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SECOND DIVISION

# OLDHAM

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| Darren Coen       | 1  | Full Back          |
| Keith Harker      | 2  | Right Wing         |
| Richard Stead     | 3  | Right Centre       |
| Ronnie Sharpe     | 4  | Left Centre        |
| Eddie Riddleson   | 5  | Left Wing          |
| Kevin Bell        | 6  | Stand Off          |
| Michael Twigg     | 7  | Scrum Half         |
| Kevin Rayne       | 8  | Openside Prop      |
| Gary Barnett      | 9  | Hooker             |
| Steve Edmondson   | 10 | Blindside Prop     |
| Wayne Freeman     | 11 | Second Row Forward |
| Richard Hampshire | 12 | Second Row Forward |
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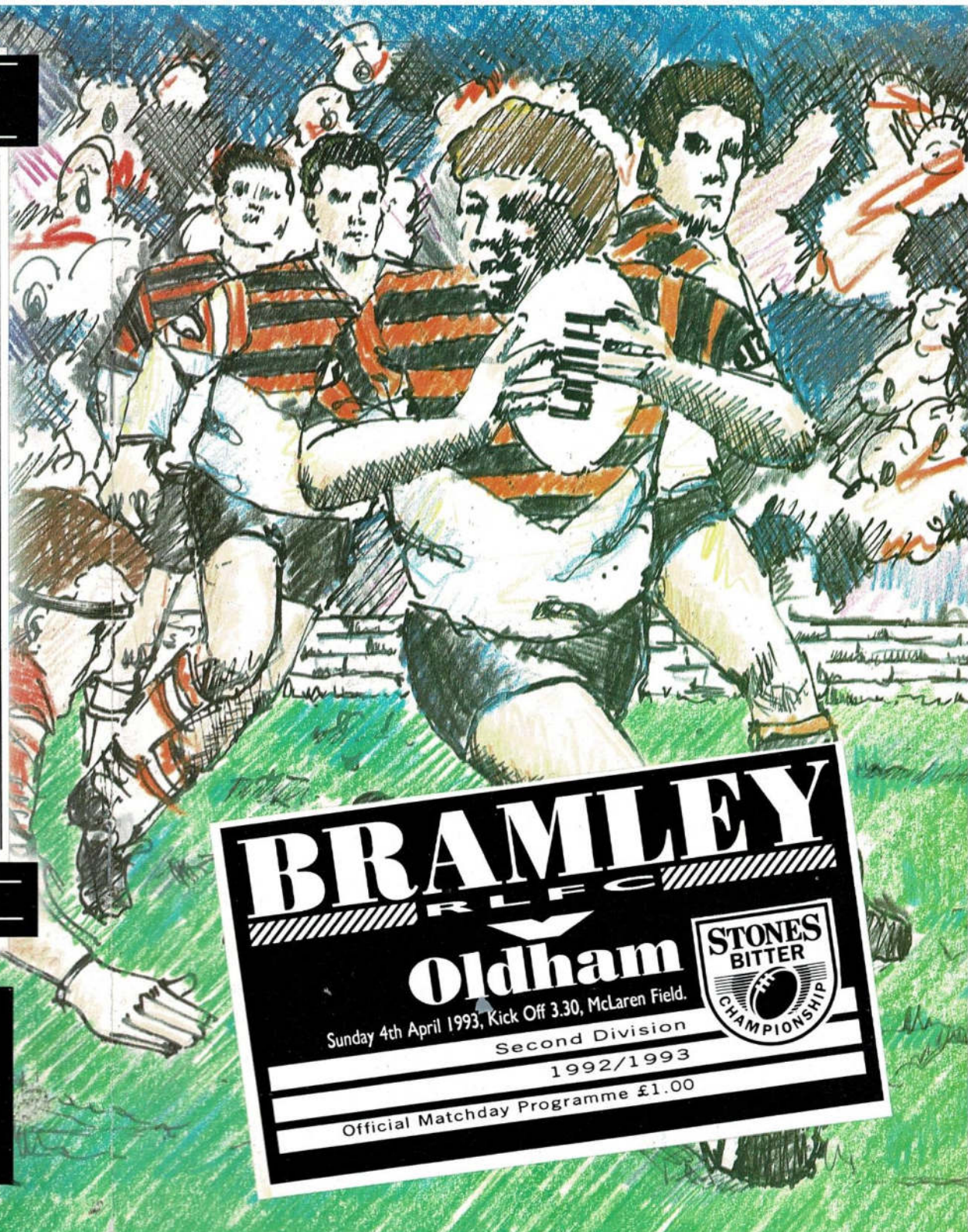
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| Darren Abram     | 3  |
| Iva Ropati       | 4  |
| Scott Ranson     | 5  |
| Gary Christie    | 6  |
| Steve Kerry      | 7  |
| Mark Sheals      | 8  |
| Ian Bates        | 9  |
| Barrie McDermott | 10 |
| Ben Olsen        | 11 |
| Ian Sherratt     | 12 |
| David Bradbury   | 13 |
| Shane Tupaea     | 14 |
| Sean Divine      | 15 |

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# VIEW FROM THE BOARDROOM

We welcome our friends from across the Pennines - Oldham. The players officials and supporters from the Watersheddings will we hope feel very welcome at McLaren Field, in what is their second visit of the season. Unfortunately for us, but fortunately for them, we shall not meet next season, unless Chapeltown Road come up with another scheme, because Oldham are guaranteed 1st Division status next season whilst we will remain in the 2nd Division.

The Villagers will be anxious to secure one success against Oldham this season having lost the previous 3 encounters. The home game was a hard fought battle where we just lost 23-16. Kevin Bell scored two tries, but unfortunately he has been out of the team recently through injury. The remaining points came from the boot of Steve Carroll with 4 conversions. The 2 return fixtures at Watersheddings proved to be complete disasters for the men from McLaren Field. Firstly there was the abortive trip to Oldham just before Christmas, only to find that after an initial all clear from a local referee the match referee shortly before the kick off passed the pitch unfit. This led to the farce of playing Oldham twice in one week, on the first occasion losing 36-0 and on the second 40-2. Our only points scorer was Dean Creasser with one penalty goal, but it almost goes without saying that he is also out of the team through injury. Whilst the Rugby League Council have ensured that today's game itself is meaningless we do believe that our team will be anxious, if it is only for their pride to try and achieve victory today - perhaps they will realise that they owe it to their loyal supporters, who haven't had much to cheer about this season.

### Recent Matches

Perhaps supporters don't need reminding that the last two home games resulted in defeats. Firstly at the hands of Swinton, in a rearranged mid-week fixture, where the men from Gigg Lane proved successful 14-4 - Ronnie Sharpe (returning from injury) being our try scorer. In our last home fixture we lost out to Rochdale Hornets 30-14. If nothing else the second half was illuminated by two tries from Norman Francis but like others before him (too many this season) in the act of trying to achieve his hat-trick he sustained a fairly serious head injury which resulted in him leaving the field on a stretcher. Kevin Rayne was the other try scorer whilst new recruit Ray Ashton was successful in one of the conversions.

In our last game we went to Featherstone a fortnight ago and suffered the humiliation of losing 60-0. Whilst Featherstone are the outstanding champions in the 2nd Division and will be worthy champions nevertheless to lose by that score is something that nobody connected with the club can be proud. There are four games remaining including today's and they include further fixtures against Featherstone both home and away as well as against Huddersfield at Leeds Road next Friday evening, kick off 7.30pm so perhaps today is our best opportunity of returning to winning ways. Please support the team today because whatever criticism you may have about either the team or the coaching staff it certainly isn't the place to show it during the course of a game. In saying this we refer to the disgraceful behaviour of a few supporters in unfolding a banner during the Rochdale game attacking the Club's General Manager. Such minor demonstrations will not influence the board at McLaren Field to dispense with the services of a person who only just under 12 months ago took Bramley into the 2nd division - people have short memories! The board accepts that everything hasn't gone as smooth as they would have hoped either on or off the field this season, but any inquests that take place will be the subject of careful consideration which will not be influenced, but hysterical outbursts from so called supporters won't help to put things right.

### Bramley v Featherstone Rovers

Please note that our final game against the 2nd Division Champions on Easter Monday the 12th April will now kick off at 3.30 p.m. and not as previously arranged at 7.30 p.m. It is felt that the re-arranged kick off time will suit both our supporters and those of Featherstone. This should be a very attractive fixture and will give our supporters further opportunity to see a current Great Britain International in Chris Newlove playing at McLaren Field.

### Alliance Side

After recent setbacks the Villagers Alliance side triumphed at Hemel Hempstead last weekend where they won 24-16. Try scorers were Ivan Stansfield, Wayne Freeman, Glen Freeman, Dean Harwood with 4 goals by Chris Willis.

We were scheduled to play Ryedale-York at their ground yesterday and the remaining fixture is on Saturday 17th April against London Crusaders at home kick off 3.30 p.m.

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Once again we have received a letter from our good supporter Nick Rogers. Whilst we aren't able to publish it all he does raise certain interesting points. He acknowledges the long injury list but nevertheless goes on to point out certain deficiencies that he has seen in the team this season.

- 1). A total lack of pace coupled with no backing up of the man with the ball.
- 2). No support for the full back when the opposition have kicked through and chased.
- 3). Indiscipline on the field by certain members of the side during the season.
- 4). He also asks why is it that more often than not the outstanding player in the opponents side this season has been a half back?

Nick also goes on to complain that players seem to come on loan and then disappear again. The final point he makes is to ask whether the club are concerned about the number of occasions this season when the club has been 'nilled'.

### Editor Replies

Whilst we wouldn't wish to discourage comment, even if it is adverse, all matters as to team selection and tactics are those of Maurice and the coaching staff and not one where the Board do interfere or would wish to do so. So far as loan players are concerned we can understand the concern of supporters that players this season seem to have come and gone with increasing regularity. Unfortunately because of the crippling injury list it has been necessary from time to time to seek the help of other clubs by securing players on loan. Whilst we perhaps have acquired more players by this method than other clubs, nevertheless it is not a new phenomenon but one that is being used by clubs more and more especially when finance is so limited thereby preventing the acquisition of players through the transfer system. Some of these players have remained have remained at the club for the full period of their loan, at the expiration then they return to their original clubs before the end of the loan period.

### The Final Word (or is it?).

This club has been in the forefront of criticism of the Rugby League council's decision to revert to two divisions next season. The Board wholly support the Chairman's stance in voting against these proposals which are in the words of one of our Directors, "Making the game a laughing stock in the eyes of the sporting world". Apparently

the decision is irreversible notwithstanding the almost 100% condemnation of the decision by the supporters and the media. Words such as greed, self interest, bias have all been banded about to describe the actions of those 28 Council members who voted for these proposals and one wonders whether if the vote was taken again now, would the same number still vote in favour.

On a more positive note the decision of the Chairman to vote for what he thought was in the best interest of the game has received widespread support from both the media and letters sent to the various Rugby League publications from the ordinary supporter. This perhaps is the only favourable press that Bramley have received this season and certainly makes a change! Whatever one thinks of the decision and it's timing one thing is perfectly clear. When the vote was taken nobody had the foresight to think out logically what the effect of the decision would be i.e., how the expelled clubs were to be compensated and perhaps even more important how in future seasons promotion and relegation is to be decided between the 1st and 2nd divisions, never mind the introduction of a 'Feeder League'. It now seems clear from moves recently taken by the Rugby League Board of Directors that they acknowledge that they have left themselves with a mess which is of their own making and as such they will have to sort it out or face the consequences of even more wrath from the media and supporters alike.

How can Rugby League be run by people who say that they have the game as a whole at heart when in fact they all wear another hat, being representatives of their own clubs. Nor could it be said that the current Board is representative of the Rugby League when there isn't one Board member from either Lancashire or Cumbria. The President of the Rugby League who sits on the Board is also President of Featherstone Rovers, Eric Gardener, newly appointed, is also from Featherstone where he is Chairman of that club. Roy Waudby is President of Hull. Harry Jessop is on the Board at Leeds whilst Stephen Ball, apparently the proposer of the two divisions resolution, is Chief Executive at Batley. Would it not be sensible to reconstitute the Board with people who do not have such direct connections with the members clubs, at least the effect of this would ensure that when in future there is criticism of a Board decision the charge, rightly or wrongly, of self interest cannot be argued.

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## OUR VISITORS OLDHAM

**IAN SHERRATT** Former Oldham and Lancashire schoolboy. Left Oldham for Salford and returned season 91/92. Hard grafting prop forward.

**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 hooker, stand off or loose forward. Creative player with an excellent pair of hands.

**BARRIE McDERMOTT** Strong & 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 seasons matches.

**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.

**NIGEL HESLOP** Former England R.U. winger who won 10 caps for his country. Signed for Oldham from Orrell R.U. club in February '93 after losing his place in England's five nation squad for 1993.

**DARREN ABRAM** First professional club was Warrington and then moved to Trafford Borough from where he joined Rochdale £40,000 in '91. Earned a reputation at Rochdale as a prolific try scorer and when listed for £70,000 was sought by several clubs including Salford, Featherstone & Wakefield before joining Oldham in February '93.

**MARK SHEALS** Rugged, hard working prop, who joined Oldham in a three-for-one 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 cap last season but missed his county debut due to suspension.

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

**BEN OLSEN** This Danish born forward made a name for himself with London Crusaders and signed for Oldham in the famous swap shop 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 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 with 427 points when Salford won the 2nd Division Championship. 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 honours. Played several first team matches at Central Park when Graham Lowe was boss. Eventually joined Oldham for a bargain £5,000 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 ex-St. Helens player and top try scorer for his former club Swinton. Signed for Oldham in March 1992.

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

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A capacity attendance of nearly 78,000 is on the cards, bringing record gate receipts of around £1.9 million.

Rugby League Headquarters has only £50 Olympic gallery seats available, the only remaining seats in the stadium being allocated to the two finalists.

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The Wembley Ticket Office, The Rugby Football League, 180 Chapeltown Road, LEEDS LS7 4HT.

All other applications should be made direct through the Widnes or Wigan clubs.

The 1993 Silk Cut Challenge Cup showpiece event opens at 1.30 pm with the traditional schoolboy under-11 curtain raiser, between debutantes Rochdale and Sheffield. The new style Entertainment Showcase will be staged from 2.00pm leading up to the entry of the players into the world famous stadium for the 2.30pm kick off.

### STONES BITTER PREMIERSHIP FINALS

Redevelopment of Manchester United's famous Stretford End of the Old Trafford stadium will provide an extra 7,300 seats for the Stones Bitter Premiership doubleheader on Sunday 16 May.

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For the first time, the Stones Bitter Premiership doubleheader will be preceded by the Academy Challenge Cup Final, kicking off at 11.45am. As per tradition, the Stones Bitter Divisional Premiership Final starts at 1.30pm, followed by a 25 minute entertainment programme with the Stones Bitter Premiership Final kicking off at 3.30pm.

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|------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------|------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| 30 Carlisle (A) 3.00                     | F 10 - A 18   | Coen 1t  | Riddlesden    | Bell       | Creasser 1g    | Francis 1t    | Gee         | Shuttleworth    | Marson    | Blankley    | Hall      | Whakarau    | Rayne     | Lyons     | Edmondson (8)  | Timson (13)     |
| <b>September</b>                         |               |          |               |            |                |               |             |                 |           |             |           |             |           |           |                |                 |
| 6 Huddersfield (H) 3.30                  | F 34 - A 10   | Coen 1t  | Riddlesden    | Bell 2t    | Creasser 1t 7g | Freeman       | Gee 1t      | Shuttleworth    | Marson    | Blankley    | Timson    | Whakarau    | Rayne     | Lyons     | Hester (6)     | Edmonson (7)    |
| 13 Yorkshire Cup Bradford N (A) 3.00     | F 22 - A 34   | Coen     | Riddlesden    | Bell       | Creasser 5g    | Francis       | Twigg 1t    | Shuttleworth    | Timson    | Blankley 2t | Edmondson | Whakarau    | Rayne     | Lyons     | Freeman (3)    | Hester (13)     |
| 20 Swinton (A) 3.00                      | F 11 - A 6    | Coen 1t  | Riddlesden    | Bell       | Creasser 1g    | Francis       | Twigg 1dg   | Shuttleworth 1t | Timson    | Blankley    | Edmondson | Whakarau    | Rayne     | Lyons     | Freeman        | Marson (13)     |
| 27 Rochdale H (H) 3.30                   | F 12 - A 20   | Coen     | Riddlesden 1t | Bell       | Creasser 2g    | Francis       | Twigg       | Shuttleworth    | Timson    | Blankley    | Edmondson | Whakarau    | Rayne     | Lyons 1t  | Freeman (10)   | Marson (7)      |
| <b>October</b>                           |               |          |               |            |                |               |             |                 |           |             |           |             |           |           |                |                 |
| 4 London C (H) 3.30                      | F 30 - A 8    | Coen 1t  | Riddlesden    | Bell 1t    | Creasser 1t 5g | Francis       | Twigg       | Blankley 2t     | Timson    | Brentley    | Marson    | Whakarau    | Rayne     | Lyons     | Freeman (3)    | Whitehead (8)   |
| 11 Featherstone (H) 3.30                 | F 4 - A 22    | Coen     | Riddlesden    | Bell 1t    | Creasser       | Francis       | Twigg       | Blankley        | Timson    | Brentley    | Marson    | Whakarau    | Rayne     | Lyons     | Freeman (4)    | Whitehead (8)   |
| 18 Oldham (H) 3.30                       | F 16 - A 23   | Coen     | Riddlesden    | Bell 2t    | Freeman        | Francis       | Twigg       | Carroll 4g      | Marson    | Brentley    | Whitehead | Whakarau    | Rayne     | Lyons     | Timson (10)    | Edmondson (5)   |
| <b>November</b>                          |               |          |               |            |                |               |             |                 |           |             |           |             |           |           |                |                 |
| 1 Rochdale H (A) 3.00                    | F 22 - A 29   | Sharp    | Riddlesden 1t | Bell       | Freeman 1t     | Barnett       | Twigg       | Carroll 3g      | Edmondson | Blankley    | Marson 1t | Whakarau 1t | Rayne     | Lyons     | Pearce (13)    | Hall (10)       |
| 8 Regal Trophy Round 1 Carlisle (H) 3.30 | F 12 - A 16   | Coen     | Riddlesden    | Bell       | Freeman        | Francis 1t    | Twigg       | Carroll 2g      | Marson    | Blankley    | Edmondson | Whakarau 1t | Rayne     | Lyons     | Barnett (6)    | Hall (10)       |
| 15 Huddersfield (A) 3.30                 | F 12 - A 18   | Coen     | Riddlesden    | Bell 2t    | Freeman        | Bugg          | Sharp       | Carroll         | Marson    | Blankley    | Edmondson | Whakarau 1t | Rayne     | Lyons     | Nui (4)        | Hall (13)       |
| 22 Carlisle (H) 3.30                     | F 18 - A 18   | Coen     | Harker        | Riddlesden | Freeman        | Bugg          | Bell        | Carroll 5g      | Marson 1t | Blankley 1t | Edmondson | Whakarau    | Rayne     | Lyons     | Keebles (10)   | Hall (12)       |
| 29 Rochdale H (A) 3.00                   | F 22 - A 62   | Freeman  | Harker        | Bell 1t    | Riddlesden     | Francis       | Coen        | Sharp 3g        | Marson    | Blankley 1t | Whitehead | Keebles     | Bugg 2t   | Whakarau  | Rayne (6)      | Hall (11)       |
| <b>December</b>                          |               |          |               |            |                |               |             |                 |           |             |           |             |           |           |                |                 |
| 13 London C (H) 3.30                     | F 16 - A 8    | Coen 1t  | Harker        | Bell 1t    | Drummond       | Francis       | Sharp 2g    | Twigg           | Marson    | Blankley    | Whitehead | Whakarau 1t | Bugg      | Lyons     | Freeman        | Rayne (13)      |
| 20 Oldham Postponed                      |               |          |               |            |                |               |             |                 |           |             |           |             |           |           |                |                 |
| 27 Swinton (H) 3.30                      | F 22 - A 16   | Coen 1t  | Harker        | Bell       | Drummond       | Francis 2t    | Creasser 3g | Twigg           | Marson    | Blankley    | Rayne     | Whakarau 1t | Bugg      | Lyons     | Fisher (13)    | Hall (8)        |
| <b>January</b>                           |               |          |               |            |                |               |             |                 |           |             |           |             |           |           |                |                 |
| 3 Carlisle Postponed                     |               |          |               |            |                |               |             |                 |           |             |           |             |           |           |                |                 |
| 6 Oldham (A) 3.00                        | F 0 - A 36    | Coen     | Harker        | Riddlesden | Drummond       | Francis       | Creasser    | Twigg           | Marson    | Blankley    | Hall      | Whakarau    | Rayne     | Lyons     | Fisher (6)     | Edmondson (12)  |
| 10 Oldham (A) 3.00                       | F 2 - A 40    | Coen     | Harker        | Freeman    | Drummond       | Riddlesden    | Creasser 1g | Fisher          | Marson    | Blankley    | Whitehead | Whakarau    | Lyons     | Twigg     | Collins (12)   | Rayne (8)       |
| 17 London C (A) 3.30                     | F 0 - A 20    | Coen     | Harker        | Bell       | Creasser       | Riddlesden    | Twigg       | Fisher          | Whitehead | Whiteley    | Rayne     | Whakarau    | Bugg      | Lyons     | Hampshire (7)  | Hall (12)       |
| 20 Carlisle (H) 3.30                     | F 6 - A 2     | Coen     | Harker        | Bell       | Creasser 1t    | Riddlesden    | Twigg       | Carroll 1g      | Timson    | Whiteley    | Whitehead | Whakarau    | Hall      | Lyons     | Stead          | Edmondson (8)   |
| 24 Swinton (A) 3.00                      | F 20 - A 37   | Coen     | Harker        | Bell 3t    | Creasser       | Riddlesden    | Twigg       | Carroll 2g      | Timson    | Whiteley    | Whitehead | Whakarau    | Hall      | Lyons 1t  | Ashton (6)     | Marson (13)     |
| 31 Challenge Cup Round 1 Hull KR (A)     | F 0 - A 30    | Coen     | Harker        | Bell       | Creasser       | Riddlesden    | Twigg       | Carroll         | Timson    | Whiteley    | Whitehead | Whakarau    | Edmondson | Lyons     | Stead (13)     | Marson (8)      |
| <b>February</b>                          |               |          |               |            |                |               |             |                 |           |             |           |             |           |           |                |                 |
| 7 Huddersfield (H) 3.30                  | F 10 - A 27   | Coen     | Harker 2t     | Bell       | Stead          | Riddlesden    | Creasser    | Carroll 1g      | Timson    | Whiteley    | Marson    | Whakarau    | Rayne     | Twigg     | Sharpe (3)     | Edmondson (12)  |
| 21 London C (A) 3.00                     | F 12 - A 20   | Creasser | Harker        | Stead 1g   | Sharpe 1t      | Riddlesden 1t | Bell        | Ashton 2dg      | Timson    | Barnett     | Rayne     | Whakarau    | Hampshire | Twigg     | Coen (1)       | Marson (10)     |
| 28 Swinton Postponed                     |               |          |               |            |                |               |             |                 |           |             |           |             |           |           |                |                 |
| <b>March</b>                             |               |          |               |            |                |               |             |                 |           |             |           |             |           |           |                |                 |
| 7 Carlisle (A) 2.00                      | F 11 - A 8    | Coen     | Harker 1t     | Stead 1g   | Sharpe         | Riddlesden    | Bell        | Ashton          | Timson    | Barnett     | Rayne     | Labourne    | Hampshire | Twigg 1dg | Freeman 1t (4) | Beevers (7)     |
| 10 Swinton (H) 7.30                      | F 4 - A 14    | Coen     | Harker        | Sharpe 1t  | Stead          | Riddlesden    | Bell        | Twigg           | Timson    | Barnett     | Rayne     | Freeman     | Labourne  | Hampshire | Fisher (7)     | Beevers (8)     |
| 14 Rochdale H (H) 3.30                   | F 14 - A 30   | Coen     | Harker        | Stead      | Francis 2t     | Riddlesden    | Costello    | Ashton 1g       | Timson    | Barnett     | Whitehead | Rayne 1t    | Freeman   | Hampshire | Fisher (3)     | G. Freeman (11) |
| 21 Featherstone R (A) 3.30               | F 0 - A 60    | Coen     | Harker        | Stead      | Sharpe         | Riddlesden    | Ashton      | Fisher          | Timson    | Carter      | Whitehead | Rayne       | Freeman   | Hampshire | Harwood (3)    | Lyons (10)      |
| <b>April</b>                             |               |          |               |            |                |               |             |                 |           |             |           |             |           |           |                |                 |
| 4 Oldham (H) 3.30                        |               |          |               |            |                |               |             |                 |           |             |           |             |           |           |                |                 |
| 9 Huddersfield (A) 7.30                  |               |          |               |            |                |               |             |                 |           |             |           |             |           |           |                |                 |
| 12 Featherstone R (H) 3.30               |               |          |               |            |                |               |             |                 |           |             |           |             |           |           |                |                 |
| 18 Featherstone R (A) 3.30               |               |          |               |            |                |               |             |                 |           |             |           |             |           |           |                |                 |

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SUNDAY 30 Aug. Carlisle V Bramley 3.00  
Huddersfield V Featherstone R 3.30  
Oldham V London C 3.00  
Swinton V Rochdale H 3.00

SUNDAY 6 Sept. Bramley V Huddersfield 3.30  
Featherstone RV Swinton 3.30  
London C V Rochdale H 3.00  
Oldham V Carlisle 3.00

SUNDAY 13 Sept. COUNTY CUPS ROUND 1

SUNDAY 20 Sept. Carlisle V London C 3.00  
Huddersfield V Oldham 3.30  
Rochdale H V Featherstone R 3.00  
Swinton V Bramley 3.30

WEDNESDAY 23 Sept. COUNTY CUPS ROUND 2

SUNDAY 27 Sept. Bramley V Rochdale H 3.30  
Featherstone RV Carlisle 3.30  
London C V Huddersfield 3.00  
Oldham V Swinton 3.00

SUNDAY 4 Oct. Carlisle V Rochdale H 3.00  
Bramley V London C 3.30  
Oldham V Featherstone R 3.00  
Huddersfield V Swinton 3.30

WEDNESDAY 7 Oct. COUNTY CUPS SEMI-FINALS

SUNDAY 11 Oct. Bramley V Featherstone R 3.30  
Huddersfield V Carlisle 3.30  
Rochdale H V Oldham 3.00  
Swinton V London C 3.00

SATSUNDAY 17/18 Oct. COUNTY CUP FINALS

SUNDAY 18 Oct. Bramley V Oldham 3.30  
Carlisle V Swinton 3.00  
Featherstone RV London C 3.30  
Huddersfield V Rochdale H 3.30

SUNDAY 25 Oct. NO GAMES - WORLD CUP FINAL

TUESDAY 27 Oct. REGAL TROPHY - PRELIMINARY ROUND

SUNDAY 1 Nov. Featherstone RV Huddersfield 3.30  
London C V Carlisle 3.00  
Oldham V Swinton 3.00  
Rochdale H V Bramley 3.00

SATSUNDAY 7/8 Nov. REGAL TROPHY ROUND 1

SUNDAY 15 Nov. Carlisle V Oldham 2.00  
Huddersfield V Bramley 3.30  
Rochdale H V London C 3.00  
Swinton V Featherstone R 3.00

SUNDAY 22 Nov. Bramley V Carlisle 3.30  
Featherstone RV Rochdale H 3.30

London C V Swinton 3.00  
Oldham V Huddersfield 3.00

SUNDAY 29 Nov. Carlisle V Featherstone R 2.00  
Huddersfield V London C 3.30  
Rochdale H V Bramley 3.00  
Swinton V Oldham 3.00

SATSUNDAY 5/6 Dec. REGAL TROPHY ROUND 2

SUNDAY 13 Dec. FRANCE V WALES  
Bramley V London C 3.30  
Featherstone RV Oldham 3.30  
Huddersfield V Swinton 3.30  
Rochdale H V Carlisle 3.00

SATURDAY 19 Dec. REGAL TROPHY ROUND 3

SUNDAY 20 Dec. Carlisle V Huddersfield 2.00  
London C V Featherstone R 3.00  
Oldham V Bramley 3.00  
Swinton V Rochdale H 3.00

BOXING DAY SATURDAY 26 Dec.

Oldham V Rochdale H

SUNDAY 27 Dec. Bramley V Swinton 3.30  
Featherstone RV Huddersfield 3.30

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NEW YEARS DAY FRIDAY 1 Jan.  
Swinton V Oldham 3.00

SATURDAY 2 Jan. REGAL TROPHY SEMI-FINAL 1

SUNDAY 3 Jan. Bramley V Carlisle 3.30  
Huddersfield V Featherstone R 3.30  
Rochdale H V London C 3.00

SATURDAY 9 Jan. REGAL TROPHY SEMI-FINAL 2

SUNDAY 10 Jan. Carlisle V Rochdale H 2.00  
London C V Swinton 3.00  
Oldham V Bramley 3.00  
SUNDAY 17 Jan. Bramley V London C 3.30  
Carlisle V Oldham 3.00  
Featherstone RV Swinton 3.30

SATURDAY 23 Jan. REGAL TROPHY FINAL

SUNDAY 24 Jan. Huddersfield V Carlisle 3.30  
London C V Featherstone R 3.00  
Oldham V Rochdale H 3.00  
Swinton V Bramley 3.00

SATURDAY 30 Jan. SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP - ROUND 1

SUNDAY 7 Feb. Bramley V Huddersfield 3.30  
Carlisle V London C 2.00  
Featherstone RV Oldham 3.30  
Rochdale H V Swinton 3.00

SATURDAY 13 Feb. SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP - ROUND 2

SUNDAY 21 Feb. Huddersfield V Rochdale 3.30  
London C V Bramley 3.00  
Oldham V Carlisle 3.00  
Swinton V Featherstone R 3.00

SATURDAY 27 Feb. SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP - ROUND 3

SUNDAY 28 Feb. Bramley V Swinton 3.30  
Featherstone RV Carlisle 3.30  
London C V Oldham 3.00  
Rochdale H V Huddersfield 3.00

SUNDAY 7 Mar. FRANCE V GREAT BRITAIN  
Carlisle V Bramley 2.00  
Huddersfield V Oldham 3.30  
Rochdale H V Featherstone R 3.00  
Swinton V London C 3.00

SATURDAY 13 Mar. SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP SEMI-FINAL 1

SUNDAY 14 Mar. Bramley V Rochdale H 3.30  
London C V Huddersfield 3.00  
Oldham V Featherstone R 3.00  
Swinton V Carlisle 3.00

SUNDAY 21 Mar. Carlisle V Huddersfield 2.00  
Featherstone RV Bramley 3.30  
Oldham V London C 3.00  
Rochdale H V Swinton 3.00

WED. 24 Mar. Huddersfield V London C 7.30

SATURDAY 27 Mar. SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP SEMI-FINAL 2

SUNDAY 28 Mar. Featherstone RV Rochdale H 3.30  
Swinton V Huddersfield 3.00  
London C V Carlisle 3.00

WED. 31 Mar. GREAT BRITAIN V FRANCE

SUNDAY 4 Apr. Bramley V Oldham 3.30  
Carlisle V Featherstone R 3.00  
Rochdale H V Huddersfield 3.00

GOOD FRI. 9 Apr. Featherstone RV London C 3.30  
Huddersfield V Bramley 7.30  
Rochdale H V Oldham 3.00  
Swinton V Carlisle 3.00

EASTER MON. 12 Apr.

Bramley V Featherstone R 7.30  
Carlisle V Swinton 3.00  
London C V Rochdale H 3.00  
Oldham V Huddersfield 3.00

SUNDAY 18 Apr. Featherstone V Bramley 3.30  
London C V Oldham 3.00  
Rochdale H V Carlisle 3.00  
Swinton V Huddersfield 3.00

# THE 92/93 SEASON SO FAR

## Division One

|             | P  | W  | D | L  | F   | A   | Diff | Pts |
|-------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| St. Helens  | 23 | 18 | 0 | 5  | 553 | 311 | 242  | 36  |
| Wigan       | 21 | 17 | 0 | 4  | 617 | 261 | 356  | 34  |
| Widnes      | 21 | 14 | 0 | 7  | 473 | 307 | 166  | 28  |
| Castleford  | 22 | 12 | 1 | 9  | 480 | 341 | 139  | 25  |
| Leeds       | 22 | 11 | 2 | 9  | 529 | 436 | 93   | 24  |
| Bradford N  | 20 | 11 | 0 | 9  | 414 | 372 | 42   | 22  |
| Halifax     | 22 | 11 | 0 | 11 | 457 | 450 | 7    | 22  |
| Warrington  | 22 | 10 | 1 | 11 | 413 | 354 | 59   | 21  |
| Sheffield E | 23 | 10 | 0 | 13 | 373 | 539 | -166 | 20  |
| Hull        | 24 | 9  | 0 | 15 | 349 | 513 | -164 | 18  |
| Salford     | 23 | 9  | 0 | 14 | 435 | 633 | -198 | 18  |
| Wakefield T | 23 | 7  | 2 | 14 | 367 | 487 | -120 | 16  |
| Leigh       | 22 | 7  | 2 | 13 | 310 | 506 | -196 | 16  |
| Hull K.R.   | 22 | 5  | 0 | 17 | 271 | 531 | -260 | 10  |

## Division Two

|                | P         | W         | D        | L         | F          | A          | Diff        | Pts       |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| Featherstone R | 25        | 22        | 0        | 3         | 836        | 322        | 514         | 44        |
| <b>Oldham</b>  | <b>23</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>623</b> | <b>395</b> | <b>228</b>  | <b>34</b> |
| Rochdale H     | 25        | 13        | 0        | 12        | 527        | 525        | 2           | 26        |
| Huddersfield   | 24        | 12        | 0        | 12        | 455        | 481        | -26         | 24        |
| London C       | 26        | 11        | 1        | 14        | 484        | 524        | -40         | 23        |
| Swinton        | 25        | 8         | 0        | 17        | 361        | 580        | -219        | 16        |
| <b>Bramley</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>1</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>308</b> | <b>552</b> | <b>-244</b> | <b>15</b> |
| Carlisle       | 24        | 6         | 2        | 16        | 384        | 599        | -215        | 14        |

## Division Three

|              | P  | W  | D | L  | F   | A    | Diff | Pts |
|--------------|----|----|---|----|-----|------|------|-----|
| Keighley     | 21 | 18 | 0 | 3  | 825 | 234  | 591  | 36  |
| Workington   | 23 | 18 | 0 | 5  | 799 | 227  | 572  | 36  |
| Whitehaven   | 22 | 16 | 0 | 6  | 674 | 268  | 406  | 32  |
| Dewsbury     | 22 | 16 | 0 | 6  | 572 | 286  | 286  | 32  |
| Batley       | 21 | 15 | 0 | 6  | 456 | 196  | 260  | 30  |
| Ryedale-York | 21 | 14 | 0 | 7  | 651 | 285  | 366  | 28  |
| Hunslet      | 21 | 14 | 0 | 7  | 504 | 398  | 106  | 28  |
| Doncaster    | 23 | 14 | 0 | 9  | 534 | 437  | 97   | 28  |
| Barrow       | 23 | 5  | 0 | 18 | 468 | 611  | -143 | 10  |
| Chorley      | 23 | 4  | 0 | 19 | 299 | 773  | -474 | 8   |
| Blackpool G  | 22 | 4  | 0 | 18 | 297 | 812  | -515 | 8   |
| Highfield    | 21 | 4  | 0 | 17 | 249 | 883  | -634 | 8   |
| Nottingham   | 23 | 1  | 0 | 22 | 175 | 1093 | -918 | 2   |

### TOP TEN TRY SCORERS

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| 1. Shaun Edwards (Wigan)         | 41 |
| 2. Paul Newlove (Featherstone R) | 36 |
| 3. Owen Simpson (Featherstone R) | 32 |
| Ellery Hanley (Leeds)            | 32 |
| 5. Greg Austin (Halifax)         | 26 |
| John Wasylw (Keighley)           | 26 |
| 7. Alan Hunte (St. Helens)       | 24 |
| Martin Wood (Keighley)           | 24 |
| 9. Nick Pinkney (Ryedale-York)   | 23 |
| Martin Offiah (Wigan)            | 23 |

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### TOP TEN GOAL SCORERS

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| (Including drop goals).            |     |
| 1. John Wasylw (Keighley)          | 166 |
| 2. Dean Marwood (Workington T)     | 152 |
| 3. Frano Botica (Wigan)            | 147 |
| 4. Martin Pearson (Featherstone R) | 110 |
| 5. Lee Crooks (Castleford)         | 103 |
| 6. Paul Bishop (Halifax)           | 99  |
| 7. Steve Gartland (Rochdale H)     | 96  |
| 8. Jonathan Davies (Widnes)        | 95  |
| 9. Steve Maguire (Whitehaven)      | 91  |
| 10. Andy Precious (Hunslet)        | 82  |

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## OWEN SIMPSON

Owen Simpson of Featherstone Rovers needs one try for a career century of touchdowns in 127 appearances.

The wingers total is made up of 67 in 89 matches for Rovers plus 32 in 38 matches, including one substitute appearance, for Keighley.

A former army rugby player, Simpson made his senior Rugby league debut for Keighley as substitute in a 29-6 Second Division defeat at Dewsbury on 10 September 1989.

Simpson was on the right wing three days later when he scored a try in Keighley's 31-24 league win at home to Whitehaven. He finished 10th in the games try chart in his first season with 24.

Featherstone signed Simpson 14 months later for £50,000 and he scored their only try on his debut in a 22-6 Division One home defeat by Castleford on 11 November 1990.

Simpson has scored three hat-tricks for both Keighley and Featherstone. Born at Huddersfield on 12 September 1966, his season-by-season totals are as follows:

|                 | App.  | Tries |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Keighley        |       |       |
| 1989-90         | 30+1  | 24    |
| 1990-91         | 7     | 8     |
| Featherstone R. |       |       |
| 1990-91         | 23    | 12    |
| 1991-92         | 36    | 23    |
| 1992-93         | 30    | 32    |
| Totals          |       |       |
| Keighley        | 37+1  | 32    |
| Featherstone    | 89    | 67    |
| GRAND TOTAL     | 126+1 | 99    |

## CHORLEY BOROUGH RECORDS

Mike Smith beat two club records as Chorley Borough ran up their highest score with a 57-20 Third Division defeat of Nottingham City.

The full back set the individual records with 17 points from 9 goals, including a drop goal. Since the club was formed in 1989 no player had scored more than 6 goals or 12 points in a match.

Chorley's previous highest score came in the 46-12 Second Division home defeat of Runcorn Highfield on January 1 1990. They scored 8 tries then compared with 10 against Nottingham.

## TRY SCORING RUN

Andy Eyres of the Keighley Cougars has scored in six successive matches as follows: 1-2-2-1-1-1

Tea Ropati of St. Helens has scored one try in six successive matches.

Mark Wood of Keighley Cougars has scored at least one try in five successive matches as follows: 1-4-1-2-2

JOHN WASYLIW is four tries short of the club record 30 tries in a season by Joe Sherburn in 1934-35.

Wasyliw has played in all 25 matches on the wing for Keighley this season. Sherburn missed two of their 43 matches in 1934-35, playing 40 on the wing and one at centre.

Wasyliw has scored one hat-trick this season, while Sherburn scored two including a four try feat in his record-breaking season.

Wasyliw already holds the following Keighley records, all set this season.

Most goals in a match: 15  
Most points in a match: 34  
Most goals in a season: 166  
Most points in a season: 436

## POINT SCORING RUN

John Wasyliw of Keighley has the current longest point scoring run. The winger has scored in 39 successive matches, starting with 3 goals in the 18-16 Stones Bitter Third Division defeat of Scarborough Pirates on 17 February 1992.

## WINNING RUN

Keighley Cougars have the current longest winning run of 6 matches, all in the Third Division. Widnes have a 14 match unbeaten run including 1 draw.

## LOSING RUN

Nottingham City have the current longest losing run of 24 matches, covering 21 in the Third Division, 1 Yorkshire Cup, 1 Regal Trophy and 1 Silk Cut Challenge Cup tie. City's only win this season was 19-12 at Barrow on 6 September.

## MILESTONES

Daryl Powell needs two tries for a career century of touchdowns for Sheffield Eagles

Steve McGowan of Bradford Northern needs one try for a club career total of 100.

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

Les Quirk of St. Helens need three tries for a career century of touchdowns for the club.

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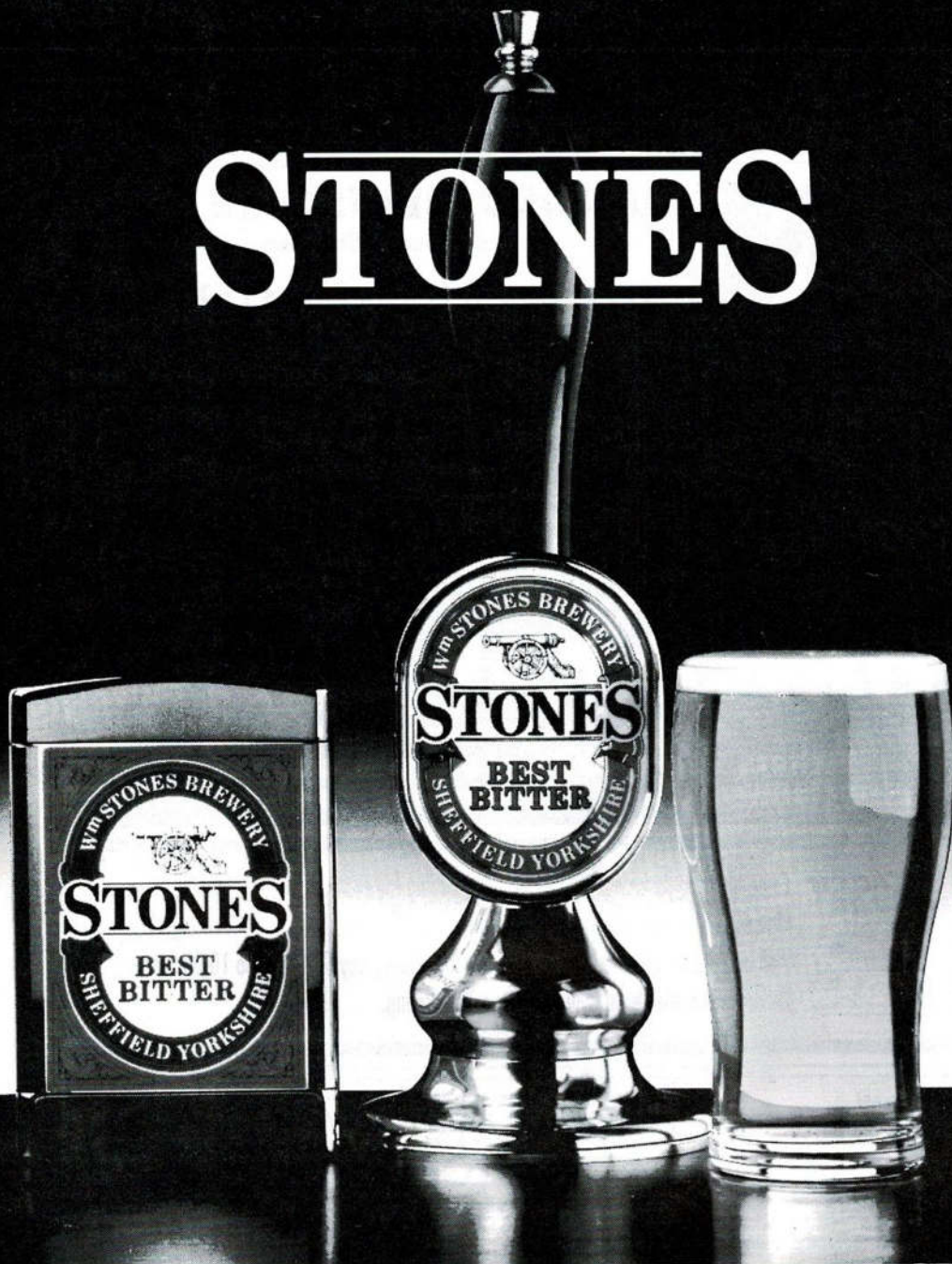
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