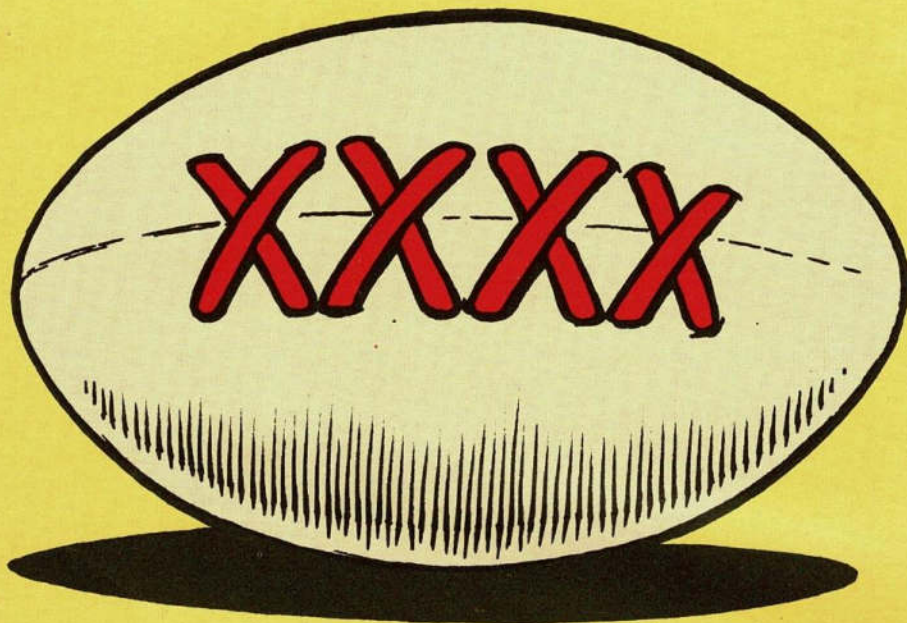


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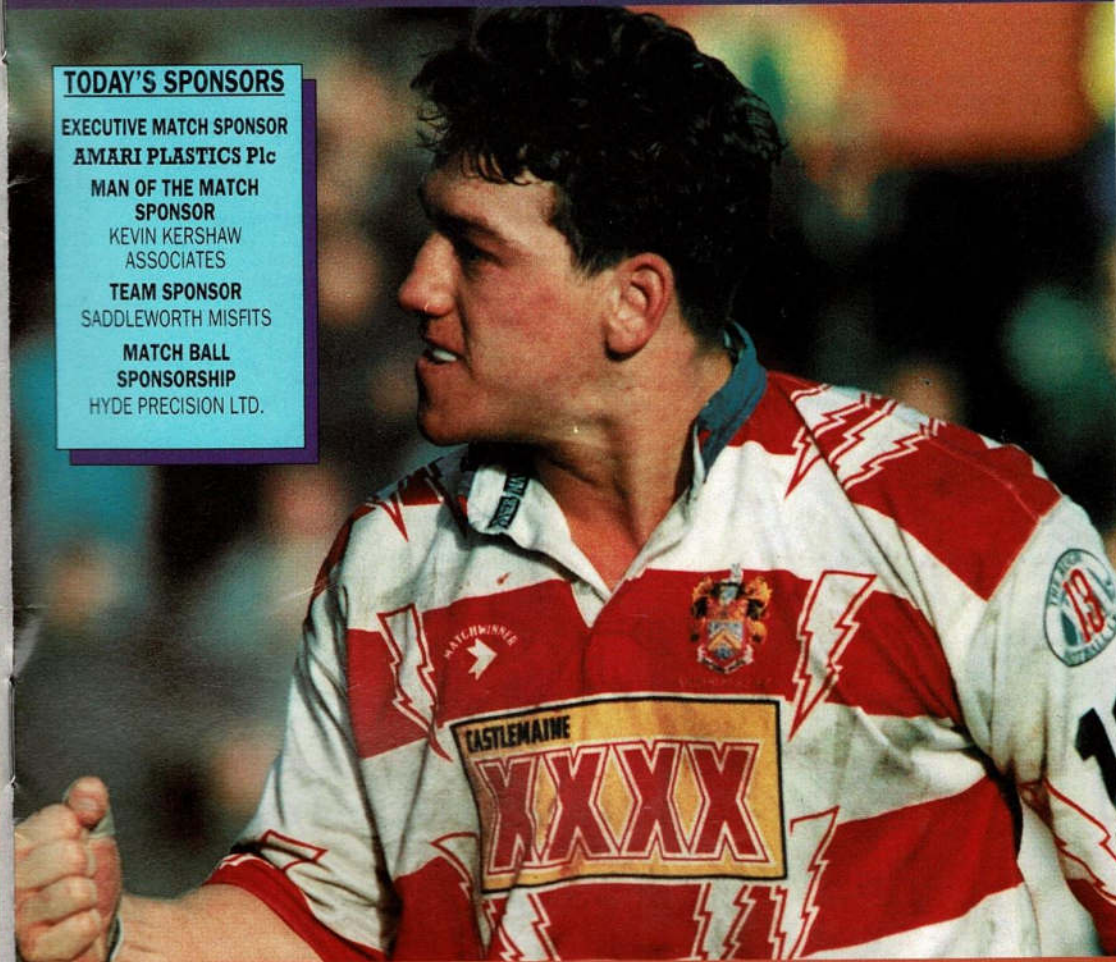
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Special mention must be made of Ellery Hanley. He has just announced his decision to retire from the International scene and speaking as an Australian I suppose I should be glad but speaking as a Rugby League fan, I am very sorry to see Ellery give up his Great Britain jersey.

He has truly been one of the worlds greatest players and I think there is plenty of mileage left in him yet. He will be greatly missed by the Lions.

It will be our task today to stop the Leeds bandwagon as we aim for our first home win. We should be in for a corker of a game and I ask that you Oldham fans get behind your team. Let's hear you!

Enjoy the Game,  
Peter Tunks.

## TUNKS' TEASERS

1. Which team plays at Wilderspool?
2. Who captained the 1928 G.B. tour to Australia and N.Z.?
3. Which Aussie team are nicknamed "The Dragons"?
4. Who was the leading goalkicker for Oldham last season?
5. What was the venue for Oldham's 1899 Cup Final victory over Hunslet?
6. Who was Rugby League's top goalkicker in 1972-73 & 1973-74?
7. Which teams contested last season's Yorkshire Cup Final?
8. Who was the only Oldham player to play in the 1963 Test Series against Australia?
9. Who was the first hooker to win the Lance Todd Trophy?
10. In which season did Castleford join the Rugby League?

## ANSWERS ON STATS PAGE

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**ALAN TAIT** (Full Back). Scottish-born full back who has represented his country on numerous occasions. Great attacking full back who likes to interlink into the back line. Moved from Widnes to Leeds in August, 1992.

**SIMON IRVING** (Winger). Former England "B" Rugby Union International who played for Headingley RUFC before signing for Leeds in January, 1990. A reliable winger in attack and defence, Simon is also one of the most consistent goal-kickers in the game.

**JIM FALLON** (Winger). Jim signed for Leeds in May, 1992, before that time he played for Bath Rugby Union Club. A very powerfully-built winger who can be devastating close to the line.

**KEVIN IRO** (Centre). At over 15 stones, Kevin is one of the most powerfully-built centres in the Rugby League world. Former young Kiwi star who moved on to full International status for his native New Zealand. Played club rugby in Australia for Manly-Warringah. Joined Leeds from Manly in September, 1992.

**CRAIG INNES** (Centre). Former New Zealand All Black International. Joined Leeds in January, 1992. Speedy, strong

runner and sound tackler, with outstanding ball-handling skills, a great crowd pleaser!

**GARRY SCHOFIELD** (Stand Off). A top player in the world of Rugby League. Moved from Hull to Leeds in October, 1987. A Great Britain Tourist at the age of 18 in 1984. Captained Great Britain on the 1992 Lions Tour.

**GRAHAM HOLROYD** (Stand Off). Signed by Leeds from Amateur team Siddal in the summer of 1992. Made his Leeds debut last season, with some outstanding performances. Graham possesses superb handling and tactical kicking skills and a great football brain. A future International in the making.

**ANDY GREGORY** (Scrum Half). Former Great Britain International. Won virtually every honour in Rugby League. Signed by Leeds from Wigan in August, 1992. Sturdily-built player who possesses first-class handling skills and an eye for the gap.

**GARETH STEVENS** (Scrum Half). Another young player who was outstanding in amateur circles. Mercurial, speedy, elusive player, with good defensive qualities. Joined Leeds from Middleton Marauders Amateur side in late 1990.

**JAMES LOWES** (Hooker). Leeds born. Progressed from the Hunslet Parkside team to join Hunslet R.L.F.C. as a professional. Moved to Leeds from Hunslet in September, 1992. After a superb first season for Leeds, James was among the best Hookers in the English Rugby League.

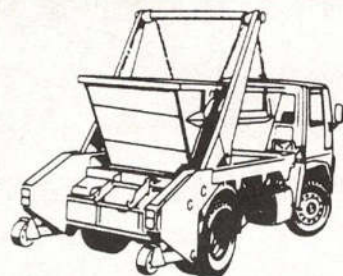
**GARY MERCER** (Second Row). New Zealander who Leeds signed from Warrington in the summer of 1992. A very mobile forward with plenty of pace.\*New Zealand International.

**IAN SCOTT** (Second Row). Signed by Leeds from Workington Town this summer. A strongly-built and mobile second rower, who played a major role in Workington Town promotion success last season.

**ELLERY HANLEY** (Loose Forward). The current Leeds Captain and Player Coach. One of the world's greatest Rugby League players. Brilliant strength, speed and stamina, Ellery possesses a wealth of knowledge of the game. Former Great Britain Captain. Voted Leeds R.L.F.C. Player of the Year last season. Signed by Leeds from Wigan in September, 1991.

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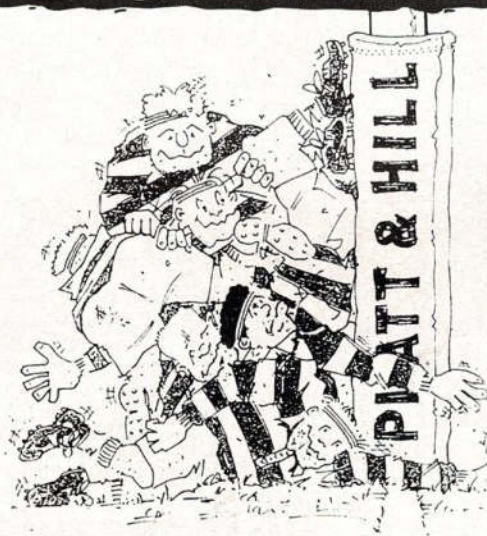
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# Roughy 'eds Recalled

## No. 6 JOHN NOON



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After gaining county honours, John became club-captain in the early 1960's, having played in the Lancashire Cup Final victory over St. Helens in 1958.

All in all John played in 255 first class games for the club scoring 125 tries, he also landed 137 goals which

gives further testimony to his all-round talent.

Johns final appearance for Oldham came in the Law Cup against Rochdale in August 1964, soon after which he transferred to the "Hornets", where he also became club captain.

Throughout the 1940's, 1950's, Oldham were in the fortunate position of having two local lads who they could depend on to fill one of the centre positions with skill and determination. By a strange turn of fate as the career of Billy Mitchell was drawing to a close in 1953, Oldham signed another local hero in the shape of Johnny Noon.

John came to Oldham from the Lowermoor Club having previously played with St. Patricks in the Continuation League. During his ten years with the club he played in most of the back positions but will be best remembered as a fierce tackling centre, however he was also a fine attacking player and twice topped the Oldham try scoring list in 1960-61 and 1961-62.

## No. 7

## HARRY BROOME



One of the cornerstones of the great pack that helped win the 1899 Challenge Cup, Harry Broome was a powerful forward and scrum-mager back in the early 15-a-side days of the "Northern Union".

A native of Altrincham, he joined Oldham in the early 1890's, had a short spell with the Crompton

football club, after which he emigrated to America, only to return to Oldham in 1896 and again establish himself in the first class team.

Altogether Harry played 137 first class games for the club in the Northern Union, including every round of the 1899 Challenge Cup winning campaign.

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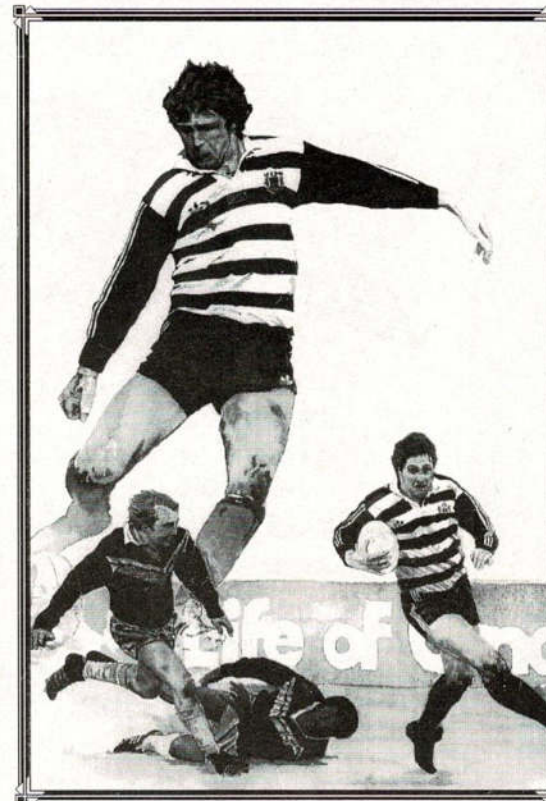
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## A-TEAM NEWS

### DONCASTER 'A' 16 OLDHAM 'A' 36

Both sides came into this game undefeated. As one would expect it was a tough encounter which was more closely contested than the scoreline suggests. It was ultimately Oldham's superior strength that was the telling factor. Oldham took the lead with two early tries from Scott Rawlinson and Mark Meadows and then as half time approached, winger Alfie Gouldbourne broke free and raced the length of the field to score a beauty. Doncaster fought back well in the second half but further tries from Paddy Mitchell, Steve Kerry and John Clarke put the result beyond doubt. There were good performances from Kerry and Mitchell in the backs and from forwards Ben Olsen and Mark Meadows.

Team: Gumbs, Gouldbourne, Mitchell, McAllister, Phillips, Stephenson, Kerry, Richards, Clarke, Meadows, Olsen, Norman, Rawlinson — Subs: Edwards, Heaton.

### OLDHAM 'A' 38 WORKINGTON 'A' 10

Both sides fielded strong teams packed with players with plenty of first team experience for this Lancashire County Challenge Shield First Round Match.

It was Oldham that came out on top and in the end ran out convincing winners. After fifteen minutes Mark Meadows scored following a flowing move. Winger Alfie Gouldbourne continued his habit of scoring in every game when Charlie McAlister put him in at the corner and then, after a great run from Hugh Gumbs, the young winger went over for his second try when he took a pass from Ben Olsen.

The second half saw Oldham continue to dominate and Barrie McDermott burst through onto a ball from Sean Devine to crash over under the posts. Smart work by McAlister set up a try next for ex Halifax man Scott Rawlinson. The best try was saved for last, when a length of the field move, including Mark Meadows and Paddy Mitchell, ended with Scott Ranson skipping and steeping his way under the under sticks. Charlie McAlister was in good kicking form, landing seven goals to drive home Oldham's advantage.

Team: Ranson, Gumbs, Mitchell, McAlister, Gouldbourne, Devine, Edwards, Meadows, Groves, McDermott, Olsen, Bradbury, Rawlinson, Stephenson, Norman.



### YOUNGERS ALLIANCE SECOND DIVISION FIXTURES SEASON 1993/94

#### AUGUST

|          |      |            |   |     |       |
|----------|------|------------|---|-----|-------|
| Saturday | 28th | Workington | H | (W) | 44-16 |
|----------|------|------------|---|-----|-------|

#### SEPTEMBER

|          |      |           |   |     |       |
|----------|------|-----------|---|-----|-------|
| Saturday | 4th  | Rochdale  | A | (W) | 30-18 |
| Thursday | 9th  | Hull K.R. | H | (W) | 32-12 |
| Thursday | 16th | Hunslet   | A | (W) | 29-18 |
| Saturday | 25th | Doncaster | A | (W) | 36-16 |

#### OCTOBER

|          |      |                              |   |     |       |
|----------|------|------------------------------|---|-----|-------|
| Saturday | 2nd  | LCCS - Round 1<br>Workington | H | (W) | 38-10 |
| Thursday | 7th  | Leigh                        | H |     |       |
| Friday   | 22nd | LCCS - Round 2               |   |     |       |
| Saturday | 30th | Swinton                      | A |     |       |
| Sunday   | 31st | Regal Trophy - Round 1       |   |     |       |

#### NOVEMBER

|          |      |                         |   |  |  |
|----------|------|-------------------------|---|--|--|
| Saturday | 6th  | London                  | H |  |  |
| Saturday | 13th | Youngers ASDC - Round 1 |   |  |  |
| Thursday | 18th | Huddersfield            | H |  |  |
| Saturday | 27th | Youngers ASDC - Round 2 |   |  |  |

#### DECEMBER

|           |      |          |   |  |  |
|-----------|------|----------|---|--|--|
| Saturday  | 4th  | Leigh    | A |  |  |
| Saturday  | 11th | Barrow   | H |  |  |
| Saturday  | 18th | Bramley  | A |  |  |
| Wednesday | 22nd | Carlisle | H |  |  |

#### JANUARY

|          |      |                        |   |  |  |
|----------|------|------------------------|---|--|--|
| Friday   | 7th  | Youngers ACC - Round 1 |   |  |  |
| Friday   | 14th | Huddersfield           | A |  |  |
| Saturday | 22nd | Barrow                 | A |  |  |
| Friday   | 28th | Youngers ACC - Round 2 |   |  |  |

#### FEBRUARY

|          |      |                        |   |  |  |
|----------|------|------------------------|---|--|--|
| Thursday | 3rd  | Rochdale               | H |  |  |
| Thursday | 10th | Keighley               | H |  |  |
| Friday   | 18th | Youngers ACC - Round 3 |   |  |  |
| Monday   | 21st | Sheffield              | A |  |  |
| Saturday | 26th | Carlisle               | A |  |  |

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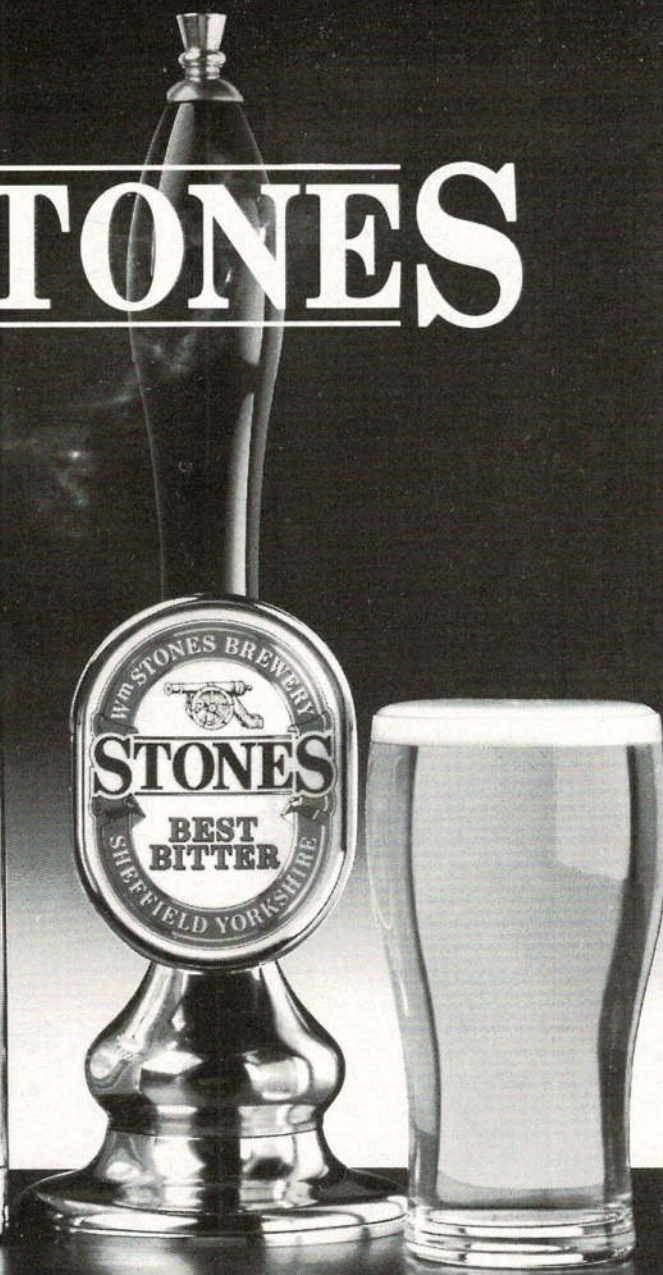
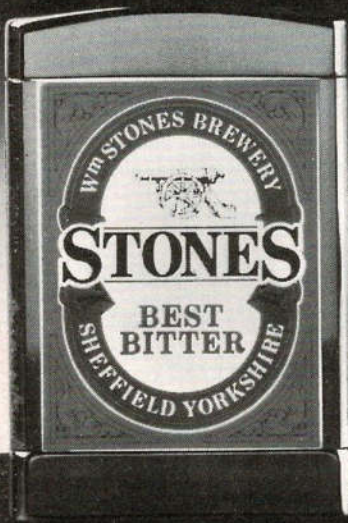
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|----------|------|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| Saturday | 5th  | London                    | A |  |  |
| Thursday | 10th | Dewsbury                  | H |  |  |
| Friday   | 11th | Youngers ACC - Semi-final |   |  |  |
| Thursday | 17th | Swinton                   | H |  |  |

#### APRIL

|          |      |                      |  |  |  |
|----------|------|----------------------|--|--|--|
| Thursday | 14th | Youngers ACC - Final |  |  |  |
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## FROM the BOARDROOM

by **CHAIRMAN JAMES QUINN**



It doesn't need me to tell you that we have not enjoyed the start to the Stones Bitter Championship that we had hoped for. Nevertheless, we have produced only one poor performance, against Sheffield and in all our remaining matches we have been very competitive indeed.

I said last summer that we would face a challenging period in the First Division and it is certainly turning out that way but, as a club, we have to meet these challenges and disappointments head on. It is only when you come through the difficult times that you appreciate the good times and I am confident, as is the rest of the Board, that we have the players to pull through and not only avoid relegation, but establish the club as a real First Division outfit.

We now have in place an Under-19 Academy side that is doing well in its first season – unbeaten at home – and a second team that is proudly sitting on top of the Youngers Alliance Second Division. We appreciate that we are talking about the Second Division. Even so, we are up there at the top and, at the time of writing, we had a 100 per cent record.

If you take away the Sheffield game, we have been very competitive and that is reflected in the fact that we have conceded only 19 points more than we have scored.

Compare that with most of the other teams in the bottom half of the division and you will see that it is very good indeed.

We have no plans to dive into the transfer market. To start with, we have no money. Secondly, it is important that we now have a settling-down period.

We knew at the outset that we were in for a long, hard season. I said in the summer that we would cry together when things were tough and celebrate together when times were good.

Well, we are doing our crying now, but I am sure the time will come when we have something to celebrate. A win will do everyone a world of good. We will close ranks and battle it out through thick and thin.

We have had no luck so far. Any luck that has been on offer has tended to go to the opposition. Our share of luck is still in the bank and sooner or later, we will start to get our share of it.

There were some bright spots in our performance at Widnes, not least the display of young John Clarke on his debut. To say he had played only a handful of Alliance games, after leaving BARLA, he performed superbly on his First Division debut.

The overall contribution of the team was vastly improved on what we produced against Sheffield. The players stuck it out and battled together from start to finish and that is the sort of attitude that will take us clear of the bottom places.

We have a lot of experience in the

side and that will start to count when everybody settles in.

It is also important that we get the full backing of our supporters, particularly when we play at home. I was very impressed with the level of vocal support which Widnes received from their fans last Sunday.

Their supporters have seen their club torn apart by financial problems. They have lost some of the finest stars in the game, but there is no doubt in my mind that the support from the terraces lifted Widnes in the second half, at a time when the game could have gone either way.

One of the advantages of playing at home is to get the majority of fans on your side and I would like to think our supporters will rise to the challenge today.

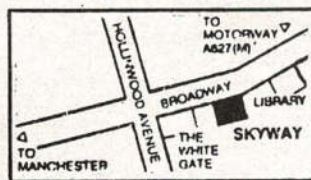
Encouragement is greatly appreciated, believe me. The players were most encouraged by the support they got from travelling supporters when they won at Hull KR and, in appreciation, they went over to them after the game and showed their thanks in the usual way.

The solid backing of home support – especially at a time when the team is struggling – can be worth a few points in a match and can sometimes make the difference between success and failure. As I say: "We are all in this together and there is no doubt at all that our loyal supporters can play their part".

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**TEAM CHECK**

**SUNDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 1993**

**OLDHAM** Team Changes

1. Wally Gibson
2. David Jones
3. Shaun Irwin
4. Paul Topping
5. Nigel Heslop
6. Martin Strett
7. Steve Kerry
8. Tiny Solomona
9. John Clarke
10. Ian Sherratt
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**LEEDS** Team Changes

1. Alan Tait
2. Jon Scales
3. Kevin Ird
4. Craig Innes
5. Simon Irving
6. Garry Schofield
7. Gareth Stephens
8. Neil Harmon
9. James Lowes
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Referee: C. A. MORRIS

Touch Judges: D. Booth (Red Flag)  
J. Glover (Yellow Flag)

2. When Oldham last won the Division Two Premiership final, who were their opponents?
3. What nationality is Ben Olsen?
4. Last season, Bob Lindner played for which Australian club?
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### C. A. MORRIS

(Huddersfield)

Date of Birth:

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Became a Grade One  
referee in  
1989/90 season.

# IN TOUCH with H.O.

## ENTERTAINMENT SPECTACULAR AT WEMBLEY

Rugby League's presentation at Wembley on Saturday, 16th October will be a four-hour extravaganza featuring two full international matches and a 25 minute Entertainment Showcase.

The main event is the John Smith's First Test between Great Britain and New Zealand, kicking off at 2.45 p.m., their inaugural encounter at the national stadium.

The first-ever Rugby League doubleheader at Wembley takes the shape of a curtain raiser between Great Britain Academy and the Junior Kiwis, meeting for the first time with a 12.30 p.m. kick-off.

In between the two Anglo-Kiwi Internationals, the League will be mounting another of their popular series of Entertainment Showcases, staged by Production Portfolio.

The theme of the mid-match entertainment programme is "The Power and the Glory", featuring the Scots Guards Bands, the Philharmonia Chorus, the 20 strong Rugby League Highlights dance team and 20 giant flag wavers.

Special guests taking part to mark the Anglo-Kiwi Test will be the Maori Cultural Group, a team of Beefeaters and a bulldog mascot who will all be on parade during the presentation of the teams. The Entertainment Showcase will commence at 2.15 p.m.

Advance tickets for the unique doubleheader are available priced £23, £20, £15, £11 and £8, available by post from the Ticket Office, The Rugby Football League, 180 Chapletown Road, Leeds LS7 4HT; in person from Wembley Box Office or by Access/Visa by telephoning 0532 629991 Monday to Friday 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Turnstiles will be open on the day.



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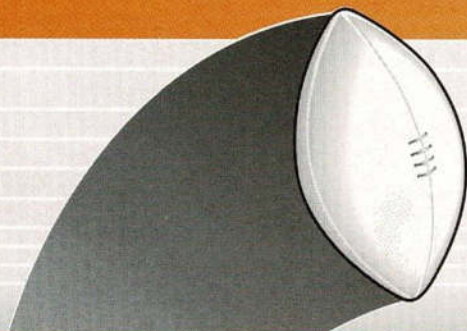


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# Last Time Out . . .

**with ROGER HALSTEAD**

**An extract from Roger Halstead's match report in the Oldham Evening Chronicle of January 2nd, 1991.**



## LEEDS 28, OLDHAM 12

GREAT Britain stars Garry Schofield and Paul Dixon broke Oldham hearts after Tony Barrow's men had threatened to pull off one of the upsets of the season.

The score flattered Leeds, who trailed 12-0 after 26 minutes and only hit the front for the first time when stand-off Schofield finally escaped from Brett Clark's clutches to put winger John Bentley under the posts with only quarter of an hour left.

After that Oldham collapsed alarmingly and big men like Dixon and Steve Molloy began to make massive inroads into a defence that had given its all and had nothing left to give.

Dixon, contained for an hour, performed a one-man demolition job on Oldham's forwards as they tired in the last 20 minutes.

In the end Leeds were playing cat-and-mouse with an Oldham side that conceded 18 points in the last 15 minutes.

The tackling, so raw, rugged and resilient for much of the match, was desperately poor in the later stages after gradually losing its bite from a period early in the second half.

Oldham produced a superb first-half effort. They were lively on attack, ruthless in defence, harassed Leeds into numerous mistakes, kicked intelligently thanks to Mike Ford and Keith Atkinson, blotted out Schofield with an umbrella defence and scored tries by Charlie McAlister and Clark to thoroughly deserve their 12-4 interval lead.

Leeds enjoyed an 11-4 first-half penalty advantage, which went to 14-4 early in the second half.

Oldham conceded some silly penalties, but they were also unlucky on occasions to be on the wrong end of refereeing decisions.

It must be said, however, that they were guilty of several unforced errors, often involving the unpredictable and enigmatic McAlister, who then scored a brilliant try to put Leeds under real pressure.

It was difficult to believe that the McAlister who surrendered possession three times early on was the same player who, later in the game, produced several delicate defence-splitting passes around the man to look like one of the most skillful forwards on the field.

Even Test stars are human, however, and Schofield proved that when Oldham had the measure of him in the first half.

Clark, moving up quickly on defence on the outside, policed Schofield superbly and forced him into errors, not least when he twice put kicks into the stiff wind out on the full.

Leeds won the toss and gave Oldham first use of that wind in a half when lots of things went right for the visitors and little went right for Leeds.

Oldham totally controlled the game for much of the first 40 minutes. It was 15 minutes, at least, before the home side got out of its own half against an Oldham side that looked well-drilled, played with great determination and forced Leeds into desperate kicks out of defence by Schofield and John Gallagher.

There were several big hits in defence by Austin Donegan, Keith Atkinson, Paul Round and McAlister, and Leeds were further in trouble when Cavil Heugh had to quit with shoulder trouble midway through the half and prop David Young followed him 12 minutes later after a powerful McAlister tackle.

Duncan Platt gave Oldham the lead with an early penalty goal and the visitors increased their lead after 20 minutes when McAlister got outside Clark in the right centre berth and used his weight and power to travel 20 yards at top speed and crash over the line with several defenders in his wake.

Not long afterwards, Richard Gunn was harassed into putting out a stray pass on his own 25 and Tony Anderson pounced to pick up the loose ball and, one handed, sent a jubilant Clark diving over by the posts.

Platt goaled and Oldham found themselves 12-0 up and thoroughly deserving of such a commanding lead.

The forwards were playing well as a unit, Mike Ford and Clark were enjoying their best half-back performance for several weeks and Platt was often dangerous when linking up from full back.

Towards the end of the half, Leeds came back into the game, partially because Oldham's discipline was at fault when penalties were needlessly conceded and the side was twice taken back another ten yards for dissent.

Nevertheless, it was Leeds who had the problems at the start of the second half when Oldham defied the wind to make a promising start in which Platt beat two men and sent Paul Lord racing clear up the wing.

As full back Gallagher moved across, John Henderson screamed up on the inside but a defender also got back and Lord elected to take Gallagher on the outside, only to fall to the full back's touch line challenge.

Had Oldham gone even further in front then, Leeds might have been dead and buried, but within minutes they were back in the game with a typical Leeds try in which the ball passed through several pairs of hands before winger Phil Ford got in at the corner.

Oldham's tackling, hitherto so solid, began to lose its sting when winger Bentley moved inside and pushed off several challenges and then Dixon took over to send in Phil Ford at the corner, courtesy of an outstretched Oldham hand that diverted the ball perfectly into the path of the Leeds winger.

Irving goaled off the touch line to cut Oldham's lead to two points and, for the first time in the match, one began to feel that Leeds had more in reserve to come strongly in the final push for victory with the wind at their backs.

Schofield began to exploit the wind at every opportunity, even on the first tackle straight from a scrum when he spotted Platt lying up.

At the same time Oldham started to miss vital man-to-man tackles, particularly on the powerful Dixon and the tricky Paul Delaney.

Molloy also began to make vital ground and on one occasion he sent Dixon on a 40-yard midfield break in which the Test forward swatted off Oldham defenders like flies.

By now, Leeds were hot favourites to win and sure enough, they snatched the lead for the first time when Schofield received from a scrum just outside Oldham's 25, somehow wriggled between Clark and Platt, and gave Bentley a walk-in to the posts.

Irving goaled and straight from the restart, Delaney took advantage of a leg-weary defence to make another spectacular break which led to a Gallagher try, another Irving goal, and an unassailable 22-12 lead.

It was unbelievable that, in the space of two minutes, Leeds had come from behind to take the game away from Oldham's reach so ruthlessly and so professionally.

By this time Oldham had had the stuffing knocked out of them. Heads dropped, passes went to ground, a certain try was missed when Anderson knocked-on after excellent work by McAlister and Duane, and Leeds capitalised with a fourth try by Gary Divorty, which Irving goaled brilliantly off the touch line.

Oldham were merely chasing shadows by now and half the Leeds team handled with Bentley and Phil Ford both stepping out of countless challenges before Gary Lord and Gallagher enabled Divorty to put the finishing touches to a bewildering move.

In a similar performance to that at Hull, Oldham outplayed their opponents for 25 to 30 minutes but gradually lost the initiative and finished up well beaten.

A disappointed Tony Barrow said: "We find it hard to concentrate for 80 minutes and that is one of our biggest problems."

"We were brilliant in the first half, but we were unable to sustain it."

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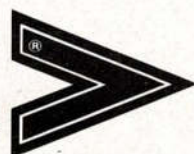
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|                   | APP | SUB | TRIES | GOALS | DROP GOALS | POINTS |
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| WALLY GIBSON      | 6   | -   | 1     | -     | -          | 4      |
| NIGEL HESLOP      | 4   | -   | 1     | -     | -          | 4      |
| MARTIN HOLDEN     | 1   | 1   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| PAUL TOPPING      | 6   | -   | -     | 12    | -          | 24     |
| SCOTT RANSON      | 3   | -   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| DARREN ABRAM      | 4   | -   | 1     | -     | -          | 4      |
| STEVE KERRY       | 2   | -   | -     | 1     | -          | 2      |
| "TINY" SOLOMONA   | 6   | -   | 1     | -     | -          | 4      |
| PAUL GROVES       | 5   | -   | 2     | -     | -          | 8      |
| IAN SHERRATT      | 6   | -   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| IYAN GREEN        | 1   | 1   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| DAVID BRADBURY    | 1   | 3   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| MIKE KUITI        | 6   | -   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| DAVID JONES       | 4   | 1   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| ANDY GOODWAY      | 5   | 1   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| CHARLIE McALISTER | 2   | -   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| MARTIN STRETT     | 3   | 1   | -     | 6     | -          | 12     |
| SHANE TUPAEA      | 1   | -   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| CRAIG RICHARDS    | -   | 4   | 2     | -     | -          | 8      |
| SHAUN IRWIN       | 4   | -   | 3     | -     | -          | 12     |
| MARTIN CROMPTON   | 3   | -   | 2     | -     | 1          | 9      |
| BOB LINDNER       | 4   | -   | 1     | -     | -          | 4      |
| JOHN CLARKE       | 1   | -   | 1     | -     | -          | 4      |

## LEAGUE TABLE 1993/94

|              | P | W | D | L | F   | A   | PTS |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| WIGAN        | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 166 | 81  | 10  |
| BRADFORD N.  | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 148 | 104 | 10  |
| HALIFAX      | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 143 | 78  | 9   |
| ST. HELENS   | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 148 | 97  | 8   |
| WARRINGTON   | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 105 | 63  | 8   |
| LEEDS        | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 142 | 114 | 7   |
| CASTLEFORD   | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 114 | 98  | 7   |
| FEATHERSTONE | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 131 | 154 | 6   |
| HULL K.R.    | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 106 | 146 | 6   |
| HULL         | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 86  | 99  | 4   |
| SHEFFIELD E. | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 125 | 161 | 4   |
| SALFORD      | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 104 | 143 | 4   |
| WAKEFIELD T. | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 102 | 143 | 4   |
| WIDNES       | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 99  | 156 | 4   |
| OLDHAM       | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 99  | 118 | 2   |
| LEIGH        | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 83  | 146 | 1   |

# THE ACADEMY

with Manager  
**JACK BUCKLEY**

By the time this programme is issued we shall have finished our fixtures in the Mixed Ability League Group. The odds, at the time of writing, are that we will begin the season proper in the Academy Second Division. This is no bad thing. We have a very young team at Oldham and we need time to develop the skills we have and to iron out the faults in our performances.

The vulnerability of our small squad was highlighted last month when we lost, through injury, the valuable services of several key players. Mike Prescott, Lee Bradbury, Martin Halkyard, Richard Barby etc., culminating in the fact that we could only field 13 players for our final home match against Barrow. During the next few weeks we will endeavour to strengthen our squad. We have recently added Lancashire County player Justin

Bradbury and Cheshire R.U. convert John Fellows. John played his first-ever Rugby League game against Barrow recently and showed good pace and tackling prowess. Justin has been very impressive and should prove a valuable asset to the squad.

## Recent Results:

**21/9/93 v. Hunslett (H) Won 38-4**

T. Badby 2, Buckley, Glavin, Halkyard, Riding, Prescott, Munro, G. Badby, Munro, D. G. Riding.

**27/9/93 v. Bradford (A) Lost 10-54**

T. Badby, Meade, G. Munro.

**1/10/93 v. Barrow (H) Won 30-21**

T. Bradbury J2, Munro 2, Riding, Hunt, G. Munro 3.

## Leading Scorers (1/10/93 inc.):

**Tries** - 5: Munro, Riding; 4: Moran, Badby; 3: Twist, L. Bradbury; 2: Meade, Glavin, Hunt, Halkyard, J. Bradbury.

**Goals:** Badby 11, Munro 5.

## GROUP 3

|              | P | W | D | L | F   | A   | pts |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Leeds        | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 346 | 83  | 12  |
| Hull         | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 257 | 73  | 12  |
| Wakefield T. | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 198 | 126 | 10  |
| Bradford N.  | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 205 | 138 | 8   |
| Oldham       | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 202 | 193 | 8   |
| Featherstone | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 155 | 194 | 6   |
| Barrow       | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 144 | 131 | 4   |
| Hunslet      | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 74  | 270 | 2   |
| Batley       | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 28  | 297 | 0   |

The Academy Players would like to thank the Directors, Paul, Chris and Morgan, for a great night out at Sheddings after the Barrow match.

# DEVELOPING SCENE

with  
Development  
Officer  
**NIEL WOOD**

The Junior Schools Festival, held at Crossley Playing Fields at the end of September, seemed to have been a great success, with 21 teams taking part from 14 different schools. That amounts to over 200 young people playing

Rugby League in the Under 11 age group. It is hoped that further Festivals can be organised in the coming months to build on this initial success.

An area where I am very keen to build up participation is in the Saturday Morning Mini-League Club, held at Hathershaw Sports Centre at 10.00 a.m. The Club is open to EVERYONE aged 5-10 years. Youngsters come along and we pick teams and they play! It doesn't matter how experienced they are, we

just pick it up as we go along. Hopefully we can build up the numbers in the 5, 6, 7, 8-year-old range. So, if you are looking for something to do on a Saturday morning, bring the kids to Hathershaw Sports Centre and join in the fun.

Next weekend is the First Test at Wembley and I know several local clubs have taken advantage of the Rugby Football League's £3.00 ticket scheme. I hope that everyone has an enjoyable day out.

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# QUOTE - UNQUOTE

*"Tunksy has told the forwards that he wants to see the six forwards sharing the workload more than we have been doing in the games so far.*

*"We need to tighten up the defence and people like myself and the rest of the forwards need to start breaking the opposing defence more often than we have been."*

**(Tiny Solomona)**

*"We've now lost five games out of six, but our points difference is only minus 19. It shows we are competing, but it is so frustrating that we are getting nothing out of the games. We'll just have to go back to the drawing board and keep working and working."*

**(Peter Tunks)**

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**Livewire Steve Kerry nips through the gap**



**Tiny powers through**

# BACK PAGES

by **Michael Turner**

It is perhaps strange that two clubs with such illustrious tradition and histories within the Rugby League game, as Oldham and Leeds have never met in a major Cup Final.

Both teams were part of the breakaway group that helped form the Northern Union way back in 1895 and in that first season Oldham managed to do the double over their Yorkshire rivals.

However no doubt our older supporters will be able to recall that when the great Oldham team of the 1950's twice reached the Championship Final in 1955 and 1957, on both occasions it was Leeds who provided the opposition in the semi final or top 4 play off stage.

In 1955, Oldham had finished the season in second place, six points ahead of Leeds and so in the play off the "Loiners" came to Watersheddings on April 23rd.

The Yorkshire side found Oldham in rampant mood and tries from Harry Ogden, Alan Davies, Roland Barrow, Ken Jackson and Richard Cracknell, combined with five goals from Bryn Goldswain gave Oldham an emphatic 25 points to 6 victory, watched by a crowd of 17,268.

Two years later and the teams met again in the play off at Watersheddings. This time Oldham had finished in first place with Leeds fourth.



Courtesy of the Oldham Evening Chronicle

**Alan Forster makes a break for Oldham against Leeds. He is watched by Eric Fitzsimmons (on the ground) as he tries to break a tackle by Alan Smith.**

Action from the John Player Cup tie at Watersheddings, Sep 16th, 1979.



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**With Oldham Captain  
BOBBY LINDNER**



If things had turned out differently, it could well be that I would find myself wearing the colours of Leeds and lining up against Oldham today. It is well documented that, a year ago, I thought I was to be a Leeds player, but things went wrong. That's history now and today I am an Oldham player and it's my job today to help put one over the Yorkshiremen.

I will be looking to put in a big performance and believe me, I won't be short of motivation.

The Leeds connection doesn't stop with me though because forwards Andy Goodway and Mike Kuiti and coach Peter Tunks are ex-Headingley stars.

Since my last notes we have suffered a couple of defeats and our confidence has taken a

bit of a knock. The home game against Sheffield was a bitter disappointment. We were awful and we played as if our minds were on something else. It was a performance that's best forgotten.

At Widnes last week, we played well in patches but after taking the lead shortly after half time, we proceeded to lose the plot completely for 20 minutes and we paid the price. Our workrate was good and we played with plenty of commitment but, if you lapse defensively, then teams like Widnes will seize the opportunity to grab the points.

Making his first team debut at Naughton Park was our young hooker, John Clarke.

We never thought that there would be a problem with John's

workrate and we were not disappointed. Coupled with his tremendous effort, it was the quality of John's play that showed what a fine prospect he is. John's a Leeds boy and if he plays today I'm sure it will be a special occasion for him.

This afternoon's game is what Big League Rugby is all about, as we meet a team packed with Internationals in front of what should be a bumper crowd.

We need a win to give our confidence a boost and to lift the team and it would be great to do it against a team of Leeds pedigree.

Enjoy your Rugby.

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