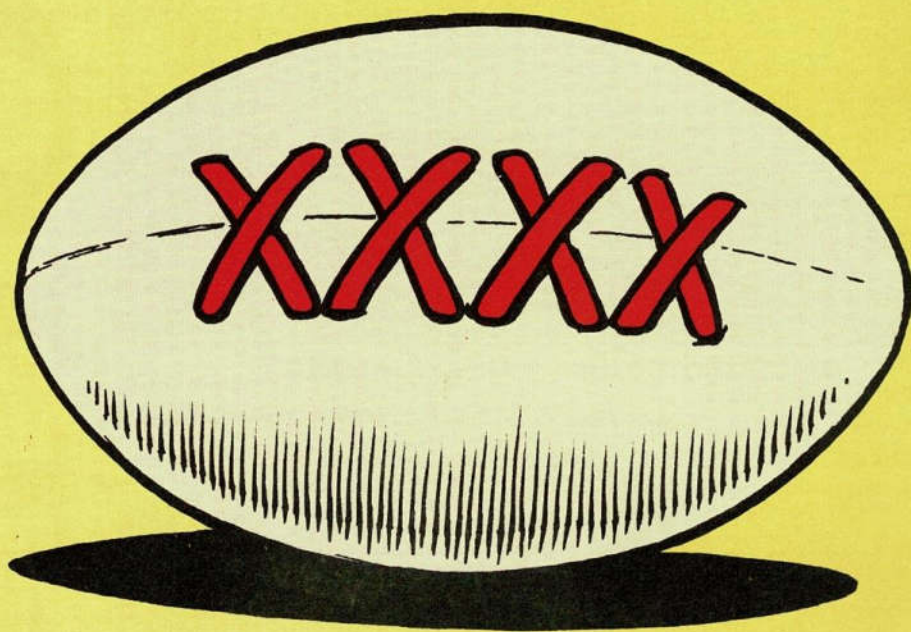


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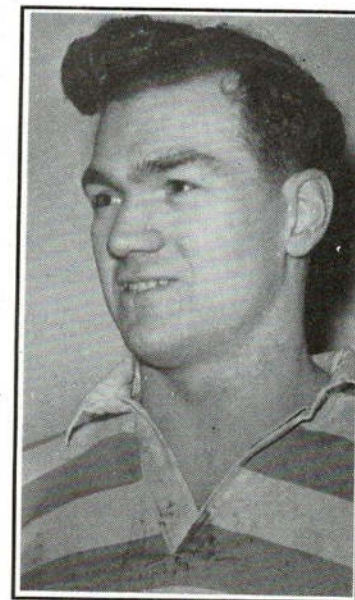
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## No. 1 - JOHN ETTY

The first player to be featured in our review of some of our former star players is the barnstorming winger of the great team of the late 1950's, namely: JOHN ETTY.

John was originally signed from Batley in January, 1955, as a centre, indeed he had represented Yorkshire County in that position several times and at the time he left Mount Pleasant, was a very popular club captain.



However, as is the case so often today, financial considerations for the Yorkshire club saw John cross the pennines to join the "Roughyeds".

Soon after his arrival at Oldham, John was switched to play on the wing, a move that met with great success, his strength and straight running, close to the line, resulting in many tries. In fact, in the Championship-winning season of 1956-57, he set the current Oldham post-war record of 43 touchdowns, scoring two tries in the final itself against Hull at Odsal Stadium, Bradford.

In all, John played just over 150 games for Oldham and scored nearly 100 tries.

Leaving to join Wakefield in April, 1959, he obtained what to Oldham players is an elusive Challenge Cup winners medal, as Trinity demolished an injury-hit Hull side in the 1960 Final and also went on to register his 200th try in senior Rugby League, in the same year.

John now resides on Lancashires Fylde Coast and still takes an active interest in his three ex-clubs and recently attended the club reunion at Watersheddings.

N.B. Elsewhere in this programme John can be seen in action in that Championship Final against Hull.

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Record Transfer Fee Paid: £70,000 to Halifax for Tony Anderson, March 1990

Record Try Scorer: Reg Farrar, 49 tries, 1921-22 season

Record Goal Scorer: Bernard Ganley, 224 goals, 1957-58 season

Record Point Scorer: Bernard Ganley, 28 points v Liverpool City, April 1959

First Game: 21st October, 1876 v Stalybridge

Highest Number of Points Scored: Bernard Ganley, 2,881

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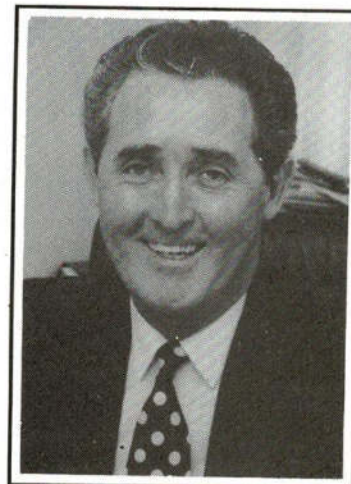
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# FROM the BOARDROOM

by

CHAIRMAN JAMES QUINN



Your support is highly valued. In return, I think it is only right and proper that we keep you informed with what is going on at the club. I can confirm, therefore, that we paid £25,000 for Steve Kerry from Salford and £12,000 for Wally Gibson from Huddersfield. As the sum of their combined transfer-list prices was £110,000 (£55,000 each), the Board quite rightly felt that it had done a good stroke of business.

In each case, the payments will be staged to help all concerned because we are still heavily committed to ensuring that the club runs on the right side of the financial line.

We are currently running a tight ship. We have pruned outgoings on staff by £60,000 a year, without any appreciable loss of income. For that we are indebted to the staff who are still with us. Thank you all.

We are coping with our bank overdraft. We are not incurring new debts and, where possible, we are chipping away at the old ones.

The people who want to run speedway on the greyhound track have now submitted a planning application to the local authority and they have also expressed an interest in buying the greyhound stadium lock, stock and barrel.

At present Dougie Baker is running the greyhounds for us and a very fine job he is doing, too.

But, Dougie is aware of the situation, which is basically this: if a prospective buyer comes along with the right price we would have to seriously consider it because the debt is still a millstone around our necks and needs to be cleared off as quickly as possible.

I would love to steer the club towards a situation where it was released from the shackles of debt. Then, and only then, could we concentrate entirely on taking the club into a new era.

In the meantime, we have to balance the needs of the creditors with the needs of the team, always remembering that we need to provide an attractive side to bring in the income with which to service the debt.

One is inextricably linked with the other, so it was a source of great pleasure to the directors when home attendances rose from 2,200 at the start of the season to 3,200.

If we can get that figure to 3,500 - and keep it there, or even higher - we should be breaking even. Perhaps you could do us a favour by bringing along a friend, or encouraging others to come and watch our team and the exciting players that Peter Tunks has been able to put into it.

Today's game and the Castleford game next Sunday, in the First Round of the Regal Trophy, are fully sponsored and the two home games after that, against Huddersfield and Bramley, are partially sponsored.

There are genuine signs that our true friends and supporters are appreciating what we are doing both short-term and long-term. The object this season is to win promotion, preferably as champions.

Any success in cup competitions would be a bonus, but we do not want to jeopardise our promotion push. You need a large squad to do well in League and Cups at this stage of the club's redevelopment, we do not enjoy that luxury.

It is the Second Division honours board that must mean most to us this season and, to that end, the players will be rewarded financially if they win the title, which carries with it a prize of £23,000.

If we finish as runners-up, and go up in second place, there will be no financial benefit to the players - just the satisfaction of a job well done to get us out of the Second Division.

Talking of the team, you will have read in the Press that we are going to have a more traditional-type kit before very long. I must stress that this kit change is for no other reason than the fact that the supplier has been taken over in the recession and we can no longer get fresh stock.

Hopefully, replica jerseys will be in our Souvenir Shop in plenty of time for Christmas and we are also hoping to have new track-suit tops for the players to run out in when they leave the tunnel. We are looking for a sponsor for this track-suit top so, if you are interested, or know anyone who might be, please telephone the office and speak to the Commercial Department.

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# IN TOUCH



## TOP TEN GOAL SCORERS (Including Drop Goals)

|                                       |    |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| 1. John Wasyliw (Keighley C.).....    | 40 |
| 2. Dean Marwood (Workington T.).....  | 37 |
| Gay Pearce (Ryedale-York).....        | 37 |
| 4. Frano Botica (Wigan).....          | 33 |
| 5. Martin Birkett (Salford).....      | 30 |
| Mark Sims (Doncaster).....            | 30 |
| 7. Jonathan Davies (Widnes).....      | 28 |
| Steve Maguire (Whitehaven).....       | 28 |
| 9. Paul Eastwood (Hull).....          | 27 |
| Martin Pearson (Featherstone R.)..... | 27 |

## LEADING TRY SCORERS

Shaun Edwards of Wigan maintains a clear lead at the head of the try-scoring chart with 19. The half-back is followed by Alan Hunte (St. Helens) and Phil Ford (Salford) with 12, and Greg Austin (Halifax) with ten.

## LEADING POINT SCORER

John Wasyliw, of Keighley Cougars, is this season's leading point scorer with 92. The winger has scored 40 goals and three tries.

## LEAGUE TRY SCORING RUN

Alan Hunte has scored at least one try in all six of St. Helens Stones Bitter Championship matches this season. The Great Britain Test has totalled seven League touchdowns in St. Helens unbeaten rise to the top of the table as follows: 1 - 1 - 1 - 2 - 1 - 1.

## POINT SCORING RUN

John Wasyliw, of Keighley, has the current longest scoring run covering 21 matches, including all eight this season.

The winger's sequence began with three goals in the 18-16 Third Division home defeat of Scarborough Pirates on 17th February, 1992.

## MARK ASTON

Mark Aston is 16 points short of becoming the first Sheffield Eagles player to total 1,000 for the club.

Aston's total of 984 points is made up of 23 tries and a club record 460 goals, including 28 drop goals. He has made 178 appearances, including three as a substitute.

The half-back and occasional loose-forward holds a number of other Sheffield records, most of them set up in 1988-89, when he became one of the few players to score in every match in a season. He finished that season with club records of 148 goals and 307 points, including six tries and 13 drop goals.

Aston shares (with Roy Rafferty) the Eagles' goals in a match record with 12 in a 72-14 Divisional Premiership Second Round home defeat of Keighley Cougars on 25th April this year.

Signed from Selby pub team The Gaffers, Aston made his Sheffield debut at scrum-half in a 36-6 Second Division home defeat of Huddersfield B on 30th March, 1986.

He had a two-match on-loan spell with Bramley in 1987-88 without scoring and has since been a regular in Sheffield's team.

Aston, born at Allerton Bywater on 27th September, 1967, has made one substitute appearance for Great Britain and joined this summer's British Lions squad as a replacement. His season-by-season records for Sheffield are as follows:

| Season        | Appearances  | Tries     | Goals      | Drop Goals | Points     |
|---------------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1985-86       | 7            | -         | -          | -          | -          |
| 1986-87       | 22           | 7         | 26         | -          | 80         |
| 1987-88       | 16+2         | -         | -          | -          | -          |
| 1988-89       | 36           | 6         | 135        | 13         | 207        |
| 1989-90       | 29           | 1         | 94         | 5          | 197        |
| 1990-91       | 22           | 6         | 58         | 2          | 142        |
| 1991-92       | 31+1         | 2         | 98         | 6          | 210        |
| 1992-93       | 12           | 1         | 21         | 2          | 48         |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>175+3</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>432</b> | <b>28</b>  | <b>984</b> |

## WORLD CUP CHALLENGE - WIGAN v. BRISBANE BRONCOS

Wigan are appearing in their third World Club Challenge match with Steve Hampson, Joe Lydon and Shaun Edwards the only players hoping to complete a hat-trick of appearances in the big game.

No visiting player has won the Man of the Match Award, which went to Shaun Wane of Wigan in 1987, David Hulme of Widnes in 1989 and Wigan's Frano Botica last season.

Frano Botica's six goals and 12 points in Wigan's defeat of Penrith last season, are the best feats in the other categories.

Wigan's team in last year's final was Hampson, Myers, Panapa, Lydon, Botica, Edwards, Gregory (captain), Skerrett, Dermott, Platt, Betts, McGinty, Clarke and substitutes Cowie, Gildart, Forshaw and Lucas who all played.

|          |           |               |
|----------|-----------|---------------|
| Scorers: | TRIES     | Panapa, Myers |
|          | GOALS     | Botica (6)    |
|          | DROP GOAL | Lydon         |

## Previous Results:

1987 Wigan 8 v. Manly Warringah 2 at Central Park, Wigan.

Attendance: 36,895 Receipts: £131,000.

1989 Widnes 30 v. Canberra Raiders 18 at old Trafford, Manchester.

Attendance: 30,876 Receipts: £207,764.

1991 Wigan 21 v. Penrith Panthers 4 at Anfield, Liverpool.

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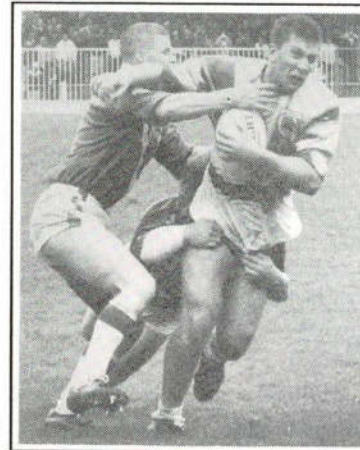
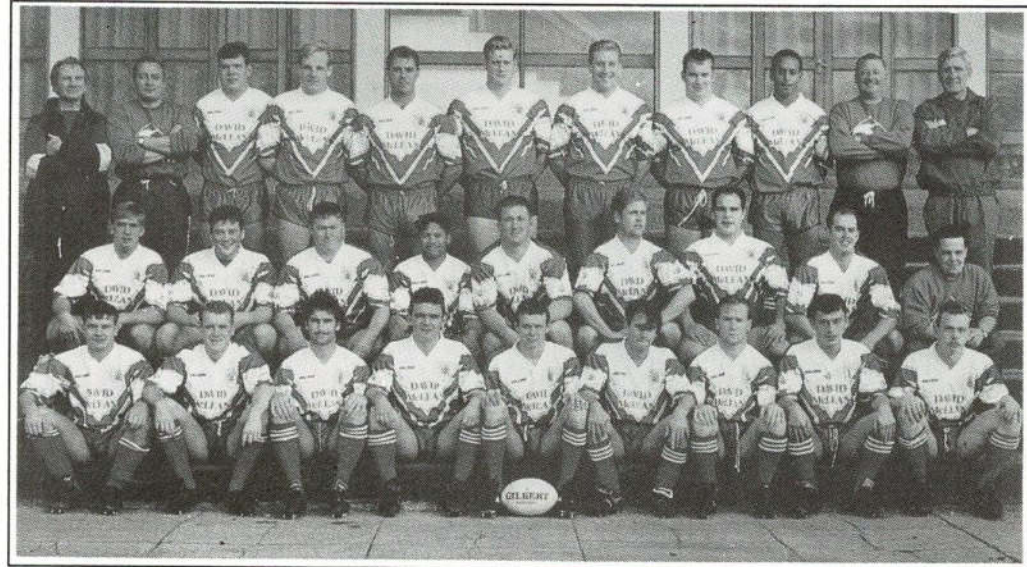
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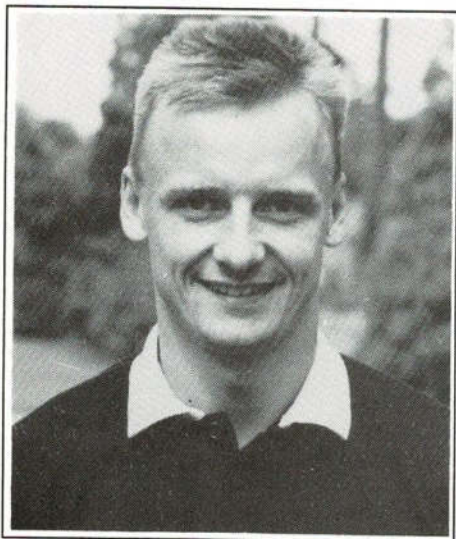
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# TUNKS' TALKBACK



I was not going to mention the World Cup and, had Great Britain won the game, I probably wouldn't have. As it was, those good old Aussie boys came out on top, but not to worry cause you Poms get another shot at it in four years time.

It's certainly a lot less than four years since we faced Swinton here at Watersheddings. It is, in fact, a mere five weeks. On that occasion we were pushed all the way and today we won't be expecting an easy ride. Nobody in the Second Division has beaten Swinton convincingly this season, so we will have to be at our sharpest to register a win this afternoon.

Having last weekend free has enabled some of our players to recover from various bumps and bruises but we still have some lingering injuries which were picked up during our busy League and Lancashire Cup schedule. Success in the Lancashire Cup is good for the Club financially but, as always, when you play extra games injuries do occur.

At this stage of the season I am reasonably pleased with the way things are going. Along with Featherstone, we have opened up a four-point lead and this gives us a firm base on which to build.

We haven't always been consistent so far during this season but we have shown some signs of what I believe to be our true potential. Once we get our strongest team on the park, then I think you will be seeing some fast and exciting Rugby League.

Enjoy the game.

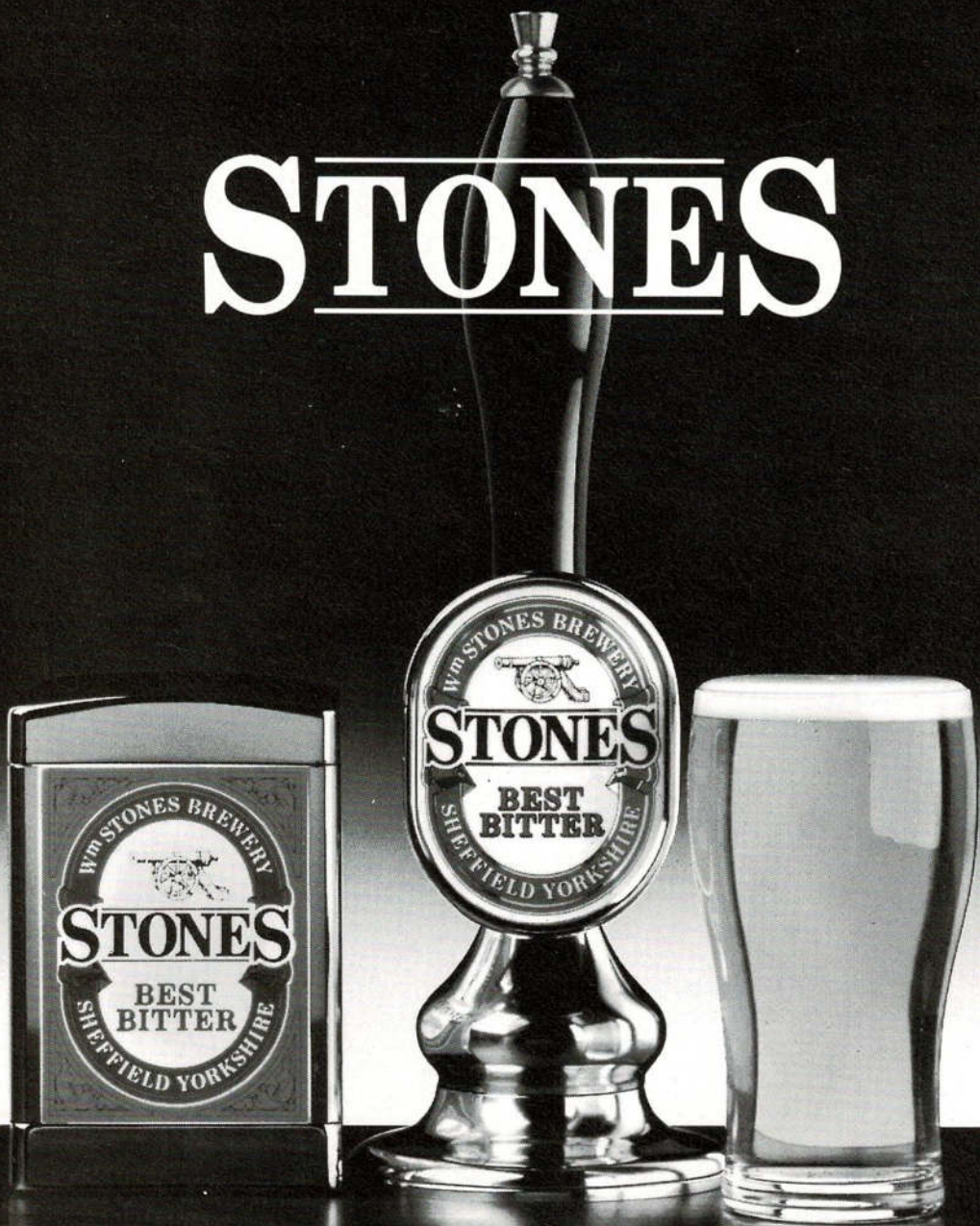
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## PLAYER PROFILE

### IVA ROPATI



**Full Name:** Iva Lewis Ropati

**Date of Birth:** 18.7.1966

**Birthplace:** Auckland, New Zealand.

**Height:** 6 ft.

**Weight:** 14 stone

**Favourite Drink:** Milo.

**Favourite Food:** Mum's chop-suey and taro.

**Favourite TV Show:** Roseanne.

**Favourite Music:** Elton John and Rick Astley.

**Hobbies:** Playing squash.

**Previous Clubs:** Featherstone, Sheffield.

**Biggest Influence on Career so far:** My brothers.

**Favourite Player:** Andrew Ettinghausen.

**Favourite Ground:** Eden Park, Auckland.

**Most Difficult Opponent:** Des Drummond.

**Most memorable Match Seen:** 1983 New Zealand v. Australia, Long Park.

**Biggest Thrill:** Voted 2nd Division Player of the Year 1991/92

**Biggest Disappointment:** No major disappointments - touch wood!

**Personal Ambition:** To be successful in both my rugby and teaching careers.

**Person you would most like to meet:** Rick Astley.

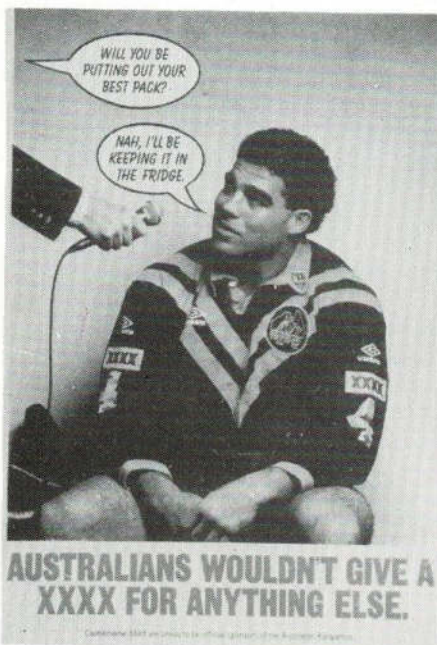
**Have you ever been mistaken for anyone famous:** David Hasselhoff (alias Knight Rider) and Josh (Neighbours)!

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# LEAPING INTO ACTION - THE XXXX WAY!

The British rugby team faced a tough challenge in their World Cup clash against Australia's XXXX-Kangaroos at Wembley on Sunday 24th October. The crowds enjoyed a memorable display of rugby at its best as the XXXX-sponsored Kangaroos imposed defeat on the British lads with the narrowest of margins - 10-6.

You can be sure the Castlemaine XXXX was flowing freely as the Aussies celebrated their win. As we all know, "Australians wouldn't give a XXXX for anything else!"



**Kangaroos' Captain, Mal Meninga keeps his lager "in the fridge" - whilst his boys keep the Cup on their wall.**

Mal is pictured here in the latest topical Castlemaine XXXX ad produced for the World Cup.

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**TEAM CHECK**

**SUNDAY, 1st NOVEMBER 1992**

## OLDHAM

TEAM CHANGES

1. SEAN TYRER
2. SCOTT RANSON
3. STUART COCKER
4. IVA ROPATI
5. HUGH GUMBS
6. WALLY GIBSON
7. STEVE KERRY
8. TINY SOLOMONA
9. DAVID STEPHENSON
10. MARK SHEALS
11. IAN SHERRATT
12. BEN OLSEN
13. DAVID BRADBURY
14. SHAN TUPAEA
15. JOHN MAXWELL

### PENALTIES

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## SWINTON

TEAM CHANGES

1. CHRIS WILKINSON
2. MARTIN LEYLAND
3. EMON RATU
4. PAUL KENNETT
5. SIMON ASHCROFT
6. CRAIG ERRINGTON
7. CRAIG HIBBARD
8. CHRIS PARR
9. STEVEN GARNER
10. TONY BARROW
11. IAN PICKAVANCE
12. RONNIE DUANE
13. SIMON LONGSTAFF
14. T.B.A.
15. T.B.A.

### PENALTIES

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Referee: R. SMITH

Touch Judges: J. BROADHEAD (Red Flag)  
P. DUFFLAN (Yellow Flag)

## KERRY IS MAN OF THE MONTH

Steve Kerry is the most popular player in the Oldham team - yes, he takes the ultimate prize in Rugby League - the Castlemaine XXXX Player of the Month Award and with it a supply of the Australia Classic - Castlemaine XXXX. Guess who's getting the drinks in!

Steve joined the team from Salford RLFC last month for £25,000 and is certainly making his mark at Oldham.

Roger Halstead of the Oldham Evening Chronicle, is our judge for the Castlemaine XXXX competition. "There were several candidates for the award" said Roger, "notably Kerry, Sean Tyrer and Tiny Solomona, with the three players making a real contribution to the first two games against Featherstone and Wigan. They also did well against Rochdale and Bramley".

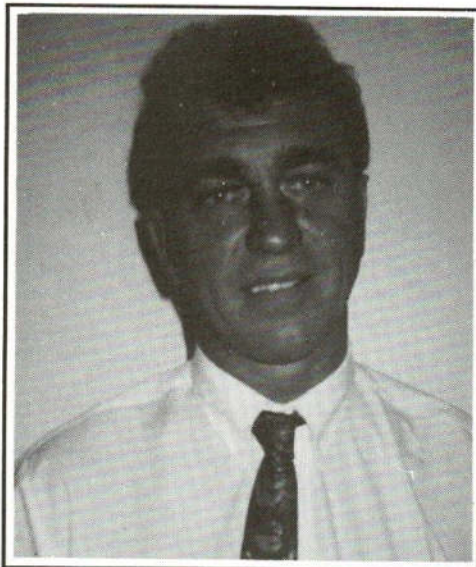
"I have given the award to Kerry because of his creative play in the middle of the field. It was also gratifying to see his goal-kicking form at Bramley, where he landed 5 goals from 6 attempts to complete a very satisfying first month with Oldham."



Well done Steve - an XXXX-ellent start!

**Kerry is seen here, courtesy of the Oldham Evening Chronicle, kicking into action.**

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## 'A' TEAM ROUND UP

with COACH JOHN PRINCE

**LANCASHIRE SHIELD - FIRST ROUND**  
**OLDHAM "A" 26 pts. v. CARLISLE "A" 22 pts.**  
Saturday, 3rd October, 1992

After conceding a try after two minutes our young side, outweighed by about two stone a man, hit back well with tries from Richard Pachniuk and Gary Burns, plus five goals from the sure foot of Mark Hudspeth, we built an 18-10 half-time lead. A Craig Mort try, plus two more goals from Hudspeth made the game safe, before Carlisle hit back just at the end. We recorded our third victory of the season, with 18-year-old Stephen Horton taking the Man of the Match.

**ALLIANCE SECOND DIVISION**  
**OLDHAM "A" 16 pts. v. LEIGH "A" 19 pts.**  
Friday, 9th October, 1992.

Two silly defensive slips in the first half saw us behind 12-2 at half time. Our only score was a Mark Hudspeth goal. The second half was ours, as we out-played the more experienced Leigh side, scoring tries from Craig Wright and Richard Pachniuk, plus three Hudspeth goals, to Leigh's one try and goal, and a drop goal. But for the silly errors, we were the best side. John Maxwell taking the Man of the Match.

**LANCASHIRE SHIELD FIRST ROUND**  
**OLDHAM "A" 4 pts. v. WIGAN "A" 34 pts.**  
Friday 16th October, 1992.

Conceding 14 points in the first eight minutes, most people expected this high-scoring Wigan side to run riot against our inexperienced youngsters. However, this was probably the best performance of the season. Trailing 20-0 at half time, for 30 minutes of the second half we took everything that Wigan could throw at us, conceding only one try and launching our own attacks to score a try from

Craig Wright. Wigan finally scored two more tries in the last 10 minutes. Man of the match: John Maxwell. Conclusions: Frustrated YES, mainly at our injury list that includes: B. McDermott, T. Conroy, P. Jones, G. Christie, S. Ranson, S. Warburton, R. Pachniuk, I. Bates, K. Atkinson, plus recent injuries to: G. Burns, N. Hudspeth, P. Hourigan, P. Norman and Craig Mort. If only we had a quarter of our players available, I am sure we would be top of the League.

Disappointed: NO WAY. The sides we have fielded this season have had to play with none or few experienced players, yet they have given 100% commitment to Oldham R.L. Club. Young players like Michael Edwards, Stephen Horton and Paul Norman, although they are only 18 years and of Academy age, they have gained by match experience and not let us down. Young players like Nathan Clark, Gary Burns, Darryl Rogers, Craig Mort and Paddy Mitchell, are all improving week by week. This, as far as I am concerned, points to an exciting future - as we continue to rebuild.

Inspiration: The Oldham Spectators, fellow Club Officials, Sponsors and Helpers who have understood our position, continue to give us their undivided support. I can assure you better times are ahead. Thanks for your valuable support.

Next programme: Two more Young Players profiles.

**Next Home "A" team game:**  
**ALLIANCE STONES BITTER CHALLENGE CUP**  
**FIRST ROUND OLDHAM "A" v. DONCASTER "A"**  
**Friday, 6th November, 1992.**  
Give us your solid support.

### YOUNGERS ALLIANCE FIXTURES SECOND DIVISION 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 28-24 (W) | 2.30 p.m.  |
| Saturday, 19.9.92  | Salford                      | H 10-31 (L) | 1.00 p.m.  |
| Friday, 2.9.92     | Ryedale York                 | A 14-22 (L) | 7.30 p.m.  |
| Saturday 3.10.92   | Carlisle (Lancs C.C. Shield) | H 26-20 (W) | 1.00 p.m.  |
| Friday 9.10.92     | Leigh                        | H 16-19 (L) | 7.30 p.m.  |
| Friday 16.10.92    | Wigan (LS 2)                 | H 4-34 (L)  | 7.30 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, 6.2.93   | Dewsbury                     | A           | 2.00 p.m.  |
| Saturday, 13.2.93  | Workington                   | H           | 1.00 p.m.  |
| Saturday, 20.2.93  | Hemel Hempstead              | A           | 2.30 p.m.  |
| Saturday, 27.2.93  | Doncaster                    | H           | 1.00 p.m.  |
| Saturday, 6.3.93   | London Crusaders             | H           | 1.00 p.m.  |
| Saturday, 20.3.93  | Workington                   | A           | 2.30 p.m.  |
| Saturday, 27.3.93  | Huddersfield                 | H           | 1.00 p.m.  |

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# SKIPPERS' SPOT

with OLDHAM CAPTAIN  
RICHARD RUSSELL



Here we are back on home territory after what seems absolutely ages. It is, in fact, just over four weeks since our last home game when we suffered defeat at the hands of Featherstone Rovers. That remains our only League reverse so far this season and, not to take anything away from Featherstone, injuries forced us into fielding a much-changed and weakened side that night. Everyone at the club was disappointed to lose but we all feel confident of giving a better account of ourselves in future Oldham V's Featherstone games.

The season is now one quarter way through and we have played all the other teams once. We must be satisfied to have dropped just the two points in what, I feel, will prove to be a very competitive Second Division.

So today it's on to round two so to speak as we welcome, once again, Swinton. Our last meeting was a closely-fought contest, against a team which gave its all. We knew our ex-coach Tony Barrow would have his Swinton team fired up for the game and so it proved. They battled hard for 80 minutes and today we can expect more of the same.

Swinton's season has been one of great disappointment so far, both on and off the field. They have won just one of their League games, but they have not conceded many points in matches against Second Division opposition. They have, in fact, conceded less points than ourselves, so we will not be underestimating them this afternoon.

Team spirit is high here at Oldham and we all feel the team is capable of producing exciting performances. Everybody at the Club appreciates the tremendous support given by our loyal fans on our away travels recently so let's hope today we can give you all plenty to cheer about here at Watersheddings.

Enjoy your Rugby

RICHARD RUSSELL

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PLAYERS

| 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    | W    | 27.12 | 2,128 | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Ropati    | Marell | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Iain    | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Olsen | Solomons* |
| CARLISLE                | 6.9.92   | H    | W    | 38.14 | 2,232 | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Ropati    | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Olsen | Solomons* |
| WARRINGTON              | 13.9.92  | H    | W    | 33.20 | 4,041 | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Ropati    | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | Solomons  | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| HUDDESFIELD             | 20.9.92  | A    | W    | 25.24 | 2,896 | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Ropati    | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | Solomons  | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| LEIGH                   | 23.9.92  | A    | W    | 25.14 | 3,140 | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Ropati    | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | Solomons  | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| SWINTON                 | 27.9.92  | H    | W    | 16.8  | 3,146 | 43 & 2DG | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| FEATHERSTONE R          | 2.10.92  | H    | L    | 4.24  | 3,353 | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| WIGAN                   | 6.10.92  | A    | L    | 8.48  | 9,020 | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| Leas Cup S.F            | 11.10.92 | A    | W    | 21.20 | 2,740 | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| ROCHDALE HORNETS        | 18.10.92 | A    | W    | 23.16 | 1,560 | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| BRAMLEY                 | 1.11.92  | H    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| SWINTON                 | 8.11.92  | H    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| REGAL TROPHY RD 1       | 15.11.92 | A    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| CARLISLE                | 22.11.92 | H    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| HUDDESFIELD             | 29.11.92 | A    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| SWINTON                 | 5.12.92  | A    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| REGAL TROPHY RD 2       | 13.12.92 | H    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| FEATHERSTONE R          | 20.12.92 | H    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| BRAMLEY                 | 26.12.92 | H    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| ROCHDALE HORNETS        | 1.1.93   | A    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| SWINTON                 | 10.1.93  | H    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| BRAMLEY                 | 17.1.93  | A    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| CARLISLE                | 24.1.93  | H    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| ROCHDALE HORNETS        | 30.1.93  | A    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| SILK CUT CHALL CUP RD 1 | 7.2.93   | A    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| FEATHERSTONE R          | 21.2.93  | H    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| CARLISLE                | 27.2.93  | A    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| LONDON C                | 28.2.93  | A    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| HUDDESFIELD             | 7.3.93   | A    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| FEATHERSTONE R          | 14.3.93  | H    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| LONDON C                | 21.3.93  | H    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |
| BRAMLEY                 | 4.4.93   | A    | W    |       |       | Tyrr     | Rancon | Coker | Warburton | Gumbis | Maryn | Denise | Shells | Fechnik | McDermott | Medwies | Tupaea | Russell | Brady | James*    |

NEXT HOME GAME

REGAL TROPHY ROUND ONE  
OLDHAM

v.

CASTLEFORD

SUNDAY, 8th NOVEMBER, 1992  
KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

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# 1992 APPEARANCES & SCORERS

## AS AT 26th NOVEMBER, 1992

|                  | APP | SUB | TRIES | GOALS | DROP GOALS | POINTS |
|------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|------------|--------|
| SEAN TYRER       | 10  | -   | 4     | -     | -          | 16     |
| SCOTT RANSON     | 6   | -   | 5     | -     | -          | 20     |
| STUART COCKER    | 10  | -   | 6     | -     | -          | 24     |
| IVA ROPATI       | 7   | -   | 3     | -     | -          | 12     |
| JOHN MAXWELL     | 1   | -   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| TOMMY MARTYN     | 7   | -   | 1     | 23    | 3          | 53     |
| SEAN DEVINE      | 6   | -   | 4     | 3     | 1          | 23     |
| MARK SHEALS      | 8   | -   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| IAN BATES        | 1   | -   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| BARRIE McDERMOTT | 6   | 2   | 2     | -     | -          | 8      |
| MARK MEADOWS     | 7   | 2   | 2     | -     | -          | 8      |
| SHANE TUPAEA     | 9   | -   | 1     | -     | -          | 4      |
| RICHARD RUSSELL  | 5   | 4   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| BEN OLSEN        | 6   | 3   | 1     | -     | -          | 4      |
| "TINY" SOLOMONA  | 7   | -   | 3     | -     | -          | 12     |
| HUGH GUMBS       | 3   | 1   | 1     | -     | -          | 4      |
| RICHARD PACHNIUK | 5   | 3   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| DAVID BRADBURY   | 2   | 4   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| PAUL JONES       | 5   | -   | 2     | -     | -          | 8      |
| WALLY GIBSON     | 2   | -   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| STEVE WARBURTON  | 3   | 1   | 1     | -     | -          | 4      |
| IAN SHERRATT     | 4   | -   | -     | 11    | 2          | 24     |
| STEVE KERRY      | 4   | -   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| DAVID STEPHENSON | 4   | -   | -     | -     | -          | -      |

# LEAGUE TABLE

STONES BITTER 2ND DIVISION 1992/93

|              | P | W | L | D | F   | A   | PTS | PTS DIFF |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| FEATHERSTONE | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 186 | 77  | 12  | +109     |
| OLDHAM       | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 157 | 118 | 12  | +39      |
| ROCHDALE H.  | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 148 | 145 | 10  | +3       |
| BRAMLEY      | 7 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 117 | 107 | 6   | +10      |
| LONDON C.    | 8 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 170 | 171 | 6   | -1       |
| CARLISLE     | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 104 | 140 | 6   | -36      |
| SWINTON      | 6 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 58  | 98  | 2   | -40      |
| HUDDERSFIELD | 7 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 114 | 198 | 2   | -84      |

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# BACK PAGES

by MICHAEL TURNER

Welcome back to Watersheddings for our first home game for a month! After the glut of home matches at the start of the season, followed by such a long stint on the road, one wonders about the wisdom of the current fixture compilation. Indeed by January 1st, 1993, we will have completed our four matches against today's visitors, Swinton. The arguments for and against this tough 8 club Second Division are well known, but to play one club four times in the first half of the season, doesn't seem to make any sense at all.

In previous years, of course, Swinton were always the opponents for our "holiday" fixtures, with the traditional meetings taking place at Station Road on Good Friday and at Watersheddings on Christmas Day or Boxing Day. The last time Christmas Day was used was in 1959 and if, as happened in 1958-59, December 25th fell on a Thursday, there would be three matches in three days, ie, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Saturday the 27th.

Surprisingly between 1908 and 1913 one of our yule-tide fixtures was Hull Kingston Rovers at home. What a trip that must have been, leaving Humberside on a cold Christmas morning and taking a steam train trip to the other side of the Pennines and not arriving back in Hull until the early hours of Boxing Day.

At the start of this article, I mentioned our glut of home matches in the early season, however in 1911-12 season, Oldham played an incredible five home matches between December 23rd and January 1st. The teams being Leigh, 23rd; Hull KR, 25th; Bradford, 26th; St Helens, 30th and Coventry on New Year's Day.

Photo Feature (Courtesy of the Oldham Evening Chronicle)



Today's photo shows action from the 1957 Championship Final between Oldham and Hull at Odsal. The attendance of 62,199 is still the highest-ever at an Oldham match. In the photo, Hull winger Stan Cowan is trying to elude the clutches of Oldham's Jack Keith, as Dennis Ayres and John Etty come across to cover.

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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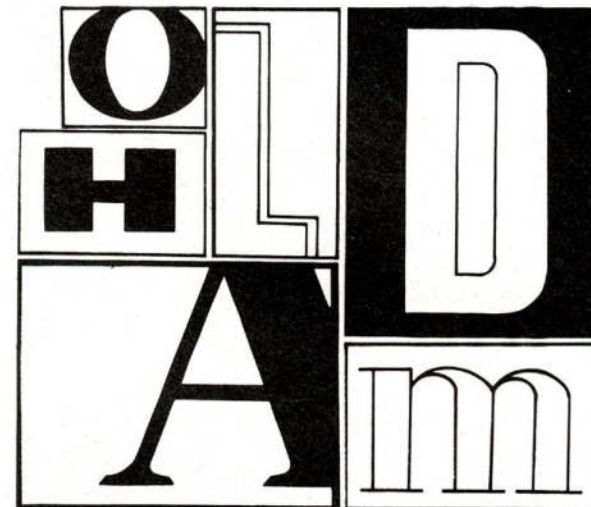
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# QUIZ

## HALF-TIME TEASERS

This week's Quiz concerns Ex-Rugby League Grounds i.e. Given the name of the ground, can you guess the Club who used to play there?

1. Athletic Grounds.
2. Parkside.
3. Wheaters Field.
4. Craven Cottage.
5. Knotty Ash.
6. Clarence Street.
7. Mather Lane.
8. St. Annes Road.
9. Alt Park.
10. Barley Mow.

Answers:  
 1. Rochdale Hornets.  
 2. Hunslet.  
 3. Broughton Rangers.  
 4. Fulham.  
 5. Liverpool City.  
 6. York.  
 7. Leigh.  
 8. Blackpool Borough.  
 9. Huyton.  
 10. Bramley.

# OLDHAM

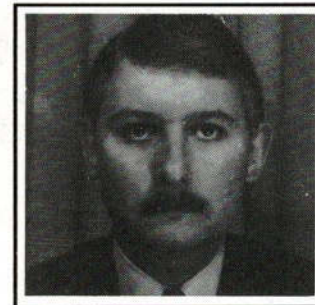
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# QUOTE - UNQUOTE



with CLUBCALLS GED MASON

Welcome back to Watersheddings, after two away games and last weekends' blank programme, because of the World Cup Final, we meet Swinton for the second time this season.

There have been plenty of guests on Clubcall over the past few weeks. Special guests included Mal Meninga and Malcolm Reilly, both previewing last weekend's Wembley show piece and Great Britain coach Reilly also joined us on Oldham Clubcall after the game at the twin towers.

Apart from our special International updates, we of course have been keeping in touch with all the latest news from Watersheddings. We spoke to Wally Gibson after the derby win at Rochdale, he was waiting to hear if his signing would become permanent "it will be a nervous few days, I just hope Oldham and Huddersfield can come to some agreement".

Steve Kerry joined us on the weekend of the Bramley game. He was still coming to terms with the way of life here at Watersheddings and so was Steve's wife "when we played at Spotland, my wife thought we were playing at home, the support was incredible, all three sides seemed full of Oldham supporters, they will certainly lift us at a cold Bramley".

After that win at Bramley we spoke to Iva Ropati "a four point cushion between ourselves and third place is very encouraging at this stage of the season. We know we can play a lot better than we have so far, so a four-point lead is very much something we can build on and hopefully extend".

Final word before today's game comes from Tunksy. With a weekend off last weekend he looked back at the opening to the season. I asked him if he was pleased with the start, "yes and no, its obviously pleasing to see us in the top two but I know, the players know and I'm sure the supporters know, that we can play better".

Peter then went on to tip his fellow countrymen to win at Wembley.

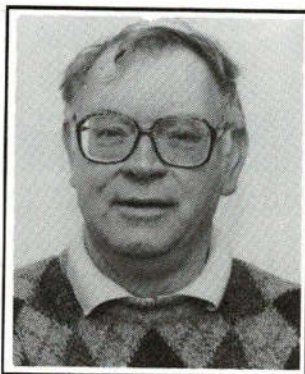
See you next Sunday for the Cup Tie.

GED MASON

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# ROGER HALSTEAD looks at PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

This is Swinton's second visit of the season to Watersheddings and Oldham have good reason to remember the previous clash, on September 27, because they struggled to win 16-8 and picked up several injuries, which were to affect performances in subsequent matches.



The teams were as follows:- **OLDHAM:** Gibson, Ranson, Cocker, Warburton, Tyrer, Martyn, Devine, Sheals, Bradbury, McDermott, Meadows, Jones, Russell. Subs: Olsen, Sherratt.

**SWINTON:** Wilkinson, Leyland, Daintith, Kennett, Ratu, Welsby, Errington, Whitfield, Garner, Barrow, Pickavance, Longstaff, Allen. Subs: Kay and Parr.

Referee: Mr R Connolly (Wigan). Att: 3,246.

The game represented the Oldham debut of Wally Gibson, whose work on defence in the second half earned the home side a flattering win after the lively Lions had gone close to causing an upset.

Swinton worked themselves to a standstill, but Oldham missed five gilt-edged chances with a performance which prompted coach Peter Tunks to remark: "We blundered our way through a hard game in midweek".

Luckily for Oldham, Swinton committed two cardinal rugby sins which were to spoil all their hard work and give Oldham the game. Twice they threw passes without looking and twice Oldham capitalised on the interception with tries for Stuart Cocker just before half-time and Sean Divine in the last minute.

The teams were level going into the last quarter of an hour, but Longstaff and Wilkinson conceded silly penalties and Tommy Martyn made them pay with two angled penalties.

Oldham thus managed to retain their 100 per cent record, without playing well.

Russell had a good first half, man-of-the-match Cocker was a lively centre, Gibson was sound at the back under the high ball and the home side was strong at prop, where duties were shared by Sheals, McDermott and Sherratt.

Scorers: Oldham - goals, Martyn (4); tries, Cocker, Devine;

Swinton - goals Wilkinson (2); try, Garner.

Swinton have undergone boardroom changes since then and the club has been placed in the hands of an administrator, in its battle to stay afloat.

The Station Road stalwart of many years, Ian Clift, is back on the board, which also includes former Oldham committee man Jack Bowden. Other ex-Watersheddings men involved at Gigg Lane include coach Tony Barrow, players Tony Barrow Jnr, Simon Longstaff, Ronnie Duane and Richard Irving (currently injured) and commercial men Ray Hill and Kevin Platt.

Harvey Ashworth, who was officially connected with both clubs until he left the Swinton Board last season, will also be an interested and impartial spectator today.



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# PHOTOS

# ACTION



**OLDHAM v. BRAMLEY, 18th OCTOBER, 1992**

**Top:** David Stephenson makes a vital break..

**Bottom:** Sean Tyrer scores in the corner.



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## OLDHAM'S CHART-TOPPERS

|                  |                                                  |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| SEAN TYRER       | I GET A KICK OUT OF YOU                          |
| SCOTT RANSON     | COME FLY WITH ME                                 |
| IVA ROPATI       | MAGIC MOMENTS                                    |
| STUART COCKER    | CATCH ME IF YOU CAN                              |
| HUGH GUMBS       | I WALK THE LINE                                  |
| TOMMY MARTYN     | FOLLOWING IN FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS                  |
| SEAN DEVINE      | RUNAWAY                                          |
| STEVE KERRY      | NEW KID IN TOWN                                  |
| IAN SHERRATT     | SECOND TIME AROUND                               |
| RICHARD PACHNIUK | I WANT TO BREAK FREE                             |
| MARK SHEALS      | I'M A PINK TOOTH BRUSH, YOU'RE A BLUE TOOTHBRUSH |
| BARRIE McDERMOTT | BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC                      |
| TINY SOLOMONA    | THAT WONDERFUL PICTURE OF YOU                    |
| PAUL JONES       | WALK TALL                                        |
| BEN OLSEN        | SO MACHO                                         |
| SHANE TUPAEA     | THE SINGER NOT THE SONG                          |
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WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED  
GREEN GREEN GRASS OF HOME  
THESE BOOTS WERE MADE FOR WALKING  
THEME FROM M\*A\*S\*H  
CHIRPIE CHIRPIE CHEEP CHEEP

BEWITCHED BOTHERED & BEWILDERED  
FOR ALL THE GIRLS I'VE LOVED BEFORE  
THE GREAT PRETENDER  
PLEASE RELEASE ME  
HEART OF GLASS  
CARELESS HANDS  
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