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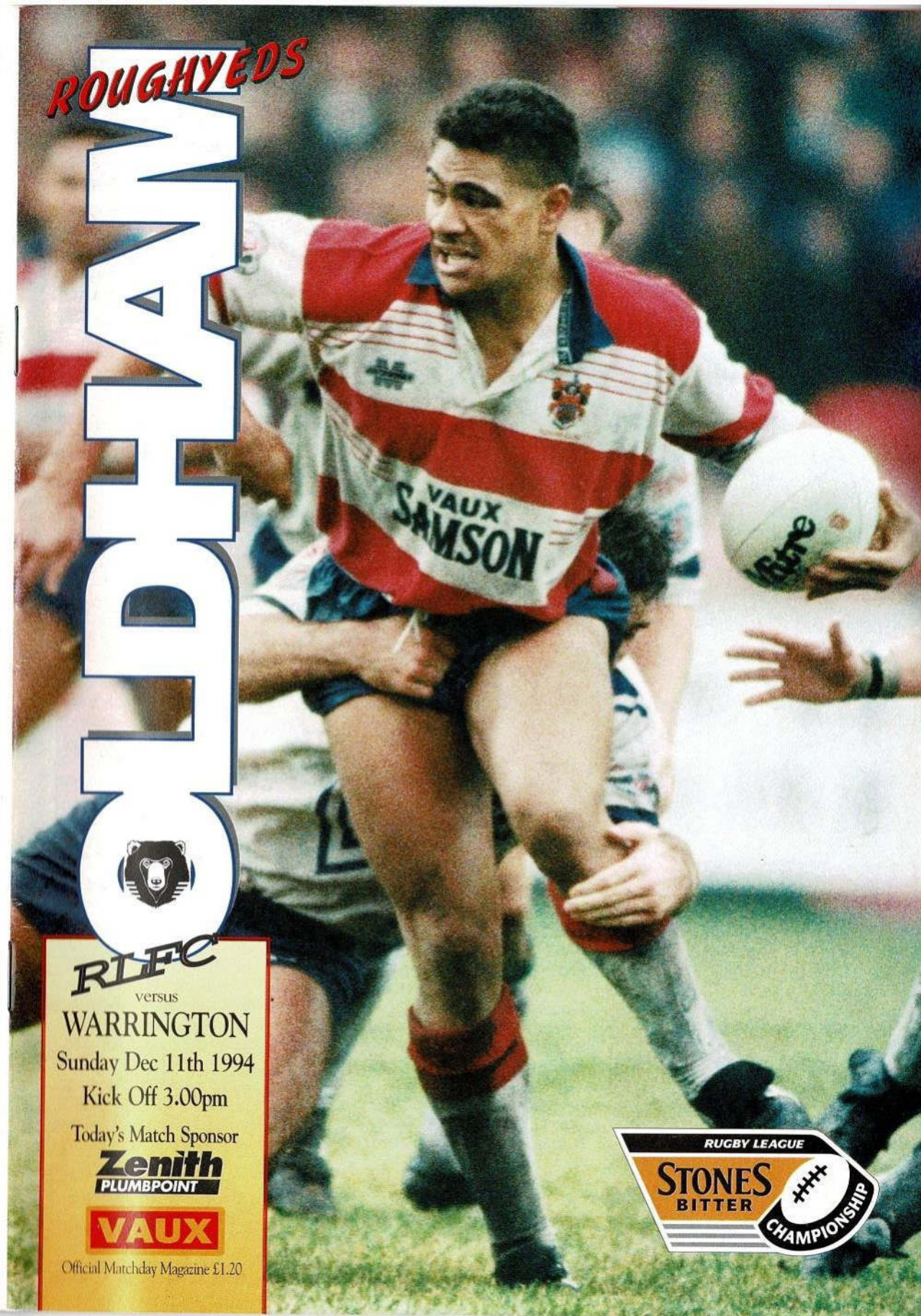
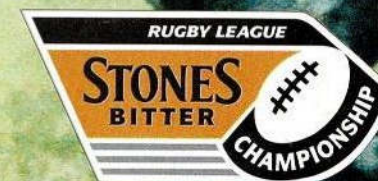
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Record Transfer: £70,000 to Halifax for
Tony Anderson

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

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

Club Records continued...

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

Scorer: Bernard Ganley, 2,881
v Stalybridge

First Game: 21st October 1876
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Highest Number: Bernard Ganley, 2,881
of Points Scored

Most Appearances: Joe Ferguson, 685
Pre 1900 Jach Hirst 233

Most Tries: Since 1900
Alan Davies 182

FROM THE BOARDROOM

BY CHAIRMAN JIM QUINN

As this is our last home game before the visit of Workington Town on New Year's Day I would like to wish you all, on behalf of the board, a very Happy Christmas.

Best wished for the festive season are extended to shareholders, supporters, sponsors, season ticket holders, club secretary Karen Scott and the office staff, commercial manager Ray Hill and his staff, Andy Goodway and the coaches, the players, the hard working members of the Supporters Club, those who back us with their contributions to the Big League Cash Bonanza, the Lifeline Scheme and the Golden Gamble on match days, Jack Walker and the ground staff, Terry Donovan, Dr. Radcliffe, Dr. Atherton, Mr. Gibbison, Nick Hodgson and the medical staff, our timekeeper Jack Roscoe, my fellow directors and many others too numerous to mention individually, who donate their time and talents to the welfare of the club. Similar wishes are also extended to the Oldham Evening Chronicle's Rugby League correspondent Roger Halstead. We have a good relationship with Roger. He is a professional newspaper man who knows that his first loyalty is to his newspaper and his readership but he is more than willing to help the club whenever possible and his integrity and sense of fair play can never be questioned.

You may have noticed that when we played Hull KR in the Regal Trophy last Sunday, we broke new ground by welcoming representatives of St. Anne's, the local amateur club, among our sponsors.

Mr. Kevin Geany of Geany Building Contractors Ltd, who is president of St. Anne's, was the Man of the Match host and the St. Anne's club sponsored the match ball. As a former St. Anne's

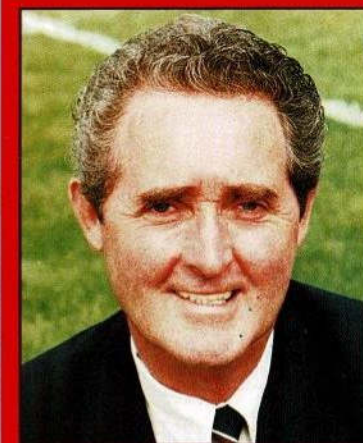
player myself, I am delighted at the relationship we are now building up between Watersheddings and the local amateur clubs generally, not merely the Saints.

It was good to welcome several prominent members of the Saddleworth Rangers club to the same game and our thanks are also due to the committee of the Hollinwood club for allowing our Academy team to use its facilities whenever necessary. I take the view that we are all in this Rugby League game together, amateurs and professionals, and that by pulling in the same direction and working together we can be of mutual benefit to each other.

Incidentally, make a note in your diary for Wednesday December 21st. At 7.30 that night St. Anne's stage the final of the Lancashire Cup here at Watersheddings when they take on the holders Woolston Rovers of Warrington in what should be a thrilling encounter and a must for all the town's Rugby League fans. We are delighted to offer Saints our facilities for this big occasion, which will see another Warrington team in town to follow today's visit by the men from Wilderspool.

A hearty welcome goes out to Peter Higham, his Wires board, coach Brian Johnson and the players, and all the Wilderspool fans who have made the trip for today's game. The Warrington club is currently well known for its exciting youth policy, which has included the signing of several boys from the Oldham area, to whom we also extend a Watersheddings welcome.

I am certain that many clubs will see the Warrington way as the right way and that, within their budgets and financial restraints, will attempt to



follow the Wilderspool example, while resisting the temptation to pay out huge sums they cannot afford to very young boys.

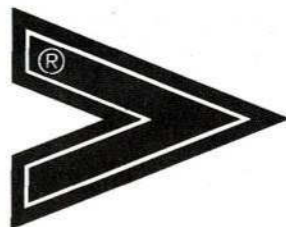
The Oldham club is indeed envious that it could not compete for Iestyn Harris, the lad from Shaw who went to North Chadderton school and is now making a huge name for himself in the blue and primrose, to say nothing of the red of Wales. We wish Iestyn and all the other Oldham area boys at Wilderspool the very best for the future.

The same goes for Jonathan Davies, whom the Wires management is delighted to have secured for another two seasons. It must have been an excellent piece of negotiating to land Jonathan again in the face of competition from North Queensland Cowboys, who will now have the Welshman's services only for a short spell in our close season. Warrington have shown they mean business in the quest to try and match Wigan and that can only be good for Rugby League.

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CLOSE UP ON WARRINGTON

Our visitors in detail

GARY CHAMBERS

Joined Warrington in 1989 from Kells A.R.L.C. Now 24 years old he has won under 21 International honours and if his progress continues would well go all the way. Expected to be a dominant force in the Wires pack this season he has over 70 first team games under his belt and would have played many more had it not been for a very bad run of bizarre injuries.

JONATHAN DAVIES

Warrington produced a 'master stroke' in bringing Jonathan the 7 miles up the road from Widnes in July of last year. He quickly became the hero of the fans and rewarded them with 20 tries and 100 goals in his first season. Has settled well into the No 4 jersey and his match winning skills are admired not only by the Wires but by the league as a whole.

GARY SANDERSON

Another player who has suffered more than his fair share of injuries. But is now thankfully completely fit again. Gary now 27 years old has played in almost 200 games since he signed professional from Thatto Heath A.R.L.C. in 1987 and is widely respected for his total commitment to the cause.

KELLY SHELFORD

Often regarded as the player who makes Warrington 'tick' he joined the Wires in October 1991 after a brief spell with Whitehaven. A seasoned New Zealand International he is currently playing his best ever rugby at the age of 28.

TUKERE BARLOW

Recently arrived from New Zealand and scored a try in his debut match as hooker. Former Junior Kiwi and Mauri International this 23 year old is hoping to establish a long term career at Warrington.

GARY TEES

Signed from Barrow in November 1990 and has since made 51 first team appearances. He has impressed however in pre-season training to earn his chance today to establish a regular first team spot. Gary is 27 years of age.

BRUCE McGUIRE

Joined Warrington during the close season from Sheffield Eagles. Signed by Wire to add the strength to their pack that was missing last season and is a forceful front or second row player. Bruce is a seasoned State of Origin player and has also won two caps with the Australian Kangaroos.

PAUL CULLEN

This will be the first game Paul has played since he injured his knee against Wigan at Wilderspool on the first day of 1994. He has undergone several operations and is determined to continue his prolific career. Many a lesser player would have thrown in the towel after such a bad injury. Paul is a one club man having joined Wires in 1980 and is the clubs longest serving player having already enjoyed his "benefit season". He began life as a centre but more recently has adapted to the pack where he has impressed in both the second row and at loose forward. He has made 284 appearances for Warrington and is now aged 31.

LEE PENNY

Joined Warrington from Orrell St. James in October 1991, and quickly established himself as a first class full back, he has since played in over 50 1st team games and earned International honours at both U/21 and Academy level, Lee is still only 19 years old..

JASON LEE

Signed for Warrington during the close season from Dudley Hill A.R.L.C. in Yorkshire after impressing in trial games for the

Alliance team at the end of last season. Strong and fast, Warrington hope he will continue the prolific try scoring that achieved him fame in the Amateur code.

LESTYN HARRIS

Joined Warrington in August 1993 from Oldham St. Annes A.R.L.C. and though still only 18 years of age has quickly progressed via the Academy team to the Alliance team and has now also made over a dozen first team appearances. Lestyn has also been selected as a squad member to the Welsh team and has earned Academy International honours. Equally at home in the centre or on the wing, he is also a very talented goal kicker.

JONATHAN ROPER

Has just returned from the Academy tour to Australia where he had an outstanding tour. Signed for Warrington on his 17th birthday fifteen months ago, and forced his way into the Alliance team. He is a strong and powerful centre from whom much is expected over the coming years.

GREG MACKAY

Warrington's Mr Dependable. Now in his second spell with Wire after spending two seasons with Hull, he played in all the clubs games last season and also topped the appearance charts in the season previous. Australian by birth he is 32 years old and has also played for South Sydney, Canterbury and Illawarra.

MARK HILTON

A Wigan lad, he signed professional in August 1991 from Orrell St. James A.R.L.C. A big raw boned prop forward, Mark has impressed sufficiently to have won 13 first team outings already. Just 19 years of age he was voted the player of the tour in the recent Academy trip to Australia.

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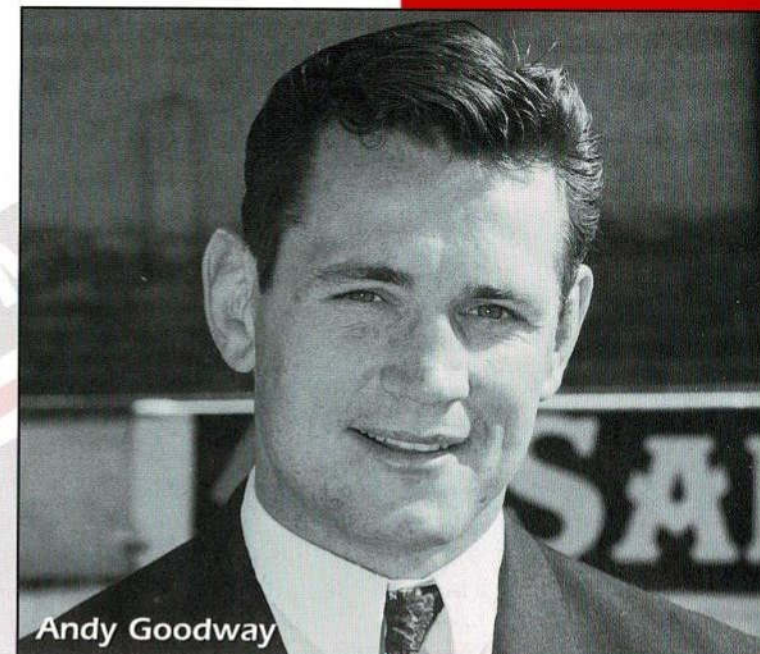
GOODWAY & McCURRIE

Welcome to what is another big game here at the Watersheddings.

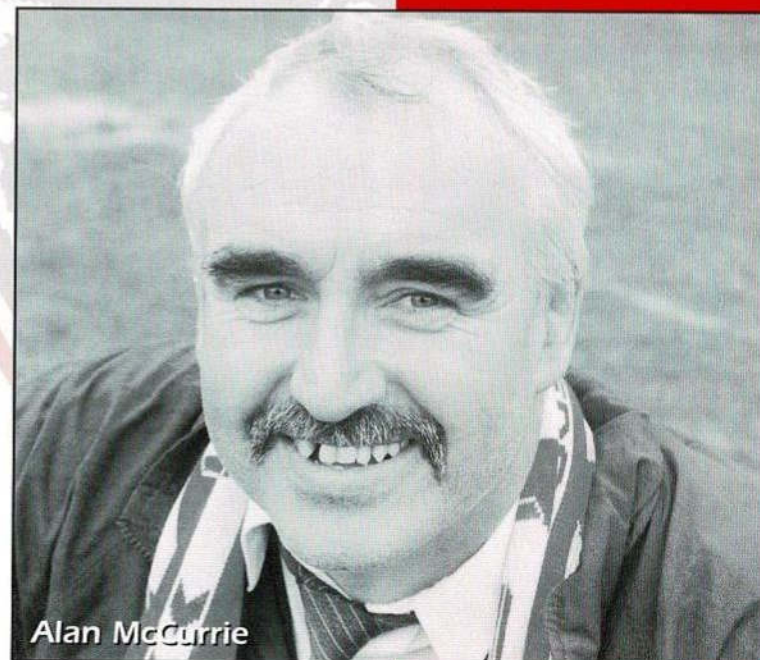
After a superb display against Bradford and what was a very professional and satisfying performance from a coaching point of view against Hull KR.

With Iyan Green and David Bradbury coming out of a very successful A team and performing well we are getting plenty of competition for places which can only be good for the club and the coaching staff. With Paul Davidson and Craig Richards now free of suspension everyone is pressing for selection.

Warrington are one of the top attractions in the First Division and will supply us with stern opposition. Hopefully if the team keep up the standard of football, the people of Oldham will start to support the club in greater numbers, which will allow us not only to secure our existing players on long term contracts but cast our net further a field and be in a position to strengthen the squad if necessary.



Andy Goodway

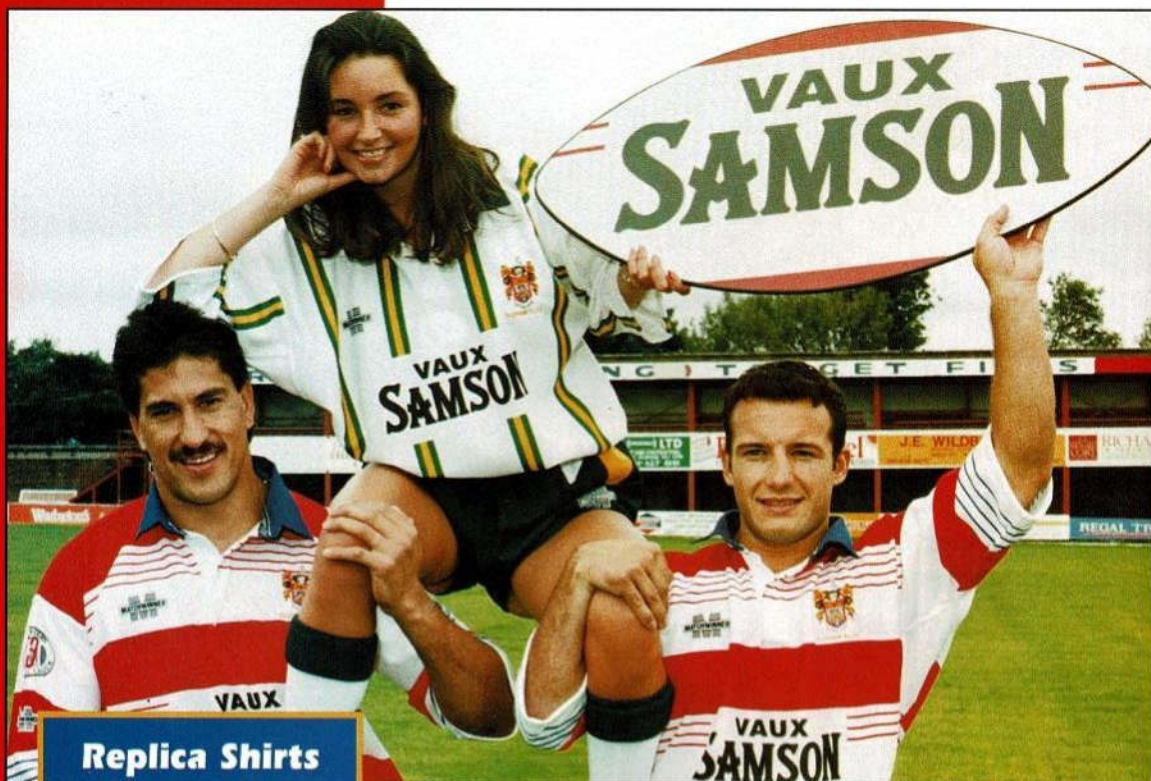


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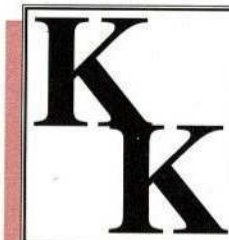
Sadly one of my best friends at the club is not here to keep me company, Fred Howarth or 'Coffin Dodger' as we used to call him has passed away. I personally will be sorry not to be working with him again. On a brighter note it has been nice to be welcomed back by so many people. I must say it doesn't seem that long since I left.

Over the next few months I will be out and about visiting local businesses, renewing old acquaintances and hopefully finding new sponsors. I do realise that the present economic climate is not good but hopefully I can tailor a

package to suit your budget. Your Christmas draw tickets should have arrived by now. I know that we were late sending them out but I'm sure that you will do your best to sell them as quickly as possible and return the money and counterfoils to the office as soon as you can. With a first prize of £1,000, I hope that you will not find it too difficult to sell all your tickets.

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A LOOK AT THE LOCAL AMATEUR RUGBY SCENE

On Wednesday of next week, 21st December, Watersheddings stages one of the biggest nights in the history of local side St. Annes when they face Woolston Rovers in the final of the Burtonwood Brewery Lancashire Cup competition. Woolston are regarded as the best amateur team in the country just at present. They are National League Champions as well as holders of the Lancashire Cup. They have reached this seasons final with emphatic victories over Rose Bridge (away) 34-6, Leigh East (home) 28-2, Leigh Miners Welfare (away) 20-12 and Wigan St.Judes (home) 18-4.

As can be seen, Woolston will provide stern opposition to St. Annes but Saints have shown during the past two years that they are up to any challenge put before them. When they joined the Conference League last season, Saints were confidently expected to hold their own. They did more than

that, they lifted the Second Division title in memorable style. Now in the First Division, Saints have once more risen to the occasion. They are again involved in the promotion dog fight and remain undefeated at home in Conference League football. Even Woolston cannot claim a record like that. In reaching next weeks final Saint have beaten Portico Panthers 74-24 and Langworthy 30-8 both at home before winning a tricky away tie at Eccles 14-4 and Higginshaw 12-4. It promises to be great match and one which should not be missed. Come along and give the Saints some support on this big occasion.

Apart from their exploits in the Lancashire Cup, Saints continue their Championship ambitions with a home match against Lock Lane next Saturday. Last September Saints crashed to their biggest defeat of the season when they went down 38-6 to Lock Lane so they will be determined to avenge that

heavy reverse. Meanwhile in the Premier Division Saddleworth Rangers face a tough match at Chorley Borough next Sunday. Earlier this season Rangers won 12-9 when Chorley visited Shaw Hall Bank Road. A late try from skipper Gary Dobbs snatched victory on that occasion. It will be tough for Rangers in what is a very demanding competition. Another demanding competition reaches its quarter final stage over the New Year weekend. That is the Standard Cup competition, the draw for which took place last Wednesday, just before these notes went to press. The eight clubs still in the competition are Fitton Hill, Higginshaw, Saddleworth Rangers, St. Annes, Waterhead, Middleton, Seddon Panthers and Salem Hornets. Watch out in the local press for ties and dates for these matches.

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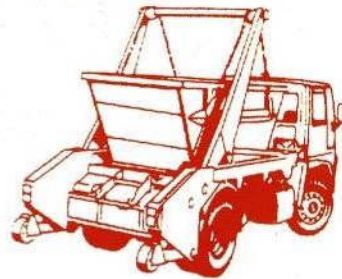
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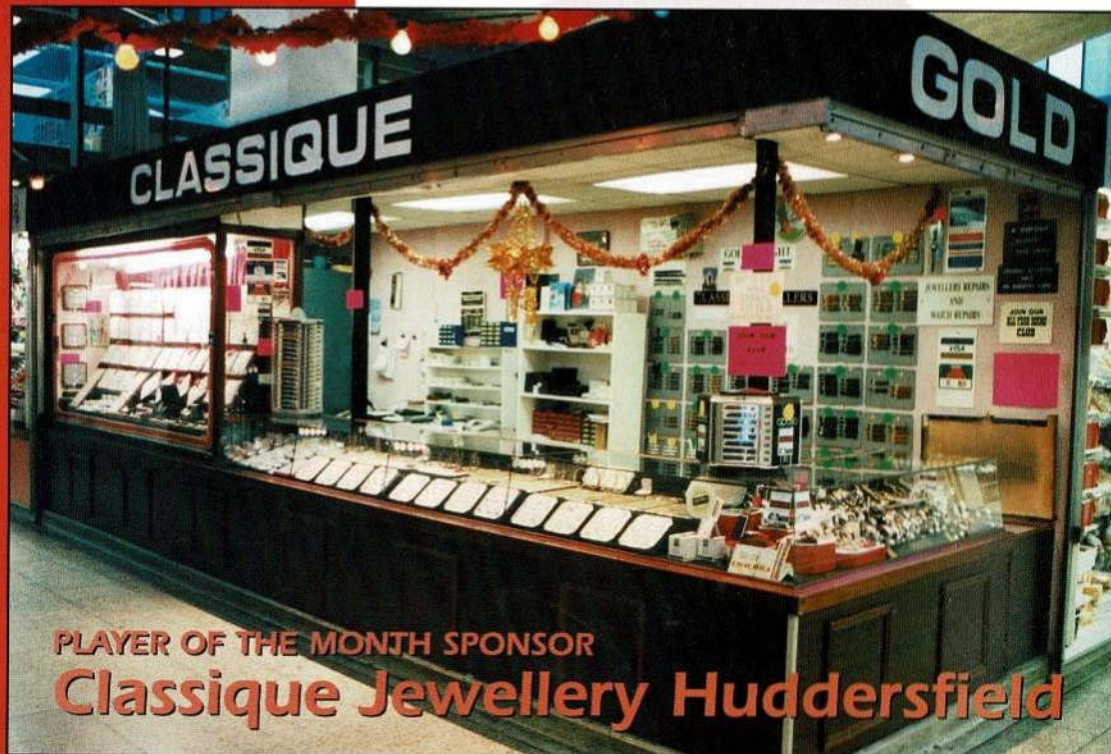
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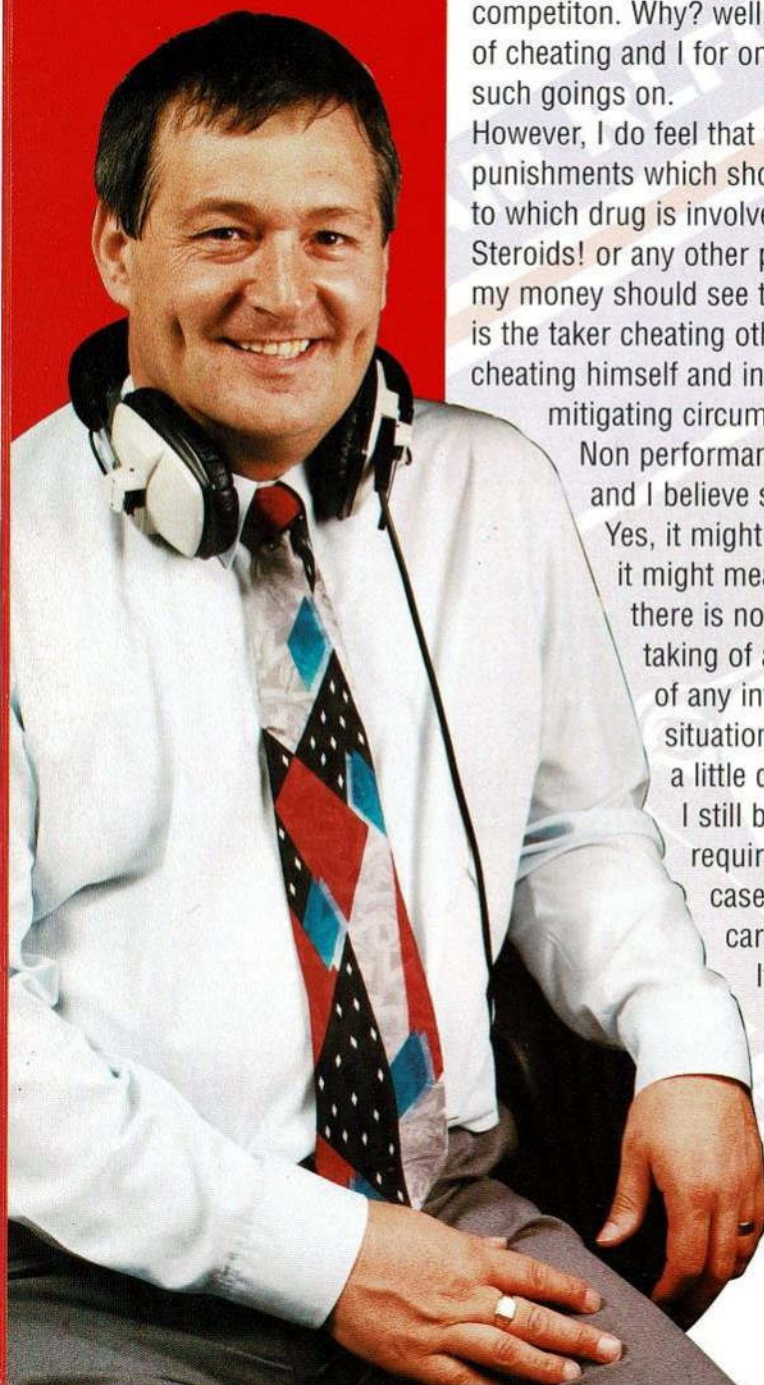
Steroids! or any other performance enhancing drug for my money should see the taker banned for life - not only is the taker cheating other players and the fans he's also cheating himself and in my opinion there can be no mitigating circumstances.

Non performance enhancing drugs though could and I believe should be treated differently.

Yes, it might still mean the person is stupid, it might mean the person is acting illegally and there is no way I could ever condone drug taking of any sort, but I do feel the absence of any intention to cheat renders the situation a little different.

I still believe some punishment is required but I also feel that there is a case for re-habilitation - helping and caring.

It could happen to anyone, we should never be too quick to judge - stupidity is a common enough illness, but its not necessarily incurable. Remember "there but for the grace of God..."



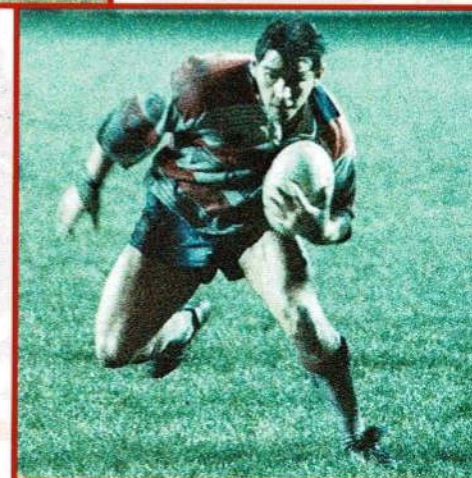
Above:
Scott Ranson on his way to a great try



Below:
Man of the Match "Stevo". David Stephenson our Man of the Match against Hull KR shaping up to take the ball in.

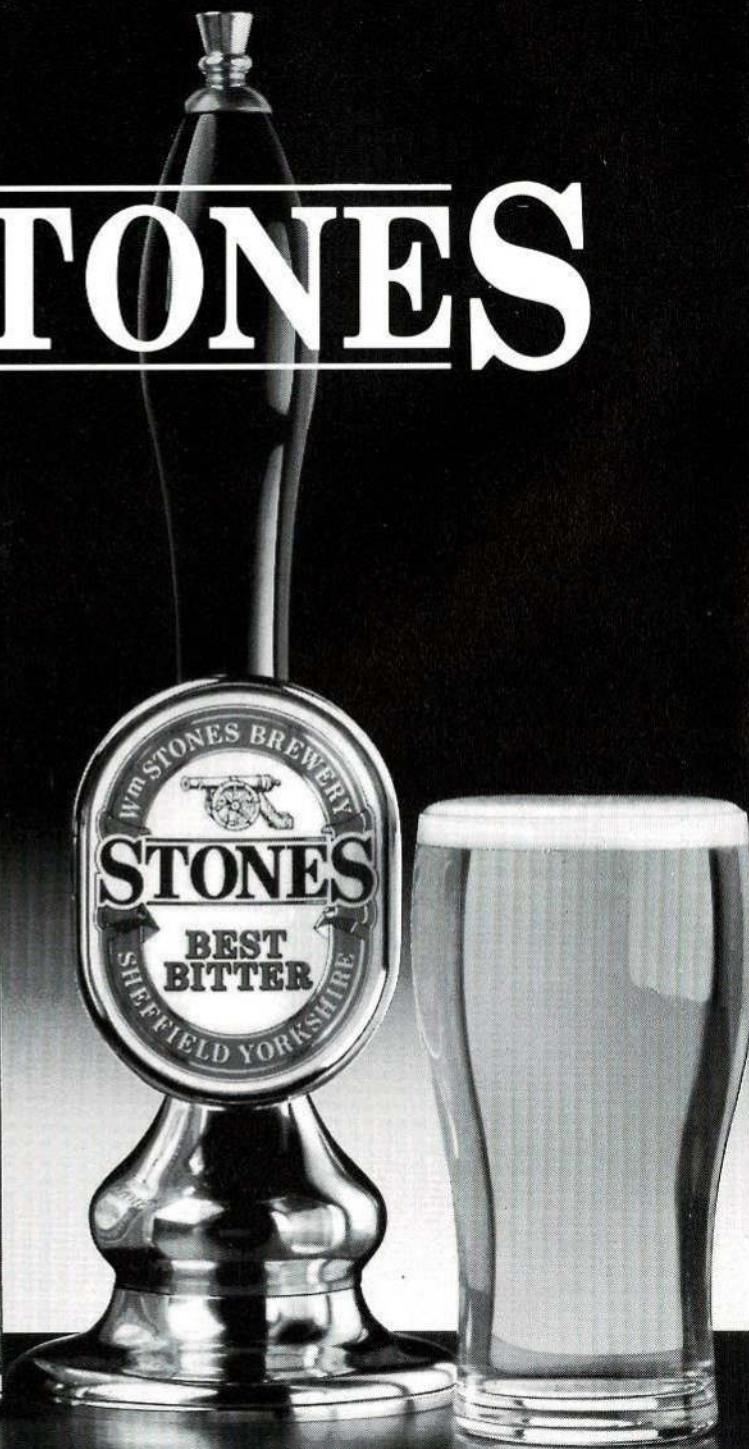
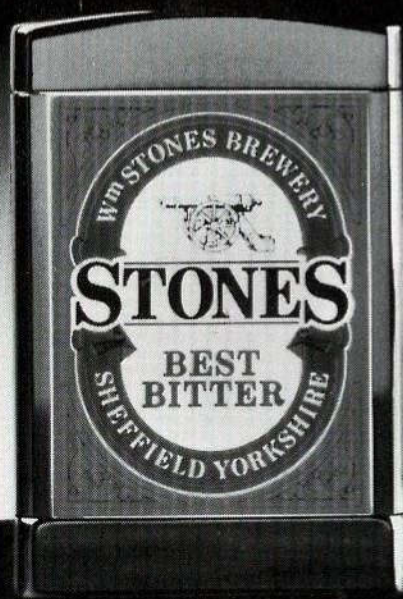
Above:
"Jhona". Dave Jones rounding the cover to score a great try

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TICKETS

During the season we accept that every game is not going to be a 'sell out'. So we have decided to sell these tickets to companies at greatly reduced prices. The tickets are only for standing areas and cannot be exchanged for seats.

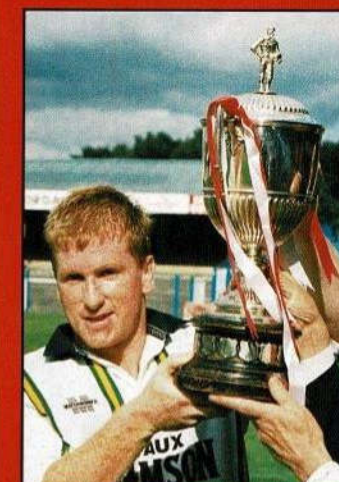
The regular ticket prices are - Adult £6.00 - Child/OAP £3.00

These tickets can be used as prizes, or simply public relation exercises.

The tickets will be available for the following games:

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Martin Crompton
Receives the Law Cup

1994/95 HOSPITALITY PRICE LIST

Type of Package			Match	Executive	Man of the Match	Match ball
Number of Guests			20*1	10*2	4*3	4*3
Date	Versus	K. Off				
21/8	Halifax	3.00pm	£1,400	£750	£275	£275
4/9	Wigan	3.00pm	£2,000	£1,000	£350	£350
18/9	Doncaster	3.00pm	£1,100	£650	£275	£275
2/10	St. Helens	3.00pm	£1,500	£800	£300	£300
14/10	Widnes	7.30pm	£1,400	£750	£275	£275
30/10	Featherstone	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275	£275
22/11	Bradford	7.30pm	£1,500	£800	£300	£300
11/12	Warrington	3.00pm	£1,400	£750	£300	£300
1995						
1/1	Workington	3.00pm	£1,100	£650	£275	£275
8/1	Leeds	3.00pm	£1,400	£750	£275	£275
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

Prices Exclude VAT

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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

As the dust now settles on the Australian Tour of Great Britain and the outbursts about who is to blame for our defeat are calmed, I thought I might take some time to begin to examine positively reasons for our defeat, but, more importantly, steps to ensure future success. I also thought I would discuss this with particular reference to Oldham. The first thing to note is that Rugby League in Queensland and New South Wales is massive and as such attracts participants. It could be compared to Soccer in this country. This fact alone however does not excuse our shortcomings. In Oldham we are beginning to expand the number of schools who are seriously offering Rugby League to their pupils. Whilst the number is around 25 Junior Schools and 10 Senior Schools it should be

remembered that 60% of junior schools **DO NOT** play Rugby League at any level. I would therefore suggest that my job is to continue to chip away at this figure to open up the game to more people. Once young players have tried the game how many play regular Club Rugby League? St. Annes, Salem, Saddleworth, Shaw, Waterhead, Royton Tigers, and Higginshaw all offer some level of junior Rugby League. The maximum number of players at any one age group would be the Under 9's with six clubs. Given a squad of 20 players at each club that only amounts to 120 players at that age group. My suggestion is that by playing Puma Little League we could aim to have in the region of 12 clubs at Under 9's which even with say 16 players per squad will increase the numbers

by over 50%. Once we have these players we have to keep them by ensuring that they have appropriate levels of competition and can progress via "Mod League" to full rules.

If we manage to achieve this increase in participation how do we promote Performance and Excellence? I would suggest that the current system of Town Teams is given greater status and kudos should attract the very top players for regular extra training. We should also continue with Development Squads for those years where no Town Team competition exists. None of what I have described above should be a radical change from what goes on now. It will, however, need all of us to pull in the same direction, which is what happens in most cases. We need to get a set of priorities which we can all agree and I suggest that of paramount importance should always be what is best for the **PLAYER**.

There may be people who read this who agree or disagree with my thoughts but be assured. I am always trying to positively promote Rugby League and specifically Rugby League in Oldham. We are a traditionally strong area in terms of Youth Rugby but we can, and must improve, and I look forward to working alongside everyone who shares my ambitions. To make Oldham the Top Rugby League Town in this country.



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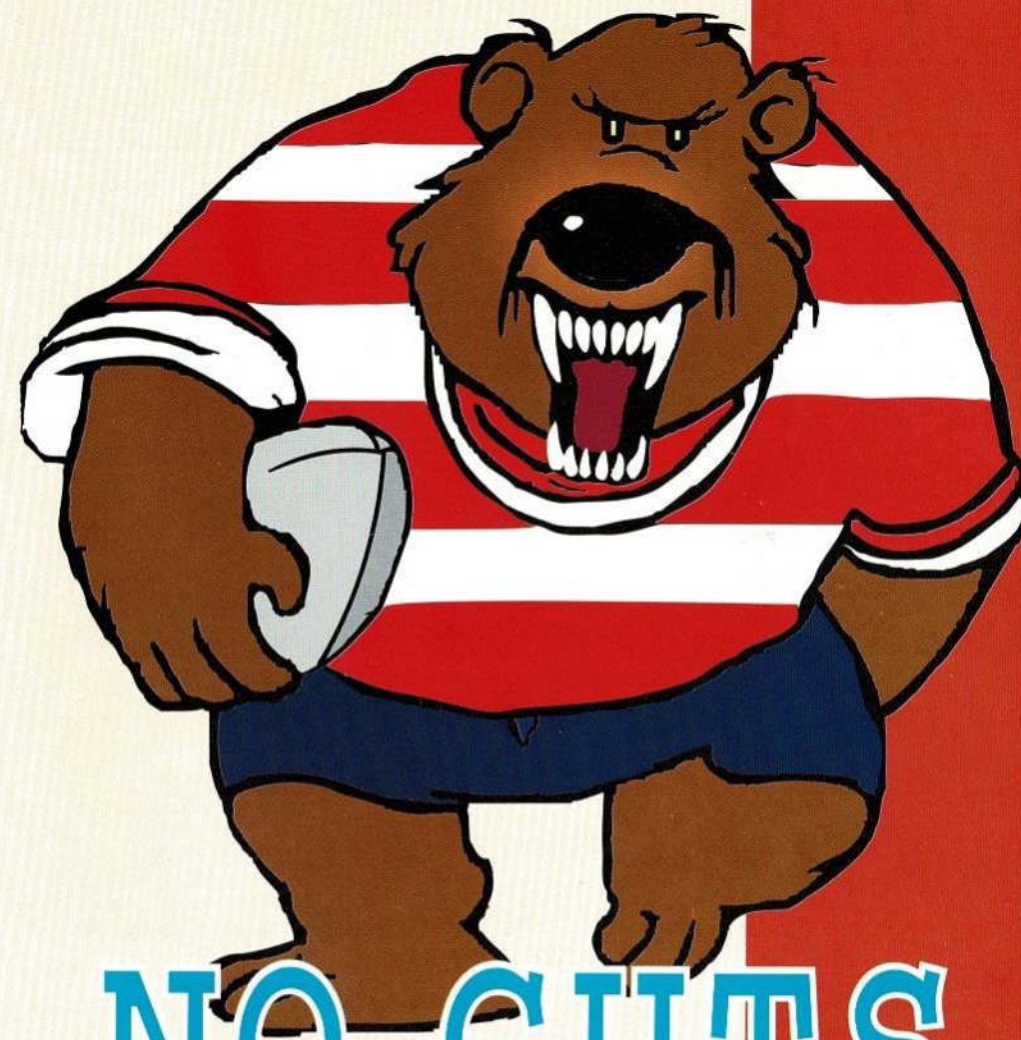
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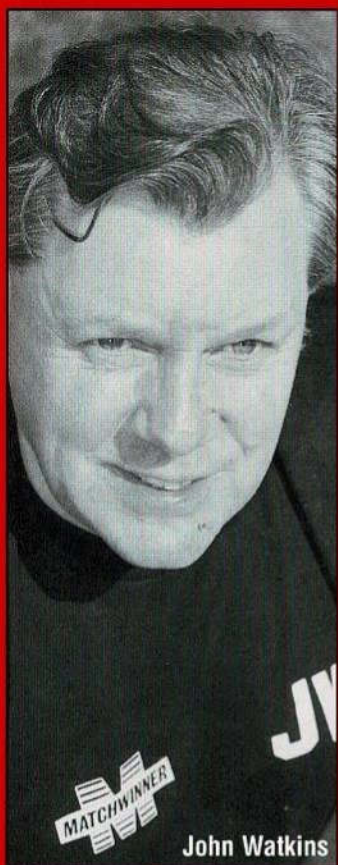


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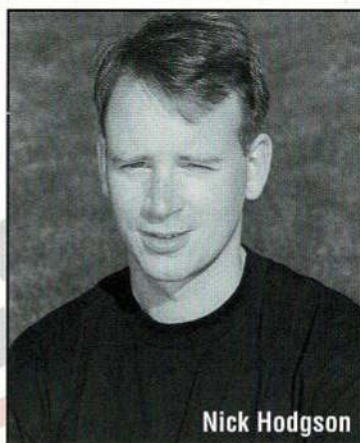
"IT IS ONLY EIGHTEEN INCHES BETWEEN A PAT ON THE BACK AND A KICK IN THE PANTS." - Joseph Crossman

INJURY UPDATE

FROM THE TREATMENT ROOM



John Watkins



Nick Hodgson

Ask any player about their dislikes in the game of Rugby League and the vast majority will tell you that they find it hard to accept an injury that comes along from time to time in what is

one of the most physical games in sport.

Martin Holden is a prime example as he has battled for over a seven week period to overcome an ankle ligament injury, constantly coming in for treatment, doing everything Nick has told him to do but the frustration is evident as he sees the other lads playing and training.

Happily Martin is back now in full training and is eagerly awaiting for his chance to get back into the side.

TRAVELLING AWAY WITH THE ROUGHYEDS

WIDNES AWAY - 18TH DECEMBER

3pm Kick-off

Follow the M62 to Junction 7. Take the new A557 to Widnes The Old A569 is now closed.

At the end of the A557 it is sign posted Widnes RLFC just a quarter of a mile down Lower House Lane.

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FROM SMALL 'A' CORNS GROW

A look at our Alliance and Academy teams

The Alliance team is still proudly perched at the top of the First Division but the lads allowed their crown to slip by more than a little by an inept display at Leeds and went down by 31 pts to 18 pts. Having defeated Wigan by such an impressive margin on the previous Friday at Watersheddings, we went to Leeds with high hopes of a repeat performance.

Unfortunately we started the game in the same manner that we finished the Wigan match; throwing the ball wide at every opportunity and seeking to score in every set of six.

We forgot that the graft has to be done first, especially against young, but star-studded side like Wigan and Leeds. We never achieved the forward dominance that we had managed in the previous match and paid the price late in the game. For the record, tries were scored by Paul Davidson, Wilson Marsh and Paddy Mitchell, whilst Craig Booth with two goals and Wilson Marsh with one, completed the scoring.

We are still 2 pts clear at the top of the League but a much improved performance will be demanded when we visit Warrington in our next match. Warrington won the corresponding fixture at the 'Sheddings, have a young side showing lots of promise for the future and will be another severe test for us.

On a brighter note, it was pleasing to see that the three Alliance regulars drafted into the first team last weekend all gave creditable performances. David Stephenson played hooker and won the Man of the Match Award; Iyan Green and David Bradbury both came off the subs bench in the second half and made a fine contribution to the defeat of Hull K.R.

Congratulations are extended to all three.

Next home match is Salford at Watersheddings on Friday 16th December 1994. Tell all your friends!

Dave McHugh
(Alliance Coach)

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	

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RUFF E. HEAD

THE MAN IN THE KNOW

“What a cracking draw for the 3rd round of the Regal Trophy. There are six of the ‘big seven’ left in the tournament, and all are drawn away from home. Indeed, all four second division clubs have home advantage, apart from hopefully being a bonus for their bank balances. I would be surprised not to see at least one of them, on a filthy afternoon just before Christmas, progressing to the last eight. It is good too, to see the two Cumbrian clubs still there, and both with attractive home ties.”

“The ‘Insider’ in League Express, had what I thought was an interesting line on our possible signing of Greg Florino the other week. What, he asked, is the effect on the motivation of the regular players of a short-term big bucks overseas signing? The only real test, I suppose, is the effect of the signing on results. Wally Lewis, for example, played 10 games for Wakefield Trinity during the 1983-84 season, and was paid a reported £1,000 per game - an absolute fortune in those days. However, 5 of his 10 games were won, and Wakefield won only 10 all season. In addition, the clubs average gate for the season was boosted by more than 2000 per match during his stay. On the down side, however, the Wakefield players were reported to

be “in dispute” mid-way through the period - though they did have a seven strong Aussie contingent at the time - and coach Derek Turner quit soon after Lewis had gone back home, claiming ‘lack of dedication’ by the players. Wakefield were duly relegated!”

“During my research into the Lewis experience, I came across some memory tingers. Oldham 8 Wigan 4, with the crucial try to Foy. Oldham v Leigh - abandoned (mass brawl) by Mr. Mean. Whitehaven win their first points of the season on Feb 18th - 42-8 against Oldham. Within a six-week period, Peter Smethurst resigns as Oldham coach, Andy Goodway cops a 2-week club ban, Alan Agar rejects coaching job so Frank Barrow is appointed - and then quits after six days (& the Whitehaven humiliation), Alan McCurrie is transfer listed, Dave Cox is announced our new coach - then backs out, and finally Brian Gartland takes over the reins. Not, perhaps, one of the more edifying periods in the club's history! We did, though, finish 10th in the league, with 32 points from 30 games, and have 5 representatives in the GB squad which toured Down Under at the end of the season. Our average league gate, incidentally, was 4138, exactly 200 below that so far this season.”

“Perhaps a phone call by our Chairman to Karren Brady, the 25 year old Managing Director of Birmingham City, might pay dividends. Since she arrived at the club eighteen months ago, attendances have rocketed to a current average of over 15,000. How has it been done? “By working very hard on promotion” is her simple answer.”



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Many Thanks,
Chris



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

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING 1994-95

ELLERY HANLEY

Ellery Hanley of Leeds took his career total of tries to 401 with two in the 54-24 Regal Trophy second round home defeat of Swinton.

TRY SCORING SEQUENCE

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

WINNING RUN

Wigan have the best winning run against club sides of 22 matches. It is made up of 16 Stones Bitter Championship games, three Premiership ties, one Regal Trophy match, the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final and the World Club Challenge.

Bradford Northern were the last club side to beat Wigan, 10-6 at Odsal on 12 April.

LOSING RUN

Highfield have gone 37 Second Division matches without a win, with their last a 16-13 victory at Bramley on 26 September 1993.

Wakefield Trinity have the longest losing run of six, made up of five in the Stones Bitter Championship and one Regal Trophy tie.

MILESTONES

Paul Eastwood of Hull needs four goals for a career total of 500 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.

LEADING POINTS SCORER

John Schuster of Halifax is the leading point scorer with 176 from 64 goals and 12 tries. He is followed by Simon Strett of Keighley Cougars with 142 from eight tries and 55 goals.

POINT SCORING RUN

John Schuster of Halifax now has the current longest scoring run of 18 matches, stretching back to last season. Martin Strett of Rochdale Hornets is the only other player to have scored in every match this season.

SHAUN EDWARDS

Shaun Edwards of Wigan reached 1,000 points for the club with a try in the 34-12 Regal Trophy second round home defeat of Rochdale Hornets.

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
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
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	Hull K.R. (RT Rd2)	3.00	W 28-0 Gibson Jones T Irwin T Abram CT Ranson
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	

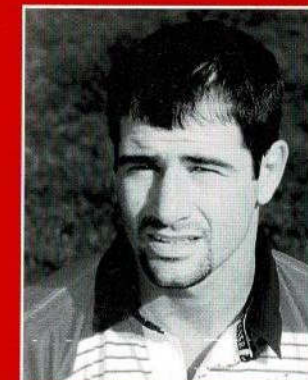
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LEADING TRYSCORERS		
1.	Greg Austin (Huddersfield)	25
2.	Nick Pinkney (Keighley C)	24
3.	Martin Offiah (Wigan)	21
4.	David Plange (Hull KR)	20
5.	Mark Forster (Warrington)	17
6.	Alan Hunte (St. Helens)	15
7.	John Bentley (Halifax)	15
8.	Mike Pechey (Whitehaven)	14
9.	Ellery Hanley (Leeds)	14
10.	Leigh Deakin (Ryedale-York)	13

Top Ten Goalscorers (Including drop goals)		
1.	John Schuster (Halifax)	64
2.	Martin Strett (Rochdale H.)	62
3.	Mike Fletcher (Hull KR)	57
4.	Simon Irving (Keighley C)	55
5.	Bobby Goulding (St. Helens)	54
6.	Deryck Fox (Bradford N)	53
7.	Greg Pearce (Huddersfield)	51
8.	Mike Blakeley (Leigh)	47
9.	Jonathan Davies (Warrington)	46
10.	Willy Richardson (Carlisle)	43



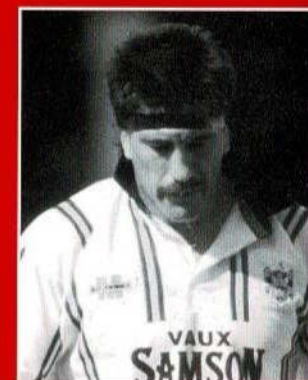
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Topping 4g	Crompton	Sherratt	Stephenson	Temu	Lord	Faimalo T	Kuiti	Green	Bradbury



PAUL TOPPING

CLASSIQUE JEWELLERS PLAYER OF THE MONTH MERIT AWARD

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5. TOPPING	-
3. LORD	-
1. GIBSON	-



MIKE KUITI

CLASSIQUE JEWELLERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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Crompton	23
Sherratt	21

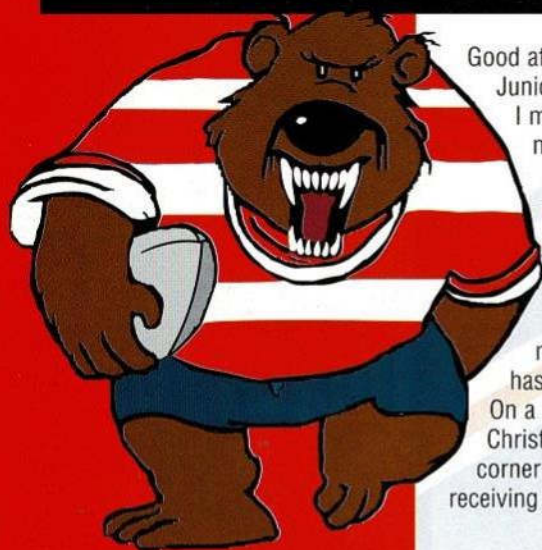
WINNER FOR NOVEMBER - PAUL TOPPING

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

"FRIENDS COME AND GO BUT ENEMIES ACCUMULATE"

Thomas F. Jones Jnr.

JUNIOR ROUGHYEDS



Good afternoon to all you Junior Roughyeds.

I must apologise to your mums and dads about the confusion at last Sundays game.

Unfortunately when there is a cup match it means that it is a shared gate - and that means that everybody has to pay.

On a more cheerful note, Christmas is just around the corner and you will soon be receiving your Christmas card

from your favourite player.

We have been trying to organise your Christmas party but it is difficult to arrange a date when the players are free to attend. I have spoken to Andy Goodway and we have decided to have our party early in the New Year when it will be well supported by lots of your favourite players (watch this space for the date). Finally, don't forget to ask your mum or dad to bring you to the club shop to pick your Xmas present.

ACADEMY NEWS

No game last week so it is nice to give our congratulations to Chris McKinney, our young second row forward being selected for Lancashire squad training to play against Yorkshire. Chris deserves his chance with his rugged running and his hard work on defence. I sincerely hope that he is given his chance when the team is finally selected and hopefully goes onto Great Britain selection. All the best Chris. It was a pity we had no game this week because we had

just started to hit form and the players are working very hard in training and are looking forward to playing at Batley on Monday the 12th December. Let's hope we can bring the points back home with us.

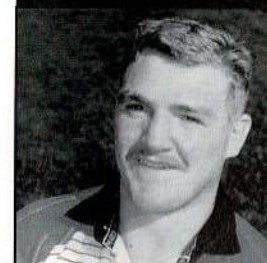
Next game away Batley
Monday 12th December Kick
off 7.30pm.

The Academy Select XIII to face Tatarstan will be captained by Wigan hooker Phil Cantillon and is as follows. Backs: Danny Arnold, Joey Hayes, Kevin O'Loughlin (St. Helens),

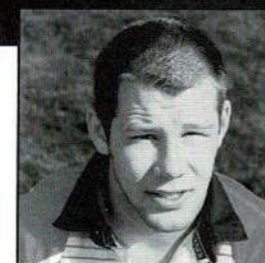
Warren Barrow, Rob Smyth (Wigan), Chris Batty (Hull KR), Craig Dean (Halifax), David Gibbons, Marvin Golden, Lee Maher (Leeds), Chris Kitching (Hull), Keith Senior (Sheffield Eagles). Forwards: Phil Cantillon, Lee Prest (Wigan), Jamie Field, Andy Hirst, Adrian Morley, Ricky Wright (Leeds), Richard Chapman (Sheffield Eagles), Chris McKinney (Oldham), Paul Sculthorpe (Warrington), Richard Sheil (St. Helens), Paul Southern (Salford), Ian Tonks (Castleford).

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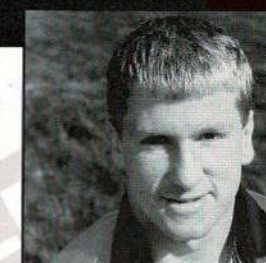
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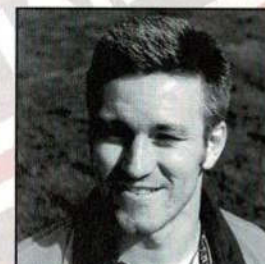
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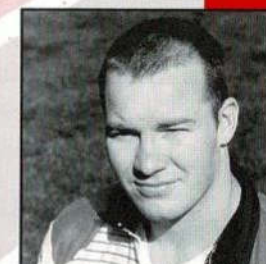
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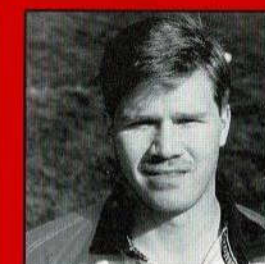
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