99P
REPLICA SHIRTS (CHILDREN)	£24.95	CAR ROLLER BLINDS	£25.00
REPLICA SHORTS (ADULTS)	£12.50	R.L. TRIO CARD GAME	£1.00
REPLICA SHORTS (CHILDREN)	£6.50	AUTOGRAPHED RUGBY BALLS	£10.50 - £14.50
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SOFT-COLLAR SWEATSHIRTS	£12.50	HEADBANDS / WRISTBANDS	£0.75
QUARTERED SWEATSHIRTS	£12.50	GLOVES	£1.75 - £1.75
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TIES	£9.95	DUNGAREES / SWEATSHIRTS SET	£9.00
SPORTS BAGS	£5.95 - £5.95	BABIES POTTY	£3.50
BEDROOM BINS	£5.00 - £5.00	BABIES DRINKING CUP	£1.00
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TOOTHBRUSH HOLDERS	£0.50	BABIES ALL-IN-ONE SUIT	£12.50
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BOBBLES	£2.00 - £2.00	CIGARETTE LIGHTERS	£2.00
FLAT CAPS	£2.95 - £2.95	CHILDRENS TRACKSUIT	£12.50
BASEBALL CAPS	£2.95 - £2.95		
BEANY HATS	£2.00		
BENNETTS	£3.25 / £2.75 (SAME)		
SUN VISORS	£2.95 - £2.95		
RUGBY MITS	£2.50		
MUGS	£1.80 - £1.50		
METAL BADGES	£1.50		
SEASON TICKET HOLDERS	£2.75 - £2.75		
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MINI KIT LAR HANGERS	£1.95		
LAMES BRIEFS	£3.50		
MIXED FIBRE SWEATERS	£10.00		
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