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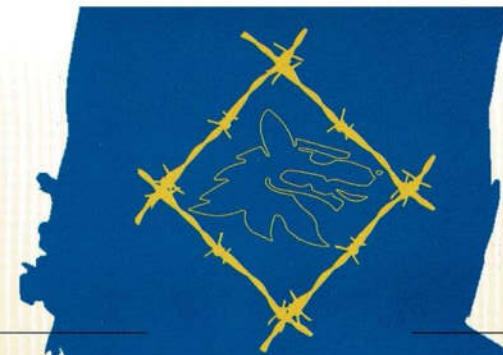




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The new season begins with a recognition, at last, that four substitutes are a requisite for the modern game. Although the replacements are one on, one off, with the player leaving the field unable to return, the change should eliminate those occasions when a coach has to consider replacing an injured player with another injured player or continuing the game a man short. For some reason the change to four substitutes is resurrected to Championship games and not extended to Alliance or Academy level. Having been International Rules for some time, the change can hardly be called 'experimental'.

In any form of competition the ground rules should ensure that all participants begin from an equal base. In our first fourteen days of the season Warrington are



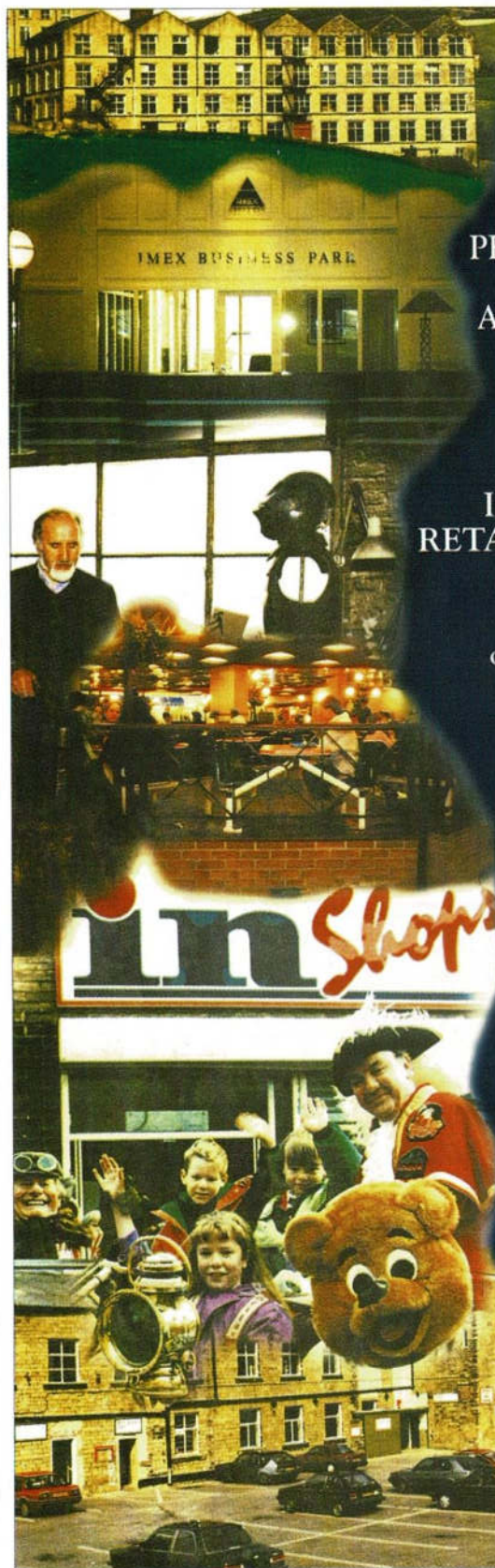
Good to see Jonathan Davies back in the fold

required to play five top level games, five other teams played four, two play three and one plays two, making a total of twenty matches. It seems obvious that the fixture compiler does not take part in the games as no

recognition has been given to recovery time between matches, a factor exacerbated by the need to build up match fitness gradually after a lay-off. Those who continue to advocate the speeding up of the game to produce a greater spectacle should surely sit down with players and coaches and give their points of view equal consideration.

Good to see Jonathan Davies back in the fold after slumming it in Aussie. Back on Tuesday, 22 points on Sunday, he looked fit as a butcher's dog in the Broncos' game. Despite not playing together for some time, his understanding with Andy Currier is something to relish for the future...

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Championship: Winners 1947-48, 1953-54, 1954-55.
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Challenge Cup: Winners 1904-05, 1906-07, 1949-50, 1953-54,
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51, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56, 1967-68.
Lancashire Cup: Winners: 1921-22, 1929-30, 1932-33, 1937-38,
1959-60, 1965-66, 1980-81, 1982-83, 1989-90.
Runners up: 1906-07, 1948-49, 1950-51, 1967-68, 1985-86,
1987-88.

Regal trophy: Winners: 1973-74, 1977-78, 1980-81, 1990-91.
Runners up: 1978-79, 1986-87, 1994-95
Captain Morgan Trophy: Winners 1973-74
BBC 2 Trophy: Runners up 1974/75
British Coal Nines: Winners 1988-89

Stadium, Hendon. Their two televised games will
however, be played at Brentford F.C.

COACHING STAFF

With Clive Griffiths moving up to more general
supervision of coaching, CHRIS
MIDDLEHURST is now in charge of the Alliance
side. Off to a good start with a win at Salford.

MOVING THE GOALPOSTS

Just as we thought that the Academy had settled
down to under 19, the qualification date has
been set at 1st September. Players then eligible
will despite advancing years remain eligible until
the end of the inaugural SUPER LEAGUE
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CHAMPIONSHIP

The winners of this Centenary Season
Championship will collect a winner take all prize
of £75,000 and will retain the trophy forever. We
understand that the cheque has not yet been
made out...

REFEREES

John Holdsworth and Ray Tennant have retired
but will continue with R.L. in administrative
capacities. PREMIER Officials for this season are
Alan Bates, Karl Kirkpatrick, Russell Smith, John
Connolly, Bob Connolly, Colin Morris, Stuart
Cummings and Dave Campbell.

How more administrators, issuing more
directives will improve refereeing standards is
beyond me. Fitness, a Rule Book and a large
application of common sense are the only
requirements. More and more instructions can
only sap their confidence.

FIXTURES

Our next home game, against Workington has
been re-arranged for Friday 15th November, kick
off 7.30pm B.Sky T.V. coverage.

WORLD CUP

Wilderspool hosts the World Cup game between
NEW ZEALAND and TONGA. On Sunday
October 8th Kick Off 6pm.

Prices for the game are Brian Bevan Stand £10 -
one price, Ground Adults £7 with concessions to
Juniors & OAP - £4.

In the emerging Nations Competition,
Wilderspool will host the game between
UNITED STATES and RUSSIA on Saturday 28th
October Full details not yet to hand.

ACADEMY

Wires first Home Academy game against LEIGH
has been changed from Monday 28th August to
Tuesday 29th August. Kick off 7.30pm

PLAYERS

DAVE ELLIOTT and GARY TEES have not
accepted new contracts and are therefore
available for transfer at £65,000 and £75,000
respectively.

DAVE KING collected a hamstring injury in
training and was expected to miss out on today's
game.

JASON LEE (ankle) and CHRIS HIGHTON
(knee) both suffered ligament damage in the
opening Alliance game at Salford.

VENUES

LONDON BRONCOS will play their home
games this season at Barnet Copthall Athletic

THE RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1995/96 SEASON CHARTER RULE CHANGES

- Players are expected to be behind the line at all restarts ie. halfway line, 20 metre line, goal line.
- Contact must be made with the foot at the free kick.
- Players must make contact with the ball while playing the ball
- Players must stand outside the goal posts while a conversion attempt is taking place.
- Touch Judges must make independent decisions at kicks for goal.
- No attacking player other than the two players involved in the play the ball can take up a position

around the play the ball. Referees will be directed to keep the area around the play the ball clear. Players were gaining advantage by not retreating 5 metres whilst their team was in possession.

At the Scrum:

- a Referees will enforce correct packing procedures including the loose forward packing into and remaining in the scrum until the ball emerges.
- b The half back will stand square at the tunnel and feed the ball so that it passes the foremost foot of the front row forward.

c The defending half back will be onside at all times ie. behind his last row of forwards.

● The interpretations at the play the ball adapted in season 1994/95 will continue to be enforced in the coming season: ie. no flopping, no holding down, no leg pulling, ball must be lifted clear off the ground, markers square, defenders hands off the ball.

● Players must exercise some degree of ball security whilst taking the ball into a tackle. The referee must be convinced that the ball has been stolen to award a penalty.

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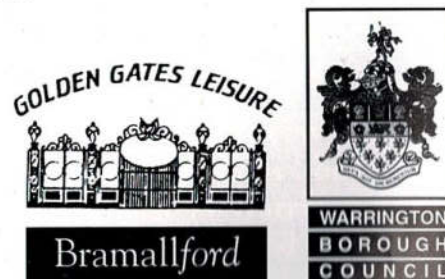
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WARRINGTON RLFC APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

Player	SEASON 94/95					ALL SEASONS				
	App	Sub	Tries	Gl	Drp	App	Sub	Tries	Gl	Drp
T. Barlow	26	-	9	-	-	26	-	9	-	-
A. Bateman	28	1	17	-	-	138	4	52	-	1
A. Bennett	6	22	8	-	-	7	31	10	-	-
G. Chambers	9	3	1	-	-	65	20	6	-	-
P. Cullen	26	-	5	-	-	290	20	51	-	-
P. Darbyshire	12	6	2	-	-	56	43	9	12	-
J. Davies	29	-	18	104	12	59	-	39	203	23
M. Dusher	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
D. Elliott	12	4	1	-	-	24	12	2	-	-
K. Ellis	7	-	2	-	-	112	11	35	-	3
M. Forster	40	-	24	-	-	304	15	130	3	-
I. Harris	39	-	18	38	-	49	-	22	57	-
M. Hilton	16	10	-	-	-	17	23	1	-	-
C. Hodgkinson	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
R. Jackson	-	-	-	-	-	222	6	41	8	1
J. Lee	5	1	1	-	-	5	1	1	-	-
G. Mackey	30	-	7	-	3	108	-	17	4	14
B. McGuire	37	-	7	-	-	37	-	7	-	-
F. Maloney	17	3	4	-	-	17	3	4	-	-
R. Myler	2	-	1	-	-	56	2	29	2	-
L. Penny	31	-	9	-	-	85	-	24	-	-
R. Phillips	-	1	-	-	-	27	23	6	-	-
J. Roper	21	-	11	-	-	25	1	13	-	-
C. Rudd	11	1	-	-	-	97	4	28	95	-
G. Sanderson	27	10	-	-	-	198	38	14	-	-
P. Sculthorpe	-	6	2	-	1	-	6	2	-	1
K. Shelford	36	1	12	-	1	122	2	32	1	6
P. Sumner	-	1	-	-	-	42	10	3	-	-
G. Tees	31	1	3	-	-	63	22	4	-	-
J. Thursfield	11	1	1	-	-	55	3	1	-	-
M. Wainwright	11	5	2	-	-	11	5	2	-	-
D. Whitter	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
P. Williamson	-	-	-	-	-	31	6	12	-	-

Matches Played	P	W	D	L	F	A
League	30	18	2	10	753	570
Premiership	2	1	-	1	50	72
Regal	5	4	-	1	135	100
Challenge Cup	2	1	-	1	23	19
Australia	1	-	-	1	0	24
Total	40	24	2	14	961	785

	TRIES	POINTS
League	165	660
Premiership	142	284
Regal	17	17
Challenge Cup	-	-
Australia	-	-
Total	324	961

TOP TEN TRYSCORERS

1. Martin Offiah (Wigan)	53
2. Greg Austin (Huddersfield)	52
3. Nick Pinkney (Keighley C.)	46
4. Ellery Hanley (Leeds)	41
5. David Plange (Hull K.R.)	35
6. Mike Pechey (Whitehaven)	34
7. Gary Connolly (Wigan)	30
8. John Bentley (Halifax)	29
Scott Limb (Hunslet)	29
Alan Hunte (St. Helens)	29

TOP TEN GOAL SCORERS (including drop goals)

1. Frano Botica (Wigan)	186
2. Bobby Goulding (St. Helens)	158
3. Simon Irving (Keighley C.)	152
4. Martin Strett (Rochdale H.)	150
5. John Schuster (Halifax)	144
6. Mike Fletcher (Hull K.R.)	142
7. Graham Holroyd (Leeds)	135
8. Deryck Fox (Bradford N.)	131
9. Simon Wilson (Batley)	127
10. Jonathan Davies (Warrington)	126

TOP TEN POINTS SCORERS

	T	G	DG	Pts
1. Frano Botica (Wigan)	9	186	0	408
2. Simon Irving (Keighley C.)	22	152	0	392
3. John Schuster (Halifax)	19	142	2	362
4. Bobby Goulding (St. Helens)	11	151	7	353
5. Martin Strett (Rochdale H.)	12	148	2	346
6. Mike Fletcher (Hull K.R.)	9	142	0	320
7. Graham Holroyd (Leeds)	12	134	1	317
8. Jonathan Davies (Warrington)	19	112	14	314
9. Simon Wilson (Batley)	4	128	3	300
10. Deryck Fox (Bradford N.)	4	128	3	275

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IN REVIEW

ANDY GOODWAY-Coach

A product of the Redhill amateur club (Castleford) who turned professional with Oldham in June 1979 and won Great Britain recognition before transferring to Wigan in 1985. Won every domestic honour with Wigan where he began his coaching career with the academy side during a lengthy playing absence with a broken arm. Spent the 1992/93 season with Leeds before returning to Watersheddings in September 1993. Was assistant coach to Bob Lindner in 1994 and took over as head coach in June 1994. Last month was appointed assistant coach to the English World Championship squad.

PAUL ATCHESON

Outstanding attacking full back. A product of Blackbrook juniors (St. Helens) who turned professional with Widnes in 1990. Moved to Wigan and then joined Oldham last May for £50,000. Has represented Great Britain at academy and under 21 level and was a member of the Welsh team which lifted the European Championship earlier this year. Scored a try at a vital time in the 22-10 victory over France at Carcassonne. Versatile player who can play in any back position as well as the back row of the pack. Member of the Welsh World Championship squad.

DARREN ABRAM

Prolific try scoring centre and one of four players in the Oldham squad who have enjoyed spells here at Wilderspool. Oldham's top try scorer during the past two seasons. Abram has also been club top try scorer during his spell with Rochdale Hornets and Trafford Borough. A product of Thatch Heath juniors (St. Helens) who won BARLA international honours before turning professional here at Wilderspool during November 1985. Abram was unable to command a first team spot with Warrington and, in fact, made only one first team appearance at Wakefield in March 1987 when Wire won 38-22. After a spell on loan at Swinton, Abram moved to Chorley Borough in August 1988. He was with Borough when the club switched to Altrincham and changed name to Trafford Borough. Abram then had a spell with Rochdale Hornets before joining Oldham in February 1993. Also a useful goal kicker.

MIKE NEAL

Powerful three quarter. A product of Parkside juniors (Leigh) who has also played with the Wigan St. Patrick's Junior outfit. Turned professional with Wigan in 1989 but was unable to break into their first team squad. Had a spell on loan with Doncaster last season before joining Oldham earlier this year.

SCOTT RANSON

Fast and elusive winger. A product of Thatch Heath juniors (St. Helens) who turned professional with Swinton in 1987. Was top try scorer at Swinton during his last two seasons with the Lions, joined Oldham in February 1992 and has continued his prolific try scoring feats at Watersheddings.

ROB MYLER

Well known figure here at Wilderspool where he began his professional career. A product of the Widnes St. Mary's junior club who joined Warrington in October 1989. Made his debut the following month at Castleford in a 40-6 defeat, Martin



Moved back over to this side of the Pennines in 1992 when he joined Swinton. Oldham signed him in October 1993 and he has become a valuable member of the Oldham pack.

JONATHAN CLARKE

Outstanding young hooker. A product of the West Leeds junior club who turned professional with Oldham in May 1993. Clarke had just returned to Britain after touring Australia with the BARLA under 18s and further honours came his way last November when he represented Great Britain under 21s against the Kangaroos. A successful future seems assured for this talented forward.

IYAN GREEN

Hard working utility forward with a tremendous appetite for defence. A product of Golbourne juniors (Leigh) who turned professional with St. Helens in 1988. He was unable to break into the first team at Knowsley Road and so moved to Oldham on a free transfer in August 1993. Can play in any back row position as well as cover for the hooking spot.

IAN SHERRATT

Experienced prop. Represented Oldham and Lancashire schoolboys. Played for the Waterhead (Oldham) junior club before turning professional with Bradford Northern in 1982. Transferred to Oldham in 1987 and then moved to Salford in 1989. Returned to Watersheddings in November 1991. Under rated forward who has been unlucky not to gain representative recognition.

JOE FAIMALO

Hard working second row forward who has just enjoyed his best ever season. A product of the Eastern Suburbs club in New Zealand, Faimalo had brief spells with Workington Town. Oldham and then Swinton during the 1991/92 season without impressing. However, last season he returned to Oldham and displayed outstanding determination and stamina to become one of the mainstays of the Roughyed pack.

GARY LORD

Experienced professional. A product of Stanley Rangers juniors (Castleford) who joined the senior Castleford club in 1981. Appeared at full back for Castleford at Wembley in 1986 but has since developed into a hard working second row forward. Was transferred to Leeds in 1988 and then on to Halifax in 1991 before joining Oldham during the summer of 1994 for £35,000.

PAUL TOPPING

Utility player who is equally effective whether at centre, stand off or loose forward. Outstanding defensive ability. Oldham's top points scorer during the past two seasons. Topping is a product of the Wigan St. Patrick's junior club who turned professional with Swinton in August 1985. He had a spell on loan at Mansfield before joining Leigh in 1990 and then transferring to Oldham in September 1993. Topping made one appearance for Lancashire in 1991.

Grompton scored the Warrington try that day. Made a total of 58 appearances for Warrington, scoring 29 tries, before moving to Oldham last May for £50,000. Had a spell on loan at Salford last season. Useful addition to the Oldham squad.

FRANCIS MALONEY

A player whose experience at Wilderspool last season will make him determined to excel this afternoon. Powerfully built stand off and accurate positional kicker. A product of the St. John Fisher junior club (Dewsbury) who turned professional with Leeds in 1990. Moved to Featherstone Rovers in 1992 and won Great Britain Under 21 recognition whilst at Post Office Road. Moved to Warrington during the summer of 1994 but did not settle and made only 19 appearances for Warrington (four tries) and so he moved on to Oldham last May for £50,000.

MARTIN CROMPTON

Scrum half captain and the orchestrator of most of Oldham's attacking play. A former Wigan St. Patrick's junior who began his professional career here at Wilderspool in 1986. Made his debut in a 31-10 home victory over Bradford Northern in February 1987. Made a total of 81 appearances for Warrington, scoring 21 tries and two dropped goals before transferring to Wigan in July 1992. Was stand off for Warrington at Wembley in 1990. Enjoyed only a short stay at Central Park before moving to Oldham for a bargain £35,000 fee in September 1993. A brilliant tactical kicker who has been included in the English squad for the forthcoming Halifax Centenary World Cup.

CHRIS PARR

Hard working prop. A product of the Wigan St. Patrick's junior club who began his professional career with Huddersfield in 1990. Won Great Britain under 21 honours whilst at Fartown.

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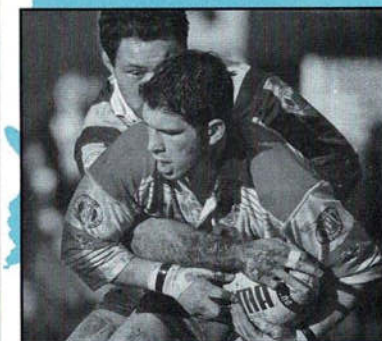
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OPPOSITION ANALYSIS OLDHAM

IN REVIEW

New coach Andy Goodway last season took Oldham from being relegation probabilities to a team capable of reaching the Challenge Cup Semi-Finals and ultimately, a place in the new super league set up. A rude awakening for the new coach last term came in the form of four successive heavy defeats. Not prone to panic, Goodway regrouped his charges and they responded with five points from the next six, which included an impressive 18-18 draw with St. Helens. Sky T.V. viewers witnessed the Watersheddings revival, as the 'Roughyeds' handed out a 29 pts - 0 hiding to Widnes. Other impressive performances in the first half of the season were against Bradford (H)



won 32-12 and Wire (H) won 52-22. In the Regal trophy Oldham easily despatched Hull K.R. in Round Two but lost at Widnes in the next round. Oldham were mid table in the Championship at the commencement of their Challenge Cup run and they utilised this firmer footing to reach the Semi-Final. Unfortunately they were inevitably defeated by Wigan at the impressive McAlpine Stadium in Huddersfield. Returning to the league campaign, Oldham looked a reasonable bet for a top eight finish but they eventually missed out on a Premiership place due to losing their last three fixtures for a disappointing end to an otherwise encouraging season.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS SUMMARY WARRINGTON V OLDHAM

Season	Home	Away
1973-74	W 27-12	W 22-15
1975-76	W 18-3	W 19-10
1976-77	W 45-11	W 43-4
1980-81	W 30-2	W 22-2
1982-83	W 17-12	L 12-22
1983-84	D 22-22	W 14-11
1984-85	L 12-18	W 16-15
1985-86	W 8-4	L 20-26
1986-87	W 22-18	L 14-15
1988-89	W 32-30	L 2-16
10090-91	W 22-14	L 2-4
1993-94	W 23-6	W 18-12
1994-95	W 55-6	L 22-52

OLDHAM 1994-95 COMPETITION RECORD

CHAMPIONSHIP

Position 10th

Record:- pld 30, won 11, drawn 1, lost 18, for 534, against 746, pts 23

CHALLENGE CUP

Rnd 4 Oldham 70, Bramley 10

Rnd 5 Warrington 6, Oldham 17

Rnd 6 Oldham 23, Huddersfield 12

Semi Final Oldham 20, Wigan 48 (McAlpine Stadium)

REGAL TROPHY

Rd 2 Hull K.R. 0, Oldham 28

Rd 3 Widnes 20, Oldham 6

Warrington Division One Record v Oldham

	Pld	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Pts
Home	13	11	1	1	333	158	23
Away	13	7	-	6	226	204	14
Totals	26	18	1	7	559	362	37

OLDHAM FORM GUIDE - LAST FIVE FIXTURES

Competition	Opposition	Venue	Results
Championship (94/95)	Salford	Watersheddings	Won 28-16
Championship (94/95)	Workington T.	Derwent Park	Lost 12-34
Championship (94/95)	Castleford	Watersheddings	Lost 10-18
Championship (94/95)	Featherstone R	Post Office Road	Lost 10-18
Championship (95/96)	Castleford	Wheldon Road	Lost 22-28

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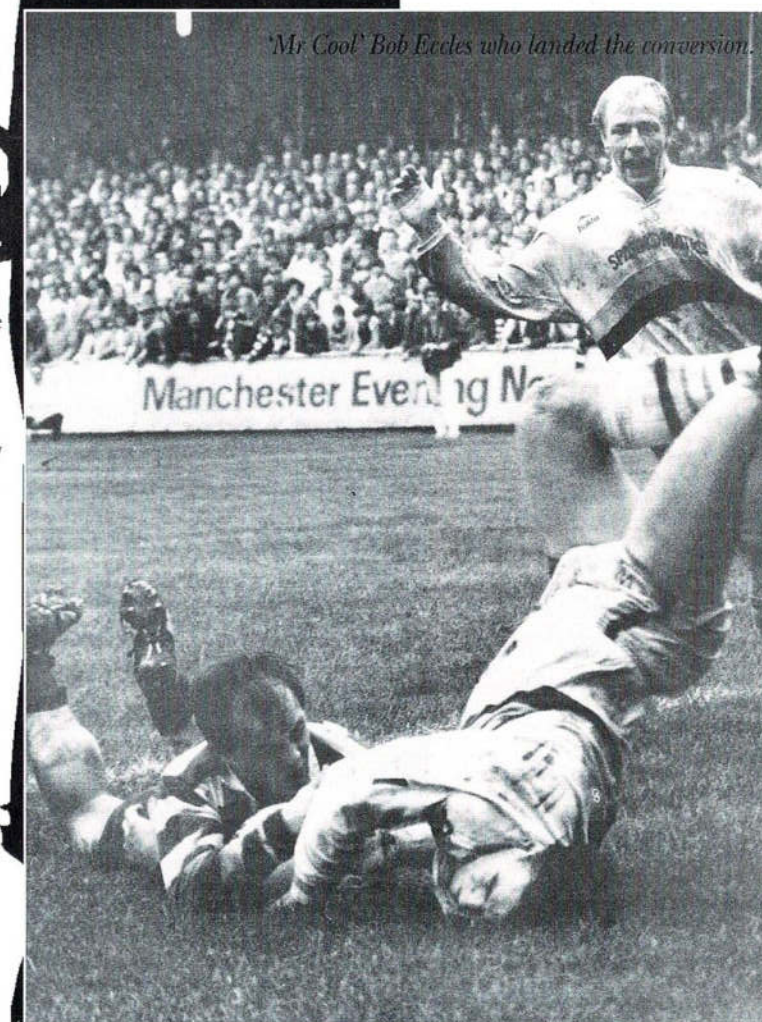
Back in town today with Oldham are three players whose league careers began with Warrington RLFC

Left: Martin Crompton Middle: Darren Abram Right: Rob Myler

CHAMPIONSHIP MEMORY JOGGER

1984 - 85

When Wire travelled to Watersheddings in the 1984-85 season, they opposed an Oldham side sitting proudly at the top of the Championship, having won all six of their opening fixtures. Wire, under the new leadership of Reg Bowden, were in a transitional period and struggling for form. As the game progressed, Oldham were confidently holding a 15pts - 10 lead thanks to tries from Parrish and Kirwan, supplemented by three Parrish goals and a drop goal. Wire replied with tries from Pat Poasa and Bob Eccles, Paul Ford converting one of the tries. With only seconds left on the clock, Ken Kelly tried a speculative up and under, with Paul Ford setting off in hot pursuit. The Wire full back leapt above the home defence, collected the ball and managed to touch down despite landing head first. Ford was carried off with a neck injury, leaving Wire short of a goal kicker for the potential match winning conversion. Fortunately they had a player in their ranks not short on confidence and up stepped Bob Eccles to coolly slot over the kick and send the visiting supporters into ecstasy.



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FROM THE PRESS

B O X



by Sports Editor
MIKE PARSONS

Common links between today's teams should give added spice to an attractive fixture. Oldham come to Wilderspool with an expected four ex-Warrington players in their ranks. Stand off Francis Maloney had just one season with Warrington before transferring to Watersheddings in the close season while winger or full back Rob Myler ended a six year spell in the primrose and blue with his move to The Roughyeds. Both players are exceptional talents on their day. Two years ago in particular Myler had an outstanding season for Wire scoring 17 tries.

But a fractured cheekbone and eye socket injury in a friendly against Wigan meant last season stopped before it had even started. He won his place back in the first team earlier this year in time to play in the Regal Trophy Final but after that he was dropped. Two years ago Maloney showed as Great Britain under 21 stand off what an exceptional performer he can be when he destroyed France at Wilderspool. Maloney seemed to find it difficult to settle in the No 6 jersey in Brian Johnson's team but Andy Goodway reckons he will provide his side with a perfect half-back partnership alongside Martin Crompton. The England scrum half is another former Wire player and usually saves his best games

of the season for the clash on his old stamping ground. Oldham's fourth ex-Wire player is centre Darren Abram. He failed to make the top grade at Wilderspool but after moving for a minimal fee to Trafford Borough he started to catch the eye of First Division sides. Rochdale were in the top flight at that time and paid £50,000 for the ex-Thatto Heath amateur. He joined Oldham in 1993 and could be classed as one that slipped the Wire net.

In contrast, Oldham have a history of letting a lot of their town's talented youngsters out of their grasp.

Iestyn Harris is rapidly becoming one of the biggest names in British Rugby League and another Oldham youth, Paul Sculthorpe, seems certain to follow in his footsteps. And when you consider that goalkicking star Ian Knott, rough and tumble half back John Hough and flying winger Chris Eckersley are all up and coming youngster's on Wire's books, and all of them from Oldham, then it seems that Goodway has quite a job his hands trying to develop the club's youth policy.

In the past the likes of Mark Roberts and Steve Molloy elected for Warrington rather than their home town. Even Chris O'Sullivan came over to Watersheddings from Australia and then moved on to Wilderspool.

Many other common links coming to mind from past years include Ronnie Duane, John Fieldhouse, Kevin Meadows, Roger O'Mahoney, Charlie Winslade and even the popular Rowland Phillips (on loan). But rivalry between the two should be as fierce as ever today. And Warrington will be keen to get even after last season's shock Challenge Cup defeat to Oldham at Wilderspool.

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STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP 94/95

at Wilderspool

11th September 1994

WARRINGTON 55		OLDHAM 6
Davies	1	Heslop
Forster	2	Jones
Bateman	3	Abrams
Rudd	4	Irwin
Harris	5	Ranson
Ellis	6	Gartland
Mackey	7	Crompton
Chambers	8	Sherratt
Thursfield	9	Clarke
McGuire	10	Parr
Cullen	11	Lord
Elliott	12	Davidson
Shelford	13	Kuiti

Attendance: 5,079

Wire Star: Greg Mackey

Oldham Star: Mike Kuiti

Substitutions:

OLDHAM - Richards/Faimalo

WIRE - Bennett/Hilton



above:
brief respite from
BENNETT's try

ALL OVER BY THE BREAK

Both sides were hungry for victory for very different reasons. After a good opening to the season, Wire had gone off the boil with two defeats in a week. Oldham were pointless and anchored to the bottom of the table.

DAVIES started the ball rolling with a clever chip which prompted a race to the line, won by fellow Welshman ALLAN BATEMAN. A break by MACKEY and CULLEN led to an easy ELLIS score, turned into an 'eight pointer' by an unnecessary challenge from a disgruntled Oldham defender. A confident Jonathan DAVIES casually collected a wayward BATEMAN pass, one handed, to round the cover and score a fine try and HARRIS scored Warrington's fourth for a comfortable lead, aided by four DAVIES goals and a MACKEY drop goal. (HT 25-0)

An eighty yard Iestyn HARRIS break heralded the start of the second half, ELLIS on hand to collect an easy try by the posts. HARRIS scored his second try by squeezing over in the corner but his fortunes changed as he was at fault in allowing ex Wire MARTIN CROMPTON a touchdown by the posts. A rampaging GARY CHAMBERS burst through the visitors defence to collect his first try of the season and a late brace of tries from MARK FORSTER took the Wire tally to nine tries. A further five DAVIES goals provided for an emphatic victory.

at Watersheddings

10th December 1994

OLDHAM 52		WARRINGTON 22
Gibson	1	Penny
Jones	2	Forster
Irwin	3	Harris
Abram	4	Roper
Ranson	5	Bennett
Topping	6	Maloney
Crompton	7	Mackey
Sherratt	8	Tees
Stephenson	9	Barlow
Temu	10	McGuire
Faimalo	11	Cullen
Lord	12	Sanderson
Kuiti	13	Shelford

Substitutions: WIRE

Darbyshire/Chambers

OLDHAM

Marsh/Green

Attendance: 3,527

Wire Star: Kelly Shelford

Oldham Star: Martin Crompton



above:
JONATHAN DAVIES
MARK FORSTER

SECOND HALF DISASTER
Oldham had improved considerably from a poor start to the campaign,

whereas Wire were continuing to be hampered by injury problems and had also played a tough mid-week fixture at Halifax.

TOPPING and HARRIS swapped early penalty goals and it was Wire who settled first, BENNETT diving in low at the corner. SHELFORD crossed for a try in the opposite corner and a HARRIS penalty gave Wire a useful advantage. TOPPING chipped at the deficit with a penalty goal but SHELFORD cleverly dummed the defence to stretch the visitors advantage. Failure to defend the 'bomb' cost Wire dearly, as Oldham gained late tries through TOPPING and GREEN. Topping converted one of the tries. (HT 14-16)

The second half was one of almost total embarrassment from a Warrington viewpoint. Substitute Iyan GREEN gave Oldham the lead by barging through weak tackling to touch down and he was soon followed across the line by KUITI and BENSON. ANDY BENNETT gave Wire a brief respite when he chipped through to collect and score but they then fell apart completely, as ABRAMS, MARSH, TOPPING and CROMPTON found as much room as they liked to cross for tries. TOPPING ended the game with a fine total of 24 points from his two tries and eight successful goal kicks.

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THE LOCKER CUP

at Wilderspool
Sunday 6th August 1995

WARRINGTON 30	WIGAN 38
Harris 1	Radlinski 1
Forster 2	Smyth 2
Currier 3	Tuigamala 3
Roper 4	W.Barrow 4
Lee 5	Williams 5
Shelford 6	Wright 6
Mackey 7	Paul 7
Hilton 8	O'Connor 8
Thursfield 9	Dermott 9
Chambers 10	McDermott 10
McGuire 11	Quinnell 11
Cullen 12	Knowles 12
Wainwright 13	Farrell 13
Sculthorpe 14	Talec 14
Jones 15	Craig 15
King 16	Cowie 16
Kettlewell 17	Johnson 17
Bennett 18	S.Barrow 18
Knott 19	Houghton 19

Scrums: 12-13

Pens: 5-7

Score Rate: 0-2, 6-2, 6-8, 10-8, 10-14, 10-20, 14-20. (HT) 20-20, 24-20, 24-26, 24-32, 24-38, 30-38.

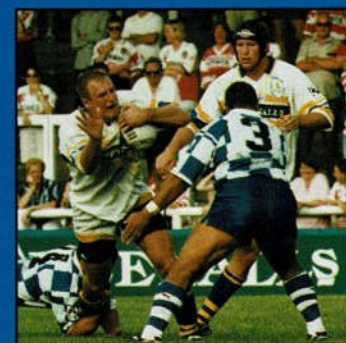
Substitutions: All used

Referee: C. A. Morris

Attendance: 3780

THE WIGAN STORY CONTINUES

Wigan were without some 'names' but the depth of their talent at the highest level has been well tested before. FARRELL kicked off with a five minute penalty for ball stealing but on ten a Hilton break saw Mackey and Roper exchange passes before the Wire skipper touched down, HARRIS converted. Wigan hit back immediately when TUIGAMALA swatted away the would be tacklers before bruising his way over. FARRELL put Wigan in the lead once more. The move took shape from a Wire lost possession. On 17 a superb HARRIS break found FORSTER in support with the winger showing that he has



above/below:
MARK HILTON TANGLES WITH
WIGANS TUIGAMALA

not lost his zest for the Wigan try line. No goal but Wire ahead 10-8. Six more minutes and again Wire shot themselves in the foot with a scrum for lost possession going Wigan's way and Wright dummied his way under the posts - he's done us before in Wakefield colours, yet we still take them. Easy for FARRELL. On 34 TUIGAMALA created an overlap and the nippy SMYTH bolted home, FARRELL proved a more than adequate BOTICA deputy. Just on the break Wire moved into top gear and SHELFORD found CURRIER whose clever pass was seized upon by ROPER who hustled over the line. A poor goal attempt left Wire trailing by six at the break. Six after restart and a super King break was matched by a super HARRIS take as the full back flew in then converted from the touchline (20-20). On 59 good play by HARRIS and THURSFIELD was completed when JONES bludgeoned his way over but sadly yet another goal miss. At 24-20 Wire looked promising but Wigan turned up the gear with PAUL and WRIGHT supplying the magic. On 63 PAUL went under the posts. Eleven minutes later a succession of passes saw WRIGHT score. With Wire looking bewildered three minutes later PAUL chipped over the Wire cover to find space and WRIGHT on hand for his treble. SMYTH kicked three out of three. Wire not quite dead and buried. In the closing minutes a good run by LEE was not seen through to the line, FORSTER followed up and MACKEY, Wires best, scored. The Gazza haired KNOTT added the two. Good entertainment, disappointing result.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP 94/95

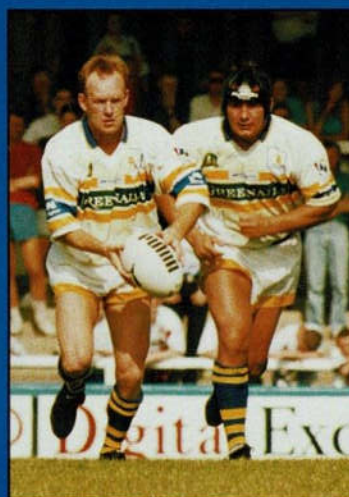
at Wilderspool
Sunday 20th August 1995

WARRINGTON 46	LONDON B 6
Harris 1	Booth
Forster 2	Butt
Roper 3	Vincent
Davies 4	Roskell
Currier 5	Evans
Shelford 6	Riley
Mackey 7	Langer
Hilton 8	Heugh
Thursfield 9	Stevens
Chambers 10	Shaw
Cullen 11	Rosolen
McGuire 12	Bryant
Wainwright 13	Hogg
Penny 14	Pitt
Sculthorpe 15	Bawden
Jones 16	Why
Sumner 17	Carroll

Scrums: 8-10 Pens: 6-10
Score Rate: 6-0, 6-6, 12-6, 18-6 (HT)
24-6, 30-6, 36-6, 42-6, 46-6.
Substitutions: All used
Referee: C. A. Morris
Attendance: 4031

BRONCOS BROKEN IN

In tropical conditions Wire failed to impress in the early stages and the visitors battled away resolutely. For Wire dropped balls, failure to kill the ball in the tackle unnecessary penalties just like old times but they stuck to the task and improved as the game progressed. On 3 minutes Mackey and Davies combined for CURRIER to finish in style. DAVIES goal. On 30 Broncos hit back when lively number 7 LANGER sold an outrageous dummy to a gullible defence. GREEN improved. In the five before the break a MACKAY crossfield punt was swallowed by FORSTER who burst over DAVIES from a near touch. Then MACKAY, DAVIES and SHELFORD played



above/below:
GREG MACKAY
with PAUL CULLEN
in support

their part in sending CURRIER in for his second with DAVIES taking the score to 18-6 break time.

The second half began with HARRIS finding DAVIES who showed all the class in the world with an electric 60 yarder. DAVIES added the two. On 48 ROPER sent FORSTER away down the leisure centre line. DAVIES again from touch. MACKAY, DAVIES, HARRIS - and CURRIER again combined with HARRIS on hand to finish. DAVIES immaculate. (52). On 65 a fine SCULTHORPE break found WAINWRIGHT in support and DAVIES to finish, then goal No. 7 for the maestro. On 66 another SCULTHORPE break was supported by ROPER and FORSTER ran in his third. A sole miss by DAVIES drew good humoured derision from the locals.

To their credit Broncos gave value for money and battled hard in the closing stages to add another try. Wire maintained their interest in keeping them out and the early groans were dissipated. The reunion of DAVIES and CURRIER on the left looks highly promising. FORSTER is still in great touch. We have four solid props on view and the promise of PAUL SCULTHORPE is mouth watering. MACKAY took the sponsors Man of the Match for his customary industry. Poor possession ratings have to be improved. Wire are too generous to the opposition.

P.S. I thought the Tannoy announcement that CAVIL had replaced HEUGH was brilliant - that man should go on the stage.

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Mark Jones break



Shelford Lay-off



Fossie at full stretch



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NEW ZEALAND v TONGA

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This first match in Group Two, and the third of the tournament as a whole, coming after the England-Australia and Fiji-South Africa encounters in Group One, will be a definite pointer towards the ultimate destination of the Halifax Rugby League Centenary World Cup trophy. It will decide whether New Zealand are to be a serious threat as number three seeds; or whether the dissemination of previous Kiwi talent throughout the three Pacific Island sides has fatally weakened Frank Endacott's side.

Coach Endacott himself will be largely on trial after promotion from the Junior Kiwi (Under-19) post to rectify years of comparative underachievement by the senior national side under the likes of Tony Gordon, Howie Tamati and Mike McClellan - who will, of course, be in charge of New Zealand's opponents at Wilderspool. Endacott's 40-man train-on squad, announced earlier this month, indicates that he has his own thoughts on who he wants in the black shirts in October, and that he will have no truck with players not 100 per cent committed to his cause. There is no place, for example, for Frano Botica, who was less than enthusiastic when contacted regarding his availability for New Zealand's tour of Papua New Guinea. And Endacott had already fired off a veiled warning to those New Zealand-qualified Pacific Islanders who are considering opting out of Kiwi selection this year, to the effect that their decision will have an effect on their immediate and future chances with New Zealand.

Having dispensed with waverers in this regard, Endacott still has a formidable squad on call. His threequarters look particularly strong, with a choice of two centres from Kevin Iro, Richie Blackmore, Craig Innes and Jarrod McCracken sure to provide plenty of sleepless nights for their Tongan and Papuan opponents. Full-back, too, is a position more than adequately catered for, with goalkicking former All Black Matthew Ridge set to battle it out with Endacott's former Junior Kiwi captain, Wigan ace Henry Paul, for the No 1 jersey.

In midfield and up front, Endacott relies to a large extent on those 1993 Kiwi tourists who failed to deliver against Great Britain, in spite of their unquestioned class. The difference this time should lie in the full-time availability of all players throughout the tournament; the single greatest problem for Howie Tamati in 1993 was that a number of his Test side were contracted to British clubs, and were therefore unable to play in tour matches in between the Tests. Thus the influence of back-rowers Tawera Nikau and Brendon Tuuta should now be more pronounced in support of veteran half-back Gary Freeman, while running forwards of the calibre of Steve Kearney, Jason Mackie, Quentin Pongia and the rehabilitated Tony Iro should benefit as a result. McClellan's hand

remains largely undeclared.

Clearly, he has much native talent at his disposal, to judge by the results of Tongan teams at various levels over the past two or three years. An unheralded Tongan Students side reached the final of the 1992 Pepsi Student World Cup in Australia, beating England on the way. Tonga reached the quarter-finals of the Coca-Cola World Sevens in 1994 and, this year, won the Plate competition, comfortably outstripping fellow ingenuos South Africa, Morocco and the USA. They beat the touring BARLA Great Britain side in summer 1994, both with their President's XIII and with the international side. And they won the 1994 Pacific Cup in Fiji, beating the hosts in the final by 34-11 and seeing off Western Samoa 34-16 in the semis.

Much credit must go to the likes of Graham Mattson, the former Kiwi international who has done much valuable coaching work in Tonga to turn obviously talented athletes into genuine League players in a short period of time - indeed, the BARLA officials claimed that, of all their opposition on the South Pacific tour, Tonga were the most improved from their last visit. Thus, if selected, players of the calibre of the Wolfgramms, full-back Greg and loose forward Willie, can be expected to make significant impacts on British fans in the course of the World Cup. Tonga also have a formidable base of qualified players currently competing at professional level around the world, and these will surely form the basis of McClellan's side. The former St Helens coach can happily build a bullish pack around the talents of Leeds's George Mann and Widnes's Emosi Koloto and Lee Hansen (surely the sort of player at whom Frank Endacott's "loyalty" broadside was aimed), while his midfield will be controlled by Sydney Bulldogs' world-rated Jimmy Dymock. Pace in the threequarters will be provided by Canberra Raiders winger Albert Fulivali and Tevita Vaikona who, despite an uneven season this time round with Hull, was one of the stand-out performers in the 1993 Junior Kiwis, and from whom the best is yet to come.

It is difficult not to denote an element of fear in Endacott's warning to the dual-qualified. If too many Test-class Pacific Islanders declare for their home countries, not only will his own hand be proportionately weakened, but the challenges of the likes of Tonga will become distinctly more formidable. Those who have seen McClellan's charges in action over the past two or three years in their various guises are full of admiration for their thrilling ball skills and uncompromising physical approach. All things considered, this Wilderspool evening has all the makings of a thunderous encounter - a "local derby" of the spiciest kind.



George Mann leads... lining up with Tonga



Gary Freeman... leading the Kiwi challenge



END OF SEASON AWARDS

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EDDIE FULLER'S 1994/95 TRY OF THE SEASON

A scorching Fozzy try at Widnes was more than just a bit special in the annual Bank Holiday derby. Not only did it give Wire first half ascendancy in a magnificent win over their deadly rivals at Naughton Park, but it put the announcement of a Super League place for Warrington's wing wizard Mark Forster on his 300th appearance for the club. Mark completed his fourteenth year in primrose and blue, being the club's only ever-present, playing in all forty fixtures. He also finished top try scorer with 24 taking his club career totals to 130. Not one to rest on his laurels, Mark ran in three specials on Wire's opening game of the 1995/96 season, taking him clear of Brian

Glover and threatened Bobby Greenhough and Jim Challinor in Wire's All-Time Top Try Scorer List...

WIRE'S ALL TIME TOP TRY SCORERS

1.	1945-62	B. BEVAN	740
2.	1898-11	J. FISH	215
3.	1973-86	J. BEVAN	201
4.	1949-61	A. NAUGHTON	167
	1963-81	P. GORDON	167
6.	1928-40	W. DINGSDALE	154
7.	1957-66	R. GREENHOUGH	136
8.	1952-63	J. CHALLINOR	135
9.	1983-	M. FORSTER	133
10.	1952-63	B. GLOVER	130

below:
MARK FORSTER



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WARRINGTON RLFC SUPPORTERS CLUB

WELCOME

In town today are supporters of Oldham a warm welcome to all you "Roughyeds" the season is gaining pace as we start what could very well be a crucial week for the club what planners thought of playing at Headingley and Central Park within four days, suicidal or what?

MAN OF THE MATCH

Last Sunday the London Broncos were put to the sword as Wire duly opened their account - "Jiffy" Davies, none the worse for his stint down under was the Supporters Club man of the match, closely followed by new signing Andy Currier. The ex Widnes connection formed a devastating partnership that blitzed the Broncos defence on numerous occasions. Mark Forster carried on where he left off last season scoring a neat hat trick of tries. It is interesting to note that the Wire have not lost an opening seasons fixture since 1988.

AT THE GEORGE

To mark the start of the games Centenary Celebrations yesterday at the George Hotel Huddersfield, the birthplace of the RL fifteen founder member clubs past players organisations got together to commemorate the event, Warrington as one of the originals, were very well represented, taking a full coachload, the players too numerous to mention individually covered the club from the 1950's to the present day.

CENTENARY PLATE

The Past Players Association will today be making a special presentation to the club of a unique Centenary plate commemorating the birthplace of the game and the fifteen founder clubs still surviving. For the record these are Huddersfield, Widnes, Bradford, St. Helens, Wakefield Trinity, Oldham, Batley, Rochdale Hornets, Halifax, Wigan, Hunslet, Leigh, Leeds, Warrington and Hull. Many of the Past Players still attend the current games, if you are one and haven't joined the organisation but would like to then please contact Ken Kelly on 01744 752117.

CENTENARY MAGAZINE

The official Rugby League Centenary magazine is out now available at all leading newsagents. Priced at only £2.95 this is a "must" for all supporters of the game. Packed with hundreds

of nostalgic photographs and celebrity memories including a special piece by Colin Wellond on Warrington and Brian Bevan. My personal favourite piece is by former RL Public Affairs Executive David Howes on Eddie Waring titled "The Talking Trilby" in which he describes Waring's immutable style of commentary simply presented the game as it was a Northern sport seeking national recognition. No so much Boots 'n' All, as warts and all.

SOUVENIR SHOP

Don't forget call at the Souvenir Shop for all the latest Wire gear. Barbara Johnson will be taking your latest bookings for away games she is also interested in running a coach down for the World Cup opening game England v Australia on Saturday October 7th if there is enough response contact her on 639842. She would also like to thank Craig Garner (who recently watched his 400th consecutive Wire game) for supplying her with some old programmes come on you.



Mascot

MICHAEL BATES

Michael is 10 years of age and lives in Great Sankey and attends Sycamore Lane School. He plays stand off for Crosfield and Warrington Schoolboys under 11s, his favourite players are Jonathan Davies, Greg Mackey, and Mark Forster.

enjoy your day Michael

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LANCS FED

The next meeting of the Lancashire Federation of Supporters Club will take place on Monday 4th September at Oldham RLFC Pavilion Bar starting 8.00pm.

LETS GET QUIZ-KAL?

On the 29th August 1895 JE Warren (Craig Garners great great grandfather) then secretary of Warrington attending he historical meeting when the Northern clubs broke away from the Rugby Union to form what is now, today our beloved game of Rugby League, have a good go at these questions a quick trip through a century.

1. Who were Warrington's first ever opponents Leeds, Widnes or Hunslet?
2. How many times have we won the Challenge Cup 4, 5 or 6?
3. Against which club do we hold the record score of 78-6 keighley, St. Helens or Dewsbury?
4. How many tries did Brian Bevan score for the Wire 510, 590 or 740?
5. Who has kicked the most goals for the club Steve Hesford, Billy Holding or Harry bath? Here's another hundred years, cheers!

TOWN TRAIL

A big thank you to all players who gave up their Sunday afternoon to join us on the Wolf Pack Treasure Trail, hope you all enjoyed it.

OPEN DAY

What a good turnout for the Wires first open day a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

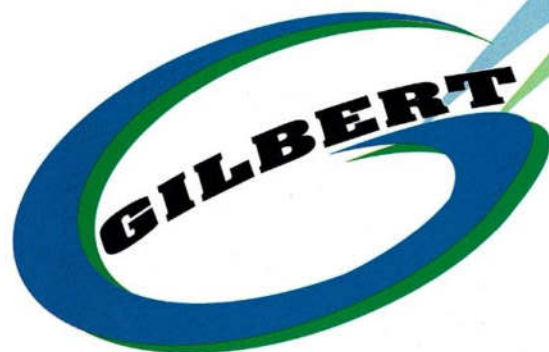
WEMBLEY

We hope to run a coach to Wembley for England v Australia. The price will be £3 tickets for Wolf Pack and £10 tickets for adults if anyone is interested please leave your name at Market Stall. We do run coaches to every away match but please book early. Wolfman

Answers:
1. Hunslet 2. 5 3. St. Helens 4. 740
5. Steve Hesford

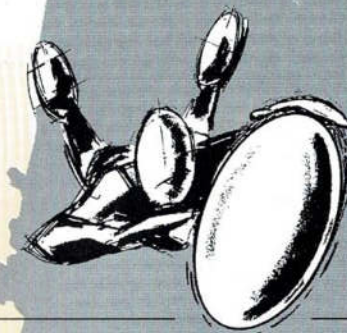
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HALIFAX WORLD CUP L A T E S T

The countdown to the Halifax Rugby League Centenary World Cup has started.

After two years of preparation the big day when the most spectacular competition in the history of the sport kicks off with England facing reigning champions Australia at Wembley is now in sight.

Players from the ten competing nations are now anxiously waiting to find out whether they have a place in the final squads of 25 which will be named on September 1.

England have appointed Keighley Cougars boss Phil Larder as coach in place of Ellery Hanley, who has decided to continue his playing career abroad, while Oldham's Andy Goodway and Castleford chief John Joyner have joined him on the coaching team.

The Welsh returned from their summer tour to the United States in great shape and as well as the return of Jonathan Davies from his summer stint with the North Queensland Cowboys they are also expecting to have Alan Bateman back from Sydney club from Cronulla-Sutherland.

The French, boosted by that 16-16 Test draw in New Zealand and the start of Jacques Fouroux's new national super league, have named an impressive 40-man training squad including at least five players with British first division experience last season.

Australia have more than their fair share of domestic problems to solve before Bobby Fulton can name their 25-man squad but after their 3-0 white-washing of the Kiwis demonstrated they can be counted upon to make a strong defence of their title.

New Zealand have regrouped after their Test defeats in Australia and coach Frank Endacott has called up an impressive group of players from which they can select what is certain to be a competitive team.

Tonga, now coached by former St. Helens boss Mike McClellan, have been fighting off a bid from Australia to include Manly winger John Hopoate and Sydney Bulldogs loose forward Jim Dymock in the Kangaroo squad. But McClellan believes that the Tonga's will be the surprise package of the Centenary competition.

"People in the southern hemisphere have been impressed by the speed at which the Tongan's have adapted to the game," he said.

"I realise that New Zealand will start favourites when we face them in our opening match but I believe that with the commitment my players have shown we can surprise everybody." Former Wigan coach Graeme Lowe, now thankfully restored to full health, is warming up for his return to club coaching with North Queensland Cowboys by being in charge of the formidable Western Samoan team. The Samoan's clash with France and Wales in Group Three is the most evenly matched of the tournament and it is difficult to predict a potential winner.

Lowe said: "There is enormous pride at being involved in the Western Samoan team and our preparations for

the competition are well advanced". Australian Graham Murray who left Illawarra Steelers has joined Fiji as World Cup coach.

The Fijians impressed many respected League judges by reaching the finals of the Coca-Cola World sevens in Sydney last February and if they can translate that ability into the full 13-man game they will prove a major threat.

British fans are excitedly waiting for their first glimpse of Papua New Guinea's scrum half talent Adrian Lam who has been playing for Sydney City Roosters. He made a big impact playing for Queensland in the State of Origin series triumph over New South Wales and has been rated as a world class performer.

Lam played for Queensland because that was where he first played Rugby League and he will certainly add fire power to the Kumul's bid to qualify for a semi-final place.

Welshman Tony Fisher has been drafted in to bring South Africa up to speed at Rugby League.

The Dewsbury coach has been impressed by what he has found on the Dark Continent. "Their tackling has to be seen to be believed," said former Welsh international Fisher, who was no mean defender when he played.

"They even make me wince when they go into tackle," added Fisher as he put the finishing touches to the Rhino's training.

You can get your tickets for the Halifax Rugby League Centenary World Cup by ringing the exclusive hotlines 0178 274 1995.

Hurry, hurry and don't miss the action.



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WITH THE STONES BITTER CENTENARY CHAMPIONSHIP 1995/96 RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Friday 18th August	Workington 6 Wigan 48 *	Friday 25th August	Castleford v Leeds*
Sunday 20th August	Castleford 28 Oldham 22	Sunday 27th August	Halifax v Bradford
	Sheffield Eagles 6 Leeds 34		Warrington v Oldham
	St. Helens 55 Bradford 10		Workington v Sheffield Eagles
	Warrington 48 London Broncos 6	Monday 28th August	St. Helens v Wigan*
Wednesday 23rd August	Bradford v Warrington	Wednesday 30th August	Leeds v Warrington
	London Broncos v Halifax	Friday 1st September	Oldham v Halifax*
	Oldham v St. Helens		
	Wigan v Sheffield Eagles		

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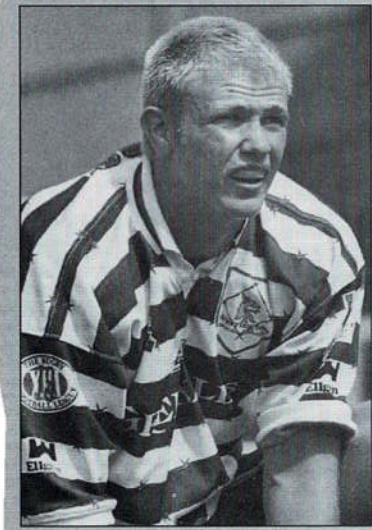
WITH C.J. OWEN

THURSDAY 17th AUGUST 1995
SALFORD 24 WARRINGTON 27
 Ref: P. Taberner

Reds: Coussons, Kenyon, ANO, Rogers, Ratcliffe, P. Smith, Watson, Savelio, Quigley, Blease, Webster, Burgess, Sampson, Subs. Potts, Forber.
Wire: Penny, Lee, Rudd, Kettlewell, Eckersley, Highton, Close, Sumner, Hough, Millington, Bennett, Elliott, Knott, Subs Bretherton, Price.

Wire had a good blend of youth and experience, the Reds looked heavier. The T.C.C.B. would have looked at the pitch with raised eyebrows with re-grassed areas contrasting with scorched pastures. Early on both sides looked evenly matched so on 11 CLOSE with time to spare picked his spot for a drop goal. That broke the tension and on 16 a fine Bennett break saw Highton send in RUDD. On 23 Close found Highton whose pass was latched on to by PENNY who cut through the cover like the proverbial knife through butter. On 28 Forber announced his arrival by conning the ref into yellow carding Penny for 'holding down' near the line. Forber then inspired the Reds into a try on 35. With the whistle imminent a Milligan run continued by Knott saw KETTLEWELL fly in. KNOTT at last found the target. HT 4-15

One minute into the second half saw CLOSE collect near halfway and pursue a mazy course to the posts with bemused defenders unable to impede his progress. From the restart Bennett persisted when not properly held and from the play/ball HOUGH delivered one of his specialities.



Ian Knott

KNOTT goaled both. Whether Wire considered 4-27 was adequate, whether the stifling heat and lack of oxygen took command or whether Forber's cajoling was getting through to his colleagues, I know not but suddenly on 50 minutes FORBER brutalised his way over the Wire line to begin a Reds revival. Further tries on 59, 70, 77 and 79 found Wire in trouble with first the impressive Highton then Lee leaving the field with ankle and knee injuries, followed by Rudd (yellow card - lying on). Fortunately for the visitors the home goal striker was way off target and Wire, though visibly reeking, held out. New signing Darren Rogers put in some fine runs for Reds. Hough and Bennett took the eye for Wire with the props ready to take on all comers and the Close/Highton link looking promising. Very good entertainment with a sprinkling of Wire enthusiasts present.

WARRINGTON ALLIANCE APPEARANCES

Player	App	Sub	Tries	Goals	Drop Goals
Bennett, A	1	-	-	-	-
Bretherton, L	-	1	-	-	-
Close, G	1	-	1	-	1
Eckersley, C	1	-	-	-	-
Elliott, D	1	-	-	-	-
Highton, C	1	-	-	-	-
Hough, J	1	-	1	-	-
Kettlewell, R	1	-	1	-	-
Knott, I	1	-	-	3	-
Lee, J	1	-	-	-	-
Millington, P	1	-	-	-	-
Penny, L	1	-	1	-	-
Price, A	-	1	-	-	-
Rudd, C	1	-	1	-	-
Sumner, P	1	-	-	-	-

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ROUND UP ACADEMY

WIRE ACADEMY v MILLOM

SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST 1995

Despite a highly spirited attempt to compete with the professionals, Millom Amateur R.L., table toppers in Division One of the ARL Conference and boasting the best defence in the entire Amateur structure, were unable to breach the Warrington line and had to endure a 58 nil defeat.

The Wire side varied from minute to minute as Clive Griffiths took the opportunity to give as many players as possible a feel of the action.

The starting line up was:

Anders,
Wingfield,
Rudd,
Kettlewell,
Eckersley,
Highton,
Close,
Sumner,
Bennett,
King,
Jones,
Heaton,
Knott.



*Graeme Close anticipates a
Phil Sumner lay-off*

The following also appeared:

Milligan,
Price,
Murray,
Bretherton,
Elliott,
Gardner,
McAvoy,
Hough.

Tries in order came from:

Anders, Rudd, Sumner, Elliott, Anders,
Milligan (H.T.).

Close, Kettlewell, Rudd, Knott,
Bretherton.

Ian Knott, after a couple of sighters
kicked six goals before retiring. Darren
Anders kicked the final goal.

The highlight of the game came in the
closing minutes when a brilliant 80
yards run by Chris Eckersley was
finished off by a Liam Bretherton try.
Chris Rudd looked in good touch and
the return of Phil Sumner is a boost to
the squad. No one wants to see good
talent wasted.

By Peter Wakefield

PAST PLAYERS

ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION

Prior to the kick off, Mike Nicholas on behalf of the Warrington Past Players Association will present to Wire Chairman Peter Higham a commemorative plate to celebrate the Centenary Year of The Rugby League



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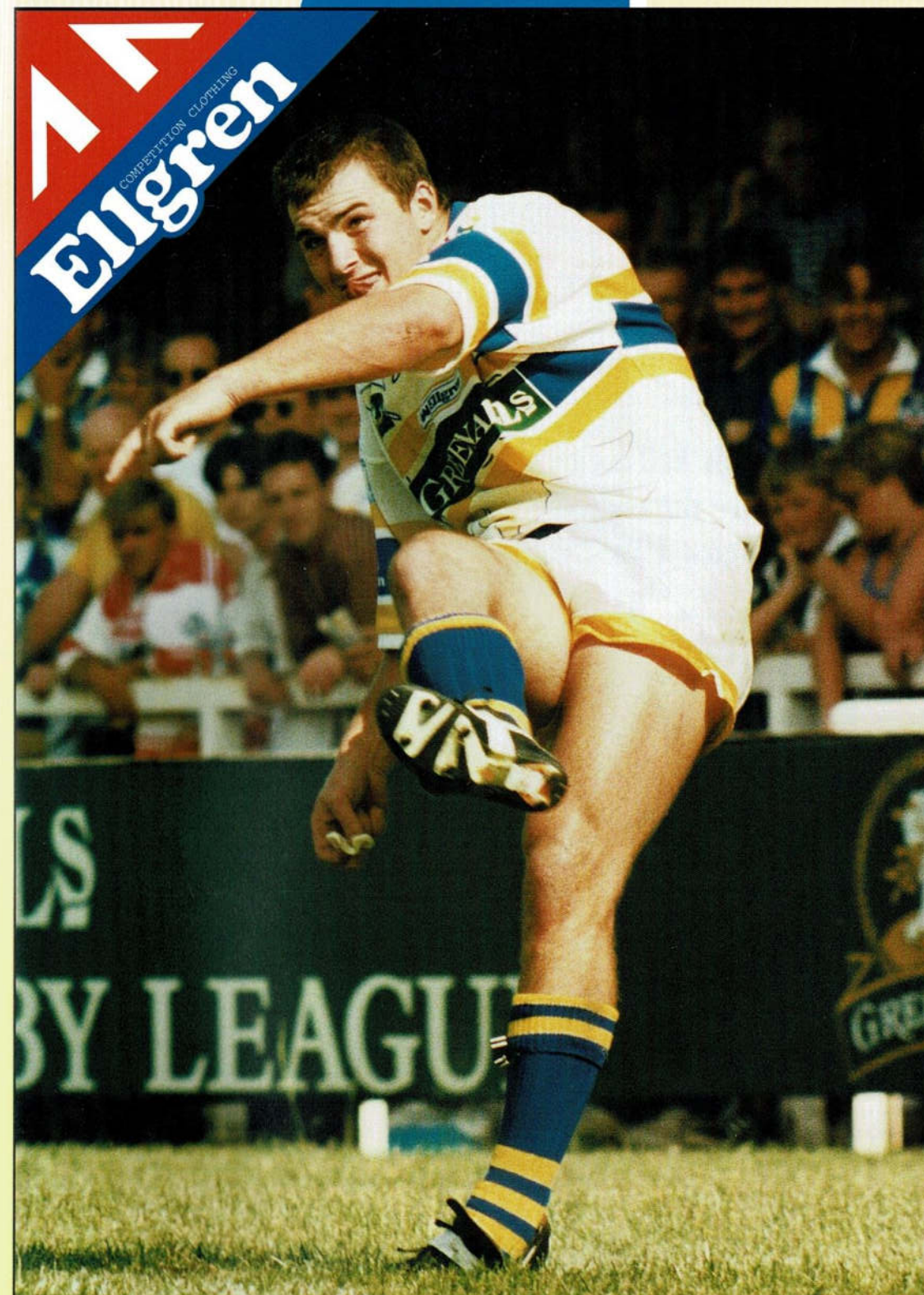
WARRINGTON RLFC FIXTURES

1995 / 96

AUG			
20th	LONDON BRONCOS	H	46-6
23rd	Bradford Bulls	A	7.30
27th	OLDHAM	H	3.00
30th	Leeds	A	7.30
SEPT			
3rd	Wigan	A	3.00
8th	Sheffield Eagles	A	7.30
15th	WORKINGTON TOWN BSKYB	H	7.30
20th	ST. HELENS	H	7.30
24th	Castleford	A	3.30
OCT			
7th	The Halifax RL Centenary World Cup	Opening Ceremony	
21st	The Halifax RL Centenary World Cup	Semi Final 1	
22nd	The Halifax RL Centenary World Cup	Semi Final 2	
28th	The Halifax RL Centenary World Cup	Final at Wembley	
NOV			
1st	HALIFAX	H	7.30
12th	Regal Trophy - Round 2		
19th	London Broncos	A	3.00
26th	Regal Trophy - Round 3		
29th	LEEDS	H	7.30
DEC			
3rd	SHEFFIELD EAGLES	H	3.00
6th	BRADFORD BULLS	H	7.30
10th	Regal Trophy - Round 4		
	Workington Town	A	3.00
15th	CASTLEFORD BSKYB	H	7.30
26th	Oldham	A	3.00
30th	Regal Trophy - Semi Final 1		
JAN			
1st	WIGAN	H	3.00
6th	Regal Trophy - Semi Final 2		
7th	St Helens	A	3.00
13th	Regal Trophy Final		
14th	Halifax	A	3.00
27th	Silk Cut Challenge Cup - 1st Round		

ALLIANCE (from August to October)			
AUG			
Thu 17th	Salford	A	27-24
Thu 24th	Oldham	A	7.30
Thu 31st	WIGAN	H	7.30
SEPT			
Thu 7th	CASTLEFORD	H	7.30
Thu 14th	Leeds	A	7.30
Thu 21st	HULL	H	7.30
Thu 28th	St. Helens	A	7.30

ACADEMY (from August to October)			
AUG			
Sat 19th	Dewsbury	Postponed	2.30
Tue 29th	LEIGH	H	7.30
SEPT			
Sat 2nd	Bradford Bulls	A	2.30
Mon 11th	WAKEFIELD T	H	7.30
Sat 16th	Wigan	A	2.30
Mon 25th	CASTLEFORD	H	7.30
Sat 30th	Hull	A	2.30



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OUR CUP RUNNETH

O V E R....

THE 1973-74 CAPTAIN MORGAN TROPHY

Played for only one season, the Captain Morgan Trophy had an unusual format but gave Wire their first knockout cup success of the seventies. To qualify for the first round of the sixteen team tournament it was necessary to win the first round tie in the County Cup competition.

Wire had defeated Leigh at home in the first round Lancashire Cup tie by 20pts - 15 to earn a first round Captain Morgan Trophy tie at Wigan. A typically hard fought local derby featured excellent goal kicking by Derek Whitehead but no tries in the 12pts - 4 victory. Wire lost two league fixtures prior to their second round tie against Castleford at home but they took early control of the game for a 10-2 half-time lead. Conroy, Brady and Cunliffe scored tries with Whitehead kicking three goals as Wire eventually gained a 15pts - 7 victory. Poor league form again proceed the Semi-Final tie at Leeds, with Wire having lost a home fixture against Whitehaven. Not given much hope at Headingley, Wire gave a top class display in front of the



*Derek Whitehead...
Match Winner*

TV cameras. Down by 7pts - 11 at the break, Wire dominated the second half for a tremendous 20-13 victory, with debutants Ian Mather and David Wright outstanding. Ashcroft

and Gordon collected the tries with Whitehead again in good form, adding five goals. Ashcroft and Murphy kept the scoreboard moving with drop goals. The final at The Willows, Salford against Featherstone Rovers, was played on a cold, damp, January afternoon, accounting for a poor attendance of only 5,259. With conditions dictating the style of play, points scorer supreme, Derek Whitehead, kicked two first half goals to take Wire into a 4-0 half-time lead. Few chances were created throughout the game and Wire managed to hold onto their lead with no real scares. Not surprisingly, Derek Whitehead was voted man of the match and the Wire fans were in good voice as captain Kevin Ashcroft collected the Trophy. Having won the League Leaders Trophy the previous season, Wire were clearly on the right track and looked set to challenge for further honours in the very near future.

RESULTS

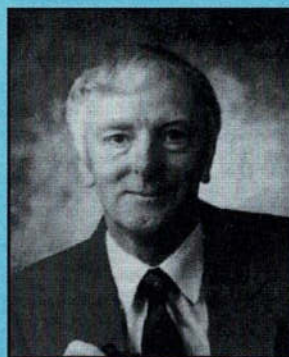
1st Rnd	v	Wigan (away)	Won	12-4
2nd Rnd	v	Castleford (home)	Won	15-7
Semi-Final	v	Leeds (Central Park)	Won	20-13
Final	v	Featherstone (Central Park)	Won	4-0

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CAUGHT ON CAMERA EDDIE'S

EXPRESSIONS

An artist by exquisite strokes of his pen or brush can bring a picture to life but the camera man in a game played as fast as Rugby League has but a split second in which to tell his story. Eddie Fuller by courtesy of the Warrington Guardian has supplied us with top class photographs for over twenty years. This season as a small tribute to a top sports photographer, we recall a few of 'Eddie's Expressions'.



Pictured are three in the 'Cop That' series (There are more)

1. Jimmy Nulty taking one from Leeds
2. Tony Waller who appears to have three arms gets one from Cas and...
3. Paul Bishop never really got on with Kevin Dick.



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THE RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHARTER TIME

In accordance with time hallowed custom it has been the practice of Rugby League to begin each season with instructions as to which rules are to be followed with enthusiasm and where necessary new interpretations. Each season supporters see a crackdown for several weeks then normality returns and everyone carries on as before.

Last season we had a much needed crackdown on head tackling, sadly towards the end of the season, tackles found unacceptable at the seasons' start went apparently unnoticed. 'Lying on' at a Play the Ball and playing the ball from a prone position also enjoyed hoots of derision from the terraces. Scrums, in years gone by a sure target for the legislators or enforcers, strangely, were allowed to disintegrate into the farcical, again greeted with groans of disapproval from the faithful followers and looks of bemusement from those less attuned to the vagaries of the game.

All that is to end, we now have a Charter of rule interpretations, surely not a Government intervention, we've already got Charters for everything else, or so we thought...

The ignoble art of ball stealing,

penalised heavily for the last two seasons, comes under the scrutiny with the new wording 'players must exercise some degree of ball security whilst taking the ball into a tackle. The referee must be convinced that the ball has been stolen to award a penalty.' One is left to muse that Lee penny might get a refund off his ten minutes in the Sin Bin late season at Wigan.

THE OTHER DIRECTIVES ARE:

Players are expected to be behind the line at all restarts ie. halfway line, 20 metre line, goal line.

Contact must be made with the foot at the free kick.

Players must make contact with the ball while playing the ball.

Players must stand outside the goal posts while a conversion attempt is taking place.

Touch Judges must make independent decisions at kicks for goal. (No more looking at each other before raising limp flags.)

No attacking player other than the two players involved in the play the ball can take up a position around the play the ball. Referees will be directed to keep

the area around the play the ball clear. (Players were gaining advantage by not retiring 5 metres whilst their team was in possession.)

AT THE SCRUM:

A Referees will enforce correct packing procedures including the loose forward packing into and remaining in the scrum until the ball emerges.

B The half back will stand square at the tunnel and feed the ball so that it passes the foremost foot of the front row forward.

C The defending half back will be onside at all times ie. behind his last row of forwards.

The interpretations at the play the ball adapted in season 1994/95 will continue to be enforced in the coming season: ie. no flopping, no holding down, no leg pulling, ball must be lifted clear of the ground, markers square, defenders hands off the ball.

It seems that goal kickers are in for a record season but should these rules not have been enforced last season?



THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN FAILURE AND SUCCESS

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