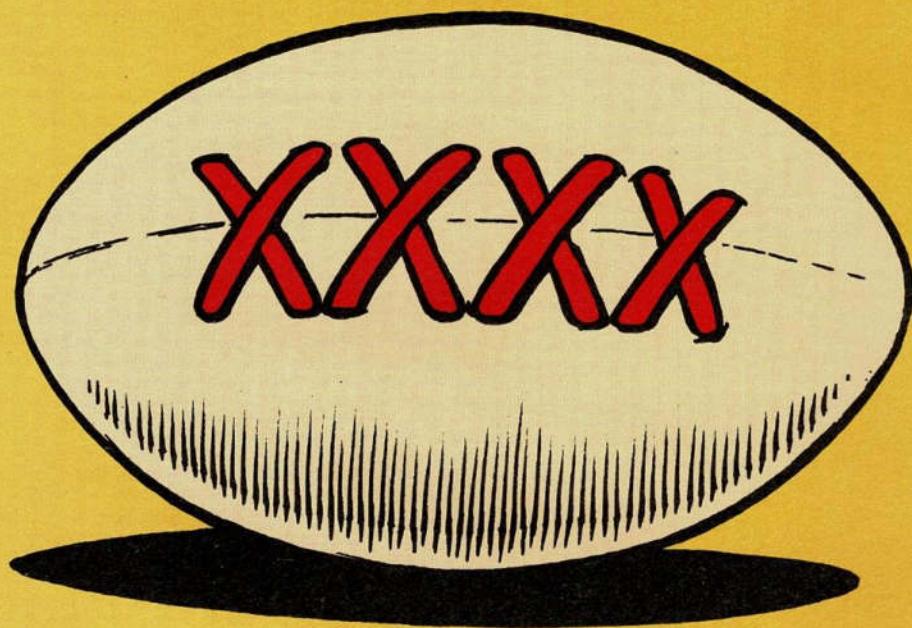


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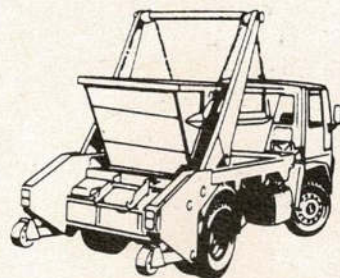


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Although born in Kelso, it was with the neighbouring team of Melrose that George played his early rugby, soon becoming club captain and being selected to play for the South of Scotland side.

He joined Oldham at the start of the 1896-97 season and soon established himself as one of the regular members of the team.

Renowned as a tireless, grafting forward, some of George's pack colleagues, in those early Northern Union days were: Emanuel Bonser, Harry Broome, Bob Edwards and fellow Scots Jim Moffatt and E. W. Telfer. Together these men made a formidable unit and paved the way for the Challenge Cup success of 1899.

As was then the custom George qualified to play for Lancashire, as the county teams were selected from all the players available in the club teams and he did so on many occasions.

His debut was against Salford on September 12th, 1896 and his last game for the club was the last match of the 1904-05 season, when Oldham clinched the Championship by beating Hull 23-0 at Watersheddings on April 24th, 1905.

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First Game: 21st October, 1876 v Stalybridge

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FROM the BOARDROOM

by

CHAIRMAN JAMES QUINN



ONE swallow does not make a summer. Nor does one bad result make a bad season. Those were my immediate thoughts when the hooter sounded at Post Office Road at the end of that 52-14 defeat which we had at Featherstone. We had, after all, just won seven consecutive games in the space of 24 days and perhaps that took more out of us than we realised until we came up against a Rovers team that was clearly much stronger than most of the others in the second division.

We had a few injury problems, too, but we are not going to make excuses. We were well beaten on the day by a good side and I only hope that we got back on the winning path again in the cup-tie against Huddersfield last week. I could not watch the tie because I left for South Africa shortly after our defeat at Featherstone. Basically, I went away on holiday for a couple of weeks, but while I am out there I have made arrangements to meet Jamie Bloem's representative in Johannesburg. We have spoken a couple of times on the telephone and it will be good for both of us to come face to face across the dinner table. South Africa is a developing Rugby League nation and if we can build bridges and make contacts out there then there is no telling what might come out of it in the long term. In the short term we hope to have a good chat about Jamie and see if we can come to any satisfactory arrangements for him to settle with the Oldham club.

Many of you who are keen supporters, but not shareholders, may like to know what went on at our annual meeting in the 'Sheddings Club. To start with, we had with us representatives of Oldham Owls and representatives of McColl of Manchester, the architects and designers who have drawn up the proposed £1.75m scheme to redevelop Watersheddings.

We are delighted to welcome Owls to come and join us at Watersheddings. Their deputation, headed by chairman David Foden, were interested to look at the drawings and plans of the new development, as were the shareholders.

We have now taken things a stage further by meeting the chief officers of Oldham Council. I felt the initial talks were most encouraging. The officers are now to report back to their various committees and departments, after which another meeting will be held. It was also gratifying to learn that members of the government's Heritage Department were due to drop in at Watersheddings this week to take a look at our ground in a whistle-stop tour of the North which was also to take in Wakefield, Featherstone Rovers and Wigan. Perhaps this shows that influential people in high places are beginning to show an interest in Rugby League and all it has to offer.

On the playing side, the board has to find ways and means of strengthening the squad for our anticipated return to the first division. One way, as we revealed to shareholders at the AGM, would be to launch a share issue.

However we do it, we must find a formula to fund some team strengthening otherwise we will be going into the first division on a wing and a prayer and we want to do all in our power to make sure that this time we go up to stay up. The financial situation of the club continues to occupy much time and effort, but if you are a season-ticket holder perhaps you might want to consider giving us a lift by buying now for next season. If you are a seat holder this will guarantee you a seat next season when we will hopefully be in the first division and when seats will be in short supply. Next season's prices are bound to be adjusted, but if you can find a way to book your seat now - and pay the difference later - it will be of enormous benefit to ease our cash-flow problems and it will also ensure that you will not be disappointed.

The board has also been considering a pay-up-front scheme for standing season-ticket holders. By the time you read these notes, details of the scheme might have been released in the local press.

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Ellery Hanley (Leeds)	26
4. Owen Simpson (Featherstone R)	24
5. Alan Hunte (St. Helens)	21
Greg Austin (Halifax)	21
7. Nick Pinkney (Ryedale-York)	19
8. Phil Ford (Salford)	18
Andy Mason (Wakefield Trinity)	18
Tony Smith	18
Steve McGowan (Bradford N.)	18

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TOP TEN GOAL SCORERS (including drop goals):

1. Dean Marwood (Workington T)	118
2. Frano Botica (Wigan)	114
3. John Wasylw (Keighley C)	113
4. Lee Crooks (Castleford)	82
5. Martin Pearson (Featherstone R)	78
6. Gary Pearce (Ryedale-York)	76
7. Steve Gartland (Rochdale H)	71
Steve Maguire (Whitehaven)	71
9. Paul Eastwood (Hull)	70
10. Paul Bishop (Halifax)	69
Jonathan Davies (Widnes)	66

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TOP TEN POINT SCORERS:

	Tries	Goals	Drop Goals	Points
1. John Wasylw (Keighley C)	16	113	0	290
2. Dean Marwood (Workington Town)	10	118	0	276
3. Frano Botica (Wigan)	11	112	2	270
4. Martin Pearson (Featherstone R)	15	78	0	216
5. Steve Gartland (Rochdale H.)	13	70	1	193
6. Jonathan Davies (Widnes)	10	69	0	178
7. Mark Simms (Doncaster)	13	61	0	174
8. Paul Eastwood (Hull)	7	70	0	168
Lee Crooks (Castleford)	1	82	0	168
10. Gary Pearce (Ryedale-York)	2	74	2	158

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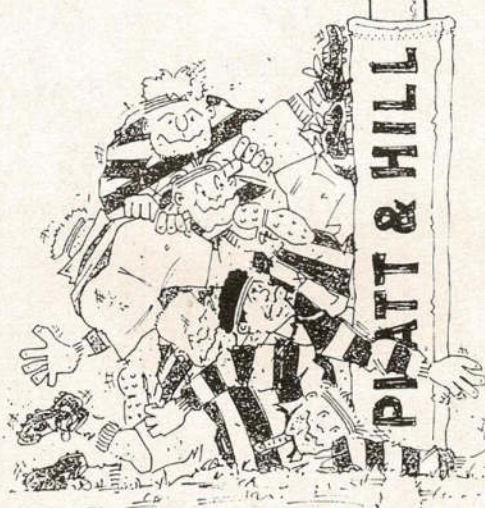
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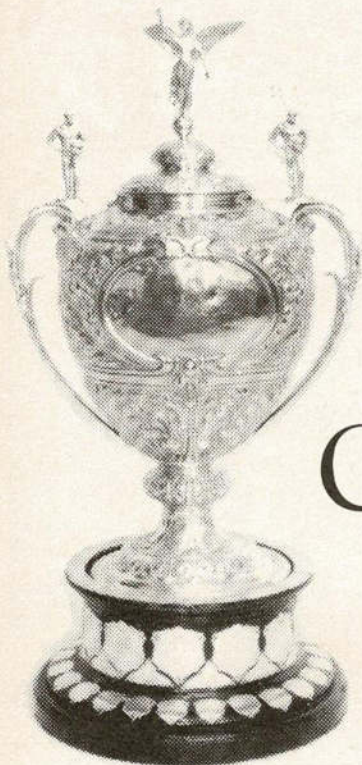
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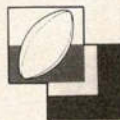
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IAN 'SETH' ARMSTRONG. A lot of responsibility will fall on this tall prop or second rower this season. Made excellent progress last term breaking fully into the first team and showing an appetite for hard work.

GARY CHARLTON. Uncompromising loose-forward or second rower who hits hard and always aims for the gap. Scored five tries in 21 appearances last season.

GEORGE GRAHAM. One of the finds of last season. Former Scottish B Rugby Union prop who took to League like a duck to water. Hard to stop, stocky and fast with a great future.

GRANT HARRIS. Another ex-Scottish R.U. success story. Signed as a centre. He showed a great eye for finishing on the wing and picked up six tries in just eight appearances.

SIMON KNOX. Ex-Hensingham and BARLA Young Lion. Second rower who made a strong start to his professional career last season. Slotted comfortably into the full-back spot and grabbed three tries.

GARY MURDOCK. Long serving ex-Ellinborough scrum-half who was unlucky to be injured in the Cumbria Cup at

Workington as he was playing some of the best rugby of his career. Has now made a quick return.

KEVIN PAPE. Carlisle's record try scorer and longest-serving player. Nine tries last season and was pressed into service at stand-off as well as his favoured centre.

PAUL ROBINSON. Big chance for this deceptively fast and elusive prop-second rower to establish a regular first team place this season. Usually beats the first line of defence.

TONY SCOTT. Long serving second rower whose distinctive windmill running style and all enveloping tackling have become a Carlisle trademark.

EDDIE SOUTHWELL. Hoping to put injury problems behind him this season. Slick-handling stand-off who has been denied a regular first team run by some unlucky injuries.

MALCOLM THOMASON. Tackling machine, hooker and prolific try scorer from close in to the line. Usually tops the tackle count and has been a fine servant to Carlisle since signing from Broughton Red Rose.

TROY CLARKE. Big centre from Canterbury Bankstown Club in Australia who can also play in the second row.

KEVIN FOX. Very useful utility back signed from Salford in a swap deal with Rob Ackerman.



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Last Sunday we went into the match against Huddersfield with a weakened side, due to injuries to some of our key players. We had suffered a heavy defeat at Featherstone the previous week and we knew Huddersfield would be fired up, because the prize for the winners was a place in the Quarter Finals of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup. The players that took to the field did all I asked of them and put in a massive effort, especially after going nine points down early in the first half, when the visitors dominated play. They showed great character to come from behind and although we had a nail-biting finale we were, I felt, deserving winners.

The reward for the team and its supporters was a home Third Round Draw against Peter Fox's Bradford Northern side and we look forward to another cracking Cup tie.

Today, though, we must concentrate fully on our League encounter with Carlisle. We can't afford to relax against Cameron Bell's side, because they will be just as desperate to gain two valuable points as ourselves. Carlisle are striving to avoid relegation, they won last Sunday against fellow strugglers Swinton and they will, no doubt, put in a big effort today.

We know what's required of us, as we attempt to beat the Border Raiders for a fourth time this season.

Enjoy the game.



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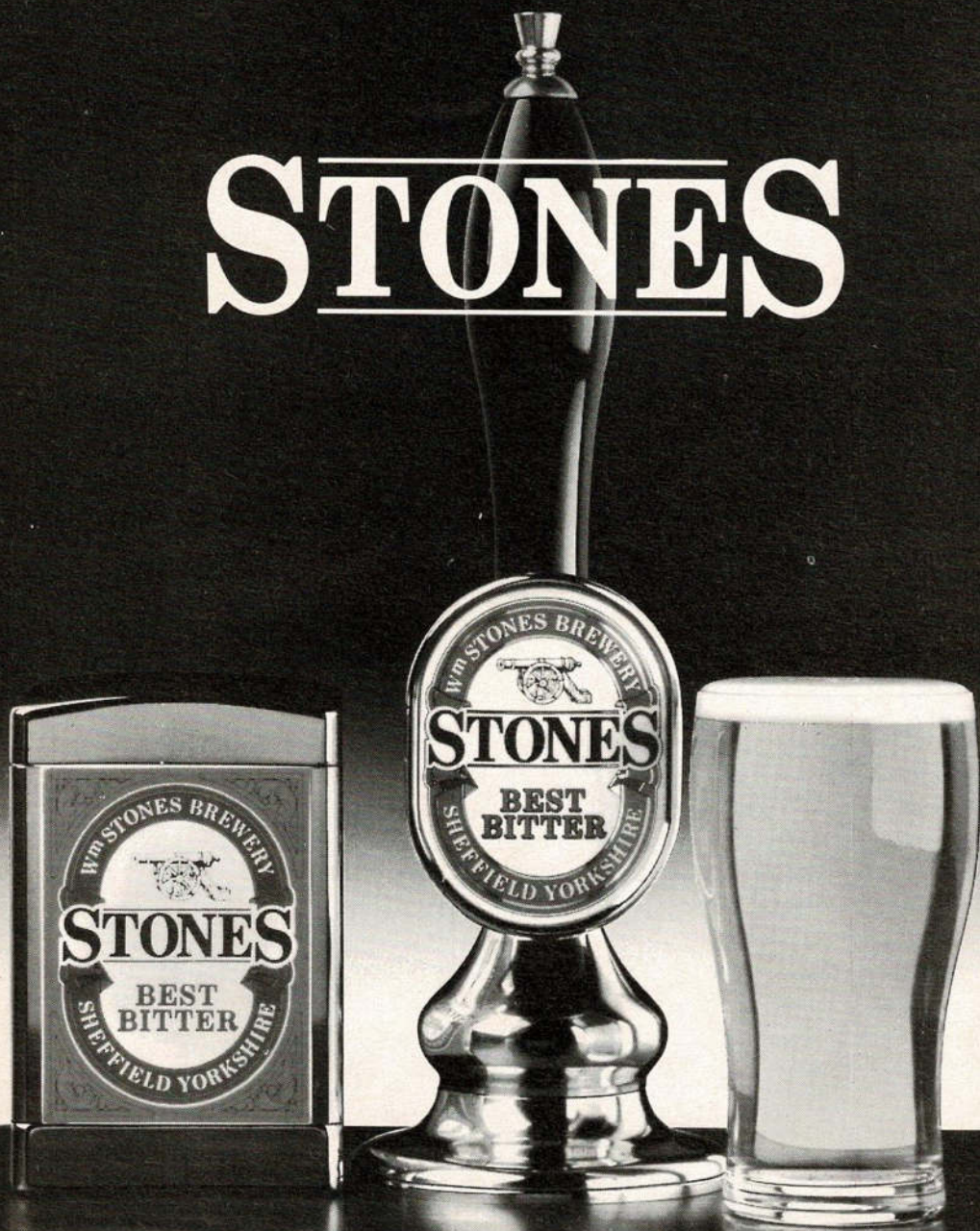
1. Have Rochdale Hornets ever won the Challenge Cup?
2. In what season did Carlisle first have a team in the Rugby League Championship?
3. Who was the last British club side to beat Australia?
4. Who scored the Oldham try in the 1990 Challenge Cup semi-final against Warrington?
5. Which team play at Hilton Park?
6. Who was the first forward to win the Lance Todd Trophy?
7. Which Australian team are nicknamed the "Rabbitohs"?
8. Who kicked 108 goals for Oldham in season 1979-80?
9. Which team won all 26 League matches in 1978-79?
10. In which season did Barrow win both the Lancashire Cup and the Challenge Cup?

1. Yes, they beat Hull in 1922 by 10 points to 9 at Leeds. 2. Carlisle City joined the League in 1928 but resigned after just 10 matches. The current side joined in 1981. 3. Widnes in 1978. 4. Richard Irving. 5. Leigh. 6. Frank Whitcombe of Bradford Northern in 1948. 7. South Sydney. 8. Eric Fitzsimmons. 9. Hull. 10. 1954-55.

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PLAYER PROFILE

IAN MARK BATES



Full Name: Ian Mark Bates.

Date of Birth: 2nd January, 1968.

Birthplace: Dewsbury.

Height : 5 ft. 4 ins.

Weight: 10st. 7lb.

Favourite Drink: Guinness.

Favourite Food: Italian.

Favourite T.V. Show: Eastenders.

Favourite Music: Motown.

Hobbies: Eating out, doing other sports.

Previous Clubs: Shaw Cross ARLFC, Dewsbury Moor ARLFC and Gate ARLFC.

Biggest Influence on Career so far: My dearest wife Lesley!!

Favourite Player: Andy Platt.

Favourite Ground: Elland Road.

Most Difficult Opponent: Andy Gregory.

Most Memorable Match seen: Great Britain v. Australia at Wembley.

Biggest Thrill: Playing for Oldham, crawl..crawl!

Biggest Disappointment: When Oldham lost in the Silk Cut semi to Warrington.

Personal Ambition: To play in Australia

Person you would most like to meet: Daley Thompson.

Have you ever been mistaken for anyone famous: Yes often!! Jean Claude Van Damme.

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THE XXXX-CITEMENT MOUNTS

Oldham are celebrating being one step closer to Wembley, following their win over long-standing rivals, Huddersfield on 14th February. Now Oldham will face Bradford on 28th February for the match which will decide whether Oldham are to fulfil their dream of playing at Wembley.

At their last match against Carlisle in January, Oldham were not only fighting a tough rival team but also, in Richard Russell's words, a "vicious swirling wind". Oldham, as always, were well-supported by their fans who braved the weather, and were rewarded by seeing Oldham take the match.

The game today also sees the first appearance of new player Nigel Heslop, who has just been signed up by Oldham. 29 year-old Nigel has enjoyed a notable career as a rugby union player. He not only has ten full England caps but was a member of the 1991 and 1992 England Grand Slam Squad. Now Nigel, a policeman on Merseyside, is promising to play an "arresting" game for Oldham and help them to Wembley! Welcome on board Nigel!

PLAYER OF THE MONTH - JANUARY

Roger Halstead has once again nominated our Player of the Month - the first for 1993. And the "Man with the Can" is "Tiny" Solomona in his first season with Oldham. "There were several challengers for the award during what was a very hectic month in which the team played seven games in 25 days" comments Roger.

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TEAM CHECK

SUNDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 1993

OLDHAM

TEAM CHANGES

1. WALLY GIBSON
2. JAMIE BLOEM
3. GARY CHRISTIE
4. IVA ROPATI
5. STEVE WARBURTON
6. TOMMY MARTYN
7. STEVE KERRY
8. TINY SOLOMONA
9. RICHARD RUSSELL
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SCRUMS

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16	17	18	19	20

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CARLISLE

TEAM CHANGES

1. KEVIN FOX
2. COLIN WASSELL
3. SIMON KNOX
4. WILLIE RICHARDSON
5. KEVIN BETHWAITE
6. CRAIG HIBBERD
7. GARY MURDOCK
8. IAN ARMSTRONG
9. MALCOLM THOMASON
10. STEVE BRIERLEY
11. TONY SCOTT
12. GEORGE GRAHAM
13. GARY CHARLTON
14. CRAIG MONTFORD
15. BARRY WILLIAMS

PENALTIES

1	2	3	4	5
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11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

SCRUMS

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Touch Judges: Mr. S. V. JACKSON (Red Flag)
Mr. J. D. JONES (Yellow Flag)

"Amongst those players who were strongly considered for the award were full back Wally Gibson, young centre - Gary Christie, half backs - Tommy Martyn and Steve Kerry and prop forward - Mark Sheals. All these players performed very well indeed as Oldham won the rugby league Team of the Month award for seven consecutive wins!

"During the month, the team was particularly well-served in the half back and in the front row of the pack and the choice of Solomona as Player of the Month reflects the very hard work put in by the engine room, although it was very difficult to choose between Solomona and his fellow front row man, Mark Sheals.

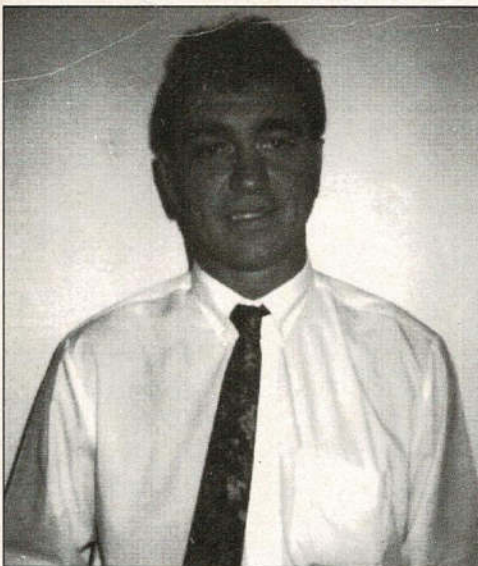
"In the end I chose Solomona for his tremendous contribution to the game. Mark Sheals, who was a very close contender had been awarded Player of the Month in November and still contributes greatly to the Oldham game".

DID YOU XXXX-PRESS YOURSELF?

In all the excitement of the game last Sunday, how many of you managed to get your Valentine's message broadcast on the Oldham tannoy system? Who could XXXX-pect anything less from Oldham than such a romantic gesture as this! But how many of you took them up on their offer? And did you XXXX-press yourself the XXXX way - after your crash course in Aussie lingo? If not, then have "a burl" - Aussie for give it a go!

Will Oldham get to Wembley? In the words of our Aussie friends - Shellbealright!

CASTLEMAINE
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'A' TEAM ROUND UP

with COACH JOHN PRINCE

OLDHAM 'A' 42 v. WORKINGTON 'A' 16

Saturday, 13th February, 1992

Playing second placed Workington 'A' who contained many players with First team experience, our weakened side on paper didn't stand a chance against our much bigger and more experienced opponents who inflicted League leaders Salford's second defeat the week before by 31-0.

Our side, which contained two trialist wingers and two subs who had not played Rugby League before, fell behind after only four minutes as the big Workington forwards powered over for an unconverted try to lead 4-0. A heavy defeat seemed on the cards.

However our young side, well led by Captain of the day Sean Devine, began to show the same spirit and self-belief that we showed in the two games against Wigan. And when Barrie McDermott powered his way over after 12 minutes for a try converted by Mark Hudspeth we were already beginning to look the better side. With Devine and Martin Strett beginning to dictate play we extended the lead after 16 minutes with a good try from trialist winger Dave Gryffiths. A Hudspeth goal extended the lead to 12-4 and after 34 minutes a brilliant pass from Martin Strett sent our other trialist winger, local lad Phill Boucher (ex-Swinton), racing 60 yards to make the score 16-4. Right on half-time Martin Strett continued his progression into Rugby League with a well-worked try to give us an unlikely 20-4 interval lead.

Losing the experienced Joe Graziano at half-time was a blow to our light-weight pack. But with youngsters Paddy Mitchell and Craig Mort, who have shown great improvement in recent weeks, we continued to take the game to Workington, and when Player of the Match Barrie McDermott powered his way

over for his second try from 50 yards and with a conversion by Martin Strett, after seven minutes of the second half.

The shock result of the day was already ours. Five minutes later as Workington were attacking 35 yards out from their own line the experience of Sean Devine told as everyone on the field followed play he strolled to the posts with the best interception try of the season, goaled by Martin Strett to make the score 32-4. The big Workington side began to make their presence felt as we started to become over-confident and with 10 minutes of the game remaining they reduced the arrears to 32-16 with two tries and two goals. We got our act together again and scored two more tries from Gryffiths and Devine plus a goal from Strett to make the final score 42-16 with David Stephenson running Barrie McDermott very close for Man of the Match with a very hard-working display.

By the time you read these notes we will have played Bramley away on Wednesday 17th February, 1993 and Hemel Hempstead away on Saturday, 20th February, 1993, and although still decimated by injuries hopefully we will have recorded two more victories in our quest to climb up the League table.

The next home 'A' team game is against Doncaster on Friday, 26th February, kick-off 7.30 p.m. Do you fancy a good day out for you and five friends plus an after the match buffet where you can meet our stars of the future.

Then why not sponsor the game. It only costs £50, ring Judy Campbell for details on 061-624 4865.

Yours in Oldham R.L.

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE FIXTURES SECOND DIVISION 1992/93



Saturday, 29.0.92	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, 25.9.92	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, 29.10.92	Salford	A 6-42 (L)	7.30 p.m.
Friday, 6.11.92	Doncaster (Cup)	H 64-8 (W)	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 14.11.92	Carlisle	H 40-12 (W)	1.00 p.m.
Friday, 20.11.92	Huddersfield	A 28-18 (W)	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 28.11.92	Workington (Cup2)	A 16-26 (L)	
Saturday, 5.12.92	Hemel Hempstead	H 58-10 (W)	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, 15.1.93	Hunslet	H 50-10 (W)	1.00 p.m.
Thursday, 21.1.93	Leigh	A 20-30 (L)	7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 29.1.93	Wigan (YA Cup 2)	H 22-22 (D)	7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 4.2.93	Wigan (YA Cup 2 Rply)	A 14-32 (L)	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 6.2.93	Dewsbury	A 10-34 (L)	2.00 p.m.
Saturday, 13.2.93	Workington	H 42-16 (W)	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

After the defeat at Featherstone, it was nice to get back into winning form with a closely-fought Cup tie against our neighbours from over the Pennines. The game had a typical derby atmosphere, with a lot of aggressive defence from both sides.

Although 9-2 down after 30 minutes, our fitness began to show and we started to take control, leading 10-9 at half time.

After the interval we carried on where we had left off, with Solomona and Sheals leading the way and tremendous support from the terraces. We are now in the Quarter Finals, where we will face Bradford Northern.

Today we welcome our friends from Carlisle, who will be giving 110 per cent and trying to gain the two points which they need for their relegation battle.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Wilsons Sports Trophies, who have kindly donated plates for the Players' Player of the Match Awards.

Enjoy the game.

The Editor would like to thank the lovely LEANNE WIDDALL from Royton for her assistance in the production of this programme.



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P L A Y E R S

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	2,428	Tyrer	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Maxwell	Mervyn	Devine	Sheals	Bates	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
CARLISLE	6.9.92	H	W	38-14	2,292	Tyrer	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
WARRINGTON	13.9.92	H	W	33-20	4,041	Tyrer	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
LANCS CUP 1	20.9.92	A	W	28-24	2,896	Tyrer	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
LEIGH	23.9.92	A	W	26-14	3,140	Mervyn	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
LANCS CUP 2	27.9.92	H	W	16-8	3,346	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
FEATHERSTONE R.	2.10.92	H	L	4-24	3,302	Tyrer	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
WHAM	6.10.92	A	L	8-48	9,020	Tyrer	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
LANCS CUP S.F.	11.10.92	A	W	21-20	2,740	Tyrer	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
ROCHDALE HORNETS	18.10.92	A	W	23-16	1,560	Tyrer	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
BRAMLEY	1.11.92	H	W	56-6	2,721	Tyrer	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
SWINTON	8.11.92	H	L	22-40	4,303	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
REGAL TROPHY RD. 1	15.11.92	A	W	25-20	1,300	Tyrer	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
CARLISLE	22.11.92	H	L	6-17	3,183	Tyrer	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
HUDDERSFIELD	29.11.92	A	W	18-12	1,650	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
REGAL TROPHY RD. 2	5.12.92	A	W	20-24	3,298	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
FEATHERSTONE R.	13.12.92	H	L	20-24	3,298	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
BRAMLEY	20.12.92	H	L	20-24	3,298	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
ROCHDALE HORNETS	26.12.92	H	L	20-24	3,298	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
SWINTON	1.1.93	A	W	36-0	2,223	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
BRAMLEY	6.1.93	H	W	40-2	2,225	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
ROCHDALE HORNETS	10.1.93	H	W	47-22	2,653	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
CARLISLE	13.1.93	H	W	32-21	750	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
ROCHDALE HORNETS	17.1.93	A	W	32-21	750	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
ROCHDALE HORNETS	24.1.93	H	W	28-12	2,981	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
SWINTON	27.1.93	A	W	36-10	1,190	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
LONDON C.	31.1.93	H	W	34-6	2,653	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
LANCS CUP RD. 1	7.2.93	A	L	14-52	4,332	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
FEATHERSTONE R.	14.2.93	H	W	20-17	4,583	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
HUDDERSFIELD	21.2.93	H	W	20-17	4,583	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
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SWINTON	28.2.93	A	W	20-17	4,583	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
FEATHERSTONE R.	7.3.93	A	W	20-17	4,583	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
LONDON C.	14.3.93	H	W	20-17	4,583	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
BRAMLEY	21.3.93	H	W	20-17	4,583	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
ROCHDALE HORNETS	4.4.93	A	W	20-17	4,583	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
HUDDERSFIELD	9.4.93	A	W	20-17	4,583	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
LONDON C.	12.4.93	H	W	20-17	4,583	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*
BRAMLEY	18.4.93	A	W	20-17	4,583	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repati	Gumbis	Mervyn	Dave	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Oliver	Solomon*

NEXT HOME GAME

Sunday, 28.2.93

Silk Cut Challenge Cup Quarter-final
OLDHAM v. BRADFORD NORTHERN

K.O. 3.00 p.m.

1992/3 APPEARANCES & SCORERS

AS AT 15TH FEBRUARY, 1993

	APP	SUB	TRIES	GOALS	DROP GOALS	POINTS
SEAN TYRER	18	2	7	3	-	34
SCOTT RANSON	16	-	10	-	-	40
STUART COCKER	13	-	8	-	-	32
IVA ROPATI	17	-	13	-	-	52
JOHN MAXWELL	4	1	1	-	-	4
TOMMY MARTYN	17	-	5	29	4	82
SEAN DEVINE	6	-	4	3	1	23
MARK SHEALS	22	-	2	-	-	8
IAN BATES	2	-	-	-	-	-
BARRIE McDERMOTT	6	4	2	-	-	8
MARK MEADOWS	8	5	2	-	-	8
SHANE TUPAEA	18	2	-	-	-	-
RICHARD RUSSELL	22	-	5	-	-	20
BEN OLSEN	15	6	3	-	-	12
"TINY" SOLOMONA	17	5	4	-	-	16
HUGH GUMBS	13	-	6	-	-	24
RICHARD PACHNIUK	10	3	5	-	-	20
DAVID BRADBURY	12	4	2	-	-	8
PAUL JONES	3	4	-	-	-	-
WALLY GIBSON	20	-	10	-	-	40
STEVE WARBURTON	9	3	4	-	-	16
IAN SHERRATT	12	3	1	-	-	4
STEVE KERRY	19	-	6	66	-	159
DAVID STEPHENSON	6	1	-	-	-	-
GED BYRNE	1	1	-	-	-	-
JOHN HIGGINS	1	-	-	-	-	-
GARY CHRISTIE	9	1	9	-	-	36
JOE GRAZIANO	2	4	1	-	-	4
JAMIE BLOEM	7	-	2	-	-	8
MARTIN STRETT	-	1	-	-	-	-

LEAGUE TABLE

STONES BITTER 2ND DIVISION 1992/93

	P	W	L	D	F	A	PTS	PTS DIFF
FEATHERSTONE R.	19	7	2	0	622	230	34	+392
OLDHAM	19	15	4	0	515	316	30	+199
ROCHDALE H.	18	9	9	0	366	378	18	-12
HUDDERSFIELD	17	9	8	0	334	364	18	-30
LONDON C.	19	7	11	1	332	394	15	-62
BRAMLEY	19	6	12	1	267	420	13	-153
CARLISLE	18	5	11	2	307	429	12	-122
SWINTON	19	4	15	0	247	459	8	-212

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BACK PAGES

by MICHAEL TURNER

Earlier in the season I asked if anyone would like a review of a match or matches from the past history of Oldham RLFC. Such a request has been received from a Mr Heywood of Lees, who would like to know the details of the epic twice drawn Challenge Cup semi-final against Hull K.R. in 1964.

The first game was played at Headingley, Leeds on Saturday April 11th, before a crowd of 28,556.

This was a typical semi-final encounter full of passion and commitment, although as I strain to recall (I was 9 years old at the time) the match had more open rugby than the 5-5 score-line would suggest. Two major incidents dominated the game. The first was a dreadful eye injury sustained by Oldham loose forward Dave Parker, which badly hampered his game on the day and would rule him out of 2 subsequent matches. The second incident was the dramatic and totally unexpected last minute equalising drop goal from Oldham hooker Len MacIntyre. The Rovers' points came from a try by Blackmore and a goal by Kellett, whilst Peter Smethurst registered the Oldham try.

The first replay was at Swinton on April 15th. The attendance was 27,209.

Late into the game Rovers led by 14-7, due to two tries by Burwell and one each for Major and Blackmore, with one goal from Kellett. Oldham's points had come from a Geoff Sims try and 2 goals from Frank Dyson. Then 10 minutes from time Trevor Simms scored and Dyson converted to set up a grandstand finish. Once again a last minute goal saved the day for Oldham. This time it was a Dyson penalty that levelled the scores. Extra time was commenced but after Geoff Robinson had scored to put Oldham ahead, the referee abandoned the match due to bad light.

In the 3rd match at Huddersfield, Oldham seemed to have run out of steam and Rovers ran out 12-2 winners thanks to tries from Bunting and Blackmore and 3 goals from Kellett. Dyson scoring Oldham's points with 1 goal. The crowd at Fartown was 32,757. Played on April 20th.

PHOTO FEATURE - Oldham prop Charlie Bott goes down under a double tackle with Rovers' scrum half Arthur Bunting on hand on the left, and Oldham's loose-forward Dave Parker, his left eye closed by his earlier injury, backing up.



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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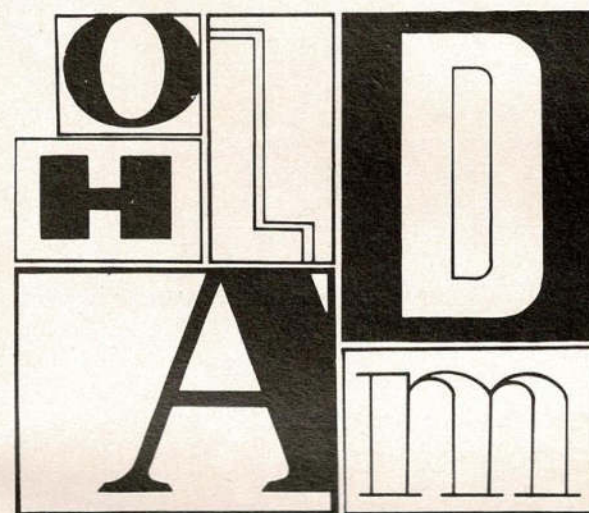
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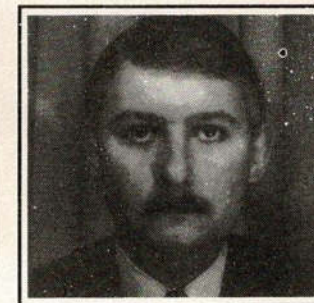
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After last Sunday's Cup win, the lads return to League action today, hoping to complete the second "Grand Slam" of the season.

Already this season Tunksie's side have completed the "Grand Slam" over Swinton and hope to inflict the same fate on the Cumbrians this afternoon.

Next Sunday sees the team back in Cup action, as First Division Bradford Northern visit Watersheddings (could it finally be Oldham's Wembley year?).

On Clubcall, throughout the next few days, we'll be looking ahead to the Cup tie, bringing daily all the latest team and injury news from both camps, as well as all the latest interviews.

After last weekend's Cup win against Huddersfield, we spoke to Steve Kerry. "It was a big boost after the Featherstone defeat. That was a terrible performance and a disgrace to the club, but thankfully, we put it right with the win against Huddersfield. It was a good, hard Cup tie, good to watch I suppose, but not to play in, in the respect that it was very hard - but we won and we're now in the last eight of the Cup".

Peter Tunks had this to say about last weekend's win: "It wasn't the prettiest of games but the players worked hard enough to get the result. I think, over the 80 minutes, they were the better side".

The season certainly is hotting up for all Oldham supporters - with the promotion drive well on course, the Challenge Cup run is still in full swing and a possible trip to Old Trafford still to come.

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ROGER HALSTEAD looks at PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

Today's game is Oldham's fourth and final clash of the season with Carlisle. Peter Tunk's boys have already won three times and they will be keen to make it 100 per cent when they play the Cumbrians again today.

The first game between the two clubs was at Watersheddings on September 6th. It was the second game of the season and Oldham won 38-14 in front of a small crowd of 2,292. Brian Galtress was the referee and Oldham scored seven tries by Stuart Cocker (2), Sean Devine (2), Mark Meadows, Sean Tyrer and Scott Ranson. Tommy Martyn landed five goals. For the record keepers among you,

Oldham lined up like this: *Tyrer; Ranson, Cocker, Ropati, Gumbs; Martyn, Devine; Sheals, Pachniuk, McDermott, Meadows, Tupaea, Russell. Subs: Olsen, Solomona.*

The next Oldham win was at Gilford Park on November 15th. This was a much closer affair, but Oldham finally came out on top 25-20 in a match watched by 1,200 fans and refereed by John Holdsworth.

Steve Kerry and Tyrer shared the kicking duties with three each, Kerry also dropped a goal and tries were scored by Iva Ropati, Wally Gibson and Richard Russell.

The Oldham team was: *Tyrer; Ranson, Ropati, Gumbs, Bradbury; Gibson, Kerry; Solomona, Russell, Sheals, Meadows, Tupaea, Olsen. Subs: Warburton, Byrne.*

Oldham made their second trip to Cumbria on January 17th and won another tight game 32-21. Only 750 fans paid to watch and the referee was Colin Morris. This time Kerry kicked six goals and tries were scored by Gary Christie, Ranson, Solomona (2) and Kerry.

The Oldham team was: *Bloem; Ranson, Christie, Gibson, Gumbs; Warburton, Kerry; Solomona, Russell, Sheals, Sherratt, Tupaea, Olsen. Subs: Pachniuk, Graziano.*

The Carlisle team will show numerous changes today from the sides Oldham met earlier in the season. The three overseas men they had for most of the campaign, headed by that tremendous stand-off Steve Georgeallis, have now returned to Australia or found pastures new, as in the case of Troy Clark. There was also a report two or three weeks ago that their experienced and long-serving centre Kevin Pape had suffered a fractured cheekbone.

New Zealander Cameron Bell, coach of the Border Raiders, has not had much luck in recent weeks and Carlisle will be desperate for points in the run-in to the end of the season otherwise they will be struggling to avoid relegation.



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An old pals re-union for Wally Gibson



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Today we extend a warm welcome to all our friends from Carlisle.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Supporters Club can still be taken out so why not join and take advantage of your discounts on away travel and a 5% discount in the Club Shop. For any information please call in the Club Shop or ring 665 1832.

JUNIOR REDS

The Junior Reds have now finalised the trip to Wembley for a look behind the scenes on Tuesday, 13th April. The price is £15 inclusive - a £5 deposit is required (non-returnable). Anyone who would like to go on the trip should contact Sue on 681-3397 or call in the Club Shop for details.

CLUB SHOP

Anyone who has ordered Torino Run-out tops can now collect them from the Shop, also we have had further supplies of Leisure Suits in sizes 36", 38", 40".

AWAY MATCHES

Our next away match is to London Crusaders on Wednesday, 3rd March, kick-off 7.30 p.m. Coaches will leave the club at 1.00 p.m. Anyone wishing to book can do so on 665 1832 or in the Club Shop.

CLUB SHOP

The new opening times of the Club Shop are Monday 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m., Wednesday 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m., Friday 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

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