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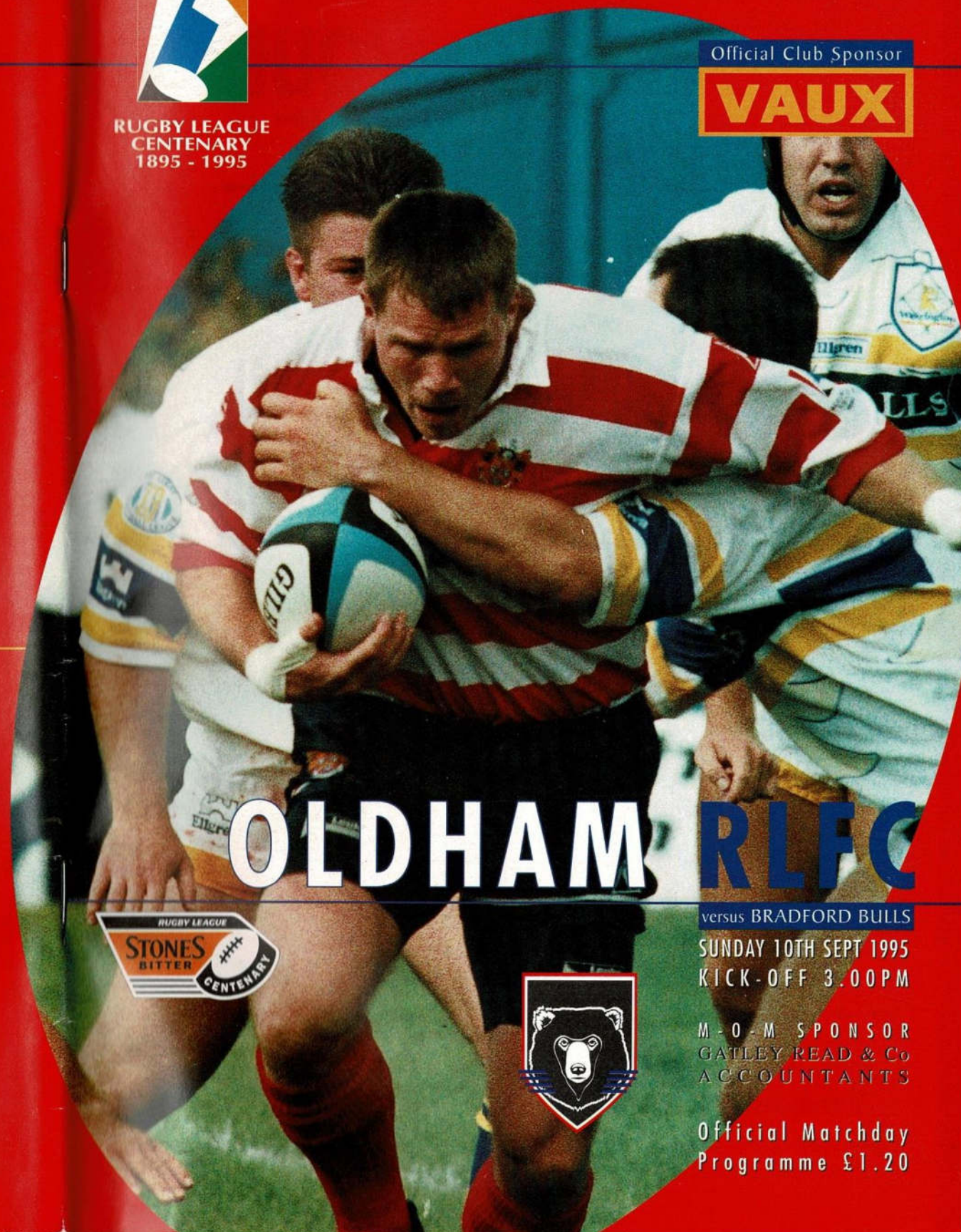
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1956-57, 1957-58, 1958-59

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1921-22, 1954-55, 1966-67,
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1921-22 season

Scorer: Bernard Ganley

Record Goal: 224 goals, 1957-58
season

Scorer: Bernard Ganley,
28 points v
Liverpool City,
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Record Point: 21st October 1876
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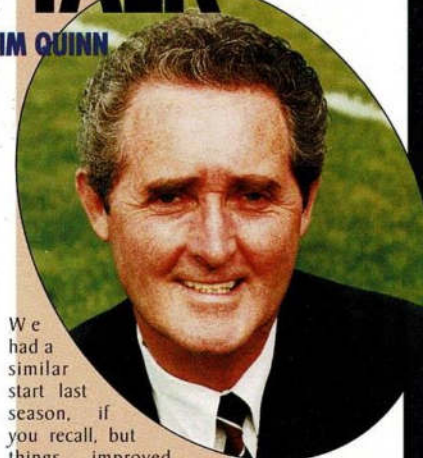
Highest Number: Joe Ferguson, 685
of Points Scored

Most Appearances: Pro 1900 Jack Hirst 233

Most Tries: Since 1900
Alan Davies 182

BOARDROOM TALK

BY OLDHAM RLFC CHAIRMAN JIM QUINN



The academy side is going to play an ever increasing role in Oldham's future as we strike out towards Super League. Clubs these days are putting more and more emphasis on their youth policies and Oldham will be no exception.

We have already seen 19 year old Jimmy Cowans and Chris McKinney in the senior side at Warrington and we are gradually ensuring that the average age of our Alliance side is dropping. At Hull the other night, we had Chris McAndrew, an Academy boy, on the bench and two or three other members of the under 19 side there to make up the squad and help out on the night in a backroom role.

Seventeen year olds Paul Deacon, a scrum half from the Wigan area, and winger Joe McNicholas, another 17 year old from Rochdale, have pledged their futures to the club and are coming along nicely in the Academy side.

Three 15 year olds from Royton Tigers have also pledged their futures to Oldham, Mark Powell, Andrew Taplin, Jimmy Bowmer along with another 15 year old Dale Aldred from Leigh.

There are others to come, too. We are constantly in the market place for young talent and although we are not alone we hope that our Academy coach and youth development officer, Brian Gartland, can unearth a few gems, with the help of Alliance team coach Graham Beale and the senior man, Andy Goodway and Alan McCurrie.

Many years ago it was Brian who "discovered" Andy Goodway and first brought him to the Oldham club. We wouldn't complain if Brian could find

one or two more like Andy. On a more serious note, the youth policy is going to form a major part of our structure. We are prepared to invest in it because if we can find the right quality of youngsters and develop them along sound professional lines, it will be money well spent for securing the club's future.

One thing that has caught my attention, while watching some Academy games this season, is the size of the boys who represent some of the teams.

St. Helens came here for a pre season friendly and the Oldham lads must have conceded nearly a stone a man in weight. There was a similar story when Halifax played there last week. They were also a massive side and it was their extra strength, size and weight which eventually wore down our boys in the second half.

We also conceded weight when drawing 18-18 at Featherstone in our first game of the season, so the message is loud and clear, as time goes on and our game develops there is going to be increasing importance attached to size. I know the old saying "A good, big 'un will always beat a good little 'un." That's been around along time, but I think it is more true today than it has ever been. You have only to look at the size of first teams to see how the trend is going.

As we put even more importance on weight building and full time training it will become even more necessary for teams to sign up big men, so it naturally follows that, when signing up Academy boys, one must always be conscious of a players size.

Like the fans, we in the boardroom have also been disappointed by a poor start to the season at senior level with four defeats from our first four matches.

We had a similar start last season, if you recall, but things improved and went on to finish tenth in the first division and reach the semi final of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup. Let's hope we quickly get things sorted out for this season and make sure that we don't have an equally bad start when Super League takes off next March.

In welcoming Bradford Bulls to Watersheddings today, there is a special word of welcome for Peter Deakin, the Bulls' new marketing executive and their new coach from Australia Brian Smith. Peter used to play amateur RL here in Oldham, then he became a professional at Watersheddings, having been brought up in the game at my old amateur club, Oldham St Annes.

He is a member of a well known local rugby league family. The Deakins have contributed a great deal to rugby league in this area and we wish Peter every success in his new post at Odsal.



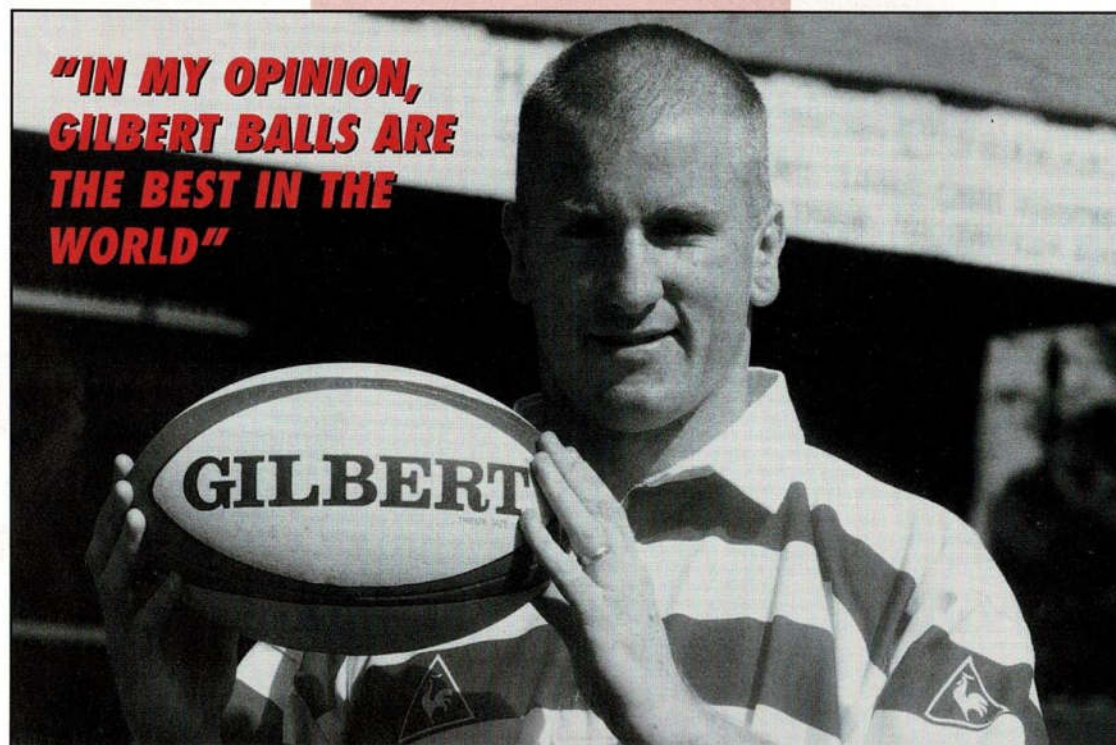
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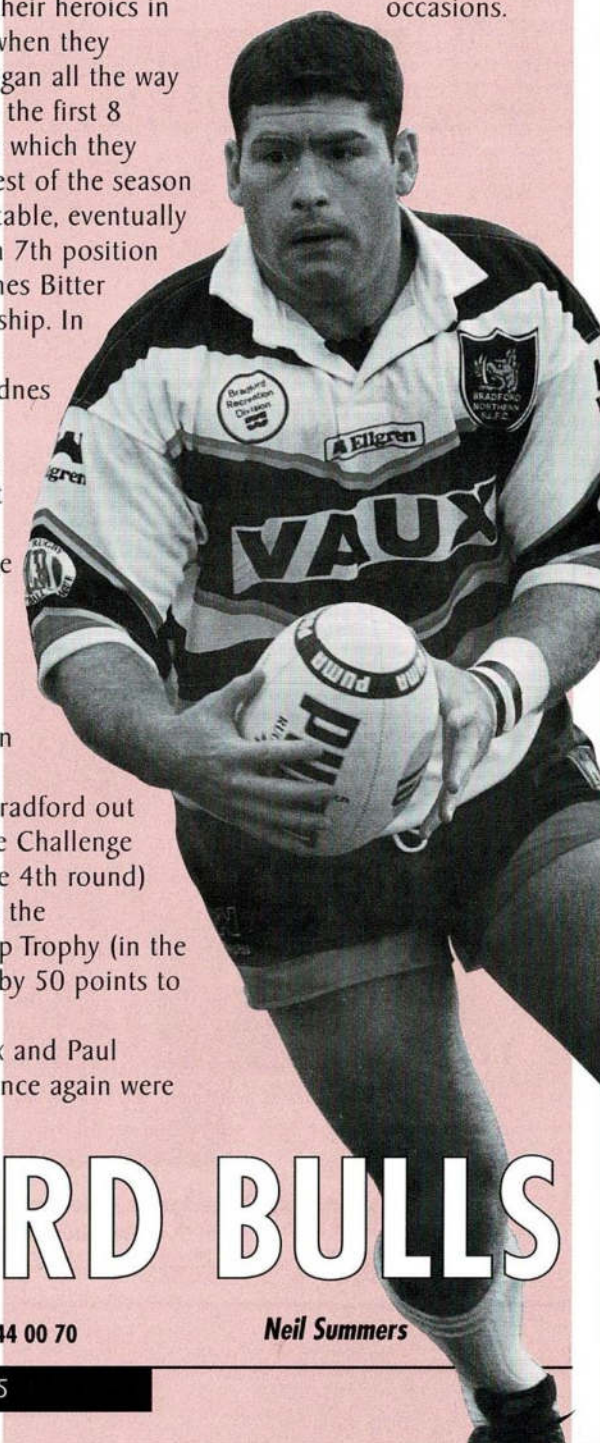
This season sees the dawn of a new era for the Bradford Bulls Rugby League outfit. Gone are Bradford Northern. It is the Bulls who will contest the Centenary season and go on into Super League. Also gone is coach Peter Fox and players Dave Watson (to Sydney Tigers), Trevor Clark, David Heron and Neil Holding (all retired) as the West Yorkshire outfit strive to compete with the Wigan's and Leeds of our game. The close season has been a very exciting time if you are a Bradford supporter. Former Saint Tommy Hodginson, ex-Widnes star Andy Ireland and young Loiner Jonathan Scales have joined the club as has St. John Ellis (For the Centenary season) from Queensland Crushers. However, the best news for the Bull's faithful was the announcement that Peter Fox's replacement was to be non other than Brian Smith from St.George in Australia. Brian is thought to be the most progressive coach in the World by many RL critics and along with his new right hand

man Matthew Elliott may make a significant improvement to the Bulls outfit.

Last season was a very disappointing affair for Bradford Northern following their heroics in 1993/94 when they pushed Wigan all the way apart from the first 8 matches in which they won, the rest of the season was forgettable, eventually finishing in 7th position in the Stones Bitter Championship. In the Regal Trophy Widnes ended Northern's interests at the 4th round stage following wins over St. Esteve (France). Whitehaven and Leeds knocked Bradford out of both the Challenge Cup (in the 4th round) 46-30 and the Premiership Trophy (in the 1st round by 50 points to 30.

Deryck Fox and Paul Newlove once again were

Bradford's main attacking strengths but weaknesses in defence saw them concede 60 points once over 50 points twice over 40 points twice and over 30 points on a further 6 occasions.



BRADFORD BULLS

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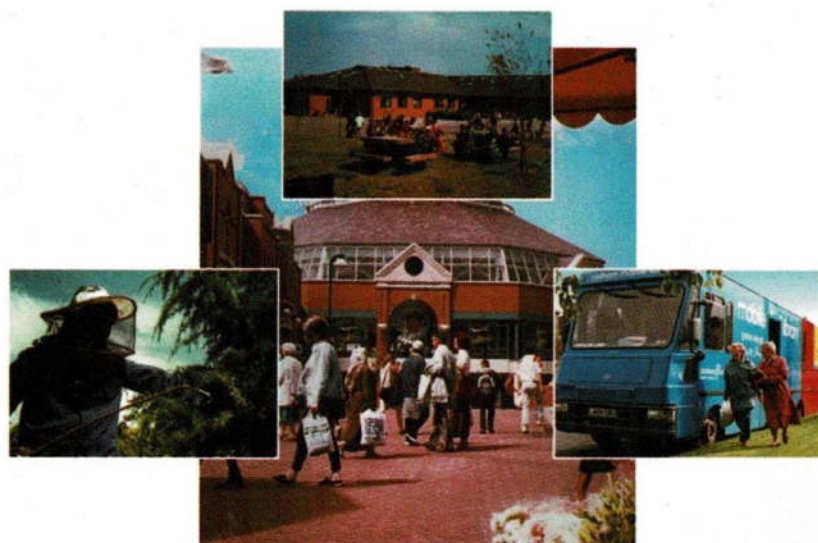
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I think we were all on a "downer" after our home defeat by Halifax last Friday night because we realised we had had 75 per cent of the play, yet still finished up on the losing side courtesy of Paul Rowley.

We failed to take our chances and turn our pressure into points and Halifax punished us when Rowley twice broke from acting half-back to score long-range tries.

It is fair to say we produced most of the football that was served up for the Sky viewers, but it is equally true to concede that we panicked at times and produced some dumb rugby, with the result that a lot of possession was handed over in the Halifax quarter.

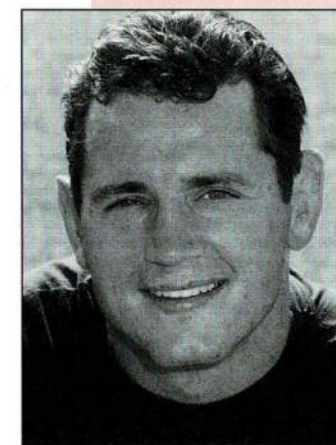
I didn't think Halifax produced much in the way of entertaining football, but I have to admit that their defence was brilliant. Steve Simms has obviously got them well drilled defensively. They were a shining example to everyone of how to defend a lead after they had gone ahead with a lucky try in which Simon Baldwin was played on-side only because a clearing kick by Carl Briggs bounced off Joe Faimalo as he moved in to put the kicker under pressure.

We were desperately unlucky to concede a try like that so early in the game, but we picked ourselves up off the floor and went back at them only to "bomb" a few scoring chances after dominating territorially.

We were still very much in the game when John Schuster kicked his second goal to put Halifax 8-0 in front, but it all began to go wrong when Rowley scuttled away from dummy half to score the first of his two tries against the run of play.

We didn't deserve to be 15-0 down at half-time when considering the balance of play and the amount of ball we had, but credit must go to the Halifax defence.

We had a mountain to climb when Rowley



ANDY GOODWAY

did it on us again to give his side a 21-0 lead and our only reward was the try late on by Darren Abram on a Francis Maloney pass.

We played some good rugby at times, but came away with nothing. And I hate to keep asking the fans to be patient and pointing out that we are going through a building process when I know they want to see us winning matches and picking up league points.

We must learn to play for 80 minutes and not lose concentration at vital times. In this day and age you don't want opponents making breaks from acting half-back and going 40 yards to the line. Rowley cut us to pieces, but some of our players switched off at vital times and he was good enough to spot it and turn it to his advantage.

However, you can rest assured that we are working hard behind the scenes to put things right and get our first win of the season as quickly as possible.

You might recall that we had a similar start last season, but things started to come right for us eventually. For much of the season we were in a position to challenge for a top-eight spot and although we fell away at the end and finished tenth we got to the semi-final of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup. Perhaps better times are just around the corner.

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A look at the local amateur rugby scene WITH DON YATES

Debate and controversy continues to surround the Centenary celebrations and the forthcoming World Championship tournament. It has even spread to the 'little' World Cup, the emerging nations competition which involves the mainly amateur squads from the counties who have only recently taken up our sport. The British amateur squad has been denied entry into the tournament much to the disappointment of BARLA officials. However, discussions are still ongoing and we could still see BARLA taking on the tournament winners. It has been decided that only five registered professionals can appear in any one side competing in the little World Cup so this should ensure that the matches are closely contested. Indeed, the tournament promises to be every bit as exciting as the senior competition so enthusiasts are urged not to miss any of the action. Seven nations are involved and have been split into two sections. The matches in section one are as follows:

Monday 16th October
Ireland v Moldova (St. Helens 7.30pm)
Wednesday 18th October
Morocco v Moldova (Northampton 6pm)
Friday 20th October
Ireland v Morocco (Dewsbury 7.30pm)

Section two sees the following matches:
Monday 16th October
Cook Isles v USA (Featherstone 6pm)
Russia v Scotland (Featherstone 7.45pm)
Wednesday 18th October
Scotland v USA (Northampton 7.45pm)
Cook Isles v Russia (Leigh 7.30pm)
Friday 20th October
Cook Isles v Scotland (Castleford 7.30pm)
Russia v USA (Warrington 7.30pm)

The top team in each group meet in the final which is to be staged at Gigg Lane, Bury on Tuesday 24th October kick off 7.30pm. With former Oldham players Des Foy (Ireland) and Hugh Waddell (Scotland) involved there should be plenty to interest local followers. Admission to all matches, including the final, has been pegged at £3 for both seating and standing with concessions at just £1. It is tremendous value for money so with the final virtually on our doorstep I trust we shall see a large contingent of local fans. The National Conference League continues to provide excellent entertainment. St. Annes began their campaign with a hard fought 24-14 home victory over Beverley whilst Saddleworth were a little unlucky to lose 17-12 at West Hull. Next Saturday Saddleworth make the long journey down to Hemel Hempstead where they have suffered narrow defeats during the past two seasons. The Premier League runners up have made a mixed start to their season so perhaps Rangers could take

advantage off this and return home with the spoils. After two different away trips, St. Annes are at home next Saturday when Oulton visit Higginsshaw Road, 2.30pm kick off, Saints won the corresponding match last season by 18-4 and they should repeat that success as they continue their quest for promotion.

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Isn't it amazing that we've just started our Centenary Year and apart from a couple of dinners, articles in the main rugby papers and one half hour show on the BBC, the general public knows nothing about what's going on and do not appear to be involved in any celebrations.

True the individual clubs are doing their own thing, but the contribution from headquarters in respect of marketing the event seems to be non-existent.

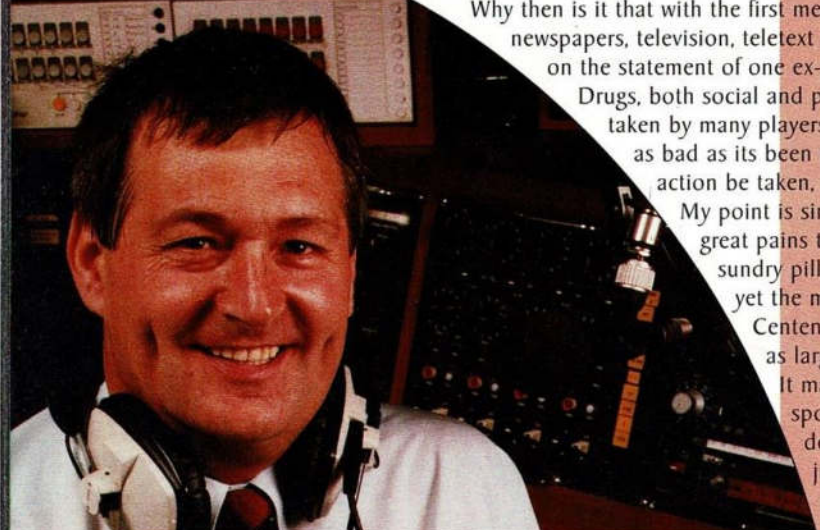
Why then is it that with the first mention of the word drugs, major national newspapers, television, teletext all carry large headlines allegedly based on the statement of one ex-player.

Drugs, both social and performance enhancing may well have been taken by many players but I do not believe the problem to be as bad as it's been painted, if it is then let the appropriate action be taken, whatever the consequences are!

My point is simply this, once again we seem to go to great pains to kick ourselves in the teeth as all and sundry pillory the game as a drugs ridden sport and yet the major achievement the Rugby League Centenary and all the good things it stands for as largely gone un-noticed.

It makes me sick, Rugby League take note the sport, the people everyone involved all deserve better. Let's show the youngsters just starting the game, both sides of the coin.

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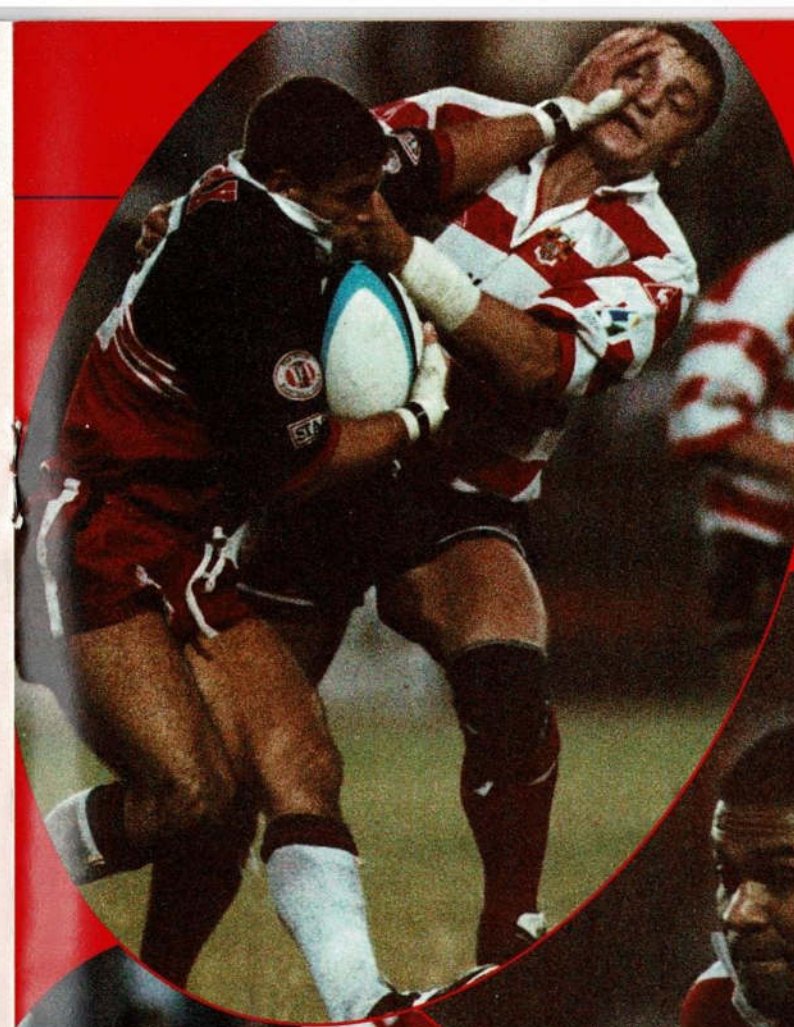
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BOTTOM RIGHT
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RUGBY RECALL

1. When did Bradford last appear in a Challenge Cup final?
2. From which RU club did Bradford sign Gerald Cordle?
3. Which player is the all time points record holder for Bradford?
4. In which season did Bradford last win the Yorkshire Cup?
5. Which player signed from Oldham scored 7 tries for Bradford during the 1992/93 season?
6. Who was leading try scorer for Bradford during season 93/94?
7. Which team beat Bradford in the semi final of both the Regal Trophy and the Premiership competition during season 93/94?
8. Which Bradford player scored a try against Oldham in both 93/94 League wins?
9. Three Bradford players made representative appearances during season 92/93 one for Wales, two for GB who are they?
10. Which player signed from Castleford, was Bradford's leading try scorer during season 91/92?

ANSWERS
1. 1972/73 (Lost) 2. Cardiff 3. Keith Mumby (1,828, 1973/90-92/93) 4. 1989/90 5. Tony Anderson 6. Paul Newlove 7. Castleford 8. Dave Watson 9. Cordle, Fairbank & Fox 10. Tony Marchant

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DEVELOPMENT NEWS

As the senior season progresses I would like to bring to your attention the new Town Team season which kicks off next Saturday morning (September 16th). Oldham has Town Teams at three age levels, under 11, 13 and 16.

The under 11's are selected from the Junior Schools in the town and is the first chance most players get to receive representative honours. The trials took place in June and involved over 50 players who tried out. The squad is now down to about 20 players who work every week under the guidance of Darryl Rogers and Frank Hunt. The Under 13's squad are players, many of whom, played for Oldham at Under 11's two years ago. They have been working under new coach Steve Kelly for the past 6 weeks, and yesterday will have played a pre season friendly against Waterhead Under 14's many of who played for last seasons under 13's.

The third squad has been re-formed after a twelve month

absence. The under 16's contain several players who have already committed their future to the Oldham Club

including, James Bowner, Mark Powell and Andrew Taplin. These players are joined by several other very talented performers including Ian Ure, Danny Sculthorpe, Jason Brassington to name just 3. All of the Town Team players will be striving to achieve County Honours and the under 16's have the chance to represent England Schools against France. Catering for our talented players is very important and Town teams provide an opportunity for our best to test themselves against the rest. Neil Wood



Under 16's Team
Manager - Fred Laughton

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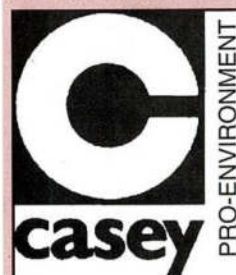
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INJURY UPDATE

As the matches at all levels come thick and fast in a hectic start to the season and with all of the grounds still pretty hard after the drought, all in all we have not done too bad on the injury front.

Rob Myler is a cause for concern as at the time of writing he was due to re visit the fracture clinic to have more X rays on his shoulder, now that the swelling has gone down, hopefully it would reveal only a slight dislocation, but Rob will be sidelined for few weeks yet. Scott Ranson, although not quite ready for the Halifax match, should now be fit for selection after his hamstring strain.

Lot's of people have been asking about Alfie Gouldbourne after he was felled by a high tackle, which resulted in him being helped off the field in the previous Thursday's "A" team game at Hull. Although he had slight concussion and was vomiting as we got him into the changing rooms, I am happy to report Alfie is fit and well and his only problem is a slight shoulder injury he picked up in the same match.

John Watkins

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OLDHAM v BRADFORD

STATISTICS

HOW THE ROUGHYEDS HAVE FARED AGAINST THE BULLS

Competition	Played	Won-draw-lost
League	67	31-0-36
Challenge Cup	15	5-3-7
Regal Trophy	3	1-0-2
Yorkshire Cup	2	1-0-1
Total	87	38-3-46

RESULTS DURING THE PAST TEN SEASONS

1985-86	Oldham 6 Bradford 16 (League), Bradford 6 Oldham 24 (League) Oldham 6 Bradford 1 (Challenge Cup).
1986-87	Oldham 12 Bradford 8 (League), Bradford 10 Oldham 18 (League) Oldham 12 Bradford 22 (Regal Trophy)
1987-88	Oldham 22 Bradford 6 (Regal Trophy)
1988-89	Oldham 14 Bradford 30 (League), Bradford 30 Oldham 10 League)
1989-90	No matches
1990-91	Oldham 16 Bradford 18 (League), Bradford 10 Oldham 37 (League)
1991-92	No matches
1992-93	Oldham 4 Bradford 42 (Challenge Cup)
1993-94	Oldham 20 Bradford 24 (League), Bradford 48 Oldham 16 (League)
1994-95	Oldham 32 Bradford 12 (League), Bradford 36 Oldham 14 (League)

Oldham's biggest win at Watersheddings 41-5 League in season 1921-22
Bradford's biggest win at Watersheddings 42-4 Challenge Cup in season 1992-93

Oldham's biggest win at Odsal 37-10 League in season 1990-91
Bradford's biggest win at Odsal 36-0 League in season 1944-45

BRADFORD'S LAST VISIT TO WATERSHEDDINGS:

22nd November 1994 Division One Oldham 32 Bradford Northern 12
Half time 23-6 Attendance 4,055

Scorers Oldham tries: Wally Gibson (2) Darren Abram (2), John Clarke & Gary Lord
Goals: Paul Topping (3) Dropped Goals: Martin Crompton (2)
Bradford Tries: Roger Simpson & Deryk Fox
Goals: Deryk Fox (2)

Oldham: Wally Gibson, David Jones, Shaun Irwin, Darren Abram, Scott Ranson, Paul Topping, Martin Crompton, Ian Sherratt, John Clarke, Jason Temu, Gary Lord, Joe Faimalo & Mike Kuiti. Substitutes, Iyan Green & David Bradbury.

Bradford: Dave Watson, Roger Simpson, David Fraisse, Carl Hall, David Myers, Neil Summers, Deryk Fox, Roy Powell, Phil Russell, Eugene Bourneville, Paul Dixon, Brian McDermott & David Heron. Substitutes, John Hamer & Adam Greenwood.

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ALLIANCE UPDATE

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HULL 18 OLDHAM 16

Travelling to Hull on a Thursday evening is a bit of a daunting task especially with most players working. When we arrived I told the players that Hull's team are a young enthusiastic work man like side, then I saw their team sheet, they were putting out several first team players, so I knew the game was going to be more difficult than first thought.

From the kick off we settled down well and played some good football and scored the first try. As the game progressed mistakes were being made and some dubious refereeing saw the lead change hands. It became clear as the game went on that we were not getting a "fair crack of

the whip", but the lads dug their heels in and like I have seen before we started making inroads, coming back to 18-16.

Hull foiled a certain try, Abe Phillips dived over the line but a player from Hull pulled the ball away from him and the referee gave a tap on the 22 metre line. Also a very nasty tackle on Alfie Gouldbourne, which warranted a sending off only resulted in a caution.

The players were disappointed after the game, they knew if they had been given an equal share by the referee, the game would have been ours.

Players highlighted in the game were Chris Parr, Jason Temu, Paul Davidson and Steve Gartland.

QUOTES & HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

'The pendulum swinging back and forth like a metronome' - Sid Waddell, darts commentator.

'Youth is a blunder, manhood a struggle, old age a regret' - Benjamin Disraeli

It was on this day in 1547 that the English Army defeated the Scottish Army at the battle of Pinkie near Edinburgh.

It was on this day in 1980 that England defeated Norway 4-0 at Wembley in a soccer World Championship qualifying tie.

It was on this day in 1949 that St. George won the Australian Premiership with a 19-12 victory over South Sydney at Sydney Cricket Ground.

It was on this day in 1978 that Sammy Lloyd landed 14 goals and also scored a try as Hull beat Oldham 61-10.

It was on this day in 1993 that Ian Pickavance was transferred from Swinton to St. Helens.

It was on this day in 1989 that Bradford Northern lost 18-17 at Warrington in a first Division match.

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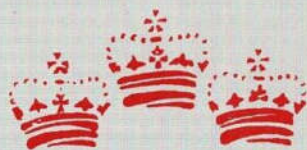
RUFF E. HEAD

BY IAN WILSON

This has not been the best of times to be either an Oldham or an R.L. fan. Although we played some good rugby in parts in both games, there was certainly not a lot of fun being a Goodway supporter on the terraces at the Warrington and Halifax games. And the pathetic cancellation of the Huddersfield centenary celebrations, followed by more drug abuse allegations, not to mention the continuing fall-outs between the RFL and BARLA in England, and between the Murdoch and Packer camps in Australia, is all very depressing. Would Lindsay have bothered to set up his 'investigation' into the Oldham team selection at Warrington had it not been for Stevo's strongly-expressed criticisms? I think not. The power of the media! In many ways, though, both sides to the debate have some

right on their side. Stevo is arguing that sides should play their best sides at all times to make the centenary season meaningful - which is true. And both the RFL and Sky have to argue that line. On the other hand, we all know that really it is not meaningful, except for Wigan and possibly one or two other clubs whose chance of landing the prize money in the premier league has not already gone out of the window. As far as we are concerned at Oldham, the proof of the pudding will come next October, when we shall know our position at the end of the first Super League season. Until then, we have got to have patience, and faith in Andy Goodway. A look at some of the top sides' team selections so far this season certainly shows the way the game is going. In particular, Leeds, Wigan, St.Helens,

Warrington and Castleford have all got more than a handful of pacey youngsters in their first team squads, and they are already becoming established premier division players. Similar trends have been evident this season in the Winfield Cup, too. Given that, Andy Goodway's avowed policy can be seen to have even more validity. One thing which seems evident already in the new season is that both first and second divisions seem likely to be genuinely competitive - and that can only be good for the game, and, in the long-run, for spectator interest. What is most crucially needed now is more emphasis on, and expertise in marketing what is on offer. Once the centenary season is out of the way, let us hope that the RFL get their act together with the clubs on that.



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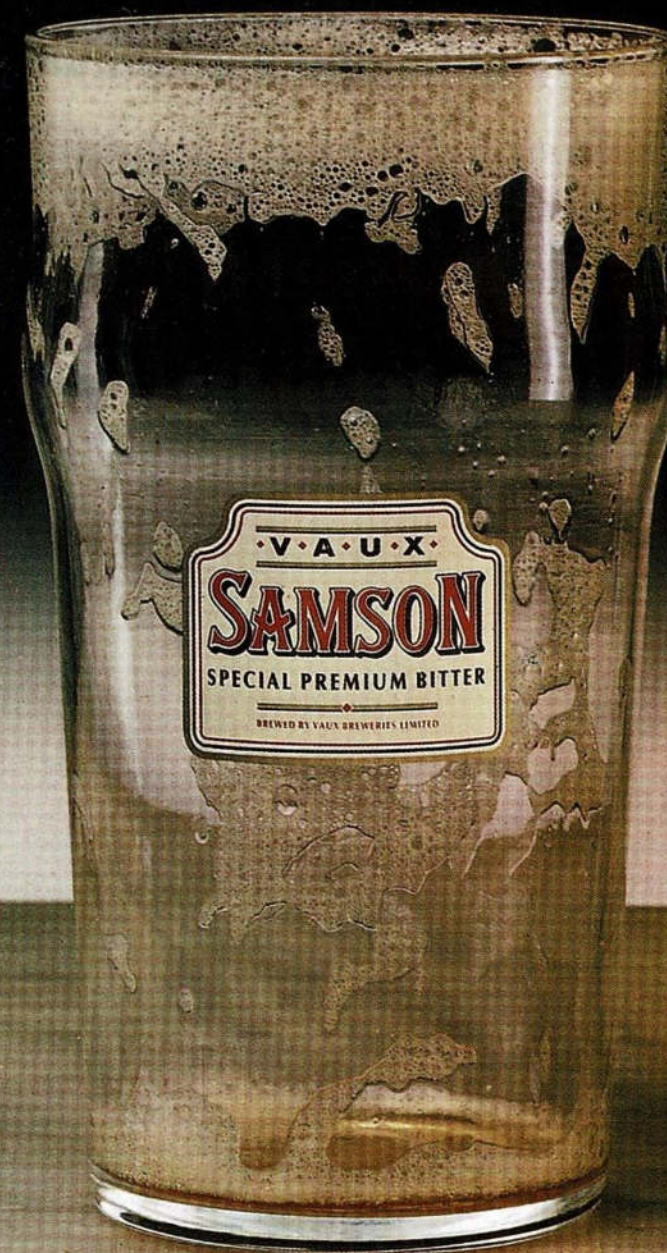
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- Where is your place of birth?
Billinge (Wigan, pie country)
- Which team did you support as a child, League/Union or other sport?
Wigan RL and Man Utd
- Which was the first team you played for, League or Union?
St. Williams ARLFC, Huddersfield RLFC
- Who was the biggest influence on your career?
Parents, Myself (Paul Topping)
- Which is your happiest memory in the game?
GB, U21's match v PNG (Meeting Paul Topping)
- Which is your saddest memory in the game?
Any injury I receive (Meeting Paul Topping)
- Which current opponent or teammate do you respect most?
Denis Betts (Paul Topping)
- Who is the greatest player you have played with, against, seen or read about?
Brett Kenny, Billy Boston (Paul Topping)
- Do you have a favourite ground? Why?
Man Utd, Old Trafford great atmosphere
- Do you have a least favourite ground? Why?
Workington, too cold in winter
- What, if anything, would you like to change in the game?
Striking for the ball at the play the ball. Very dangerous someone could loose an eye
- What aspect of your career do you enjoy most?
Meeting new mates and after the match celebrations
- Is there an aspect of your career that you dislike?
Receiving injuries (meeting Paul Topping)
- Do you have any pre match routines or superstitions?
None
- Apart from your current playing position, what position do you enjoy playing in?
Anywhere as long as I'm selected
- Can you recall an amusing incident about the game?
Playing for Huddersfield, Lee St. Hilaire played the ball the wrong way after being tackled by Brendan Hill.
- What is your ambition in the game?
To play at Wembley and win. To stay injury free
- What is your ambition outside the game?
To become a successful business man (Win the lottery)
- If you were not a rugby player, what occupation would you pursue?
Adult film star (John Holmes)
- What car do you drive?
BMW 525E
- What is your favourite food and drink?
Sunday Dinners and ice cold water (lager)
- Do you have any particular musical tastes?
Dance Music (Elvis)
- What is your favourite holiday resort?
Cyprus or Tenerife
- What is your hobby/pastime outside rugby?
Gambling, Shooting, Pigeon Racing (Reading)
- What is your most prized possession?
Too rude to mention
- If you won the National Lottery, what would be the first thing you would buy?
Les Davidson a wig!
- What is the most dangerous thing that you have attempted?
Sleeping in the same room as Martin "Bic Razor" Crompton
- Which person would you most like to meet?
Paul Topping
- Who do you think will win the forthcoming World Cup competition?
Ireland with Captain Crompton leading them!

STATISTICALLY THE CENTENARY SEASON FIXTURES

Date	Versus	Time	Score	Att	1	2	3	4	5
AUG									
20th	Castleford	A 3.30	L28-22	4341	Gibson	Ranson	Topping	Abram	Myler
23rd	ST. HELENS	H 7.30	L18-44	4316	Gibson	Neal	Topping	Abram	Myler
27th	Warrington	A 3.00	L40-8	4064	Gibson	Belle	Atcheson	Abram	Neal
SEPT									
1st	HALIFAX	H 7.30	30-18	2938	Gibson	Belle	Atcheson	Abram	Neal
6th	London Broncos	A 7.30							
10th	BRADFORD BULLS	H 3.00							
20th	LONDON BRONCOS	H 7.30							
24th	Wigan	A 3.00							
OCT									
1st	LEEDS	H 3.00							
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	WORKINGTON	H 7.30							
5th	Sheffield Eagles	A 3.15							
12th	Regal Trophy - Round 2								
19th	CASTLEFORD	H 3.00							
26th	Regal Trophy - Round 3								
DEC									
3rd	Bradford Northern	A 3.00							
10th	Regal Trophy - Round 4								
13th	St. Helens	A 7.30							
17th	WIGAN	H 3.00							
26th	WARRINGTON	H 3.00							
30th	Regal Trophy - Semi Final 1								
JAN									
1st	Halifax	A 3.00							
6th	Regal Trophy - Semi Final 2								
7th	Leeds	A 3.00							
13th	Regal Trophy Final								
14th	Workington Town	A 3.00							
21st	SHEFFIELD EAGLES	H 3.00							
27th	Silk Cut Challenge Cup - 1st Round								

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MEMORY MATCH

DON YATES LOOKS BACK AT A MATCH FROM YESTERYEAR

This afternoon's visitors to Watersheddings are Bradford Bulls, the oldest rugby club in Yorkshire and one which has had a chequered history since being formed back in 1863. There have been good times like their five Championship successes and their four trips to Wembley but they have also endured some poor times. Perhaps the most desperate period in the clubs history came in 1963. Bradford ended the 1962-63 season at the bottom of Division Two with just two victories from their 26 league matches. The 1963-64 season began in similar disappointing fashion. Their opening 13 league matches brought just one victory and in late November a 29-0 home defeat against Barrow attracted just 324 spectators. Two weeks later they lost at home to Leigh before on Saturday, 14th December they were to visit Watersheddings. On the Wednesday prior to that fixture Bradford announced that due to a financial crisis they had no option but to disband. At the time it was thought that professional rugby league would never be played in that city again. Of course the club was reborn the following summer after a great deal of hard work by many Bradford rugby enthusiasts. New chairman Joe Phillips promised at the rebirth of the club that 'we will win a major trophy within three years'. That was in July 1964. The 1964-65 season came and went without a major trophy on the Odsal mantelpiece but Northern finished in mid-table and played some attractive rugby which drew some sizable crowds to Odsal. The early weeks of the 1965-66 season saw Bradford win four of their opening five league matches as well as defeat the touring Kiwis. The Yorkshire Cup campaign saw them win 19-2 at Keighley and then defeat Hull KR at Odsal 12-6.

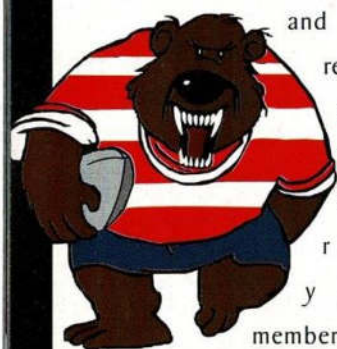
Northern were confident of defeating Huddersfield at home in the semi-final but the Fartowners drew 7-7 at Odsal. The replay took place just 24 hours later when Northern pulled off an unexpected 7-4 victory. Bradford had not won the Yorkshire Cup for 12 years and blocking their path this time were Hunslet who had enjoyed an easier route to the final with home wins against Doncaster 8-2, Hull 9-8 and Castleford 17-10. The final was staged at Headingley and attracted a crowd of 17,522. The teams lined up for that match as follows: Bradford Northern: Jack Scattergood; Lionel Williamson, Ian Brooke, Alan Rhodes, Willie Walker; Dave Stockwell, Tommy Smales; Albert Tonkinson, Denis Morgan, Dave Hill, Gil Ashton, Terry Clawson & John Rae. Hunslet: Billy Langton; Barry Lee, Geoff Shelton, Arthur Renton, Tommy Thompson; Alan Preece, Alan Marchant; Denis Hartley, Bernard Prior, Billy Baldwinson, Bill Ramsey, Geoff Gunney & Fred Ward. Many critics reckoned that the superb Hunslet pack would win the day but it was the Bradford back line which was to prove decisive. In the first half speedy centre Ian Brooke scored a superb 70 yard try which enabled Northern to go in at half-time with a 7-3 lead. After the interval Australian test winger Lionel Williamson crossed for a brace of tries and with Terry Clawson landing four goals, Northern had won the cup 17-8. For the record, Barry Lee and Tommy Thompson scored the Hunslet tries and Billy Langton slotted over a goal. Since then Northern have enjoyed eight major trophy successes including three Yorkshire Cup wins but that 1965 victory over Hunslet, coming as it did just two years after the trauma of 1963 must rank as one of the sweetest moments in the history of this famous club.

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JUNIOR ROUGHYEDS

CALLING ALL YOU JUNIOR ROUGHY'EDS!

Hello, and welcome to all the Junior Bradford supporters who have travelled to Watersheddings today. Lets hope for a good game



and a good result for Oldham. Don't forget to renew your membership or

become a new member today! For just £3 you can become a Junior Roughyed and take advantage of £1 off normal gate price or stand in the Hutching stand for just 1 penny. You will also receive a Christmas card off your favourite player, a page in the programme for the chance to have your own say, we are also hoping to run a trip to Blackpool lights during half term and of course there will be a party

around Christmas time, so join now! As we haven't had much time since the last match, I have decided to repeat the competition question today so come on and send in those answers!

Question: From which team did coach Andy Goodway come on his recent return to Oldham?

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ACADEMY NEWS

WITH BRIAN GARTLAND

Our Academy team played their first home game of the season last Tuesday and lost 42 points to 18, but we were not disgraced. In fact, for 60 mins against a very big Halifax side we stayed with them but in the end Halifax ran out worthy winners. We had fine individual performances from Hooker Chris McAndrew, prop Ward Jones and half backs Paul Dealon and Craig Barker



also performed well. We also welcomed centre Paul Jackson to our squad after training with us all pre season. Paul has been on holiday in America and

Tuesday was his first game but he fitted in well.

Chris McAndrew was promoted to the team for his performance against Halifax and was substitute against Hull A' away, well done Chris. While writing these notes we are getting ready to go to Salford, let's hope we can come away with the points.

Brian Gartland
Coach

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