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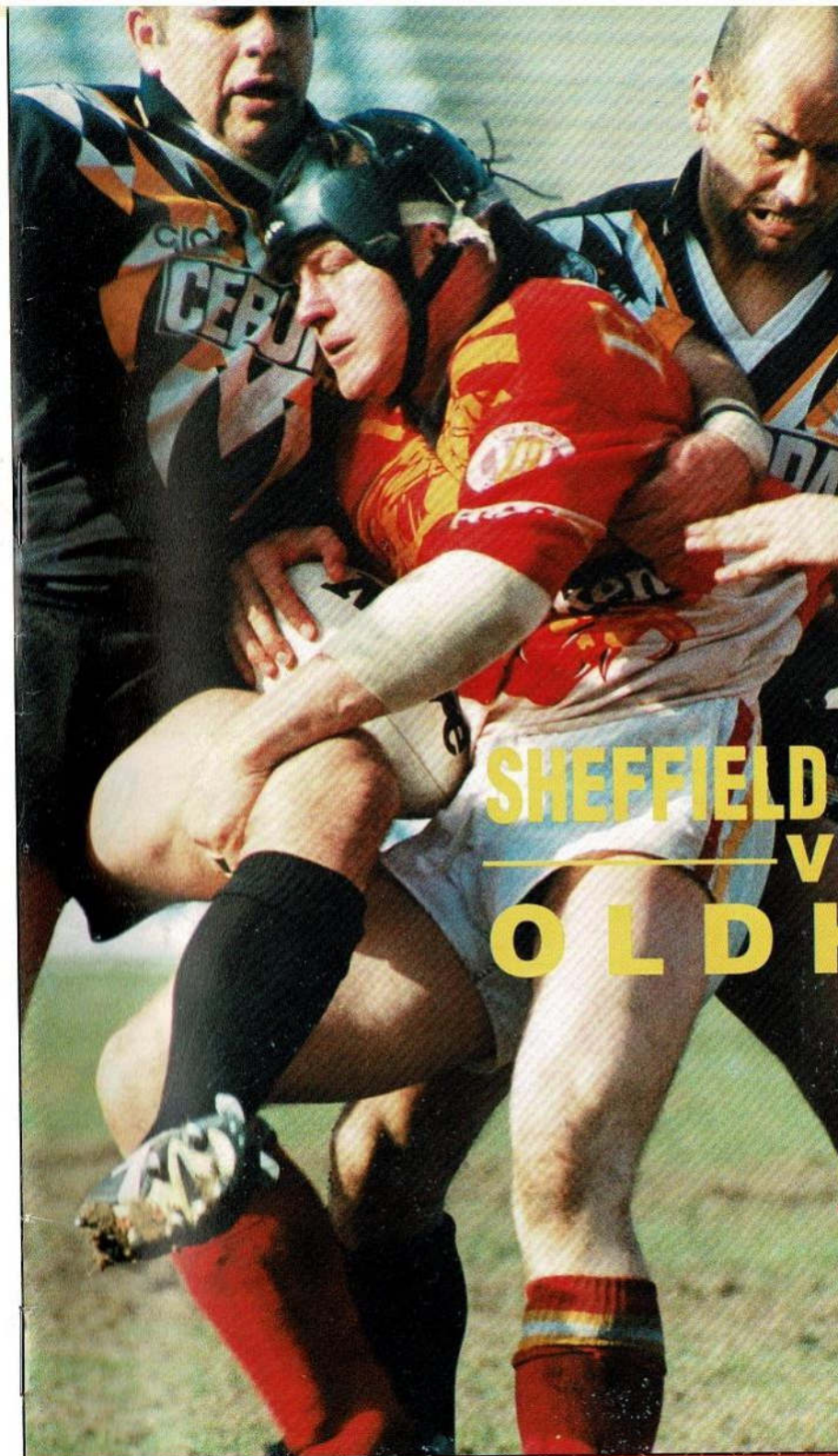
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FROM GARY HETHERINGTON **welcome**

To the players, fans and officials from Oldham for this very important fixture. The men from the Watersheddings have enjoyed a good season to date and were unlucky to draw Wigan after battling through to the Silk Cut Semis. After a poor start to the season new coach Andy Goodway certainly made his mark and his men proved to be one of the most difficult teams to beat. Our players will certainly testify to this for our game at Oldham in January was a very tough contest and we were relieved to come away with a narrow 14-12 victory. We'd settle for the same score today!

I was delighted with our team's results last week against a very determined Salford team. All the players struggled with the unaccustomed hot weather and the quality of some of our offence was below par. But the tenacity of our defence and the spirit and determination to win was high and it proved to be a very valuable two points. Unfortunately it was

achieved at a cost with a serious knee injury to Laurent Lucchese who has improved with every game since joining us from Huddersfield at Christmas.

However, can anyone explain to the players and myself why we should attract our lowest crowd of the season? Especially as our last home match saw a great win against Leeds!

The transfer of Daryl Powell to Keighley has naturally dominated the news this week. It all happened very quickly and the Cougars were keen to complete the deal before last Monday's transfer deadline. After a couple of days of negotiations their offer matched our valuation and Daryl was offered the long term security he was seeking. He wasn't looking to leave and does so with a good deal of sadness. I am sad too, for Daryl has been a tremendous player and servant to Sheffield Eagles and he epitomises everything which our club stands for, but in sport things don't last for ever and the money

we will be receiving will be put to good use.

Kyle White was to have joined us from Workington in March but that deal has now fallen through. A combination of obstacles from Workington, his Australian club Western Suburbs and Kyle himself was developing into a complicated saga and for this reason our club decided to pull out altogether. Our attention will now be focused on attracting another overseas player from Australia.

I would like to thank everyone who completed and returned the questionnaire recently. We are still collating all the information and there was a great deal of constructive comment and suggestions. We hope to print some of the findings in the Halifax programme. By the way, we will be staging another end of season party on the indoor straight after the Halifax game.

For now, enjoy the game...

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CAPTAIN'S diary



This column, which of course will be my last, gives me the chance to pass on my family's deepest appreciation to everyone at Sheffield Eagles for making my eleven years at the club a great experience. We have gained many friends over the years and I hope we will still remain friends for many years to come.

When I joined the club in 1984 things looked a little bleak to say the least, but since then the Eagles have developed into a genuine force in the First Division and a second top eight place this year would be proof of that achievement. I realise that this may not look a good time to leave the club, especially after just finishing my testimonial year, but the offer to both the club and myself was impossible to turn down at this stage of my career. Keighley will give me a fresh challenge and the security of a three-year contract, whilst the fee the club will receive should enable Gary to sign quality players to strengthen a young team. I hope you can understand my reasons for leaving and I also hope my car will be able to take another route, as the way to Sheffield is etched in its memory.

To the players – I would like to thank them for their much needed help throughout

my career, as well as a great sense of humour (and particularly Gamma!) as well as wishing them all the best in the years to come (games against Keighley excepted).

To you, the supporters – many thanks for your support, especially last year and to the management and coaching staff. I realise every player needs advice and sometimes criticism. My progress as a player is in no small way due to you all as well as my own hard work. I wish you all well in the future and look forward to seeing you again at the Don Valley Stadium next season.

Last year a total of £45,000 was raised in aid of my ten years' service to Sheffield Eagles. Much credit for that goes to my committee – Adrian Bentley, Christine Sephton, Kathy Sharman, Chris Clinton and Andrew Flower, and of course their better halves in allowing them to take the time to help. To all the office staff at Eagles: Jenny, Joanne, Julie and Teresa, for their help, as I am now Office Buff! To Gary and Kath for sound advice and everyone who supported my events, joined the 200 club or bought a brochure.

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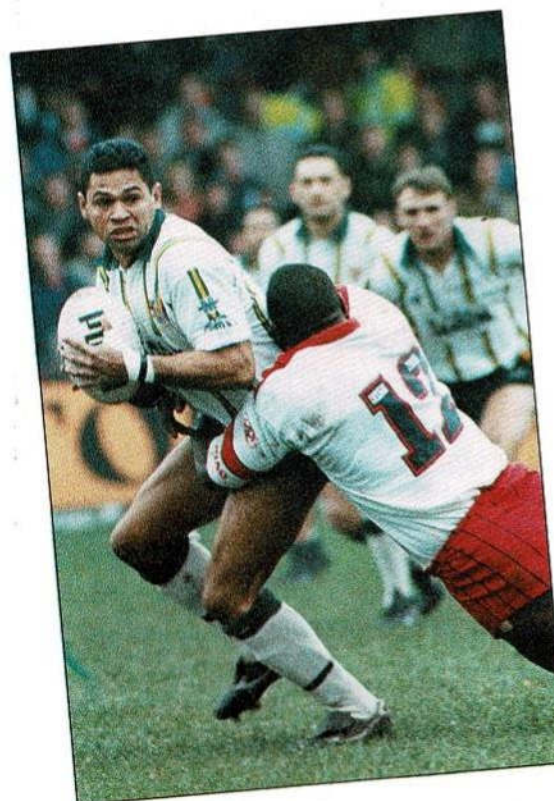
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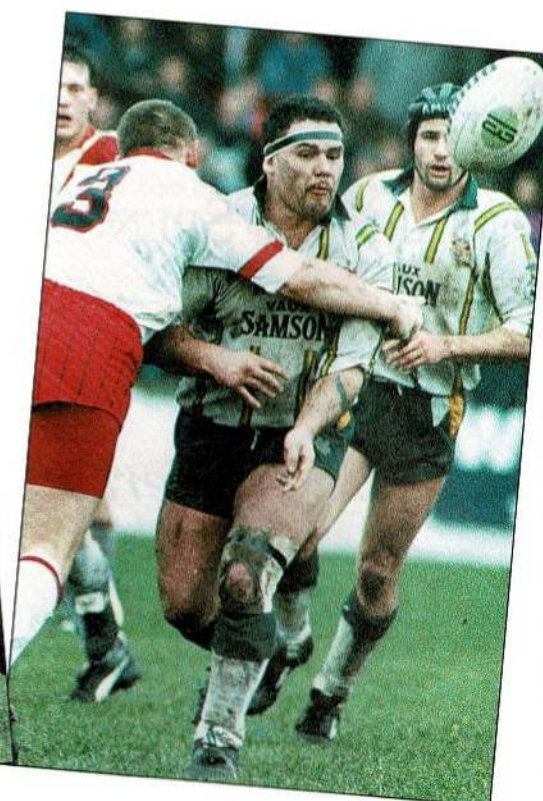
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Darren Abram. First professional club was Warrington, and then moved to Trafford Borough from where he joined Rochdale for £40,000 in 1991. Earned a reputation at Rochdale as a prolific try scorer and when listed for £70,000 was sought by several clubs including Salford, Featherstone and Wakefield, before joining Oldham in February '93.

Damien Ainge. Signed after trials from Rugby Union in the Fylde area. A former England student international who also played for Leeds Polytechnic, Damien is a goal kicking full back who has also had experience of Rugby League in Australia.

Craig Booth. Classy goal kicker from Featherstone Rovers who has the distinction of moving to Oldham by paying his own transfer fee. Not many people know that Craig is the nephew of Oldham boss Andy Goodway. He played a major roll in the Alliance team's four trophy success last season and is keen to push for a senior place this time.

David Bradbury. Signed from Leigh Miners after touring New Zealand with the BARLA under 19 squad. David is a strong running loose forward. A most promising young player.

David Chrimes. One of Oldham's signings from Rochdale Hornets, highly rated by former coach Peter Regan. Previously played for local amateur side Mayfield and was ever present in the side, helping Hornets' run in the play-offs semi-final in his last year at Hornets.

John Clarke. A sturdy little hooker who came straight out of BARLA youth rugby last season and made the Oldham No. 9 shirt his own in the first division of the Stones Bitter Championship. From Leeds, John is the only player ever to have won BARLA's young player of the year award more than once. He toured Australia with the BARLA Young Lions of 1993 and quickly signed for Oldham on his return from Down Under.

Martin Crompton. A £35,000 buy from Wigan early last season, Martin was troubled by injury in the early part of the campaign, but came through magnificently last season to play a crucial roll in Oldham's team which saw off the threat of relegation. Formerly with Warrington, Martin moved to Watersheddings via his home town club, Wigan.

Paul Davidson. Joined Oldham this summer in a £17,000 deal with Widnes. A Cumbrian who formerly played with Hensingham, Paul signed for Widnes three years ago and has had considerable senior experience at Naughton Park. Can play either prop or second row with equal ability.

Michael Edwards. Signed from Parkside Goldbourne at the age of 17 after receiving honours from Lancashire and England schoolboys. Now at the age of 20,

deservedly retains his place consistently in our Alliance team and will be pushing this season for a first team appearance.

Steve Gartland. Needs no introduction to League fans in the Oldham-Rochdale areas. A clever stand off, aged 23, he signed for Rochdale from Oldham amateur club St Annes in 1990 and established a Rochdale club record of 276 points in a season in 1992/93. A useful goal kicker, he is the son of Brian Gartland, Oldham's town team coach and a former member of the Watersheddings coaching staff.

Wally Gibson. On his day one of the finest attacking full backs in Rugby League. Wally made his name with the Huddersfield club, ripping Second Division defences to shreds in his three years at Fartown. Joined Oldham two seasons ago and quickly became a firm favourite with the Watersheddings crowd, thanks to his uncanny ability to turn defence into attack.

Alfie Goudborne. Signed (1993) from top under 19 side Iceberg Celtic. Gained great Britain under 19 honours with BARLA, touring Australia and coming out the top try scorer. Alfie was another consistent member of our successful Alliance team last season.

Iyan Green. A Wiganer formerly on St Helens books, Iyan came to Oldham as a free agent in the summer of 1993 and became a useful member of the squad, often showing his worth at senior level as a tough tackling, hard grafting second row forward who also played a major roll in the Alliance team's remarkable unbeaten record throughout the season.

Nigel Heslop. Former England RU winger who won 10 caps for his country. Signed for Oldham from Orrell RU club in February 1993 after losing his place in England's Five Nations Cup squad for 1993. Represented England in the World Cup 1991 and was a member of two Grand Slam winning squads.

Martin Holden. Joined Oldham from Wigan St Pats in 1993. Can play wing or centre with equal ability. A strong runner, he won BARLA open age international honours before taking the professional ticket with Oldham.

Shaun Irwin. Shaun joined Oldham from Castleford in 1992 in the move that took Richard Russell to Wheldon Road. A former member of Mal Reilly's Great Britain squad, Shaun is a vastly experienced inside back, sound on defence and with a deceptive turn of pace as he proved when scoring a long range try at Featherstone in the 1993/94 season.

David Jones. A strong finishing winger, signed from Wakefield. A Wigan born St Pat's player and as an amateur gained county and international honours. Can quickly establish himself as a firm favourite at Oldham if he continues his current form.

Had a spell in Australia during the close season.

Mike Kuiti. A New Zealand international of great repute. Played in Great Britain and France with the New Zealand tourists in 1989. Selected for the Team team eight times, playing in Great Britain, France and New Guinea, but not Australia. A strong loose forward or second rower, at the pinnacle of his career. Has played for Rochdale, Swinton, Leeds and Rochdale again. Has a good eye for making and taking scoring opportunities.

Gary Lord. A newcomer to Oldham this year, Gary started his career with Castleford and moved to Leeds before Oldham signed him from Halifax for a £35,000 fee fixed by tribunal. The brother of former Oldham winger Paul Lord, Gary began life as a full back but now plays in the pack, mainly at second row.

Paddy Mitchell. A local boy who joined Oldham three years ago from Saddleworth Rangers. A stand off or centre, Paddy made a big impression in the successful Alliance team last season and is keen to advance his career at senior level after making a handful of first team appearances last season.

Chris Parr. A prop forward from the Wigan area, Chris began his professional career with Huddersfield where he gained GB Under 21 honours. A move to Swinton did not work out for him but Swinton's loss was Oldham's gain when Parr moved to Watersheddings in exchange for John Maxwell.

Scott Ranson. Twenty five year old St Helens player and the top try scorer from his former club Swinton. Signed for Oldham in March, 1992.

Ian Sherratt. Former Oldham and Lancashire schoolboy. Left Oldham for Salford and returned in 1991/92. A hard grafting prop forward who won Oldham's player of the season for 1993/94 and was also voted the players player of the season.

David Stephenson. Like his fellow hooker from the Leeds area, John Clark, David learned his rugby league in the Yorkshire city and also won BARLA youth honours. A good hooker and a clever playmaker in the loose, Stephenson is highly regarded as Watersheddings. Oldham are fortunate to have two young hookers with the ability of Stephenson and Clark.

Paul Topping. Paul joined Oldham from Leigh in the summer of 1993 after starting his career as a full back with Swinton. Oldham's top points scorer last season, he is a useful goal kicker who can play equally well at full back, centre or even loose forward. A groin injury caused him problems last season but he has recovered remarkably well after surgery and is raring to go in 94/95.

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At the time of writing, there is little to report on the Alliance front, the team having an enforced couple of weeks absence from the field. Last Tuesday they were due to meet Huddersfield at Fartown – a win in that game would ensure promotion; a further win at Doncaster this coming Tuesday evening will ensure the Championship.

Last weekend Workington dropped out of the championship race after losing to Rochdale Hornets. Hull Kingston Rovers are still in there, having lost one more game than ourselves and giving their points difference a distinct boost with a 50 point win over Carlisle Border Raiders. If the Eagles slip, points difference may still prove to be crucial.

However, the Alliance team need to win on their own merit and nothing is more of an anti climax than winning a championship because a rival has lost, rather than ourselves having won. The title is there for the taking and it is well within the abilities of the Eagles to win both outstanding games.

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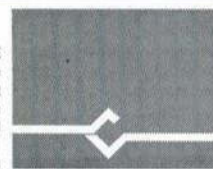
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Eagles put up a brave performance but were overwhelmed by the impressive scoring power of a Widnes side back to their best form. Widnes scored 11 tries to emphasise their challenge for the Premiership Trophy and add to the Eagles' relegation worries. The Eagles played with tremendous spirit and battled right to the end despite the odds being high against them. Even in defeat, there were many bright aspects of their game, including the play of stand-off Daryl Powell, the lively work of full back Mycoe and the fine forward play of second rower Sonny Nickle.

Eagles trailed 22-4 at half time after Widnes had hit them hard with a three try scoring burst inside seven minutes, and fell further behind immediately after the interval, with Offiah almost running straight through substitute Phil "The Bacon Slicer" Cartwright on his way to the line twice in the first five minutes of the second half.

Eagles fought to the end and were rewarded with a total of four tries but, for the first time, they conceded 50 points in a First Division game.

1 April 1990

DIVISION ONE

Widnes (22)	52
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Welcome to Eagles' 27th fixture in the league campaign of 1994-95. This is to be fought out between two sides who both have designs on the all-important last qualification place for the Premiership. The Eagles, after another slow start, look to be favourites to grab it and both teams will be well aware that a home win today should put them well on course.

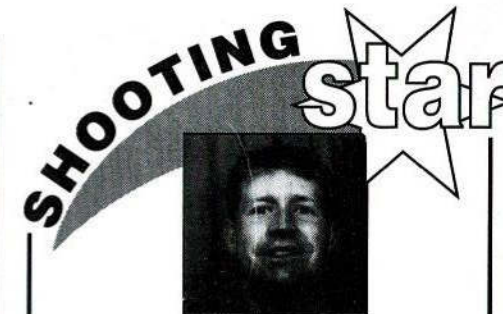
Today's curtain raiser is a three way representative fixture at U-13 level between Scarborough, the North East and Sheffield, with all three sides playing two 20 minute fixtures. For those of you that have any doubt as to how much development is going on in these non-traditional areas, then take a close look at the standard. I think that you will be pleasantly surprised. It's always nice to host these events, and we wish all the teams continued success.

During last week's half time interval you will have witnessed a 7-a-side game played between Hatfield High School and Hope Valley College. The latter of these two are not only producing some quality sides nowadays, mainly thanks to the hard work of Bernie Hunter, but have also been lucky enough to secure some excellent sponsorship. This has come in the form of new kit and tracksuits from Whirlpool UK, a company specialising in domestic appliances, who have come to the aid of the college. Many thanks to them for supporting the game in this capacity.

In the schools competitions that have run throughout the year, the three finals have now been determined.

At U-13, City play Ecclesfield; at U-14 High Storrs play Kirk Balk; and at U-15 City play St Bernards. The U-16 trophy has already been won outright by a strong Kirk Balk side.

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Andy Thompson
Hillsborough Eagles

Since joining the Eagles at the beginning of the season, Andy's game has developed tremendously. His continuing progress in building up his speed and stamina have now seen him move from his original prop forward position into the second row. This transition has given him more freedom around the pitch and has seen him "bust" many defences out wide over the last few months.

His enthusiasm is second to none, and this attitude has been responsible for not only the upturn in his form but also the team's. All in all, a great asset who can create and score tries.



YOUNG MEMBERS CLUB PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The Player of the Year Dinner is on Friday, 26 May at the Royal Victoria Holiday Inn, Sheffield. The winner of the YMC draw to present the YMC Award will be chosen on Friday, 19 May. The winner will receive two tickets for the dinner (one junior and one adult) and presents the award to the player YMC members have chosen. If you haven't returned your voting form you can't win.

VOTE NOW!!

AFTER-MATCH PARTY

We hope you enjoyed the party after the Salford game last week. The players enjoyed meeting all their fans, especially the younger ones! Did you manage to get a free Eagles Rabbit or can of Vimto? No? Oh well, better luck next time! The bouncy castle never stopped all afternoon – you certainly need lots of energy to be a YMC member! Let us know what you thought about the party – and what you would like at the next get together.

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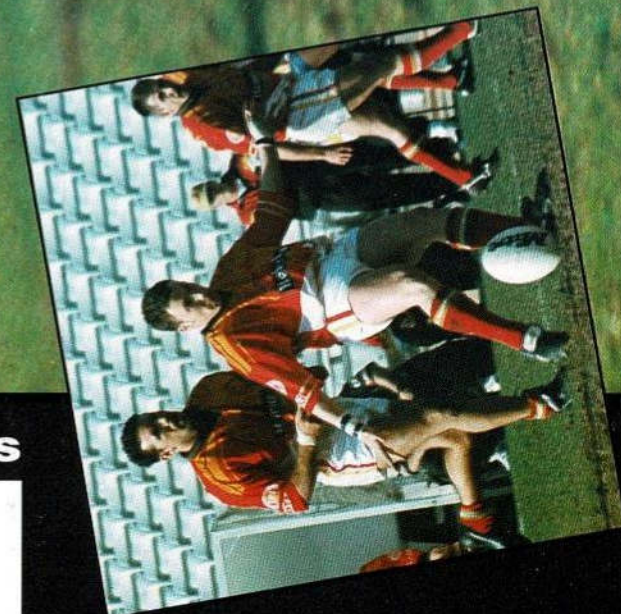
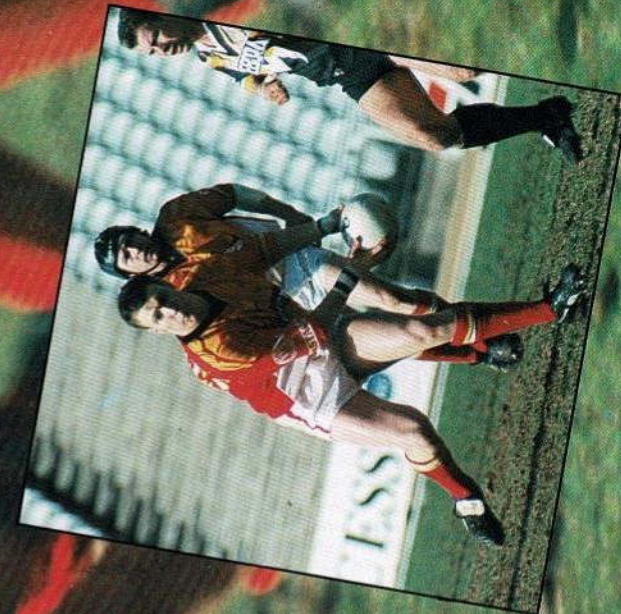
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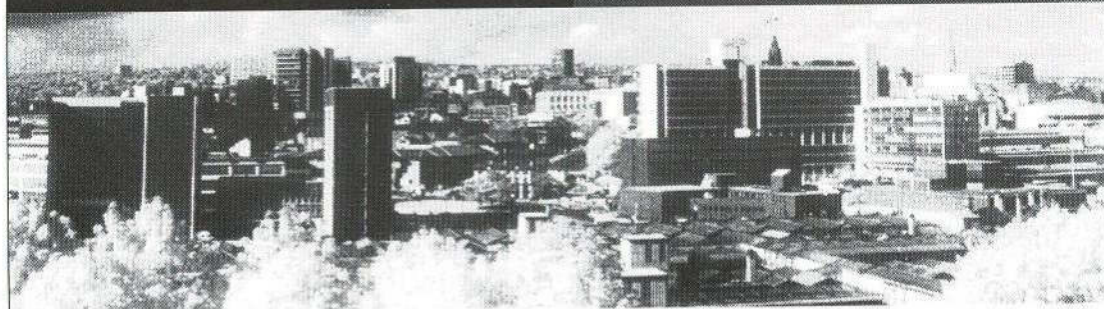
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1	GREG AUSTIN (Huddersfield)	47
2	MARTIN OFFIAH (Wigan)	46
3	ELLERY HANLEY (Leeds)	40
4	NICK PINKNEY (Keighley C)	38
5	DAVID PLANGE (Hull KR)	31
6	MIKE PECHEY (Whitehaven)	26
	JOHN BENTLEY (Halifax)	26
8	MARK FORSTER (Warrington)	23
	CHRIS CHURM (Rochdale H)	23
	GARY CONNOLLY (Wigan)	23
	PAUL NEWLOVE (Bradford N)	23
	ALAN HUNTE (St Helens)	23

In addition, Devereux has scored 12 tries in representative matches for a career total of 111.
His season by season totals for Widnes are as follows:

	App	Tries
1989-90	23+2	12
1990-91	37	23
1991-92	27	33
1992-93	33	21
1993-94	15	3
1994-95	9	7
TOTALS	144+2	99

ELLERY HANLEY

Ellery Hanley of Leeds equalled the record of 40 tries in a season by a forward with two in the 39-22 Silk Cup Challenge Cup semi-final defeat of Featherstone at Elland Road. The record was set by Bob Haigh, also of Leeds, in 1970-71.

UNWANTED RECORD

Highfield have already conceded a record number of Second Division points. With four matches still to play, they have conceded 1362 points.

Highfield hold the previous unwanted record themselves, conceding 1234 points in 30 matches last season.

WIGAN CHASE RECORD

Wigan need only 32 points to break the Division One record for most points scored in a season – and they still have five matches left.

They set the record themselves with 941 points from 30 matches in 1986-87 when they finished as champions with only two defeats – another Division One record which they could equal this season.

Wigan also scored a Division One record 174 tries in 1986-87, while they have already scored 157 this time.

JOHN SCHUSTER

John Schuster of Halifax is only 11 points short of equalling the Division One record for points in a season. The centre's total of 284 points consists of 17 tries and 109 goals including two drop goals. Stand off John Woods of Leigh set the record with 295 points from 23 tries and 102 goals, including one drop goal in 1983-84.

TRYSCORING SEQUENCE

Ian Thomas of Huddersfield has scored at least one try in five successive matches, as follows:

1-1-2-1-2

WINNING RUN

Three clubs share the current longest winning run of five matches. Warrington have won five successive Stones Bitter Championship matches, while Batley and Huddersfield have won five in Division Two.

TOP TEN GOALSCORERS (including drop goals)

1	Bobby Goulding (St Helens)	142
2	Frano Botica (Wigan)	138
3	Martin Strett (Rochdale H)	136
4	Mike Fletcher (Hull KR)	132
5	John Schuster (Halifax)	123
6	Simon Irving (Keighley C)	120
7	Deryck Fox (Bradford N)	111
8	Graham Holroyd (Leeds)	109
9	Jonathan Davies (Warrington)	106
10	Simon Wilson (Batley)	105

TOP TEN POINTSCORERS

	T	G	DG	Pts
1	Martin Strett (Rochdale H)	11	134	2 314
2	John Schuster (Halifax)	17	121	2 312
3	Simon Irving (Keighley C)	17	120	0 308
4	Bobby Goulding (St Helens)	7	135	7 305
5	Mike Fletcher (Hull KR)	9	132	0 300
	Frano Botica (Wigan)	6	138	0 300
7	Jonathan Davies (Warrington)	17	95	11 269
8	Graham Holroyd (Leeds)	9	109	0 254
9	Simon Wilson (Batley)	10	103	2 248
10	Deryck Fox (Bradford N)	4	108	3 235

POINTSCORING RUN

John Schuster of Halifax has the current longest scoring run of 33 matches, stretching back to last season.

Martin Strett of Rochdale Hornets is the only other player to have scored in every match this season.

JOHN DEVEREUX

John Devereux of Widnes needs one try for a career century of touchdowns in 146 appearances for the club.

A former Bridgend, Wales and British Lions Rugby Union player, Devereux made his senior Rugby League debut as a Widnes substitute in a 28-6 Lancashire Cup semi-final defeat at Warrington on 10 October 1989.

He made one other substitute appearance before playing on the left wing in a 16-18 Division One home defeat against Leigh on 12 November 1989.

Devereux, who has played mostly on the wing but is now Widnes' regular centre, has scored five hat-tricks including two four-try feats.

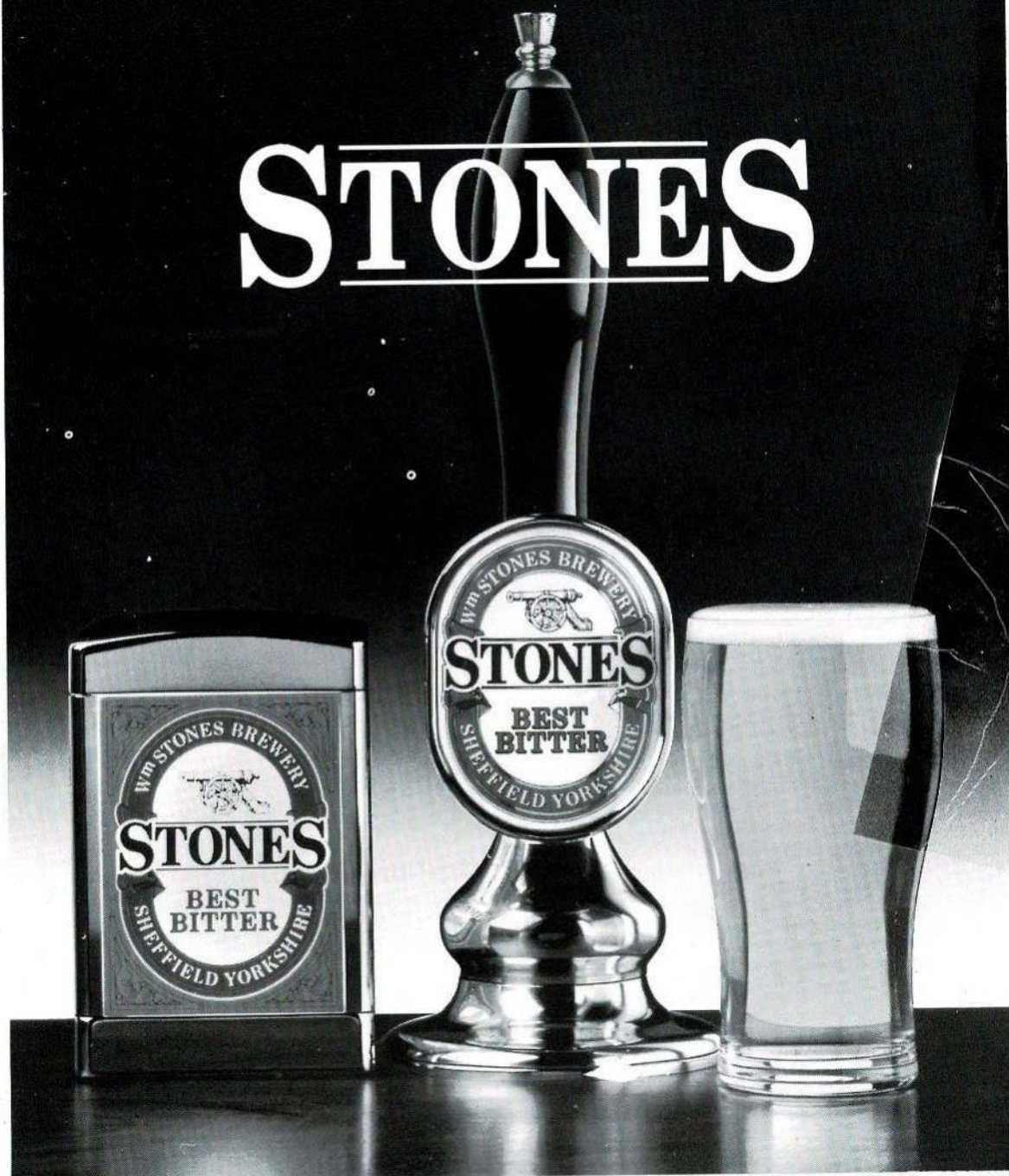
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I don't have any trouble with the concept of professional sport when I think of golf, tennis, snooker or athletics. Individual sports where the player wins or loses for himself or herself and collects the prize and the money alone. It's a selfish activity where the players rely on their own ability, concentration and luck and where they pay a heavy price for the mistakes they make. Professional team sport seems to be a whole different ball game.

It does not just take 13 players to make a League team; it requires them to bond together, the tighter the better, and to accept collective responsibility; to sink or swim as one. As professionals, however, they must negotiate the best contracts for themselves and play alongside colleagues who are earning more or less than they are and whose performances seriously affect their own, for better or worse. High salaries often go hand in hand with a high profile and some teams have a much higher profile than Eagles.

The dilemma facing star players in an emerging team occurs when they begin to wonder if they could better themselves by moving onwards and upwards. As players they could be expected to show loyalty to their team mates, coach and organisation but as professionals they have to think of their own career and their own earnings. I can be very tolerant about Eagles players who are transferred, but not in every case.

We live in a mercenary age generally so it is encouraging when your star players stick around. Of course it may be that no one else wants them but I refuse to believe that. Is it naive to think that players might be loyal to the club that gave them their break into the big time; loyal to their mates who have come so far with them; loyal even to the fans who have stuck by them? Yes it probably is but what is certain is the special respect and affection that a Daryl or a Gammo earns with their long-term dedication to the cause. Testimonial seasons richly deserved.

There's no friend like an old friend and the relationship between the fans and the club is strengthened by the presence of the old stalwarts. I was sad, rather than angry, at Mark Aston's departure. I had thought of him as a one-club man but obviously the money was too much of a temptation. The transfer was also galling because I can't find a good reason why Featherstone could afford to buy him and Eagles couldn't

afford to pay him. Sugar daddies, perhaps? No hard feelings against Tubby but I do hope Eagles take all the points off Rovers, to show him he made the wrong rugby decision.

I can't be quite so charitable about our other departures from last season. David Fraisse would certainly still be in our first team if he had stayed so I guess justice is being done in his case. There are players who really produce their best when they are the big fish in a small pond but they can't cut it when they are surrounded by big names and reputations. Time will tell. I would be charitable enough to welcome the boy if he wanted to come back here. After all anyone can make a mistake.

Disappointment is the mild, polite way I feel about Bruce McGuire. What happened to the spirit of 'Keep Bruce loose'? Our fans went beyond the call of duty to raise funds for his legal campaign and what thanks did we get? Maybe loyalty can't be repaid like a debt, but I believe we were entitled to a bit more consideration. For the hard nosed pro, and Bruce is certainly that, money is clearly the top priority and he has to live with his decision.

In the greater scheme of life one can hope that loyalty can bring greater rewards (if there are any) than mere filthy lucre. Loyal players deserve loyal support and those who take the money and run cannot really expect to receive what they cannot give. It is a sad fact of life that Eagles players may be tempted elsewhere or even that Gary may have to sell to balance the books. It is equally true that Rugby League is a high risk professional life of short duration and the players have to make hay while the sun shines.

It is as well to remember that no one can buy a place in the history of a club or in the hearts of its supporters. OK, one of the three musketeers has moved on. Daryl and Gammo have remained to set an old fashioned example that belongs in more sporting times but is even more honourable in 1995.

Good on yer, lads! And please don't get transferred before this week's programme comes out.

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(Obviously written before Daryl Powell's transfer to Keighley Cougars this week).

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with The Groundhog

There now seems to be a strong groundswell towards summer Rugby League, particularly amongst those who are directly involved in the game.

A blissful picture if generally painted of champagne rugby and played on scorching summer afternoons or balmy summer evenings, before a background of picnicking families and crowds of maybe double what they are at present.

It's all very exciting. So, however is marriage: but I believe there is a saying that those who marry in haste repent in leisure.

Before we plunge headlong into what at first sight appears to be a rose garden perhaps we should consider the negative side. Marriage involves dirty laundry – what unpleasant items would be found in summer rugby's washing basket.

Well for a start no one seems to have consulted the groundsman over what if any damage would occur to our pitches. Grass grows during the summer, that's what the grounds currently recover from the rigours of our winter season and we should establish for certain whether our playing areas could have a chance to recover during a period of constant use.

And what would happen to rugby in the schools? Currently the kids play rugby and soccer in the winter and cricket and athletics in the summer. Would the teachers be willing to change their curriculum around to suit us? And, if not, would children be as keen to play rugby in the winter when their role models and the professional players – are to a degree out of sight, out of mind?

It's not certain either that folk would turn up at Rugby League grounds on glorious summer days. There are many other alternatives available during the summer months, not least summer holidays themselves and on the evidence of last weekend, which surely provided the kind of weather which the advocates of summer rugby dream about, crowds wouldn't necessarily increase. The attendances in the First Division were derisory, except at Wigan. It certainly didn't appear as though folk had taken a look outside and said: "Great, let's go to the match."

The other side of that coin represents the arguments for winter rugby. The simple fact is that there is little else to do on a winter's afternoon than go to a match and that's surely

something that we have failed to play on in our recent marketing.

Are we checking up on the attitudes of existing or future sponsors? Should we make the big switches? We may struggle for TV coverage in summer as has been pointed out already – many, many times. We would have to compete with Test match cricket, Wimbledon, motor racing, athletics (including the Olympic Games every four years) and it has to be said, football. Two out of every four years would see soccer's World Cup or European Championships taking place and despite complaints by their clubs of too much football being played, the football season's close season doesn't seem to extend these days to much more than two or three weeks.

There are lots of major events out there. Advocates of the summer cause say we should have faith in our game when compared to others, and I go along with that. But surely we are chasing new markets here, people who don't come to matches already? There is no certainty that those folk would put aside other temptations and suddenly decide to turn up at Rugby League games just because they are being played at a different time of the year and we could lose some of our existing support.

News now comes from Australia that the Lions and Kangaroos tours which have been so lucrative so often in the past could come to an end if we switch seasons. Obviously something else equally lucrative could be developed, end of season international tournaments perhaps, but again this is a subject which needs to be properly and thoroughly talked through.

Like many others, I'm still sitting on the fence on the issue. I have to admit that the fence is generally warmer and drier between April and October although even that statement can be queried as Mother Shipton's prophecy that the seasons will merge into appears to be coming to pass – ask any farmer.

If summer rugby becomes reality I'll go along with it. But I do have my doubts. The winter blues is, apparently, a common ailment brought on by the long dark nights as much as anything. I always tell folk that I don't suffer from them because I have my rugby to sustain me, but I have to say that a long, hard winter without Rugby League does seem a daunting prospect.

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Warrington	26	17	2	7	693	36
Hull	26	16	2	8	679	40
Halifax	26	17	2	8	679	48
Castleford	25	15	2	8	676	50
Bradford N	26	15	2	10	705	32
Sheffield E	26	12	0	14	520	31
Sheffield	26	12	0	14	520	24
Oldham	24	9	1	14	433	19
Workington T	26	9	1	16	412	657
Workington	24	8	1	15	476	538
Frstone R	24	8	1	15	476	17
Widnes	25	8	1	16	389	17
Salford	26	8	1	17	502	697
Wakefield T	26	8	0	18	379	649
Hull	26	5	0	20	489	750
Doncaster	25	5	1	19	403	790

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Sheffield E	20	17	0	3	644	368	34
Widnes	22	16	0	6	772	293	32
Hull KR	20	16	0	4	537	314	32
Workington T	20	13	2	5	467	384	28
Kelghley C	19	13	1	5	630	263	27
Leigh	22	13	1	8	588	427	27
Batley	21	11	0	10	478	457	22
Rochdale H	21	11	0	9	452	450	21
Huddersfield	20	10	1	4	475	244	20
Doncaster	14	10	0	12	447	526	18
London B	21	9	0	14	426	656	14
Swinton	21	7	0	13	364	54	12
Whitehaven	19	6	0	18	353	604	5
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Date	Team	K0	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
AUGUST 1994																		
Tues 23	BRADFORD NORTHERN	7.45	8-26 L	Hayes	Stott	Price	Hutchinson	Sodje	Mycoe 2G	Sheridan	Broadbent	Jackson	Laughton	Hughes	Carr 1T	Farrell	Briggs	Thompson
Sun 28	Wigan	3.00	40-16 L	Hayes 1T	Stott	Price	Ganson	Sodje	Mycoe 1T2G	Briggs	Broadbent 1T	Jackson	Laughton	Summerill	Carr	Farrell	Turner	Hughes
SEPTEMBER																		
Sun 4th	Workington Town	3.00	6-31 W	Hayes 1T	Stott 1T	Price	Ganson	Sodje	Trindall 3G	Briggs 10G	Broadbent	Jackson	Thompson	Hughes	Carr 2T	Farrell 2T	Turner	Summerhill
Sun 11th	Castleford	3.00	28-9 L	Hayes	Stott	Mycoe	Ganson	Sodje	Briggs 10G	Turner	Broadbent 1T	Jackson	Thompson	Hughes 1T	Carr	Farrell	Powell	Glancy
Sun 18th	WARRINGTON	3.15	29-8 W	Mycoe 1G	Stott 1T	Price 1T	Hutchinson	Sodje	Powell	Briggs 10G	Broadbent	Jackson	Thompson	Glancy	Carr	Farrell 1T	Sheridan	Turner 1T
Sun 25th	St Helens	3.00	26-10 L	Mycoe 1G	Pickley 1T	Price 1T	Hayes	Sodje	Powell	Briggs	Broadbent	Jackson	Thompson	Glancy	Carr	Farrell	Turner	Laughton
OCTOBER																		
Sun 2nd	WIDNES	3.15	0-22 L	Mycoe	Stott	Price	Hutchinson	Senior	Sheridan	Briggs	Broadbent	Jackson	Randall	Glancy	Farrell	Powell	Sodje	Turner
Sun 9th	HULL	3.15	38-14 W	Mycoe 5G	Stott 1T	Price	Senior	Sodje 1T	Powell 1T	Sheridan	Broadbent 1T	Jackson	Glancy	Carr 2T	Turner	Farrell 1T	Briggs	Laughton
Sun 16th	Leeds	3.00	30-18 L	Mycoe 3G	Stott	Price 1T	Senior	Sodje	Powell	Sheridan 1T	Broadbent	Jackson	Glancy	Carr 1T	Turner	Farrell	Ganson	Hughes
Sat 22nd	Gt Britain v Australia (Wembley)																	
Wed 28th	AUSTRALIA	7.30	2-80 L	Hayes	Stott	Price	Ganson	Pickley	Mycoe 1T	Sheridan	Broadbent	Turner	Thompson	Carr	Hughes	Farrell	Briggs	Sodje
Sun 30th	Hullfax	3.00	20-24 L	Mycoe 2G	Stott	Martin	Senior 1T	Sodje 1T	Price	Sheridan 1T	Broadbent	Jackson	Glancy	Carr	Hughes	Farrell 1T	Briggs	Thompson
NOVEMBER																		
Sun 5th	Gt Britain v Australia (O. Trafford)																	
Sun 6th	Bradford Northern	3.00	4-40 L	Mycoe	Stott	Price	Martin	Sodje	Powell	Sheridan	Broadbent	Turner	Boothroyd	Carr 1T	Hughes	Farrell	Ganson	Thompson
Fri 11th	WIGAN	7.30	20-36 L	Mycoe 1G	Stott 1G	Price	Ganson	Sodje 1T	Powell	Sheridan 2T	Broadbent	Jackson	Thompson	Carr 1T	Hughes	Martin	Briggs	Reilly
Sun 20th	Gt Britain v Australia (Ell. Road)																	
Sun 27th	WORKINGTON TOWN	3.15	34-29 W	Mycoe 5G	Stott 1T	Price	Ganson	Senior	Sodje 1T	Powell 1T	Sheridan	Broadbent	Jackson	Thompson	Glancy 1T	Hughes	Carr 1T	Farrell 1T
DECEMBER																		
Sun 4th	Regal Trophy – Rd 2 LEIGH	3.15	46-10 W	Ganson	Stott 2T	Crowther 1T	Mycoe 3G	Sodje 2T	Price 1T	Sheridan 1T	Broadbent	Jackson	Glancy	Carr 1T	Farrell 1T	Powell 1T	Reilly	Thompson
Fri 9th	CASTLEFORD	7.30		Ganson	Stott 2G	Senior	Mycoe 1T	Sodje	Powell 1T	Price	Broadbent	Jackson	Glancy	Carr 1T	Hughes	Farrell	Turner	Thompson
Sun 18th	Regal Trophy – Rd 3 KEIGHLEY	3.15	10-26 L	Ganson	Pickley	Senior	Mycoe 1G	Sodje	Price	Sheridan 1T	Broadbent	Jackson	Glancy	Hughes 1T	Carr	Farrell	Powell	Turner
Mon 26th	DONCASTER	3.15	30-26 W	Lucchese 5G	Stott 1T	Senior	Ganson	Sodje	Price 1T	Sheridan	Broadbent 1T	Jackson	Glancy	Carr 1T	Hughes 1T	Powell	Mycoe	Farrell
JANUARY 1995																		
Sun 1st	Salford	3.30	20-24 L	Lucchese 1G	Stott	Price	Ganson	Sodje	Powell	Sheridan 1T	Broadbent	Jackson	Glancy	Carr 1T	Hughes	Farrell 1T	Mycoe 1G	Senior 1T
Sun 11th	Featherstone Rovers	7.30	24-14 W	Powell 1T	Senior 1T	Ganson	Price	Lucchese	Briggs 4G	Sheridan	Broadbent 1T	Cook	Glancy	Carr	Hughes	Farrell 1T	Crowther	Thompson
Sun 15th	WAKEFIELD TRINITY	3.15	14-41 L	Powell	Mann	Ganson	Senior	Lucchese	Price	Briggs 1G	Broadbent	Cook	Thompson	Carr 1T	Hughes	Farrell 1T	Stott 1T	Young
Sun 22nd	Oldham	3.00	14-12 W	Powell 20G	Senior	Ganson	Price	Lucchese	Briggs 2G	Sheridan	Broadbent	Jackson	Cook	Carr 1T	Hughes	Farrell	Stott 1T	Young
Fri 27th	Warrington	7.30																
FEBRUARY																		
Sun 5th	St HELENS	3.15	35-31 W	Stott 1T	Senior	Ganson	Price 1T	Sodje	Briggs 5G10	Sheridan 1T	Broadbent 1T	Cook	Hughes	Carr	Farrell 1T	Powell 1T	Turner	Young
Sun 12th	S Cup – Rd Doncaster		23-12 W	Lucchese	Senior	Powell	Price	Stott 1T	Briggs 1T3G	Sheridan 1T	Broadbent	Jackson	Hughes	Carr	Cook	Farrell	Ganson 1T	Turner
Sun 19th	Widnes	3.00	18-36 L	Lucchese	Senior	Ganson	Price	Stott 1T	Briggs 5G	Sheridan	Broadbent 1T	Jackson	Glancy	Hughes	Cook	Powell	Turner	Young
Sun 26th	S Cup – R5 WIDNES		L															
MARCH																		
Fri 3rd	Hull	7.30	20-16W	Ganson	Sodje	Senior	Price	Stott 4G	Sheridan	Turner	Broadbent 1T	Jackson	Glancy	Hughes	Young	Cook	Summerill	Rendall
Sun 12th	S Cup – R6 Warrington		18-26L	Lucchese	Sodje 1T	Senior	Ganson	Stott 3G	Price 1T	Sheridan 1T	Broadbent	Jackson	Glancy	Carr	Young	Cook	Rendall	Summerill
Sun 19th	LEEDS	3.15	31-22W	Lucchese	Sodje 1T	Mycoe 6G	Ganson	Stott	Price 1T, 10G	Sheridan 1T	Broadbent	Jackson	Cook	Hughes 1T	Senior	Turner	Briggs 20G	Rendall
Sun 26th	Wakefield Trinity	3.30	14-10W	Lucchese	Stott	Mycoe 3G	Ganson	Sodje	Price 1T	Sheridan 1T	Glancy	Jackson	Cook	Hughes	Senior	Turner	Briggs	Carr
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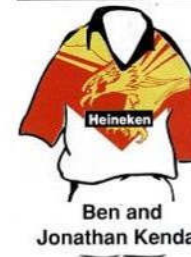
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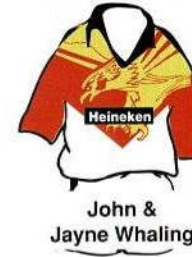
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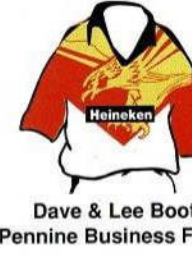
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by Alan A. Tomlinson
Sheffield Eagles & Great
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Welcome to today's game. I am sure it will be a fast and competitive confrontation. After the very physical game against Salford, many players suffered knocks and bruises from which they should all have recovered for today's game. One player not able to play today is Laurent Lucchese, our brave French full back. He sustained a very bad ligament

injury to his right knee which will keep him from playing for many months. I am sure we all wish him well on his long road to recovery.

INJURY UPDATE

Lee Jackson has seen a specialist and is to have a Magnetic Resonance Imager scan (MRI) this week. This special scanner is able to take pictures of the body which will show if any of the ligaments or cartilages have been damaged. Normal X-rays cannot do this as they tend to show bone and not the soft tissue surrounding it. If the scan is negative then Lee might yet be back before the end of the season.

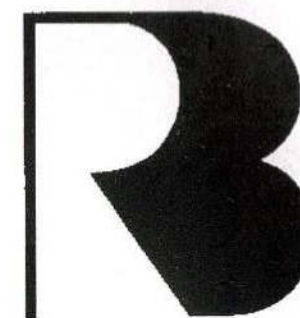
On a personal note, I was sad but not surprised to hear that Daryl Powell was leaving the club. I have known him since he was 18 years old and just starting out on his professional career with the Eagles. He has always been a gentleman and great ambassador for Sheffield and

the game of Rugby League. Unfortunately we haven't seen him on the pitch as much as we would have liked this season, due to a recurring Achilles problem, but this at last seems to be settling down. I wish Daryl well with Keighley, except when playing us, and I hope he stays injury-free.

Congratulations go to Julie Hughes who has recently joined our medical/treatment team. Julie will be acting as physio for our highly successful A team. In case anyone wondered if Julie was any relation to Eagles player Ian Hughes – the answer is YES, she is his wife!

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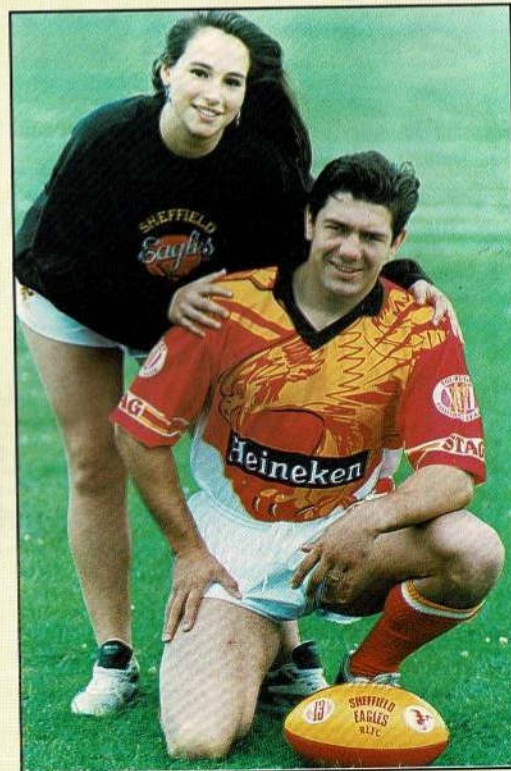
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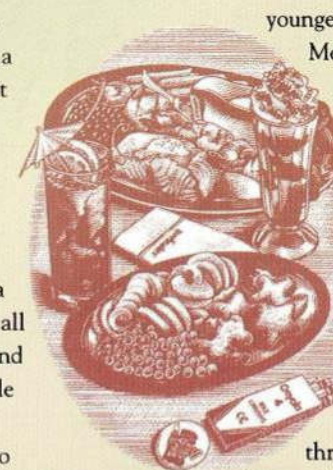
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