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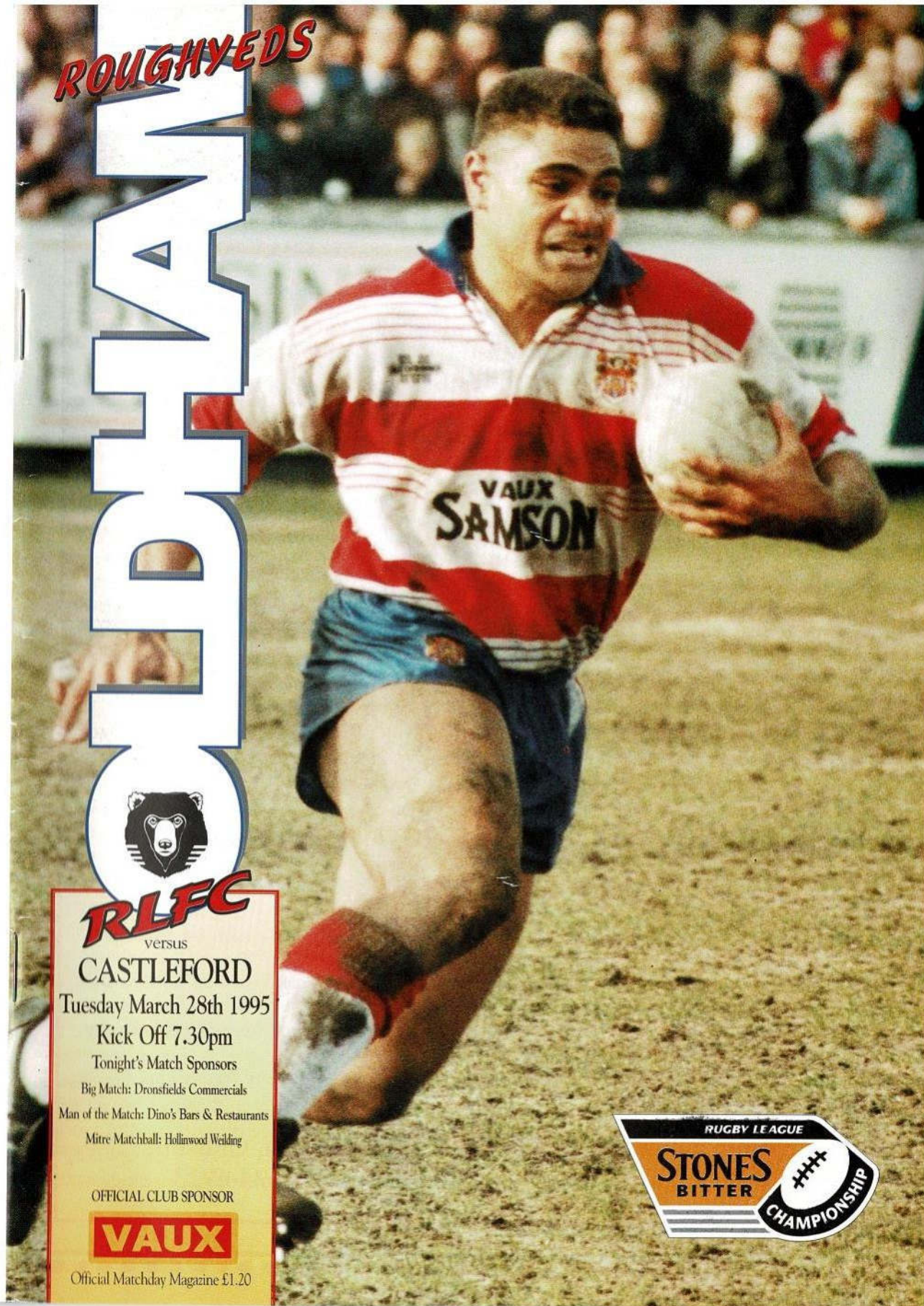
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Record Point: Bernard Ganley, 28 points v Liverpool City, April 1959
Scorer:
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FROM THE BOARDROOM

BY CHAIRMAN JIM QUINN

MY article had to be written before Saturday's Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final against Wigan but, even without the knowledge of what happened at the Alfred McAlpine Stadium, I would like to refer to the effect the draw had on the Oldham players when they were paired with Wigan.

Athletes are highly sensitive creatures and I think we must bear that in mind when considering the poor performance at Widnes only six days before the semi-final. It was no coincidence that Leeds, who play Featherstone in the second semi-final, slipped up at Sheffield on the same day and then lost at home to Saints in midweek.

Our players must have been thinking about the Wigan game and focusing on how to do the best they possibly could in a big-match atmosphere against the best club side in the world and in front of a national TV audience.

While on the subject of the semi-final I would like to say how much the club appreciated a call from the Athletic chairman Ian Stott, who congratulated us on our achievement in reaching the last four and wished us all the best on the big day.

It is good that two professional clubs in the same town can enjoy such a relationship and it reminds us that over the past few years the town has done superbly well with Athletic's two trips to Wembley and all their other successes and our promotion to the

first division and Challenge Cup semi-final appearances in 1990, 1991 and 1995.

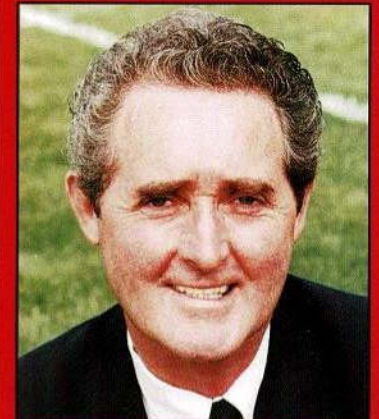
To say the town is one of the few to boast Rugby League and soccer at the level we have available here, I think Oldham can be very proud indeed of the town's sporting achievements.

I would just like to put the record straight, on another subject, regarding an article which appeared in our club programme recently, written by GMR's Rugby League man, Malcolm Lord.

Malcolm referred to events at the Leigh club and had some critical things to say about how the chairman had handled them.

I feel it is important to place on record that the Oldham board of directors was not happy to see such comments in the club's official match programme. The article got through our screening system and we wish it hadn't.

To start with, whatever goes on at another club is no concern of Oldham. Secondly, senior club officials put in a tremendous amount to keep their clubs going in difficult times. They ask little in return and I think it is fair to say that the Leigh chairman and his fellow officials have been under overwhelming pressure this past year or so, a situation that was not reflected in the article. Tonight we welcome Castleford to Watersheddings for a match which was originally scheduled to go ahead



tomorrow. We welcome chairman Eddie Ashton, his board and the Castleford players and fans. We are looking forward to a good, fast open game of rugby and hopefully we can turn the tables after our recent defeat at Wheldon Road.

The game was brought forward to fall in line with the Rugby League's TV schedules.

Financially, television is a major part of the game and if we want the money we have to respect that the TV people want a major say in things. We have co-operated with the Rugby League so that Castleford can play Warrington on Friday night for Sky. Finally, may I take this opportunity of requesting your loyal support over the final few weeks of the season. After tonight we have only one more home game in the league - Salford on Good Friday. Hope to see you there and also at the remaining Alliance games at Watersheddings as our 'A' team goes all out for the first division championship.

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CLOSE UP ON CASTLEFORD

Our visitors in detail

GRAHAM STEADMAN

Castleford's club record signing Graham joined the club from near neighbours Featherstone in a £170,000 deal five seasons back. Previously with York he has been a consistent points scorer throughout his career. Having gained representative honours at stand-off a switch to full back took Graham to even further success including a starring role on the last Great Britain tour to Australia. This season has seen Graham in good form and he added to his Test caps against the Aussie tourists.

CHRIS SMITH

One of the club's very promising youngsters, Chris broke into the first team at the end of last season and showed some good form on the wing through the Premiership campaign. A local product who came from the Academy team, gaining Great Britain honours at that level including a tour to Australia last summer. This season Chris has stepped up a further rung with a Gt Britain Under 21 place.

RICHARD BLACKMORE

Powerful Kiwi centre who has gained Test honours for his country including last season's series in Great Britain. In his time at Cas Ritchie has had to overcome a couple of serious injuries but last term was perhaps his best when he played a big part in St. John Ellis's record haul of tries as well as being a prolific scorer himself. Set to return home later this year to join Auckland Warriors.

RICHARD GODDARD

A close season signing from Wakefield Trinity, with a £75,000 fee being set by the tribunal. Richard already has Great Britain Under 21 honours and at just twenty looks to have a big future in the game. A product of Stanley ARL which has over the years provided Cas with some top talent.

SIMON MIDDLETON

Simon switched codes after a long career in local rugby union and has settled very well to league after his move from Knottingley RU. He has been a regular scorer for Cas, last season being his best, and has himself proved to have been one of Darryl Van de Veldes shrewdest acquisitions.

TONY KEMP

Another New Zealand Test player, Tony is in his second season at Castleford having joined up from the Newcastle Knights club in Australia. As well as proving himself in the Aussie league Tony came to the club with plenty of 'English' experience following two stints with Doncaster and as a Kiwi tourist.

TONY SMITH

A key utility player, Tony has the ability to slot into either half back position as well as centre where he has played most of his recent rugby. A local product with GB under 21 honours, Tony's great support play brings him a regular flow of tries.

GARETH STEPHENS

Another close season signing, Gareth returned to his junior roots at Cas having started out his professional career with Leeds. Despite gaining GB under 21 honours Gareth was unable to secure a regular slot at Headingley and Cas moved in to secure his signature when their scrum half spot became vacant. Keen to prove himself at the club where his father did so well, Gareth is another young player who looks to have a big future.

LEE CROOKS

Club captain, pack leader and goal kicker, Lee was another buy from the Headingley club. He quickly became a key figure at the club and in turn his representative career was resurrected, with county and test call ups being added to an already healthy total of representative honours. Lee started his career on his native Humberside, where he gained a string of honours whilst still a teenager, and has gone on to become one of the game's biggest names.

RICHARD RUSSELL

One of the most consistent performers last term, Richard proved himself an outstanding recruit from the Oldham club and many good judges felt that a representative call up would have been justified. He already holds Under 21 honours from his time at Wigan, when he played at centre. However he now looks very comfortable in the hooking role for which coach John Joyner signed him and his impressive form at Cas has deservedly won him full England honours this term.

DEAN SAMPSON

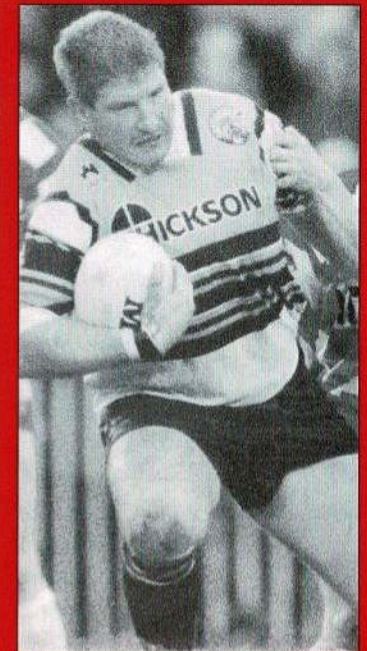
Yet another at Cas with GB under 21 honours, Dean added a tour call up, as late replacement to the party in New Zealand, to his honours record a couple of years back. However it remains a mystery to many why he hasn't had further calls from the GB management. A Stanley ARL product, Dean is very popular with the Castleford faithful and although frequently used as a substitute looked impressive when given a regular prop spot last term.

NATHAN SYKES

A highly rated junior player from the Moldgreen Club in Huddersfield, Nathan is making good progress as he establishes himself in the senior squad. Castleford beat off a host of opposition to sign him and his promise is being realised with Academy international and tourist honours and a GB Under 21 cap already.

TONY MORRISON

A bargain buy from Swinton, Tony is an all action back row forward on both attack and defence. He came into the game from junior rugby in the St. Helens area before signing for Oldham, and then



Lee Crooks - Captain

on to Swinton. As captain he was outstanding in the 'Lions' outfit and Castleford, who had noticed his form, moved in quickly when his contract came to an end.

IAN SMALES

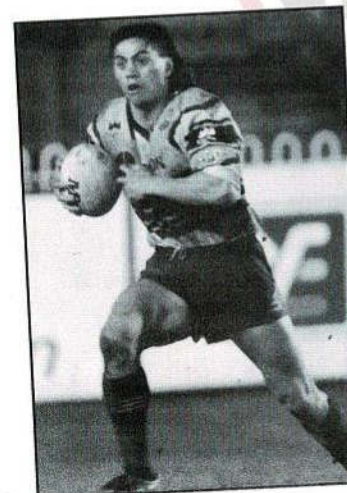
A capture on the eve of last season from neighbours Featherstone, Ian immediately established himself in the Cas second row and was one of the stars of the successful Regal Trophy team. A Gt Britain tourist Ian has switched from the back division to the pack but still has an eye for the tryline, reaching double figures last season. Originally with Castleford amateurs Lock Lane A.R.L. before joining Rovers.

ANDY HAY

A big success story last term for Castleford, Andy clinched a regular first team spot for the first time and the former Redhill Junior never looked back. With a string of junior representative honours big things have always been expected of Andy and whilst injuries hampered his early progress if he can develop from last term then his career prospects look very bright.

TAWERA NIKAU

Currently ranked amongst the world's best loose forward Tawera has proved his class in both 1st Division and in the Test arena with New Zealand. He has Australian experience with Canterbury-Bankstown, whilst Sheffield and York gave him English experience before he linked up with Cas. He has proved a valuable asset to the club and supporters were delighted when at the end of last term he signed for another two years, especially as the newly formed Auckland Warriors were reportedly keen to take him home.



Tawera Nikau

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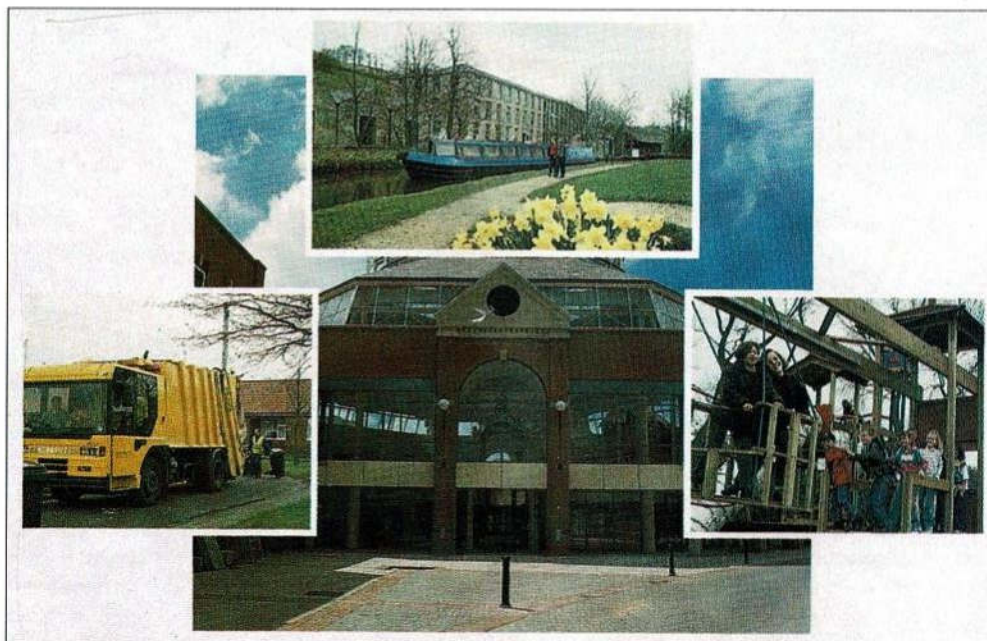
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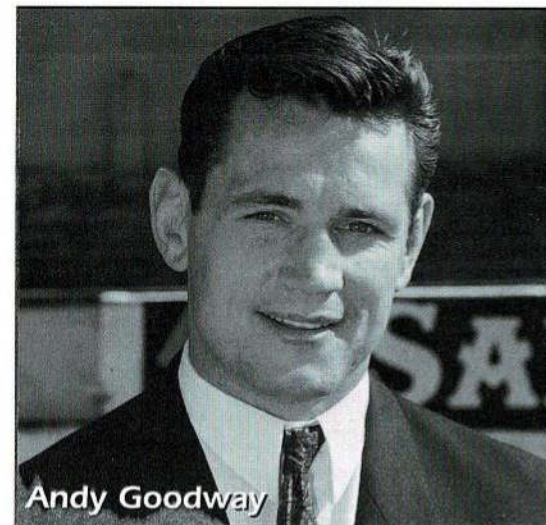
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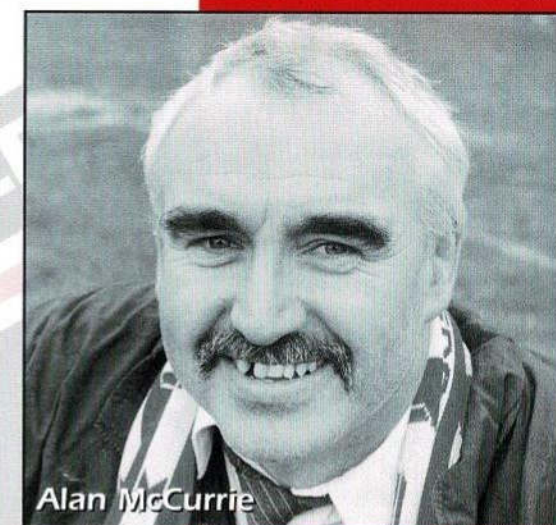


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Alan McCurrie

As you read these notes, our dreams of a first Wembley will have been realised or dashed. Regardless of the outcome of the Wigan clash the coaching staff and players will be doing everything in their power to ensure that 100% effort is given to every game for the remainder of the season.

Our target is still a top eight place and this is a realistic goal. We feel that our season should be judged on our league placing and a good cup run is icing on the cake. You can rest assured that no one will be resting on their laurels for tonight's match as we see this as an important game in our quest for a top eight place.

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Castleford	24	15	2	7	652	467	32
Bradford N	25	14	1	10	631	496	29
Sheffield E	25	11	0	14	491	610	22
Oldham	24	9	1	14	433	590	19
Featherstone	24	8	1	15	476	538	17
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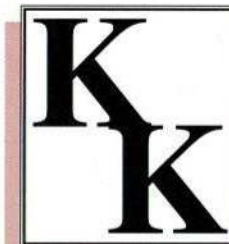
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A LOOK AT THE LOCAL AMATEUR RUGBY SCENE

Oldham's Challenge Cup tie against Wigan was not the only big cup tie involving a local club which was played last Saturday. At amateur level St. Annes entertained Skirlaugh in the fifth round of the BNFL National Cup. Although these notes were penned prior to that match being played, Saints and their supporters were confident that they were capable of eliminating the Yorkshire Cup holders. Victory by Saints would have taken them into the last 16 alongside Saddleworth Rangers and the other big names of the amateur Rugby League scene.

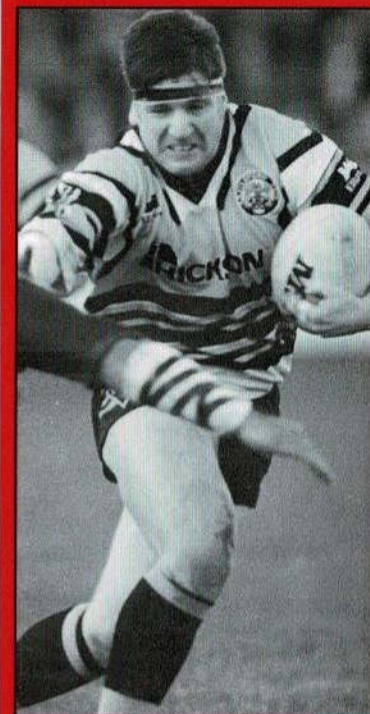
As well as their involvement in the National Cup competition, both St. Annes and Saddleworth have a huge backlog of fixtures to fulfil in the National Conference League. Local enthusiasts wishing to follow the fortunes of these clubs in the vital closing stages of the season should refer to the superb coverage of the amateur game in Thursday's edition of the Oldham Chronicle. Saddleworth are currently involved in the relegation scramble towards the lower end of the Premier League table. Before last weekend Rangers were lying in third from bottom spot. With two clubs due to be relegated, it is essential that Saddleworth pick up points from their remaining seven matches only three of which are at home. Those

three home matches are against Leigh Miners, Woolston Rovers and Mayfield whilst Rangers are called upon to travel to Egremont Rangers, Woolston Rovers, Dudley Hill and Mayfield. Askam looked doomed already and should Rangers win that match at Dudley Hill then the Bradford outfit likely to be joining them in the First Division.

St. Annes have an outside chance of promotion from the Conference first Division. Favourites for promotion are Lock Lane and Millom, Saints will have to pull back six points from that leading duo if they are to achieve their objective and they have six matches to do it in. Saints visit Moldgreen and East Leeds and entertain Beverley, Blackpool Gladiators, Moldgreen and Leigh East. Although it is a tall order, Saints are capable of winning all those matches. Lock Lane's run in is relatively easy and they are heavily fancied to gain promotion as Champions but Millom face a difficult finish to their season so it would not surprise me if Saints ended the season with a late flourish and with promotion. Indeed Saints are set for an exciting couple of months battling along on three fronts, Conference League, National Cup and Standard Cup.

Don Yates

ONE TO WATCH



Richard Russell former Wigan and Oldham player now playing his best Rugby for Castleford. Played for England against Wales earlier this year

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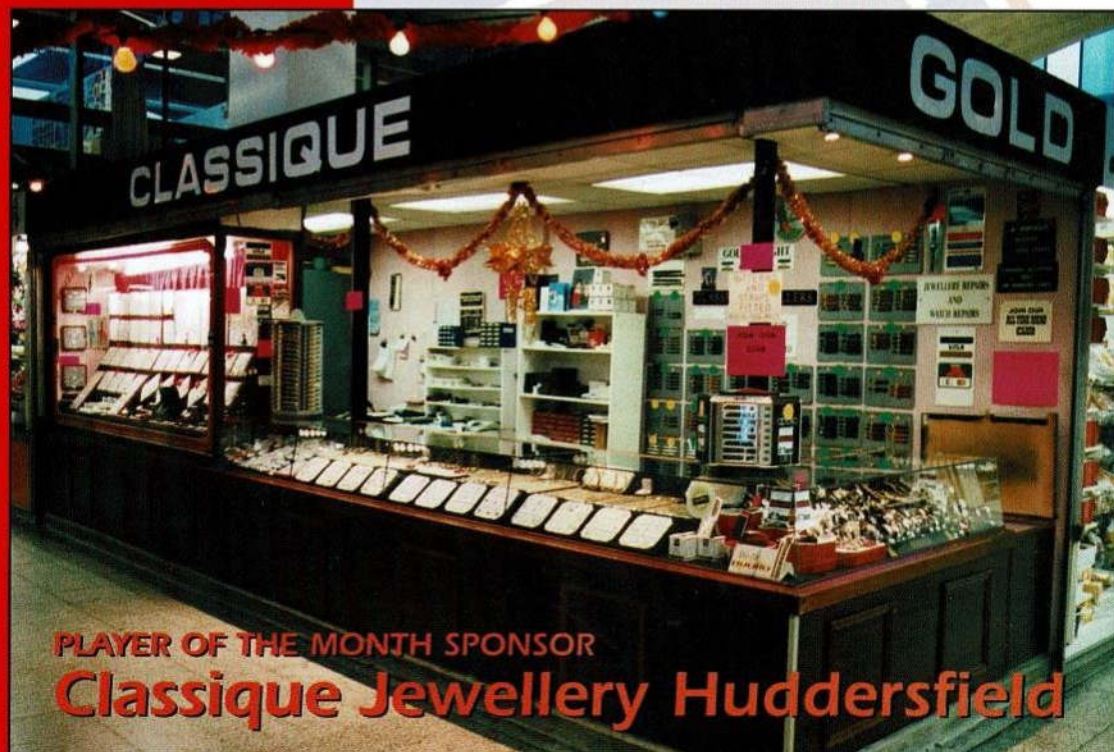
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

As the Rugby Football League Centenary approaches I thought it might provide food for thought if we did an analysis based on attendances and then compared them with soccer, the result is frightening.

Manchester United Football Club are shortly to start work on a new stand which will increase their capacity to 55,000 for home games.

The total attendance at all 15 Rugby League games (including the Friday night fixture St. Helens v Bradford Northern) of the weekend of 18/19 March 1995 came to 46163. Now you might

say this is not reflective of the norm, because Wigan were away alright, lets add another 7000 to allow for that.

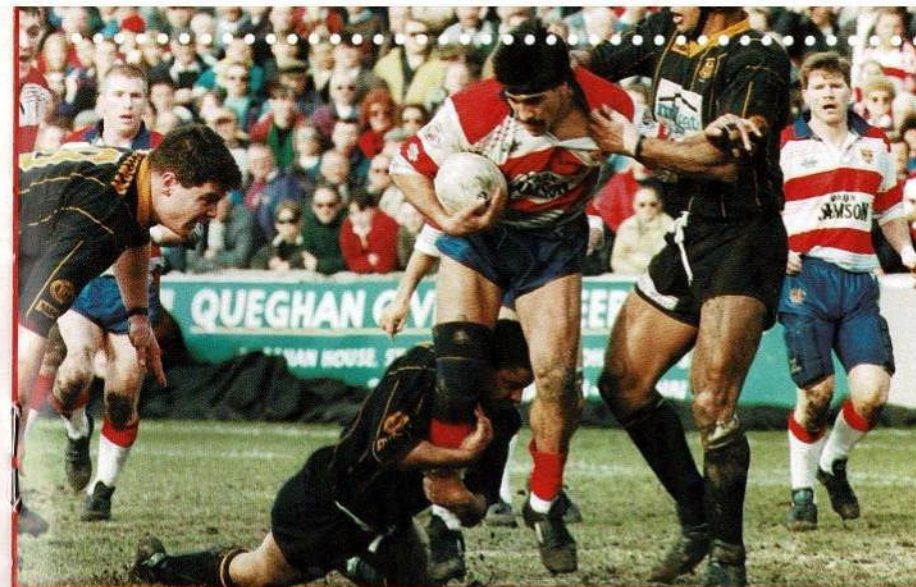
The total would, still fall a couple of thousand short of what United could hope to get in just one game.

Four of the games or 25% had less than 1000 spectators watching with only 196 at the Highfield v Carlisle game. Indeed only 9009 attended second division Rugby League and almost 5500 were at just 2 games (Huddersfield v Whitehaven and Hunslet v Keighley).

Now you can juggle about with figures all you want, but the word that comes to mind is pathetic and if something is not done quickly to remedy this the whole future of our game is in doubt.

I don't pretend to know the answer's I'm just providing some food for thought, hope I haven't given you indigestion?

Malcolm Lord
BBC GMR



Top: Mike Kuiti trying to break through the Huddersfield defence.

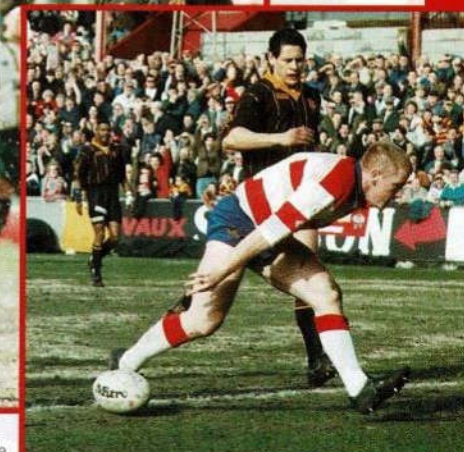


Middle: A Widnes player getting some close attention from the Oldham pack.



Bottom left: Big Joe Faimalo trying to break through the Widnes cover.

Bottom right: Martin Crompton scoring the first try against Huddersfield.

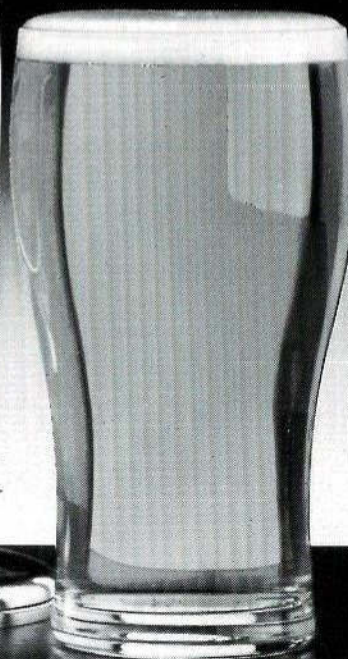
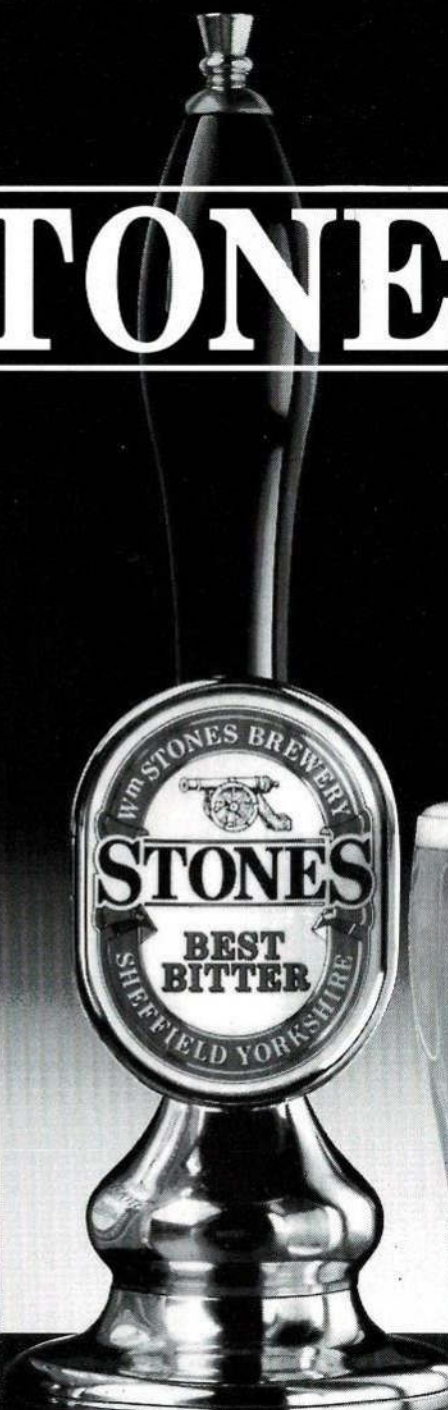
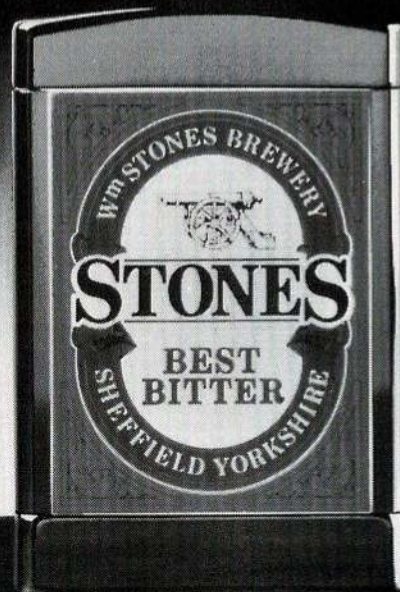


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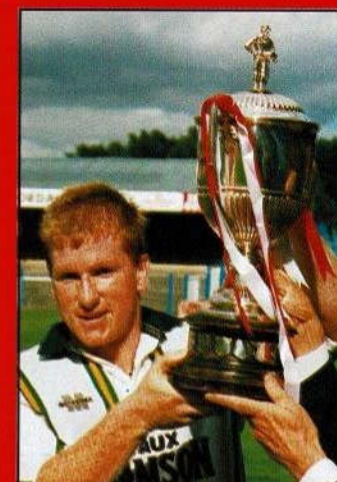
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These tickets can be used as prizes, or simply public relation exercises.

The tickets will be available for the following games:

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Martin Crompton
Receives the Law Cup

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Type of Package	Match	Executive	Man of the Match	Match ball	
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Date	Versus	K. Off			
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4/9	Wigan	3.00pm	£2,000	£1,000	£350
18/9	Doncaster	3.00pm	£1,100	£650	£275
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
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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
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RUGBY RECALL QUIZ

1. Which player last season scored 40 tries for Castleford, and from which second division club was he signed?
2. Which ex-Oldham player scored for Castleford in both the home and away games last season?
3. Who was Castleford's leading try scorer in season 1986/87?
4. Which two Australian players did Oldham recruit in June 1986?
5. Who did Castleford beat in the Yorkshire Cup final in 1986?
6. Which Oldham hooker was transfer listed at £25,000 in November 1986?
7. Which Castleford player was voted Gt Britain's man of the series during Australia's tour of Britain in 1986/87?
8. Which former Gt Britain international was given a free transfer by Oldham in May 1987?
9. Which Castleford player was the only player to have appeared in all 43 first team games last season?
10. Which player still connected with the first team scored for Castleford in both the home and away games against Oldham in 1986/87?

Answers on Page 28
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Welcome to tonight's re-arranged game against Castleford. I'm sure we've either all got Wembley fever or we'll be desperate for top 8 points. Whichever I hope last Saturday's semi-final achieved the right result for Oldham. The last home game against Huddersfield was very frustrating as I arranged a curtain raiser then cancelled it on the Friday because of the weather forecast. It then turned out to be the most perfect day, sun and a big crowd and no kids game. Tonight's curtain raiser is a victim again of circumstances and re-arrangement, but I hope you are watching Richmond, Alt, Greenfield and Stoneleigh Junior Schools. I also hope that tonight's crowd is boosted by some members of Oldham College. Last week we had a promotion event at the college and arranged a special entrance for students. The Quantum Oldham Schools Cup is progressing through towards the semi-final stage at all levels now. The finals will take place here at Watersheddings on May 2nd and May 4th. On a personal note, I was lucky

enough to go to Washington DC last week, with the Ireland Squad who played against the USA. The game was given the full American treatment with TV time outs, unlimited substitution, razz ma tazz, popcorn and beer. Eighty degree heat and a fantastic RFK stadium all helped. To make for a great event. It confirmed in my mind that Rugby League is a summer sport and also that the USA are coming and coming fast, watch out!

Below: Chris Parr running blind.



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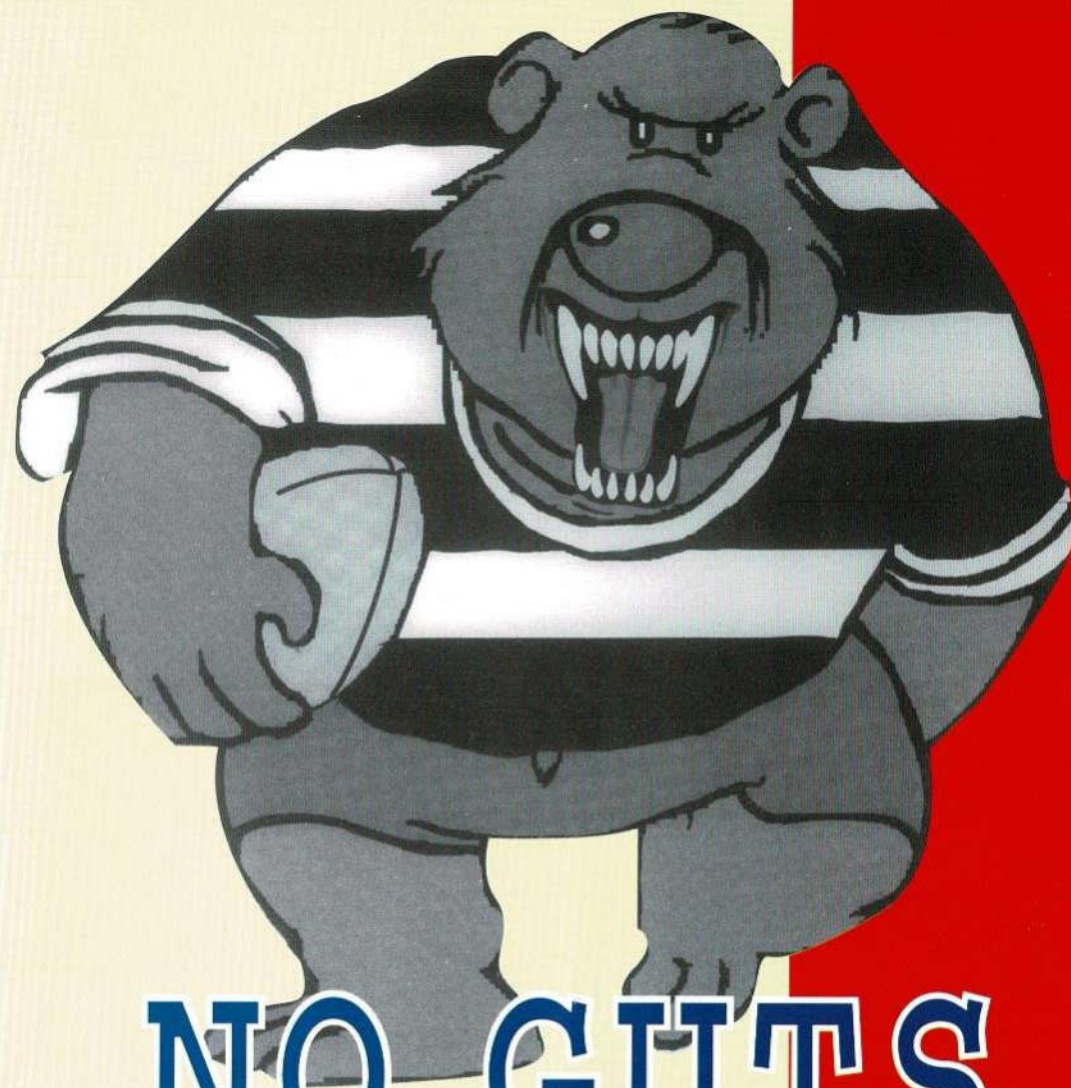
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INJURY UPDATE

FROM THE TREATMENT ROOM



with
John Watkins and Nick Hodgeson
It was good to see Nigel Heslop

come through the Ryedale York game a week last Thursday after struggling with a recurrent hamstring problem. Let's hope that he has an injury free season from now on.

At the time of writing Alfie Gouldbourne is back in training after his lengthy lay off with a groin strain.

Young Jimmy Cowans who had a promising try scoring debut in the Alliance team game against

Ryedale York, picked up a knock on his right knee in the Academy game against Batley last Monday but he is responding well to treatment and should be fit soon.

Due to freak accidents Paddy Mitchell and Dave Bradbury have been sidelined, Paddy looking as though his season may be over due to ankle ligament damage, but there is much better news of Dave Bradbury who should now be back in action after a self imposed toe injury.

A VISIT TO THE ZOO

All answers are Rugby League orientated, either past or present names. No name can be used twice (unless of course there are 2 teams with the same name!)

Last summer we decided to go on a visit to _____ Zoo. We needed to be _____ as the zoo was in a _____. Because we didn't know exactly where it was, we sent a _____ asking for directions. They told us that it was just outside the _____ through a _____ which _____ to the zoo. We were worried about being attacked

by _____ who were no _____ and we felt we needed some _____ to protect us. We passed some _____ which made us feel hungry so we had our sandwiches made with _____ but they weren't very good. As we travelled through the countryside the _____ all waved to us, and some _____ played cricket on the green. When we arrived we thought we were in Paris because of the wide _____ but it was only the _____. The coach parked in a _____ where a car boot sale was taking place. The first thing we saw were the _____ and _____ in the cat house and in the aquarium were some _____. The aviary had some _____ and _____ but the day was spoiled when mum was stung by a _____. So we

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4.9	2.4	Junction 47	4.0	0.7	Junction 1 (A6110)
		Leave Motorway and follow signs City Centre			Junction 2 (A643)
6.2	1.3	LEEDS			Leave Motorway and at roundabout take 1st exit
		Follow signs Otley, Skipton A660 to leave by			A643 in 0.8 mile at roundabout take 3rd exit A58
		Woodhouse Lane. In 2.3 miles turn left then left	7.1	3.1	In 0.3 mile branch left and at roundabout take 1st
		again into St. Michael's Lane for			exit into Kirkstall Road A65 (signposted Ilkley)
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FROM SMALL 'A' CORNS GROW

A look at our Alliance team

Five matches to go and we need to win three. Talk about a "breathless hush in the close tonight". Certainly the end of season has become quite hectic as we chase the Division 1 Championship with St. Helens breathing down our necks. As you can see from the league table, we are still 7 points clear but Saints have a match in hand. Our home match against them, still to be arranged, could be a Championship decider although we both have other tough matches to play. This will be our last home fixture and should be a cracker. Keep your eyes on the fixture news, the lads really appreciate your vociferous support.

Meanwhile as I write these notes we are preparing for our game against Castleford at Wheldon Road on Thursday evening. Back in January we put 50 points past Cas. but they are a

different proposition on their own ground and we may have our work cut out to claim those vital 2 points.

However, the lads have trained really well this week, and are quietly confident.

On the injury front Damien Ainge is still out with a collar bone fracture and Martin Holden has not fully recovered from his knee injury, but Nigel Heslop is back to full fitness. David Bradbury is raring to go and Alfie Gouldborne should be fully fit for the next match. Congratulations to Jimmy Cowan who made his Alliance Squad debut in our win against Ryedale York, scoring a try and generally having a good game. He looks one for the future.

Dennis McHugh
(Alliance Coach)

FIRST DIVISION								
	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Diff	Pts
Oldham	21	17	0	4	643	395	248	34
St Helens	20	13	1	6	639	423	216	27
Wigan	20	12	0	8	651	434	217	24
Warrington	21	13	0	8	633	397	236	26
Leeds	20	13	0	7	475	355	120	26
Bradford	20	12	0	8	535	416	119	24
Dewsbury	19	11	0	8	423	417	6	22
Salford	23	9	0	14	543	503	40	18
Castleford	20	9	0	11	404	463	-59	18
Hull	23	9	0	14	443	609	-166	18
Halifax	19	8	0	11	341	493	-152	16
Featherstone	22	7	0	15	441	705	-264	14
Ryedale-York	21	4	0	17	354	830	-476	8

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	
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	W31-8
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		W28-22
10th	Salford	A	8.00	
17th	St. Helens	H	7.30	
18th	Warrington (All Ch. Cup - R3)			L25-38
24th	Hull	H	8.00	W30-14
March				
2nd	Wakefield T	A	7.30	W36-14
10th	Leeds	H	7.30	L11-31
11th	Alliance Challenge Cup - Semi Finals			
17th	Ryedale Y	H	7.30	W44-17
23rd	Castleford	A	7.30	

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RUFF E. HEAD THE MAN IN THE KNOW

“As is the case in many walks of life, you only realise the value of genuine first division-quality grafters when they are missing. I make no apology then in returning to Shaun Irwin, who must have been particularly sick about missing Saturday's semi-final, since injury had also caused him to miss the Cas v Wigan final 3 years ago. He was recently quoted as being delighted to have come to Oldham, and given a chance to play in the centre after efforts to turn him into a second-rower at Wheldon Road. But there is no doubt that our back-line looks much less solid without him.

On similar lines, Jason Temu's presence was sorely missed last week at Widnes. His hard yards, and quick play-the-balls, give so much to the acting half-back and first receiver, and their absence was extremely conspicuous, I thought. Of course, the capitulation in the last few minutes was very depressing - but in the conditions and the circumstances,

probably understandable. What I found more disappointing was our failure to make the most of the conditions when they were in our favour in the first half. Two other thoughts on the game: what a class act Hammond looked; and what damage to the entertainment on offer a whistle-happy referee can do. My personal highlight of the afternoon was the walk out of the ground after the match, when, to a man, the Widnes fans were even keener for us to make Wembley than we were! They are not too keen on the pie-eaters around Naughton Park.

What a P.R. nightmare has been the Doncaster fiasco. They were going to merge with Sheffield Eagles, to form a powerhouse of South Yorkshire Rugby League - or maybe they won't. Their players are free agents - or maybe they aren't. They are going to keep playing at Tattersfield - or perhaps not. If they fold, it will be one down, two up - or maybe it won't. They will fold if no new buyer

comes forward within 24 hours - or maybe they won't. Of course, the prime responsibility for the whole business lies with the murky figures who have been supposedly running the Doncaster club. But the lack of clear direction from Chapeltown Road has been frightening. Taken on top of the deafening silence from Mr Lindsay after his Offiah outburst from Sidney, and the Harry Gratton disappearance, I rather think our revered leader might be glad to see the back of the 1994-95 season. How must Mr Ollerton feel! I hope he doesn't watch Sky on Friday nights. Public humiliation and demotion was his reward for allowing a try which wasn't, at Salford. An exactly similar error by Mr Cummings, however, seems to lead to nothing other than a call for in-goal touch judges. Who said consistency was the crucial watch-word?

Ruff E. Head ”

REFLECTIONS

There are thousands of Rugby League supporters who do not know how the game of Rugby League came about, but they are probably aware that this year, on August 29th, it is the centenary of Rugby League, but a lot of water has flown into the sea since that momentous day. Rugby Union flourished all over the country in those days, the English R.U. being formed in 1871, with their headquarters in London, the handling game was popular, there were over 400 clubs. However, in the industrial towns of Northern England, where wages were poor, players could not afford time off work to play rugby and they began to agitate for "broken time" payments, but when the suggestion was put to the R.U. officials in London, they nearly had a fit, and held up their hands in horror, they said this would open the door to professionalism. At the annual meeting of the R.U. in London on Sept. 20th 1881, there were 418 club representatives present, and 2 Yorkshire club reps, had the audacity to propose that players should be compensated for bona-fide loss of wages, this was heavily defeated, but the proposers were encouraged by 136 in favour. Back on their own 'midden' in the North of England they continued to press for this, they

had frequent meetings to discuss it and a special meeting was called for, to be held at the George Hotel, Huddersfield on August 29th 1895. 21 club reps. attended the meeting, at the end of which a vote was taken to a proposal "That we resign from the Rugby Football Union and form a Northern Rugby Union, and that players could be paid legitimate expenses for loss of earnings", this was carried by 20 votes to 1 against, the odd club out was Dewsbury. The break with R.U. was made, never to be healed, although there has been one or two break throughs in recent years, for instance, the R.U. will allow amateur R.L. players, under 18, to also play with a R.U. club, and only in this last few weeks, the Welsh R.U. have stated that they will allow former professional R.L. players, who have retired from the game more than 3 years ago, can now join a R.U. club, is that progress??? It is not long ago the rule was that if a known R.L. scout, or known player was spotted on a R.U. ground, he was promptly escorted off. The new Northern R.U. wasted no time in organising fixtures, and 2 more clubs had joined them, - Runcorn and Stockport, and the first fixtures were played on Sept. 7th 1895. A sub-committee was formed to draw up rules and

regulations, it was decided to have 2 Senior Competitions, one in Lancashire, one in Yorkshire, the players were happy because they were allowed to claim up to 6 shillings a day for 'broken time' (30p present day money), not a lot, but remember, wages were only about £2 per week average. Some of the first fixtures were: Huddersfield v Batley, Wakefield v Brighouse, Hunslet v Liversedge, Runcorn v Manningham, Stockport v St. Helens, Halifax v Oldham, Wigan v Tyldesly, Leeds v Hull, some of the above have fallen by the wayside, some are still going strong. Meanwhile, the R.U. in London forbid their member clubs to have any contact with the breakaway clubs. At that time, of course, all clubs were playing to the same rules, it was some time later that the Northern Union clubs changed their rules, reduced teams to 13 players, and eventually adopted the name of "The Rugby Football League", but more about that later. After a first successful season Runcorn were the winners of Lancs Senior Comp. and Manningham won the Yorks one. When the successful teams returned to their towns with the trophies, there were wildly enthusiastic crowds to greet them, in Runcorn a torchlight procession led a triumphant tour, with the team in horse drawn coaches, Manningham paraded the streets of Bradford in horse drawn carriages, a fitting end to a successful first year.

To be continued...

George Lunn



TRY AGAIN!

VAUX SAMSON - ITS STRENGTH IS ITS TASTE

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING 1994-95



NEWS ON FORMER PLAYERS

Tony Morrison signed for Oldham in the 1980's but had limited opportunities of first team rugby. He signed for Swinton in 1991 and started to play in the first team. Very strong and Aggressive, Tony moved to Castleford where he soon became one of the Cas favourites. Tony is now playing some of his best rugby. Keep it up.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ FROM PAGE 20

1. St. John Ellis, York
2. Richard Russell
3. David Plange
4. Bruce Clarke and Gary Bridge
5. Hull (31-24)
6. Ian Sanderson
7. Kevin Ward
8. David Topliss
9. Mike Ford
10. John Joyner

NEW CLUBCALL NUMBER: 0891 122 722

DATE	OPPONENT	K.O	Res	1	2	3	4	5
AUGUST								
21st	Halifax	3.00	L 20-40	Gibson	Jones	Irwin	Abram T	Ranson
28th	Bradford Northern	3.00	L 14-36	Gibson T	Jones	Irwin	Abram	Ranson
SEPTEMBER								
4th	Wigan	3.00	L 58-10	Gibson T	Jones	Irwin T	Abram	Ranson T
SEPTEMBER								
11th	Warrington	3.00	L 55-6	Heslop	Jones	Irwin	Abram	Ranson
18th	Doncaster	3.00	W 44-8	Heslop T	Jones	Irwin T	Abram T	Ranson
25th	Hull	3.15	W 21-17	Heslop	Jones T	Irwin	Abram T	Ranson
OCTOBER								
2nd	St. Helens	3.00	D 18-18	Heslop	Jones T	Irwin	Abram	Ranson
9th	Wakefield Trinity	3.30	L 16-21	Heslop	Jones	Irwin	Abram	Ranson
14th	Widnes (BSKYB)	7.30	W 29-0	Gibson	Jones	Irwin T	Abram T	Ranson T
30th	Featherstone Rovers	3.00	L 10-20	Gibson	Jones	Irwin	Abram T	Ranson
NOVEMBER								
6th	Halifax	3.00	L 34-8	Gibson	Heslop	Irwin	Abram T	Ranson
22nd	Bradford Northern	7.30	W 32-12	Gibson T	Jones	Irwin	Abram T	Ranson
27th	Wigan	3.00	L 46-0	Gibson	Jones	Irwin	Abram	Ranson
DECEMBER								
4th	Hull K.R. (RT Rd2)	3.00	W 28-0	Gibson	Jones T	Irwin T	Abram T	Ranson T
11th	Warrington	3.00	W 52-22	Gibson	Jones	Irwin	Abram T	Ranson T
18th	Widnes (RT Rd3)	3.00	L 6-20	Gibson	Jones	Irwin T	Abram	Ranson
26th	Salford	3.00	W 16-12	Gibson	Belle T	Irwin	Abram	Ranson
JANUARY								
1st	Workington Town	3.00	W 20-10	Gibson	Belle	Irwin	Abram	Ranson T
8th	Leeds	3.00	L 14-21	Gibson	Belle	Irwin T	Abram	Ranson
22nd	Sheffield Eagles	3.00	L 12-14	Gibson	Belle	Irwin	Abram	Ranson T
FEBRUARY								
5th	Hull	3.00	W 19-14	Gibson	Belle	Topping G	Abram T	Ranson
11th	Bramley (S.C.C.C. Rd 4)	3.00	W 20-10	Gibson T	Belle T	Topping T	Abram T	Ranson T
15th	Doncaster	7.30	W 22-14	Gibson T	Jones	Kuiti T	Abram	Belle
19th	St. Helens	3.00	L 22-32	Gibson	Belle	Topping	Abram	Ranson T
25th	Warrington (S.C.C.C. Rd 5)	3.00	W 17-6	Gibson	Belle	Topping	Gartland DG	Ranson T
MARCH								
5th	Wakefield Trinity	3.00	L 10-12	Gibson	Belle	Topping	Gartland	Ranson T
12th	Huddersfield (Silk Cut Rd 6)	3.00	W 23-12	Gibson (DG)	Belle	Topping (T)	Abram	Ranson
APRIL								
15th	Castleford	3.00	L 14-35	Gibson (T)	Belle	Topping	Abram	Ranson
19th	Widnes	3.00	L 4-40	Gibson	Belle	Topping	Abram	Ranson
2nd	Leeds	3.30						
9th	Sheffield Eagles	3.15						
14th	Salford	3.00						
17th	Workington Town	3.00						
23rd	Featherstone Rovers	3.30						

HOME FIXTURES ARE DENOTED IN BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS

6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Gartland G6	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord	Davidson	Kuiti	Richards T	Heslop
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Gartland G1	Crompton T	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord	Davidson	Kuiti	Richards	Faimalo
Topping T 6g	Crompton T	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord T	Faimalo T	Kuiti	Richards	Gartland
Topping 4g	Crompton 1dg	Sherratt	Clarke	Faimalo	Lord	Green	Kuiti	Gartland	Davidson
Topping 5g	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord T	Faimalo	Kuiti	Gibson	Temu
Topping 3g	Crompton T	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti T	Davidson	Gibson
Topping 4g	Crompton Tdg	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord T	Faimalo	Kuiti	Heslop	Temu
Topping 3g	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Faimalo	Lord	Kuiti	Heslop	Parr
Topping	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu T	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti	Jones	Norman
Topping 3g	Crompton 2dg	Sherratt	Clarke T	Temu	Lord T	Faimalo	Kuiti	Green	Bradbury
Topping	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti	Green	Bradbury
Topping 4g	Crompton	Sherratt	Stephenson	Temu	Lord	Faimalo T	Kuiti	Green	Bradbury
Topping 2T 8g	Crompton T	Sherratt	Stephenson	Temu	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti T	Marsh T	Green T
Topping g	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Faimalo	Lord	Kuiti	Marsh	Green
Topping 4g	Crompton T	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti	Marsh	Davidson
Topping 2g	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti T	Gartland	Davidson
Topping 1T 3g	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti	Marsh	Parr
Topping 2g	Crompton T	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti	Bradbury	Green
Marsh 4g 1dg	Crompton T	Sherratt	Stephenson	Temu	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti	Irwin	Green
Marsh T 11g	Gartland T	Norman	Stephenson	Temu	Green	Faimalo	Kuiti	Irwin	Davidson T
Marsh 7g	Gartland	Sherratt	Stephenson	Temu	Faimalo	Davidson	Green	Lord	Norman
Marsh 3g	Gartland T	Norman	Stephenson	Temu	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti	Crompton	Davidson
Marsh 4g	Crompton	Norman	Stephenson	Temu	Lord	Faimalo T	Kuiti	Green	Davidson
Marsh 3g	Crompton	Norman	Stephenson	Temu	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti	Hill	Davidson
Marsh 5g	Crompton T	Sherratt	Stephenson	Temu	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti	Gartland	Davidson
Marsh T 3g	Crompton	Sherratt	Stephenson	Temu	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti	Neal	Davidson
Marsh 2g	Crompton	Sherratt	Stephenson	Parr	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti	Neal	Davidson

CLASSIQUE JEWELLERS PLAYER OF THE MONTH MERIT AWARD

OLDHAM V HUDDERSFIELD

CROMPTON	5
KUITI	3
STEPHENSON	1

CLASSIQUE JEWELLERS PLAYER OF THE MONTH MERIT AWARD

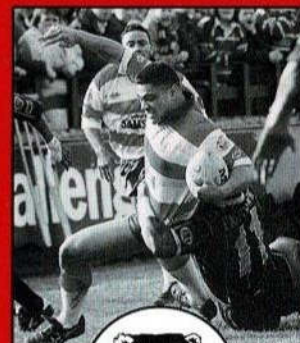
CASTLEFORD V OLDHAM

FAIMALO	5
CROMPTON	3
KUITI	1

CLASSIQUE JEWELLERS PLAYER OF THE MONTH MERIT AWARD

WIDNES V OLDHAM

CROMPTON	5
TOPPING	3
FAIMALO	1



FEBRUARY'S PLAYER OF THE MONTH JOE FAIMALO

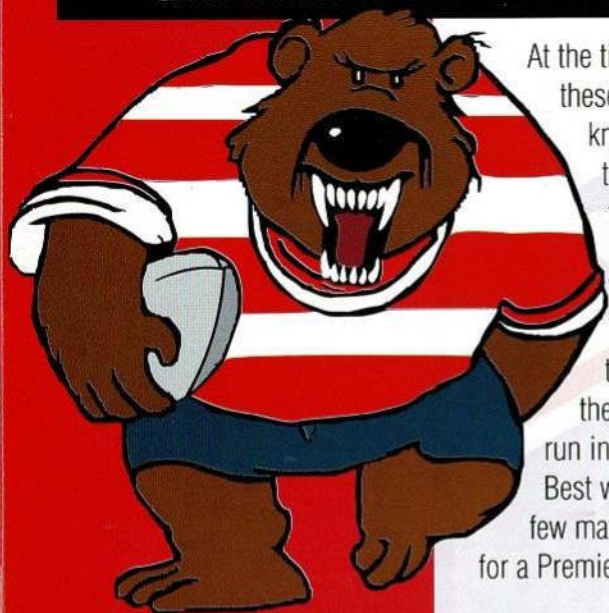
CLASSIQUE JEWELLERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Present Positions

KUITI	50
CROMPTON	41
SHERRATT	26
FAIMALO	26

JUNIOR ROUGHYEDS

CALLING ALL JUNIOR ROUGHYEDS



At the time of writing these notes we do not know who will be through to the final of the Challenge Cup at Wembley. Thanks anyway to Andy, Alan and the team for a great run in the Cup. Best wishes for our last few matches, let's hope for a Premiership place.

SUPPORTERS CLUB

Apologies to Kevin Kershaw as we failed to mention him in our thank you list for donated raffle prizes at the Valentine Dinner. Sorry Kevin, and thank you. Bookings for any away coaches be made on 665 1832 or at Canteens at "A" team matches.

ACADEMY UPDATE

KNOCKED OUT OF THE CHALLENGE CUP



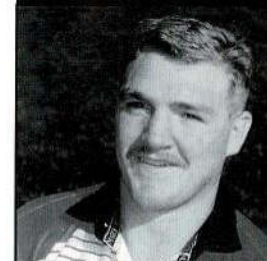
JOHN CLARKE...
currently playing in the 'A' team, a great pro

Our Academy side was knocked out of the Challenge Cup by first division side Castleford but not without a fight. They caught us cold and registered three quick tries but once we had got our act together we battled back and played some good football before going down by 34 points to 14, our

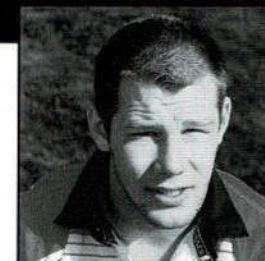
points being scored by second row forward Lee Wilde try, hooker Richard Mort try, and three goals by stand off Richard Badby. We got back to winning ways in our league match on Monday night by a resounding 56 points to 2 against Batley, our back three forwards Mike Prescott, Lee Wilde and Billy Tindall being far too strong to handle by the visitors, also impressive was Jimmy Cowans in the centre and half backs Wayne Riding and Richard Badby.

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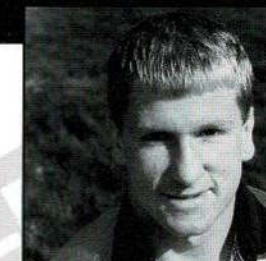
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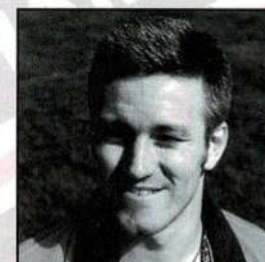
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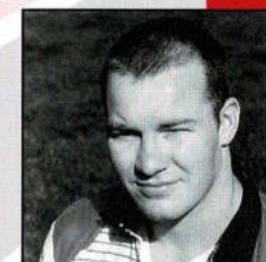
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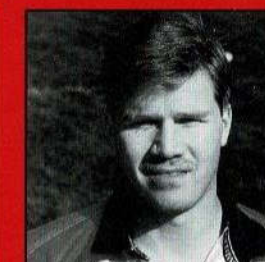
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