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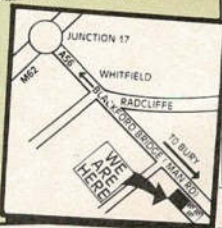
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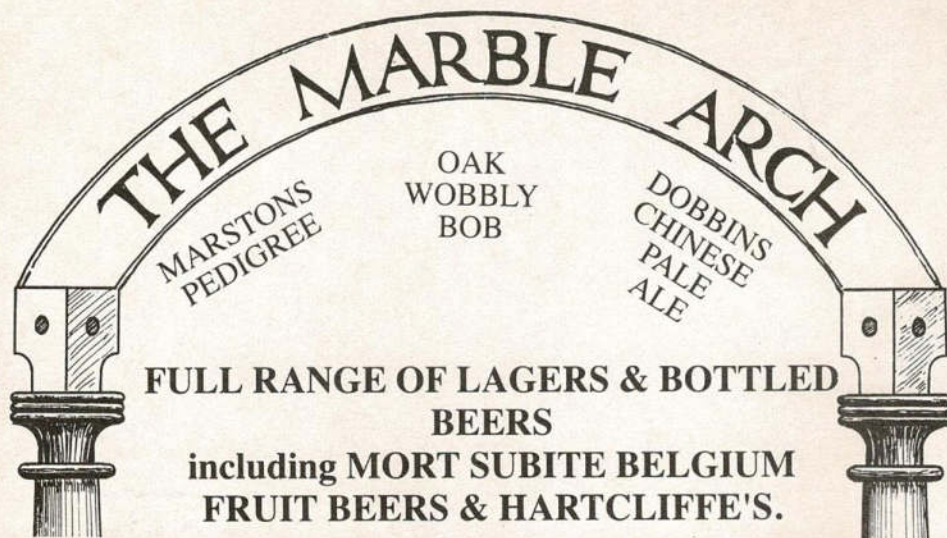
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Points in a season: 283 A. Blan 1960/61.

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Points in a career: 2105 K. Gowers 1954 to 1973.

Appearances in a career: 594 - 8 sub. K. Gowers 1954
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Consecutive Club appearances: 150 R. Fleay, August
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The club gratefully acknowledge contributions from Mr.
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necessarily the views of the club.

I would like to welcome to Gigg Lane all my friends and supporters from Oldham. I have spent two wonderful years at Watersheddings and had plenty of success on the field of play, alas! All good things must come to an end and all the Oldham spectators will have a special place in my heart.

Today's game should be an exciting encounter. Oldham have already proved they are going to be one of the main contenders for the Second Division Title. At present they are firmly placed near the top of the division, on the other hand we are at the bottom, but if last weeks game at London is anything to go by, it won't be long before we are moving up the League. The boys are playing with lots of spirit, determination and endeavour it's a pity the luck is not going our way.

At London we bounced the ball with the try line at our mercy. Graig Hibberd was very unlucky when he was tackled into the upright and bounced back onto the field of play. One try was disallowed by the referee for not grounding the ball (the touch judge said it was a try) but he did not convince Mr. Galtress. Finally to top it off, he gave a penalty try for obstruction and Linford Christie could not have caught that ball before it run dead.

However, we must not get despondent our luck must change, let's hope it changes today. To you supporters stick with us WE NEED YOU.

Yours in Sport

TONY BARROW



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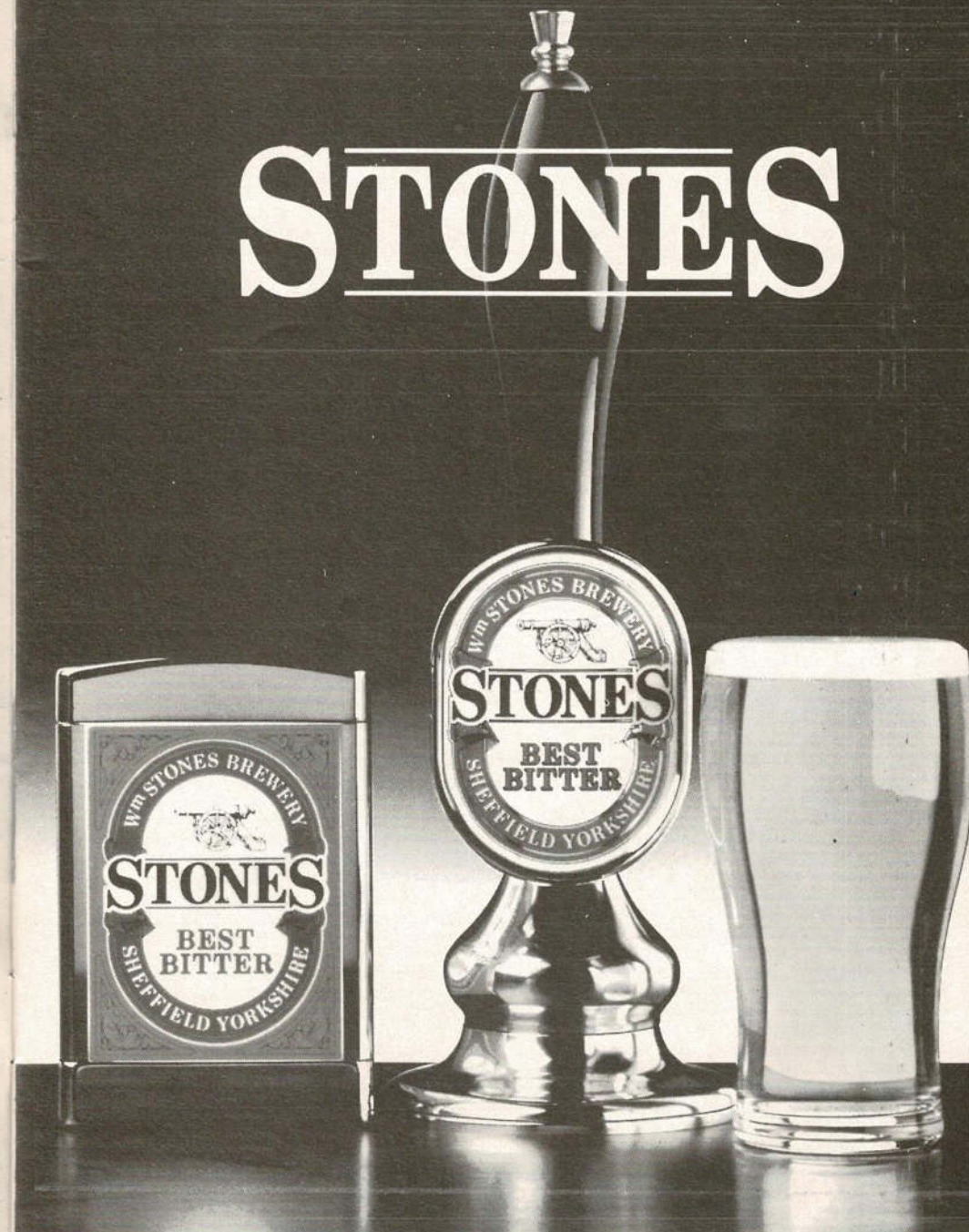
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MARK SHEALS Rugged, hard-wearing prop, who joined Oldham in a three-for-one exchange deal with Leigh in the summer of 1992. To Leigh went Tim Street, Keith Newton and Duncan Platt as Oldham boss Peter Tunks finally got the man he had been chasing for more than a year. Won a Lancashire Cup last season but missed his county debut due to suspension.

SEAN DEVINE A 22 year old scrum-half, whom Oldham boss Peter Tunks also recruited in an exchange deal. This time it was with St. Helens, Oldham receiving £50,000, Devine and back-row forward Paul Jones for Great Britain Under 21 forward Chris Joynt.

MARK MEADOWS A Second-row forward, who had seen service with Swinton and Trafford Borough when Tunks snapped him up on the eve of the 1992-93 season from the new Blackpool Gladiators Club, who took Sean Allen in a straight swap.

HUGH GUMBS A young winger from Yorkshire, who signed for Bradford Northern when David Hobbs was Boss. Had a spell with Batley and then signed for Oldham as a free agent in the summer of 1992. Went to Australia that summer in the Students World Cup.

STUART COCKER Yet another of Tunk's famous wheeler-dealer signings, Cocker joined Oldham in the deal that took Neil Flanagan and Des Foy to Fartown. A try poacher... well known for his scoring habits... Stuart scored twice in each of his first two games for Oldham against London Crusaders and Carlisle.

PAUL JONES At 6ft 3ins and 17 stone, Leigh based Jones had more than 60 senior appearances for St. Helens behind him, albeit many of them as substitute, when he signed for Oldham with Sean Devine in the Chris Joynt deal.

BEN OLSEN This Danish born forward made a name for himself with London Crusaders and signed for Oldham in the famous swap-swap summer of 1992 with winger, Richard Blackman, a Londoner returning "Home" to join the Crusaders at Crystal Palace.

TINY SOLOMONA A Kiwi of Western Samoan origin, "Tiny" signed for Oldham in early 1992 from Widnes, but did not make his debut until the start of the season because of groin trouble. Has had two groin operations since the turn of the year but is playing at the top of his form now and won the man-of-the-match award in Oldham's first round Lancashire Cup win against First Division Club, Warrington.

STEVE KERRY Former Preston Grass Hoppers R.U. half-back, turned professional for Salford for whom he was a prolific goal scorer and he topped the R.L. Points scoring list in 1990/91 when Salford won the 2nd Division Championship with 427 points. Can play equally well at stand-off or scrum-half and was long admired by Oldham Coach, Peter Tunks, before he finally got his man in September, 1992.

SEAN TYRER Son of Colin, the former Leigh and Wigan goal-kicking full-back, Sean followed in his father's footsteps when he signed at Wigan after winning many BARLA Youth Honours. Played several 1st Team matches at Central Park when Graham Lowe was Boss, eventually joined Oldham for a bargain £5k in 1991.

DAVID BRADBURY Signed from Leigh Miners after touring New Zealand with the BARLA Under 19 Squad. David is a strong running loose-forward, who impressed on Oldham's pre-season Tour of France.

IVA ROPATI A member of the famous New Zealand footballing Ropati family, Iva was the top try scorer in the country last year. A new signing for Oldham and an exciting prospect for the team.

SCOTT RANSON Twenty four year old St. Helen's player and the top try scorer from his former Club, Swinton. Signed for Oldham in March 1992.

SHANE TUPEAE Ex New Zealand player. Signed for Swinton then Rochdale. A hard tackling defensive second-row forward.

IAN SHERRATT Former Oldham and Lancashire schoolboy. Left Oldham for Salford and returned last season. A hard grafting prop-forward.

RICHARD PACHNIUK A 20 year old from Dewsbury with Polish grandparents, Richard starred in the "A" Team 1990-91 season. A clever, creative thinking type of hooker, he is expected to go a long way.

RICHARD RUSSELL A local lad who "arrived" home at Watersheddings via Wigan. Played for Wigan on the wing in the World Club Championship against Manly but is now regarded as stand-off or loose-forward. Creative player with an excellent pair of hands.

STEVE WARBURTON Steve was the BARLA Open Age International stand-off season 1990-92. He signed for Oldham from Warrington Amateur Club, Woolston and made his debut as a substitute against Hull in the last match of the 1990-91 season. Did well and enhanced his reputation further in France. A clever, attacking player with poise and class.

BARRIE McDERMOTT Strong and powerful despite his 20 years, local boy Barrie is yet another member of the BARLA Squad to throw in his lot with Oldham. He is a dedicated young professional and has quickly made enough impression to earn a place on the bench in Oldham's last season matches.

TOMMY MARTYN A player of exciting potential, Tommy is the son of former Leigh, Warrington and G.B. forward Tommy Martyn and the nephew of Mick Martyn, who set scoring records as a forward in the early 60's. He is a stand-off or centre, who can "Sniff" tries out of nothing... "Poacher" of the Rugby League variety who can turn a match on a stroke.

GARY CHRISTIE Fast winger and yet another member of the BARLA International Youth Squad. Oldham clearly believe in Youth Policy. Gary was top try scorer in New Zealand.

SWINTON v. OLDHAM

18.4.24 **20-12** 14,000 Williams, Pardon, Halsall, J. Evans, Brocklebank (2T), Jenkins (TG), Atkinson, Strong, Blewer, Morris (T3G), Howarth, Worsley, Powell.

15.4.49 **26-3** 12,500 Morgan (4G), Myers (T), Winkworth (T), Welsh, Coburn (T), Kenny, Lowe (T), Stoddart (T), Osmond, Atherton, Knowles, Armitt, Holder (T).

26.12.67 **22-18** 6,000 Gowers (3G), Williams (T), Fleet, Buckley (T), Gomersall (T), Robinson, Kenny (G), Goddard (G), Cummings, Mackay, Simpson (T), Stephens, Hutton.

13.4.79 **35-6** 1,787 Gorton (5G2T), Crehan, Cooke, O'Loughlin (T), Hindley (T), McAtee (T), Foster (DT), Phythian, Derbyshire (T), Gamm, Highton, Doran, Peters (T). Bruen

13.4.90 **15-12** 3,417 Mellor, Ranson (T), Ropati (G), Peacham, Pickavance, Peters (T), Ashall (T), Sheals, Melling, Pucill (D), Capwell, Tupaea, Skeeck. Hudson

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Bad weather played its part in most games last weekend, with many games played in incessant rain. The pitch at Crystal Palace was short of a few camels to go with all the sand!

In First Division matches, 7,683 braved the appalling conditions to see Wigan snatch victory 26-18, against a Salford side containing four ex-Wigan players.

Halifax came out on top 21-20 against Warrington, despite Wires four tries to Fax's three. Widnes lost out 32-30 at the Don Valley Stadium, with Andy Currier grabbing a hat-trick. Bradford Northern lost at home 16-4 against second-placed St. Helens. Carl Gibson earned a 12-12 draw for Leeds at Leigh with a try five minutes from time, but Leigh could have snatched it with a Dave Tanner penalty which went wide in the final minute.

Castleford won 8-2 against Hull K.R. on Humberside and neighbours Hull lost 6-4 at Wakefield in Friday's Televised game.

In Division Two, Featherstone Rovers hold top spot with an 18-6 victory over Rochdale but Oldham slipped up, losing 17-6 at home to Mr. Murphy's Huddersfield. Bramley shared the points 18-18 with Carlisle and our report can be found elsewhere in this programme.

Only four games in the Third Division, with the Blackpool-Chorley Derby match and Dewsbury-Doncaster both postponed with water-logged pitches.

Ryedale-York still hold top spot following a 22-4 victory at Barrow. Hunslet beat Batley in a close game 17-14. Dean Marwood helped himself to 24 points, as Workington crushed Nottingham 68-0, the Town player scoring 10 goals and a try.

Keighley beat bottom team Highfield 44-10 with John Wasyliw scoring 16 points.



Ronnie Duane looking to pass to Craig Hibbard

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	AWAY							
HOME	Bramley	Carlisle	Featherstone R	Huddersfield	London C	Oldham	Rochdale H.	Swinton
Bramley		18-18	4-22	34-10	30-8	16-23	12-10	
Carlisle	18-10				14-46	20-25	24-12	
Featherstone R		30-10		18-25	40-10		18-6	14-8
Huddersfield	18-12	4-24	15-34			24-28	14-22	37-10
London C		18-18		46-10			30-10	20-6
Oldham		38-14	4-24	6-17	27-12			16-8
Rochdale H.	29-22		26-22		25-16	20-31		
Swinton	6-11		10-44		16-6		10-14	

DIVISION TWO TABLE (Including 24.11.92)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Featherstone	10	8	0	2	266	118	16
Oldham	10	8	0	2	244	161	16
Rochdale	11	7	0	4	208	201	14
London C.	11	4	1	6	224	220	9
Carlisle	9	3	2	4	160	201	8
Huddersfield	10	4	0	6	174	234	8
Bramley	10	3	1	6	169	172	7
SWINTON	9	1	0	8	80	218	2



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	P	W	D	L	F	A	
1928-29	6th	36	23	2	11	429	249
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After last year's heady success and record-equalling season it was, perhaps, too much to hope or expect that the Lions would continue to retain all the trophies won last season but the Blues were still the team everyone wanted to defeat. The only pre-season signing of any rate was Welsh centre Archie Mansfield and, although all the Championship players were available, except for long-serving hooker Henry Blewer who refused to play, as he felt he should have been given a game for his Benefit, rather than a cash allowance.

The season opened with a 24-2 home victory over Wakefield Trinity, followed by a 13-5 success at Rochdale before St. Helens Recs., one of the Cup Semi-Finalists, defeated this time 3-8 but winning ways were soon resumed, with four victories in the next five games, which provided chances over Wakefield and Rochdale. Swinton commenced that defence of the Lancashire Cup with a 7-3 home victory over Leigh but were surprisingly soundly defeated 3-2 at Chorley Road by Wigan, the eventual winners.

Returning to League matters, the Lions were displaying erratic form until just before Christmas, they defeated Huddersfield, the eventual Champions 21-0 and gained an emphatic 23-5 victory at Wigan, gaining revenge for the Cup defeat and keeping the Lions amongst the leading clubs just outside the Top Four contenders.

Swinton's bid to retain the Challenge Cup by appearing in their fourth consecutive final and going to Wembley, where the Cup was to be held for the first time, saw them drawn at home to Leigh who were defeated 5-2, when on 9th February 1929, the Blues played their last game at Chorley Road. The team was: Scott, F. Evans, Halsall (T), H. Evans, Brockbank, Rees, B. Evans, Entwistle,



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Turner, Morris (G), Hodgson, Wright, Butlers. In the Second Round, Swinton were drawn at Dewsbury, the eventual beaten Finalists and were defeated 7-14.

On 2nd March, 1929, Station Road was opened and 22,000 spectators saw the Lions defeat Wigan 9-3. The team was: Scott, Buckingham, Halsall, H. Evans, F. Evans, Rees, Atkinson, Strong, Turner, Morris, Cracknell, Hodgson, Butlers. Frank Buckingham scored the first try and Martin Hodgson kicked three goals.

The season ended with Swinton winning eight of the remaining 11 games, leaving the Lions in sixth position, their lowest for five years but, nevertheless, the Lions retained the Lancashire League Championship.

Frank Evans scored 22 tries, Dick Cracknell 18, a record for a forward and Chris Brockbank 11. Martin Hodgson kicked 32 goals and Herbert Morris 31, the lowest individual goals kicked in a season since 1921-22. Frank Evans joined Henry Blewer and Hector Halsall as a player with over 300 appearances, leaving 10 players on the Club Register with over 200 appearances.

Miller Strong and Martin Hodgson represented Cumberland in their two County games; Bryn Evans and Fred Butlers in Lancashire's three games and Billo Rees in two of Glamorgan's games.

Billo Rees represented Wales against England and also played with Martin Hodgson in the England v. Other Nationalities game.

Swinton were honoured when Lancashire met Cumberland at Station Road and for the Challenge Cup Semi-Final between Wigan and St. Helens Recs. After the Lord Mayor's show? - still a successful season, maintaining the Lions amongst the premier clubs in the game. County player Bobby Scott and forward Joe Wright were bought to strengthen the squad. Although Albert Jenkins, whose debut in 1920 started the Lions success, announced his retirement, the future still looked very rosy.

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WINNING RUN

Workington Town have the current longest winning run of six matches, made up of five Stones Bitter Third Division games and one Regal Trophy tie.

Rochdale Hornets' winning run ended at five matches, when they lost 18-6 at Featherstone Rovers.

LOSING RUN

Highfield are the only team without a win this season, after losing all 10 matches - eight in the Stones Bitter Third Division, one Greenalls Lancashire Cup and one Regal Trophy tie.

MILESTONES

Daryl Powell needs four tries for a career century of touchdowns for Sheffield Eagles and only two for 100 club and representative ties.

Dean Bell, the Wigan and former Leeds and Carlisle centre, needs one try for a career century in English Club Rugby.

Alan Hunte of St. Helens needs one try for a career century of club and representative touchdowns.

JOHN WOODS

John Woods of Leigh is within reach of three major milestones. The 36-year-old former Test back needs three goals for a Leigh career total of 1,000 and eight points to clock up 2,500 for the club.

Woods is also only 15 points short of an overall club and representative total of 4,000, including 421 for Bradford Northern, 613 for Warrington, 194 for Rochdale Hornets, plus 29 in Test Matches.

Woods first signed for Leigh in December, 1975 and made a try-scoring debut on the wing at home to Barrow, in an 18-8 Division One victory on 5th September, 1976.

After nine seasons he moved to Bradford Northern and kicked a goal on his debut, playing stand-off in a 32-7 Division One defeat at Warrington on 1st September, 1985.

Two years later he joined Warrington and kicked nine goals, making his debut at stand-off in a 54-4 Division One home defeat of Hunslet on 30th August, 1987.

Another two seasons and Woods moved to Rochdale Hornets. He made his debut for Hornets on 3rd September, 1989, when he kicked a goal in a 36-12 Division Two defeat at Halifax.

He returned to Leigh a year later and began his second spell with two goals at centre in a 26-6 Lancashire Cup First Round home win over Swinton on 26th August, 1990.

Born at Leigh on 14th September, 1956, Woods holds the following records:

LEIGH RECORDS

Most points in a match: 38 v. Blackpool B 11th September, 1977. 38 v. Ryedale-York 12th January, 1992

Most points in a career: 2,492. Scored in every match: 1977-78

BRADFORD RECORDS

Most points in a match: 36 v. Swinton 13th October, 1985

DIVISION ONE RECORDS

Most points in a season: 295 for Leigh in 1983-84. Most career goals: 862. Most career points: 2,150

DIVISION TWO RECORDS

Most points in a match: 38 (Leigh) v. Blackpool B 11th September, 1977. 38 (Leigh) v. Ryedale-York 12th January, 1992

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I would like to start by thanking everyone who came to our 60's night at the Lynton Suite. We all had a great night out and the Band and the D.J. were excellent. Unfortunately we only had a couple who turned up in the 60's dress, but they looked fantastic and won the prizes easily. As you can see by the photos they were a real pair of good sports. Take a look at Elaine Watts and Lynn Salmon having a great time.

*Elaine Watts, Pink Dress -
Lynn Salmon, Stripes*

I suppose everyone has heard the sad news about Wayne Dore losing his job. I would like to go on record and say that in the short time that myself and Kevin have known Wayne he has always given 100% to Swinton and I know he will be sadly missed. He was very professional in all his work and he is well respected throughout the Rugby League. I am sure Wayne will soon get another job and myself and all the staff wish him all the best in the future 'Good Luck Wayne'.

We hope to be moving to new offices in the next couple of weeks! But we are not moving far. The Directors are kindly converting some rooms in the Squash Club and the entrance and shop space is only 20 yards opposite to where we are now. This facility will be very welcome, having spent the last few months trying to work in very cramped conditions. We will inform all agents who pay in as to where they should come over the next few days. Remember, loyal fans, the Directors are paying for these offices out of their own pockets.

Finally, I would like to thank the Red Cross, especially Mrs. Brown, George and Ray for putting up with us over the last few months. It has been very trying for all of us. But we have come through it and we are looking forward to the future. Thank you from the Directors and all the Staff.

Vinny Lion would just like to say thank you to all supporters for helping raise £30 towards Children in Need at half-time at our last home match v. Featherstone.

On a sad note all at Swinton Rugby League Club wish to extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Alf Smith, a life long Swinton supporter, who died over the week-end.

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ALTERNATIVE LETTERS PAGE

Dear Sir,
On a recent trip up the M62, I spotted a Police Range Rover parked on the side of the road. Noticing it was a Cardboard Cut-out, I did not slow down only to find, when I drew level with it, there was a real policeman sitting in it. Is this illegal?

Yours,
Ray Hill, Commercial Manager.

Dear Sir,
With winter approaching, give your bird box a Thatch Cottage look - by nailing Two Shredded Wheat to the roof.

Yours,
Kevin Platt.

Dear Sir,
In these times, when we have got to "Tighten Our Belts", save wear and tear on door hinges by only opening doors a little bit and then squeezing through the gap.

Yours
The Administrator.

Dear Sir,
On the disappearance of Carl Partington, the last time he was seen was at pre-season training, when we had a game of hide and seek, Carl went to hide and nobody went looking for him.

Yours in Sport,
Glen Prince.

Dear Sir,
I have just acquired a dog, which is a cross between a Rotweiler and a Lassie dog. It rips your arm off and then goes for help. Yours (running on with the sponge),

Norman Brown.

Dear Sir,
When running on with the sand, in my capacity as a Swinton Sand Man, I have a great deal of trouble running in a straight line. Can You help?

Yours,
Andy Bateman.
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by **LION TAMER**

Peter Roe, the Keighley coach, has been the subject of an approach by the South African R.L., with a view to a party of British-based players making a short tour to the country next summer. Sky Television are bringing forward the "Kick-Off" time of their Sunday evening Big League programme, from 9 o'clock to 7 o'clock, in the New Year.

Chief Executive Wayne Dore has parted company with Swinton, following cost-cutting measures taken by the Administrators now running the club's affairs.

Meanwhile "Lions" coach Tony Barrow has agreed to take a 25% pay cut, to help his struggling club. Nottingham City are facing a £500 fine, following an incident in their home game with Barrow, when they failed to provide the correct medical cover. When Barrow winger Andy Fletcher had to leave the field with concussion, he had to be carried off the pitch on an improvised stretcher, consisting of a ground perimeter advertising board.

Rochdale Hornets and Warrington couldn't agree on a cash settlement for Welsh forward Rowland Phillips, so he has returned to Wilderspool from his loan spell.

Mal Reilly named six newcomers in his squad for last Friday's Swansea International between Wales and England. The shock omissions were the Wigan trio of Shaun Edwards, Joe Lydon and Martin Dermott.

Dewsbury are reportedly showing interest in Halifax forward Peter Bell.

Tony Kay is a wanted man in Cumbria. Having just spent a loan spell with Workington, the Barrow centre is also wanted by Whitehaven and Carlisle.

Australian forward Steve Pickett, recently released by Widnes, has signed for Hull K.R.

Salford's former England R.U. centre, Peter Williams, is put on stand-by for the Wales R.L. team, having qualified through his Welsh father.

Meanwhile the "Red Devils" have signed stand-off Steve Blakely from Wigan for £28,000.

In his first major move since taking over from David Oxley, Maurice Lindsay asks referee's supremo Fred Lindop to issue instructions to the merry whistle blowers to clamp down on players guilty of "laying on" at the play the ball.

Salford are the winners of this season's Lancashire County Shield Competition. Their "A" team beat Warrington Wizards 30-13 in the Final at Wilderspool.

Sadly making the headlines for all the wrong reasons was the fact that Chorley Borough's Peter Marsh has been jailed for two months, after allegedly kicking an opponent in an amateur game last year.

St. Helens winger Les Quirk has been banned for two games, following a recent reserve game dismissal.

Bradford Northern have announced a loss of £114,000 on last season.

Hull have told Salford that their enquiries for Mark Jones are a waste of time and he is not for sale.

Veteran utility back John Woods, of Leigh, is ruled out for at least a month with a fractured bone in his hand.

The R.F.L./BARLA dispute is deepening, following the recent refusal by the Rugby League to allow amateur cup games to take place at the home grounds of Wakefield Trinity and Whitehaven.

Leo Casey wants away from Featherstone Rovers, who will be prepared to accept less than the £100,000 asking price for the former Oldham player.

Greg Shuttleworth is in limbo, following a return to his home club Huddersfield, after a two-month loan spell with Bramley. The "Villagers" weren't prepared to make the deal permanent but he is also out-of-favour with Huddersfield supremo Alex Murphy.

Oldham have extended the loan period of Neil Holding to St. Helens, but only after the two clubs agreed on a compensation agreement, pending the agreeing of an exchange deal suitable to both clubs.

Meanwhile, Oldham may well be showing interest in Warrington's Rowland Phillips, following his return to Wilderspool. (See above.)

Oldham again - they are also planning to make approaches to Orrell R.U. club's Martin Strett and Nigel Heslop.

Maurice Bamford is interested in taking Mick Keebles on loan from Keighley for a month and his Bramley club have also signed Sydney St. George stand-off Dave Niu.

Former Kiwi skipper, Hugh McGahan, has been interviewed for the chief executive's post with Auckland's proposed new Winfield Cup team, the Warriors.

The recent two-match test series, between South Africa and Russia, resulted in a two-nil series for the C.I.S. team.

Batley have organised a Dinner for 3rd February, 1993, when the Guest Speaker will be comedian Bernard Manning. They hope it will go a long way to paying the £8,000 transfer fee for Jimmy Irvine, recently signed on loan from Halifax.

Salford are showing an interest in another Orrell R.U. player - goal-kicking full-back Gary Tyrer.

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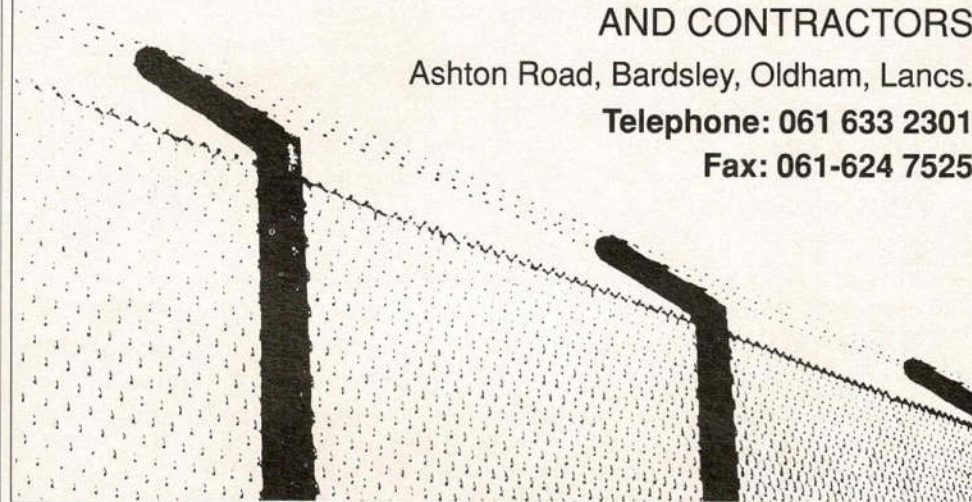
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COMMENTATOR FOR BBC RADIO GMR

Hello Again,

Well, just over three weeks to Christmas and I thought an ideal opportunity to review the season to date in respect of the teams in the Greater Manchester Area.

Wigan appear to be maintaining their tag as the team setting all the standards for others to follow, despite losing Gene Miles and Andy Gregory some shrewd buying (Andrew Farrar) and reorganisation involving Frano Botica appears to be keeping right to the fore once again.

St. Helens seem to be their nearest rivals with my only doubt being their staying power and consistency - the latter months of the season will see me proved right or wrong but I think they may have to be happy with one of the two Cups still an offer.

Widnes' Phil Lander and Warrington's Brian Johnson also seem to be plagued by the same problem - inconsistency, and although I expect both to improve over Christmas, the Wire for my money and the better bet of the two - but only for a top eight spot.

Salford on the other hand may well become the success story of the season. Kevin Tamati has gathered together a strong squad and with the likes of Craig Coleman and Ian Bleasie they should now finally establish themselves as First Division calibre and will be a good outside bet for a trophy. Oldham should gain promotion back to the top flight although unfortunately I still don't think they're good enough to stay there and for Rochdale Hornets another season in the Second Division looks inevitable. For Leigh and Swinton I have a genuine personal wish - survival! To be honest I'm not bothered where they finish in the League I'd just like to know for sure they'll both still be with us next season.

Amen.

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by KEN ROBERTS

Salford Juniors' Lancashire Cup dream finally ended in the Semi-Final at mighty Thatto Heath. Salford gave 100% to a man, with Gareth Morgan perhaps just earning the Man-of-the-Match but, in the end, they had to settle for just one try from Nick Cooper, as the St. Helens side triumphed by 32-6.

Folly Lane join the "big guns" in Round Four of the NWCL Cup after their tricky Third Round success at Haydock. Man-of-the-Match Carl Shaw scored Folly's try with Mike Hulmes adding two goals, but it was sterling defensive work that prevented Folly from becoming giant killing victims as they won 8-6.

Irlam Hornets came up against the only side to beat them in the Premier League this season, Pilkingtons Recreation, and they gained ample revenge by 38-6, to stay two points clear at the top.

Dave Appleby was the inspiration, as Hornets crushed their opponents with tries from Colin Dickinson, Mark Hughes, Mike Cheetham, Lee Caffrey and Peter Halsall, plus a brilliant team effort finished off by Damian Fletcher. Neil Hughes kicked seven goals.

Still in the Premier League, Eccles found themselves 2-10 down at half time, at home to struggling Rose Bridge (Wigan), with Dean Pickup's penalty their only score, but they rallied in the second period with two tries from Alan Evans and three more Pickup goals to record their first double of the season, 16-10. Last week, Eccles were beaten 10-14 at revitalised Crosfields (Warrington), but they held on to their fourth place.

In the First Division, third-paced Langworthy kept up their title challenge with a hard-fought victory at Golbourne Parkside, followed by a home success against bottom club, Waterhead (Oldham). A try and two goals from Darren Wood plus a try from Mark Fish, ensured their win at Parkside and Waterhead were defeated 10-0.

Salford Juniors put their cup upset behind them, to beat Wigan St. Patricks "A" 10-6 at home. The two points moved them up the table one place to seventh, with games in hand on all their First Division rivals.

Folly Lane's hopes of a quick return to the First Division took a knock, when they were beaten at home 4-11 by Orrell St. James (Wigan). They are now fourth in Division Two, three points behind Orrell.

Prestwich have not had a game for two weeks in Division Four and presently occupy a mid-table position.

The Fifth Division derby between Pendlebury Cromwell and Swinton Victoria went the way of the home side, with high-flying Cromwell adding to Victoria's problems with a 42-0 drubbing. Paul Mulhaney scored a hat-trick of tries with others coming from John Church two, Mike Eastham and Russ Snape. Man-of-the-Match Church also booted seven goals.

Accrington suffered a set-back in Division Six, when they lost in Wigan, 12-21 at Shevington, but they returned to Wigan to take the points at Ashton Eagles 14-1, keeping them in second place and on course for promotion.

Eccles young "A" team are still seeking their first win of the season in the Alliance Division One, after losing out 4-14 at unbeaten Thatto Heath "A".

Third-placed Irlam Hornets "A" closed in on the front runners in the Alliance Division Two, with a very hard-fought 14-0 victory at home to Haydock "A". Man-of-the-Match Ian Potts scored both Hornets tries, with Stuart Shovelton making a come-back after a broken arm, adding three goals.

Langworthy "A" slipped to fifth place in the Alliance Division Two, after losing 14-16 at Widnes St. Maries "A".

Salford Juniors second team have had no game in the Alliance Division Three lately, but Folly Lane "A" have lost twice. Folly's fine early season form seems to have deserted them, as they have been beaten by Latchford Albion "A" 18-24 at home and Spring View "A" 8-28 away. In fairness though, those two clubs are first and second placed.

By STEVE WILD

SWINTON v. OLDHAM Good Friday, 26th March, 1948

Today is the forty-seventh time that we have entertained Oldham since the war, so choosing a game to feature in my column this week left me with a headache. I eventually chose this particular game mainly so that I could show you the superb programme cover that the Lions used for seasons 1947-48 and 1948-49 - quite a work of art and not without a hint of the national fervour that was till prevalent after the victory in the war.

From the early days of the Northern Union, it was traditional for the Lions to play at Watersheddings on Christmas Day and for Oldham to come to Swinton on Good Friday. Consequently the two clubs inevitably had a special affinity for each other resulting in the games being played with plenty of spirit and usually before large crowds. In fact this tradition carried on into the sixties (when the Christmas Day fixture was switched to Boxing Day) and only really died out with the advent of two divisions in 1973. In this particular game Swinton won an entertaining encounter 17-13 thanks to tries by Garner, Jones and Warry and four goals by the dependable Ralph Morgan. In doing so they gained revenge for the Christmas Day defeat at Oldham by 12 points to 6. 1947-48 was not a particularly successful season for either club. The Lions were in the process of rebuilding after attaining their worst-ever league position in 1946-47 (twenty-fourth) and Oldham were in a likewise situation. Swinton finally finished nineteenth just four points behind the "Roughyeds" who finished sixteenth. History shows that within two years Swinton were challenging for the Championship and Oldham went on to produce some marvellous teams in the fifties.

In the match programme (featured on this page) the Chairman, Bennett Manson, refers to the international between Wales and France that had been played the previous week. He seems to have been unimpressed with the French referee and states, "Personally I feel that the time is not yet right to give control to visiting referees unless the official can make himself understood to both sides". Now where have I heard that one before? Wasn't there a French referee a couple of seasons ago baffling the Aussies and ourselves? Not to mention Mr. Hale. Manson goes on to congratulate Swinton's international hooker Frank Osmond on a fine performance for Wales and noted that he had won the scrums by an astonishing FORTY-SEVEN to TWENTY-ONE! Fancy having to shout "Feedin'" sixty-eight times in one match! Elsewhere in the programme it was revealed that the great forward Jim Birch, who had played in Swinton's invincible Union team of the pre-1895 era, had died. It was also revealed that Station Road would host the Challenge Cup semi-final between Rochdale and Wigan (a 40,000 crowd was expected) and that there would be a collection at half-time for Johnny Stoddart's testimonial fund - Stoddart having completed 16 years with the Lions.

Once again can I ask for assistance in obtaining photographs and pre-1960 programmes to assist with my club history, If you can't help me yourselves then perhaps you know someone that could? I will offer generous cash or alternatively I will be happy to borrow.

Many thanks

Steve Wild, 70 Swinton Hall Road, Swinton. Telephone 061-728 1068



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All the news from Swinton Supporters Club

First of all, welcome to all supporters of "The Roughyeds" who are paying their first visit of the season to Gigg Lane. We hope this afternoon's match proves to be a quite entertaining affair for both sets of supporters. There are plenty of connections between the two clubs, both on the field and behind the scenes and no doubt a few old acquaintances will be getting together again before and after this afternoon's match.

Having just arrived back from last weekend's game at London Crusaders. I must say congratulations to the players on a much improved performance. However, praise must be given to the group of Swinton fans who, after Craig Errington kicked our penalty goal, burst into a chorus of "We got more than Wakefield" . . . I can tell you now lads, that went down well with both sets of supporters. It's just a pity that the London club were let down by one of their ball boys, who refused steadfastly to provide our lads with a ball to throw around after they had made their entrance onto the pitch.

Once again I find myself appealing to you, the genuine Swinton R.L. supporter for help. Elsewhere in this programme you will find details of the clubs Christmas Draw. If you would like to buy some tickets, or better still can sell some tickets for the draw, pop into the Swinton portakabin on the car park this afternoon, or pay a visit to the Promotions Office at Station Road during the coming weeks. The same goes if you are interested in becoming a member or even an agent, for the Blue Bond Club Weekly Draw. By the way, just in case you didn't know the Promotions Office at Station Road is situated inside the St. Johns Ambulance Building, "Bentley House", just through the gates of what is left of our dear old ground.

I've been asked to give a mention to a young lady attending her first match at Gigg Lane this afternoon. Her name is Jane and she comes from Dukinfield. So hello Jane and whatever the celebration is today, we hope you enjoy your afternoon with us and come back and see us again many more times.

FINALLY . . . elsewhere in this issue you will notice that those daredevils "Laurel and Hardy" at the Promotions Office have included a caption competition to a picture taken at our recent Sixties Night. (For Laurel and Hardy just go to the Promotions Office and ask for Ray and Kevin). Mike Caine says the winning line is "Hilly, put that bloody camera away!"

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by IAN RIGG

London Crusaders 20 v. Swinton 6 (Crystal Palace) 22.11.92

Tony Barrow can be well pleased with his sides performance in last week's defeat in London, only some poor referees decisions were to blame, 12 Crusaders points coming from strange decisions.

Crusaders took the lead in the first minute, when Craig Hibbard was caught offside and Chris Smith converted the penalty from 10 yards (2-0). Craig Errington levelled the scores two minutes later, with a penalty from 10 yards for holding down (2-2).

London were back in the lead after seven minutes with a Smith penalty for obstruction on Rosolen by Welsby (4-2). The Lions fans were cheering on 24 minutes, when Mark Welsby linked up from full-back to put Paul Kennett over for a good try in the corner, Errington's conversion was off target but the Lions were now ahead (4-6). Simon Ashcroft had the chance to put the Lions further ahead 10 minutes later, when he intercepted a pass in his own half but was tackled by Crusaders prop Dave King, about 10 yards short of the try line. King himself was tackled on his back over the Lions try line two minutes later, as the Crusaders pushed forward and from the resulting scrum, Crusaders were given the put in by the ref and centre Darryl Pitt received the ball and dived for the try line but was pulled back for a double movement. This time, from the scrum, Crusaders did get over for a try, with winger Shane Buckley touching down to put the home side 8-6 up at half time.

Craig Errington missed a 30-yard penalty goal for a ball-playing offence after 43 minutes.

Crusaders were awarded a somewhat mysterious penalty try after 52 minutes, when Dave King kicked through the Lions defence, right on the try line and as the ball went dead, he was judged to have been obstructed as he tried to follow his kick, Chris Smith added the goal points (14-6).

Craig Hibbard almost snatched a try back with six minutes left but he was forced into the post as he went over and the try was disallowed.

Crusaders put the final nail in the coffin with five minutes left, when centre Scott Roskell kicked through and Mark Riley out-paced Brian Best to go over and Daryl Pitt converted (20-6).

Crusaders: Dray, Atkinson, Roskell, Pitt (G), Buckley (T), Fisher, Riley (T), King (T), Workman, Halafihi, Duncan, Smith (3G), Rosolen. Subs: Simpson, Rotherham.

Swinton: Welsby, Ashcroft, Hibbard, Kennett (T), Best, Errington (G), Kay, Earner, Melling, Barrow, Pickavance, Prince, Whittle. Subs: Ratu, Smith.



Craig Hibbard trying to put Ronnie Duane through the gap

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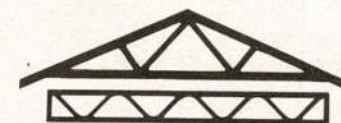
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1. Which team was banned from appearing in this season's Lancashire Cup Competition?
2. Who is the new coach of the Leigh club?
3. What is the nickname of the Australian club, Illawarra?
4. Where do Chorley Borough now play their home games?
5. Who captained Wales in last Friday's International against England?

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SEPTEMBER																				
Sun 6	Featherstone R	2,481	8-14	0	7	Wilkinson	Leyland	Rau	Kennett	Ascroft(T)	Webby(T)	Key	Parr(T)	Ganer	Barrow	Pickavance	Whitfield	Allen	Daintith	Graziano(13)
Sun 13	Huddersfield L.C.	616	40-10	-	-	Wilkinson	Leyland(T)	Rau	Kennett	Ascroft(T)	Webby(T)	Key	Parr	Ganer	Barrow	Pickavance	Whitfield	Allen	Kennett(13)	Allen(13)(T)
Sun 20	Bradley	3,026	8-16	0	7	Wilkinson	Leyland	Rau	Kennett	Ascroft	Webby	Key	Parr	Ganer	Barrow	Pickavance	Whitfield	Allen	Key(6)	Parr(8)
Sun 27	Wigan L.C.	3,501	0-78	-	-	Wilkinson	Leyland	Rau	Kennett	Rau	Webby	Key	Parr	Ganer	Barrow	Pickavance	Whitfield	Allen	Errington(7)	Steech(6)
OCTOBER																				
Sun 4	Huddersfield	1,510	10-37	0	8	Wilkinson(G)	Leyland	Snape(T)	Kennett	Rau(T)	Webby	Key	Parr	Ganer	Barrow	Pickavance	Whitfield	Duane	Errington(2)	Parr(8)
Sun 11	London C	933	16-6	2	7	Wilkinson(G)	Ascroft	Snape	Kennett	Rau(T)	Webby	Key	Parr	Ganer	Barrow	Pickavance	Whitfield	Duane	Steech(13)	Whitfield(8)
Sat 18	Widnes H					Wilkinson(G)	Ascroft	Snape	Kennett	Rau(T)	Webby	Key	Parr	Ganer	Barrow	Pickavance	Whitfield	Duane	Steech(13)	Whitfield(8)
WORLD CUP FINAL																				
Wed 28	Hull K.R. (Regal Trophy)	582	12-32	-	-	Wilkinson(2G)	Ascroft	Webby	Kennett	Rau	Webby	Key	Parr	Melling	Barrow	Pickavance	Whitfield	Duane	Melling(13)	Whitfield
NOVEMBER																				
Sun 1	Otham	2,898	6-56	0	8	Wilkinson(G)	Ascroft	Baker	Kennett	Best	Webby	Key	Parr	Melling	Barrow	Pickavance	Whitfield	Duane	Key(4)	Whitfield
Sun 8	Regal Trophy: Round 1	1,370	10-44	0	8	Webby	Ascroft(T)	Hibbard	Kennett	Best	Errington(G)	Key	Parr	Melling	Barrow	Pickavance	Whitfield	Duane	Rau(4)	Prince(6)
Sun 15	Featherstone R	500	6-20	0	8	Webby	Ascroft	Hibbard	Kennett	Best	Errington(G)	Key	Parr	Melling	Barrow	Pickavance	Whitfield	Duane	Rau(2)	Smith(12)
Sun 22	London C																			
Sun 29	Otham																			

DECEMBER
 Sat 5 Regal Trophy: Round 2
 Sat 12 Huddersfield
 Sun 20 Rochdale H
 Sun 27 Bramley

1993

JANUARY
 Fri 1 Otham
 Sun 10 London C
 Sun 17 Featherstone
 Sun 24 Bramley
 Sat 30 Silk Cut Challenge Cup
 Round 1

FEBRUARY
 Sun 7 Rochdale H
 Sat 13 Silk Cut Challenge Cup
 Round 2
 Sun 20 Featherstone R
 Sat 27 Silk Cut Challenge Cup
 Round 3
 Sun 28 Bramley

MARCH
 Sun 8 London C
 Sun 14 Carlisle
 Sun 21 Rochdale H
 Sun 28 Huddersfield

APRIL
 Fri 9 Carlisle
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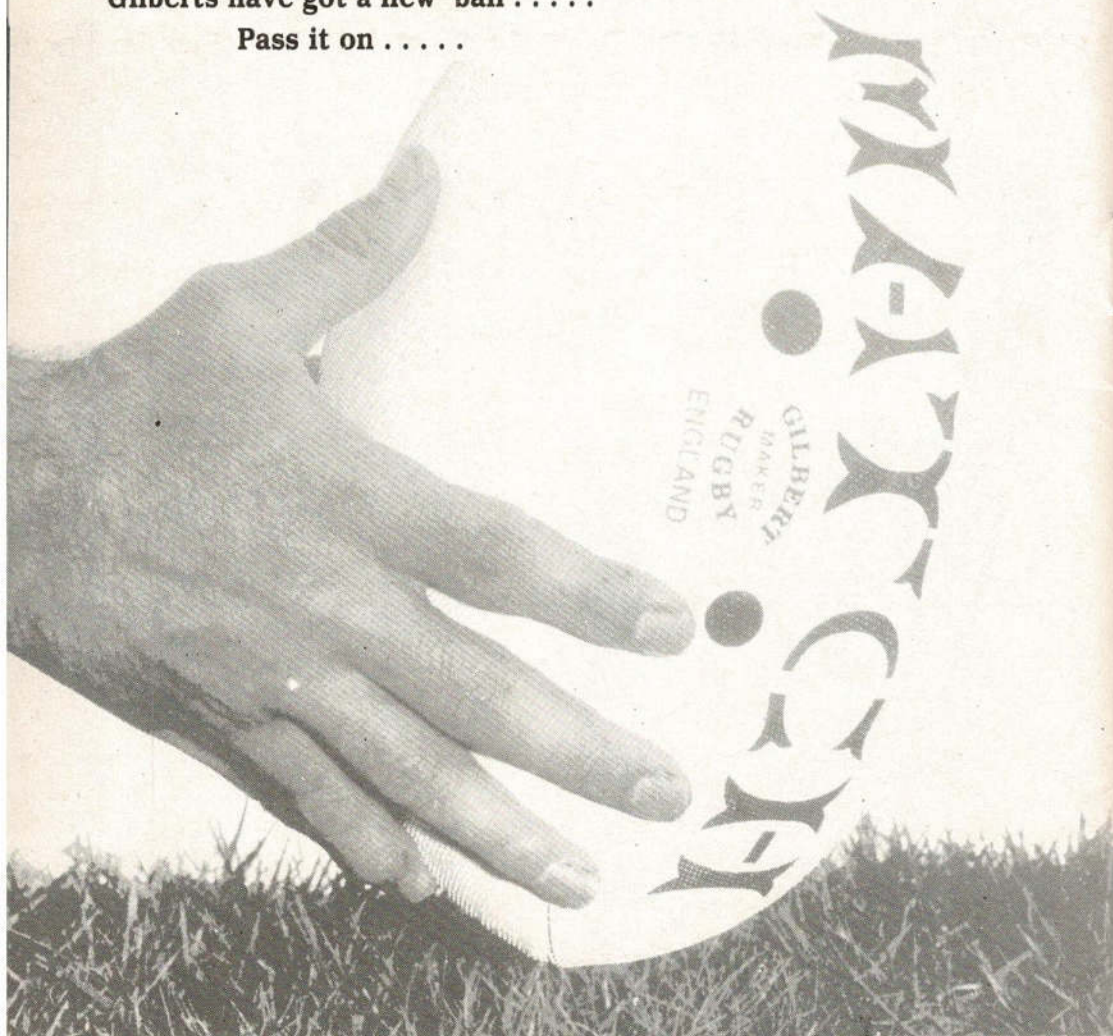
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ALLEN J.	1983	4	2				131	21	12			48	
ASHCROFT S.	1992	9	3			12	9		3			12	5
BARKER D.	1992	1					1						
BARRETT D.	1983	1					1						
BEST B.	1990	3					4						3
BARROW T.	1991	11	1			4	21		1			4	2
DAINTITH I.	1990	3	1			2	11	4				4	
DUANE R.	1992	5	1	1		4	5		1	2		4	
ERRINGTON C.	1992	6	1	2		8	6	2	1	2		8	
GARNER S.	1991	6	4			16	29		9			36	
GRAZIANO J.	1989	1	1			4	8	2	2			8	2
HIBBARD C.	1992	6					6						
IRVING R.	1991	1					11						
KAY P.	1991	7					17		1			4	3
KENNETT P.	1990	11	2			8	21	6	4			16	17
LEYLAND M.	1991	6	1	3		12	13	1	5			20	
LONGSTAFF S.	1991	6	1	1		4	12	1	1			4	
MACHON J.	1992	2	1				2						
MELLING A.	1983	4	1	1		4	165	7	22			88	4
PARR C.	1992	8	2	1		4	8	2	1			4	
PICKAVANCE	1988	11	2	2		8	67	11	19			76	11
RATU E.	1990	9	2	2		8	34	4	7	3		34	2
SKEECH I.	1987	2	2	1		4	25	10	49	1	2	200	
SNAPE S.	1983	10					213	3					
WELSBY M.	1992	8	2				10		1			4	4
WHITFIELD D.	1991	8				30	15	2	3	78	3	171	16
WILKINSON C.	1990	10				132	42	1					19

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SALFORD	8	8	-	-	338	50	16
WORKINGTON T.	9	7	-	2	242	146	14
SHEFFIELD E.	9	7	-	2	235	151	14
LEIGH	8	6	1	1	192	100	13
RYEDALE-YORK	8	6	-	2	246	116	12
DEWSBURY	8	6	-	2	176	97	12
KEIGHLEY C.	10	4	3	3	227	177	11
OLDHAM	9	4	-	5	188	217	8
LONDON C.	9	3	1	5	162	280	7
BRAMLEY	8	3	-	5	168	172	6
HUNSLET	8	3	-	5	139	164	6
SWINTON C.	6	3	-	3	136	166	6
HUDDERSFIELD	10	2	-	8	124	250	4
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	10	1	1	8	140	306	3
DONCASTER	8	1	-	7	124	247	2
CARLISLE	8	1	-	7	110	308	2

CRUSADER INSIGHT

by Ian Rigg
Workington "A" 30 v. Swinton Crusaders 16
(21-11-92)

A strong Crusaders side visited Derwent Park last Saturday but could not pull back a 20-nil half-time deficit, to snatch victory in a game played in heavy rain throughout.

Town went ahead after only 50 seconds with a Gary Smith penalty for offside (2.0). Martin Leyland almost snatched a try in the fifth minute but he was tackled a foot short of the line. Town ran in three first-half tries with Paul Penrice, Danny Penman and Graham Burgess all touching down and Smith converted two and added a 14th minute penalty for a high tackle (20-0).

The Crusaders scored the best try after 46 minutes, when the trialist substitute playing on the wing ran 65 yards to touch-down in the corner (20-6).

Town hit back six minutes later, when Colin Coles went over for a try made by full-back Pickering (24-6).

There was then a four-minute break in the game, while referee Mr. Whiteley left the field for medical attention on a leg injury, while both teams stood in the wind and rain waiting for his return.

Town centre Paul Penrice was sent to the sin bin after 61 minutes for punching Chris Wilkinson. From the resulting penalty, Darren Whitfield crashed over for a try in the corner and Chris Wilkinson converted from the touchline (24-10). The Crusaders made the most of Penrice's sin binning, as Whitfield went over again three minutes later, following a Wilkinson break, Wilkinson again obliged with the conversion (24-16).

Town prop Graham Phillips finished the scoring with a try six minutes from time and again Smith converted (30-16).

Workington: Pickering, Morgan, Penrice (T), Smith (5G), Coles (T), Gorge, Burgess (T), Torley, Penman (T), Phillips (T), Rooney, Nixon, Graham. Subs: Patterson, McMullen.
Crusaders: Wilkinson (2G), Roberts, Rath, Skeeck, Leyland, Trialist, Trialist, Parr, Garner, Smith, Crehan, Whitfield (2T), Allen. Subs: Trialist (T), Sweetman.



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