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Bryn Vernon Goldswain was born on 3rd August, 1922 in Methyr Tydfil, South Wales. His family later moved to the mining village of Abercave and it was there in the local side that he first played competitive rugby.

Of course this was Rugby Union and Bryn was progressing well in the 15-a-side code, when his studies in accountancy took him to London, where he tried his luck at soccer and actually had trials with Wolverhampton Wanderers.

During the Second World War, Bryn served with the R.A.F. and played rugby once more, regularly turning out for the Bomber Command team. It was at this time that he met Ted Bedford, of Hull K.R. and, on his recommendation, he was invited to go for a trial with the "Robins" and after a few games, was signed on.

Bryn transferred to Oldham in July, 1949 and started the 1949-50 season in his favourite loose-forward position and after just two games, was made captain of the club.

He was capped by Wales many times and also became captain of his National side.

Bryn was a very skilful player and a natural leader, so his choice for the captaincy at Club and National level, came as no surprise to the Oldham supporters.

On the field of play Bryn's attributes included being a superb ball handler and having the ability to kick well in open play with either foot, as well as being a reliable goal-kicker, if ever the maestro W. B. Ganley was out of the team.

His last game for Oldham was at Barrow on 2nd April, 1956, so Bryn just missed out on the glory years that immediately followed. However, I have lost count of the number of times older supporters, officials and players of the club have told me that the seeds of that great team were sewn when BRYN GOLDSWAIN joined the club.



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Runners-up:

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Lancashire Championship Winners:

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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

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FROM the BOARDROOM

by

CHAIRMAN JAMES QUINN



I have a feeling many Oldham people might be on the terraces for the first time today for a long time - or the second time, perhaps, if they were attracted out last Sunday to watch our new wing pairing of Darren Abram and Nigel Heslop in action for the first time.

The regulars, who follow us through thick and thin, will have heard what I am going to say today many times previously but, for the benefit of the newcomers, I would just like to say one or two things about what we are trying to achieve at Watersheddings, in the hope that a bit of background knowledge will help to retain their interest and that they will be keen to come again, their appetite for Oldham Rugby having been aroused.

Our five-man Board of Directors is a relatively new one, but we are totally committed, as is coach Peter Tunks, to guiding the club out of its present financial difficulties and into a bright new future. The club's debts must be paid off and will be paid off. We owe that not only to the club's creditors, but to the club's credibility in the local community.

With that in mind, we are currently involved in negotiations with many bodies and organisations in the hope that we can sell off five acres of our Watersheddings complex, to pay off the debt and then acquire sufficient financial aid from Local, National and European grants, to redevelop our stadium, so that it can be used by the public at large and especially by handicapped people via the Oldham Owls, the local sports club for the disabled.

Throughout these talks we are getting a lot of help from a lot of people and I would like to place on record the Board's gratitude to such bodies as Oldham MBC, Oldham Owls, McColl of Manchester (Architects and Designers), Local MP's and civic personnel and many other individuals, too numerous to mention by name. We even had, last week, a visit by a deputation from the Heritage Department to look at the Watersheddings ground and see at first-hand the amount of work that had to be done to upgrade this famous old stadium, to take us into the next century.

On the football side we are making a determined bid to build a side for the First Division and, here again, I must pay tribute to the work of Peter Tunks and his coaching staff. Peter is working on a shoestring budget and he is doing a marvellous job behind the scenes, to create a squad that will have a realistic chance of holding its own in the top flight, always assuming that we win promotion.

His latest signings, Nigel Heslop and Darren Abram, will be excellent additions to his squad. I was unable to see their debuts last weekend because I was away in South Africa, but I am sure both will quickly become firm favourites of the Oldham crowd, as Peter continues to build a back division that will be full of flair and football, to say nothing of genuine pace.

Whatever the result of today's tie, there is an awful lot to look forward to at Watersheddings. We must clinch promotion mathematically and then we have to ensure that we finish off the season in style, with an appearance at Old Trafford in the Premiership Finals. Anything else, such as a win in today's Cup tie, would be a bonus.

Off the field, we are very excited at the way things are going to give the club a bright future. On and off the field there should be plenty to enthuse about over the course of the next few months. I sign off as I started - with the hope that our "new" fans enjoy what they see today and come back again to support us for the rest of the season and beyond.

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IN TOUCH



TOP TEN TRY SCORERS:

1. Shaun Edwards (Wigan)	34
2. Paul Newlove (Featherstone R)	28
3. Owen Simpson (Featherstone R)	27
4. Ellery Hanley (Leeds)	26
5. Alan Hunte (St. Helens)	23
6. Greg Austin (Halifax)	21
Nick Pinkney (Ryedale-York)	21
Phil Ford (Salford)	21
9. Andy Mason (Wakefield Trinity)	18
Tony Smith (Castleford)	18
Steve McGowan (Bradford N.)	18
John Wasyltiw (Keighley C.)	18

The 1992-93 top try scorer will receive £30 a try from Stones bitter.

TOP TEN GOAL SCORERS (Including drop goals):

1. Frano Botica (Wigan)	126
2. Dean Marwood (Workington T)	122
John Wasyltiw (Keighley C)	122
4. Martin Pearson (Featherstone R)	86
5. Lee Crooks (Castleford)	85
6. Gary Pearce (Ryedale-York)	81
7. Jonathan Davies (Widnes)	78
8. Paul Bishop (Halifax)	77
9. Steve Gartland (Rochdale H.)	76
10. Steve Maguire (Whitehaven)	73

The 1992-93 top goal scorer will receive £10 a goal from Stones Bitter.

TOP TEN POINT SCORERS:

	Tries	Goals	Drop Goals	Points
1. John Wasyltiw (Keighley C)	18	122	0	316
2. Frano Botica (Wigan)	13	124	2	302
3. Dean Marwood (Workington Town)	12	122	0	292
4. Martin Pearson (Featherstone R)	17	86	0	240
5. Steve Gartland (Rochdale H.)	13	74	2	202
6. Jonathan Davies (Widnes)	11	78	0	200
7. Mark Simms (Wakefield T.)	13	64	0	180
8. Lee Crooks (Castleford)	1	85	0	174
9. Paul Bishop (Halifax)	5	76	1	173
10. Gary Pearce (Ryedale-York)	2	79	2	168
Paul Eastwood (Hull)	7	70	0	168

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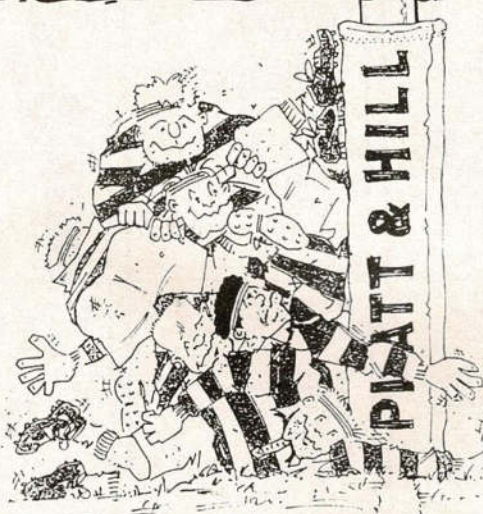
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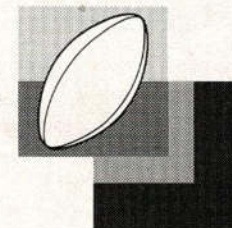
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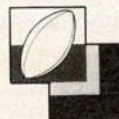
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STEVE MCGOWAN. Centre. Signed from Leeds Colts. Has had many great games with the club and has just been awarded a Testimonial next season. Standing at 6 ft. 3 in., he is reminiscent to Eric Ashton in his style. Occupation: Joiner.

TONY MARCHANT. Centre. Signed from Castleford R.L.F.C. in December, 1989. Former Great Britain centre. Tony has always been a consistent try scorer, including one on each of his Yorkshire appearances. Occupation: Care Officer.

DARRALL SHELFORD. Three-quarter. Represented New Zealand Maoris in 1988, 1989 and 1990. Played in New Zealand trials in 1990. Regarded as a Rugby Union Centre of world class ability by most people in New Zealand. Outstanding defensive player with great attacking skills. Occupation: Full time professional.

TONY ANDERSON. Centre/Stand-Off. Signed from Oldham R.L.F.C. in September, 1991. Came to England from Australia in the early 80's, originally signing for Halifax R.L.F.C. Occupation: Full time professional.

ROGER SIMPSON. Stand-Off/Full-Back. From Moldgreen A.R.L., he can also play Centre or Wing. A former Colts International, he joined Northern on his 17th birthday. Toured Papua New Guinea and New Zealand in 1990. Occupation: Groundsman.

DAVE WATSON. Stand-Off/Utility Back. Signed for Bradford this season from Halifax R.L.F.C. Formerly with Whitehaven and Hull K.R. Current New Zealand Test player, looking to form a devastating half-back partnership with recent signing, Deryck Fox, although recent outings at full-back underlines his versatility.

NEIL SUMMERS. Half-Back. Signed from Headingley Rugby Union last season. Plays either half-back position and is a very hard-working player who looks to be forming an exciting partnership with Deryck Fox. Occupation: French Polisher.

DAVID HOBBS. (Captain). Second Row or Prop Forward. Joined home town Featherstone, where he gained International honours and a Cup Winner's medal. Lance Todd Trophy winner in 1983. Had a couple of years at Oldham prior to joining Northern four seasons ago. This strong-running forward is also a very useful goal kicker. Occupation: Full time professional.

JONATHAN HAMER. Prop Forward. Signed from Halifax Junior Club, Siddall. Strong-running, hard-tackling player. A great prospect. Big things are expected of

this player. Occupation: Policeman.

BRIAN NOBLE. Hooker. Joined Northern straight from school and graduated through the sides until he won a first team place. In 1984 he was the youngest-ever Captain of a Great Britain side to tour Australasia. An ever-present in the side, he had a benefit two seasons ago. Occupation: Policeman.

TREVOR CLARK. Hooker. Signed from Featherstone Rovers during the close season. This New Zealand Maori representative is, fortunately for Bradford Northern, excluded from the overseas quota as, prior to Featherstone Rovers, he played for Leeds R.L.F.C. A very mobile player, particularly from play-the-ball area.

KARL FAIRBANK. Second Row Forward. B.A.R.L.A.'s Player of the Year in 1986. Signed from Elland Amateur Rugby League Club at the end of the 1985-86 season. At 23 years old, he had an outstanding tour with the Great Britain Amateur side in Australia. He has been on the last two Tours to Australia and Papua New Guinea and New Zealand, but did not win a Test place. One of five brothers, he is the son of former Leeds star, Jack Fairbank. Occupation: Farmer.

ROY POWELL. Second Row Forward. Recently signed from Leeds R.L.F.C., having been originally signed from amateur club St. John Fisher as a junior. Very good work rate and hoping to improve his chances of International recognition for the Tour to Australia this summer. Occupation: Plasterer.

PAUL MEDLEY. Second Row Forward. Signed from Halifax in 1989. Very fast explosive player, he was a Great Britain Tourist in 1988. Former Leeds player. Occupation: Financial Consultant.



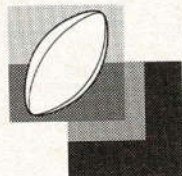
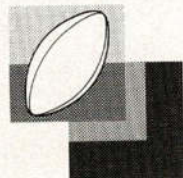
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TUNKS' TALKBACK



Last weekend we introduced our two new signings, Nigel Heslop and Darren Abram. Both players showed that they are set to become firm favourites in the not-too-distant future. They made significant contributions and both scored tries, as we ran out comfortable winners against Carlisle.

Today, of course, we are back in Cup action, as we welcome Bradford Northern for this Quarter-Final Silk Cut Challenge Cup tie. Darren and Nigel are unable to play for us in the Cup and this will necessitate some team changes.

We expect to be playing First Division rugby ourselves next season and today we get the chance to assess our progress, as we battle it out against Peter Fox's top eight side.

We have prepared well this week and, if we get the breaks, we could be in for a very interesting encounter.

We will have to be at our absolute best, but if we are, then maybe - just maybe . . .

Enjoy the game.



TUNKS TEASERS

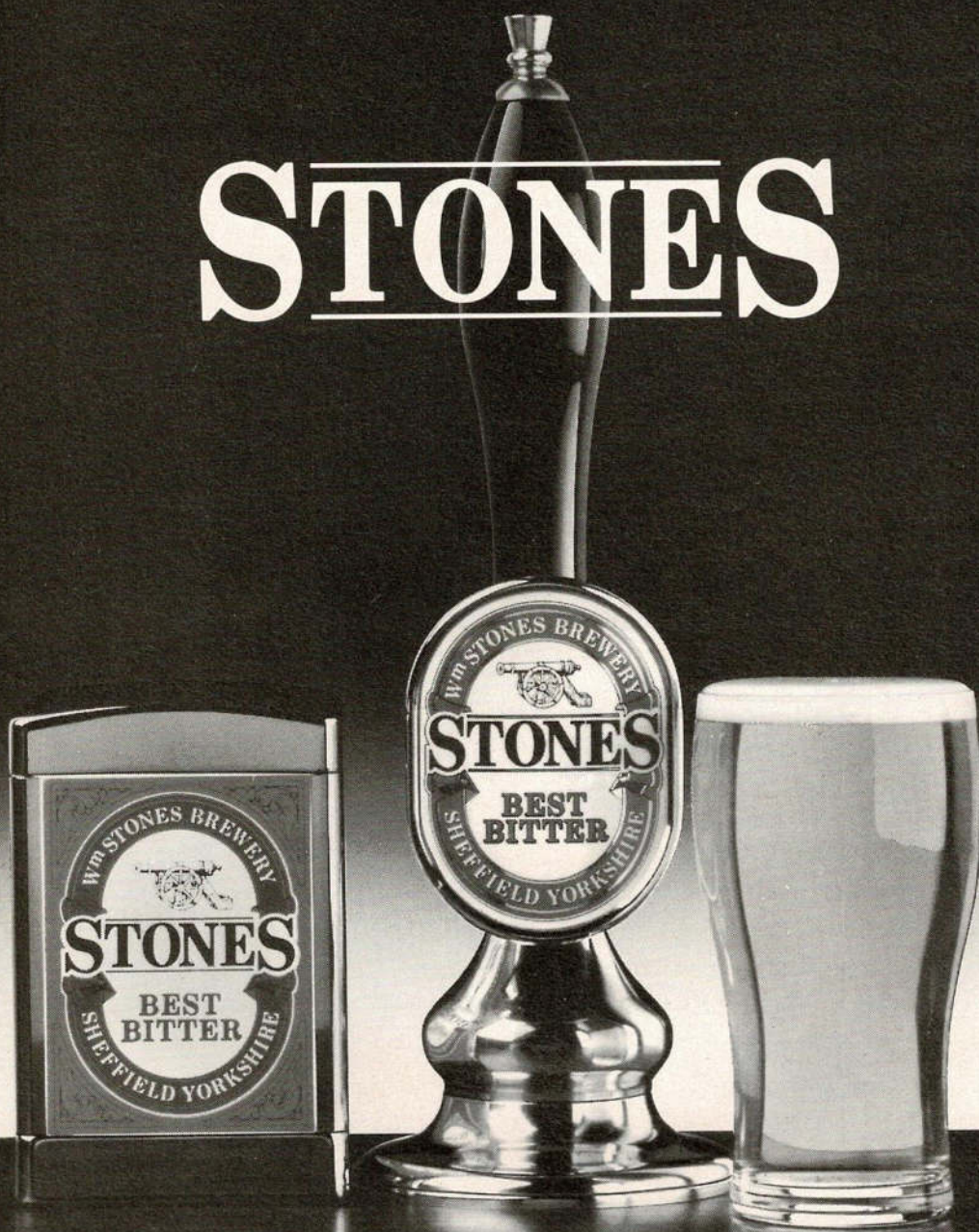
1. Which player holds the try-scoring record for Bramley?
2. In what season did St. Helens first win the Challenge Cup?
3. Who were the first winners of the Second Division Premiership Final?
4. In what year was the first-ever Test Match between Papua New Guinea and Great Britain?
5. Which player captained the 1966 Tour to Australia and New Zealand?
6. Which team play at Wheldon Road?
7. Who was the first forward to finish a season as the League's top try scorer?
8. Name the three Oldham players who toured Australia and New Zealand in 1958.
9. Which team are nicknamed the "Chemies"?
10. Who was the last player from a Yorkshire club to win the Lance Todd Trophy?

ANSWERS

1. Peter Lister.
2. 1955-56.
3. Swinton.
4. 1984.
5. Harry Poole.
6. Castleford.
7. Bob Hagh of Leeds in 1970-71.
8. Frank Pitchford, Ken Jackson and Alan Davies.
9. Widnes.
10. Graham Fadie of Halifax in 1987.

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PLAYER PROFILE

MARTIN STRETT



Full Name: Martin Gerard Strett.

Date of Birth: 4th April, 1968.

Birthplace: St. Helens.

Height: 6 ft.

Weight: 13 stone.

Favourite Drink: A free one.

Favourite Food: Italian.

Favourite T.V. Show: Hale & Pace.

Favourite Music: A bit of everything.

Hobbies: No time.

Previous Clubs: West Park, St. Helens; Orrell.

Biggest Influence on Career so far: Various - mainly Dad.

Favourite Player: None in particular.

Favourite Ground: Ellis Park, Johannesburg.

Most Difficult Opponent: Denise (fiancee).

Most Memorable Match seen: Saints v. Widnes, 1976. Challenge Cup.

Biggest Thrill: Night off from training.

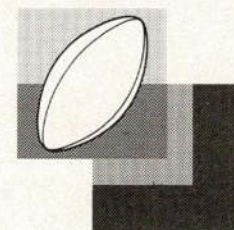
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With a resounding victory against Carlisle, which resulted in a score of 56-16 for Oldham, the team now faces First Division Bradford Northern for Round Three of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

During the last season, Bradford Northern reached the semi-finals and have maintained a high profile throughout this season also. For this match, however, they will be without Derek Fox who is the scrum half, not only for Bradford Northern, but also for Great Britain.

This promises to be a battle of the giants, as Oldham looks to Wembley and, should they win today, the semi-finals. The draw for the semis is to be made on Monday.

THE ULTIMATE XXXX CHALLENGE

Well you may know everything there is to know about Oldham, but what about your favourite Aussie Lager? Just how much of a XXXX fan are you really? Try the questions below Pommy, and find out!

- What do the four X's in the brand name "Castlemaine XXXX" refer to?
 - Nothing it's just that the Aussie's can't spell beer.
 - Its a strength rating.
- From which Australian city does XXXX originate?

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TEAM CHECK

SUNDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1993

OLDHAM

TEAM CHANGES

- WALLY GIBSON
- JAMIE BLOEM
- GARY CHRISTIE
- IVA ROPATI
- DAVID BRADBURY
- TOMMY MARTYN
- STEVE KERRY
- TINY SOLOMONA
- IAN BATES
- MARK SHEALS
- BEN OLSEN
- SHANE TUPAEA
- RICHARD RUSSELL
- IAN SHERRATT
- SEAN DEVINE

PENALTIES

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

SCRUMS

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

BRADFORD N.

TEAM CHANGES

- ROGER SIMPSON
- TONY ANDERSON
- STEVE MCGOWAN
- DARRALL SHELDFORD
- TONY MARCHANT
- NEIL SUMMERS
- DAVE WATSON
- DAVID HOBBS
- BRIAN NOBLE
- JON HAMER
- ROY POWELL
- KARL FAIRBANK
- DAVE HERON
- TREVOR CLARK
- PAUL MEDLEY

PENALTIES

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
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16	17	18	19	20

SCRUMS

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
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16	17	18	19	20

Referee: D. CAMPBELL

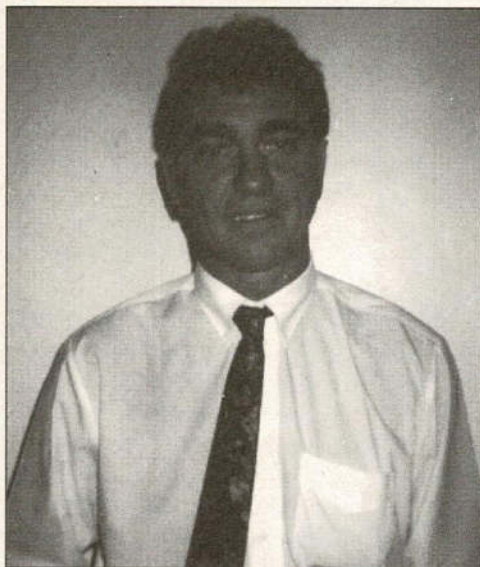
Touch Judges: Mr. G. WHEATLEY (Red Flag)
Mr. A. PICKETT (Yellow Flag)

- Brisbane.
- Bournemouth.
- Sydney.

- Was Blackie, the reptilloian star of an award-winning XXXX poster:
 - A snake?
 - A croc?
 - A spider?
- XXXX ads are shot on location in Australiabut where?
 - Broken Down.
 - Broken Penniless.
 - Broken Hill.
- What is the alcohol by volume of draught Castlemaine XXXX?
 - Who cares as long as it tastes good!
 - 3.9%.
 - 3.6%.
- Castlemaine XXXX launched a new TV ad on 26th January. What was distinctive about the ad?
 - An estimated 14.5 million people watched it.
 - It was the longest XXXX ad ever.
 - It was shown on Australia Day.
- What is the name of the authentic Australian Hops used in the brewing of Castlemaine XXXX?
 - Golden Cluster.
 - Nutty Cluster.
 - Golden Cloister.

The answers will be given in the next programme so watch this space. For those of you who got all the answers, you sure know your stuff! Treat yourself to a XXXX after the match!

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'A' TEAM ROUND UP

with COACH JOHN PRINCE

The last few weeks have spelled out the realisation of Alliance Coaching, the highs, the lows, the enjoyments and frustrations, the satisfactions and the disappointments. Yes, the last few weeks have contained all these feelings.

After the brilliant performances against Wigan and Workington, we have slumped to defeat against sides that we should beat, week-in and week-out. However, even in these defeats there have been more plusses than minuses. Certain players have responded with good professional attitudes and performances, despite having to play in a very weak side, plus other players have been able to move forward into the first team and fill the gaps left by injuries.

BRAMLEY "A" 30 pts. v. OLDHAM "A" 13 pts. Wednesday, 17th February, 1993

Fielding a much-changed side from the one that secured our impressive draw with Wigan "A", we opened the scoring in the first minute of the game, when Barrie McDermott and Martin Strett sent Craig Mort racing under the posts for a try, converted by Strett and another win seemed possible. We could and should have increased the lead in the next 20 minutes, as we dominated the game but threw away at least four try-scoring chances. Our cause was not helped by a first half penalty count of 15-2 against us and it came as no surprise when Bramley levelled the score just before half time at six all.

In the second half we conceded a try in the first few minutes but, with 20 minutes remaining, levelled the score with a good try and a goal from Martin Strett and, minutes later,

took the lead with Strett's drop goal. With 15 minutes remaining, Bramley took the lead 18-13 and for the next 10 minutes we pounded the Bramley line but continued to throw away chance after chance. In the last three minutes, Bramley rubbed salt in our wounds by scoring two converted tries, to secure a 30-13 victory. David Stephenson, Michael Edwards and Martin Strett were outstanding in a very disappointing team performance.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD "A" 25 pts. v. OLDHAM "A" 14 pts. Saturday, 20th February, 1993

Barely able to raise a side and playing on a very muddy pitch, we surprisingly took a 14-6 half time lead. However, injuries in the second half to our already weakened side took their toll, as Hemel, playing with more enthusiasm slowly took the lead to gain a 25-14 victory. Try scorers for Oldham: Nathan Clark (1), Trialist (1), Trialist (1), plus a Sean Tyrer goal. Outstanding was Man of the Match, Mark Meadows, together with Barrie McDermott and Sean Tyrer. By the time you will have read these notes, we will have played Doncaster and hopefully, we will have returned to better form.

Finally, best wishes to all our first team players on the Quarter Final clash against Bradford today.

Yours in Oldham R.L.F.C.

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, 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, 15.1.92	Hunslet	H 50-10 (W)	1.00 p.m.
Thursday, 21.1.92	Leigh	A 20-30 (L)	7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 29.1.92	Wigan (YA Cup 2)	H 22-22 (D)	7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 4.2.92	Wigan (YA Cup 2 Rply)	A 14-32 (L)	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 6.2.92	Dewsbury	A 10-34 (L)	2.00 p.m.
Saturday, 13.2.92	Workington	H 42-16 (W)	1.00 p.m.
Wednesday 17.2.92	Bramley	A 13-30 (L)	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 20.2.92	Hemel Hempstead	A 14-25 (L)	2.30 p.m.
Saturday, 27.2.92	Doncaster	H	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 6.3.92	London Crusaders	H	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 20.3.92	Workington	A	2.30 p.m.
Saturday, 27.3.92	Huddersfield	H	1.00 p.m.

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SKIPPERS' SPOT

with OLDHAM CAPTAIN
RICHARD RUSSELL

Anyone who doubts the deep passion Oldham teams and Oldham supporters feel for the Challenge Cup, need only ask Bradford Northern's skipper David Hobbs.

David spent five seasons here at the Watersheddings in the 1980's and he was involved in some memorable Cup encounters, including a Quarter Final victory against Bradford in 1986.

That was then, this is now, and Hobbsy brings his talented Northern side here, today, for what should be a cracking Cup tie.

Bradford are enjoying a very good season, having reached the Regal Trophy Final, maintained a high position in the First Division and now find themselves in the last eight of the Challenge Cup.

Bradford, by tradition, will have a massive set of forwards but they will also possess pace and ball playing skills. Peter Fox is a wily coach and he won't be underestimating the capabilities of Oldham causing a Cup upset.

Can we do it? Well, we are all looking forward to the challenge, we won't be intimidated and with a big crowd cheering us on, I rather fancy that maybe we can.

Enjoy the game.



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Opponents	Date	Ven.	Res.	F.A.	Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
LONDON C.	20.9.92	H	W	27-12	2,428	Tyrr	Ranson	Cocker	Repat	Maxwell	Maryn	Devine	Sheals	Hales	McDermott	Meddies	Tupaea	Russell	Olson	Solomon*
CARLISLE	6.9.92	H	W	38-11	2,292	Tyrr	Ranson	Cocker	Repat	Gumbles	Maryn	Devine	Sheals	Repat	McDermott	Meddies	Tupaea	Russell	Olson	Solomon*
WARRINGTON	13.9.92	H	W	33-20	4,841	Tyrr	Ranson	Cocker	Repat	Gumbles	Maryn	Devine	Sheals	Repat	McDermott	Meddies	Tupaea	Russell	Olson	Solomon*
HUDDERSFIELD	20.9.92	A	W	25-21	2,895	Tyrr	Ranson	Cocker	Repat	Gumbles	Maryn	Devine	Sheals	Repat	McDermott	Meddies	Tupaea	Russell	Olson	Solomon*
LEIGH	23.9.92	A	W	26-14	3,140	Maryn	Ranson	Cocker	Repat	Gumbles	Maryn	Devine	Sheals	Repat	McDermott	Meddies	Tupaea	Russell	Olson	Solomon*
Lancs Cup 2	27.9.92	H	W	16-8	3,348	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repat	Gumbles	Maryn	Devine	Sheals	Repat	McDermott	Meddies	Tupaea	Russell	Olson	Solomon*
SWINTON	27.9.92	H	W	4-21	3,352	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Repat	Gumbles	Maryn	Devine	Sheals	Repat	McDermott	Meddies	Tupaea	Russell	Olson	Solomon*
FEATHERSTONE R.	2.10.92	H	L	8-48	9,020	Tyrr	Bradbury	Gibson	Cocker	Gumbles	Maryn	Devine	Sheals	Repat	McDermott	Meddies	Tupaea	Russell	Olson	Solomon*
Wigan	6.10.92	A	L																	
Lancs Cup S.F.																				
ROCHDALE HORNETS	11.10.92	A	W	21-20	2,740	Tyrr	Cocker	Gibson	Repat	Gumbles	Russell	Kerry	Solomon	Sheals	Sheals	Sheals	Tupaea	Olson	Bradbury	Meddies
BRAMLEY	18.10.92	A	W	23-16	1,560	Tyrr	Cocker	Gibson	Repat	Gumbles	Russell	Kerry	Solomon	Sheals	Sheals	Sheals	Tupaea	Olson	Bradbury	Meddies
SWINTON	1.11.92	H	W	56-6	2,721	Tyrr	Ranson	Cocker	Repat	Gumbles	Gibson	Kerry	Solomon	Sheals	Sheals	Sheals	Tupaea	Olson	Bradbury	Meddies
REGAL THORNTON RD. 1	8.11.92	H	L	22-40	4,393	Gibson	Higgins	Tyrr	Repat	Gumbles	Gibson	Kerry	Solomon	Sheals	Sheals	Sheals	Tupaea	Olson	Bradbury	Meddies
CARLISLE	15.11.92	A	W	25-20	1,300	Tyrr	Bradbury	Gumbles	Repat	Ranson	Gibson	Kerry	Solomon	Sheals	Sheals	Sheals	Tupaea	Olson	Bradbury	Meddies
HUDDERSFIELD	22.11.92	H	L	6-17	3,183	Tyrr	Ranson	Cocker	Repat	Gumbles	Gibson	Kerry	Solomon	Sheals	Sheals	Sheals	Tupaea	Olson	Bradbury	Meddies
SWINTON	29.11.92	A	W	18-12	1,650	Gibson	Ranson	Tyrr	Repat	Cocker	Maryn	Kerry	Solomon	Sheals	Sheals	Sheals	Tupaea	Olson	Bradbury	Meddies
REGAL THORNTON RD. 2	5.12.92	H	W																	
FEATHERSTONE R.	13.12.92	A	L	20-21	3,298	Gibson	Ranson	Crickie	Repat	Cocker	Maryn	Kerry	Solomon	Sheals	Sheals	Sheals	Tupaea	Olson	Bradbury	Meddies
BRAMLEY	20.12.92	H	W																	
ROCHDALE HORNETS	26.12.92	H	W																	
SWINTON	1.1.93	A	W																	
BRAMLEY	6.1.93	H	W	36-0	2,223	Gibson	Blorn	Chapiste	Repat	Ranson	Maryn	Kerry	Solomon	Sheals	Sheals	Sheals	Tupaea	Olson	Bradbury	Meddies
BRAMLEY	10.1.93	H	W	40-2	2,295	Gibson	Blorn	Chapiste	Repat	Ranson	Maryn	Kerry	Solomon	Sheals	Sheals	Sheals	Tupaea	Olson	Bradbury	Meddies
ROCHDALE HORNETS	13.1.93	H	W	47-22	2,653	Gibson	Blorn	Chapiste	Repat	Ranson	Maryn	Kerry	Solomon	Sheals	Sheals	Sheals	Tupaea	Olson	Bradbury	Meddies
CARLISLE	17.1.93	A	W	32-21	750	Gibson	Blorn	Chapiste	Repat	Ranson	Maryn	Kerry	Solomon	Sheals	Sheals	Sheals	Tupaea	Olson	Bradbury	Meddies
ROCHDALE HORNETS	24.1.93	H	W	26-12	2,991	Gibson	Blorn	Chapiste	Repat	Ranson	Maryn	Kerry	Solomon	Sheals	Sheals	Sheals	Tupaea	Olson	Bradbury	Meddies
SWINTON	27.1.93	A	W	36-10	1,180	Gibson	Blorn	Chapiste	Repat	Ranson	Maryn	Kerry	Solomon	Sheals	Sheals	Sheals	Tupaea	Olson	Bradbury	Meddies
LONDON C.	31.1.93	H	W	34-6	2,653	Gibson	Blorn	Chapiste	Repat	Ranson	Maryn	Kerry	Solomon	Sheals	Sheals	Sheals	Tupaea	Olson	Bradbury	Meddies
SLICK CUT CHALL CUP RD. 1	7.2.93	A	L	14-52	4,332	Gibson	Blorn	Chapiste	Repat	Ranson	Maryn	Kerry	Solomon	Sheals	Sheals	Sheals	Tupaea	Olson	Bradbury	Meddies
FEATHERSTONE R.	14.2.93	H	W	20-17	4,583	Gibson	Blorn	Chapiste	Repat	Ranson	Maryn	Kerry	Solomon	Sheals	Sheals	Sheals	Tupaea	Olson	Bradbury	Meddies
HUDDERSFIELD	14.2.93	H	W	20-17	4,583	Gibson	Blorn	Chapiste	Repat	Ranson	Maryn	Kerry	Solomon	Sheals	Sheals	Sheals	Tupaea	Olson	Bradbury	Meddies
SLICK CUT CHALL CUP RD. 2	21.2.93	H	W	56-16	2,947	Gibson	Blorn	Chapiste	Repat	Ranson	Maryn	Kerry	Solomon	Sheals	Sheals	Sheals	Tupaea	Olson	Bradbury	Meddies
CARLISLE	27.2.93	A	W																	
SLICK CUT CHALL CUP RD. 3	28.2.93	A	W																	
LONDON C.	28.2.93	A	W																	
HUDDERSFIELD	7.3.93	A	W																	
FEATHERSTONE R.	14.3.93	H	W																	
LONDON C.	21.3.93	H	W																	
BRAMLEY	4.4.93	A	W																	
ROCHDALE HORNETS	9.4.93	A	W																	
HUDDERSFIELD	12.4.93	H	W																	
LONDON C.	18.4.93	A	W																	

NEXT HOME GAME

Sunday, 14.3.93

**OLDHAM v. FEATHERSTONE
ROVERS**

1992/3 APPEARANCES & SCORERS

AS AT 22ND 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	1	14	-	-	56
JOHN MAXWELL	4	1	1	-	-	4
TOMMY MARTYN	18	-	5	34	4	92
SEAN DEVINE	7	-	5	3	1	27
MARK SHEALS	23	-	3	-	-	12
IAN BATES	3	-	-	-	-	-
BARRIE McDERMOTT	6	4	2	-	-	8
MARK MEADOWS	8	5	2	-	-	8
SHANE TUPAEA	18	2	-	-	-	-
RICHARD RUSSELL	23	-	5	-	-	20
BEN OLSEN	16	6	3	-	-	12
"TINY" SOLOMONA	18	5	5	-	-	20
HUGH GUMBS	13	-	6	-	-	24
RICHARD PACHNIUK	10	3	5	-	-	20
DAVID BRADBURY	13	4	3	-	-	12
PAUL JONES	3	4	-	-	-	-
WALLY GIBSON	21	-	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	10	1	11	-	-	44
JOE GRAZIANO	2	4	1	-	-	4
JAMIE BLOEM	8	-	2	-	-	8
MARTIN STRETT	-	2	-	3	-	6
DARREN ABRAM	1	-	1	-	-	4
NIGEL HESLOP	1	-	2	-	-	8

LEAGUE TABLE

STONES BITTER 2ND DIVISION 1992/93

	P	W	L	D	F	A	PTS	PTS DIFF
FEATHERSTONE R.	20	18	2	0	664	242	36	+422
OLDHAM	20	16	4	-	571	332	32	+239
ROCHDALE H.	19	10	9	0	383	390	20	-7
HUDDERSFIELD	18	9	9	0	346	381	18	-35
LONDON C.	20	8	11	1	352	406	17	-54
BRAMLEY	20	6	13	1	279	440	13	-161
CARLISLE	19	5	12	2	323	485	12	-162
SWINTON	20	4	16	0	259	501	8	-242

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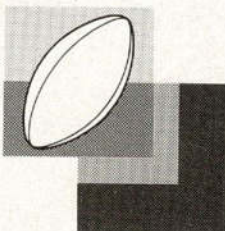
BACK PAGES

by MICHAEL TURNER

As with our opponents in the Second Round of the Challenge Cup, Huddersfield, today's Third Round opponents, Bradford Northern, have provided the "Roughyeds" with many gruelling encounters in this particular competition.

The full list is printed below:

1897	Bradford 7	Oldham 3	First Round
1899	Bradford 3	Oldham 23	Third Round
1903	Bradford 0	Oldham 2	Third Round
1905	Oldham 0	Bradford 0	Third Round
1905	Bradford 8	Oldham 5	Replay
1920	Bradford N. 2	Oldham 2	First Round
1920	Oldham 28	Bradford N. 3	Replay
1939	Bradford N. 2	Oldham 0	Second Round
1948	Bradford N. 30	Oldham 0	Third Round
1950	Oldham 5	Bradford N. 16	First Round, First Leg
1950	Bradford N. 6	Oldham 8	First Round, Second Leg
1968	Bradford N. 7	Oldham 7	Second Round
1968	Oldham 12	Bradford N. 2	Replay
1986	Oldham 6	Bradford N. 1	Third Round



A complex list but, when worked out, the facts are that both sides have five victories each in the overall ties and, no doubt, both teams will be equally determined to gain the upper hand today. It is interesting to note that not until season 1907-08, did the term "Northern" come after Bradford's name. This being the result of part of the club wishing to change to soccer, whilst the enlightened stayed with the NORTHERN union.

PHOTO FEATURE . . .

More Challenge Cup nostalgia as today we show the 1925 Winners displaying the Trophy in front of Watersheddings Pavilion.

Back Row: G. Hesketh, A. Tomkins, R. Marlor, A. Baker, R. Sloman, J. Collins, B. Benyon, A. Brough, C. Marsden (Trainer), E. Knapman.

Front Row: J. Corsi, A. Woodward, S. Rix, H. Hilton (Capt.), E. Davies, R. Farrar, W. Hall.



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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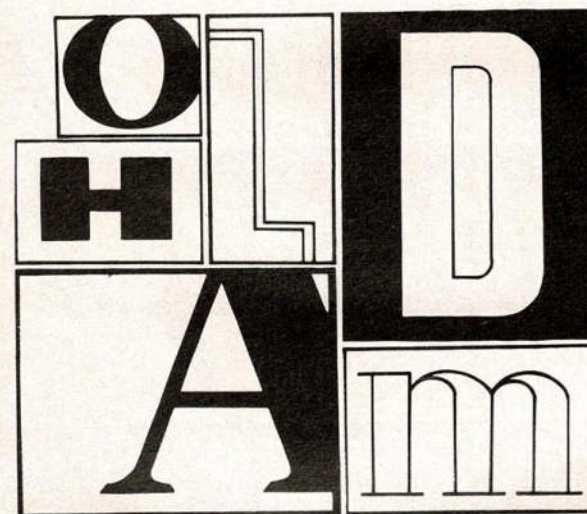
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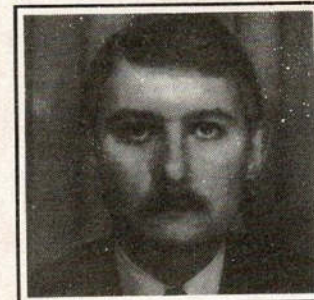
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After last Sunday's easy win over Carlisle, today provides much more of a test for Peter Tunks' side and indeed, will provide a good yard-stick of what to expect next season in Division One.

A place in the last four of this season's Silk Cut Challenge Cup awaits today's winners and, if Oldham make it into the Semi-Final draw, which takes place in Leeds tomorrow night, here on Clubcall we'll bring you news of the draw from 7.00 p.m. tomorrow night.

Last weekend saw debuts for both Nigel Heslop and Darren Abram and, later on, on this page, you'll be able to read their views of their first game in Oldham's colours, so please read on.

You can also read the thoughts on today's game with Mark Sheals.

Before that a reminder that this Wednesday sees Oldham travel to London Crusaders in the League game which was due to be played today.

On Clubcall next Wednesday, we'll bring you coverage from London, in the form of a half-time and full-time report, which will be on line at around 8.15 p.m. and 9.10 p.m.

As I mentioned earlier, both Nigel Heslop and Darren Abram made Oldham debuts last weekend. This is what Nigel had to say about his debut: "I thought it went quite well, I got involved early on, got in a few tackles, which I wanted to do early on and lucky for me, the team was playing well, so it was easy to come into it really".

What about Darren Abram. Was he pleased with his first game for Oldham? "Yes, it's going to take a bit of time to settle in the side but the lads play open rugby, which I enjoy, so hopefully I can continue scoring tries like I did at Rochdale".

Finally, what about today's Cup tie? Over to Mark Sheals: "It's going to be really hard and tough in the forwards and that's where I think the game is going to be won, if our forwards can get on top, I think our backs can do the business for us".

That's all for today, but don't forget the Semi-Final Draw tomorrow at 7.00 p.m. and coverage from London on Wednesday.

Yours in Sport,
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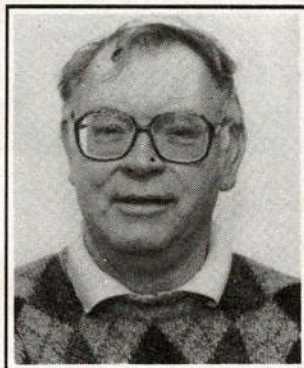
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ROGER HALSTEAD looks at PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS



Today's Third Round Silk Cut Challenge Cup tie, at Watersheddings, is bound to stir memories of a similar clash on 16th March, 1986, when Oldham beat Bradford 6-1 to move into the Semi-Finals for the first time in 22 years. Bradford were winning 1-0 as the tie edged to its final 10 minutes and this was how I described what happened next: "Glen Liddiard, all the way from Sydney, Australia and playing as an amateur because he was too young to take pay, flashed into action with Oldham trailing 1-0 and time running out fast.

"His one decisive break in a defence-dominated tie on a gluepot pitch, fashioned the only try for big brother David and put Oldham only one game away from their 50-year Wembley dream.

"What a magical moment it was for Oldham - and for the Liddiards.

"There were only seven minutes left and Oldham were toiling to burst open Bradford's brilliant defensive screen. David Liddiard put a kick into touch on the full, but Ian Sanderson won a strike against the head, Ray Ashton was allowed to set the attack moving from the side of the scrum (did he knock-on?) and Mike Taylor surged forward to the Bradford 25-yard line.

"From the play-the-ball, Oldham moved the ball sweetly across the face of goal via Terry Flanagan and Tom Nadiola and Glen Liddiard flashed into the gap, drew Keith Mumby, and sent full-back David racing joyously to the posts. Oh, brother!" It is interesting to recall that David Hobbs was a key member of the Oldham pack that day, while Ian Sherratt was Bradford's substitute forward.

OLDHAM: D. Liddiard; M'Barki, Foy, Warnecke, Taylor; G.Liddiard, Ashton; Morgan, Sanderson, Hobbs, Worrall, Nadiola, Flanagan. Lowndes for Morgan after 49 minutes.

BRADFORD: Mumby; Ford, Donlan, Redfearn, Simpson, Woods, Godfrey; White, Noble Mallinder, Jasiewicz, Lumby, Fleming. Sherratt for Mallinder after 75 minutes.

Robin Whitfield of Widnes was the referee and the tie was watched by a crowd of 6,918. Brendan White dropped a goal to break the deadlock after 69 minutes and no one would have been surprised if the one-pointer had proved enough to take Northern through.

The rival bosses had this to say afterwards - Frank Myler (Oldham): "I would have been a little bit sick if I had been Barry Seabourne. His lads gave him 150 per cent, but we kept plugging away and we just deserved to win in the end. This is a great day for the Oldham club and we hope the whole town will get behind us in the build-up to the Semi-Final".

Barry Seabourne (Bradford): "Disappointed, obviously, but we went out to a try that was fit to win any Cup tie. I'm glad it was a cracker and not a scrabbled affair. That would have made it doubly hard to take".

It was to be Oldham's first Semi-Final since 1964, but the dream did not materialise when Castleford won the Central Park thriller in controversial circumstances. There were Semi-Final defeats also in 1990 and 1991. Will 1993 see Oldham in the Semi's for the fourth time in eight years?



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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.

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