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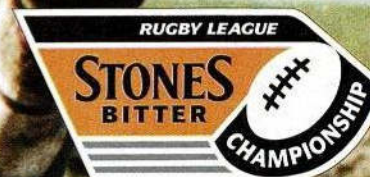
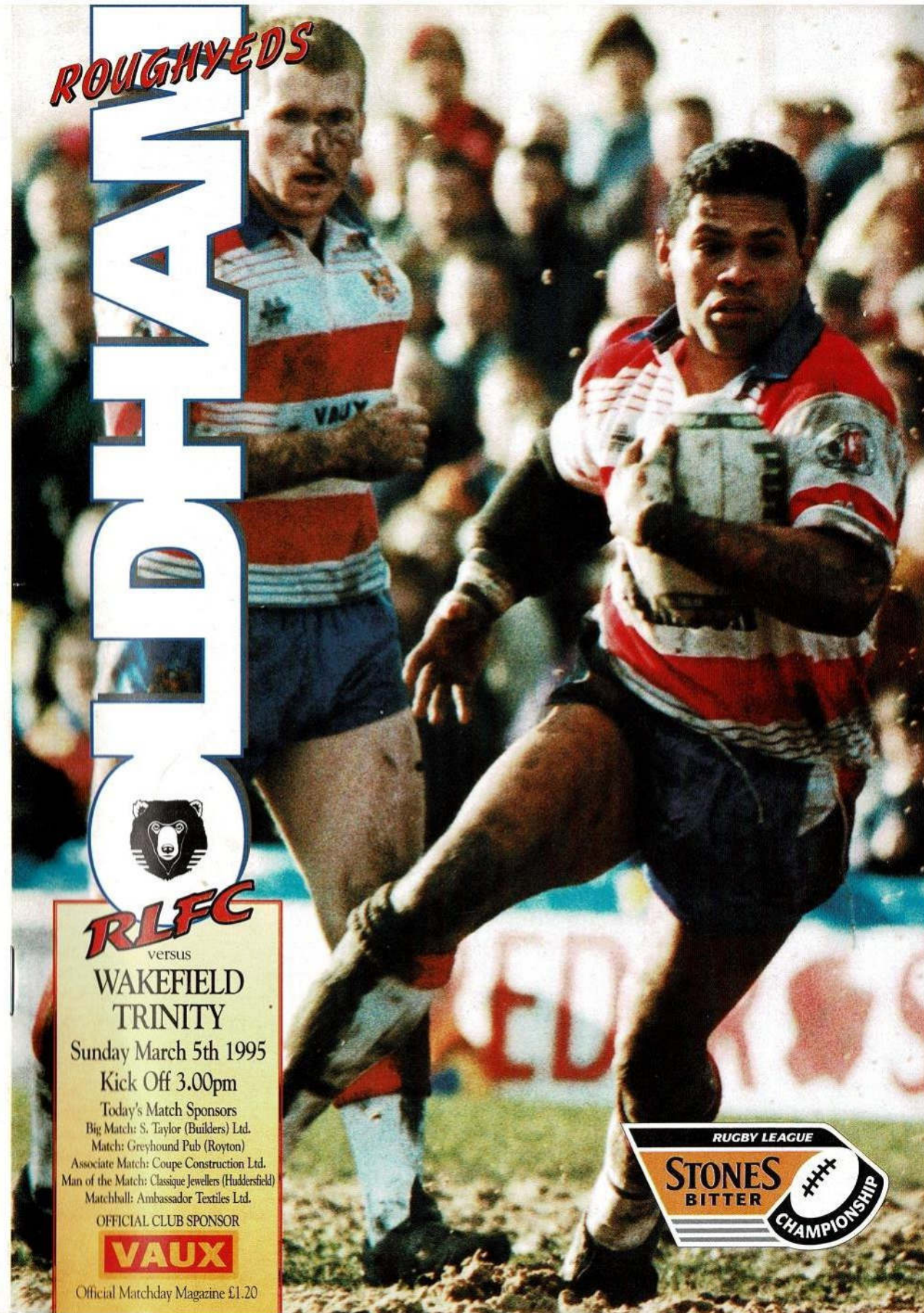
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1921-22, 1954-55
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1904-05
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1963-64, 1981-82, 1987-88
Rugby League Challenge
Cup Winners
1898-99, 1924-25, 1926-27
Runners Up
1906-07, 1911-12, 1923-24,
1925-26
Lancashire Cup Winners
1907-08, 1910-11, 1913-14,
1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-34,
1956-57, 1957-58, 1958-59
Runners Up
1908-09, 1911-12, 1918-19,
1921-22, 1954-55, 1966-67,
1968-69, 1986-87, 1989-90
Lancashire Championship Winners
1907-08, 1909-10, 1921-22,
1956-57, 1957-58
Runners Up
1908-09, 1910-11, 1911-12,
1919-20, 1923-34, 1954-55
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1975-76, 1979-80
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1979-80, 1989-90
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1987-88
Wigan Sevens Winners
1991-92

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Record Victory: 67-6 v Liverpool City
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September 1978
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5th October 1989
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Tony Anderson
Fee Paid: March 1990
Record Try: Ref Farrar, 49 Tries,
1921-22 season
Scorer: Bernard Ganley,
Record Goal: 224 goals, 1957-58
Scorer: season
Record Point: Bernard Ganley,
Scorer: 28 points v
Liverpool City,
April 1959
First Game: 21st October 1876
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FROM THE BOARDROOM

BY CHAIRMAN JIM QUINN

Congratulations to Andy Goodway and his coaching staff, and to all the players, for their magnificent performance in beating Warrington at Wilderspool last Saturday in the fifth round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

It was a terrific achievement by an injury hit Oldham squad, watched by millions on nationwide television, and the coaches, players and directors hope you all enjoyed it. As a bonus, it would be nice to think that our little bit of glory in the Challenge Cup so far will have a positive affect on attendances for the rest of the season.

A word of warning, however. We must not flatter to deceive. Too often in the past we have built up the hopes and aspirations of spectators only to disappoint them badly in the next match. We are alive to that situation and will be doing all we can to ensure that we get some consistency over the remainder of the season.

By the way did you notice the extremely heavy conditions of the Wilderspool pitch? Those who saw it in close up on television probably got a better idea of how heavy it was than those who went to the game. Two things sprung to mind. It made us realise once move how well our own pitch is standing up to the winter. It also made me think, yet again, of the benefits of playing in a season which avoids the worst of the winter in

December, January and February.

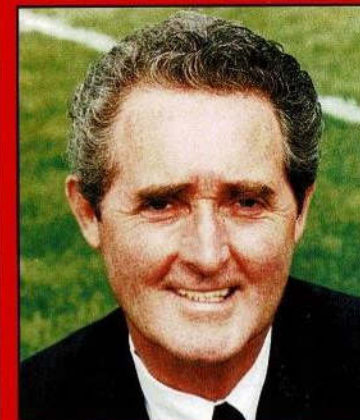
The summer rugby debate is once again gathering momentum, but unfortunately, there have been one or two unsavoury incidents on our grounds in the past two or three weeks which have attracted the wrong type of headlines.

In the main, Rugby League fans do the game proud. We are a family sport, and proud of it, but there is no room for complacency, as recent publicity shows.

I like to think the Oldham club can pride itself on its crowd behaviour. We all have a responsibility to see our good record maintained, both at home and away. There is no room in Rugby League for hooligans, foul language on the terraces or racial abuse.

On the field, Greg McCallum is now making a major impact and all power to his elbow. His latest idea of putting players "on report" is an excellent one. There have been several instances this season of dismissed players ultimately being found not guilty by the disciplinary committee. To try and avoid this, a referee who suspects a player is guilty of foul play, but might have been partially unsighted and less than certain, can formally place the player "on report" and examine the evidence on video later.

If there is no case to answer, the "report" is dropped. If there is,



the usual disciplinary procedure will apply, even through the player concerned was not sent off.

Our Referee's Coaching Director has definitely got the game moving in the right direction and I am sure we will see the benefits of his work during the rest of the season and in subsequent seasons.

Finally, a big Watersheddings welcome to the Wakefield Trinity directors, coaches, players and fans for this afternoons Stones Bitter Championship game.

Trinity and Oldham games are often high scoring matches in which the verdict is open until the final hooter blasts.

Trinity will be anxious to pick up points to edge away from a heavily congested area in the lower reaches of the division. Oldham will be keen to stay on course for a place in the top eight. It should be an interesting contest.

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CLOSE UP ON WAKEFIELD

Our visitors in detail

MIKE FORSHAW

The first thing David Hobbs did on taking over was to make this 25 year old back row forward skipper. Signed from Wigan at the beginning of last season, Mike quickly established himself at Belle Vue, earning the plaudits of the fans with his dynamic, all action, style and his ability to pop up at vital times to score tries. Sidelined for a good deal of last season with a scaphoid injury, Mike will be looking to lead from the front in a much strengthened pack this term.

AARON WHITAKER

25, ex Canterbury (NZ) and Illawarra half back, who ousted Gary Freeman from the scrum half spot in the third Test of last season's Kiwi tour. Impressed many with his performances on that tour, mostly in the "Wednesday" side, but most observers agreed that the Kiwis' fortunes picked up when Aaron stepped into the side. As a 19 year old, played for Chorley Borough, where he was known as "Elvis".

ROBERT PIVA

6'3" 18 stone second row or prop, "Oddjob" was signed from Lion Red League side Taranaki Rockets, where he built a reputation as a powerful forward with an impressive physique which belies his quiet person. Destined to become a firm favourite with the Belle Vue fans, he toured with the Kiwis last time round, but was unable to secure a place in the test side, and his talents were spotted whilst Trinity's scouts were watching Aaron Whitaker on video! Caused the club considerable problems pre-season, as they couldn't find a shirt big enough to fit him!

STEVE DURHAM

Ex Stanley Rangers amateur and Hull FC prop, Steve's low key signing last season was another of former coach Dave Topliss' shrewd acquisitions, originally to provide forward cover in an injury crisis, but Steve's performances were so impressive that he became a regular upfront. A hard working player, capable of unloading in the tackle, he is a high quality squad player.

IAN GILDART

Signed in the close season from Wigan, where he was a vital squad member, this 6'4" 16 stone packman began his career with Leigh Rangers, before being signed by the all conquering Wigan side, where he gained GB honours at colts and U21 level. All too frequently on the bench at Central Park, Ian comes to Belle Vue with a point to prove, and his demon tackling combined with powerful running will add much needed firepower to the Trinity pack.

DAVID BAILY

Aged 24 and from the same Waikare City club as Henry Paul, David is New Zealand's leading try scorer, including a hat trick scored when playing for New Zealand residents versus Western Samoa, and is tipped by many to be a future Kiwi stand off, though he can operate in the centre as well as in the half backs. Trinity have high hopes that he can fill the problem stand off berth vacated when Nigel Wright signed for Wigan last season.

FRANCIS STEPHENSON

Son of former Trinity and Bradford Northern star, Nigel, Francis has an impressive pedigree, and chose Wakefield despite being pursued by all the top clubs. A strong running forward, fierce tackler and skilful ball player, he earned a place in the first team towards the end of last whilst still only 18, and many around Belle Vue feel that he has the ability and dedication to go right to the top, a feeling backed up by his effortless step up from Academy football into the first division.

JOHN HIRST

A teenage prodigy signed around the same time as the now departed Gary Price, John's early career as a teenage second row was blighted by a series of injuries which would have ended the careers of less determined characters. Now in his early twenties, he has almost reinvented himself as a centre, and still has the potential to make it in the top flight.

IAN MARLOW

Experienced, ex Beverly RU and Hull FC prop, Ian was acquired last season along with Steve Durham in a bid to bolster an injury hit pack, and fitted in so well that he

earned an international call up when he played against the Kiwis last winter. Another bargain buy who is a valuable member of any squad.

GARY CHRISTIE

21, 5ft 11in U21 International secured in exchange for Gary Price from Oldham, only took up the game aged 18 with amateur club Widnes Tigers yet within 18 months had achieved representative honours. Seen by many as one of the game's brightest young prospects, Trinity snapped him up in the face of intense competition from several other top clubs, and this summer he turned down an offer from hometown club Widnes, preferring to remain at Belle Vue.

MARK SHEALS

27, 5ft 11ins, 16 stone 4 prop, a terrific crowd favourite at the Watersheddings, where he was voted supporters' player of the year last season, as well as being voted top prop in Division 2. His departure, in exchange for Trinity winger David Jones provoked such an out cry amongst the Oldham faithful that a petition was instigated by fans incensed at the move. Renowned as a hard working pro's pro, whose workrate and consistency earned him selection for Lancashire. Desperately unlucky to break his leg in a pre-season friendly, during an impressive debut last season, he will be looking to make a big impact this season.

LEE HANLON

Ex-Yorkshire county under 19 star, turned pro with Hull from Middleton amateurs, failed to break through on Humberside, in the face of intense competition from overseas stars like Mackey, Entart and Gale, being snapped up by Trinity during the close season. After some nervous performances, became a big crowd favourite last season, earning the nickname "Psycho" with his non-stop effort and fierce defence. Lee will be looking to earn a half back spot alongside Kiwi Test star Aaron Whitaker.

NIGEL BELL

A cult hero in Wakefield. Signed from local club Eastmoor, he made his debut alongside Wally Lewis at scrum half, but he spends most of his time these days in the pack, being equally at home at prop, hooker or in the back row. A ferocious tackler, and extremely mobile, he never has a bad game, and many at Belle Vue feel that his talent should have long since been recognised with representative honours. Currently in his benefit year.

ANDY MASON

Ex-Leeds, Bramley and Roundhay R.U., Andy has been top try scorer for the last two seasons, as well as having as sound a defensive game as any in the league. Has represented Yorkshire on several occasions, and has the happy knack of popping up to finish off any half breaks made by team mates. A financial consultant by profession, he has seemed to improve with age and last season was probably his most productive yet, once again finishing top try scorer.

RICHARD SLATER

Small of stature but big of heart, Richard has modelled his game on that of Trinity's legendary Aussie, Ray Price, who taught him that a lack of inches definitely doesn't prevent someone making a huge impact on the field. Indeed, so young was he when he first broke into the team, that it is incredible to think that he is still in his early twenties. Noted for his tigerish defence and impeccable tackling technique, he is, however, deceptively quick in attack, and capable of unlocking the tightest defence with a deft body swerve.

JOHN THOMPSON

Another local hero, J.T. "likes it hard." Signed from Eastmoor amateurs was actually a member of Trinity's squad the last time they reached Wembley as far back as 1979, but he only really began to fulfil his potential when the club came back into the top flight five years ago. A nonsense, grafting forward who never gives less than 100% he is equally effective at hooker or prop, and is one of the game's real unsung heroes.

JAMES MOSELY

Signed in the face of intense competition from all the top clubs, this ex-Moldgreen amateur enjoyed international selection at U17 and U19 levels before coming to Trinity. A skilful, elusive threequarter, he made quite an impact on

breaking in the side last season, with a sensational 90 yard effort at the Boulevard. Tipped by many at Belle Vue to pick up where Nigel Wright left off, he is another fine prospect.

GARY SPENCER

Wakefield born and bred, Gary began his career at Belle Vue before joining Leeds, where he was too often passed over in favour of high profile signings like Ettingshausen and Gallagher, despite excellent form. Rejoined Trinity four years ago and has been first choice full back ever since. Solid as a rock in defence, and inventive in attack, he is also capable of moving into the forwards to great effect when the situation demands it.

ADRIAN FLYNN

Another outstanding local prospect, Adrian is a strong running second row or centre, who has already represented Great Britain at Academy level, and toured Australia this summer. Came of age towards the end of last season with a devastating spell in the centres, where his pace and strength were used to good effect. Already being talked about as a GB prospect, the club were delighted to retain his services before the end of last season.

BILLY CONWAY

A product of the Sharston U17 side that produced Gary Spencer, Billy has been a Belle Vue mainstay since the mid eighties. A former English Schools boxing champion, he is quick thinking and tenacious, capable of opening up the tightest defence around the rucks. In defence, he is a constant thorn in the side and always seems to pop up at just the right moment to harass the opposition.

KIERAN ALLEN

Another exciting local prospect, Kieran is a real flyer of a half-back who has the pace and wits of a natural finisher. Though still young enough for Academy football, where he has already caught the eye of the Great Britain selectors, he has not looked out of place in his appearances in first grade football, and will be one to watch for in the next couple of seasons.

ANDY WILSON

Ex-Queens amateur and Sheffield Eagles, Andy missed a good deal of last season through injury, but he is still capable of filling the wing berth to great effect. A natural try scorer, deceptively strong and elusive with the ball in his hand, he also is a solid defender and Trinity fans will be hoping to see some more of his tricky runs this season.

WAYNE McDONALD

Big Wayne is already a cult hero among the diehards who follow Trinity's "A" team, after a string of impressive performances in the second string which earned him a couple of appearances on the subs bench last season. Wayne had played no rugby up to the age of 18, until a friend brought him along to Trinity's Academy, thinking his size might stand him in good stead. He then went from having absolutely no idea where to stand to a place on the first team subs bench inside 18 months. Very difficult to stop close to the line, once he develops some bulk this lad is going to be some player.



Nigel Wright - on loan from Wigan

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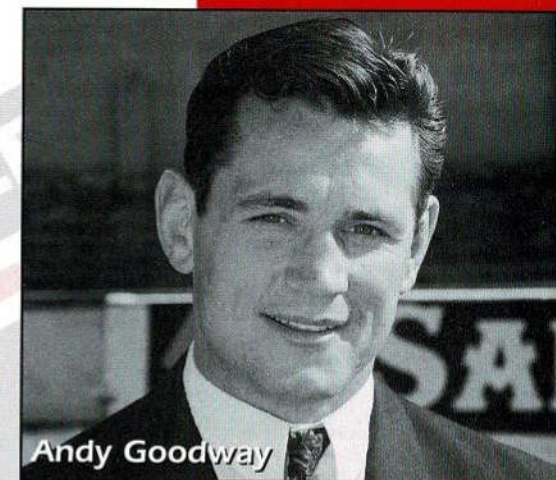
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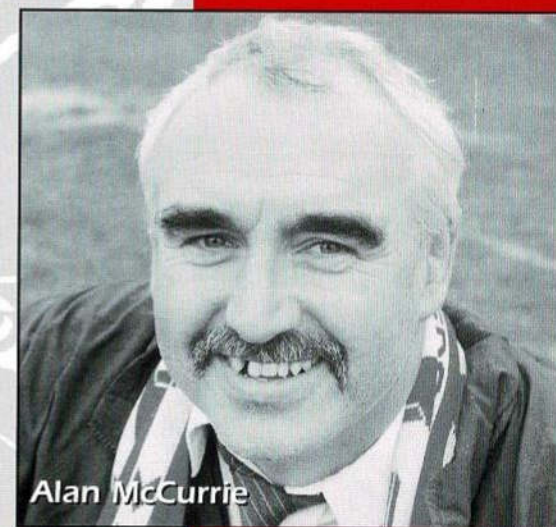
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GOODWAY & McCURRIE

Welcome to today's visitors from West Yorkshire Wakefield Trinity, today's game is vital to both sides for different reasons, Wakefield need to gain victory to stay out of the relegation places, us to consolidate our top 8 place. We played well at Wakefield but lost the game so all the players and staff are looking forward to gaining revenge. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who went to Warrington for their tremendous support the players really got a lift from your vociferous support. I'd like to congratulate all the players for a tremendous response at Wilderspool, you can rest assured they will not be allowed to rest on their laurels the league and top 8 are priority the players have to maintain recent high standards to show their professionalism and improving consistency. So keep up the good support and try to fetch a friend your attendance is essential to the future of the club and the players see you in the quarter final.



Andy Goodway



Alan McCurrie

ON FIELD REPORTING

For your information, here is an explanation of the latest initiative by Greg McCallum the referee's coaching director.

a. What is on-field reporting?

It is when the referee is not too sure (or is unsighted) of something that may have happened involving foul play. Instead of sending a player/s off the referee can leave them on the field but puts in a report for the video to be viewed by an Executive Committee after the game. The signal for this will be the referee crossing his arms straight above his head with fists clenched for three seconds.

b. Who looks at the video?

A special Executive Committee of the RFL, will study the referees report and view the video.

c. What happens if the video shows the player/s did something illegal?

The player will be charged under the International Laws of the game and will have to attend the Disciplinary Committee hearing who will decide if the player is guilty. If the video

shows the player didn't do anything illegal then the report is dismissed.

d. Is this system used anywhere else?

Yes in Australia since 1987. About 50% of the players reported in Australia are sent to the Disciplinary, about 90% of those players who have been sent to the Disciplinary are found guilty.

e. When does this system start and in which games?

The reporting system starts on Wednesday 1st March 1995 but only in First Division matches and in the remaining Silk Cut Challenge Cup games. Hopefully, it can be used in other Division in the future.

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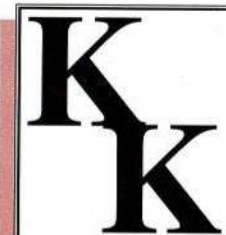
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A LOOK AT THE LOCAL AMATEUR RUGBY SCENE

It has been an important weekend for our two Conference sides, Saddleworth Rangers and St Annes. Yesterday they were both involved in the fourth round of the BNFL National Cup competition. Both sides were drawn at home to Cumbrian opposition. Saddleworth met LOWCA whilst Saints entertained Cumbrian Cup winners Walney Central in what should have been a cracking tie. Victories in those matches would put the clubs into the last 32. There is still a long way to go but local officials are hopeful that the trophy will remain in the town.

Last week Saddleworth Rangers produced one of their better performances of the season when they defeated title challengers Hemel Hempstead 36-12 at Shaw Hall Bank Road. Centre Shaun Cooper scored three tries in that win. However, Rangers still lie in fourth from bottom spot and are not completely clear of relegation fears. Next Saturday Rangers travel to Woolston Rovers, the Championship favourites. Last May, Saddleworth won 24-8 at Woolston and with Rovers having three players in South Africa, the BARLA squad, a repeat win is not that unlikely. On Saturday 18th March, Rangers return home for the derby match against Mayfield and seven days later they visit Leigh Miners.

Although St Annes lost 21-6 in a vital match at Millom last Saturday,

they still have an outside chance of promotion. They lie in fifth position, just five points behind second placed Millom. Next Saturday Saints are at home to East Leeds, then visit Moldgreen before entertaining Leigh East on Saturday 25th March. The home matches should bring victories for St Annes but it will be difficult at Moldgreen who themselves are Championship contenders. The corresponding match last season ended in a 17-6 win for Moldgreen. We will have to see if Saints can reverse that scoreline in what is another vital game.

Top musical group STAX OF SOUL will be appearing at Royton Assembly Hall on Saturday 18th March. Tickets are £6.50 and this includes disco. Details and tickets can be obtained from Dave Cassells (phone 626 2871). All proceeds from the evening go to the Saddleworth Rangers Youth Section.

Another date for your diary involves this season's Standard Cup Final at Watersheddings. Followers of the amateur code should note that the final has been switched from the traditional Good Friday date to Easter Monday with an 11am kick-off.

The Pennine League Cup Final will also be staged at Watersheddings this season. That final is to be staged on Sunday 23rd April.

Don Yates

ONE TO WATCH



Nigel Wright on loan from Wigan until the end of the season

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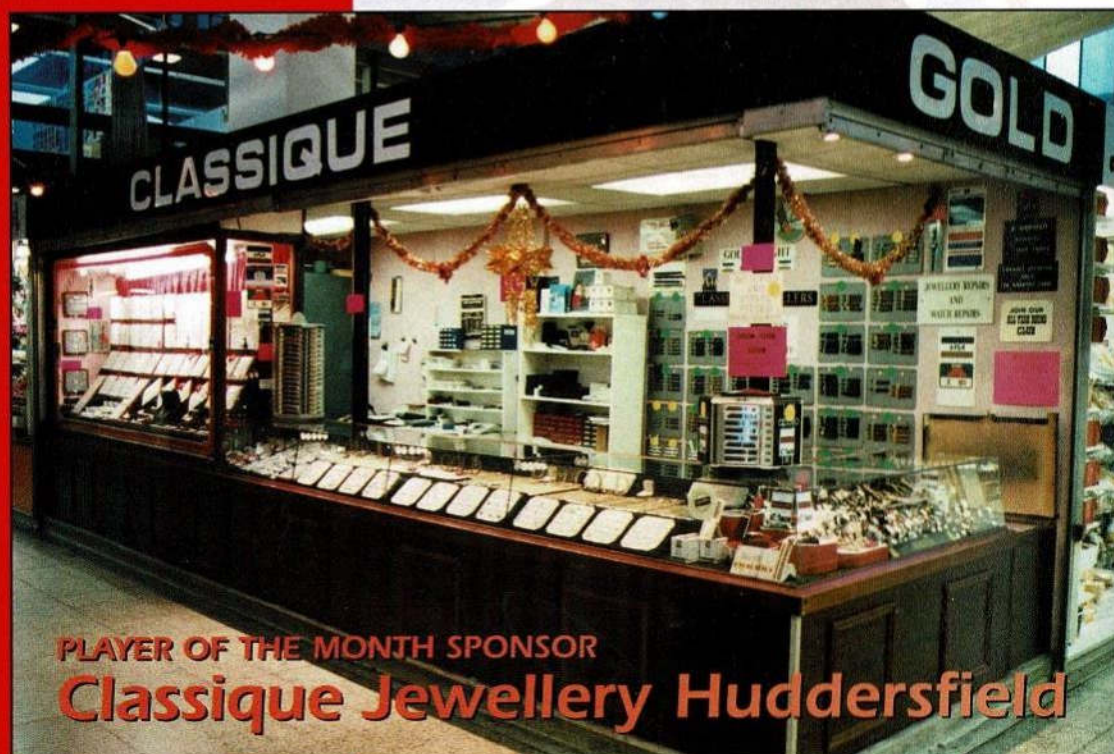
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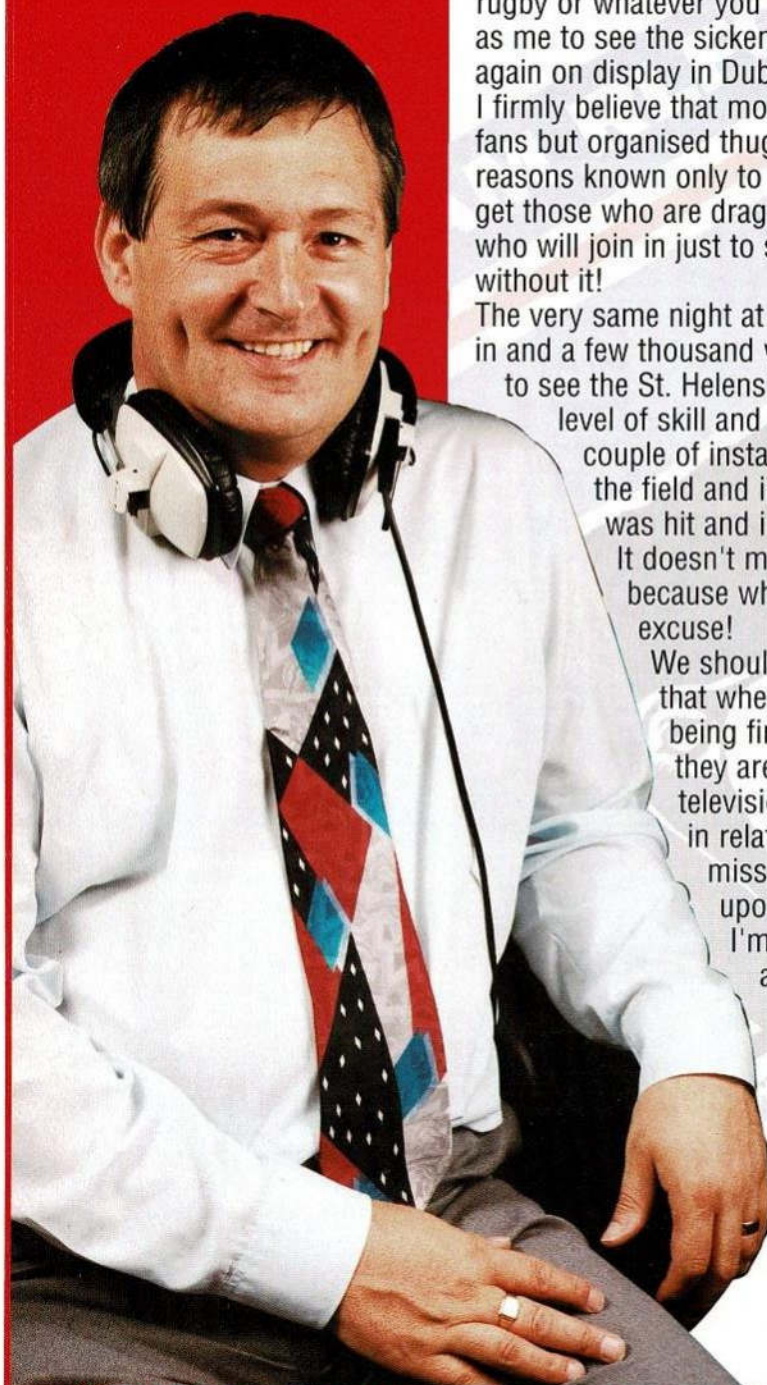
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Another Night of Shame

Whatever sport you follow whether it be soccer, cricket, rugby or whatever you must have surely been as horrified as me to see the sickening scenes of crowd violence once again on display in Dublin.

I firmly believe that most of these idiots are not sports fans but organised thugs intent on reeking havoc for reasons known only to themselves. Yes, you will always get those who are dragged in you will also get the "sheep" who will join in just to say "I was there" we can do without it!

The very same night at Knowsley Road 17300 fans packed in and a few thousand were locked out that couldn't get in to see the St. Helens v Wigan replay and despite the level of skill and entertainment served up, we saw a couple of instances where objects were flung onto the field and in one particular case a touch judge was hit and injured.

It doesn't matter why these acts occurred, because whatever the reason there can be no excuse!

We should be looking at ways to make sure that when the culprits are found instead of being fined, or given community service they are sent to prison! Not with a television and all the home comforts but in relative hardship. So they will learn to miss what they've left behind, not look upon prison as a second home.

I'm not political and I'm sorry if I appear to be on my soapbox but we must teach these people there is no place for them in sport and in life in general.

Malcolm Lord
BBC GMR

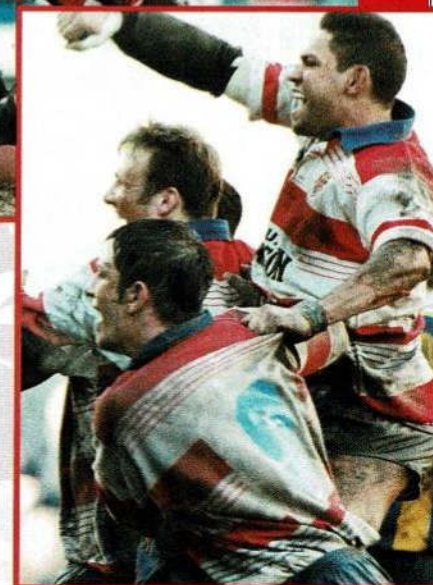


Top: David Stephenson taking the ball in again

Middle: Paul Davidson stopping his man

Bottom: Wally Gibson and the boys celebrating a fine victory

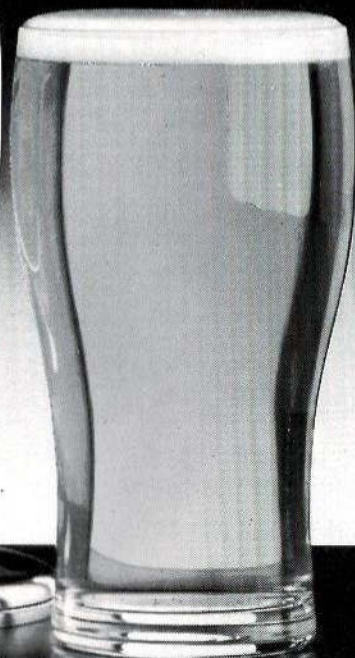
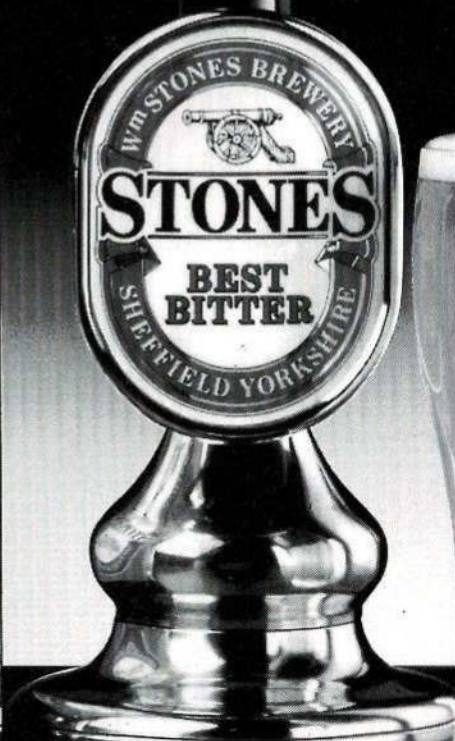
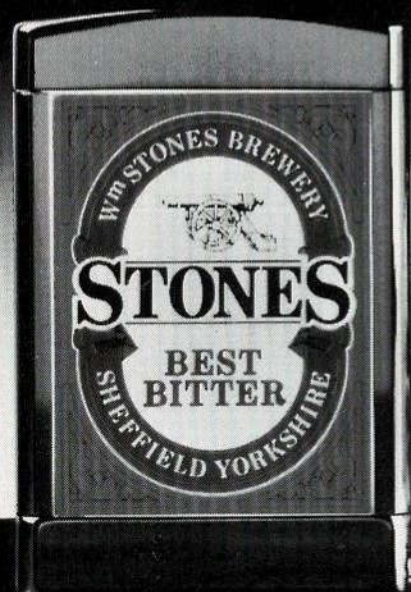
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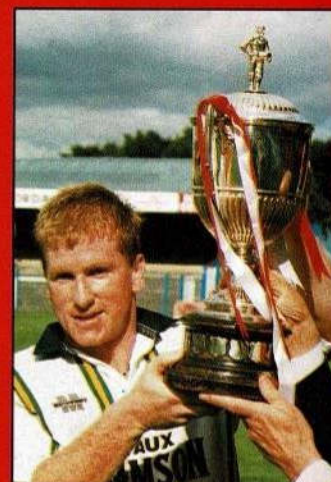
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22/1	Sheffield E	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275
5/2	Hull	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275
5/3	Wakefield T	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275
26/3	Castleford	3.00pm	£1,500	£800	£300
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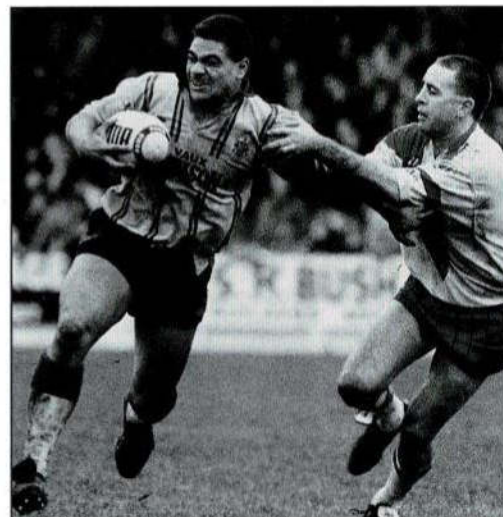
RUGBY RECALL QUIZ

1. Which two Oldham players signed for Wakefield Trinity in August 1993?
2. Which player did Oldham sign from Wakefield Trinity in August 1993?
3. Who was Wakefield's leading try scorer last season? (93/94)
4. Which Oldham player made 29 first team appearances in season 1993/94 without scoring any points?
5. Who was Wakefield's leading points scorer in season 1993/94?
6. How many first team coaches have Oldham had since June 1984, inclusive of Andy Goodway? Note joint coaches count as one.
7. Which Wakefield player made 24 first team appearances (1 as sub) last season, without scoring any points?
8. From which amateur club did Oldham sign David Stephenson?
9. Which Wakefield player who scored against Oldham in the 20-20 draw at Watersheddings last season, was signed from the same amateur club as Stephenson?
10. Which Wakefield player made 2 Great Britain under 21 appearances last season?

Answers on Page 28
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After the excitement of last week's Cup win at Warrington it's back to the bread and butter today. I hope these programme notes are being read by a substantial number of spectators, the players and the club certainly deserve support. Today we welcome back the popular Schools Curtain Raiser as Knowsley, Stoneleigh, St Margarets and Mayfield Primary Schools play each other. All of these schools have recently been visited by coaches from the Development Scheme and playing in the Curtain Raiser is the logical extension. St Margarets and Mayfield have also entered the Quantum Schools Cup. Also with us today are representatives from ERF (Manchester) who have sponsored the Under 13s Town Team kit. Welcome to them and thank you very much. I am also pleased to announce that Hyde

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Big Joe Fiamalo on the rampage against St. Helens.



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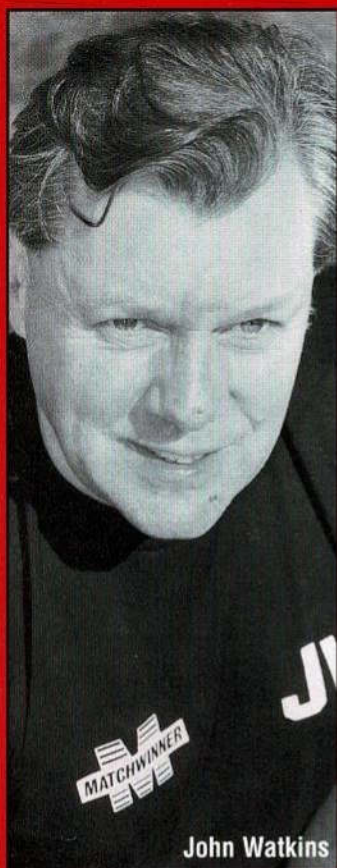


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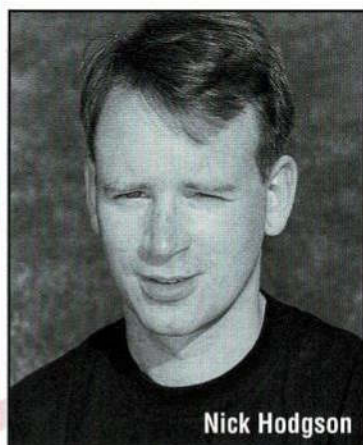
"IT IS ONLY EIGHTEEN INCHES BETWEEN A PAT ON THE BACK AND A KICK IN THE PANTS." - Joseph Crossman

INJURY UPDATE

FROM THE TREATMENT ROOM



John Watkins



Nick Hodgson

I suppose that it was going to happen at some stage of the season, when we would be hit with a bad injury which was going to keep one of the lads out for quite some time, the unfortunate player being Shaun Irwin, who at the time of writing was due to undergo an exploratory operation on his knee.

The build-up to the Warrington game was also hampered by knocks to Ian Sherratt and Darren Abram, but despite intensive treatment during the week, time ran out on the lads. It was also a bad night for our alliance team on the injury front in last Friday's hard earned victory against a strong side, with Nigel Heslop having to pull up sharply early in the game with a re-occurrence of his hamstring injury. Alfie Gouldbourne struggled on with a groin injury and Damien Ainge bravely soldiering on with a shoulder injury. At the time of writing it looks as though we are in for another hectic week.

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A look at our Alliance team

The Alliance squad has had mixed fortunes since my last notes. On Friday 10th February we travelled to face a very strong Salford outfit which included Critchley, Staziker, Webster, Brown and Mike Gregory and gave a near faultless 1st half display to take the lead of 13pts to 0pts. Salford hit back in the second half as we relaxed too soon, but an excellent try by substitute Mickey Edwards sealed a win which took us 7pts clear at the top of the 1st division. Howard Hill and David Bradbury scored a try each, Craig Booth contributed 3 goals and a drop goal to add to a drop goal by Gary Burns.

The following Friday we kicked ourselves in the foot by gifting Warrington the game in the Challenge Cup quarter final at Wilderspool. Warrington took an early lead of 6pts when we fluffed a bomb but Craig Booth kicked a penalty goal to reduce the arrears. Soon afterwards Warrington lost Paul Sculthorpe, sent off for a blatant punch on Booth, but they increased their lead with a penalty goal to make the score 8pts-2pts. However the next 30 mins was all Oldham as David Bradbury scored his usual powerhouse try, Dave Jones kicked, collected and scored and a superb burst by Craig Richards produced the 3rd try to take us to a seemingly unassailable lead of 8pts - 18pts. We once again relaxed and Warrington sailed through slack tackling to draw level at 18pts all. This spurred the lads to greater

efforts and a dropped goal by Booth and try by Nigel Heslop converted by Craig Booth put us firmly in the driving seat. Disaster struck with only four minutes to go when a speculative wide pass by Paddy Mitchell was gleefully accepted by the Warrington winger who went in under the posts to bring the score to 24pts to 25pts in our favour. We could and still should have come away with the spoils but allowed Warrington to make yards in the final minute before Maloney dropped an amazing forty yard drop goal to level the scores. In the half an hour extra time Warrington played us off the park. Our heads went down, discipline went out of the window and Warrington thoroughly deserved their win by 38pts-25pts. We bounced back last Friday in the league match against Hull as the lads endeavour to bring back the only trophy remaining to us. Although our forwards once again dominated proceedings we disturbingly relaxed at 22pts-8pts and almost allowed Hull back into the game but captain Chris Parr rallied the team exerted them to greater efforts and we fully deserved our 30pts-14pts victory through tries by Alfie Gouldbourne, Dave Jones, Gary Burns, Chris Parr and Howard Hill. Craig Booth kicked 5 goals leaving us still 7pts clear at the top of the league with 7 matches to play.

*Dennis McHugh
Alliance Coach*

		FIRST DIVISION						
	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Diff	Pts
Oldham	19	16	0	3	586	354	232	32
St. Helens	19	12	1	6	583	411	172	25
Warrington	18	11	0	7	559	345	214	22
Wigan	17	10	0	7	581	362	219	20
Leeds	17	10	0	7	366	320	46	20
Bradford	16	9	0	7	407	340	67	18
Hull	20	9	0	11	413	530	-117	18
Salford	20	8	0	12	488	401	87	16
Castleford	15	8	0	7	330	320	10	16
Dewsbury	15	8	0	7	329	364	-35	16
Halifax	16	7	0	9	279	411	-132	14
Featherstone	20	7	0	13	406	639	-233	14
Wakefield	20	6	1	13	419	504	-85	13
Rydale-York	18	3	0	15	289	734	-445	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	L38-25
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
February				
1st	Bradford N	A	7.30	
6th	Halifax (All. C.C. R2)	A		W22-28
10th	Salford	A	8.00	
17th	St. Helens	H	7.30	
18th	Alliance Challenge Cup - Third Round			
24th	Hull	H	8.00	W30-14
March				
2nd	Wakefield T	A	7.30	W14-36
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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“What a superb performance at Wilderspool! For me, it was the spell on defence in our own quarter early in the second half which was the crux. We seemed so composed and cold-eyed that I was confident, once we had survived that pressure, we would go on to win. I thought, too, it was very fitting that Joe Faimalo should score the clinching try. He has been outstanding in both offence and defence most of the season. With Jason Temu now well established as a genuine 1st Division prop, and Wilson Marsh beginning to show his quality as a ball distributor as well as a goal-kicker (if not, last week, as a sixth-lackie kicker!), whoever spotted them as a trio of overseas signings deserves big plaudits.

Courtesy of last week's League Express, the statistics on the cup game provided fascinating reading. Missed tackles were quoted as 40 by Warrington, 13 by Oldham, for example. No Warrington forward achieved a successful offload in the tackle - that must be down to our swarming defensive effort - whereas Mike Kuiti alone made 4, out of our total of 13. "Hit-ups" (I presume we are in Aussie-speak) were three to two in our favour, reflecting our dramatically better control of the ball, especially in the last hour of the game. And while all fifteen deserve credit for their performance, it is impossible not to notice Paul Topping's incredible 28 tackles as a centre. Jonathan Davies made 5!

Such statistics are interesting and sometimes very revealing. But one impressionistic use of figures annoys me intensely - some newspapers attempts to 'mark' the performance of individual players out of 10 in each match. How an individual reporter can claim to have observed all 30 players in a game closely enough to even attempt to score each one baffles me. I only hope the players and

clubs don't take any notice of such rubbish. But I thought the 'marks' reported in last Monday's Manchester Evening News took the biscuit. The Leigh players (they lost by 90 points!) and the Salford players (described by the correspondent as "disjointed, disorganised and dispirited") both managed to accumulate higher scores than those of Widnes, who won convincingly at Sheffield! And Penny scored the same as Gibson, Mackey the same as Crompton, and McGuire more than Temu; I don't think Mr Dawson was at the same game as me!

Andy Goodway might be excused for having his head rather in the clouds this week. Wherever you looked, listened or read, he was being praised unmercifully, and touted for Coach of the Season and Future GB Manager. I rather liked the down-beat after-match quote: "If anything keeps me in a job, it'll be our final league position". However, be that as it may, I rather suspect nothing less than a statue outside Oldham Town Hall if he turns out to be the coach responsible for the first Wembley trip! Watch out soon, too, for a major feature article on the Goodway-McCurrie-McHugh team.

How much practice do players put in on grubber-kicks into the in-goal area? In the modern game, it seems to me to be a crucial factor in determining the outcome of matches, how many times a side can force consecutive sets of six tackles. It was noticeable how well we did it at Wilderspool, in comparison to the number of misjudged kicks there were at St Helens the week before, when Martin Crompton of course was lacking match practice. In tight games, it has often been Wigan's most effective play over the years, and I think we have learned that lesson from them, at least.

Conflict with cricket has often been raised as a stumbling block to be overcome by the summer rugby school. In this

context, a statement by Leeds last week is perhaps of some significance, stressing the impossibility of playing RL at Headingley in the summer because of established agreements with Yorkshire C.C.C. Maybe the mid-season break option is worth a harder look?

The goings-on at Doncaster seem very strange, and even the possibility that a First Division club might go out of business mid-season reinforces the need for the Rugby League to have a role in exercising some control over clubs' finances. Huge and obviously unrealistic contracts dished out at the start of the season, non-payment of players, sale of the ground (for what price? to whom?), the sacking of Tony Fisher; I suspect there is a rather murky story yet to be told. But what a tragedy it would be to lose the club.

Still on the subject of finance, the comparison was made last week between Wigan and Oldham in terms of the possible effect of the introduction of the salary cap. With a maximum 50% of income to be spent on salaries, the implication is that the rich will simply get richer, and the divide between the elite and the rest will get greater. Last year, Wigan's wage bill was nearly 3 times Oldham's turnover! And how will Oldham achieve a reduction from 72% to 50% of income spent on wages, without a reduction in playing quality? There is only one possible way - a large rise in income - which is exactly what Mr Quinn and his board have been saying, and trying to achieve, since they took over. Taking into account the inevitable impact of the National Lottery, the fact that the average attendance was recently quoted as being 91 greater than in '93-94 is probably not a lot of consolation.

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REFLECTIONS

1946, A MOMENTOUS TOUR

A Rugby League tour must take some planning, but when the R.L. accepted the Australian invitation to send a team to tour there in the summer of 1946, little did they know what problems would arise. At one stage it looked like it may be called off, as transport was the difficulty, but the Royal Navy came to the rescue. The HMS Indomitable was sailing to Australia on April 4th, it was one of the fleet's aircraft carriers taking troops back home and they offered berths for the Lions party of about 32, and the R.L. gladly accepted. There was a rush to get organised, the tour managers were selected, Mr W Popplewell (Bramley) and Mr W Gabbatt (Barrow), it was agreed to play 3 tests and 17 other games and to go on to New Zealand to play 1 test and 6 other games. A provisional squad of 26 players was selected but difficulties arose when Ward (Bradford N), Phillips (Oldham) and White (York) were still in the forces and were refused leave. However, some Yorkshire M.P.s swung into action, made representations to the War Office and all 3 were granted leave. The Navy agreed to let the tour party have the Petty Officers quarters on board

ship, I suppose it was better than hammocks, but I bet the P.O.s were not pleased. Terms of pay were agreed with the players, these were £1-10 shillings per week whilst on board, (£1-50) present day equivalent, £2-10 shillings (£2.50), wives would receive £3 a week and 7 shillings and sixpence (37 1/2p) for each child, they would also receive a share of any profits at the end of the tour. The average wage in those days was about £4 per week, if you were lucky, when you consider that these fellows were top professional players, they must have been dedicated players who considered it an honour to play for their country. I know you can't compare those hard times with the present day remuneration our players get for touring, with all the luxury travel and accommodation they receive, plus well paid wages and a big bonus for winning a test match, I believe the latest G.B. squad got £2000 each for beating the Aussies at Wembley. The tour party duly sailed on April 4th on their journey to Freemantle, which took 5 weeks. When they had settled down it must have seemed like a long holiday, after war time rationing here. One of the party told me he had never seen as much food and they fed well, they

trained on the flight deck in tropical sunshine, they also developed a tremendous team spirit, but there was unexpected trouble ahead. When they arrived at Freemantle they found out that the Indomitable had been ordered elsewhere and it was planned for the aircraft carrier HMS Victorious to take them the remainder of their journey, but the ship had to go into dry dock for repairs after storm damage, which would take 3 weeks. This delay would put the tour plans all at sea, so to speak, so hurried arrangements were made to travel by train, a journey of 2700 miles to Sydney which would take 5 days, in what turned out to be more or less a cattle train with some passenger carriages, which were as packed as the cattle trucks. This took the smile off the players faces.

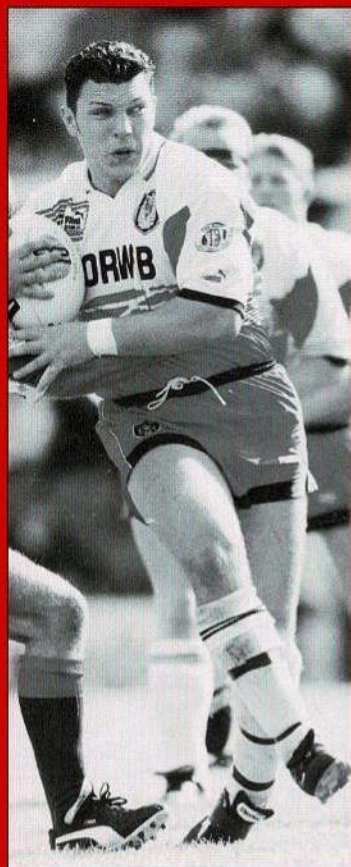
The train went miles and miles without seeing anything but bushland. It was steamy, hot by day and cold at night, they were pestered by flies, stations were few and far between, they had to get a good wash and brush up whenever they stopped and stock up with food. It was a very weary party that eventually arrived in Sydney but they were greeted by wildly enthusiastic crowds wherever they went, which lifted their flagging spirits. Then they had to get down to the real business of training and playing rugby league, with little time to prepare. (To be continued) **George Lunn**



TRY AGAIN!

VAUX SAMSON - ITS STRENGTH IS ITS TASTE

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING 1994-95



Barrie McDermott signed for Wigan during the summer of 1994 and made his full international debut against Australia last October at Wembley. Twenty two year old Barrie signed from local amateur club Waterhead when he was nineteen and was soon knocking on the first team door very strong and aggressive Barrie is an exciting player who always gives 100% Barrie still lives in Oldham and when he is not playing for Wigan can be seen cheering for Oldham on the terraces

QUIZ ANSWERS FROM PAGE 20

1. Gary Christie & Mark Sheals.
2. David Jones.
3. Andy Mason (16 tries)
4. Ian Sherratt (Sorry Ian)
5. Henry Paul (111 points)
6. Seven (Myler, Fitzsimons/Graham, Barrow, Fieldhouse, Tunks, Lindner, Goodway)
7. Ian Marlow.
8. Queens Park ARL.
9. Andy Wilson.
10. Richard Goddard.

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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										
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St. Helens	22	14	1	7	597	445	152	29
Halifax	21	13	2	6	553	360	193	28
Warrington	21	12	2	7	510	374	136	26
Castleford	21	12	2	7	554	424	130	26
OLDHAM	21	9	1	11	405	504	-99	19
Salford	20	8	1	11	416	462	-46	17
Workington	22	8	1	13	356	534	-178	17
Sheffield	21	8	0	13	408	536	-128	16
Wakefield	22	7	0	15	333	558	-225	14
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MARSH	5
KUITI	3
STEPHENSON	1

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KUITI	1

FEBRUARY PLAYER OF THE MONTH

JOE FAIMALO

Congratulations to Joe for winning player of the month (not forgetting his fantastic try at Warrington). Joe will be presented prior to kick off today, with an engraved medal, a cheque for £50, together with a Jewellery voucher. Presented personally by Phil from Classique. Phil is also our man of the match sponsor for today's match.

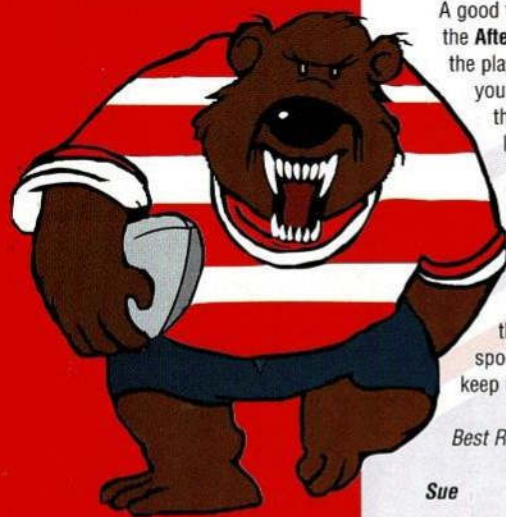
CLASSIQUE JEWELLERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Present Positions

KUITI	46
CROMPTON	28
CLARKE	26

JUNIOR ROUGHYEDS

CALLING ALL JUNIOR ROUGHYEDS



A good time was had by all who attended the **After Xmas Party**. Many thanks to all the players who came, it was great to see you, and I know it was a big thrill for the kids.

I must also say a big thank you to Frank Pullen of **Lees Village Service Station** and Paul Collinge for their help in donating the refreshments.

Sam Kershaw the team mascot has recently raised approx £70.00 for the club funds, by taking part in a sponsored swim. Well done Sam and keep up the good work.

Best Regards

Sue

SUPPORTERS CLUB

We would like to take this opportunity to thank, Andy, Alan and the Team for a superb match and result against Warrington last week and good luck in the next round.

Thanks to all the people who attended the Valentine's Dinner, and helped make this event a huge success, the Supporters Club raised a total of £414.50 towards club funds.

A big thank you goes to the following people for their kind donations of raffle prizes: Vaux Breweries, Frank Pullen, Sue Collinge, Alice Collinge, Paul Collinge, Trevor Heywood, Dorothy Broadbent, Dr David Atherton, Mr & Mrs Summerville, Janet Shaw, Brian Walker, John Holmes (Village Manor), Hans, Ray Hill & John Watkins.

After the great success of the Valentine's Dinner we have booked another night out on Saturday October 28th, for Halloween, so put this date in your Diary, and more details will follow closer to the time.

If anyone has any ideas for further fund raising events, please contact Alice Collinge (Chairperson).

ACADEMY UPDATE

FINE INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

Well we are in the hat for the second round of the Academy Challenge Cup due to our first round win over Keighley Cougars by 32 points to 18. It was a good win for us especially after our disappointing performance at Hull KR the previous week. There was some fine individual performances, Ian Hannan scoring a hat trick of tries from the left wing

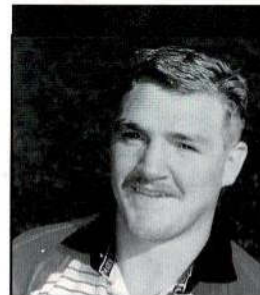
position. The two half backs deserve a special mention because they were always taking us forward into the bigger set of Keighley forwards. Wayne Riding our scrum half scored a fine try and Richard Badby kicked four great goals. Our other point scorers were loose forward Michael Prescott, centre Jimmy Cowans and full back Stephen Hunt

who also played well. We are keeping our fingers crossed for a home draw in the next round. We would also like to welcome two more local players to our squad - Robert Mort a hooker and prop Mark Marsden. Let's hope they settle down quickly and start pushing for a place in the side

Brian Gartland

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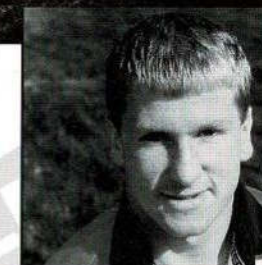
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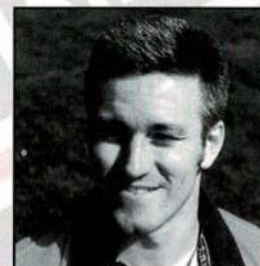
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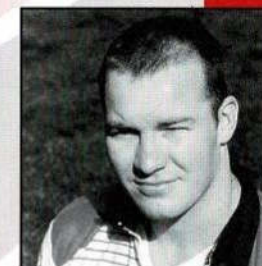
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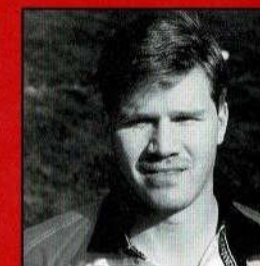
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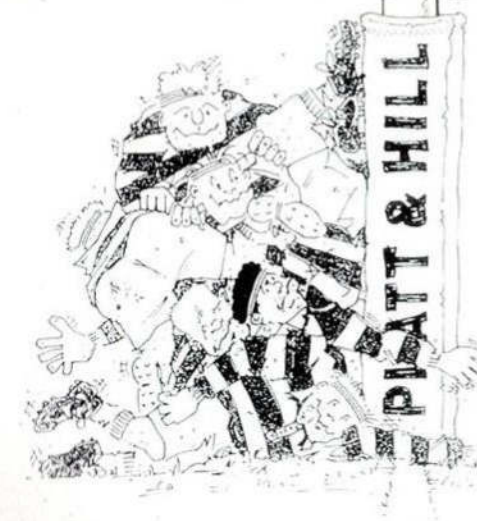


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