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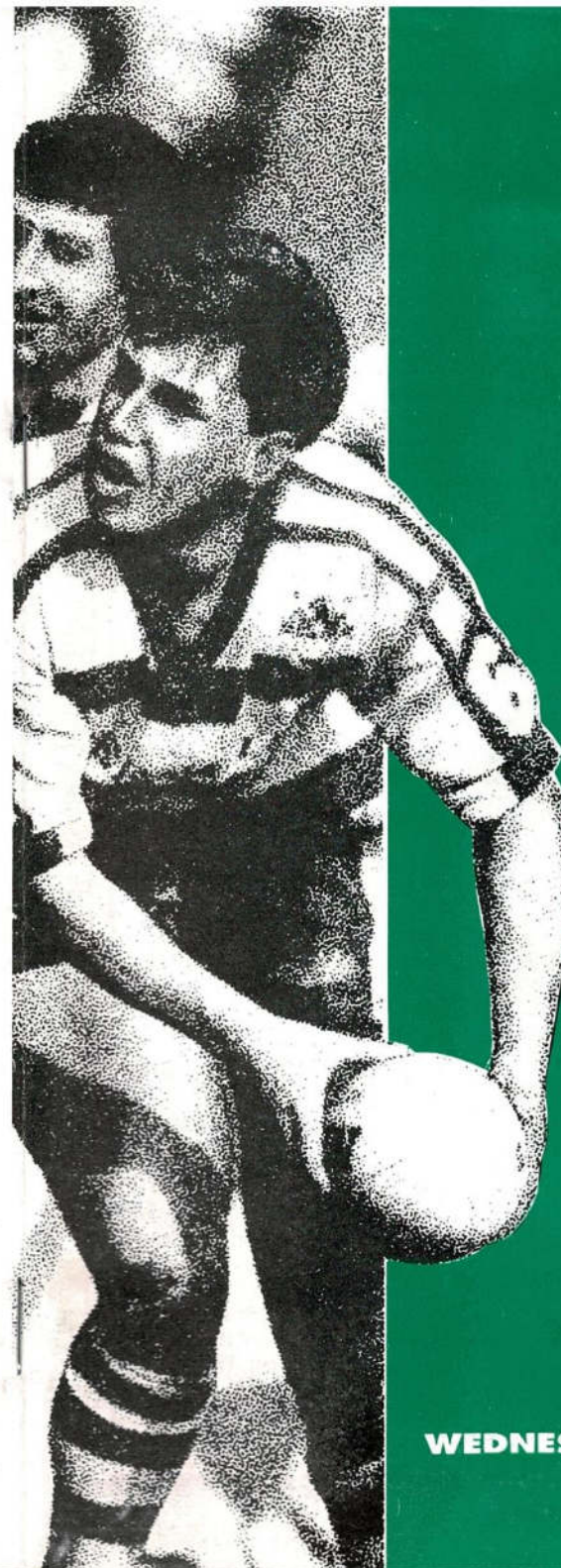


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INDIVIDUAL HONOURS

Leigh players to represent Great Britain (Test and
 World Cup matches):

K. Ashcroft, J. Cartwright, D. Chisnall, J. Darwell,

S. Donlan, D.L. Drummond, P. Foster, C. Johnson,
 F. Kitchen, J.A. Ledgard, G.H. Lewis, M. Martyn,
 W. Mooney, S.G. Owen, C.H. Pawsey, W.G.
 Robinson, M.J. Walsh, W. Winstanley, J. Woods.

Great Britain Tourists:

1920: W. Winstanley; 1920: J. Cartwright; 1924: J.
 Darwell & W. Mooney; 1950: J.A. Ledgard; 1954:
 C.H. Pawsey; 1958: M. Martyn; 1970: D. Chisnall;
 1979: J. Woods; 1984: S. Donlan & D.L. Drummond.

CLUB RECORDS (first-class games only)

Career

Most Apps. - 503 A.E. Worrall 1920/38

Most Tries - 189 M. Martyn 1954/67

Most Goals - 1043 J.A. Ledgard 1948/58

Most Points (continuing) - J. Woods 1976/85,
 1990- date

Seasonal

Most Apps. - 48 S. Ferguson 1970/71

Most Tries - 49 S. Halliwell 1985/86

Most Goals - 173 C. Johnson 1985/86

Most Points - 400 C. Johnson 1985/86

Match

Most Tries - 6 J. Wood v York (League)(Home) 4
 Oct 1947

Most Goals - 15 M. Stacey v Doncaster

(League)(Home) 28 Mar 1976

Most Points - 38 J. Woods v Blackpool B.

(Leigh)(Home) 11 Sept. 1977

38 J. Woods v Ryedale-York (League)(Home) 12
 Jan. 1992

Consecutive

Most Apps. - 179 S. Donlan, Feb 1980/Oct 1984

Most Tries - 11 M. Martyn, Jan/March 1959

Most Goals - 53 S. Ferguson, April 1970/Aug 1971

Most Points - 53 S. Ferguson (as above)

Highest Score for 92-2 v Keighley (League)(Home)
 30 April, 1986.

Highest Score Ag. 8-60 v Salford (Summer
 Comp)(Away) 25 May, 1940

Highest Home Att., 31,326 v St. Helens (RL Cup)
 14 March 1953

Opposition Players' Records

Most Tries in a Match Against Leigh:

7 by B. Bevan for Warrington, 29 March 1948.

Goals: 10 by J. Sullivan (Wigan) 24 Nov 1934.

10 by D. Marshall (Leeds) 9 September, 1973.

10 by S. Day (St Helens) 3 February, 1985.

Points: 26 by C. Maskill (Leeds) 17 January, 1990.



COACH COMMENTS



DENIS RAMSDALE

Following our defeat against Castleford on Sunday it is my job not to allow the players head to fall. Sure it was a bitter pill to swallow losing so heavily especially as the feeling in the Club was expecting a marked improvement. Certainly from my own point of view I was expectant of an immediate improvement following a good weeks preparation, but unfortunately it wasn't to be.

Our defence was indisciplined at marker and we had too many players who were not prepared to work in this area, our general defence started off reasonably well but was sustained only for about 20 minutes, and the only excuse I can give for this was lack of commitment

desire to WIN.

On attack we have got to get more depth on the line so as to create the time for our backs to exploit defences.

In my short time at Leigh I have quickly recognised how supportive the spectators are and can assure you that 100% commitment from the Board, management committee, coaches, playing staff and back room staff will be given to resolving the problems on the playing field.

Finally I would like to give a personal vote of thanks to Stan Wall, Allan Rowley, Alan Okell, Steve Herbert and Kevin Anderton for their support and help in this difficult transitional period.

Denis.



VISITORS TODAY

OLDHAM

The scene is set tonight for a cracker of a match and I will be surprised if there is not a big crowd to watch it.

Oldham, of course, come here this evening having recorded a narrow win in their league programme at Huddersfield last Sunday and fresh from their Lancashire Cup triumph against Warrington ten days ago. It was a tremendous performance against the Wire and Oldham were deserving winners of the £500 team of the round prize from the Sponsors Greenalls.

They will come tonight hoping to repeat that feat and take home another First Division scalp.

Our disappointing performance against Castleford at the weekend will have given Oldham a great lift, and they will be confident of success.

The game takes on an extra dimension with many ex Leigh players now on show at Oldham and ex Oldham players appearing in the Leigh colours. Apart from the play-

ers involved in the recent 'swap' Oldham will be displaying Leigh born players Sean Devine, Paul Jones, Tommy Martyn and Sean Tyrer and all will be out to do well and so hold up their heads in the Town after the match.

Sean Tyrer would seem to have taken over the full back berth since the transfer of Duncan Platt to Hilton Park. Sean is a very reliable goal kicker although Sean Devine and Tommy Martyn shared the kicking duties at Fartown on Sunday, Devine kicking three and Martyn one.

The wing positions are taken up by ex Swinton three quarter Scott Ranson whilst ex Bradford wingman Hugh Gumbs is occupying the No.5 shirt. Gumbs too is not a bad goal kicker so coach Peter Tunks will not have many problems in the goal kicking department this season, despite an abnormal number of misses at Fartown on Sunday.

Iva Ropati is one of the most respected centres in the game today certainly in a class of his own in Division Two. The player has excellent pace and superb handling ability, and had to be the bargain of last season when he was captured from Sheffield Eagles. His dismissal

against Huddersfield was a sickener and will leave a massive 'hole' if he collects a suspension tomorrow.

The pack are a strong mobile unit with Mark Sheals adding new dimension to the squad and Tiny Solomona adding the power up front. 'Tiny' nicknamed because of his massive frame was "surplus to requirements" at Naughton Park and Oldham's gain is certainly a Widnes loss.

Former Wigan three quarter Richard Russell is the Oldham skipper and operates these days either from the loose forward or hooking position but with David Bradbury excelling in the hooking role in recent weeks Russell will continue to control things from the base of the pack.

Oldham will be playing in their change strip this evening and will be out to reach the semi final of the Greenall Sponsored Competition, they will be a difficult nut to crack and the game should provide some splendid entertainment.

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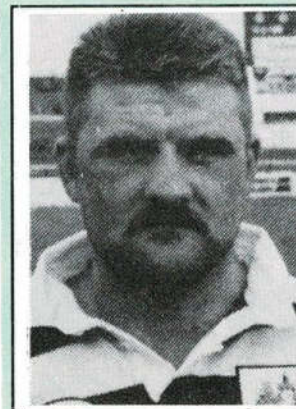
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VISITING STAR



MARK SHEALS

MARK SHEALS must think life is full of "if only's". If only he'd not been sent off at the start of last season he'd have won his first representative honour; if only Leigh hadn't chosen Jim Crellin as coach, then there's every chance he'd still be a Leigh player.

But life must go on and Mark is professional enough to have put his recent disappointments firmly behind him and doubtless will play a key role in tonight's Lancashire Cup tie.

Mark made no secret of the fact that he'd no real desire to leave Hilton Park but he felt he couldn't work under Jim Crellin a second time and when the opportunity came to move to Watersheddings in the swap deal that brought Tim Street, Duncan Platt and Keith Newton to Hilton Park, the powerful and popular prop jumped at the chance.

He'd long been a target for Oldham coach Peter Tunks who perhaps sees some of his playing style in that of the all-action Sheals.

Now if Sheals can reproduce the sort of exciting form he regularly produced at Hilton Park, he could still

get the representative recognition he's looking for.

The Second Division isn't the easiest place to get notice—nobody knows that better than Sheals after two seasons with Leigh—but he's already proved it can be done.

At the start of last season he was playing the best rugby of his career, a fact that was rightly recognised by then Lancashire coach Ray Ashton.

Ashton selected Sheals in his Lancashire side for the annual War of the Roses clash with Yorkshire at Headingley last September. A good game in front of Mal Reilly, perhaps a Test debut later in the season against the French and the carrot of Britain's tour 'down under' as the big prize.

It all seemed to be going right

until, at all places, he was sent off for a high tackle at Oldham. A subsequent two match ban put him out of the War of the Roses match and sadly he never again seemed to get into the international reckoning.

But now he's got a second chance and anyone who saw him in his two years at Hilton Park will know he's capable of playing at a far higher level.

Perhaps again this season circumstances have contrived to work against him. Because of the World Cup Final at Wembley next month, this season's Roses game has been shelved, thereby limiting opportunity for players to grab some representative recognition.

But perhaps if the Rugby League decide to squeeze in an England v Wales fixture in mid season it could be a useful exercise to see the respective merits of the 'fringe' players such as Sheals.

It seems as though Sheals has already become a firm favourite with the fans at Watersheddings. He deserves that recognition and the chance to try his luck higher up the Rugby League ladder.

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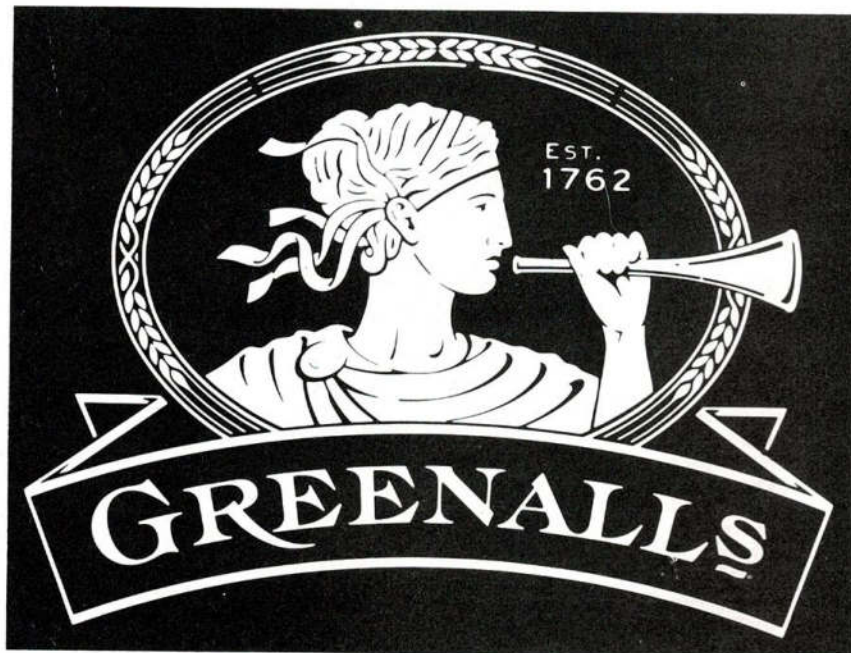
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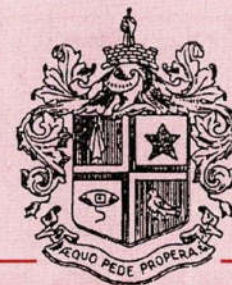
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The old company is still in administration and the current company has no control over that. When the lease agreement was started last summer we had no players, they were bought en bloc from the administrator.

From April last year until the current time the administrator has not been able to sell the ground. In the summer this club went to great expense to engage a top commercial surveyor to prepare a report on a professional and commercial basis to find what Hilton Park is worth.

The current club has made an offer to the administrator which is double the price the report recommended. That's an indication of how determined we are to secure Hilton Park.

Checks with the administrator have shown that he has no other bids for Hilton Park on the table and in the unlikely event of any sort of planning permission being granted, no further bids are envisaged. Ours is the only firm offer he has.

We believe that we've offered a very fair price for Hilton Park and feel the administrator should now recommend to the owners that they accept.

Our ultimate objective is to put a team out on the park that the town can be proud of, but first of all we've got to secure Hilton Park. Which would the fans prefer—a good team and no ground or an ordinary team and a ground that's secure forever. Virtually every penny we raise is earmarked for the purchase of Hilton Park. Previous administrations at Leigh have tried to run things with just two or three people in charge. Now we've got 40-50 who have the best interests of the club at heart. We've got Board members, a Management Committee and a Supporters Club—people all willingly giving their time and effort to help out.

Securing this club's future is our top priority and the fans can rest assured that every step is being taken to ensure that happens.

Other News...

Duncan Platt's injury, sustained last Sunday, is not as bad as was first feared. He went to hospital for X-Rays on a painful shoulder but there was no break. He has a problem within the shoulder blade which should keep him out of action for two weeks.

Lee Hansen who began his comeback after injury in the Reserves at Hemel Hempstead suffered no reaction and is certainly back in contention after a strong game in the Capital.

News is not as good in regard to Simon Booth who has a fractured ankle following an off the field accident. Simon is expected to be sidelined for up to eight weeks.

Paul Topping has revealed that he will not play for Leigh again. The out of contract full back has been the subject of an enquiry from Castleford and Salford and both clubs are offering players, neither having any money to spend.

The Leigh club is interested in a deal providing it is the right deal for us—we will not be rushing into a deal until it is absolutely right for us. The message to Castleford and Salford is "think again" the players offered are not right for us.

The Club are pleased to secure the capture of James Cassidy, an outstanding amateur from Widnes Amateurs Appleton Park. James, who has been attracting the attention of several top clubs including Warrington and St Helens will complete the signing at half time this evening.

James impressed in his debut against Hemel Hempstead on Saturday and is delighted to be joining the Club.



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STONES TOPICS

LEADING SCORERS

Brimah Kebbie of Bradford Northern maintains his position as this season's leading try scorer with eight. He is followed by Greg Austin (Halifax), Phil Ford (Salford) and Alan Hunte (St Helens) with six each.

Dean Marwood of Workington Town is the leading goal scorer with 23. He is followed by John Wasyliw (Keighley) 22, Martin Birkett (Salford) 18 and Tea Ropati (St Helens) 17. Marwood is also top points scorer with 58, including three tries.

WINNING AND LOSING

St Helens have the longest winning run having won all five matches this season made up of three Stones Bitter Championship games, one Greenalls Lancashire Cup tie and the CIS Insurance Charity Shield. Oldham are the only other team to have won all their

matches this season with three Second Division victories and one Greenalls Lancashire Cup.

Third Division Chorley Borough have the longest losing run of six matches stretching back to last season. They have lost all four this season including one Greenalls Lancashire Cup tie.

Barrow and Highfield are the only other clubs without a win this season, having lost three Third Division matches and one Greenalls Lancashire Cup tie.

POINT SCORING RUN

Mike Smith of Chorley Borough has the longest point

scoring run of 18 matches stretching back to last Boxing Day.

MILESTONES

Paul Medley, the Bradford Northern and former Leeds and Halifax international forward, needs two tries for a career century of touchdowns.

Paul Eastwood of Hull needs one try for a career century of touchdowns with the club.

Garry Schofield of Leeds needs two tries for a career century of touchdowns with the club.

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CAPTAIN'S VIEWPOINT

The captain's viewpoint following a heavy defeat is not easy to put into words.

The Castleford defeat was particularly disappointing not because the score was so high against us and that we failed to score a single point but because we did not perform to our best ability. I know we can do a lot better and so do the other lads. Pride is at stake and if there are players in the team who don't have any pride, well I have, and I will be hoping for better tonight.

I realise the Lancashire Cup is not the bread and butter but it is an important game just the same and I hope the team selected to take the field—and it is not my decision whether Denis Ramsdale has made changes—will give 100% effort and work hard to make sure the things that went wrong against Castleford are put right tonight.

For a start I thought our defence around the play the ball was a shambles—Castleford exploited us far



JOHN PENDLEBURY

ing as I do. I trained every day during the summer using the facilities at Leigh East. Our organisation needs to be worked on although there were plenty of pluses and some of our play was quite promising.

I am terribly frustrated that some players with so much talent are still lacking in the fitness category. We have all agreed to step up training and be a little more professional in our approach. I am pleased with our discipline on the field but we need to introduce a little more controlled aggression into our game.

It is not the end of the World, far from it, but I am a winner and am perhaps a little impatient that success is not with us from the word 'go'.

I am sure a change of fortune will come about but it is up to everyone at the Club to work as hard as possible so we can get on winning ways sooner rather than later.

Enjoy the game.

too often in that area and we will certainly be working hard in training.

Also we have to work hard on our general fitness—I know everybody has worked hard in the summer but I feel more personal effort is required by some players to sharpen up.

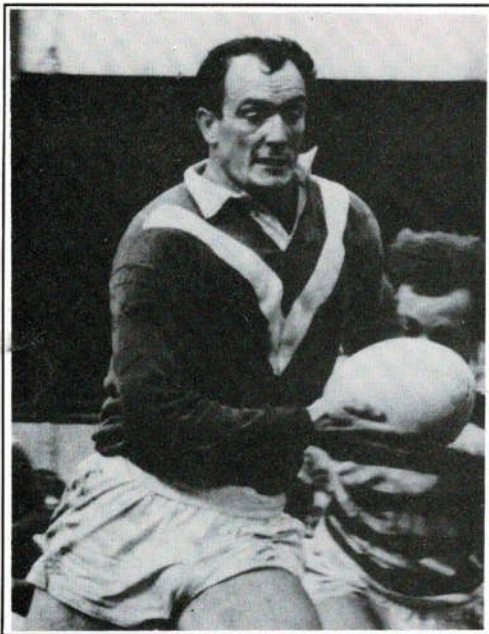
I personally was absolutely shattered after the game against Castleford and I have to say that no body in the League's devotes as much time to train-



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GORDON LEWIS



A 22-year old centre playing for Swansea R.U. Club, Gordon Lewis decided to forego the chance of winning a cherished Welsh cap to take up Leigh's offer to turn professional in 1958. He went on to play for Leigh for over 12 years, giving the club loyal and distinguished service. Rock solid in the tackle and strong in attack, he had the misfortune to play in what was at the time a largely undistinguished Leigh side. Lewis won one GB cap and played for the Welsh RL side, finishing his career with a short spell at Swinton.

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PLAYERS' RECORDS IN A CUP FINAL

Most Tries:	4	Brian Nordgren (Wigan) v Leigh 1949
Most goals:	7	Jimmy Ledgard (Leigh) v Widnes 1955
	7	Steve Hesford (Warrington) v Wigan 1980
	7	David Stephenson (Wigan) v Warrington 1985
Most Points:	17	Steve Hesford (Warrington) v Wigan 1980

PLAYERS' RECORDS IN ALL FINALS

Most appearances:	10	Ken Gee (Wigan) 1935, 1938, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1953
Most tries:	9	Brian Nordgren (Wigan) 1947, 1949, 1950, 1951
Most goals:	17	Jim Sullivan (Wigan) 1922, 1925, 1927, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1938.
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POSTBAG TOPICS

Dear Sirs,

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Let's hope that Scott continues to show promise, and with Lee Hansen on his way back, we may have another piece to our puzzling jigsaw.

Good luck Scott.

A. Bennett
(Expectant fan)

Dear Sirs,

I was very surprised to hear about Jim Crellin resigning. He has been at the Club such a short time, and obviously didn't give the job a chance.

Now that we have a coaching vacancy, why don't the directors pull their fingers out and sign an Aussie coach.

Whoever they sign couldn't do much worse than Crellin, and I believe this is just the thing we need to put Leigh back on form.

An Aussie coach could change the style of Leigh's play and confuse the opposition.

Yours in Sport,
A.S.

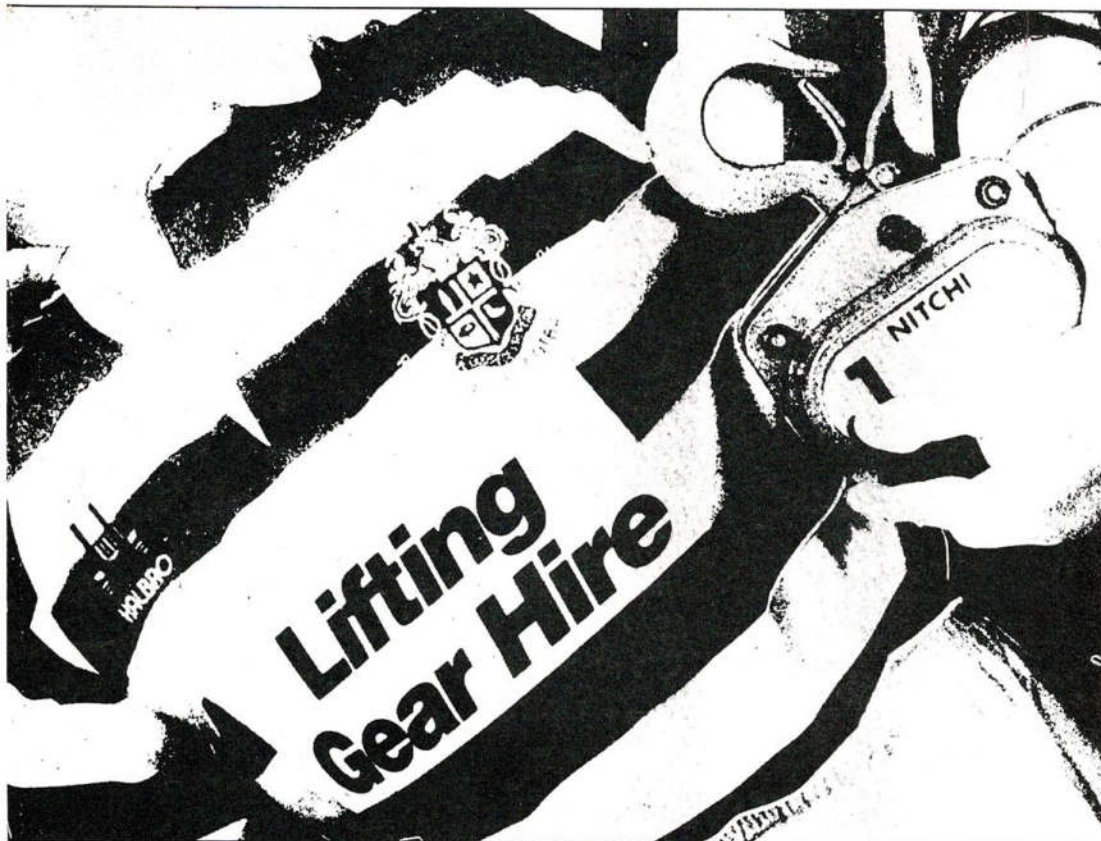
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JOHN WOODS	6	TOMMY MARTYN
STUART PUGSLEY	7	SEAN DEVINE
TONY BURKE	8	MARK SHEALS
RUSS BRIDGE	9	DAVID BRADBURY
TIM STREET	10	TINY SOLOMONA
JOHN COSTELLO	11	BEN OLSEN
KEITH NEWTON	12	SHANE TUPAEA
JOHN PENDLEBURY (CAPT)	13	RICHARD RUSSELL
ANDY RUANE	14	BARRY McDERMOTT
ANDY COLLIER (L)	15	PAUL JONES

REFEREE

D. CAMPBELL
(Widnes)

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

TOUCH JUDGES

Mr P. GOLDEN
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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FIXTURE PREDICTIONS

Our member of staff, Andrew Sanderson, was this week's guest in selecting the results of the games at the weekend. Andrew had a nightmare and only predicted seven correct from the sixteen matches played.

Present League Table: Jim Crellin 15 correct; Jason Donohue 14 correct; Andrew Sanderson 7 correct

I think it fair to make allowances for Andrew who did get some wretched results and he was quick to point out that Jim Crellin's selections were for the Lancashire and Yorkshire Cup first round matches when most games were a foregone conclusion.

Another guest will be forecasting results in the Wigan match magazine on October 4th.

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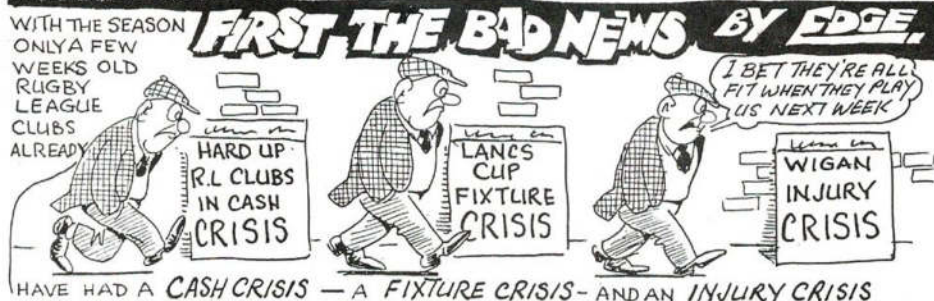
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CARTOON TIME...



COMMERCIAL CORNER

SUPPORTER ON THE MOVE

Kieren Hallinan of Leigh is moving to take up duties in Toronto, Canada for two years. Kieren will be working with a Chartered Accountants firm Cooper and Lybrand, the only drawback with the move is he won't be able to watch Rugby League, which isn't played in Canada.

Best wishes are extended from all at the Club and friends.

SCHOOL RUGBY TRAINING

John Pendlebury and Jason Donohue aim to take one training session per week with all local schools around the Leigh areas on Monday afternoons.

The sessions will last approximately one hour and afterwards tickets will be given to each pupil taking part so they can attend a Leigh R.L.C. home match during the season.

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LIFELINE

The Lifeline draw for Week 8 was made by Nicola Atherton of Selbourne Street, Leigh. The results were:

- £1,000 A. Holland, Pennington Road, Leigh.
Membership No. 1286 (Number drawn 1286)
- £150 D. Phillpots, Newbrook Road, Atherton.
Membership No. 0458 (number drawn 3875)
- £100 G. Dunsford, Harewood Way, Clifton, Swinton.
Membership No. 0975 (number drawn 4691)



SCRUM DOWN

**WITH T.S.M's
MARK TAYLOR**

The big question on the lips of the Leigh fans tonight will not be who is going to be the next Leigh coach, or what went wrong against Castleford, or even where did Basil Ake go, but WILL THE FLOODLIGHTS WORK?

For the benefit of the Oldham fans, let me 'lighten' you. (corny eh?) Not to put too fine a point on it, the Leigh floodlights have not been on top form recently, and at one point The Satanic Mills was going to offer a candle as a free gift with our last issue, which fans would use to make Leigh a stadium of light (although I think that exists already). So, if Leigh are losing 20-0 within the first half hour, there may be a flash of light, then a blackout, and the game will be abandoned. But if Leigh are 20-0 up in the first half, I can't see any problems with the electricity!!

I notice that the RFL have launched their advertising campaign for the World Cup Final, with a photo of Martin Offiah - on fire. But the campaign is overshadowed by a fantastic advert for Nike. You may have seen the ads on walls around the area, with

Offiah, wearing his heavily sponsored Nikes, and the slogan, "your hands can't touch what your eyes can't see", or something like that. But at last, a Rugby League player is being used in the same way as footballers and athletes, and the advert, especially the slogan is very impressive.

Talking of adverts, I had a shock when listening to Piccadilly Gold last week. Salford have had the idea of advertising Rugby League at the Willows on radio, in a professional package, which can only be good news. Salford have also taken the brave step of allowing children under the age of 14 on to the ground free of charge. This is a move which I encourage other clubs to follow. Children, take it from me, have got loud voices. At a game I attended last season at The Willows, where Hull were the visitors, there were about seventy kids from a local school team, all about

seven or eight, and they all had voices like fog horns. They were all shouting for Salford, and outshouted the Hull FC old faithful. I hope that all clubs follow suit. Get them interested young, and keep them interested.

I'm looking forward to tonight's game, and no doubt a few Oldham and Leigh lads will have a few points to prove. In the cherry and white corner, Andy Ruane, Keith Newton, Timothy Street, and Duncan Platt. In the blue and white corner, from Leigh—Tommy Martyn, Sean Devine, Sean Tyrer, and ex-Leigh Mark Sheals. There will be little love lost on the field tonight!!

I can't sign off without saying thank you to those people who have written into the programme, praising The Satanic Mills and this page. It is much appreciated. One final note about TSM, we're getting issue five ready, and if you've any contributions for inclusion, please send them in, and from now on, the souvenir shop will stock TSM, so if you can't get a copy at the game—you have no excuses now!!



AROUND THE LEAGUES

The League's Board of Directors have indicated by a recent decision that they will not tolerate brawling. Hunslet and Whitehaven were both fined £500 for a brawl in the opening game of the season.

Is Doug Laughton having more bad luck! Kevin Iro's debut for Leeds has been delayed on account of an old ankle injury.

David Lyon's signing by St Helens has surprised a few Saints fans. Many were predicting that Alan Hunte who has been holding down the full back position was in line for a World Cup Final call-up—he has been that impressive. Mike McClennan reckons Lyon is the final piece in the jigsaw.

Featherstone are not pleased at being asked to play at Oldham with a 7.30 pm kick-off. Oldham had requested the change because of a Premier League game the same afternoon at Boundary Park.

Hard working prop for-

ward Chris Ashurst has been transfer listed by Widnes at £50,000. A good hard working player but over priced.

Workington 'A' team who visit Hilton Park on Saturday have had an excellent start to the season, hammering Sheffield Eagles 35-10 at the weekend. Meanwhile Town have signed centre Paul Burns from Barrow, as well as overseas players Mark Mulligan and Wayne Kohlase.

Outstanding Dewsbury wingman Denis Bailey has been transfer listed at £50,000. Bailey was the leading scorer in Division Three last season with 22 tries.

In Australia St George reached the Grand Final with a dour 4-0 victory against Illawarra. They play the Broncos at the weekend in the 'big one'.

At Huddersfield full back Gibson is available for loan. The outstanding Australian who is exempt from the quota has not been 'hit-

ting it off' with Alex Murphy.

A massive advertising campaign is underway in London publicising the forthcoming World Cup Final. Massive posters appear at all the underground stations.

Steve Barnett and Phil Hellewell have joined Huddersfield having been on Bradford's transfer list for some time. Richard Darkes and Alan Boothroyd have moved to Bradford as part of the deal.

Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council are advertising for a Rugby League Development Officer and in their build up the Leisure Department have described Oldham as a "Town of friendliness and character bounded on one side by Manchester with its excellent communication and cultural facilities and on the other by the unspoilt beauty of the Pennine Chain."

Yes, this is Oldham we are talking about...!



COMING NEXT

Saturday next
26th September 1992
Youngers Alliance - Division Two
LEIGH "A"
v
WORKINGTON TOWN "A"
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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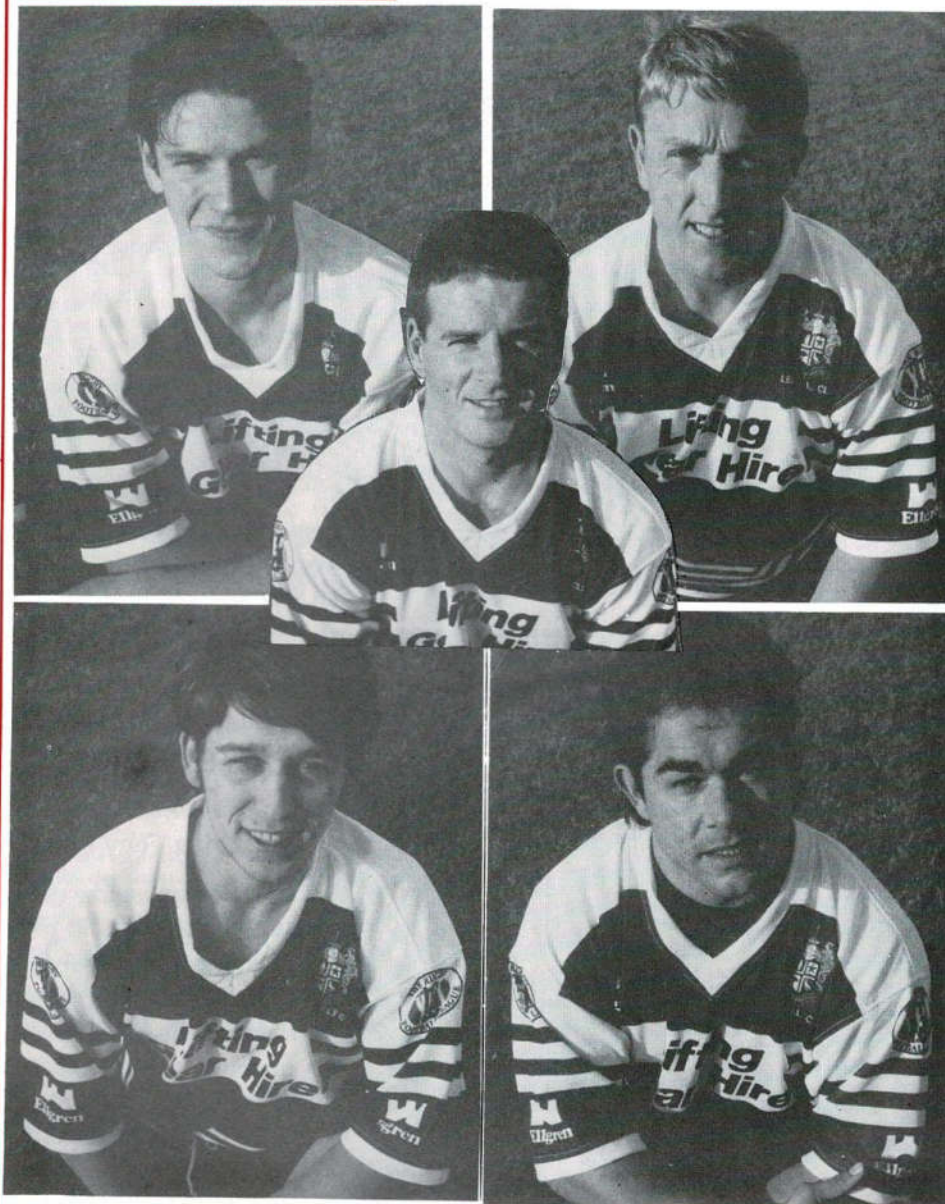
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YOUNGERS ALLIANCE

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD 'A' '18
LEIGH 'A' 19

Leigh's reserve side made it three wins out of three to keep up their challenge for the Alliance Division Two title—but they were pushed every inch of the way by a useful Hemel Hempstead side down in deepest Hertfordshire last Saturday.

On Leigh's last visit to the tight Pennine Way ground they'd escaped with a narrow one-point win and Saturday's victory proved to be an almost carbon copy.

Leigh made a poor start, Hemel twice exposing weak tackling down Leigh's right flank to set up tries in the first 12 minutes. In possession Leigh had little to offer with a spate of dropped ball and wayward passes.

To make matters worse they lost forward Will Tilleke with a badly gashed chin and then conceded a penalty in front of the posts to leave themselves in deep trouble, trailing 12-0 at half time.

An interval roasting by coach Allan Rowley seemed to have had the desired effect when scrum-half Stuart Pugsley sent Andrew Collier



ONE TO WATCH PAUL ROWLEY

Update by
DENIS RAMSDALE

steaming in by the posts with a deft reverse pass. Skipper Mike Blakeley added the extras.

But no sooner had Leigh got themselves back into contention then a whole series of missed tackles saw Hemel break clear and grab a six-pointer under the posts.

Slowly Leigh were beginning to put their game together and within seven minutes hooker Andy Ruane had burrowed over from close in and Blakeley goaled to make it 12-18.

It was 10 minutes from time that Leigh finally got back on level terms, Pugsley selling a couple of clever dummies and nipping in for another touchdown goaled by Blakeley.

Leigh kept the pressure on, forcing Hemel into giving up possession and the winning point came six minutes from time from a Ruane drop goal.

Ruane did his chances of earning a first team re-call no harm with a strong second half performance; Lee Hansen made a safe return after four months out; Pugsley was an influential figure and new centre James Cassidy did his reputation no harm with an encouraging debut.

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13	CHORLEY (LC1)	50-9	Platt	Booth	D. Ruane	Fanning	Hill	Woods	Donohue	Street	Bridge
20	CASTLEFORD	0-38	Platt	Tanner	D. Ruane	Mahon	Hill	Woods	Donohue	Burke	Bridge
23	OLDHAM (LC2)										
27	Halifax										

OCT 4 WIGAN
11 Hull KR
18 ST HELENS
24 World Cup Final

NOV 1 Castleford
8 Regal Trophy 1
15 HALIFAX
22 LEEDS
29 Warrington

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13 HULL KR
26 Salford

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Collier (W) - from Wigan
Collier (L) - from Leigh

Leigh Rugby League Alliance Fixtures Season 1992/93

Thu 3	Sept	SWINTON	7.30 pm
Fri 11		Bramley	7.30 pm
Sat 19		Hemel Hempstead	2.00 pm
Sat 26		WORKINGTON	3.00 pm
Sat 3	Oct	Lancs Combination Challenge Cup 1st Rd	
Sat 10		Oldham	3.00 pm
Sat 17		Lancs Combination Challenge Cup 2nd Rd	
Sat 24		World Cup Final	
Sat 31		HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	3.00 pm
Sat 7	Nov	Younger Alliance 2nd Div. Cup 1st Rd.	
Sat 14		Keighley	2.30 pm
Thu 19		HUNSLET	7.30 pm
Sat 28		Younger Alliance 2nd Div. Cup 2nd Rd.	
Sat 5	Dec	Sheffield	2.30 pm
Thu 10		DEWSBURY	7.30 pm
Fri 18		Swinton	7.30 pm
Sat 19		Younger Alliance 2nd Div. Cup Semi-Final	
Wed 30		HUDDERSFIELD	7.30 pm
Sat 9	Jan	Younger Alliance Challenge Cup Rd. 1	
Sat 16		Workington T	2.30 pm
Thu 21		OLDHAM	7.30 pm
Sat 30		Younger Alliance Challenge Cup Rd. 2	
Fri 5	Feb	Salford	7.30 pm
Sat 13		CARLISLE	3.00 pm
Fri 19		Doncaster	7.30 pm
Sat 20		Younger Alliance Challenge Cup Rd. 3	
Thur 25		KEIGHLEY C	7.30 pm
Sat 6	Mar	Carlisle	12.00 noon
Thu 11		SALFORD	7.30 pm
Sat 13		Younger Alliance Challenge Cup Semi-Final	
Thu 18		RYEDALE YORK	7.30 p.m
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