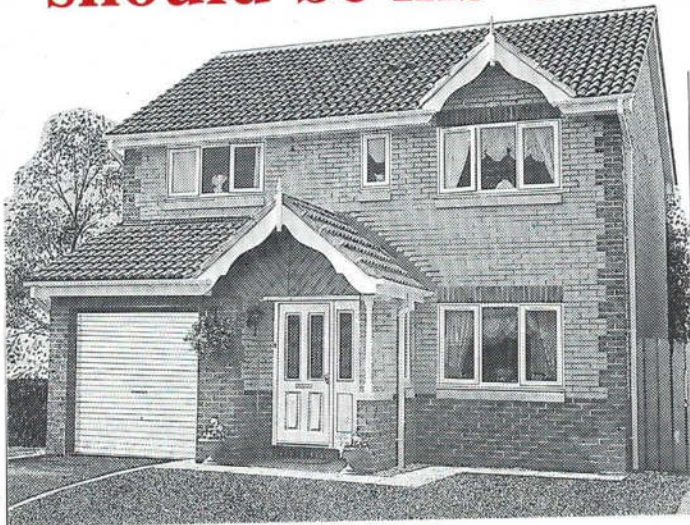


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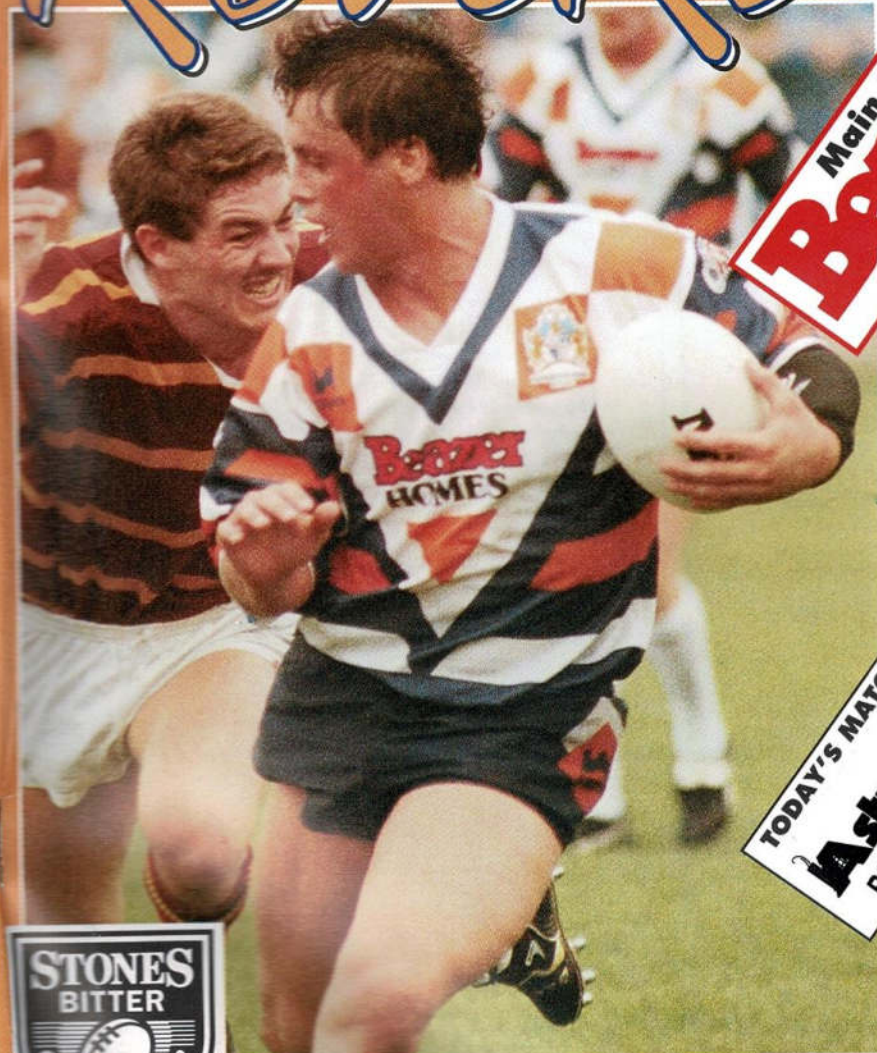
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Goals: 13 by Mark Knapper v Keighley - 17 Sept 1989

Tries: 6 by Mike Smith v Doncaster - 13th April 1968

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Goals: 163 by Steve Quinn - 1979-80

Tries: 48 by Paul Newlove - 1992-93

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Appearances: 46 by C. Woolford - 1959-60

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Points: 2,654 by Steve Quinn - 1975-88

Appearances: 440 by Jim Denton - 1921-34

Highest Score: 86-18 v Keighley - 17th Sept 1989

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THE INSIDE STORY

LATEST NEWS FROM POST OFFICE ROAD

Fellow promotion winners, Oldham, are this afternoon's visitors to Post Office Road for a game that, if tradition is maintained, will thrill everyone who witnesses it.

The 'Roughyeds' were, of course, runners-up to Rovers last season in the second division championship race, often displaying an exceptional standard of rugby league football. Since then team manager, Peter Tunks, has strengthened the side considerably in an attempt to lift still further the quality of play in order to compete at the demanding levels of first division rugby.

Although Oldham have won only three of their opening nine league games the team has shown good form throughout the campaign so far, being especially unlucky in defeat after playing well, against Bradford Northern and Wakefield Trinity. Those were games that could just as easily have been won and so Rovers should on no account be fooled by the fact that their opponents today are placed in the bottom half of the table. The signs are that they will not be there for very much longer.

This season's performances by Rovers have been inconsistent to say the least. Home and away form has been in stark contrast with only three league points being gained from the team's travels so far. In fairness to the players it has to be said that defeats in away games have been at the hands of Bradford, Halifax and Widnes. How many sides will come away from those grounds with anything this season?

At home Rovers have been a totally different proposition, losing just the one against a St Helens side that couldn't put a foot wrong on the day. The wins over Hull KR and Leeds were excellent and the humiliation of a near full strength Wigan side will live in the memory of Rovers fans for many years to come. Rovers, on their day, can be an awesome proposition for any opponent, especially here at Post Office Road, a ground that many teams find to

be intimidating when closely surrounded by the fervent enthusiasm of several thousand home fans.

Provided that Rovers perform to their full potential this afternoon, then victory will be theirs. Anything less may present a useful Oldham side with the opportunity to start their climb up the first division table.

PLAYERS

International full-back, Chris Bibb, continues to stay away from Post Office Road. The reasons for Bibb taking this course of action are quite puzzling as the terms of a new contract for the player had been negotiated amicably and agreed upon by both parties.

The only stipulation put forward by the club was that Chris, after his knee injury, should prove full fitness by playing the necessary number of games which is surely reasonable. The agreed contract would then be made available.

Chris has declared that he will train with amateurs, Lock Lane, in the meantime, the reasons for which are indeed in a mystery to everyone at Post Office Road. This whole situation is very sad as Chris Bibb is a valued member of the first team squad and there are few better full-backs in the game today. Hopefully he will have a change of heart in which case Chris will be made more than welcome on his return. Meanwhile he remains on the transfer list at a fee of £90,000.

Three of Rovers' reserve grade players have joined other clubs on a month's loan. Centre or wing threequarter Spencer Longstaff has teamed up with brother, Simon, at Wakefield, while second rower, Neil Bradbrook, is over at Elland Road with Hunslet. Finally, promising full back, Craig Booth, is trying his hand with today's visitors, Oldham. Craig also has a connection with the Oldham club as he is Andy Goodway's nephew. We wish all three players every success in their attempts to prove themselves at their new clubs.

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REVIEW OF THE SEASON '92-'93

Two players who may be doubtful for today's game are scrum-half Brett Daunt and second row forward Gavin Hill. Brett had to leave the field last Sunday at Widnes due to a twisted ankle which during the early part of the week was causing considerable discomfort. It was hoped that daily treatment may just clear up the problem in time for this afternoon's match.

Kiwi international, Gavin Hill, sustained a slight knee injury in his last game prior to leaving Australia and in fact had an arthroscopic operation to identify the problem before he left for England. The damage is minimal but it appears that Gavin has returned to playing a little too soon, thereby not allowing sufficient time for the injury to clear up. It would appear that a couple of weeks' rest may well be necessary in order to cure the problem. Rovers' run of bad luck, injury wise, seems to be unrelenting.

ROVERS CLUBHOUSE

The Clubhouse is now open to all supporters, not just season ticket holders, before first team games.

A match video will be screened starting at 1.15pm and a nominal entry fee of 50p will be charged to signed in supporters. Members are admitted free of charge. Food will also be made available at very reasonable prices.

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AUSTRALIA 1996

Much interest has been shown in our tour to Australia to follow the Great Britain Lions in their quest for the Ashes in 1996. We already have many confirmed bookings for what will be the trip of a lifetime. Brochures containing full details can be obtained from the Rovers Club Shop. Tel 0977 600319.

In stock at the club shop right now is the ideal Christmas present for any Rovers supporter. The 'Review of the Season 1992-93' is a tremendous match by match account of Rovers' Championship winning season, culminating in the great day at Old Trafford. The video lasts for 2 1/2 hours and includes every single try scored by Rovers, as well as the presentations of the Trophies and star interviews.

Priced at £15.50 this video is an absolute must for any Rovers fan. Also in big demand is the tape of Rovers' famous victory over mighty Wigan. This can be ordered from the Club Shop and costs £10 or you may have this game along with another of your choice for £15.

OBITUARY

It was with great sadness that we learned of the recent death of Mr Ernest Moxon. Mr Moxon was a lifelong Rovers member and supporter who was very proud of the club's achievements over the years. Our sympathy goes out to Mr Moxon's family.

MP & ROVERS 'POP' CONNECTION

Some of you may be aware that Hemsworth Member of Parliament, Derek Enright, recently made a recording of the Beatles hit 'Yellow Submarine' and sang it in Latin!

It appears that Derek, a Rovers season ticket holder, has had a good deal of success with the track as he has kindly donated his share of the royalties to the Rovers Junior Recruitment section.

The album 'Exotic Beatles' is to be re-launched in time for Christmas, so rush down to your local record shop and help swell the junior section's funds.

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The Opposition

as seen by
**Chris
Westwood**

OLDHAM

Well, it looks like Howie Tamati did what a lot of people said that he should have done, to an extent anyway. Mindst you, the perfect recipe for getting nothing done at all is to take notice of what everybody else says. Anyway, for the second and third tests (the third game being a match packed with meaning and all sorts of implications, despite the result having no bearing on the series), Howie Tamati increased the number of British based players in his squad. He brought in Richie Blackmore and . . . Tiny Solomona. The phrase that sums him up and others who were in contention for a test spot like Brendon Tuuta is not 'passion', a word overused by writers these days, but that he has 'fire in his belly', an old phrase maybe but one which makes the word 'passion' look a trifle anaemic.

Peter Tunks, the Oldham boss, has done more wheeling and dealing than Del Boy Trotter this summer. He can't have been happy about losing such players of the calibre of Tommy Martyn, but at least, I think, the financial aspects of the Chris Joynt deal in which the Saints had to cough up some more if he played for the National side have been sorted to Oldham's satisfaction.

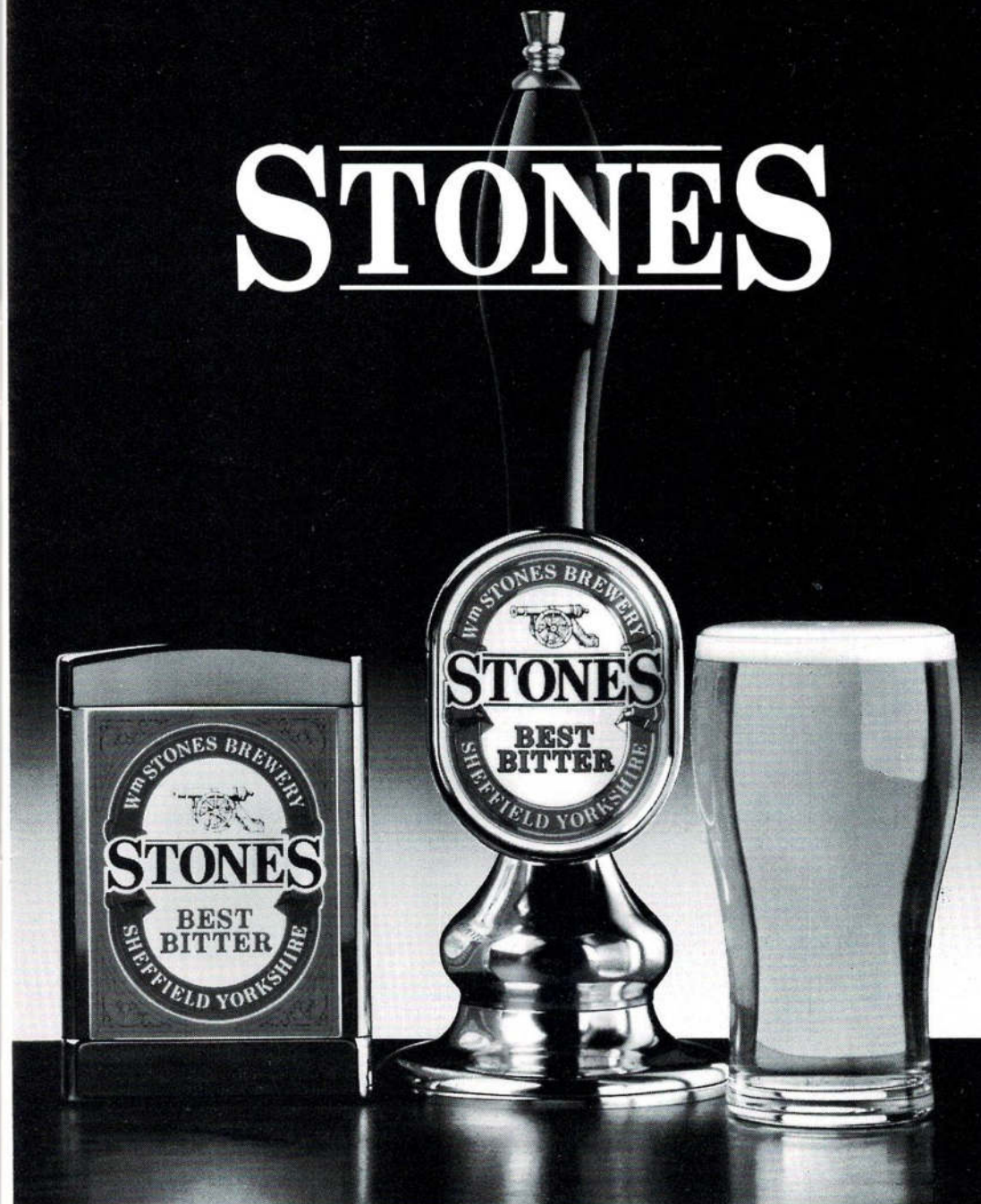
Probably Tunks' most significant recruit this season has been the mighty Bob Lindner. This man has been a bastion of the Australia and Queensland pack for what seems like forever. He is a true leader and by all accounts, victory has been snatched from the greedy grasp of defeat more than once through the example he has set. Interestingly he has also brought Andy Goodway to the Watersheddings, a sort of second

coming I suppose. You could say Andy is the British equivalent of Lindner. He's had a long international career, gives a hundred percent minimum and sets a fine example. Darren Abram and the well known Mike Kuiti arrived from Rochdale. Abram, a centre, was linked with Rovers for a while, in the papers at least, and the signing of Kuiti who was on the coaching staff at Scotland didn't go down very well at all with their arch-enemies. Playing alongside Abram will more than likely be Shaun Irwin the ex-Castleford player, whilst Paul Topping was the record try scorer for a fullback when he was with Leigh. All signed for less than outrageous fees or as part of exchange deals. See what I mean about wheeling and dealing?

Despite losing players like Martyn and Joynt, Peter Tunks has assembled a squad which at the very least can stay up (I'm trying like hell to avoid writing the dreaded axiom 'yoyo syndrome') and are starting to compile a creditable portfolio of victories, including Leeds and Hull, but last week's defeat by Wakefield Trinity will have gone down about as well as a kidney infection with Peter Tunks. What must have been really frustrating was that Oldham nearly won the game in the dying seconds when Scott Ranson scored from a difficult to convert position and sure enough Paul Topping failed with what would have been a dramatic last throw of the dice kick. There are no easybeats in the first division and Wakefield, who have had lots of problems this year, proved it. You can rest assured that Oldham will have learned from that experience.

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Any of you who read the Rugby Leaguer last week (25th October) may have read Dave Woods' column. It would seem he really enjoyed his visit to our last meeting. Well done to all of you who turned up and made the evening a success.

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- Kelly Lower (15)
- 11th Daniel Kirmond (8)

- 12th Beverley Tate (8)
- 13th Graham Midgley (8)
- 21st Christopher Trafford (6)
- 26th Ann Marie Davies (12)

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Winner at the Leeds game was No. 70 Emma Sharp

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MASCOTS

Owing to last minute unforeseen circumstances, our mascot last week was unable to be there and it was too late to find a replacement.

Today's lucky home mascot is 11 year old Nathan Williams. Nathan attends Featherstone High School and is yet another Brendon Tuuta fan (is this the Blue and White Club or the Brendon Tuuta fan club?????). He enjoys Drama and has appeared in several productions at the local Community Centre. His other favourite Rugby Team is Hull KR. Enjoy your day Nathan. Nathan receives a £10 TSB account and a replica shirt courtesy of

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TO CAP IT ALL

Two things that really get my back up are Rugby Union's continued belief that they hold the moral high ground, and Rugby League's continued belief that it has to be cautious about the image it presents. It is no more true that Rugby Union is a game for amateurs and gentlemen than it is that men at Rugby League grounds still wear cloth caps and say 'thee' and 'thy' and 'cock'.

One of the best laughs I had recently at the expense of Rugby Union was inspired by a very well known MP, who told me: 'I earned far more money playing Rugby Union than I ever did playing Rugby League.' I also must confess to a good chuckle when I hear people accusing me of being a flat-capper because of the stance I take on how we celebrate our local culture. What does it all mean? I'll tell you what. It all boils down to people not being allowed to be themselves. A few years ago I trained as a Union representative. One week the firm I was working for was visited by a top executive from the firm's parent company in America. Us union plebs were invited into the boardroom to be greeted with polished glasses filled to the brim with mineral water and a flip chart. The top executive turned over page after page on the chart, pointing with a stick to

'performance indicators', 'role team management units', 'task based skills' and so on, until the final page on which in big red felt tip letters was written: 'If you're not prepared to be part of the solution, then you must be part of the problem'. To cap it all he fixed a steely glare on me as he pointed. I put my hand up and asked him 'What if I agree with some of what you're saying and don't agree with the rest?' He smirked and pointed his stick at the chart again.

The 'if you're not with us you're agin us' school of business should never ever come to Rugby League. This is how Rugby Union has tried to protect its interests over the years, this is how the class system works, this is how the old boy networks work, this is exactly the reason we hate it. Rugby League is a game about people. About celebrating the differences. About the mix of different cultures, different backgrounds. Let's keep all of that, especially the pride in our working class roots. If I want to believe that Featherstone is the best place on earth and as I was once told, 'there is nothing here to realistically nourish that belief' I will still believe it. Because self-belief is far more important than self-delusion.

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...As I See It ...

I have always advocated that the Regal Trophy and the Challenge Cup should include more amateur clubs and leave the first division to come in later. I am delighted to see that has been the case this year, plus the inclusion of a couple of French teams. Unfortunately, and I say this advisedly, no surprises have resulted. I am sure it would have been good for the game, if not for the defeated clubs, if some surprises had resulted.

I have followed the fortunes of Hemel Hempstead with particular interest in their efforts to take Rugby League further South. When the club first came into the second division of the Alliance League a couple of years ago, their club officials came up to see ourselves, and Terry Mullaney in particular, to gain advice to start their own Lottery. Steady progress has been made and last week they met Ryedale-York in the first round of the Regal Trophy. Now Hemel are currently leading the National Conference League, but they found the difference in pace of the professional game quite alarming. The two French clubs also suffered quite heavy defeats.

The draw for the second round has done us no favours, London Crusaders away. It will involve the Club in heavy expense with little or no chance of any return from the 'gate'. Such is life.

Just as our national side is becoming better and better it is to be hoped that bringing the French sides over here for Cup matches will improve their standards as well as our amateur sides. At least they are seeing how much higher the standard is above them.

Looking at the names of the players taking part in the second test reminded me of some of the great players that have worn the Featherstone jersey. I went one step further and made out a team of players that have recently left the club. What a formidable team they would make:

G. Steadman: A. Fisher, P. Newlove, I. Ropati, P. Hughes: T. Sharp, D. Fox: C. Harrison, T. Clark, D. Hobbs, I. Smales, G. Rose, P. Smith. Subs: M. Knapper, P. Lyman.

I amazed to read this week that our former Controller of Referees, and himself one of the best, namely Fred Lindop, has applied and is being considered to referee Rugby UNION! Reading on I was further amazed to learn that they are actually CONSIDERING the offer. I should have liked to have been a fly on the wall at 'TWICKERS' when the application was placed before them. The Rugby League Parliamentary Committee are doing everything in their power to try and draw the two games closer together, and quite rightly so. After all the biggest bone of contention has always been the money paid to the players. Top Rugby Union players are now making plenty, and undercover transfer fees being paid!

At a recent meeting of the Past Players Association it was suggested that ERIC BATTEN's name should be commemorated at the Club. The exact nature this should take has not yet been decided. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

League points in October have been scarce. Away wins at both Sheffield and Widnes should not have been beyond the bounds of possibility, only one point resulted. Although currently standing in eighth position, the most worrying factor is that we have the worst defensive record bar two teams in the first division! This is appalling and overflows into the Alliance side as well. Teams in the past at Featherstone, of a lesser ability, have always been able to tackle. If we are to go anywhere this season, tackling must be improved dramatically.

Donald Hunt

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Hold On A Minute!

IAN CLAYTON TALKS TO THE FANS

This week Charlston lad and faithful Fev fan Phil Loxton airs his views.

IC What do you think to the new Featherstone line up this season?

PL I was the first to applaud when the club signed Molloy and Currier, but I think the team is short on local lads and this can have an effect on pride and team spirit. Newlove and Foxy's attitude has bewildered me. How can Newlove want to win a cup for Bradford? One thing I was thrilled to see recently was the joy on Maloney's face when he came to the railings after we beat Leeds.

IC So you like to see the local lads. Do you think this should run throughout Rugby League?

PL I've got strong views on this. For a bike chain to go round properly it needs good links. The experiment in Sheffield has worked very well, we should built on that. Perhaps move to Barnsley next. The London experiment will not work. The problem is that down there they've got nobody to hate. No rivals. Up here we love to hate our rivals. When we hear the commentators say 'we hope Leeds do well for Yorkshire' we know that is rubbish. We don't want them to win. We want the Bramleys and Batleys to do well. That's what the Rugby League has got to understand.

IC What are your thoughts on the current Rugby League v Rugby Union debate?

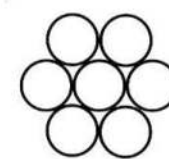
PL It is well known that Rugby Union look down its nose at us. That it gets a higher profile coverage in the media. I also know that their club matches get poorer attendances than Highfield. I've been to see matches at Wakefield Rugby Union and they get less than 300. When you hear the crowd shouting it's all 'Mikey' and 'Clivey' and you just know what they're like.

IC Give us your tips for Rovers' prospects as the season progresses.

PL I'm a bit frightened about the defence, we went down to the second division last time because of a poor points difference. For 78 minutes against Leeds I was fed up with them. But your emotions change when you win in the last minute. I still think we need to tighten up the defence though. We seem to have a lot of triers, but we need more class.

If you would like to have your say on this page, don't stop me in the street or in the pub like a lot of people do. Give me a call on 550401 during the day and we'll take it from there.

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'PLAYERS WITH ATTITUDE'

Chris Westwood analyses one of today's Star Attractions

THE MAN WHO'S THERE WHEN HISTORY IS MADE

State Of Origin football, that's the stuff to give the troops. Nowhere in the World of Rugby League can the intensity, the ferocity and passion of State Of Origin be matched and at the same time I don't think anyone who has followed these epics of do or die and to be honest deep mutual loathing say that they have ever seen a game that wasn't thrill packed and foaming over the brim with all the skills which we know make Rugby League football what it is.

Bob Lindner is the only player in the British RFL to have played in the last State Of Origin series, which his state, Queensland, lost two games to one. Bob played in all three of this year's games and scored a try in the final match – probably HIS final game of representative football, a fitting swansong indeed for a player whose representative career has not only been a long one but has encompassed some of the most historic encounters of the modern era.

For instance, last year's world cup final Bob played second row alongside the awesome Paul Sironen. Bob was a Western Suburbs player then, but he was later to move to the Illawarra Steelers and thence to the UK to join Peter Tunks at Oldham. The Sironen-Lindner partnership was in action for Australia again in another historic match – Great Britain against the Australians at Princes Park, Melbourne, and OK Bob Lindner was on the score sheet again. But close your eyes and let your thoughts go back to that day last summer and those delightful juicy tries by Newlove, Steadman, Clarke, Schoey and Offiah. 40-17 and we all felt ten feet tall. OK so it was a downer for Bob, but it was history all right and he was there. He was also on the Australia subs bench in his days with Parramattain, another famous defeat, yes that's right the one in 1988 at the more than half empty Sydney football stadium on the day when International football between the Northern and Southern hemispheres regained its credibility and sure enough Bob was at loose forward at Wembley Stadium on 27 October 1990, never mind the result, Lindner was at loose forward in the game that has surely established the pattern of playing test football at Wembley.

Here's another bit of history from the Bob Lindner scrapbook . . . he played in the State Of Origin game which was played in 1987 in California. In the Queensland side for that game was Alan Langer . . . as an Ipswich player, remember this was in pre-Broncos days and the side in those days was peppered with players from clubs like Wynnum Manly, Redcliffe and Brisbane Norths.

If it's happened on the World stage of Rugby League in the last ten years, then Bob Lindner's been there, including a spell at Castleford. California to Castleford, that's what you call a culture shock.



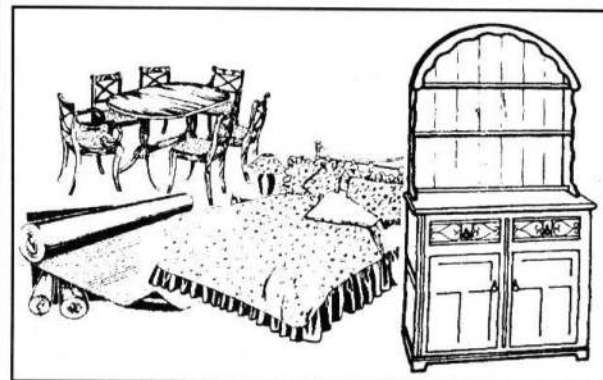
More history making for Bob Lindner, this time an Ashes victory.

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RESULTS CHART

AWAY TEAM

HOME TEAM	BRADFORD N.	CASTLEFORD	FEATHERSTONE	HALIFAX	HULL	HULL KR	LEEDS	LEIGH	OLDHAM	SALFORD	SHEFFIELD E.	ST HELENS	WAKEFIELD T.	WARRINGTON	WIDNES	WIGAN
AWAY TEAM	Bradford N.	Castleford	Featherstone	Halifax	Hull	Hull KR	Leeds	Leigh	Oldham	Salford	Sheffield E.	St Helens	Wakefield T.	Warrington	Widnes	Wigan
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Results as at Tuesday 2nd November 1993

	P	W	D	L	Games	pts	For	Against	PTS
Bradford N.	9	8	0	1	277	160	16		
Wigan	9	7	0	2	235	161	14		
Warrington	9	7	0	2	184	133	14		
Castleford	9	6	1	2	248	116	13		
Halifax	9	6	1	2	220	154	13		
St Helens	8	5	0	3	196	126	10		
Sheffield E.	9	4	1	4	180	206	9		
Featherstone R	9	4	1	4	183	216	9		
Widnes	9	4	0	5	147	188	8		
Leeds	8	3	1	4	168	157	7		
Oldham	9	3	0	6	174	154	6		
Hull	9	2	2	5	129	164	6		
Wakefield T	9	3	0	6	134	210	6		
Hull KR	9	3	0	6	152	252	6		
Salford	9	2	0	7	140	237	4		
Leigh	9	0	1	8	117	250	1		

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ACADEMY & ALLIANCE REPORT



The lads qualified for this weekend's Yorkshire Cup Semi-Final at York with a win by 22 pts to 6 at Bramley. Rovers scored straight from the kick-off when full back Lee Senior fielded the kick-off and made 50 yards before feeding winger Scott Limb who raced over for the first of his two tries, the second coming 6 minutes from time when Steve Minter put him over. Rovers led 16-6 at the interval. The other scores from Darren Grice who darted through from 40 yards and Steve Goodwin who scored after good work from Alec Thompson and Minter. Lee Senior kicked three goals.

TEAM: Senior, Limb, Grice, Calland, Goodwin, Palmer, Thompson, Burton, Wilson, Benson, O'Brien, Richardson, Minter. Subs: Evans, Jackson. Man of the Match Sean Richardson sustained a broken hand.

Last Friday we entertained pointless Widnes who came to Post Office Road with a terrible record but by nine o'clock had pulled off a shock 26-20 win.

How Rovers threw this one away I'll never know. Widnes took an early 12-0 lead but a Lee Senior try and his three penalties made it 10-12 at half time. A Goulbourne try after a Senior kick and then a Craig Jackson try which Senior converted put Rovers 20 pts to 12 in front. Widnes had a player sin-binned and while he was off managed to score 14 points without reply.

TEAM: Senior, Goulbourne, Minter, Calland, Grice, Wilson, Thompson, Jackson, Gunn, Benson, O'Brien, Hughes, Palmer. Subs: Evans, Limb. Rovers Man of the Match: Paul Benson.

Next Friday we play the return game

at Naughton Park and surely cannot play as badly twice.

Our next home game is Hull on the 19th November, kick off 7.30. Let's hope the lads have struck some form at York and qualified for the Cup Final where they are due to meet the winners of the Castleford v Dewsbury semi-final.

When the Academy Leagues were finalised Rovers were placed in the second division.

In the first three weeks Rovers have only played one game, which was at home to Oldham who were well beaten 53 points to 8. Rovers only led 11-8 at half-time; our points coming from tries by Andrew Skidmore and Danny Evans while Chris Gibson kicked a penalty and Andy Heptinstall dropped a goal. In the second half the lads ran riot, scoring 42 unanswered points. Danny Evans opened the half scoring his second try, David Merrick made the opening for Jon Morgan to score, Evans put Skidmore over for his second and Heptinstall's long pass put Mathew Foster over. The one way traffic continued with further tries from David Merrick, Gibson, Craig Barker and Jon Morgan got his second after Evans supplied another good pass. Gibson completed the rout with his sixth goal.

TEAM: Mawer, Foster, Lampert, Gibson, Nash, Goodwin, Merrick, Roberts, Heptinstall, Maddison, J. Morgan, Skidmore, Evans. Subs: Westwood, Barker, Holt, Langton.

Rovers Man of the Match: Danny Evans.

Tomorrow evening we travel to Mount Pleasant (again) to play Batley while this Saturday the 13th November we entertain York, kick-off 2.30pm.

FIXTURES AND RESULTS 1993-94

ACADEMY					
Date	Team	Ven.	KO	Res.	F-A
1993					
AUGUST					
Wed 25	Leeds	H	7.30	L	8-34
SEPTEMBER					
Wed 1	Oldham	A	7.30	L	16-28
Wed 8	Wakefield	H	7.30	L	16-35
Wed 15	Hunslet	H	7.30	W	38-8
Wed 22	Bradford N.	H	7.30	L	22-41
Sat 25	Barrow	A	2.30	W	25-23
OCTOBER					
Sat 2	Hull	H	3.00	W	30-22
Mon 11	Batley	A	7.30	w	46-0
2ND PHASE					
Wed 20	Oldham	H	7.30	W	53-8

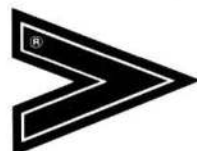
YOUNGERS ALLIANCE 1ST DIVISION					
Date	Team	Ven.	KO	Res.	F-A
1993					
AUGUST					
Fri 27	Ryedale York	H	7.30	L	12-46
SEPTEMBER					
Fri 3	Warrington	A	7.30	L	39-6
Fri 10	Halifax	H	7.30	W	32-12
Fri 17	Wigan	H	7.30	L	0-46
Fri 24	Bradford N.	A	7.30	L	18-37
Thu 30	YSC Cup - Batley	H	7.30	W	18-4
OCTOBER					
Fri 8	Leeds	A	7.30	W	23-22
Fri 22	YSC Cup Round 2: Bramley	A	7.30	W	22-6
Fri 29	Widnes	H	7.30	L	20-26
NOVEMBER					
Fri 5	YSC Cup Round 3: Ryedale York	A	7.30		
Fri 12	Widnes	A	7.30		
Fri 19	Hull	H	7.30		
Fri 26	Salford	A	7.30		
DECEMBER					
Fri 3	Warrington	H	7.30		
Fri 10	St Helens	A	7.30		
Thu 16	Castleford	A	7.30		
Thu 30	Wakefield T	H	7.30		
1994					
JANUARY					
Fri 7	Youngers Alliance Chall. Cup - Round 1				
Fri 14	Halifax	A	7.30		
Fri 21	Wigan	H	7.30		
Fri 28	Youngers Alliance Chall. Cup - Round 2				
FEBRUARY					
Fri 4	Bradford N.	A	7.30		
Fri 11	Hull	A	7.30		
Fri 18	St Helens	H	7.30		
Fri 25	Wakefield T.	A	7.30		
MARCH					
Fri 4	Batley	H	7.30		
Fri 11	Leeds	H	7.30		
Fri 18	Salford	H	7.30		
Fri 25	Ryedale York	A	7.30		
Thu 31	Castleford	H	7.30		

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TO THE POINT

Today we entertain our old rivals from West of the Pennines, Oldham.

Known in the Rugby League world as the 'Roughyeds' (maybe someone will explain the name), Oldham are a club with strong RL traditions, being one of the original members of the old Northern Union which was later to become the Rugby Football League.

Although very prominent in the 1950s when they carried off the League Championship (56/57) and three consecutive Lancashire cups (56/57, 57/58, 58/59), Oldham's recent success has been confined to second division competitions. They could be described as a perfect example of a club suffering the so-called yoyo syndrome which seems to be a by-product of our league structure, having been relegated and promoted no less than six times since divisional football was reintroduced for season 1973/74.

We have of course seen some excellent close fought encounters between our two teams during our own division two campaigns, not least the second division premiership at Old Trafford in 1988 when we were pipped at the post following a remarkable Rovers fightback.

That being history, both sides this afternoon will be fully aware that the main prize today is the two points which are vital to both clubs if a firm foothold is to be made in this season's division one competition. Like ourselves, Oldham have shown that they can win in the 'Big League', two excellent away wins against the Humber-side clubs, where it never is easy, together with a convincing win against Leeds at the Watersheddings gives them six points from nine games.

Defeats have been suffered at the hands of Bradford, Sheffield and Warrington (all at home) and Halifax, Widnes and Wakefield away from home.

Following the four excellent matches between our teams in last season's second division, there is no doubt that players and fans (who must recognise each other by now) will be eagerly looking forward to what promises to be yet another intriguing battle this afternoon.

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A superb display from Francis Maloney, who not only scored a try himself but also had a hand in four others with some excellent distribution work, set the platform for a victory which put Rovers two points clear at the top of the table with a game in hand over close rivals Oldham.

The match was only five minutes old when Rovers took the lead, Ian Smales diving over and Maloney converting. Only minutes later Paul Newlove increased the lead following a superbly timed pass from the goal-kicking stand off who again added the

extra two points. Steve Kerry opened Oldham's account with a penalty goal, but it wasn't long before Ikram Butt put his name on the scoresheet courtesy of good work by Daunt and Manning.

The scoring continued throughout the first half, a quick handling move produced a try for Simpson, this time Newlove the provider - Price then put Maloney over for a try which he converted to make the score 26-2 after only 28 minutes. Maloney again showed his class two minutes from the break, this time Tuuta on the receiving end of his try scoring pass.

Tiny Solomona had the last say for the first period as he reduced the arrears in injury time, Kerry converting, but the second half had barely started before Maloney, starting where he left off, had put Manning over and added the two points.

Further second half tries came from Simpson, following a typical Newlove run - Paul Newlove, again benefiting from Maloney's ball distribution to score his second of the day and Chris Bibb who finished off a fine move originating from the half way line, under the posts. Oldham had the final say with a last minute try by Warburton, goaled by Kerry.

RESULT

Rovers 52 - Oldham 14 (HT 30-8)

Teams

Rovers: Bibb (1T), Butt (1T), Manning (1T), Newlove (2T), Simpson (2T), Maloney (1T 4G), Daunt, Casey (Rose), Wilson, Taekata, Price (Burton), Smales (1T 2G), Tuuta (1T).

Oldham: Gibson, Bloem, Christie, Tyrer Warburton (1T), Martin, Kerry (3G), Solomona (1T), Russell (Bradbury), Sheals, Olsen (McDermott), Tupaea, Pacnivk.

RECENT RESULTS VERSUS OLDHAM

Home		
1992-93 (2)	Rovers 52 - Oldham 14	Both
1992-93 (1)	Rovers 24 - Oldham 20	Division Two
1991-92	No Fixture - Oldham in Division Two	
1990-91	Rovers 28 - Oldham 20	Division One
1989-90	No Fixture - Oldham in Division Two	
1988-89	Rovers 18 - Oldham 14	Division One
1987-88	Rovers 8 - Oldham 8	Division Two
1986-87	Rovers 24 - Oldham 6	Division One
1985-86	Rovers 14 - Oldham 14	Division One
Away		
1992-93 (2)	Oldham 24 - Rovers 22	Both
1992-93 (1)	Oldham 4 - Rovers 24	Division Two
1991-92	No Fixture - Oldham in Division Two	
1990-91	Oldham 18 - Rovers 20	Division One
1989-90	No Fixture - Oldham in Division Two	
1988-89	Oldham 40 - Rovers 18	Division One
1987-88	Oldham 15 - Rovers 18	Division Two
1986-87	Oldham 20 - Rovers 16	Division One
1985-86	Oldham 4 - Rovers 16	Division One

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'Current Affairs' by Chris Westwood

THE ALL BLACKS ARE A LAUGH... THEY HAD PHILIP DE GLANVILLE IN STITCHES

I watch 'A Question of Sport' now and again, if only to tone up my legendary David Coleman impersonation and to keep up to date (and this is vital being a bit of a style god) on what knitwear to avoid buying.

One edition of this programme last winter stands out for me, well two actually... there was one with Sohoey in it, a rare incursion of a non ex-Rugby Union player being asked to take part, but the one that really sticks in my mind had Will Carling on Ian Botham's team. The 'what happened next' section was the bit in the televised Wigan game in which the ref (Mr Colin Whitfield I think, although I would be happy to stand corrected) in an act of pure self preservation (possibly to observe the action from rather too close at hand) brought off a classic 'ball and all' tackle in the Wigan goal area. The portion shown of course was the Wigan move which led up to the incident. What happened next? Over to Cap'n Will:

'Well, since it's a Rugby League game I suppose there was a brawl haw haw haw.'

They don't have brawls in Rugby Union of course, Nigel and Bill refer to 'skullduggery' or an 'overspill of emotion'. You may or may not be a Ray French fan, but at least he's reasonably candid about what he sees.

Could you imagine in this season's series of AQOS somebody like Garry Schofield looking at the 'what happens next' and it's a clip from a Rah Rah game. He would be too diplomatic to say something like, 'I expect one of their forwards deliberately raked somebody's face with his studs rearranging it to a considerable degree almost removing his left eye'.

Even if he died, the comment would be on the cutting room floor faster than a Francis Maloney mid field break. The incident involving De Glanville's unfortunate countenance, which looked to me about as deliberate as anything that goes on outside a Glasgow night club on a late Saturday night, earned a 'stiff letter of protest' from Dudley Wood (does that mean it was written on cardboard?) and according to Tuesday's teletext, 'a veil has been drawn over the incident'. Thuggery like that is not tolerated in Rugby League and yet 'The Independent on Sunday' is mountain a campaign to bring the two codes together. Well if that's the standard of on-field discipline at top level and that's the way it's dealt with off it, we have yet another reason amongst the myriad of reasons why it shouldn't happen this side of Raquel Wolstenhome passing 'A' level astrophysics.

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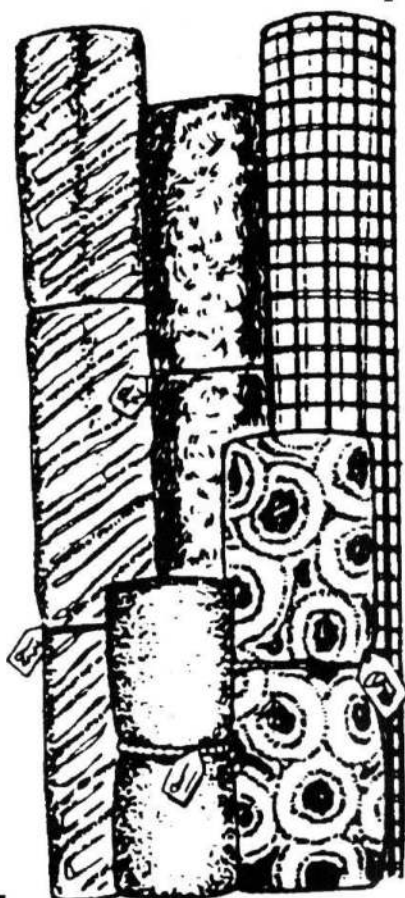
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	SEASON 1993-94						TOTAL SENIOR RECORD					
	App	Sub	T	G	DG	Pts	App	Sub	T	G	DG	Pts
Chris Bibb	1	-	-	-	-	-	205	4	75	6	-	312
Ikram Butt	9	-	5	-	-	20	114	-	53	-	-	212
Leo Casey	9	-	-	-	-	-	78	6	7	-	-	28
Brett Daunt	9	-	1	-	-	4	38	-	14	-	-	56
Carl Gibson	9	-	3	-	-	12	9	-	3	-	-	12
Richard Gunn	8	1	-	-	-	-	22	5	3	-	-	12
Gavin Hill	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
Darren Hughes	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Francis Maloney	9	-	4	8	1	33	20	7	16	12	1	89
Terry Manning	9	-	4	-	-	16	138	1	44	-	-	176
Steve Molloy	9	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
Richard O'Brien	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Martin Pearson	8	-	3	21	-	54	78	17	50	206	1	617
Gary Price	7	1	-	-	-	-	69	16	10	-	-	40
Gary H Price	3	6	1	-	-	4	3	6	1	-	-	4
Sean Richardson	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Neil Roebuck	6	2	3	-	-	12	8	7	4	-	-	16
Owen Simpson	9	-	3	-	-	12	101	-	72	-	-	288
Brendon Tuuta	9	-	4	-	-	16	96	3	18	-	1	73
Mark Wilson	-	2	-	-	-	-	22	8	2	-	-	8

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Does anyone feel Rovers have been through this season before? Two seasons ago Rovers won our opening first division fixture away from home. Then went on to win their opening fixture here at Post Office Road. Talk of Championships and top four was all the rage, unfortunately we all know what happened next.

This season we have a new coach, an unprecedented turnover of players yet performances and results are running on a parallel course. Home fixtures produced good performances and on the whole victories and two valuable points. Sadly, away fixtures produced poor performances and generally never in with a chance of winning. The players are different but the defence is the same. Rovers can score but also concede tries and again have one of the worst defensive records in the league.

Last week many Rovers supporters built their hopes up of seeing Rovers' first victory over Widnes at Naughton Park for many seasons. Many of us, me included, have yet to see Rovers win at Naughton Park. Sadly it wasn't to be, with Rovers making an ordinary looking Widnes side look good by producing another poor away performance. Rovers' pack is capable of matching anybody this season, but that's where Widnes especially Faimalo did all the damage. There were some bright spots though. Gary H. Price continued improving with a couple of strong runs, sadly not having anyone backing him up. Martin Pearson also had a big game, making many people eat their words about his ability at full-back. At least three times Martin produced great tackles one on one that would have been certain tries if the tackles had been missed.

Welcome this afternoon to the supporters who have travelled across from Oldham. Oldham may be below Rovers in the league but are one of many teams with a better points difference than us. Many of Oldham's six defeats have been by less than a try and their scores haven't been by 34-28 types so

Oldham have got the defence right. Rovers could do with a morale boosting 52-14 victory today, somehow I can't see that happening and a win with a defensive performance to a try or two would be very welcome.

The Regal Trophy draw has given us a long trip down to London next week. Buses leave the ground at 9am and bookings can be made in the supporters' hut or by ringing the above numbers. The price is as yet not known.

Membership of the supporters' club has now closed so bus fares for non-members will be slightly more than for members. Lots of membership cards are awaiting collection from the supporters' hut. Please call in to collect yours as soon as possible.

Again last week for the Widnes match people didn't turn up after booking. This not only causes financial problems for the supporters' club but isn't fair on those supporters who have been put in touch with other branches for travelling with. Many would have been able to travel with us anyway because of people not turning up. The supporters' club is for you and isn't run to put loads of money in the bank, but to make it as easy and cheap as possible to see Rovers. People not turning up will still have to pay bus fares before travelling again. If anyone for whatever reason can't make it, a phone call to cancel even if it's Sunday morning will go a long way to solving many of our problems. Make it easier for us to help you.

Rovers' Oldham matches are becoming a regular occurrence of late for us supporters, but for the players it will be a first, such has been the turnover for both clubs in the playing staff department. After today's game we'll be a third of the way through the league programme; a win and two vital points to keep Rovers in the top eight are needed with the top few clubs beginning to open up a gap. Enjoy the match, they're usually entertaining with plenty of points and much at stake should be good.

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