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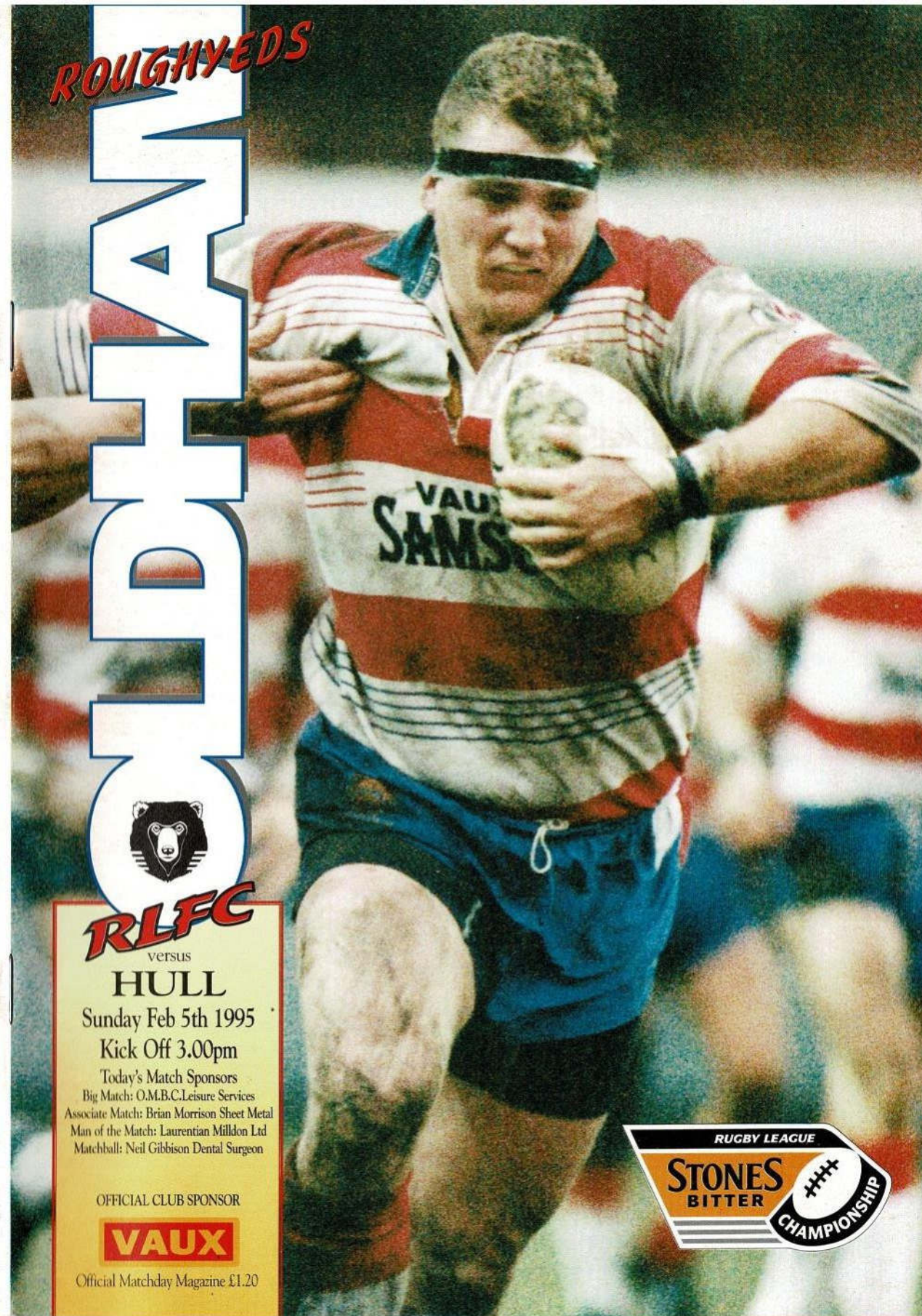
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Lancashire Championship Winners

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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,
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First Game: 21st October 1876
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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

Like everyone else who has visited the Alfred McAlpine Stadium in Huddersfield, I was most impressed with its facilities when I went there last Saturday for the Regal Trophy final between Wigan and Warrington.

It really is a superb piece of civil engineering, providing a facility which must rank as one of the best in the United Kingdom.

The pitch, shared by Huddersfield Town soccer club and Huddersfield RL Club, was in beautiful condition considering the terrible weather we had had and the fact that it is jointly used.

The banqueting and corporate hospitality facilities were first class, and spectators were well looked after in a dry, safe, comfortable state-of-the-art arena which I am sure will serve our game admirably for many years to come.

It made me realise what we are missing here at Watersheddings, but hopefully it will not be too long before we hear what Oldham Council has in mind for rehousing us in a more modern stadium, probably on the other side of town.

The experience of a lot of fans who travelled to the Regal Trophy final underlined how important it is to have adequate access to modern-day sports stadia. Take

Watersheddings, when the old ground was constructed more than a hundred years ago, most people would travel to it on foot.

Even as recently as the 1950s, when we regularly drew crowds of 15,000 plus, the majority of fans came by bus. Remember the football specials? A ground like Watersheddings was not designed to cope with all the cars that come to a match these days.

New grounds HAVE to accommodate thousands of cars and coaches, but apparently a lot of fans hit trouble when leaving the M62 last Saturday. Even those who were leaving the

motorway more than an hour before kick-off had trouble getting into the stadium for the start and many missed the kick-off.

I kept off the motorway and used the Stanedge road, planning to arrive early so that I would have time to look at all the stadium's facilities. I arrived on the outskirts of Huddersfield in good time, but I only just got into the ground as the teams were coming out.

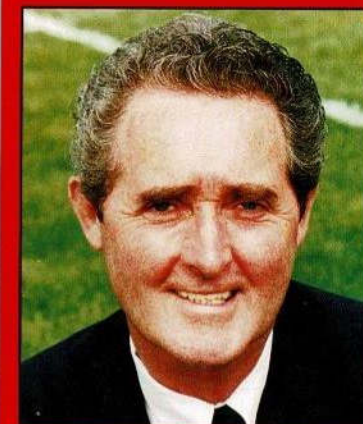
Perhaps this is something the authorities need to look at before we next have a big Rugby League occasion there. It is certainly something we have to bear in mind in Oldham when we are considering plans for future development of a new stadium.

Access is all-important in this age of the motor car. It's like the corner shop, which has had double yellow lines painted on the road outside. No facilities for parked cars means no business. The super-markets cottoned on to this years ago and moved to the edges of towns where there is ample space for parking. Sports planners need to think on similar lines, always bearing in mind that thousands of fans will be converging on one spot within an hour or so of a big event kicking-off.

As far as the Regal final was concerned, Wigan were in a class of their own. Their 40-10 win over Warrington was an outstanding exhibition of first-class Rugby League football. Who will stop them?

It doesn't seem too long ago that Hull and Hull KR were winning the games major honours, but Rovers have slipped into the second division and Hull FC, today's visitors, are toiling at the wrong end of the first division.

They badly need some quick points to lift them off the bottom, their position having been made more acute by the way in which Wakefield

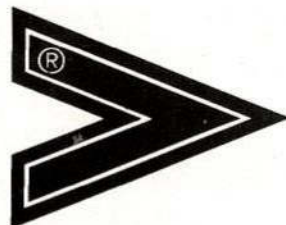


and Workington have made advances in the past few weeks. We extend a real Watersheddings welcome to the men from the Boulevard, chairman, fellow directors, coaching staff, players, fans and all and wish them well in their battle to retain their first division status after today's game, of course!

One of the sad things in Rugby League just now is the way the game seems to have slipped into decline on Humberside. The city of Kingston-upon-Hull, divided as it is by the River Hull and the catchment areas of the two city clubs, needs a good Rugby League rivalry, just as Cumbria would benefit enormously if Whitehaven, Carlisle or Barrow could push up into the first division and offer some local rivalry to Workington Town.

I am not qualified to comment on the causes of such a decline on the east coast of Yorkshire, but you can gamble that a shortage of club income has played a big part. I think it further strengthens my argument for a switch of seasons. I think all clubs would benefit from a season running from March to November. I'm sure it will come eventually, but I would like it to happen sooner rather than later.

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CLOSE UP ON HULL

Our visitors in detail

MARK HEWITT

Height 5ft 7in Weight 11st 5lb
Scrum-half. Another signing from Northern Dairies. Hewitt is developing into a solid scrum-half. Useful around player.

CHICO JACKSON

Height 6ft Weight 14st 10lb
Forward. Plays prop or second-row, but has played on the wing. A spell in Australia did him the power of good and last season he emerged as one of the most improved players in the club.

GARY NOLAN

Height 6ft 3in Weight 14st 10lb
Centre or full-back. Signed from Dockers, Nolan came to prominence in the premiership semi-final against Leeds when he scored the winning try. A strong player who looks better at full-back where he has time to bring the ball forward.

CRAIG O'DONNELL

Height 5ft 8ins Weight 12st
Centre or full-back. Signed from Hull Boys Club, O'Donnell is developing well and had a couple of senior outings last season. He scored the match winning try in Hull's shock 14-13 league victory against Wigan at Central Park.

JON SHARP

Height 5ft 10in Weight 14st 8lb
Loose-forward or second-row. Testimonial year. Signed from Featherstone in 1984. Has had a few injury problems, but when firing he is an influential part of the team. Has pace uses ball well and solid in defence.

MARK JONES

Height 6ft 5in Weight 17st 12lb
Prop. Former Welsh RU international. He has had a few injury problems since turning professional, but when he's fully fit he is one of the most fearsome forwards in the game. Enormously powerful, Jones, when in full steam, has a good turn of pace to destroy defences. A lethal weapon.

TERRY SMIRK

Height 5ft 6in Weight 11st 1lb
Scrum half. Local produced. Signed from Dockers. Hasn't been able to break into the senior side on a regular basis but an excellent stand-in.

PAUL STERLING: 26

Winger. Signed from Bradford and Bingley Rugby Union club. He had tremendous try-scoring record for Bradford. Has pace, strength and determination and is already a big favourite with the Boulevard fans.

IAN STEVENS

Height 5ft 9in Weight 12st 11lb
Stand-off. Signed from Swansea RU, Welsh under-21 international. Has pace and good sidestep, but didn't get many chances to play in first-team last season.

STEVE McNAMARA

Height 6ft Weight 15st 7lb
Prop or second-row. Like Gay he has had a summer spell with St. George in Australia. Earned representative honours at all levels and is currently the Great Britain under-21 skipper. Twice played for Great Britain senior side, and was a late call up for tour in Aussie. Regarded as one of the best prospects in the country and looks certain to be a regular in senior international side.

ROB NOLAN

Height 6ft 1in Weight 13st 7lb
Utility player. Product of the Colts team, switched from forward to backs where he has played in just about every position. His ability to play full-back, centre or half-back has probably cost him a regular place in the side and he has spent a lot of his career on the subs bench.

SCOTT SULLIVAN

Height 5ft 10in Weight 12st
Centre or wing. Signed from Crown Malet and has earned representative honours as a junior. Had a couple of runs in the first team last season.

RUSS WALKER

Height 6ft Weight 15st 6lb
Back-row forward, or prop. Excellent work-rate and solid defence. Sets a superb example for the youngsters to follow. A true professional and a dedicated player.

ROB WILSON

Height 5ft 10in Weight 13st 7lb
Second-rower. A player with immense talent, but needs to steady down. Has earned a reputation for being a fearless tackler.

DEAN BUSBY

Height 6ft Weight 13st 9lb
Back-row forward. Former Colt and Hull, Yorkshire and Great Britain under-21 rep. Tough, skilful and regarded as one of the best back-row prospects in the country.

JEZ CASSIDY

Height 5ft 10in Weight 12st 6lb
Back-row forward. A player with tremendous natural talent and a real prospect for the future. Rep honours as a junior and could push for a senior place this season.

ROB DANBY

Height 6ft Weight 11st 8lb
Stand-off. Toured France with Yorkshire in 1990, rep honours as a junior and last season broke into the senior side in the centre. Player who is improving all the time.

ANDY DEARLOVE

Height 5ft 9in Weight 12st 1lb
Hooker or half-back. With Lee Jackson and Michael Dixon around it was tough

being a hooker at the Boulevard, so Dearlove has switched well to half-back. A skilful player, nippy and his distribution abilities are an added bonus.

MICHAEL DIXON

Height 5ft 4in Weight 11st
Hooker. The 'Mighty Atom' Dixon has proved a real hit astonishing the fans and opposition with his speed and powerful play. Aggressive, cheeky and tough, Dixon is a real battler and a handful.

GARY DUKE

Height 5ft 6in Weight 11st 2lb
Scrum-half. Nephew of former hooker Tony Duke. Like his uncle he has the same battling spirit and character.

PAUL EASTWOOD

Height 5ft 11in Weight 15st
Winger. Signed as a stand-off but was switched to the wing and has never looked back. Twice toured with Great Britain to Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. Over the last four years he has been Hull's top try and points scorer, kicking over a 100 goals a season.

RICHARD GAY

Height 6ft Weight 12st 3lb
Full-back. One of the most improved players in the game. Gay had a summer spell with top Sydney club St. George. Over the last three years he has developed into one of the most highly respected players in the game and is on the verge of international honours. Great attacking player and has improved his defence.

TIM STREET

Former Oldham favourite scored two great tries against Workington Town in an amazing comeback unfortunately losing in the last few minutes.



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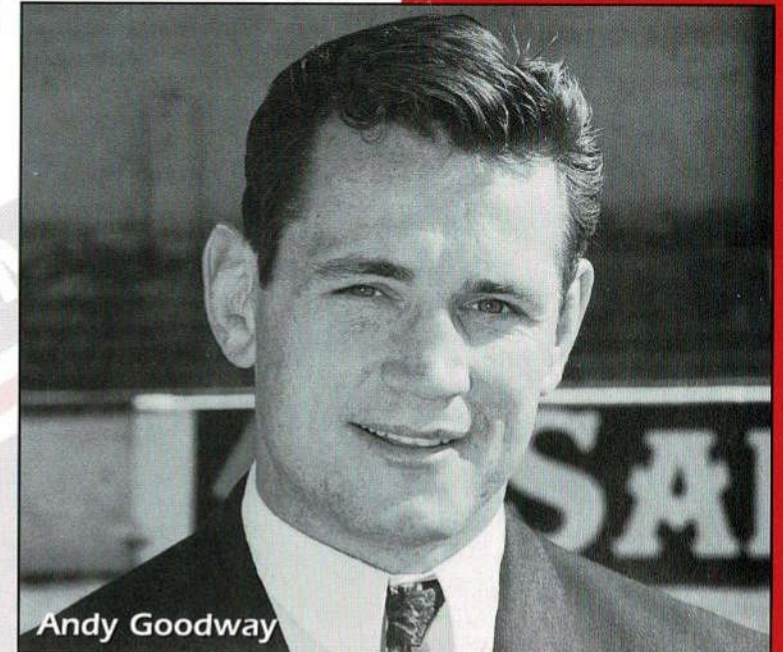
GOODWAY & McCURRIE

Welcome to today's visitors from Hull who find themselves stuck at the bottom of the table. So today's game is vital to both clubs for different reasons. All the cancellations and the rearranged fixtures totally disrupt the players training schedules coupled with the miserable conditions spectators have to support their teams in and it's not difficult to understand why lots of people are coming round to summer rugby.

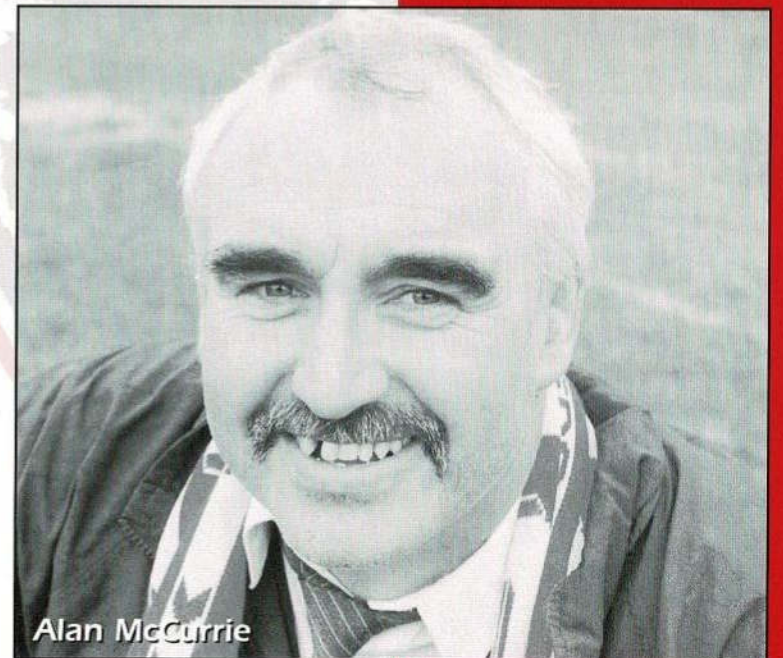
We were all very disappointed with the result against Sheffield as everyone in the rugby press had predicted a comfortable win for Oldham, the players must learn to prepare better and take nothing for granted every win in the first division has to be really hard fought for.

So please get behind the players today as we try to gain two more points which will keep us in eighth spot and nicely set us up for our Challenge Cup match against Bramley.

Enjoy the game



Andy Goodway



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work at the Alfred McAlpine Stadium for a short time and saw first hand how well it all works.

Lets hope that all the party's concerned "do the right thing" **the people of Oldham deserve it.**

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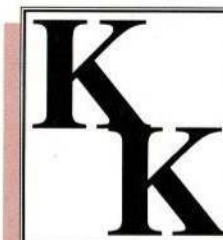
What a fantastic advert for Rugby League, when last Saturday throughout Great Britain people were able to see a great game of RL (even though it was bit one sided) played at the fabulous Alfred McAlpine Stadium at Huddersfield the perfect show piece befitting any sporting final.

I only hope that the delegation of councillors and officials (including Ian Stott Chairman of Oldham Athletic) were as suitably impressed as everyone I spoke to after the game.

Whatever the council decides I personally believe that the way forward is to ground share. I was lucky enough to



and mix business with pleasure. Watch this space for more details.



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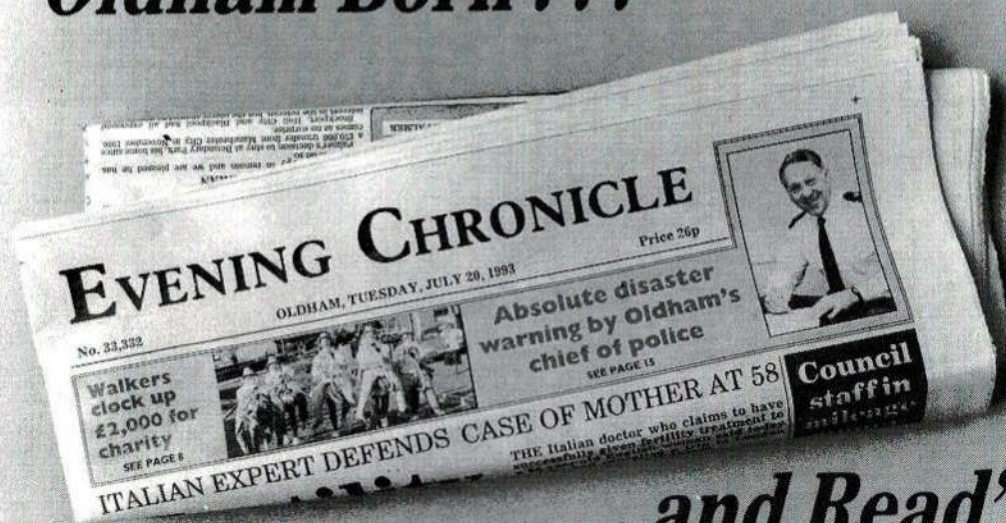


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The snow storms which disrupted last weekend's programme of amateur matches have once again determined that Saddleworth Rangers' season will be extended until almost June.

Rangers face a demanding four month schedule which includes ten Conference Premier League matches and at least two cup ties. Those two cup ties could be extended to eight matches so the simple facts are that Rangers now face between twelve and eighteen matches between now and the seasons end.

Fortunately BARLA had the good sense to disband their Conference League Cup competition this season and with only 12 clubs in each division, the scheduled league programme ends on April 1st. This gives clubs six free weekends in which to arrange postponed matches before the season ends with the BNFL National Cup Final on the last weekend of May.

Of course Rangers also have the Standard Cup competition to cope with, but more about those semi finals in next weeks programme.

The league campaign has proved a difficult one for Rangers this season and they currently lie in next to bottom position. The ten remaining fixtures of Rangers involve matches against all four clubs immediately above them in the Premier League table.

Unfortunately it also features home and away matches against Championship favourites Woolston

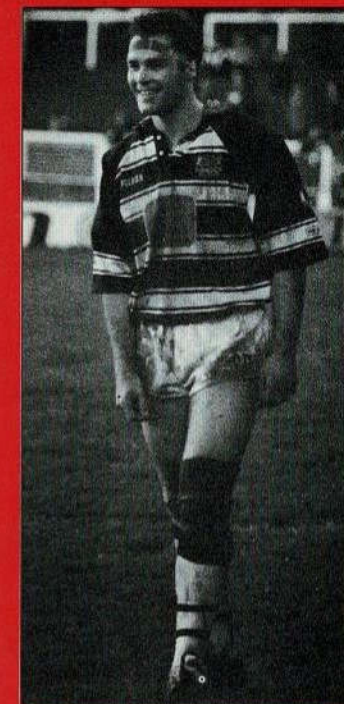
Rovers, a visit from the powerful Hemel Hempstead squad and also mouth watering home and away clashes against neighbours Mayfield, the Castleton based outfit who invariably lift their game when they meet Rangers. It is a tough schedule for Rangers but the Saddleworth outfit have proved in the past that they are capable of meeting any challenge. It looks now as if Askam will be one of the two clubs who will end the season relegated. It is my assessment that it will be either Dudley Hill or Wigan St. Pats who join them leaving Rangers to enjoy another season in the top flight.

The position with St. Annes is not quite as bad but they too are still involved in both the Standard Cup and the BNFL National Cup and have nine outstanding First Division fixtures to fulfil. Amongst those league fixtures are a visit from Beverley, the Challenge Cup giant killers, and a trip to Millom who gave Saddleworth their biggest hiding of the season. Saints are just three points behind Lock Lane and Millom who currently occupy the two promotion spots. Millom are enjoying an outstanding season and must be favourites to go up. However, Lock Lane face a difficult run in to the campaign and Saints are certainly capable of pulling back those three points which could take them into the Premier Division.

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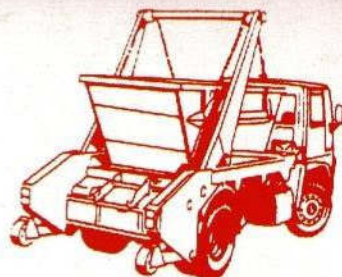


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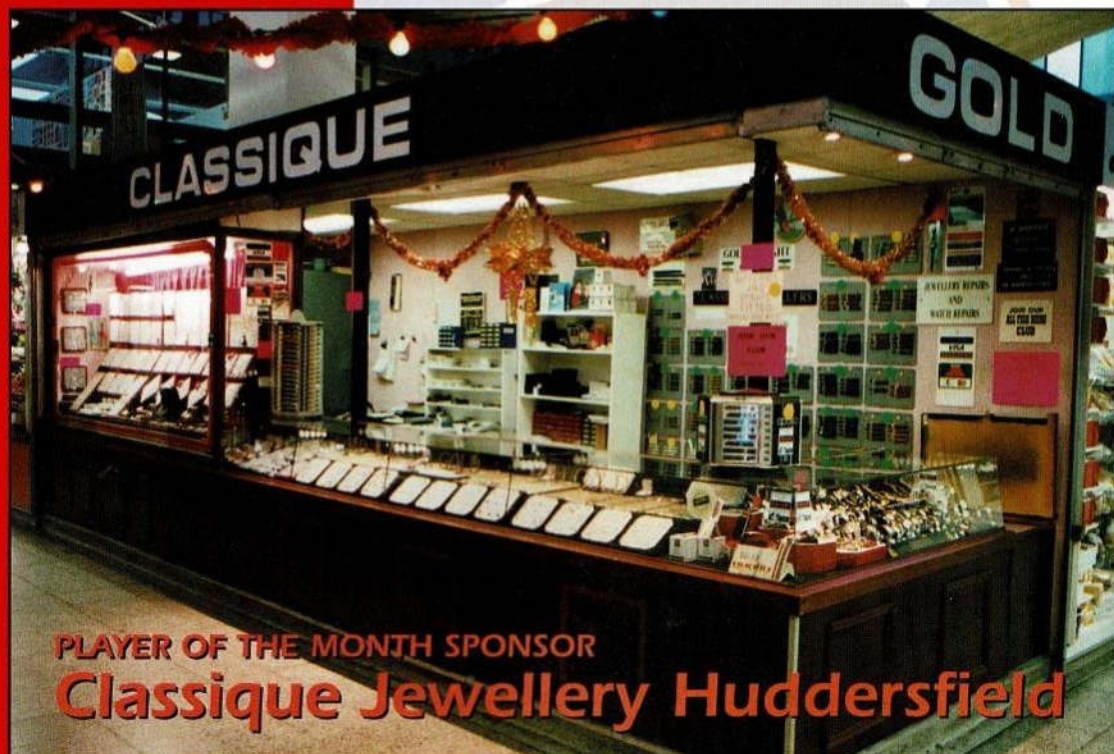
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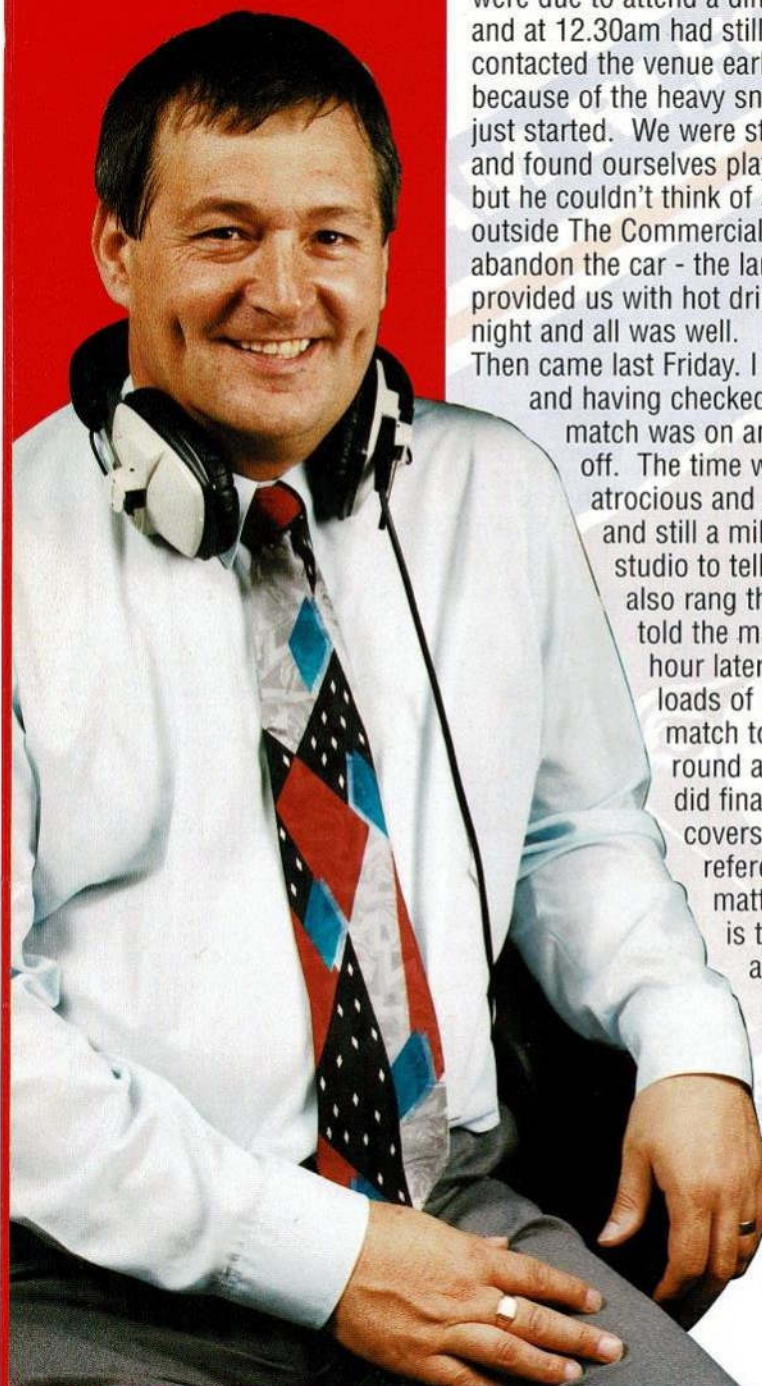
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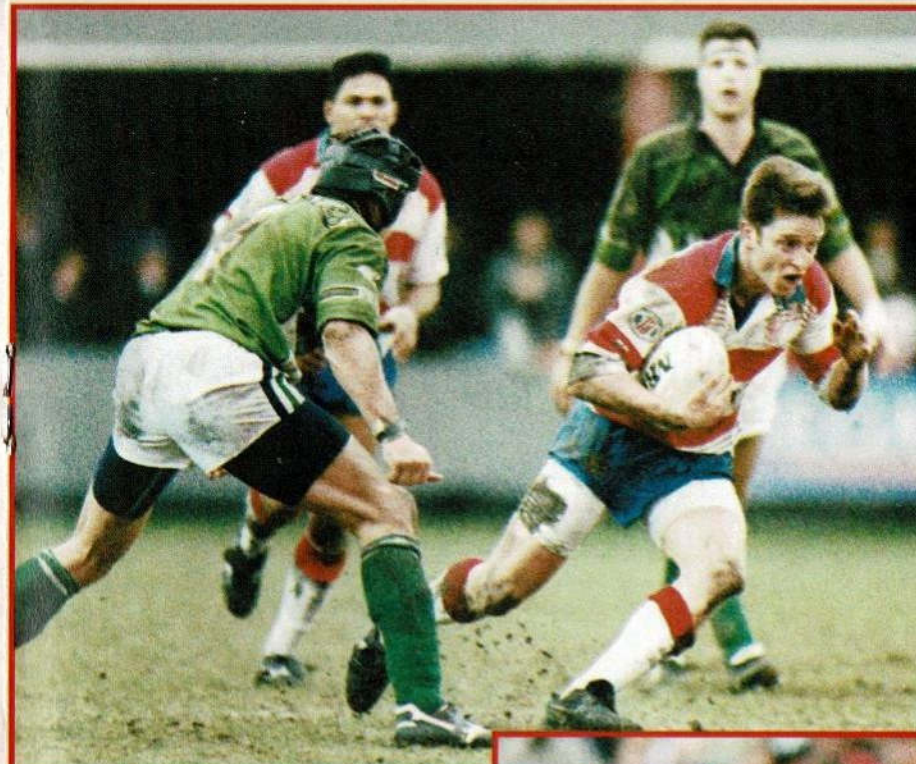
WHAT A WEEK!

It was a funny old week, last Wednesday Joe Lydon and I were due to attend a dinner in Dewsbury - we left at 5.30pm and at 12.30am had still not arrived. Obviously we'd contacted the venue earlier to tell them we wouldn't be there because of the heavy snow. Our problems though had only just started. We were stuck in a traffic jam unable to move and found ourselves playing 'I Spy'. I gave Joe the letter 'S' but he couldn't think of anything!!! Eventually we ended up outside The Commercial Inn at Brighouse and had to abandon the car - the landlord and landlady, Carol and Vince, provided us with hot drinks and biscuits and a room for the night and all was well.

Then came last Friday. I was due to watch Salford v Leeds and having checked about 5 times as to whether the match was on and being told each time it was, I set off. The time was 5.15pm and with the weather atrocious and the roads at a standstill, at 6.40pm and still a mile or so from The Willows I rang the studio to tell them I may be late in arriving. I also rang the ground again and was once again told the match was on. Just a quarter of an hour later the match was postponed - I, like loads of other people, was left stranded, no match to go to and no way we could turn round and go home. It was 9.15pm when I did finally make it home - apparently the covers had been taken off too soon, the referee had also been delayed - it doesn't matter what happened! The main thing is this cannot be allowed to happen again.

Finally, I felt tremendously sorry for the hundreds of people who arrived late at the McAlpine Stadium for the Regal Trophy Final, I don't know what went wrong but I assure you I know how you must have felt. Roll on Summer!

Malcolm Lord - BBC GMR



Top: Scott Ranson going through the gap.

Above: Mike Kuiti getting his marching orders ... by the way he was found 'not guilty' at H.Q.

Right: Paul Topping (Toppo) breaking through.

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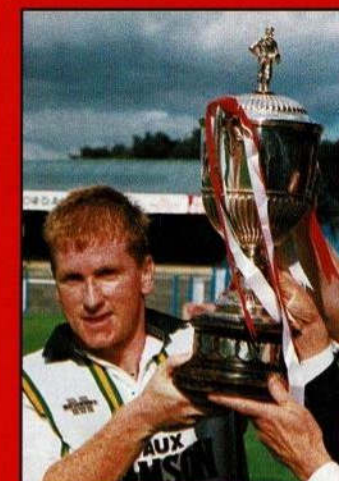
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2/10	St. Helens	3.00pm	£1,500	£800	£300
14/10	Widnes	7.30pm	£1,400	£750	£275
30/10	Featherstone	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275
22/11	Bradford	7.30pm	£1,500	£800	£300
11/12	Warrington	3.00pm	£1,400	£750	£300
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1/1	Workington	3.00pm	£1,100	£650	£275
8/1	Leeds	3.00pm	£1,400	£750	£275
22/1	Sheffield E	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275
5/2	Hull	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275
5/3	Wakefield T	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275
26/3	Castleford	3.00pm	£1,500	£800	£300
14/4	Salford	7.30pm	£1,250	£700	£275

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RUGBY RECALL QUIZ

- 1 Which Hull player scored five tries in last seasons 70-16 Stones Championship defeat of Leigh?
- 2 Which Oldham player scored 20 tries in season 1993/94?
- 3 In which season did Hull last play in the Challenge Cup final?
- 4 Which team knocked Oldham out of last seasons Challenge Cup, what round was it and what was the score?
- 5 Since 1980 three Oldham players have previously won the Lance Todd Trophy while with other clubs, who are they?
- 6 Where was the venue for the 1984/85 Hull K.R. v Hull Regal Trophy final?
- 7 Other than the Second Division Premiership, in which season did Oldham last appear in a final and what was the competition?
- 8 In which season did Hull last play in the Premiership final?
- 9 Which Oldham player won the man of the match award in the 1988 Second Division Premiership final?
- 10 Which team did Hull beat in the 1990/91 Premiership final?

Answers on Page 28
THE WELSH CONNECTION (TM)
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The last game at Watersheddings was disappointing in terms of the result against Sheffield Eagles but spectators may have noticed the packed "Penny Rush". Ever local Junior club were offered and took up in great numbers, tickets for the game. I hope that many of the young players who came along that day are back today and will continue to return.

Today's game is between the two teams directly responsible for my own life long involvement with Rugby League. I went along to the Boulevard in August 1966 to watch Hull v Oldham. Oldham won but something must have clicked because I continued to go back for the next 30 years and I am still here. On a personal note today is the day when I can either not win or not lose! Obviously I am delighted if Oldham win but every defeat for my home town favourites still cuts deeply, not even the draw is the answer today. I just hope Oldham win and Hull pick up the valuable points to maintain their first division

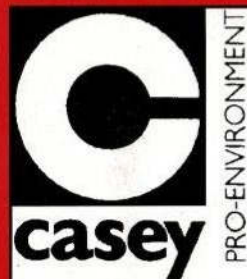
status, against all the other teams. Oldham has a new sponsor today in ERF Trucks Manchester. They have provided the new kit for the Town Team Under 13's. The Under 11's and Under 13's have new kits based upon the design of the current 1st team kit. This is another step towards making our top junior players feel as though they are on the road to the top. Thanks are due to ERF (Truck) and to all sponsors of Junior Rugby League who allow young people the chance to reach the top or, for most of us, simple enjoyment of the game. Enjoy today's game and give a thought to summer rugby. How much sense does playing in winter make? Its a question we should all ask and then let the Rugby League authorities know what you think. Will more then 3000 spectators turn up to watch Oldham v Sheffield if it is played in July I don't know but I do believe it would be easier to convince new spectators to come along if the weather was better. What do you think?

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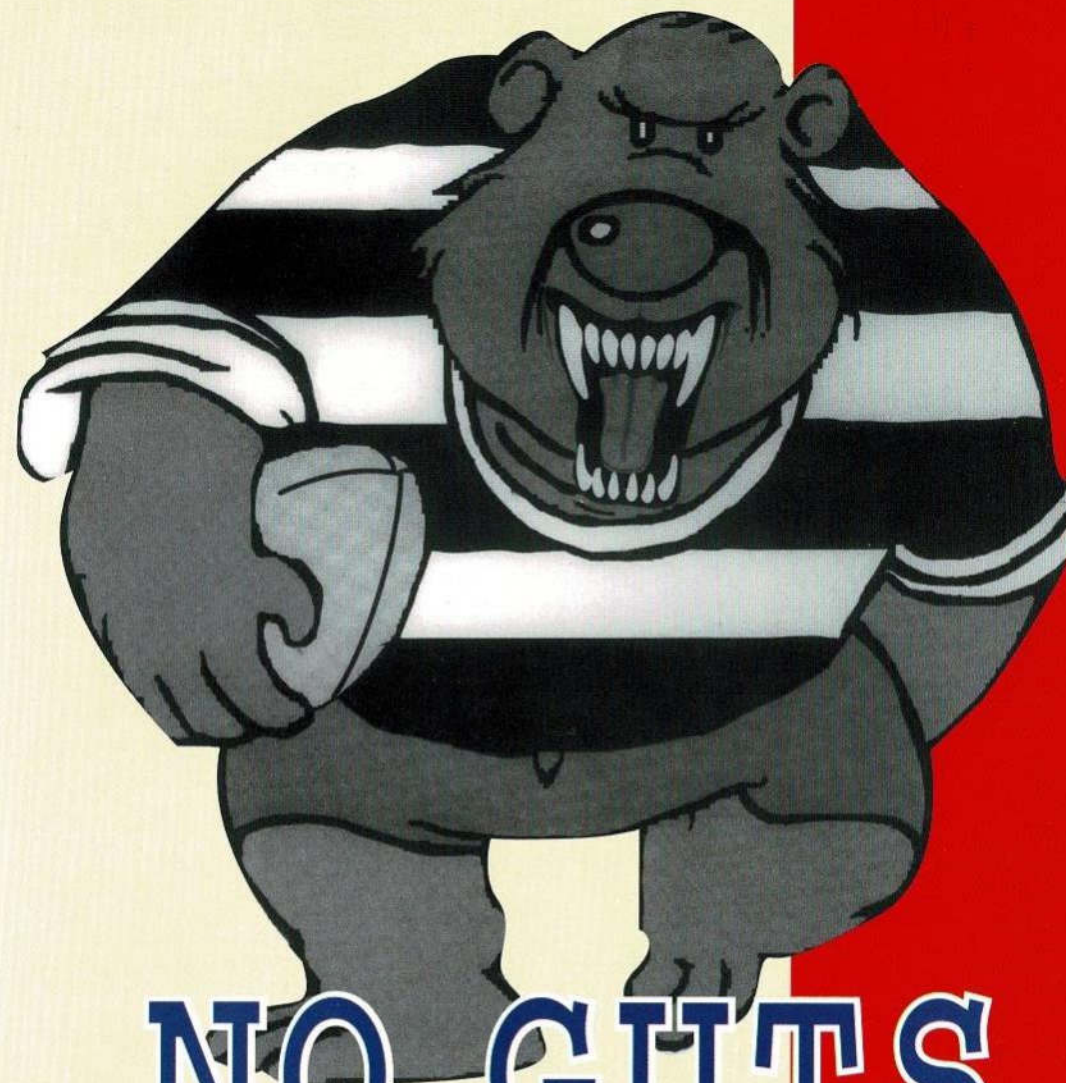
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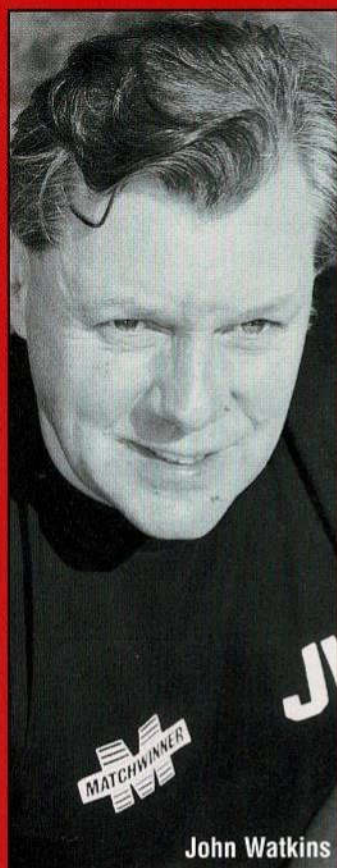


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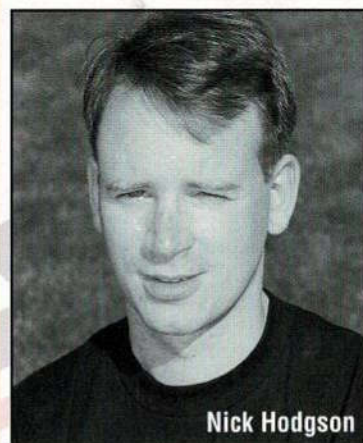
"IT IS ONLY EIGHTEEN INCHES BETWEEN A PAT ON THE BACK AND A KICK IN THE PANTS." - Joseph Grossman

INJURY UPDATE

FROM THE TREATMENT ROOM



John Watkins



Nick Hodgson

This week in the treatment room we have seen Nigel Heslop improve gradually with treatment to his strained hamstring. He is now back in training and may be fit for the "A" teams Alliance fixture with Salford at Salford.

Also receiving treatment was Shaun Irwin who aggravated a neck injury in training. He was not fit for the Doncaster game but should be fit for today's match.

Also under treatment this week was Michael Edwards, who has a niggling shoulder injury. He came on as substitute in the alliance game against Featherstone and aggravated the shoulder, so we will have to see how he responds to treatment.

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FROM SMALL 'A' CORNS GROW

A look at our Alliance team

Roll on spring and hopefully better weather. Our match against Featherstone scheduled for Friday 20th January, was postponed because of weather conditions but our office staff showed their expertise in quickly re-arranging the fixture for Monday 23rd and the lads responded with an excellent win against a strong Featherstone side.

We started badly, taking 20 minutes to successfully complete a full set of six plays, but once into our scoring rhythm, the tries came in quick succession. Paul Norman led the way with two tries. (He's now getting delusions of grandeur and wants to exchange his number 8 jersey with one of the centres!) Dave Jones also scored two and Steve Gartland, Mickey Edwards, Paul Davidson and Craig Richards bagged one each. Craig Booth kicked six goals and we restricted Featherstone to two tries and two goals to record a 42pts to 12pts win.

This puts us 5pts clear at the top of the league with a match in hand over nearest rivals, St. Helens. The players would like to express their appreciation of the 550 hardy souls who braved the foul weather

conditions to spur us on. We hope you enjoyed the match and will continue to support our quest for the Championship. Since coming to Oldham at the beginning of this season, I have been impressed by the warmth and obvious comradeship of the Oldham supporters. It's a pity I can't say the same about the weather up here and a husky and sledge wouldn't be out of place. It certainly makes you see much sense in Jim Quinn's recurring cry for summer rugby. He assures me that the sun does shine occasionally on Oldham and I must agree with him that everyone would find more enjoyment standing on sunfilled terraces than freezing in the conditions we have experienced lately. Our next few fixtures are all away unfortunately and read as follows:-
Halifax away (Cup match) Mon 6th Feb.
Salford away Fri 10th Feb. Bradford away (TBA). If we beat Halifax in the Cup our next scheduled home fixture against St. Helens will also need to be re-arranged. We'll keep you informed.

DENNIS MCHUGH

FIRST DIVISION								
	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Diff	Pts
Oldham	16	13	0	3	500	308	192	26
St Helens	16	10	1	5	481	343	138	21
Warrington	15	9	0	6	441	295	146	18
Leeds	16	9	0	7	348	314	34	18
Wigan	14	8	0	6	459	285	174	16
Castleford	13	8	0	5	304	216	88	16
Bradford	15	8	0	7	400	326	74	16
Hull	17	8	0	9	339	442	-103	16
Salford	17	7	0	10	414	361	53	14
Wakefield	18	6	1	11	383	424	-41	13
Dewsbury	13	6	0	7	291	342	-51	12
Halifax	14	6	0	8	257	347	-90	12
Featherstone	18	6	0	12	344	561	-217	12
Rydale York	16	3	0	13	269	666	-397	6

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
27th	Widnes LCC Shield Semi			W30-10
28th	Featherstone R	A	7.30	L22-37
29th	YSC Cup & LCC Shield - Semi Finals			
November				
4th	Halifax	H	7.30	W25-10
10th	Dewsbury	A	7.30	
12th	Wigan LCC Shield Final			L10-24
18th	Wakefield T	H	7.30	W28-8
25th	Wigan	H	7.30	W36-6
30th	Leeds	A	7.30	L18-31
December				
9th	Warrington	A	7.30	post
16th	Salford	H	7.30	W44-14
24th	Blank weekend			
30th	Hull	A	8.00	W33-16
January				
9th	Wigan (All. C. C. R1)	A	7.30	W8-31
13th	Castleford (T.B.A)			W50-4
20th	Featherstone R	H	7.30	W42-12
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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THE MAN IN THE KNOW
IAN WILSON

“ So it's yet another cup to Wigan. Jack Robinson was understandably proud last week to see every possible trophy on the club's sideboard, four domestic plus the World Club Championship. Much as it pains me to admit it, they have got things right to a degree which the rest of the British clubs at least can only stand back and admire, enviously. And although it goes against what a lot of people must be hoping, there must be every chance that the loss of Botica, Betts and Clarke (and Skerrett? and Mather? and Dermott?) will be taken in their stride just as easily as was that of Hanley, Hampson, Bell and Platt. They have the Liverpool F.C. knack of picking, moulding and then integrating new players into the team with no discernable disruption to overall quality. Who would ever have thought to see Martin Hall one of the top hookers in the world? ”

“ The GMR phone-in last week, not to mention a series of letters in the RL press, was heavy with warnings about the growth of yobbish crowd behaviour at RL grounds. I don't think it is much of a problem at run-of-the-mill games, myself. But big cup games are a different matter. I well remember changing the direction of my family's exit from Central Park after our 1986 Castleford semi-final at the sight of a gang clad in yellow shirts and obviously looking for trouble. I hope the authorities take very quick action, not only via better stewarding at such games, but also by the use of crowd control cameras, and then individual bans, which have had such a beneficial effect in soccer. ”

“ We didn't play well against Sheffield, certainly. But how annoying it is to have a player sent off, and then found 'not guilty'. Given the importance of Mike Kuiti to our attacking play, too, the odds must be that we

would have won if he had stayed on the field. The sooner refs. are allowed to take the name, and cite later, when in doubt about the severity of an offence, the better. ”

“ Is the yo-yo syndrome on its way out? Oldham and Sheffield, promoted in 1993, look safe middle-of-the-table sides after two seasons, and certainly Workington Town, and possibly Doncaster, may well stay up this season too. On the other hand, Leigh and Hull Kingston Rovers (relegated in 1994) don't look like promotion material this season - there were no sides relegated in 1993. Keighley look promotion certs., and with Phil Larder at the helm, and good crowds, show every prospect of becoming a real premier division side. The second place side, however, seems likely to be much more problematical; at the moment, any one of 7 sides could make it - but could they survive? ”

REFLECTIONS

It is 72 years ago that, as an 8 year old schoolboy, I was taken to see my first R.L. game at Fartown, the home of the great Huddersfield team. From then onwards I was bitten by the bug. The game became my hobby. Eventually, when I was old enough (and big enough), I played for my village team in the under 21 league. After a mere two seasons I realised that I was not going to be the second Harold Wagstaffe, so I turned my attention to the administration side, followed, in 1943, by refereeing. Little did I realise how far my enthusiasm for the game would take me. Indeed, looking back, I wonder how I found the time to go to work, especially in my 30 year spell as Director/Secretary of Blackpool Borough. It will be obvious that during my long spell in the game I have gained a lot of knowledge about it. I have seen a lot of changes, had good times and bad times and, for the rest of this season, I will be passing on to you some of the history of the game, some of which our younger readers will never have heard of. In the 1944/45 season the game was still under the shadow of war, but there was an emergency league, comprising 17 clubs (13 from Yorkshire, only 4 from Lancashire).

Players from clubs not in action were asked to guest with clubs of their choice. There were frequent changes in all teams as players who were in the forces could only play when on leave. Even so, there were some hard fought matches. Sixteen clothing coupons were required for a set of jerseys. Clubs relied on their supporters to give up coupons from their allowance to buy a set of jersey and pants. However, in September 1944, the Board of Trade came to the rescue and allowed the Rugby League an allowance of 870 clothing coupons, which eased the situation. Clubs could not always fulfil their fixtures, for various reasons, players unable to get a pass, etc, so the League positions were decided by percentage. Bradford Northern won the League Leaders championship: played 17, won 13, drawn 1, lost 3, for 85%. Halifax were runners up: played 16, won 13, drawn 1, lost 2, for 84%. There was a top four play-off. Bradford beat Wigan 18-15. Halifax beat Wakefield 17-11. The final was played in two legs, Halifax beat Bradford in the first leg at Thrum Hall 9-2, but in the return leg at Odsal, Bradford won 24-11, winning the championship on aggregate.

The Challenge Cup was also played this year, the final again being played in two legs. Huddersfield beat Bradford at Fartown 7-4, and then 6-5 in the return at Odsal. Huddersfield carried off the cup on a 13-9 aggregate score. I remember this well, being at both games and a guest at the reception to the cup winners at a Huddersfield restaurant. On a personal note, it was a good year for me, for in December 1944, after 12 months refereeing in the Huddersfield and District League, I was put forward for the official Referees examination in Leeds, which I passed. This enabled me to join the Yorkshire Society of Referees and to take appointments as an "A" team referee and as a first team touch judge, a career that lasted 16 years. On Boxing Day 1944, the game between St.Helens and Wigan had to be abandoned at 3/4 time after the crowd invaded the pitch to demonstrate against the referee. He was escorted from the field by police and players to protect him from the troublemakers. At a subsequent inquiry a St.Helens player, A.Davies, was suspended sine-die and the club were ordered to put up warning notices about the future behaviour of spectators. Leigh were looking for a new ground to restart after the war and Warrington were hoping to get their ground back for the next season.

By George Lunn

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NEWS ON FORMER PLAYERS

Martin Hall

Martin Hall is another Oldham lad who left and went to play at Rochdale Hornets, where he played regular first team football. Wigan came and signed him as cover for GB International Martin Dermott two seasons ago.

Martin Dermott has not been the luckiest of players where injuries are concerned and once Martin Hall got his chance he showed everyone what a good player he is.

A good pair of hands and an excellent defensive game Martin has proved he can mix with the best he has now established himself as Wigans first choice hooker and gained himself international honours making his debut against England for Wales. Keep the good work up Martin.

QUIZ ANSWERS FROM PAGE 20

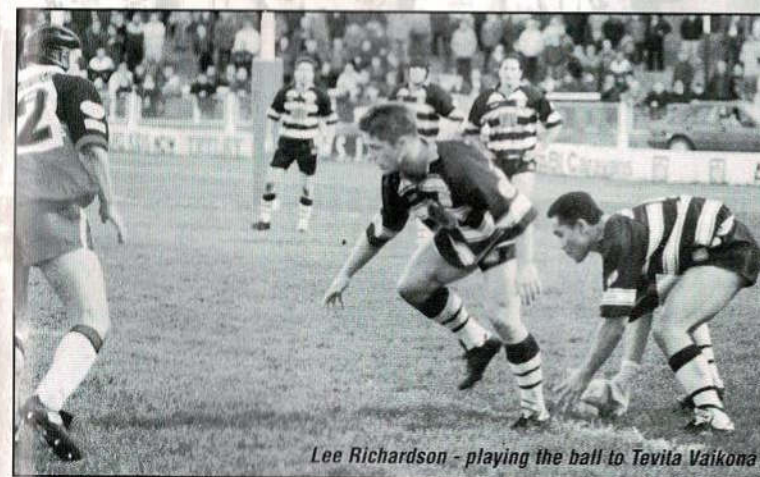
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3 1984/85 4 Doncaster, Round 5, Score 20-
0 5 Brian Lockwood (Hull K.R. v Hull 1980),
Mick Burke (Widnes v Hull K.R. 1981), David
Hobbs (Featherstone v Hull 1983) 6 Hull City
7 Season 1989/90 - Lancashire Cup
8 1990/91 9 Des Foy
10 Widnes (score 14-4)

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AUGUST																				
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28th	Bradford Northern	3.00	L 14-36	Gibson T	Jones	Irwin	Abram	Ranson	Gartland G1	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord	Davidson	Kuiti	Richards T2	Heslop		
SEPTEMBER																				
4th	Wigan	3.00	L 58-10	Gibson T	Jones	Irwin T	Abram	Ranson	Gartland G1	Crompton T	Sherratt	Clarke	Richards	Lord	Davidson	Kuiti	Parr	Topping		
SEPTEMBER																				
11th	Warrington	3.00	L 55-6	Heslop	Jones	Irwin	Abram	Ranson	Gartland G1	Crompton T	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord	Davidson	Kuiti	Richards	Faimalo		
18h	Doncaster	3.00	W 44-8	Heslop T	Jones	Irwin T	Abram T	Ranson	Topping T 6g	Crompton 2T	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord T	Faimalo T	Kuiti	Richards	Gartland		
25th	Hull	3.15	W 21-17	Heslop	Jones T	Irwin	Abram 2T	Ranson	Topping 4g	Crompton 1dg	Sherratt	Clarke	Faimalo	Lord	Green	Kuiti	Gartland	Davidson		
OCTOBER																				
2nd	St. Helens	3.00	D 18-18	Heslop	Jones T	Irwin	Abram	Ranson	Topping 5g	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord T	Faimalo	Kuiti	Gibson	Temu		
9th	Wakefield Trinity	3.30	L 16-21	Heslop	Jones	Irwin	Abram	Ranson	Topping 3g	Crompton T	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti 2T	Davidson	Gibson		
14th	Widnes (BSKYB)	7.30	W 29-0	Gibson	Jones	Irwin T	Abram T	Ranson	Topping 4g	Crompton 1Dg	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord T	Faimalo	Kuiti	Heslop	Temu		
30th	Featherstone Rovers	3.00	L 10-20	Gibson	Jones	Irwin	Abrams T	Ranson	Topping 3g	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Faimalo	Lord	Kuiti	Heslop	Parr		
NOVEMBER																				
6th	Halifax	3.00	L 34-8	Gibson	Heslop	Irwin	Abram T	Ranson	Topping	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu T	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti	Jones	Norman		
22nd	Bradford Northern	7.30	W 32-12	Gibson 2T	Jones	Irwin	Abram 2T	Ranson	Topping 3g	Crompton 2dg	Sherratt	Clarke T	Temu	Lord T	Faimalo	Kuiti	Green	Bradbury		
27th	Wigan	3.00	L 46-0	Gibson	Jones	Irwin	Abram	Ranson	Topping	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti	Green	Bradbury		
DECEMBER																				
4th	Hull K.R. (RT Rd2)	3.00	W 28-0	Gibson	Jones T	Irwin T	Abram CT	Ranson C	Topping 4g	Crompton	Sherratt	Stephenson	Temu	Lord	Faimalo T	Kuiti	Green	Bradbury		
11th	Warrington	3.00	W 52-22	Gibson	Jones	Irwin	Abram T	Ranson T	Topping 2T 8g	Crompton T	Sherratt	Stephenson	Temu	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti T	Marsh T	Green 2T		
18th	Widnes (RT Rd3)	3.00	L 6-20	Gibson	Jones	Irwin T	Abram	Ranson	Topping g	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Faimalo	Lord	Kuiti	Marsh	Green		
26th	Salford	3.00	W 16-12	Gibson	Belle (T)	Irwin	Abram	Ranson	Topping 4g	Crompton T	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Lord	Fiamalo	Kuiti	Marsh	Davidson		
JANUARY																				
1st	Workington Town	3.00	W 20-10	Gibson	Belle	Irwin	Abram	Ranson 3	Topping 2g	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Lord	Fiamalo	Kuiti 1T	Gartland	Davidson		
8th	Leeds	3.00	L 14-21	Gibson	Belle	Irwin 1T	Abram	Ranson	Topping 1T 3g	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Lord	Fiamalo	Kuiti	Marsh	Parr		
22nd	Sheffield Eagles	3.00	L 12-14	Gibson	Belle	Irwin	Abram	Ranson 1	Topping 2g	Crompton T	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Lord	Fiamalo	Kuiti	Bradbury	Green		
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																				
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9th	Sheffield Eagles 3.15																			
14th	Salford	3.00																		
17th	Workington Town	3.00																		
23rd	Featherstone Rovers	3.30																		

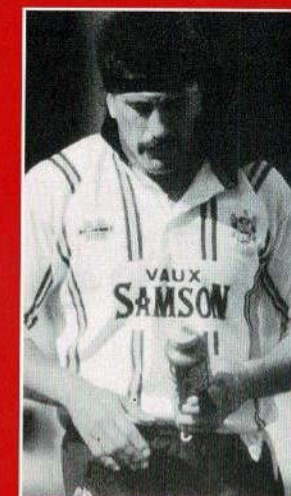
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	18	17	0	1	640	252	34
Leeds	19	16	1	2	560	339	33
Halifax	19	13	1	5	515	319	27
Bradford N.	20	13	1	6	522	350	27
St. Helens	20	13	1	6	534	388	27
Castleford	18	11	2	5	496	331	24
Warrington	19	11	1	7	428	340	23
Oldham	18	7	1	10	342	444	15
Sheffield	19	7	0	12	355	469	14
Wakefield	19	7	0	12	281	480	14
Salford	18	6	1	11	370	426	13
Workington	19	6	1	12	311	495	13
Doncaster	19	5	1	13	314	535	11
Featherstone	19	4	1	14	372	448	9
Widnes	17	4	1	12	198	416	9
Hull	19	3	1	15	350	556	7

HOME FIXTURES ARE DENOTED IN BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS



Lee Richardson - playing the ball to Tevita Vaikona



MIKE KUITI STILL LEADS THE FIELD IN THE PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD... with 40 points so far

**CLASSIQUE JEWELLERS PLAYER
OF THE MONTH MERIT AWARD**

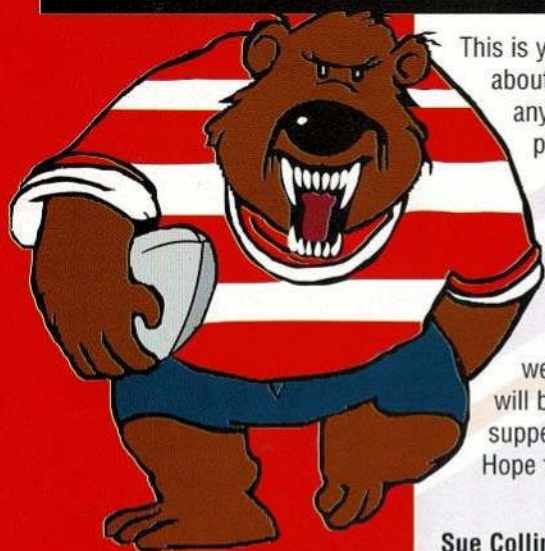
V SHEFFIELD	
SHERRATT	5
TOPPING	3
RANSON	1

**CLASSIQUE JEWELLERS PLAYER
OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Present Positions	
KUITI	40
SHERRATT	26
CROMPTON	23
CLARKE	23

JUNIOR ROUGHYEDS

CALLING ALL JUNIOR ROUGHYEDS



This is your last chance to call in about your After Xmas Party, so anybody wishing to attend please call Sue on 061 681 3397 before Wednesday 8th February as after this date we will be unable to accommodate any extras.

Mums & Dads are very welcome to attend, but there will be a nominal charge for supper for any grown ups. Hope to see you all at the party!

Sue Collinge

SUPPORTERS CLUB

This is a final appeal for anyone wishing to come to the Valentines Dinner & Disco at the Village Manor, on Saturday 11th February. You can purchase tickets from any Supporters Club Official in the Pavilion Bar today, or you can **BOOK** your tickets and pay for them on the night.

If you wish to book any tickets, you can call the following numbers: 061 633 6780 (Alice) or 061 681 3397 (Sue).

This event is excellent value, for a great night out priced at only £12.50 each. So any husbands or boyfriends looking for that last minute Valentines Day surprise call any of the above numbers. (Discretion assured).

ACADEMY UPDATE

GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS

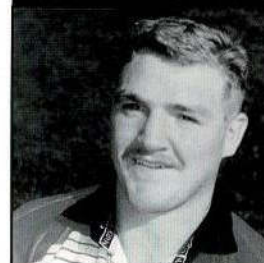
Well good news and bad news this week first of all I must tell you about the good news which was our win at Ryedale York. After a terrible journey due to the atrocious weather en route and it was that bad we were thinking the match would be called off after a long journey or we would be dispatched to some school field due to the conditions but no the

match was on and we were told we were playing on the main pitch. Unless you were actually there you would not believe the state of the weather the rain was horizontal. Our lads decided to play against rain and wind and went on to lead at half time by 12 points to 4 and in the second half added another 20 points to win 32 points to 12.

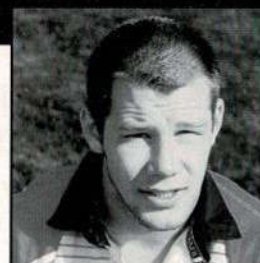
Try scorers A. Meade 2, Jimmy Cowans 1, Darren Morgan 1, Richard Badby scoring a try and kicking 6 goals out of 6 attempts in terrible conditions. And now for the bad news we saved our worst performance of the season for our trip to Rochdale going down by 40 points to 10. Tries scored by M. Prescott Billy Tindall converted by R. Badby.

NEW CLUBCALL NUMBER 0891 - 122 772

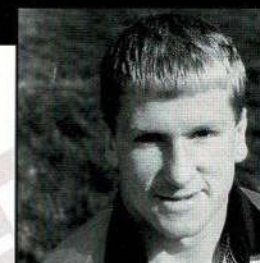
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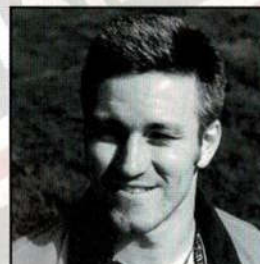
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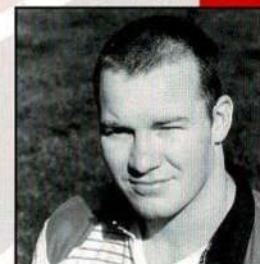
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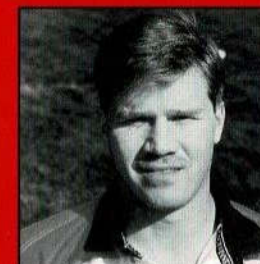
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