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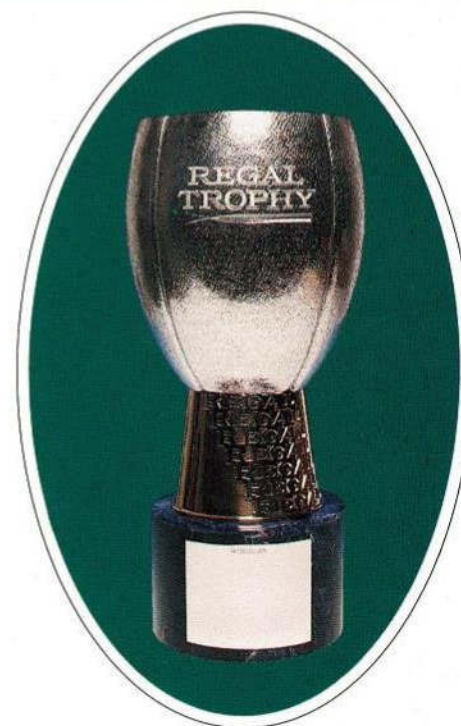
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1907-08, 1910-11, 1913-14,
1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-34,
1956-57, 1957-58, 1958-59
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1908-09, 1911-12, 1918-19,
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1907-08, 1909-10, 1921-22,
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Club Records

Record Victory: 67-6 v Liverpool City
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Record Defeat: 11-67 by Hull K.R.
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Record Attendance: 28,000 v Huddersfield
24th February 1912

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5th October 1989

Record Transfer: £70,000 to Halifax for
Fee Paid Tony Anderson
March 1990

Record Try: Ref Farrar, 49 Tries,
Scorer 1921-22 season

Record Goal: Bernard Ganley,
Scorer 224 goals, 1957-58
season

Club Records continued

Record Point: Bernard Ganley,
Scorer 28 points v
Liverpool City,
April 1959

First Game: 21st October 1876
v Stalybridge

Highest Number: Bernard Ganley, 2,881
of Points Scored

Most Appearances: Joe Ferguson, 685
Most Tries: Pre 1900 Jach Hirst 233,
Since 1900 Alan Davies 182

FROM THE BOARDROOM

BY CHAIRMAN JIM QUINN

Today we take a rest from the pressures of the Stones Bitter Championship and turn our attention to the Regal Trophy with the visit of our old friends from Hull Kingston Rovers in the second round.

I would like to formally welcome the Robins' officials, coaches, players and supporters to Watersheddings and, in so doing, extend the hand of friendship to two Rovers officials whom I have come to know well over the past few years, chairman Phil Lowe and the long serving Colin Hutton.

Like ourselves and many other clubs, Rovers have had considerable financial difficulties in the past year or two and have, of course, moved out from their old ground and settled into New Craven Park, a similar move to that which the Oldham club might have to make within the next five years. Like us, they will have been focussing their attention on the game's current problems some of which we sampled at first hand last Sunday when we went to Wigan and lost 46-0 as the Central Park men moved a step nearer their sixth consecutive cup and league double.

That cannot possibly be good for the game as a whole and I would like to add my voice to the growing support for the introduction of legislation which might produce the possibility of a more even spread of talent throughout the game.

Those who read this column regularly know that I am not one of those people who believe that merely because the Australians do something it has to be right and good for the game here, too. However, one of the first things the Aussies did when they set out to revamp their game was to bring in a salary cap to prevent a couple of clubs hogging all the limelight and all the trophies.

I am convinced that we must take a similar route. Any moves must benefit the game as a whole, not merely the chosen few and if all clubs in the first division were given the same salary

cap and all clubs in the second division the same salary cap, we would be well on the way to establishing a more even spread of talent throughout the game.

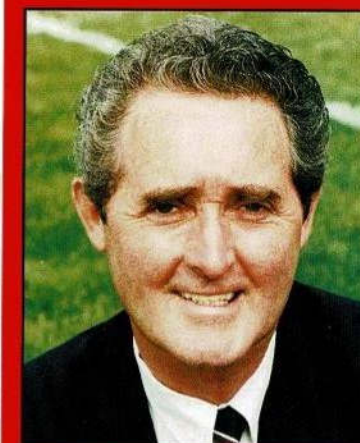
It would be no good to give individual clubs individual salary caps, based on their projected income, because that would merely retain the status quo, certainly in terms of trying to give all clubs an equal chance of equal competition on a level playing field. No, I think there should be the same maximum figure for each and every club in the first division and, to my mind, there would be several benefits to be gained, although I agree that a lot of thought would have to be put into it and, once established, it would have to be well policed.

Capping across the board would stop the top couple of clubs signing all the best players and would provide a more even competition. Inevitably, that would lead to a more even spread of club representation in the Great Britain side and I think that has to be good for the game, too.

A maximum figure would stop clubs going heavily into debt in their frustration to try and compete and it would also stop the wealthier clubs, or at least those with a steady and reliable cash flow, signing up players whom they might or might not accommodate in their senior side and hoarding them in the Alliance team, thus weakening the clubs they have left and adding to the lack of competition.

It is obviously desirable for clubs to work on youth development, but there is little future in signing youngsters, developing them, working hard and spending money on turning them from fledglings into first-teamers and then seeing them depart to the glamour clubs, often for a poor return.

It is not the end of the world to lose to the Australians. It will take long-term planning to catch up and I don't think it is something we should panic about. Of more immediate concern, in my opinion, is the need to attract the fans



back to our domestic competition and I back the calls for two major changes in the pursuit of that goal, the introduction of a salary cap and a season running from March to October, or thereabouts.

Finally, I would just like to refer to the late Fred Howarth, our honorary club secretary for many years, whose funeral was held on Monday. He was 84. The Oldham club has lost a tried and trusted friend and a loyal servant with the passing of Fred, whose popularity all over the town was reflected in the large attendance at the Crematorium.

It was also a reflection of the esteem in which he was held in other parts of the rugby playing world that high ranking officers of the French RL are to send us a commemorative plaque to place in our boardroom. Over the years Fred became a close friend of the late Gilbert Dautante, President of the French RL, who himself passed away several months ago.

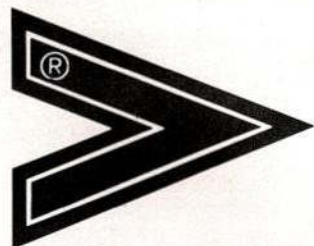
The vicar who conducted the funeral service urged us all, in Fred's memory, to renew and strengthen our commitment to the things which mattered so much to him, rugby league football and the Oldham club in particular. That's exactly what Fred would have wanted us to do.

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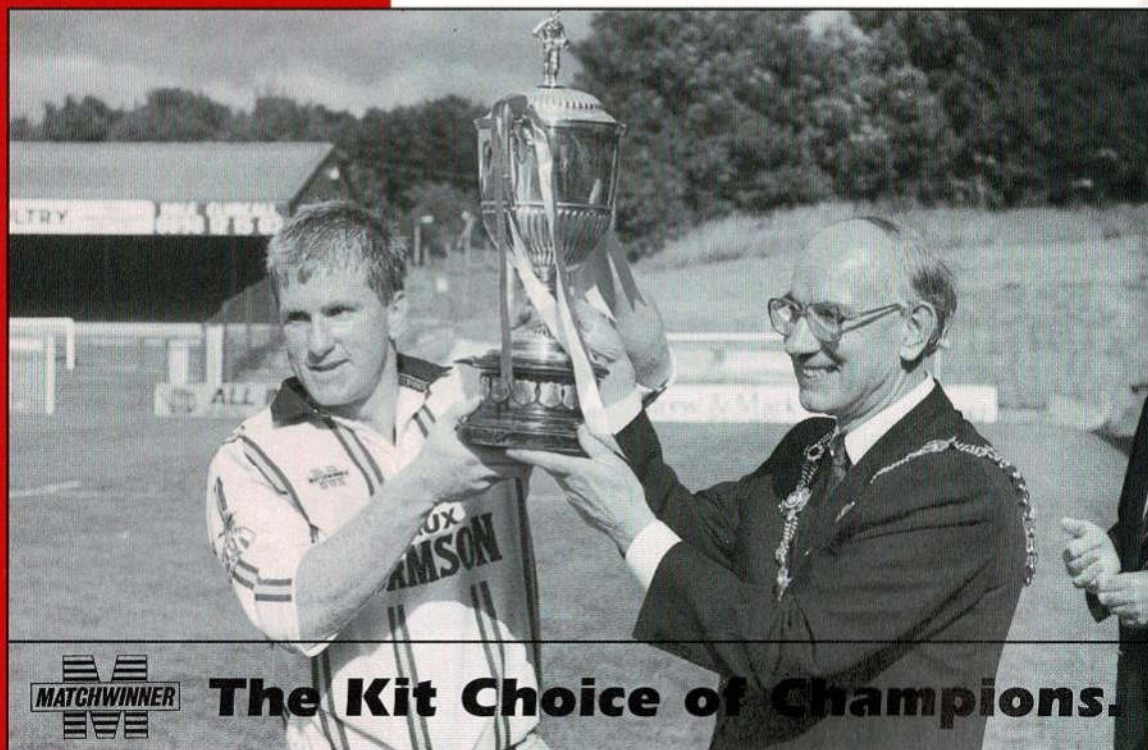
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Our visitors in detail

CHRIS HARRISON
(Second Row)

Club captain. Mainstay of a young pack, rapidly becoming the "Mr Dependable" of the team.

JAMIE LEIGHTON
(Second Row)

Another youngster given his chance in the first team, has come through via the Academy and Alliance teams.

PAUL FLETCHER
(Second Row)

A product of Hull Schools and the local Eureka amateur side, he earned Great Britain Under 19s and also went on the "Young Lions" tour to Australia in the summer of 1989. Graduated via Rovers Colts and through Rovers "A".

PAUL SPECKMAN
(Loose Forward)

Yet another product of the Academy and Alliance team. Really impressive after a full season out due to injury.

TIM SAGE
(Prop)

Young forward being given his chance in the First team, after playing consistently well in the 'A' Team.

SEAN HOE
(Hooker)

Another to make his way through Academy and 'A' Team. Can play scrum half as well as hooker. Playing well to keep Richard Chamberlain out of the first team.

PADDY KHAN
(Prop)

Another recent acquisition from Hull RLFC, who is turning in impressive displays.

ANDY THOMPSON
(Second Row)

Back after a long lay off, having suffered a broken jaw twice. Looking to reclaim his first team berth on a regular basis.

MIKE FLETCHER
(Full Back)

After starting the season in the three quarter line, is now back at Full Back. Has topped 1500 points for the club.

DAVID PLANGE
(Wing)

Signed during the close season from Sheffield Eagles. In magnificent form this season.

RICHARD OLIVER
(Wing)

Former RU player. Quick and elusive, quickly establishing himself in the First Team.

JON ADAMS
(Centre)

Has established himself in the First team squad this season, a very promising player. Selected for the Yorkshire Academy squad. Scored a hat trick of tries in the recent win over Highfield.

MIKE BIBBY
(Centre)

Another home grown player, has come into the first team squad via the Academy and Alliance squad.

NEIL WARDROBE
(Stand Off)

Signed from Beverley RUFC. Now being given the chance to establish himself in the First Team.

ANDREW DEARLOVE
(Scrum Half)

Recently transferred from Hull RLFC, after several impressive games in the 'A' team. Looking to establish himself in the first team.

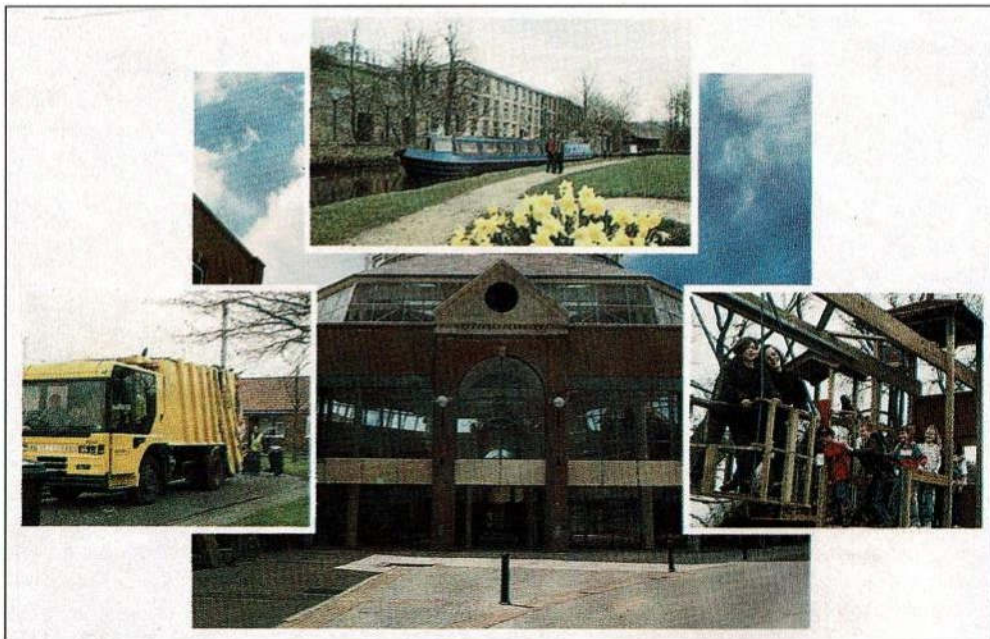
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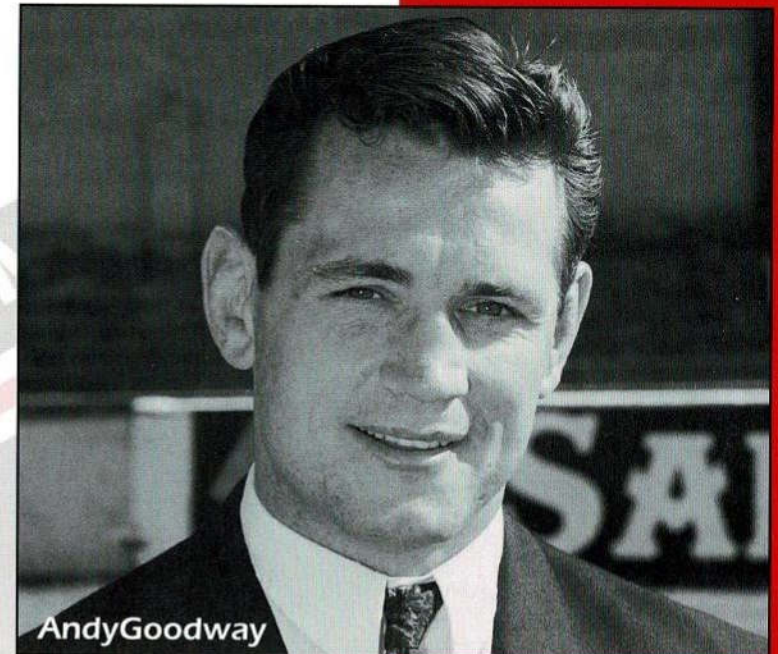
I would like to welcome everyone to the game today, especially all the people who have made the long journey from Humberside.

Last week saw us turn in our best performance of the season against Bradford, giving all concerned a great deal of satisfaction, then it was down to earth with a bump at Wigan, who were just too strong for us and seemed head and shoulders above the rest.

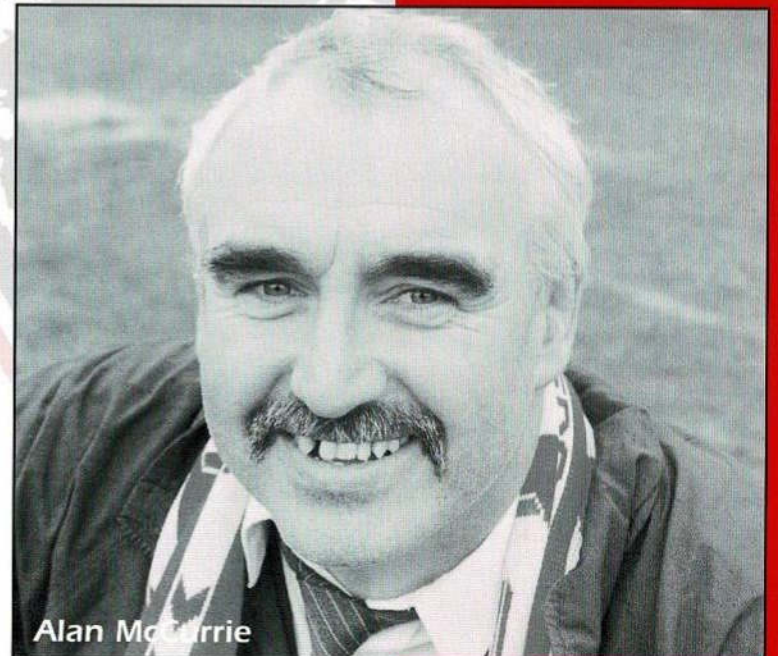
We have to sort our discipline out, with two sin-bins and a sending off in the month, no-one can overcome, giving Wigan a numerical advantage. The boys will just have to channel their aggression, having said that I do feel that big clubs get more than a fair crack of the whip from referees.

Today it's a break from the Big League and down to cup tie football.

Let's hope for a great game played in the right spirit and* also a good Oldham victory to send us on our way in the competition.



Andy Goodway

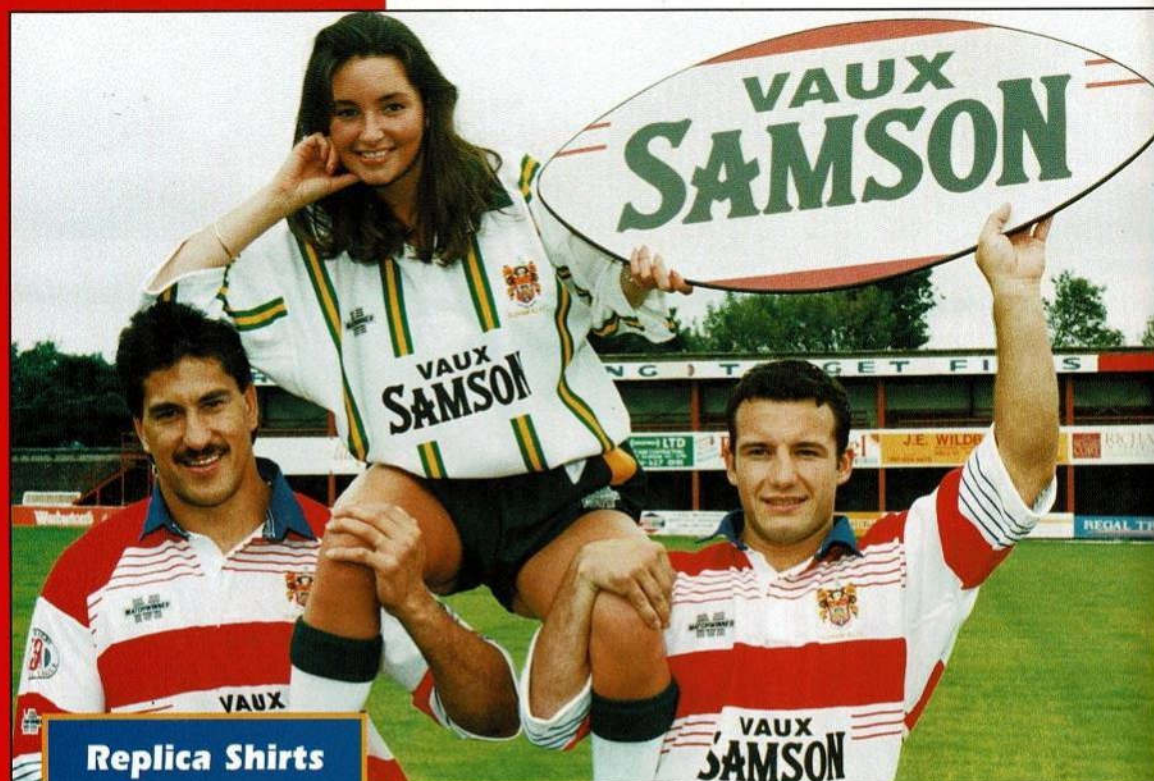


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The club and indeed the whole of the rugby world was saddened by the sudden death of Fred Howarth after attending the third Test match at Leeds.

A lot has been said over these last few days about Fred, who was made a freeman of our club in recognition of his tremendous service to the club and indeed the game as a whole.

His vast knowledge of the game will be sorely missed and the esteem in which Fred was held was reflected in the tremendous turnout at his funeral.

With Ian McMahon parting company with the club, chairman, Jim Quinn and his fellow directors moved smartly and appointed Ray Hill as Commercial Manager. We are sure Ray will be a very popular choice amongst our supporters.

A local man Ray is well known around town, having been at the club five years before moving onto

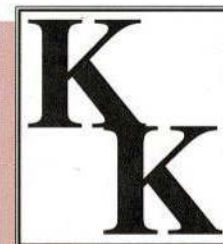
Swinton and Huddersfield, where with the Rugby League Centenary next year and the move into a brand new stadium Ray must have a difficult decision to make, but the temptation to (come home) proved irresistible to Ray and I am sure everybody at the club wishes him every success.

Shareholders don't forget those Christmas draw tickets will be dropping on your mats in a few days time.

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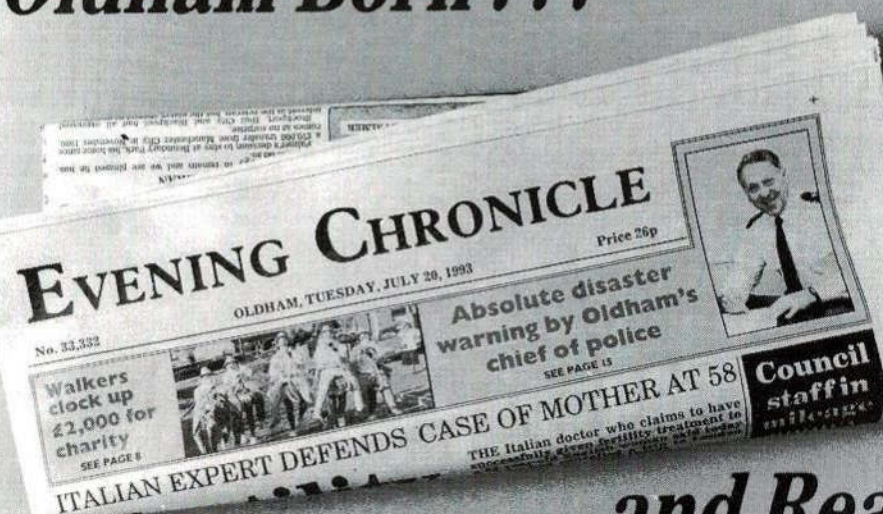


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A LOOK AT THE LOCAL AMATEUR RUGBY SCENE

The long trek to Wembley begins next weekend when 64 amateur clubs kick off the 1995 Silk Cut Challenge Cup Competition.

Clubs who successfully negotiate the first two rounds meet professional opposition at the third round stage on 22nd January but it is not until 12th February that the First Division giants join the fray.

Local interest is focussed on National Conference clubs St. Annes and Saddleworth Rangers both of whom are at home in round one. St. Annes face Kells of Whitehaven whilst Saddleworth entertain Humberside opposition in the shape of Skirlaugh. Kells have a fine cup tradition which includes appearances in ten of the past twelve Cumbria Cup Finals. They have also qualified to meet professional opposition on six occasions, five teams in the Challenge Cup and once in the Regal Trophy. In

1987 they almost caused an upset when they drew 4-4 with Fulham up at Whitehaven but lost the replay in London by 22-14. They are sure to provide tough opposition to Saints but a home win is the likely outcome. The meeting of Saddleworth Rangers and Skirlaugh gives the Rangers an opportunity to avenge an 18-16 defeat which they suffered at Skirlaugh in the National Cup three years ago. Skirlaugh went on to reach the National Cup Final that year but with Rangers having won that prestigious competition during each of the past two seasons I go for another home win and the prospect of two Oldham clubs entering the hat for the second round draw. Other ties of interest see Rochdale based Mayfield at home to Park Amateurs of Halifax and Littleborough travelling over to York to face Heworth. Whilst Mayfield should win it looks too big a task for

Littleborough.

Ovenden, who almost won at Highfield in the Regal Trophy last week, face a difficult trip to Oulton and Leigh Miners Welfare who took Leigh so close last week take on Wigan St. Judes in what should be a close tie.

Arguably the best tie of the round will be staged in Barrow where Walney Central take on Hensingham. The following Wednesday these two meet again under the Barrow floodlights in the final of the Cumbria Cup.

St. Annes Lancashire Cup final opponents Woolston Rovers face a virtual derby match at home to Eccles. That should result in another cup win for Woolston but the beauty of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup lies in its uncertainty and there is sure to be an upset or two on this rocky road to Wembley.

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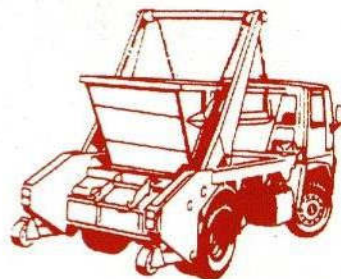
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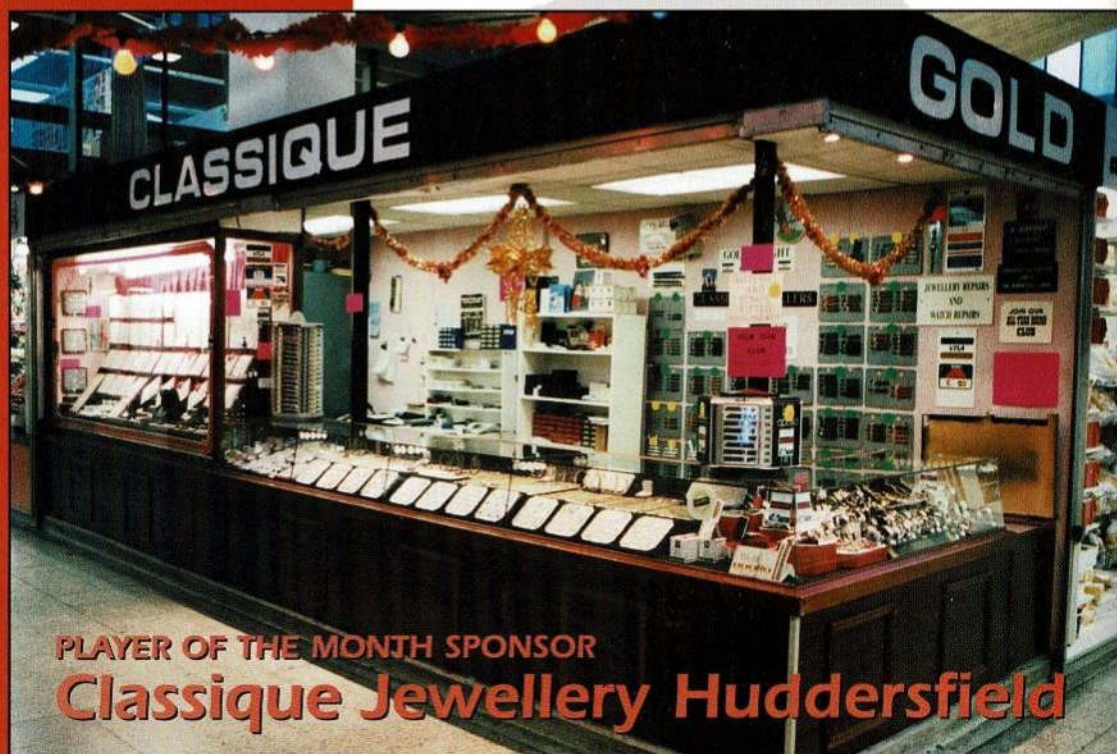
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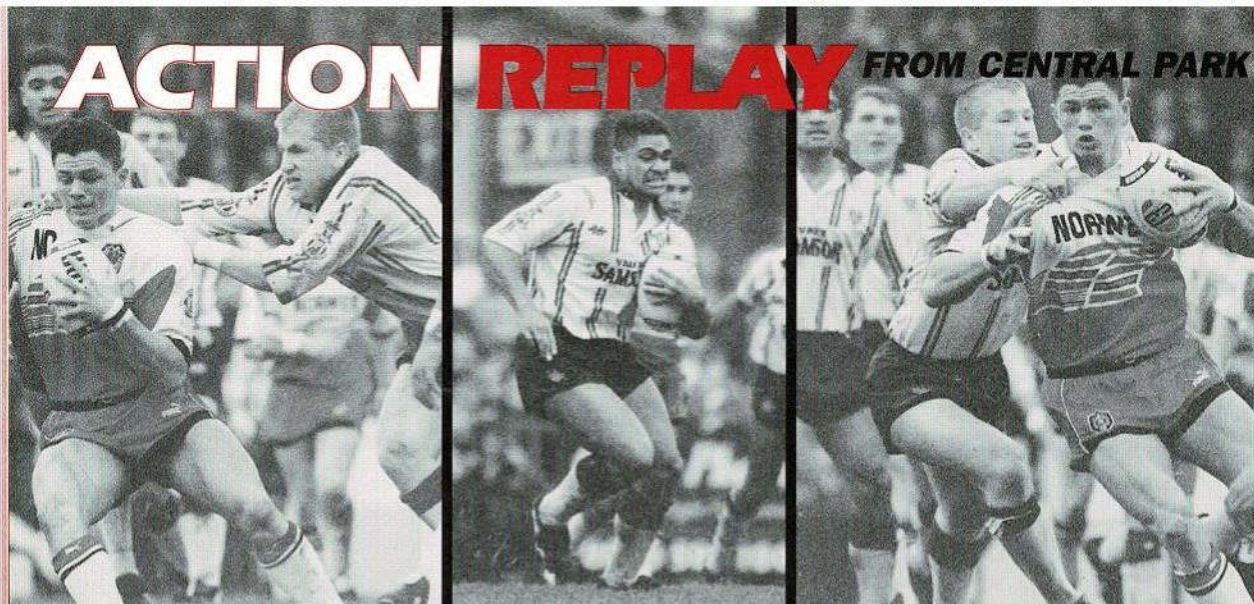
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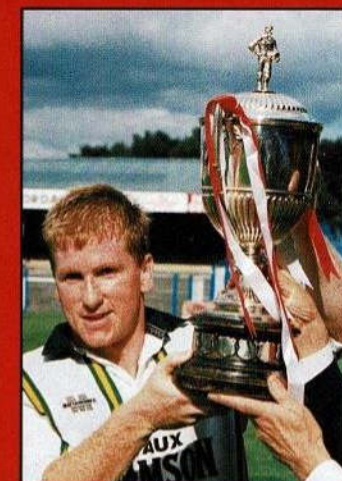
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14/10	Widnes	7.30pm	£1,400	£750	£275	£275
30/10	Featherstone	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275	£275
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22/1	Sheffield E	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275	£275
5/2	Hull	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275	£275
5/3	Wakefield T	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275	£275
26/3	Castleford	3.00pm	£1,500	£800	£300	£300
14/4	Salford	7.30pm	£1,250	£700	£275	£275

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"THE WILL TO WIN IS NOT NEARLY AS IMPORTANT AS THE WILL TO PREPARE TO WIN"

- Bobby Knight

THE GROWING GAME

Development News Supported by P.Casey and Co and Sportsmatch

Welcome to today's Regal Trophy game against Hull KR. Because of the short notice between the draw and the game it is not possible to arrange a curtain raiser but I hope normal service will be resumed next week before the Warrington game. Recently two girls teams went over to Wigan and picked up wins in a competition with teams from Wigan and Trafford. This is the start of the preparations for the Greater Manchester Youth games. Any girls interested in playing should

either contact me on 6274497 or turn up for training on Saturday's at Hathershaw Sports Centre at 11.00.

The Two Town teams Under 11 and Under 13's now look resplendent in new jackets and polo shirts. We are awaiting new kits and then we will be like many of our opponents. We then have to concentrate on raising the standards of play to match that in many other towns. Successful Town Teams are a vital part of the system of Junior Rugby League in the Borough.

We are beginning to get large numbers of Junior School players and Youth sections at many amateur clubs. It is essential that the talent is shared amongst the clubs and as a consequence is then brought together to reflect the strength of the town. In the past we have had some excellent town teams. I am trying to encourage a system that will produce excellent town teams every year. I hope you agree that this is important and do all you can to encourage excellence within our town.

In school coaching is currently going on in Alts, Heywith Zion, St. Chad's, Uppermill, St. John's Failsworth and Mayfield. If you wish to add your school to the list of Rugby League playing schools please contact me at 627 4497.

Best wishes
Neil Wood



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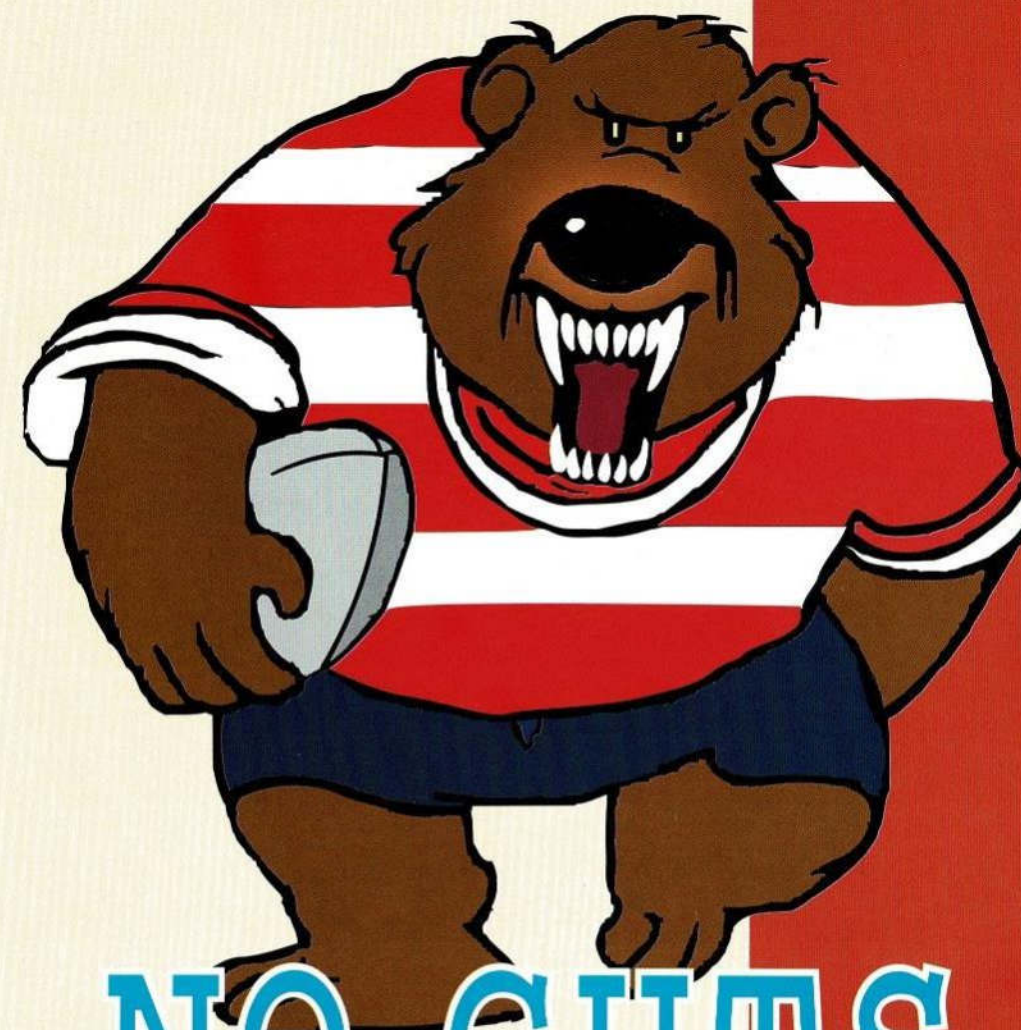
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"IT IS ONLY EIGHTEEN INCHES BETWEEN A PAT ON THE BACK AND A KICK IN THE PANTS." - Joseph Crossman

REGAL TROPHY

1994-1995

The 1994-1995 season of the Regal Trophy celebrates the 28th consecutive year of Imperial Tobacco's sponsorship of Rugby Football League - the longest running sponsorship in the sport.

To mark the occasion, this support will be worth a record breaking £410,000 made up of prize money totalling £246,000, with increases in every round, and the highest ever first prize of £36,000 awaiting the eventual winner of the distinctive Regal Trophy. Once again, prize money is backed up by a contribution to the League's all-important Capital Development Fund which, this time, is set at an all time record figure of £164,000.

For the second year, the first round of the tournament will include the leading amateur clubs, the French Champions and Cup Winners, together with the full complement of Second Division clubs. Teams from the First Division are again seeded into the second round.

PRIZE STRUCTURE (Last season's amounts in brackets):

Round 1 (16 matches)		
2 French, 10 Conference & 4 others	£1,000	(£1,000)
Division 2 Clubs	£2,700	(£2,650)
Round 2 (16 matches)	£2,700	(£2,650)
Round 3	£4,200	(£4,000)
Round 4	£6,500	(£6,225)
Semi-Finals	£10,250	(£9,750)
Runner-Up	£19,000	(£18,500)
Winner	£36,000	(£35,000)

All teams in the First Round receive prize money, win or lose.

MAN OF THE MATCH AWARDS:

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Semi-Finals	-	£150 plus Regal Trophy Commemorative Carriage Clock
FINAL	-	£250 plus Regal Trophy Commemorative Tantalus with 2 Cut Glass Decanters

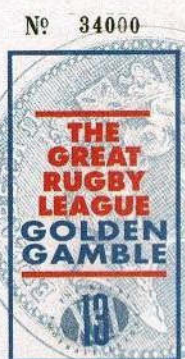
ROUND BY ROUND MATCH DATES

First	-	To be played by 27 November 1994
Second	-	Weekend of 3/4 December 1994
Third	-	Weekend of 17/18 December 1994
Fourth	-	Weekend of 7/8 January 1995
Semi-Finals (1st)	-	Saturday 14 January 1995
Semi-Final (2nd)	-	Sunday 15 January 1995
FINAL	-	Saturday 28 January 1995

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FROM SMALL 'A' CORNS GROW

A look at our Alliance and Academy teams

ALLIANCE FIRST DIVISION

DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	K.O.	RES
August				
19th	Halifax	A	7.30	W36-12
26th	Bradford N	H	7.30	W32-26
September				
1st	Blank weekend			
2nd	Wigan	A	7.30	W26-21
10th	Warrington	H	7.30	L10-32
16th	Dewsbury	H	7.30	W20-12
24th	St. Helens LCC Shield RD1		7.30	W46-22
30th	St. Helens	A	7.30	W42-38
October				
8th	Thatto Heath LCC Shield RD2			W61-12
14th	Ryedale Y	A	7.30	W46-29
22nd	Blank weekend - GB v Australia at Wembley			
28th	Featherstone R	A	7.30	
29th	YSC Cup & LCC Shield - Semi Finals			
November				
4th	Halifax	H	7.30	
10th	Dewsbury	A	7.30	
12th	YSC Cup & LCC Shield - Finals			
18th	Wakefield T	H	7.30	
25th	Wigan	H	7.30	
30th	Leeds	A	7.30	
December				
9th	Warrington	A	7.30	
16th	Salford	H	7.30	
24th	Blank weekend			
30th	Hull			
January				
7th	Alliance Challenge Cup - First Round			
13th	Castleford	H	7.30	
20th	Featherstone R	H	7.30	
28th	Alliance Challenge Cup - Second Round			
February				
1st	Bradford N	A	7.30	
10th	Salford	A	8.00	
17th	St. Helens	H	7.30	
18th	Alliance Challenge Cup - Third Round			
24th	Hull	H	8.00	
March				
2nd	Wakefield T	A	7.30	
10th	Leeds	H	7.30	
11th	Alliance Challenge Cup - Semi Finals			
17th	Ryedale Y	H	7.30	
23rd	Castleford	A	7.30	

Two excellent results in the last few days have kept us in pole position at the top of the First Division Alliance League.

A home win against Wakefield by 22 points to 8 points was thoroughly deserved and the team showed spirit in returning to winning ways after the loss in the Lancashire Shield final.

Adrian Belle led the way with a hat trick of tries Nigel Heslop scored another and Damien Ainge with two goals and Craig Booth with one completed the scoring. This was a very pleasing performance since Wakefield had a strong side out and all our tries were scored on the wings, despite playing the game in torrential rain. We continued in the same vein the following Friday when we entertained Wigan and completed the double over them with an emphatic 36-6 points win. Steve Gartland and Craig Booth led the way with a brace of tries each. Gary Burns and Adrian Belle helped themselves to one each and Craig Booth kicked six goals. For this match we welcomed back Craig Richards and Paul Davidson from suspension whilst Wilson Marsh eased his way back to fitness in the full back position.

This was a top class display and clearly pleased the large crowd. Errors were kept to a minimum. The forwards dominated the Wigan six despite the presence of Quinnell and O'Connor and the backs took every opportunity to keep the ball moving. An excellent performance enhanced by the fact that our nearest rivals Castleford lost at Hull to leave us four points clear at the top.

Our next match is at Leeds on Wednesday 30th November 1994 and hopefully we shall return with another two points in the bag.

We then seek revenge at Warrington on Friday 9th December 1994 and our next home match is against Salford on December 16th.

Bring your friends you won't be disappointed.

OLDHAM R.L.F.C. PLC ACADEMY FIXTURES SEASON 1994/5 DIVISION 3

29th	WORKINGTON	H	2.30
1994 NOVEMBER			
5th	HUDDERSFIELD	A	2.30
14th	RYEDALE YORK	H	7.30
19th	HUNSLET	A	2.30
26th	HULL KR	H	2.30
1994 DECEMBER			
12th	BATLEY	A	7.30
19th	DONCASTER	H	7.30
1995 JANUARY			
9th	ROCHDALE	A	7.30
16th	HUDDERSFIELD	H	7.30
21st	YORK	A	2.30
30th	HUNSLET	H	7.30
1995 FEBRUARY			
11th	HULL KR	A	2.30
18th	Academy Challenge Cup Round 1		
1995 MARCH			
11th	Academy Challenge Cup Round 2		
20th	BATLEY	H	7.30
27th	DONCASTER	A	7.30
1995 APRIL			
3rd	ROCHDALE	H	7.30
8th	WORKINGTON	A	2.30

A nightmare first half riddled with mistakes and a Hull KR side who took full advantage of them put our Academy on the rack going in at the break 6pts to 20pts down. The visitors must have thought they were going to get 50 knowing that they were to play down the slope after the half time. A Steve King try was our first half points goaled by R. Badby.

What a transformation in the second half after some stern words at HT Anthony Robinson scored twice Stephen Hunt scored three. The last of his hat trick coming in the last minute after the sides were locked at 26-26 a great run by Jimmy Cowans set the winner up the full back scoring under the posts to the dismay of the visitors. Richard Badby goaled to finish with 4 goals one right on the touchline. Lee Wilde, Wayne Ridings and Darren Morgan all played well besides those who scored the points.

TONGUE IN CHEEK

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF RUGBY LEAGUE . . .



Pic 1: Bring me Sunshine! - Morecambe & Wise.

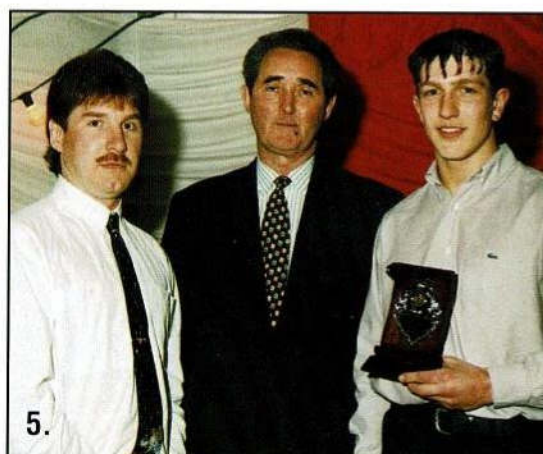
Pic 2: The Winner Takes It All - Abba.

Pic 3: Sweet Nothings - Brenda Lee.

Pic 4: It's Over - Roy Orbison.

Pic 5: Serry With The Fringe On Top - Oklahoma.

Pic 6: I Heard It Through The Grape-Vine - Marvin Gay.



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RUFF E. HEAD

THE MAN IN THE KNOW

“ Lets have no more guff about the superman qualities of Aussie referees, after the performance of Harrigan at Elland Road. As it happens, whenever I have seen him on Sky, he's seemed OK to me. But he certainly made mistakes in the 3rd Test, and mostly in Meninga's sides favour, too. No complaints about the best side winning, of course. And, although I think it was an error to have the Test refereed by a new man, out of season and out of sympathy with the standard applied in the first two matches of the series, I have no objection to the general principle involved. But we certainly have evidence that refs from Down Under are no less likely than our own to get it wrong now and again. I hope Mr McAllum takes note.”

“ It seems difficult to believe that Fred Howarth is no longer with us. His contribution at Watersheddings and to RL in

general has been well documented elsewhere. We will not see his like again, sadly, and he leaves a gaping hole.”

“ We didn't perform to potential at Central Park, it need hardly be said, and the highs of Tuesday night versus Bradford made the display all the harder to bear. What really get my goat, though is the whinging that Wigan people delight in. They seem to regard it as a personal insult whenever any of their precious cherubs is tackled. And of course no Wigan player ever lies on in the tackle, encroaches at the play the ball, or commits foul play. It is pathetic, and sickening, the desire to get to Wembley is almost being overtaken by the desire to beat Wigan! I know all about Paddy's try, and about our run of consecutive victories in the 1950's, but it is definitely time the circle turned again.”

“ Hull KR today, of course, also brings back memories. The scandal of a Wednesday afternoon in 1964 still rankles with many, though that wasn't our opponents fault, after all. In many ways, I think many Watersheddings faithful have a private soft spot for them. They have had more downs than ups, like us, but with some high spots, and have tended to play second fiddle to their neighbours from the other side of town. On the other hand I still find it hard to forgive their club's response to the infamous Bishop-McAllister incident. Their present plight though, I am sure gives no one any pleasure. No doubt they will be here today to try to show the RL world that they are still really a premier league club, potentially even if not currently. Equally I have no doubt that our lads will be aiming to pull out all the stops to try and begin a decent cup run. Another semi-final appearance would be good for starters.”

“GETTING PEOPLE TO LIKE YOU IS ONLY THE OTHER SIDE OF LIKING THEM.”
Norman Vincent Peale



TRY AGAIN!

VAUX SAMSON - ITS STRENGTH IS ITS TASTE

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

1994-95

DATA SHEET

Congratulations to Wigan on yet another remarkable achievement. Their whitewashing of Oldham confirming their 5 points lead at the top of the Stones Bitter Championship and setting up the tantalising prospect that they could go through the season undefeated. There is a long way still to go though and Leeds might have something to say about the Championship after moving into 2nd position following their fifth win in a row. The first round of the Regal Trophy brought no shocks but creditable performances for many amateur clubs notably Leigh Miners Welfare and Saddleworth Rangers. Both Blackpool and Nottingham were humiliated.

LEE CROOKS

Lee Crooks of Castleford took his career points total for the club to 1003 with 10 in the 52-10 Stones Bitter Championship defeat of Hull. His total is made up of 16 tries and 472 goals, including 1 drop goal after playing in 154 matches including 4 as substitute. Crooks 20 points against Hull was his best match tally for Castleford. The Great Britain forward had his most prolific scoring season for Castleford last term with 279 points. Crooks began his professional career as a 17 year old with Hull before moving to Leeds in June 1987 for a then world record £150,000. Castleford signed him for the same amount three years later and he made his debut at prop in a 39-12 Silk Cut Challenge Cup preliminary round defeat at St. Helens on 30 August 1990. Crooks scored 947 points for Hull and 104 for Leeds plus 71 in representative matches, including 385 in Test matches for Great Britain. Born 18 September 1963. Crooks's season-by-season totals for Castleford are as follows:

	App	Tries	Goals	Pts
1989-90	6+1	1	14	32
1990-91	31+1	1	61	138
1991-92	31+1	1	111	242
1992-93	34	1	136(1)	279
1993-94	39	1	38	80
1994-95	9+1	1	472(1)	1003
Totals	150+4	15		

WINNING RUN

Wigan have the best winning run against club sides of 21 matches. It is made up of 16 Stones Bitter Championship games, three Premiership ties, the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final and the Wold Club Challenge. Bradford Northern were the last club side to beat Wigan, 10-6 at Odsal on 12 April.

LOSING RUN

Highfield ended their Cup and League run without a win at 27 matches with a 12-6 Regal Trophy first round home win against Ovenden amateurs. They have gone 37 Second Division matches without a win, with their last a 16-13 victory at Bramley on 26 September 1993. Wakefield Trinity now have the longest losing run of five, all in the Stones Bitter Championship.

MILESTONES

Paul Eastwood of Hull needs four goals for a career total of 500 for the club. Shaun Edwards of Wigan needs four points for a career total of 1,000 for the club. Karl Fairbank of Bradford Northern needs one try for a career century with the club. Keith Mumby of Ryedale-York needs three tries for a career century of touchdowns. Ellery Hanley of Leeds needs one try for a career century of 400 touchdowns.

WIGAN RECORD

Wigan equalled the best Division One start to a season with their 13th successive win when they beat Oldham 46-0 at home. The record was set by Widnes in 1981-82 when they won their first 13 league matches before drawing 10-10 at Hull Kingston Rovers and then losing 6-3 at Bradford Northern. It was the start of a three match losing sequence and Widnes finished third to champions Leigh.

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DATE	OPPONENT	K.O	Res
AUGUST			
21st	Halifax	3.00	L 20-40 Gibson Jones Irwin Abram T Ranson
28th	Bradford Northern	3.00	L 14-36 Gibson T Jones Irwin Abram Ranson
SEPTEMBER			
4th	Wigan	3.00	L 58-10 Gibson T Jones Irwin T Abram Ranson T
SEPTEMBER			
11th	Warrington	3.00	L 55-6 Heslop Jones Irwin Abram Ranson
18th	Doncaster	3.00	W 44-8 Heslop T Jones Irwin T Abram T Ranson
25th	Hull	3.15	W 21-17 Heslop Jones T Irwin Abram 2T Ranson
OCTOBER			
2nd	St. Helens	3.00	D 18-18 Heslop Jones T Irwin Abram Ranson
9th	Wakefield Trinity	3.30	L 16-21 Heslop Jones Irwin Abram Ranson
14th	Widnes (BSKYB)	7.30	W 29-0 Gibson Jones Irwin T Abram T Ranson T
30th	Featherstone Rovers	3.00	L 10-20 Gibson Jones Irwin Abrams T Ranson
NOVEMBER			
6th	Halifax	3.00	L 34-8 Gibson Heslop Irwin Abram T Ranson
22nd	Bradford Northern	7.30	W 32-12 Gibson 2T Jones Irwin Abram 2T Ranson
27th	Wigan	3.00	L 46-0 Gibson Jones Irwin Abram Ranson
DECEMBER			
4th	Regal Trophy (Round 2)		
11th	Warrington	3.00	
18th	Regal Trophy (Round 3)		
26th	Salford	3.00	
JANUARY			
1st	Workington Town	3.00	
8th	Leeds	3.00	
15th	Castleford	3.30	
22nd	Sheffield Eagles	3.00	
29th	Doncaster	3.00	
FEBRUARY			
5th	Hull	3.00	
11th	Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Round 4)		
19th	St. Helens	3.00	
25th	Silk Cup Challenge Cup (Round 5)		
MARCH			
5th	Wakefield Trinity	3.00	
11th	Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Round 6)		
19th	Widnes	3.00	
26th	Castleford	3.00	
APRIL			
2nd	Leeds	3.30	
9th	Sheffield Eagles	3.15	
14th	Salford	3.00	
17th	Workington Town	3.00	
23rd	Featherstone Rovers	3.30	

LEADING TRYSCORERS

1.	Greg Austin	(Huddersfield)	25
2.	Nick Pinkney	(Keighley C)	22
3.	Martin Offiah	(Wigan)	20
4.	David Plange	(Hull KR)	20
5.	Mark Forster	(Warrington)	16
6.	Alan Hunte	(St. Helens)	15
7.	Leigh Deakin	(Ryedale-York)	13
8.	Mike Pechey	(Whitehaven)	13
9.	John Bentley	(Halifax)	13
10.	John Schuster	(Halifax)	12
	Mike Crane	(Hull KR)	12

Top Ten Goalscorers (Including drop goals)

1.	John Schuster	(Halifax)	59
2.	Martin Strett	(Rochdale H.)	58
3.	Mike Fletcher	(Hull KR)	57
4.	Simon Irving	(Keighley C.)	53
5.	Deryck Fox	(Bradford N.)	53
6.	Bobby Goulding	(St. Helens)	49
7.	Greg Pearce	(Huddersfield)	47
8.	Jonathan Davies	(Warrington)	46
9.	Mike Blakeley	(Leigh)	46
10.	Willy Richardson	(Carlisle)	41

LEADING POINTS SCORER

John Schuster of Halifax is the leading point scorer with 186 from 59 goals and 12 tries. He is followed by Simon Irving of Keighley Cougars with 138 from eight tries and 53 goals.

POINT SCORING RUN

John Schuster of Halifax now has the current longest scoring run of 17 matches, stretching back to last season. Martin Strett of Rochdale Hornets is the only other player to have scored in every match this season.

TRY SCORING SEQUENCE

Nick Pinkney of Keighley Cougars has scored at least one try in six successive matches as follows:
1-5-4-2-1-3
Clayton Friend of Whitehaven has scored at least one try in six successive matches as follows:
1-1-2-1-2-2

HOME FIXTURES ARE DENOTED IN BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS

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Garland G6	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord	Davidson	Kuiti	Richards T	Heslop
Garland G1	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord	Davidson	Kuiti	Richards T2	Heslop
Garland G1	Crompton T	Sherratt	Clarke	Richards	Lord	Davidson	Kuiti	Parr	Topping
Garland G1	Crompton T	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord	Davidson	Kuiti	Richards	Faimalo
Topping T 6g	Crompton 2T	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord T	Faimalo T	Kuiti	Richards	Garland
Topping 4g	Crompton 1dg	Sherratt	Clarke	Faimalo	Lord	Green	Kuiti	Garland	Davidson
Topping 5g	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord T	Faimalo	Kuiti	Gibson	Temu
Topping 3g	Crompton T	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti 2T	Davidson	Gibson
Topping 4g	Crompton Tdg	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord T	Faimalo	Kuiti	Heslop	Temu
Topping 3g	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Faimalo	Lord	Kuiti	Heslop	Parr
Topping	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu T	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti	Jones	Norman
Topping 3g	Crompton 2dg	Sherratt	Clarke T	Temu	Lord T	Faimalo	Kuiti	Green	Bradbury
Topping	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti	Green	Bradbury

CLASSIQUE JEWELLERS PLAYER OF THE MONTH MERIT AWARD

V BRADFORD	V WIGAN
5. TEMU	5. GIBSON
3. CLARKE	3. TOPPING
1. CROMPTON	1. CLARKE

CLASSIQUE JEWELLERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Present Positions	
Kuiti	23
Crompton	23
Sherratt	21

WINNER FOR NOVEMBER - WALLY GIBSON

Wally received an engraved medal, a jewellery voucher and a cheque for £30. The presentation will take place just before kick off.

Apologies to Mike Kuiti he was joint winner with Ian Sherratt for the October award an error was made in the calculations. Mike deservedly received a jewellery voucher and an engraved medal

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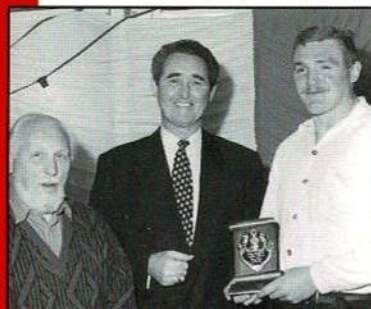
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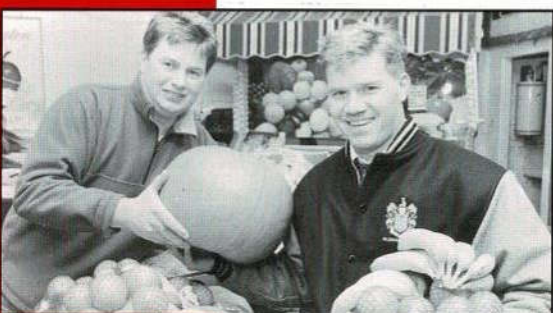
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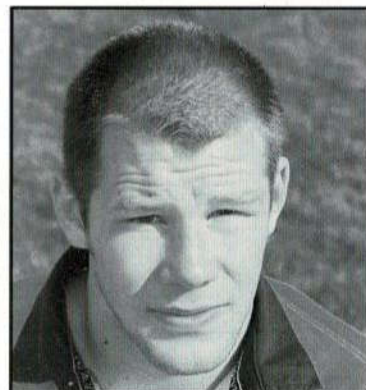
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Alex Hammond



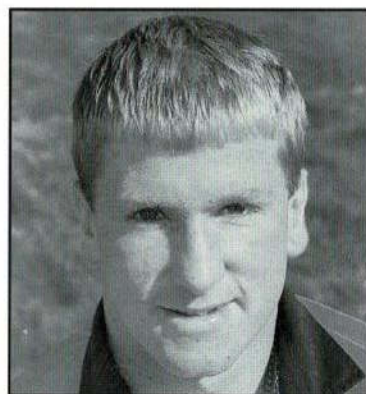
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Darren Abram -
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John Clarke
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BUT IT WON'T TASTE GOOD" - Joe Paterno

TODAYS LINE UP

ROUGHYEDS

HULL K.R.

- 1 Wally Gibson
- 2 David Jones
- 3 Shaun Irwin
- 4 Darren Abram
- 5 Scott Ranson
- 6 Paul Topping
- 7 Martin Crompton
- 8 Ian Sherratt
- 9 David Stephenson
- 10 Jason Temu
- 11 Gary Lord
- 12 Joe Fiamalo
- 13 Mike Kuiti

- 14 Nigel Heslop
- 15 Iyan Green

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- 8 Tim Sage
- 9 Sean Hoe
- 10 Andy Thompson
- 11 Chris Harrison
- 12 Paul Fletcher
- 13 Paul Speckman

- 14 Nick Halafini
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