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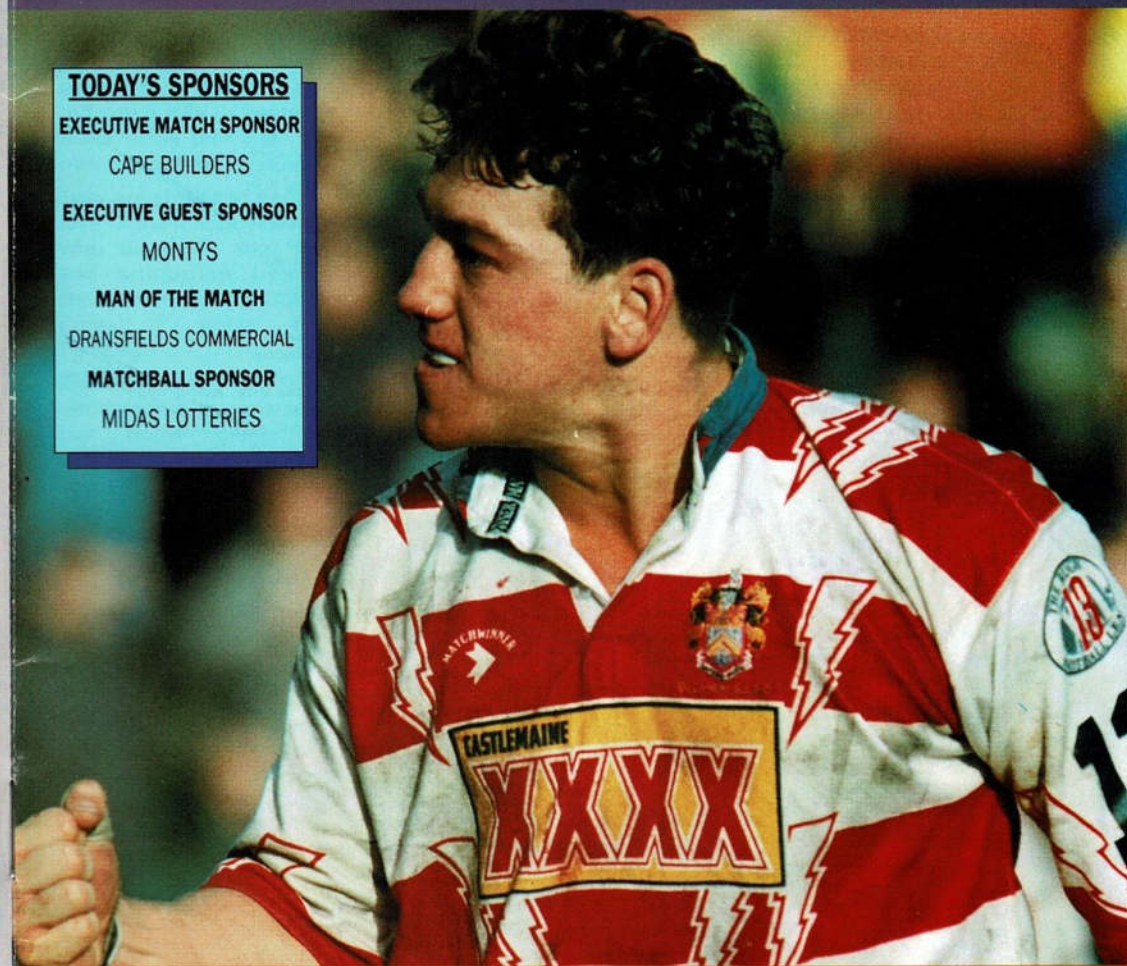
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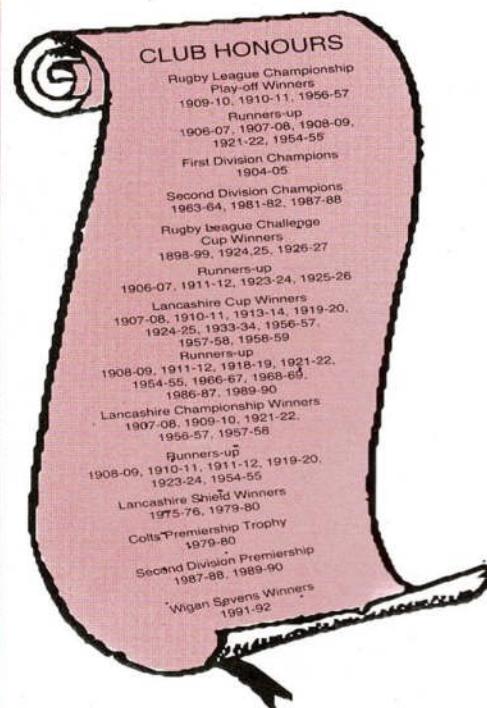
# OLDHAM RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

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**Club Records:**

**Record Victory:** 67-6 v Liverpool City, April, 1959

**Record Defeat:** 11-67 by Hull K.R., September, 1978

**Record Attendance:** 28,000 v Huddersfield,

24th February, 1912

**Record Receipts:** £37,505.50 v Wigan,

5th October, 1989

**Record Transfer Fee Paid:** £70,000 to Halifax

for Tony Anderson, March 1990

**Record Try Scorer:** Ref Farrar, 49 tries,

1921-22 season

**Record Goal Scorer:** Bernard Ganley,

224 goals, 1957-58 season

**Record Point Scorer:** Bernard Ganley,

28 points v Liverpool City, April 1959

**First Game:** 21st October, 1876 v Stalybridge

**Highest Number of Points Scored:** Bernard Ganley,

2,881

**Most Appearances:** Joe Ferguson, 685

**Most Tries:** Pre 1900, Jach Hirst, 233

## O.R.L.F.C. VICE-PRESIDENTS SEASON 1993/94

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# FROM the BOARDROOM

by **CHAIRMAN JAMES QUINN**



On this holiday Monday, I would like to wish all supporters a Happy Easter and tell you a tale or two that can make us all feel a lot happier over this holiday weekend.

They are stories of people who love Oldham Rugby League and who obviously take pleasure and satisfaction from doing their bit to help the club, at a time of great financial hardship.

There was the elderly gentleman who came to attend our home game against Wakefield. He came into the Souvenir Shop before the game, asked to see me and told me that he was not able to drive any more for health reasons and the club could have his car, if it would be of any use.

It was a magnificent gesture – and the car is now in safe keeping, while we decide how best we can put it to good use. We cannot use it yet, because the supporter concerned wants to take of an advanced-driving badge and a tow-bar connection, but I know we will be able to make great use of it. Thanks to the man concerned.

Another supporter has stepped in to support the contract we have negotiated with Craig Booth from Featherstone

Rovers. You will have read in the Press that Craig bought himself out of Post Office Road. The supporter concerned, who wishes to remain anonymous, was touched by his initiative and his enthusiasm for coming to Watersheddings and immediately stepped in with a firm offer of help.

I can go on. There was the man, signing himself simply "An over-60", who sent the club a donation of £35 last week as his contribution to the cause, because he was no longer able to attend matches.

There was the 14-year-old schoolgirl Alex Hammond, from Ashton, who sponsored Nigel Heslop to the end of the season, at a cost of around £60.

There have been many other offers of help, too, and for those of us who are battling to see the club through its financial difficulties, these gestures are most rewarding and most encouraging.

Might I take this opportunity of asking you to give serious consideration to joining our Big League Cash Bonanza scheme, if you are not already a member. The importance of our building up income from Bonanza cannot be over-estimated.

We have taken the decision, as a board, to do all in our power to encourage the growth of our support among the young people of the town.

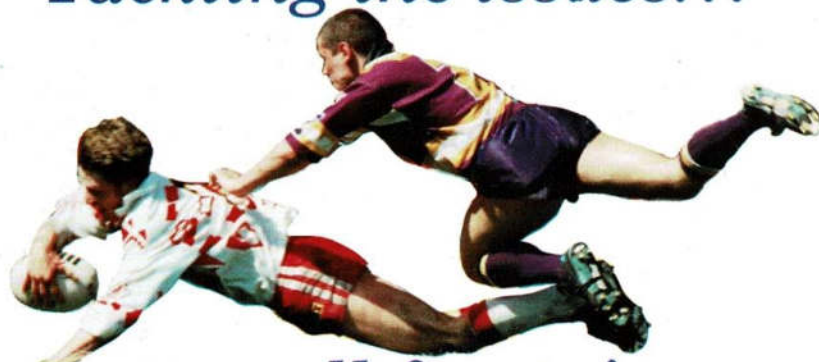
You will know that, in a link-up between Ian McMahon and our Commercial Department on the one hand and local RL Development Officer Neil Wood on the other, we are hoping to take hundreds of local boys and girls to Wembley in October, for the first Test against Australia, at a very reasonable cost per person.

We had a lot of schoolchildren here for the game against Featherstone in another initiative between the club, Neil and local schools and you will no doubt have read that, starting next season, we are to re-introduce the Penny Rush at the Waterhead Park end of the ground.

Details will be announced later but, in general terms, schoolchildren will be allowed admission to all League games next season, under the Hutchins Stand at the park end of the ground, for ONE PENNY.

This is a serious attempt to attract the fans of tomorrow. We want the youngsters of the town to feel they belong to Oldham RLFC. They are our future.

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# A Watersheddings Welcome to ... Castleford

**Graham Steadman.** AT £170,000 Graham was Castleford's record second buy when he moved from neighbours Featherstone. First at Stand-off before a switch to full back he has proved full value with a string of tries to his name. A test player starring in the last Great Britain tour of Australia.

**St. John Ellis.** Exciting winger who was a bargain buy from York. He has since gone on to represent Great Britain and has been a prolific try scorer for Castleford. "Singe's" versatility has proved invaluable to the club as his ever present status over the previous two years demonstrates.

**Richard Blackmore.** Powerful Kiwi centre with eight New Zealand test caps to his credit. In his time at Castleford he has had to overcome two serious injuries but glimpses of his best form demonstrate a potential to match the best.

**Tony Smith.** Another player with the ability to move around the back division. Tony had a long stint at centre last season and led the Club's try scoring table. An under-21 international who has the ability to step-up to the senior level if he maintains his progress to date.

**Grant Anderson.** Another Great Britain under-21 international. Grant is one of the club's longest serving players, although still only in his mid-twenties. He has a strong defence and is tipped by many as a future back row man.

**Simon Middleton.** Simon switched codes after a long career in local rugby union, but took little time to adopt to League. He has brought pace to the wing and was

regarded by former coach, Darryl Van de Velde, as one of his best acquisitions.

**Jon Wray.** Another rugby union convert. Jon had gained junior international honours in the fifteen a side game. He joined Castleford from Morley Rugby Union, but previously had played with the renowned Bath Club. A keen tackler, Jon is looking to clinch a regular wing berth this term.

**Tony Kemp.** The club's latest overseas recruit, joining up from Newcastle Knights club in Australia. Gives Castleford a trio of New Zealand internationals and is expected to fill the stand-off role. As a youngster he had a spell in England at Doncaster.

**Mike Ford.** A major signing for the club from Oldham, Mike has proved himself as one of the best number sevens around. A great leader who fully deserved his England and Great Britain debuts last season.

**Lee Crooks.** Club captain, pack leader and goal kicker, Lee was a £150,000 buy from Leeds and immediately became a key figure at Castleford. A strong leader, Lee's club form at Wheldon Road led to his representative career being resurrected with Yorkshire, England and Great Britain call-ups, including the last tour, since his move from Headingley. Lee started his career at Hull where he gained rep honours as a teenager and is now one of the biggest names in the game.

**Richard Russell.** A close season signing from Oldham who took Shaun Irwin in exchange. Richard, who started in the game at Wigan,

has figured in the middle backs and the back row but new coach John Joyner saw him as a number nine. Whilst at Wigan he gained under-21 honours.

**Dean Sampson.** Castleford Colts product who has Great Britain under-21 honours and was a late entrant to last year's Australian tour squad. Often used as a "Super-sub" Dean is a popular player with the crowd and the club were quick to quell close season rumours of a possible move.

**Martin Ketteridge.** Long serving backman who has moved through the forwards from second row now to prop. A product of Doncaster Junior Rugby, Martin is a fine goalkicker who always gets through a lot of work when called up.

**Tony Morrison.** In his second term at Castleford Tony has proved an astute buy costing just £30,000 from Swinton. Previously with Oldham, Tony puts in non stop effort on both attack and defence.

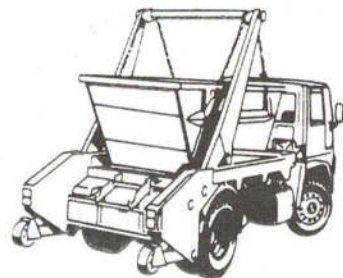
**Ian Smales.** An eve of season capture from neighbours Featherstone, giving a pleasant surprise to Castleford fans. Ian joined "Rovers" from Lock Lane A.R.L. and has filled the middle backs and back row positions. A Great Britain tourist Ian is a prolific try scorer and occasional goal kicker.

**Andy Fisher.** Another signing from Featherstone, Andy came in an exchange deal which took Neil Roebuck to Post Office Road. A product of Wakefield A.R.L. Andy attracted close attention from Leeds before opting for a place on the Castleford back row.

**Tawera Nikau.** Ranked amongst the world's best, Tawera has proved himself in the Championship and at home with the New Zealand test team. His early career took him to Canterbury Bankstown in Australia before spells with Sheffield and York. At the end of his contract with Minsterman a host of clubs at home and abroad wanted his signature with Castleford winning the day for this classy forward.

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# Roughy 'eds Recalled

## No. 26 WILF BRIGGS



drawing with the Yorkshiremen and then winning the replay, with both matches attracting crowds of over 18,000.

Wilf's career with Oldham lasted until the

early 1970's, when he left to join Warrington and his try-scoring ability is illustrated by the fact that, in just under 80 games for the club, he managed to score 48 tries.

## No. 27 CHARLIE WINSLADE



Wilf signed for Oldham just in time to beat the Challenge Cup transfer deadline in January, 1968. He came to the club from Leigh, with Tommy Warburton going in the other direction to join the men from Hilton Park.

Playing in the stand-off half position, Wilf was a real try poacher and soon endeared himself to the Oldham supporters when he scored under the posts in the Second Round Cup Tie at Bradford, when the "Roughyeds" upset the odds by

Oldham supporters were saddened to learn of the death, late last year, of one of the stars of the great 1950's team, Charlie Winslade.

Charlie signed for Oldham on 21st January, 1950, from the Maesteg Rugby Union Club. Before turning to the professional game, he had won International honours at schoolboy level for Wales and played four times for Glamorgan County and was thought to be on the verge of a full Welsh International Cap.

A robust, straight-running second-row-forward, he was one of the dynamic Oldham "back three", along with Sid Little and

Derek Turner, who paved the way for much of the success the club enjoyed in the late 1950's.

Virtually an ever-present in the first team for a decade, he played once for Great Britain against France in Grenoble on 5th April, 1959.

Charlie was transferred to Warrington in November 1961, but not before he had made 355 senior appearances in the Oldham team, scoring 30 tries and kicking two goals along the way. A great servant of Oldham R.L.F.C.

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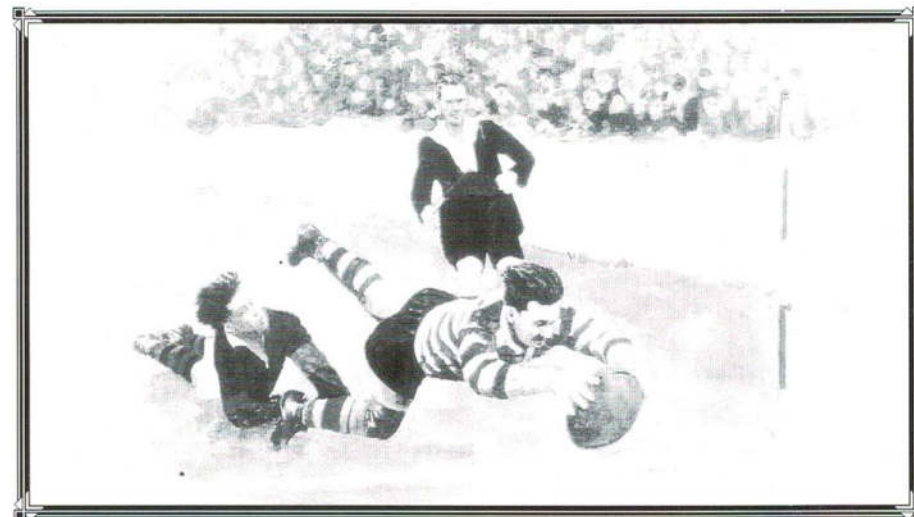
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# ACTION GALLERY

## ACTION GALLERY No. 14 The Entertainers

**LAWRIE PLATT.** Over the years, every club has had their share of players who were "entertainers". The characters whose on the field displays set them apart from their fellow professionals. The painting shows the flamboyant "diving" winger of the early 1950's, Lowrie Platt, scoring a typical spectacular try against Wakefield on September 20th, 1952.



## Action Gallery

To coincide with their return to the First Division of the Rugby League, Oldham R.L.F.C. are introducing this special new feature into the matchday programme for the the 1993-94 season.

The ACTION GALLERY is a set of excellent water colour paintings, that depict some of the star players and dramatic moments in the club's history on the field of play.

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## A-TEAM NEWS

Due to a fire at Fartown, where the Huddersfield A Team still play, our Friday evening fixture had to be hurriedly re-arranged for the Saturday afternoon.

As the floodlights were out of action, kicking-off at 1 o'clock in bright sunshine, we did not get off to one of our better starts and struggled for much of the first half and were quite relieved to go in only one point down at the half-time break. Although we got our noses in front, early in the second half to lead 14-11, we could not rest easy as we made too many basic errors and it wasn't until Gary Burns late try to open up a seven point lead that we knew the game was safe.

Overall we deserved our victory but I will be looking for a big improvement as we move into the last phase of the season. On a brighter note, it was good to see Boothy slot back into the side.

Markers Work,  
Shane.

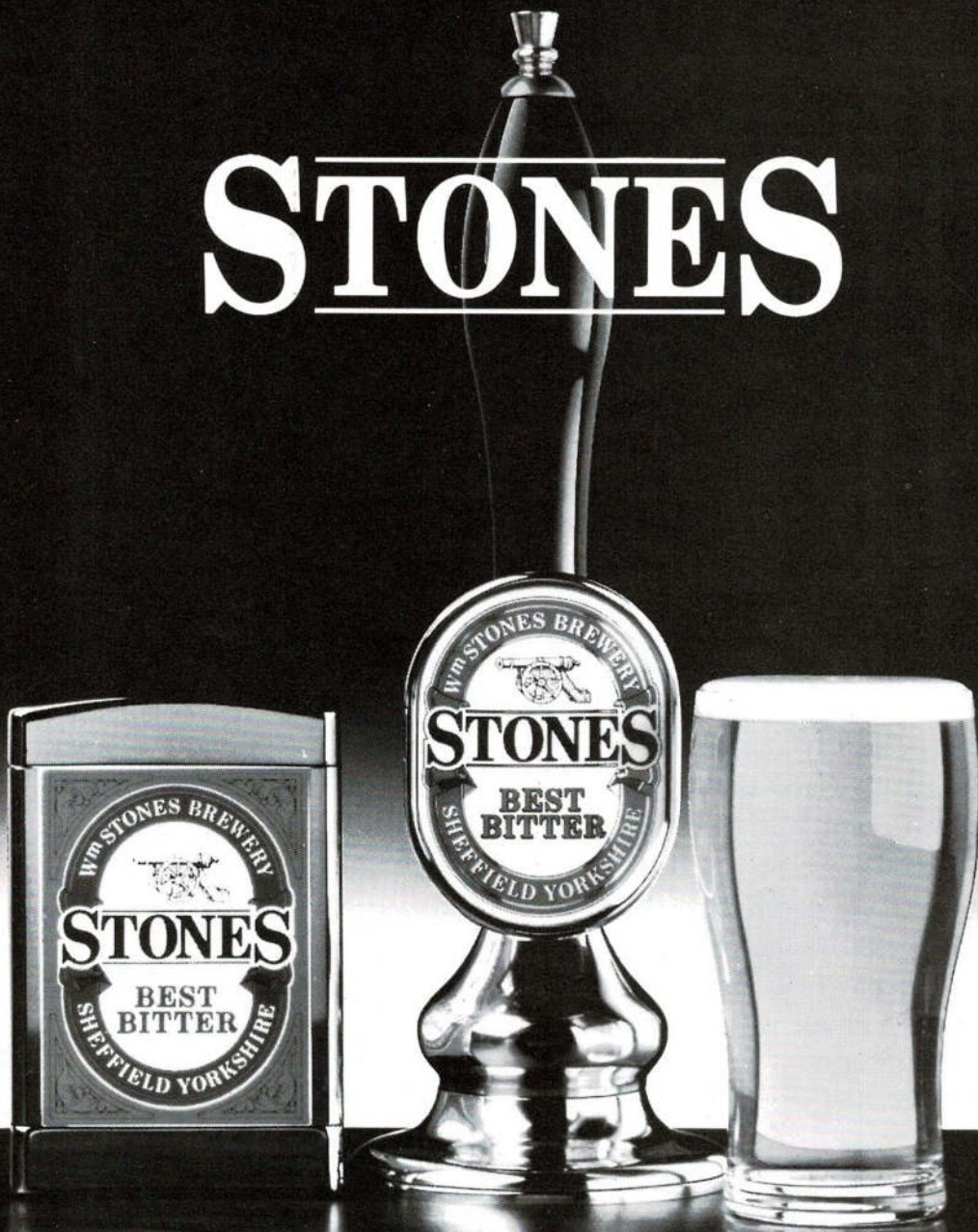


### YOUNGERS ALLIANCE SECOND DIVISION FIXTURES SEASON 1993/94

|                  |         |                                     |       |  |             |
|------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|-------|--|-------------|
| <b>AUGUST</b>    |         |                                     |       |  |             |
| Saturday         | 28th    | Workington                          | H (W) |  | 44-16       |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> |         |                                     |       |  |             |
| 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       |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>   |         |                                     |       |  |             |
| Saturday         | 2nd     | LCCS - Round 1 Workington           | H (W) |  | 38-10       |
| Thursday         | 7th     | Leigh                               | H (W) |  | 26-24       |
| Saturday         | 23rd    | LCCS - Round 2 Wigan                | A (W) |  | 26-22       |
| Saturday         | 30th    | Swinton                             | A (W) |  | 28-2        |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>  |         |                                     |       |  |             |
| Wednesday        | 3rd     | LCCS-Semi Warrington                | H (W) |  | 12-6        |
| Saturday         | 6th     | London                              | H (W) |  | 64-30       |
| Saturday         | 13th    | Youngers ASDC Round 1 - London      | A (W) |  | 16-6        |
| Thursday         | 18th    | LCCS Final Rochdale                 | A (W) |  | 32-20       |
| Saturday         | 27th    | Youngers ASDC Round 2 - Hunslet     | (W)   |  | 36-10       |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>  |         |                                     |       |  |             |
| Wednesday        | 1st     | Huddersfield                        | H (W) |  | 48-2        |
| Saturday         | 4th     | Leigh                               | A (W) |  | 39-16       |
| Monday           | 20th    | ASDC semi Dewsbury                  | A (W) |  | 32-10       |
| Wednesday        | 22nd    | Carlisle                            | H     |  |             |
| <b>JANUARY</b>   |         |                                     |       |  |             |
| Friday           | 7th     | Youngers ACC - Round 1              |       |  |             |
| Friday           | 14th    | Huddersfield                        | A     |  |             |
| Saturday         | 22nd    | Barrow                              | A (W) |  | 48-14       |
| Friday           | 28th    | Youngers ACC - Round 2 Bradford N.  | A (W) |  | 27-25 (AET) |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>  |         |                                     |       |  |             |
| Saturday         | 5th     | ASDC final Doncaster                | A (W) |  | 20-14       |
| Thursday         | 10th    | Keighley                            | H (W) |  | 26-12       |
| Friday           | 18th    | Featherstone Y ACC - Rd 3(W)        |       |  | 46-4        |
| Monday           | 21st    | Sheffield                           | A (W) |  | 14-6        |
| Saturday         | 26th    | Carlisle                            | A (W) |  | 44-16       |
| <b>MARCH</b>     |         |                                     |       |  |             |
| Saturday         | 5th     | London                              | A (W) |  | 94-6        |
| Friday           | 11th    | Youngers ACC - Semi-final Hull K.R. | (W)   |  | 44-6        |
| Friday           | 25th    | Huddersfield                        | A (W) |  | 18-17       |
| Wed              | 30th    | Rochdale                            | A     |  |             |
| <b>APRIL</b>     |         |                                     |       |  |             |
| Saturday         | 2nd     | Barrow                              | H     |  |             |
| Tuesday          | 5th     | Dewsbury                            | H     |  |             |
| Friday           | 8th     | Carlisle                            | H     |  |             |
| Thursday         | 14/15th | Youngers ACC - Final Salford        | H     |  |             |

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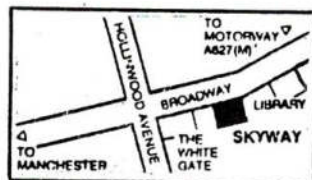
1. Which team play at Gigg Lane?
2. Who holds the tries in a season record for Barrow?
3. Who was the only Oldham player on the 1928 tour to Australia and New Zealand?
4. In what year was the Premiership Final first played at Old Trafford?
5. Which team has the official colours "claret and gold"?
6. Who was the last Dewsbury player to represent Great Britain?
7. Who were the first winners of the First and Second Divisions when they were re-introduced in 1973-74?
8. In what year was the all Humberside Challenge Cup Final?
9. Which Oldham player was in the 1975 Welsh R.L. World Cup Squad?
10. What were the venues for the three tests against Australia in 1973?

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## MARTIN IS MARCH 'MAN OF THE MONTH'

Resident competition judge Roger Halstead has voted scrum half Martin Crompton as 'Player of the Month' for March, due to tremendous team performances during the month against Leeds, Hull, Wakefield and Featherstone.

Commented Roger: "It was an extremely hard decision to make because there were so many serious contenders, but I have chosen Crompton because he played consistently well in all four games and has found his true form after struggling for so much of the season due to bad luck with injuries.

Martin has formed a very strong half back partnership with Glen Liddiard and with the forwards in stunning form

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## TEAM CHECK

MONDAY, 4th APRIL, 1994

### OLDHAM Team Changes

1. Wally Gibson
2. Nigel Heslop
3. Shaun Irwin
4. Darren Abram
5. Scott Ranson
6. Glen Liddiard
7. Martin Crompton
8. Chris Parr
9. John Clark
10. Andy Goodway
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Referee: J. E. Smith

### CASTLEFORD Team Changes

1. Graham Steadman
2. David Nelson
3. St. John Ellis
4. Grant Anderson
5. Simon Middleton
6. Tony Kemp
7. Mike Ford
8. Lee Crooks
9. Richard Russell
10. Keith England
11. Tony Morrison
12. Ian Smales
13. Tawera Nikau
14. Andy Hay
15. Dean Sampson

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Touch Judges: K. Taylor (Red Flag)  
R. Mosley (Yellow Flag)

under the direction of new coach Bob Lindner, Crompton has had the scope to put his midfield skills to great use. He has not disappointed and is a well worthy winner of this month's individual award."

Well done Martin and 'Good Luck' with trying to get through the month's free supply of Castlemaine XXXX!

Also, 'Good Luck' to the lads in the Oldham 'A' team, all the best for the Youngers Alliance Challenge Cup Final against Salford on Thursday, 14th April.



Oldham's A team - looking forward to the Youngers Alliance Final

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## TODAY'S MAN IN THE MIDDLE



**Jim Smith**  
(HALIFAX)

**Date of Birth**

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**Grade One:**

1983-84

# IN TOUCH with H.O.

## DEAN BELL

Dean Bell of Wigan needs four tries for a career century of touchdowns for the club.

The New Zealander's 96 tries have come in 248 appearances, including nine as substitute.

Injury has restricted Bell's appearances this season and he has played in only 11 matches, without scoring.

Bell's most prolific season for Wigan was his first when he scored 22 tries in 1986-87. He has scored two hat-tricks.

Ironically, Bell's English debut was against Wigan. After signing for Carlisle from New Zealand club Manukau, he made his home debut at home to Wigan on 22nd August 1982, losing the Division One match 7-10.

He scored 11 tries in 23 matches for Carlisle before moving to Leeds and scoring four tries in 22 matches in 1983-84.

The New Zealand Test centre then had two years with Australian club Eastern Suburbs before Wigan brought him back to England two years later.

He scored a try on his debut, playing on the wing in a 35-0 Division One win at Leigh on 7th September, 1986.

He took over the captaincy of Wigan early in 1991-92.

Bell was born at Auckland on 29th April, 1962.

His season by season totals for Wigan are as follows:

|         | App   | Tries |
|---------|-------|-------|
| 1986-87 | 42    | 22    |
| 1987-88 | 18+2  | 10    |
| 1988-89 | 31+2  | 15    |
| 1989-90 | 33    | 10    |
| 1990-91 | 36+1  | 11    |
| 1991-92 | 32+1  | 13    |
| 1992-93 | 39    | 15    |
| 1993-94 | 8+3   | 0     |
| TOTAL   | 239+9 | 96    |

### Leading Points Scorer.

John Gallagher of London Crusaders has taken over as leading points scorer with 294 from 120 games, including two drop goals and 14 tries.

Jonathan Davies of Warrington is second with 288 points from 113 games, including 10 drop goals and 18 tries.

### Winning Run

Batley have the current longest winning run of seven matches.

### Losing Run.

Hunslet have the longest run of ten matches made up of nine Division Two matches and one Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

Starting with a draw, Hunslet have gone 11 matches without a win.

### St. John Ellis.

St. John Ellis of Castleford is four tries short of equalling the club record of 36 in a season, set by Keith Howe in 1963-64.

Ellis's 32 tries have come in 32 matches, missing only two games. He has played 30 matches on the right wing, plus two in the centre, scoring one try.

His total includes four hat-tricks.

Signed from York in September 1989, he has now totalled 89 tries for Castleford in 166 matches.

He was born at Fulford, York on 3rd October, 1964 - the year that Howe set the Castleford record of 36 tries.

Howe played in 38 of Castleford's 45 matches, all on the wing, mostly on the right. His total included two hat-tricks.

He finished third in the try chart behind John Stopford (Swinton) 45 and Trevor Lake (Wigan) 43.

Howe totalled 109 career tries for Castleford, playing 167 matches including five as substitute, between 1962-70.

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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 13th, 1993.



A young 'A' team pack restored Oldham's pride at Wheldon Road last night with a gutsy performance that could kick-start a push for First Division safety.

Coach Peter Tunks, faced by a crucial relegation clash against Hull KR at Watersheddings on Sunday, went into the Castleford game with eight team changes, two debutants, the reserve pack and young Paddy Mitchell having his first senior game in the problem stand-off spot.

Directly opposite Kiwi international Tony Kemp and, faced by forwards of the calibre of Lee Crooks and Tawera Nikau, local lad Mitchell produced a mature, intelligent performance when all the pressure was upon him.

The young forwards did well, too. Classy Cas ran in 26 points in as many minutes before Oldham's rookies realised they had no reason to be in awe of men like Crooks, Nikau, Ford, Kemp, Steadman and St. John Ellis, top try scorer in the Rugby League.

Once the nerves stopped jangling and they adjusted to the pace and power of the game, Oldham's forwards gave as good as they got.

From a point just before half-time, Oldham scored 16 points to Castleford's eight and, unlike the late comeback at Bradford on Sunday, this revival was self-inspired and not due to the opposition's benevolence.

Oldham's performance was all heart and courage . . . the heart to pick themselves up from 26-0 down and the courage to compete all the way with one of the finest teams in the game.

Young forwards Barrie McDermott, David Stephenson, Chris Parr, Craig Richards, Ian Green and David Bradbury threw themselves into the challenge with all the zeal and zest of men on the way up.

The more experienced Shane Tupaea held them together by setting a mag-

nificent lead on defence and club skipper Bob Lindner came off the bench with Castleford 26-0 up to add strength and stature to the big effort.

Take away that first 25 minutes and Oldham's defensive work was inspirational, with everyone playing a part in rattling Castleford into a succession of errors.

Crooks, one of the most feared forwards in the game, departed early in the second half, his legs like jelly after taking a three-man challenge from McDermott, Tupaea and Charlie McAlister.

Little was seen of Nikau and the Castleford forwards needed to follow Tony Morrison's great example on defence to whip up the enthusiasm to match Oldham for sheer determination and dogged persistence.

Andy Hay was a strong runner and Richard Russell was lively in the first half around play-the-ball and in support, but it was Morrisons's big effort on defence that kept the Castleford pack on its toes.

Ford's class was always a threat, but once the home side had scored four early tries by Russell, Simon, Middleton, Hay and Ellis, the Oldham forwards worked overtime in the middle of the field to cut off the supply line to the home backs.

A tough, physical encounter threatened to blow up more than once, first when Morrison was sin-binned just before half-time and then when Stephenson (Oldham's top tackler) followed him during a fiery second half.

While Oldham's forwards took most of the team's honours, there was an eye-catching display from full-back Nigel Heslop, back in the side after a six-week injury absence.

He handled well, tackled strongly, made ground when advancing the ball and took a wide pass from Mitchell out on the left wing to dance past two

defenders and send in Scott Ranson for Oldham's third try.

Martin Crompton worked hard at scrum-half, scoring the first Oldham try and creating the second for Darren Abram by putting Steadman under pressure from an up-and-under and them hacking on again for Abram to follow up and score.

It was another defeat . . . but this time it was full of pride and passion, the qualities that enrich a performance for supporters and promote a belief that brighter days may be just around the corner.

### Scorers:

**Castleford:** Goals - Crooks (5); tries - Russell, Middleton, Hay, Ellis, Anderson, Morrison.

**Oldham:** Goals - Abram (2); tries - Crompton, Abram, Ranson.

**CASTLEFORD:** Steadman, Ellis, Blackmore, Anderson, Middleton, Kemp, Ford, Crooks, Russell, Sampson, Hay, Morrison, Nikau. Subs: Smales, England.

**OLDHAM:** Heslop, Jones, Abram, McAlister, Ranson, Mitchell, Crompton, McDermott, Stephenson, Parr, Richards, Tupaea, Green. Subs: Lindner, Bradbury.

**Referee:** Mr. S. Nicholson.

**Attendance:** 3,806

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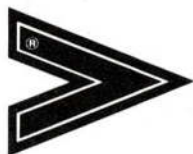
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## APPEARANCES & SCORERS

|                   | APP | SUB | TRIES | GOALS | DROP GOALS | POINTS |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|------------|--------|
| WALLY GIBSON      | 23  | 1   | 5     | -     | -          | 20     |
| NIGEL HESLOP      | 16  | 2   | 4     | -     | -          | 16     |
| MARTIN HOLDEN     | 1   | 1   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| PAUL TOPPING      | 16  | 7   | 2     | 49    | -          | 106    |
| SCOTT RANSON      | 25  | -   | 10    | -     | -          | 40     |
| DARREN ABRAM      | 25  | -   | 16    | 6     | -          | 76     |
| STEVE KERRY       | 13  | 2   | 2     | 9     | 3          | 29     |
| "TINY" SOLOMONA   | 10  | 3   | 1     | -     | -          | 4      |
| PAUL GROVES       | 6   | -   | 2     | -     | -          | 8      |
| IAN SHERRATT      | 24  | -   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| IYAN GREEN        | 4   | 9   | 2     | -     | -          | 8      |
| DAVID BRADBURY    | 5   | 7   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| MIKE KUITI        | 27  | 1   | 5     | -     | -          | 20     |
| DAVID JONES       | 23  | 2   | 5     | -     | -          | 20     |
| ANDY GOODWAY      | 23  | 3   | 1     | -     | -          | 4      |
| CHARLIE MCALISTER | 8   | 5   | 2     | -     | -          | 8      |
| MARTIN STRETT     | 5   | 1   | 1     | 8     | -          | 20     |
| SHANE TUPAEA      | 14  | 3   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| CRAIG RICHARDS    | 3   | 5   | 2     | -     | -          | 8      |
| SHAUN IRWIN       | 22  | -   | 6     | -     | -          | 24     |
| MARTIN CROMPTON   | 16  | 1   | 7     | -     | 3          | 31     |
| BOB LINDNER       | 23  | 2   | 8     | -     | -          | 32     |
| JOHN CLARKE       | 17  | -   | 3     | -     | -          | 12     |
| DAVID STEPHENSON  | 5   | -   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| MARK MEADOWS      | 2   | -   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| BARRIE McDERMOTT  | 6   | 1   | 1     | -     | -          | 4      |
| ALF GOULDBOURNE   | 1   | -   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| BEN OLSEN         | 1   | -   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| CHRIS PARR        | 3   | 1   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| ADRIAN BELLE      | 1   | -   | -     | -     | -          | -      |
| PADDY MITCHELL    | 4   | -   | 1     | -     | -          | 4      |
| GLEN LIDDIARD     | 5   | 1   | 2     | 4     | -          | 16     |

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|              | P  | W  | D | L  | F   | A   | PTS |
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| Bradford     | 23 | 19 | 0 | 4  | 618 | 407 | 38  |
| Warrington   | 25 | 19 | 0 | 6  | 502 | 337 | 38  |
| Wigan        | 22 | 17 | 0 | 5  | 578 | 317 | 34  |
| Castleford   | 24 | 16 | 1 | 7  | 651 | 360 | 33  |
| Halifax      | 24 | 14 | 2 | 8  | 532 | 425 | 30  |
| St. Helens   | 23 | 13 | 1 | 9  | 486 | 407 | 27  |
| Sheffield    | 24 | 13 | 1 | 10 | 519 | 531 | 27  |
| Widnes       | 24 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 429 | 489 | 24  |
| Leeds        | 23 | 11 | 1 | 11 | 452 | 442 | 23  |
| Featherstone | 25 | 11 | 1 | 13 | 517 | 545 | 23  |
| Hull         | 24 | 9  | 2 | 13 | 348 | 388 | 20  |
| Salford      | 25 | 9  | 0 | 16 | 440 | 523 | 18  |
| Wakefield    | 25 | 8  | 1 | 16 | 351 | 527 | 17  |
| Oldham       | 25 | 7  | 1 | 17 | 446 | 516 | 15  |
| Hull K.R.    | 25 | 7  | 0 | 18 | 418 | 688 | 14  |
| Leigh        | 25 | 2  | 1 | 22 | 304 | 689 | 5   |

# THE ACADEMY with Manager JACK BUCKLEY

Our title aspirations took a serve jolt at Barrow last weekend when we lost a game at a stage when we appeared to be cruising to a win. Some interesting refereeing undermined moral somewhat and in the end we suffered a shock defeat. Earlier in the week we had little trouble disposing of Hunslet at Watersheddings despite

having to field a team lacking four regular forwards.

Adie Meade suffered a neck injury during the early part of the Barrow match and was hospitalised for a few days at Furness General. We would like to thank everybody at Barrow RLFC for their concern and speedy action. At the time of writing Adie is still undergoing tests so we wish him a swift recovery.

Congratulations to Alfie Golbourne who was recently chosen to represent Lancashire in the Academy Roses match on Good Friday at Knowsley Road. Now we

all know about the Irish Footballer who's grandfather's cousin once bought a pint of Guinness ??? but a Hull lad playing for Lancashire . . . ??! Anyway, well done Alfie.

## The run in:

Sat, April 2nd v Barrow, H

Sat, April 9th v  
Workington, H.

Tue, April 12th v Widnes, A

Tue, April 19th v  
Featherstone, H

Tue, April 26th v  
Keighley, A

T.B.A. v Dewsbury

# DEVELOPING SCENE with Development Officer NIEL WOOD

I hope that some of the spectators here today are people who have come back after the schools free tickets game against Featherstone.

Apart from the wet weather I think most

people will have enjoyed that game particularly as Oldham picked up a good win.

Next season the club are planning to re-open the "Pennyrush" which will allow young supporters to see the games and hopefully build up the Junior Support.

Today sees a pre-match Festival between the under-8 teams of Shaw Tigers, Saddleworth Rangers, Roytan Tigers and St. Annes. Welcome

to all of these and I hope you have a good day.

Also in the ground today are the latest 30 young players who took their BFL/Rugby Skills Bronze Award last Monday.

An advance date for your diary is the Quantum Sports Oldham Schools Cup Finals to be held here at Watersheddings on April 26th and 28th. Kick-off is at 4.00 p.m. on both days with seven finals taking place over two evenings.

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**CHARLIE  
KICKS  
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FOR  
DARREN  
ABRAM TO  
SCORE**

# BACK PAGES

by Michael Turner

The "Glassblowers" of Castleford became full members of the Rugby League in time for the 1926-27 season, although there had been an amateur team in the town prior to this time.

It would be another six years before "Cas" and the "Roughyeds" would play each other, the first meeting taking place at Castleford on 5th November, 1932, when Oldham gained a victory by 18 points to 6. In the return match at Watersheddings on 27th December, the tables were turned with Castleford winning the game by 9 points to 6.

Before the return to a Second Division set-up in 1973-74, Castleford were probably the most infrequent visitors to Watersheddings, which is demonstrated by the fact that there was no League match between the two teams from 19th April, 1950, until 15th December, 1962 and it would be another 11 seasons before the next League encounters in 1973-74. There were, however, three meetings in Cup Ties in this period, two in the B.B.C. Trophy at Watersheddings and one in the Challenge Cup at Wheldon Road.

The most famous match involving Oldham and Castleford was the 1986 Challenge Cup semi-final, played at Central Park, Wigan. Both sets of supporters will remember that victory went to Castleford by 18 points to 7. The turning-point in the game coming midway through the second half when, with Oldham holding a one-point advantage, Cas scrum-half Bob Beardmore put up a speculative "up and under" that took a cruel bounce over the try-line, eluding the Oldham full-back David Liddiard and was touched down by Beardmore, who had fol-

lowed up his own kick. Even then the Oldham players argued that the Cass half-back was over the dead ball line when he scored, but the try was given and Cas went on to win this match and then triumph over Hull K.R. in the final.

The Oldham try that day was scored by the then 16-year-old Glen Liddiard (David's brother) who is now, of course, back on the Watersheddings scene.

I am currently researching for a book covering the complete playing records and history of OLDHAM RLFC. If anyone has any old material connected with the club (photos, programmes etc) I would be very interested in viewing such items. Please contact: Michael Turner, 158 Balfour Street, Oldham OL4 1NS. Tel: 061-620 6005



Courtesy of the Oldham Chronicle  
Action from Oldham v Castleford on November 16th, 1946. "Cas" prop forward, McManus prepares to take a tackle from Oldham hooker Edgar Brooks, with Billy Moore and Doug Shaw also in attendance.



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## SKIPPER'S SPOT

With Oldham Captain  
**BOBBY LINDNER**



No Wakefield come-backs last week! Once we established a lead over Featherstone Rovers, there was no way we were going to let it slip. With Hull K.R. winning against Leigh on Friday, the pressure was back on us to move out of the relegation slots. The players responded magnificently, as did you, the spectators. I was delighted with our defensive dis-

play, which provided a solid base on which to build our attacking game. We still have a lot of football to play this season and I shall be impressing upon the players the need for consistency.

Today's visitors are Castleford. We've seen their talents on display this season, with magnificent victories over Wigan. Ex-Oldham players Mike Ford and Richard Russell

will be keen to play well before their "home" fans. In fact, everywhere you look in the Castleford team you will see class. We are in no doubt about the task facing us today but we are up to it. Your help against Featherstone was immense, keep it up today and we'll do our bit.

Happy Easter.

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