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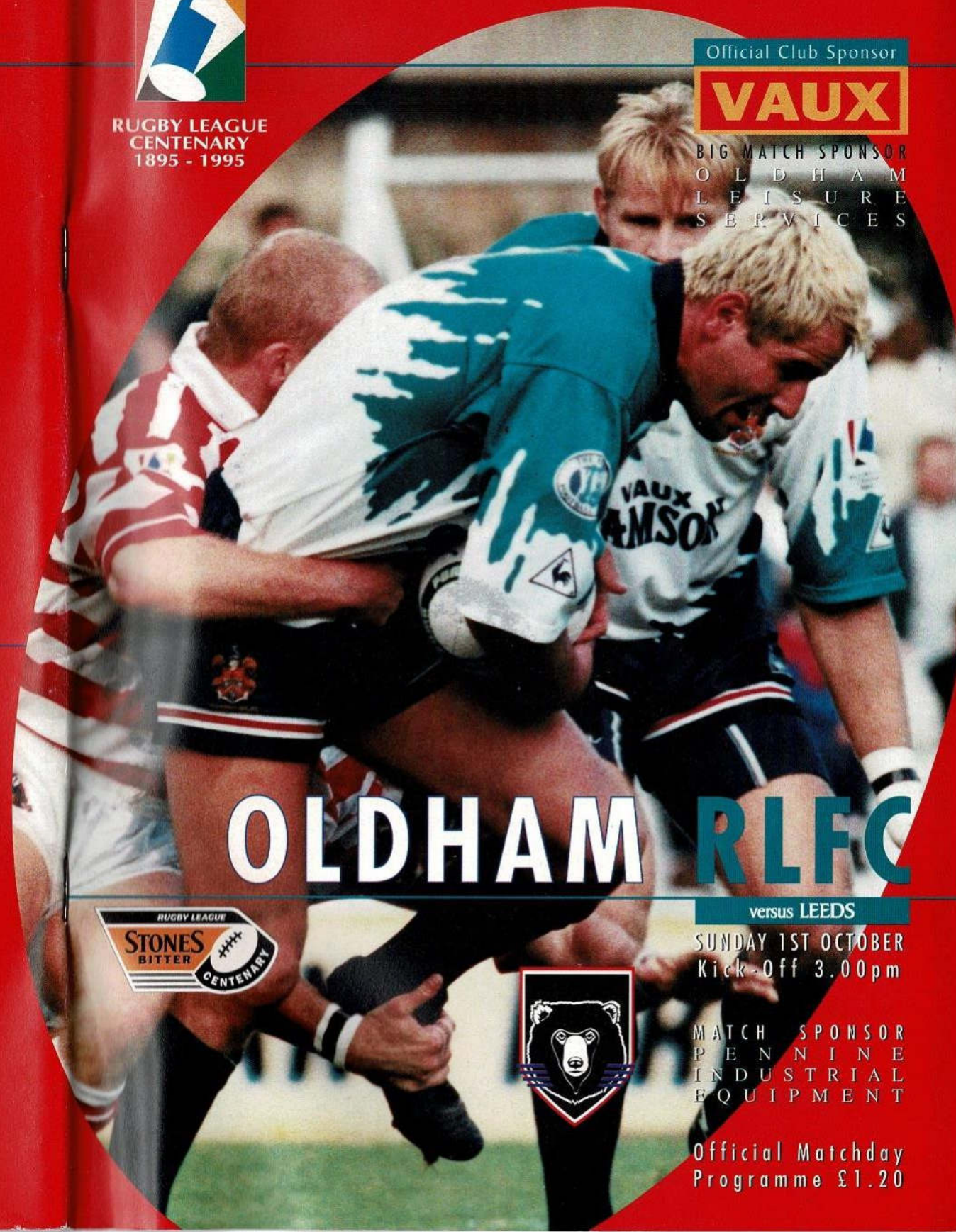


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Play-off Winners
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Runners Up
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1921-22, 1954-55
First Division Champions
1904-05
Second Division Champions
1963-64, 1981-82, 1987-88
Rugby League Challenge
Cup Winners
1898-99, 1924-25, 1926-27
Runners Up
1906-07, 1911-12, 1923-24,
1925-26
Lancashire Cup Winners
1907-08, 1910-11, 1913-14,
1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-34,
1956-57, 1957-58, 1958-59
Runners Up
1908-09, 1911-12, 1918-19,
1921-22, 1954-55, 1966-67,
1968-69, 1986-87, 1989-90
Lancashire Championship Winners
1907-08, 1909-10, 1921-22,
1956-57, 1957-58
Runners Up
1908-09, 1910-11, 1911-12,
1919-20, 1923-34, 1954-55
Lancashire Shield Winners
1975-76, 1979-80
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1979-80, 1989-90
Second Division Premiership
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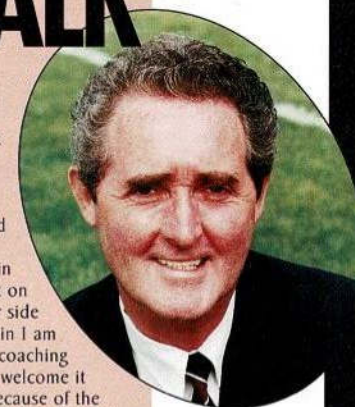
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April 1959
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September 1978
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24th February 1912
Record Receipts: £37,505.50 v Wigan
5th October 1989
Record Transfer: £70,000 to Halifax for
Tony Anderson
Fee Paid: March 1990
Record Try: Ref Farrar, 49 Tries,
1921-22 season
Scorer: Bernard Ganley,
224 goals, 1957-58
season
Record Point: Bernard Ganley,
28 points v
Scorer: Liverpool City,
April 1959
First Game: 21st October 1876
v Stalybridge
Bernard Ganley, 2,881
Highest Number:
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Most Appearances: Pre 1900 Jack Hirst 233
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BOARDROOM TALK

BY OLDHAM RLFC CHAIRMAN JIM QUINN



Jean-Marc Bosman's victory in the European Court last week could have repercussions for our great game of Rugby League, but I am not one of those people who believe that an end to our transfer system would necessarily be a bad thing. League and club officials will be closely watching what happens in soccer. It may be that, eventually, clubs will be not be able to demand transfer fees for out of contract players and if the Advocate General's decision becomes law in football, as seems likely, it is difficult to see how the present system could be retained in other sports. A lot of people are worried that smaller clubs would suffer because they would no longer be able to raise vital revenue, often needed for survival, by selling promising youngsters they have produced themselves. It is true, of course, that when clubs pay a transfer fee for a player, the money is staying within the game for the benefit of the clubs. It is a valuable source of self financing for the game, whereas money spent on contracts for players goes out of the game and, as such is not available for recirculating within the game. Having weighed everything up, however, I believe the advantages of abolishing transfer fees could outweigh the disadvantages. The players would benefit, especially those in the top bracket, but I think there would be substantial benefits for the clubs as well and as such, for the game as a whole. Look at it this way. While clubs would not be able to cash in on the sale of their best youngsters, they wouldn't have to pay transfer fees, which are often inflated, in the first game and I am sure this would help in a more even spread of talent throughout the game.

As things stand now, clubs wishing to obtain the services of a top player from another club must pay a huge transfer fee and also take on board the players contract demands. When you add the two together the deal is often a non-starter for clubs such as Oldham which do not have a vast reservoir of money available.

With no transfer fee to pay and only a contract to worry about, clubs like Oldham could find that they were in a position to attract and recruit some star material. At least, it's food for thought and offers some points for consideration in opposition to those who have thrown up their hands in horror at the current noises coming out of Europe.

Today's game is our last before the close down for the Halifax Centenary World Cup and in welcoming Leeds to Watersheddings for the first time under the stewardship of Dean Bell and Hugh McGahan, I would like to thank all our sponsors, fans and helpers who have stuck with us during the first few weeks of the season.

It has been a difficult period for us, but we finally got on the winning track when we got the better of London Broncos only a few days after their surprise win over Leeds at Brentford. It was perhaps always going to be difficult for them to repeat that form so soon afterwards, but that should take nothing away from our guys, who were under a lot of pressure to get their first win and went out and did it.

I didn't see the game because I was out of town for the week, but everyone I have spoken to both in and out of the club was happy at the way we played and we went on to produce a spirited display in defeat at Wigan.

In some respects it is a pity the month's

World Cup shut down has

coincided with our upsurge in form, but on the other side of the coin I am sure the coaching staff will welcome it if only because of the number of injuries we have picked up in the last two or three games. By the way, I watched the Oldham Academy side beat Sheffield Eagles on Monday and I must congratulate the boys on a marvellous display which earned them their first win of the season.

Sheffield were worthy opponents, and together, the two sides produced a great game which was a terrific advertisement for Academy football. If you ever get the chance of popping in to watch our under 19 side do take it. I am sure you will like what you see. They are next at home on Monday October 23 when they play Hull KR.

Enjoy the game today, give England a cheer in the World Cup (best wishes by the way to Andy Goodway in his new post as assistant coach of the national side) and don't forget that our next home game is on Wednesday, November 1 when we entertain Workington. This game will coincide with the annual ex players reunion. We extend an open invitation to the match to all our former players, who are asked to report to the pavilion by 5pm if they wish to attend the official opening of our Hall of Fame. See you that night.



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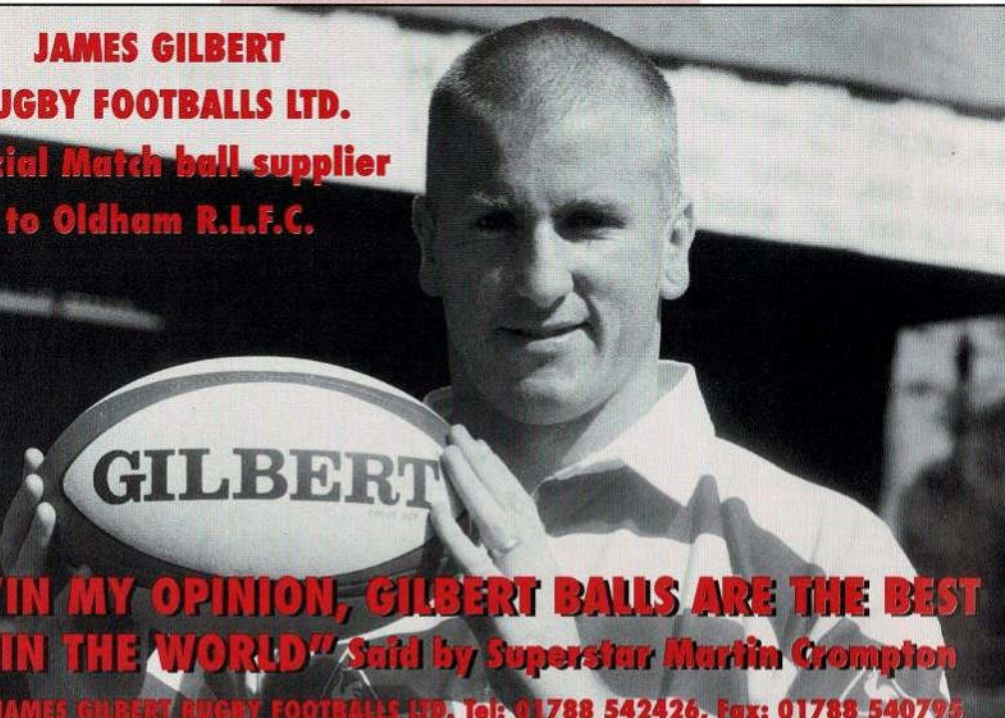
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JIM FALLON (Winger)
 Jim joined Leeds Rugby League Club four years ago from Union glamour club Bath. Many regard last season as Jim's best since his transition to Rugby League. His sheer physical presence and dynamic strength and pace has caused havoc for every defence in the land. Fallon finished second in Leeds try scorers chart with twenty four touchdowns. The powerhouse winger is looking forward to the new season where he most certainly continues his excellent progress made in the game.

CRAIG INNES (Centre)
 An unselfish centre who works hard for his winger. Struck up a clinical combination with left winger Francis Cummins during last season. Innes signed for Leeds in January 1992 after an outstanding career in Rugby Union which included a regular place in the formidable New Zealand All Blacks side. He has been a consistent performer for the Loinsers and he is one of the top centres in the Championship.

FRANCIS CUMMINGS (Utility back)
 Francis Cummins is a Rugby League teenage sensation. He holds the record as the youngest player to play and score in a Challenge Cup final, at 17 years and 200 days during the 1994 final against Wigan. Last year he represented Great Britain at three levels, academy, Under 21's and full during the World Sevens in Sydney, Australia. He also scored against France in his full England debut during the European Championship match at Gateshead.

GARRY SCHOFIELD O.B.E. (Stand off)
 Leeds veteran half back signed for the Loinsers for a then World Record transfer fee of £155,000 in 1987, scoring two tries on his debut against the Auckland Touring side. During last season Schofield equalled the World Record for international caps with league legend Mick Sullivan. Both players have represented Great Britain on forty six occasions. Schofield has captained his country thirteen times, with his greatest achievement defeating the Australians 33-10 at Melbourne in the 2nd Ashes test during the 1992 Lions tour.

NEIL HARMON (Prop forward)
 The powerhouse frontrow forward has been a consistent performer for the Loinsers since he signed from Warrington in 1993. His current form has been justified by his selection in the England Rugby League Train on squad for the forthcoming Halifax Centenary World Cup Tournament. Harmon has represented Great Britain at Under 21 level five seasons ago. Neil is looking forward to playing under Dean Bell and Hugh McGahan and he is ready to fight for a regular spot in the Leeds starting line up this coming season.

MICHAEL FORSHAW (Loose Forward)
 A summer capture for the Loinsers from Wakefield Trinity. A talented Loose Forward who started his professional career at Wigan. Over the past year he has worked hard on his game and many Rugby League critics rate him as one of the best Lock Forwards in the Premiership. Always giving 100% commitment and with his wealth of knowledge and experience he will prove to be a good asset for the Leeds squad.

JAMES LOWES (Hooker)
 Local lad signed from near neighbours Hunslet after an outstanding Yorkshire Cup performance against Leeds in 1992. Initially was signed as a half back, however, the Leeds coaching staff moulded the South Leeds junior into a hooker. A tremendous grafter who never takes a backward step. During last seasons Challenge Cup final he managed to score a try on the hallowed Wembley turf the first time a hooker had scored in a Challenge Cup final since 1987

when Halifax and current Leeds Physiotherapist Seamus McCallion scored against St. Helens.

GEORGE MANN (Forward)
 The former St. Helens forward was a fine capture for Leeds last season. A tremendous powerful forward with great all round skills and good mobility. Dubbed Mr. Versatile by his colleagues because he can play in a variety of positions including prop, second row, hooker and stand off. Has represented New Zealand on eight occasions from 1990 to 1991. Represented Auckland during their tour of Great Britain in 1987. This season he will turn to his native Tonga where he hopes to play in the Centenary World Cup.

GARY MERCER (Second row)
 Gary Mercer is probably Leeds most consistent performer week in week out. He has won the Supporters player of the season award in successive seasons (1994 & 1995). The typical modern day forward with plenty of pace and power. His main attribute is busting the line out wide. Gary started his career in New Zealand before signing for Bradford in 1987. Initially he was a flying winger who toured with the Kiwis to Great Britain in 1989. During that tour he was awarded the Man of the Series. Immediately after the tour he signed for Warrington where he stayed at Wilderspool for three seasons before making the journey to Headingley. Now a well equipped forward, he has represented New Zealand on twenty one occasions. He will be without doubt a vital member of the Leeds squad as they hunt for honours in 1995-96.

ADRIAN MORLEY (Second Row)
 Made his Leeds debut last season at the tender age of seventeen years old. An outstanding prospect with fantastic ability. He plays in the style of a modern day second row running wide of the rucks managing to off load and burst tackles with great power and a fine turn of speed. He was an ever present member of the Leeds Alliance and Academy championship winning sides of last season. He will almost certainly figure in Leeds first team plans this season.

PAUL COOK (Utility back)
 Signed by Leeds from the Hull & District Amateur Rugby League scene in the summer of 1992. Paul possesses exceptional pace and a superb sidestep. Ever present member of the Leeds squad during last season, can always be relied upon to do a good job. He captained the Leeds Alliance side to the Alliance First Division Championship last season. A current Great Britain Academy International who toured with the Academy to Australia during the summer of 1994. A great prospect and future international in the making.

NICHOLAS FOZZARD (Prop Forward)
 The Wakefield born teenager is into his third year at the club. At 6'3" and weighing 17st 7lb is was obvious that he would get his first team opportunity at an early age. He made his first team debut at St. Helens two seasons ago as a sixteen year old amateur and turned professional in July of 1994. Last season he was given added experience by lining up in the Leeds first team squad on three occasions. The coaching staff believe he has the physique and ability to become a regular in the first team.

TONY KEMP (Stand Off)
 Kiwi stand off signed for Leeds from near neighbours Castleford during the summer of

1995. Rated as one of the best half backs in the British game. Kemp has a great knack of sucking defences towards him, thus, enabling him to penetrate defences with his accurate long splitting passes. He also possesses a natural kicking game second to none. Kemp has represented New Zealand on eighteen occasions which included the tour of Europe in 1989. He has experienced the toughest competition in the world, the Australian Winfield Cup with the Newcastle Knights, and during the summer of 1995 he was a massive hit for the Brisbane based South Queensland Crushers. In his early years he had a short spell with Doncaster. The Loinsers will benefit from Kemp's wealth of knowledge and depth of talent this season.

DAVID GIBBONS (Half Back)
 Another product of the famous Leeds scouting system. David has come through the ranks of Academy and Alliance teams respectively. He made his first team full debut last season at Halifax. The former East Leeds Junior is a gifted half back and a fine athlete. He has great awareness, top class handling skills and he can also turn his hand to goalkicking. This season he hopes to be given regular chances to stake his claim in the Leeds first team. The quicksilver half back was a vital member of the Leeds Alliance Championship squad of last season. David's twin brother Anthony, also plays in the Leeds Alliance side.

MICK SHAW (Hooker)
 Signed from the Siddal Amateur Rugby League Club three seasons ago. Last year he made his first team debut against Swinton in the Regal Trophy. The livewire hooker had a superb season for the Leeds Alliance side in which he was awarded the Alliance player of the year, voted by the First Division clubs.

MARVIN GOLDEN (Winger)
 Marvin Golden is a product South Leeds Amateur Rugby League scene. He joined Leeds three seasons ago and has served on the Club's Apprentice Scheme. An elusive player with fine Rugby League skills. He has good pace and is a difficult player to bring down. His usual position is on the wing but has played in the centres both at Academy and Alliance level. Last season he made his first team debut against Swinton in the Regal Trophy tie at Headingley where he scored a try. He played the majority of last season in the Leeds Alliance side which won the League title and he also played numerous matches for the Leeds Academy who also won their respective League title. A future star in the making.

Garry Schofield



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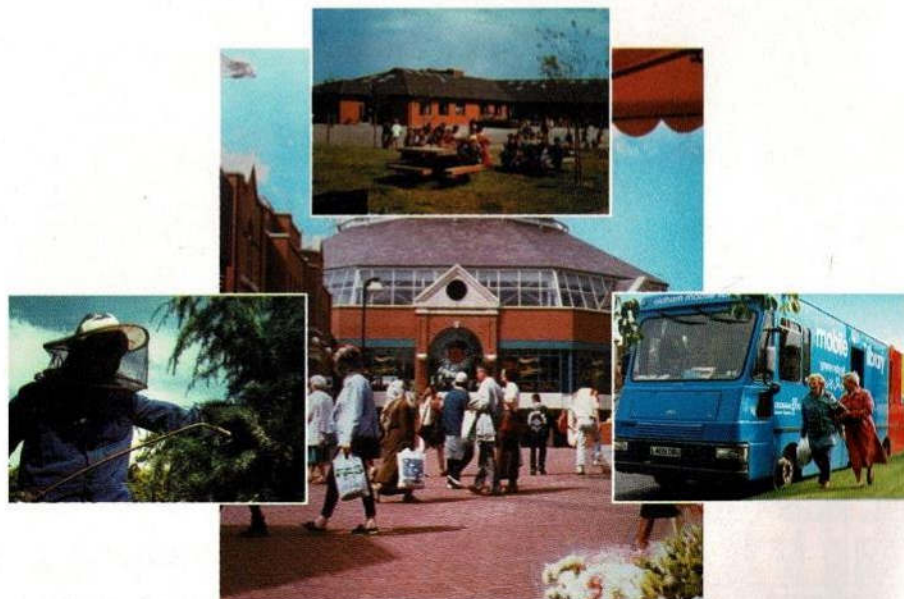
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WE did well at Wigan. Make no mistake about that. The score, 42-12, flattered the Riversiders, who scored 20 points in the last 15 minutes, after the dismissal of Jason Temu, and included two fortunate tries even at that.

But first things first. The win over London Broncos got us off the mark and it was good for all concerned to get our first win in the bank. The players were under a lot of pressure because they had lost their first five matches, but they coped with it well to beat the Broncos who came here on the back of a victory over Leeds.

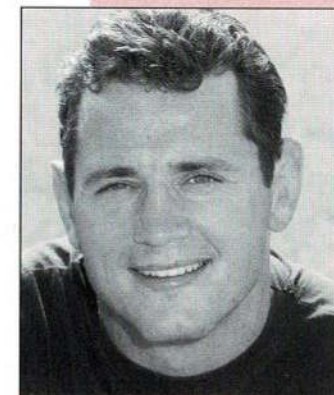
We then saw last Sunday what the Broncos were capable of when they then went to the Don Valley Stadium and put 40 points past Sheffield, while we were battling hard at Central Park.

When you consider that we had a lot of injuries to contend with and Wigan were leading only 22-12 with quarter of an hour left I think we did very well indeed.

We were certainly worth more than 12 points. We split Wigan's defence several times, but our finishing could have been better. Had Wigan created the same sort of chances they would have taken them. That was one of the differences between

the sides. Nevertheless, we worked hard after a nervous start in which we were perhaps a little bit overawed. We grew in confidence as the game went on and for the first 20 minutes of the second half I felt we were the better side.

Had a couple of difficult decisions gone for us, instead of against us, and had we had a better bounce of the ball, we might well



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have cut back Wigan's lead to 22-18 and then the pressure would have been on them and their fans would have started to get uneasy.

Don't forget that we had also played Broncos in midweek. Wigan had a free week, but we put in a big effort to beat the Londoners and to make matters worse we lost Ian Sherratt and John Clarke in the first half against Wigan and then had Jason dismissed and Martin Crompton sent to the sin-bin in the last 15 minutes.

We ended up with 11 men on the field and it was at that stage that Kelvin Skerrett crashed over to take Wigan past the 40 points mark. Even so, we restricted them to their lowest home win of the season so far. Full marks to all concerned.

Today's game against Leeds is the last before the break for the Halifax Centenary World Cup. Thanks to all you fans for your support over the last six weeks. Stick with us when domestic rugby starts up again.

There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes. We are making progress, believe me, but I am not merely chasing a quick-fix. I want to set things up with some foundations and that, inevitably, takes time.
ANDY GOODWAY

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MEMORY MATCH

Don Yates looks back to a match from yesteryear

The visit of Leeds to Watersheddings this afternoon takes me back to an epic encounter between these two clubs which took place almost 39 years ago towards the end of the 1956-57 season. Those were heady days for both Leeds and Oldham. Both clubs had defeated the touring Kangaroos and Oldham had lifted the Lancashire Cup as they swept to the top of the Championship table with a playing record which read: won 33, lost 5. Leeds ended that campaign in fourth position in the table and so were called upon to visit Watersheddings in the Championship semi-final. That semi-final took place just seven days before Leeds were to meet Barrow in the Challenge Cup Final at Wembley. Barrow had also enjoyed a successful league campaign and they too were involved in the Championship play-off. They had to visit Hull and so with Wembley on their opponents minds, it was generally agreed that Hull and Oldham would enjoy relatively easy passages into the Championship Final. Leeds, of course, have always been one of Rugby League's leading clubs and when they travelled to Watersheddings for that early May meeting in 1957 they had already won the Yorkshire Cup seven times and the Challenge Cup on six occasions. Surprisingly, they had never won the Championship. Watersheddings was packed to the seams with a crowd of 23,000 to watch two clubs who lined up as follows:
Oldham: Bernard Ganley, Dick Cracknell, Alan Davies, Denis Ayres, John Etty, Frank Daley, Frank Pitchford, Ken Jackson, Jack Keith, Don Vines, Sid Little, Charlie Winslade & Derek Turner.
Leeds: Lewis Jones, Pat Quinn, Keith McLellan, Jack Lendill, George Broughton;

Gordon Brown, Jeff Stevenson, Tony Skelton, Bernard Prior, Ernie Hopper, Bernard Poole, Don Robinson & Harry Street.
Leeds began the match as if Wembley one week later was the last thing on their minds. During a tense, thrilling opening half the Loiners were slightly the better side and as half-time approached they led 7-2. Jeff Stevenson had scored their try and Lewis Jones had landed a couple of goals whilst Oldham's reply had come from a Bernard Ganley penalty. Then, on the stroke of half-time, Dick Cracknell made a superb touchline run up to the pavilion corner, rounded Lewis Jones and touched down under the posts to give Ganley the type of conversion he never missed. Seven each at half-time but Cracknell had given Oldham the psychological boost which enabled them to turn in a second half performance which was as good as any seen on this ground. Alan Davies scored a couple of tries and put Denis Ayres over with a superb reverse pass which fooled not only the Leeds defence but half the paying customers as well.

Ganley converted all three and Oldham were home and dry 22-12 - Lewis Jones had converted Keith McLellan's second half try for Leeds.
The following Saturday Leeds duly won the Cup with a thrilling 9-7 victory over Barrow who had crashed 45-14 at Hull. Oldham went on to beat Hull in the Championship Final but that is another story and the subject of a future Memory Match.

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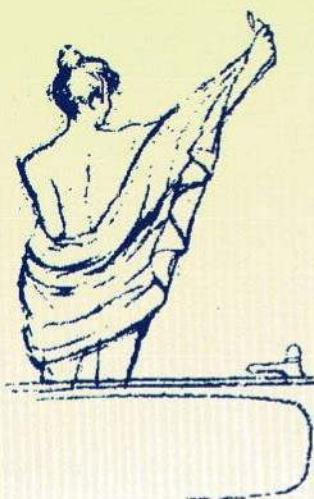
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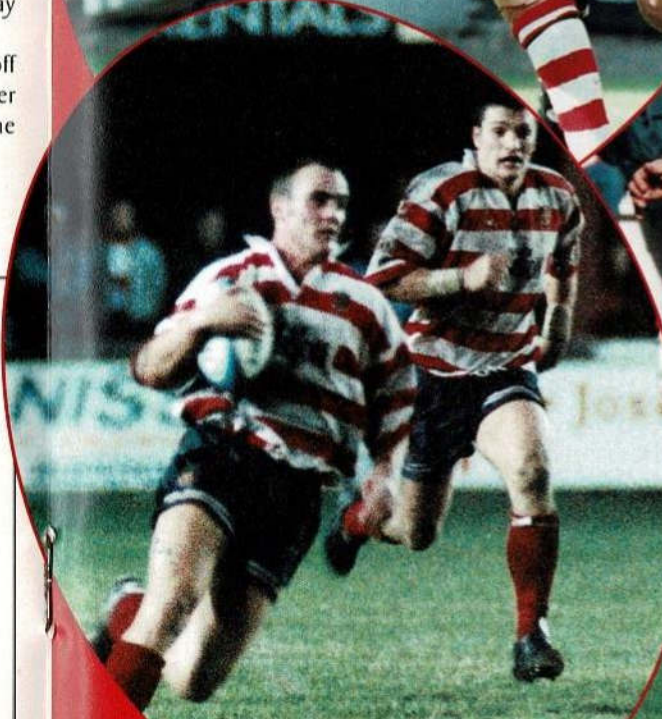
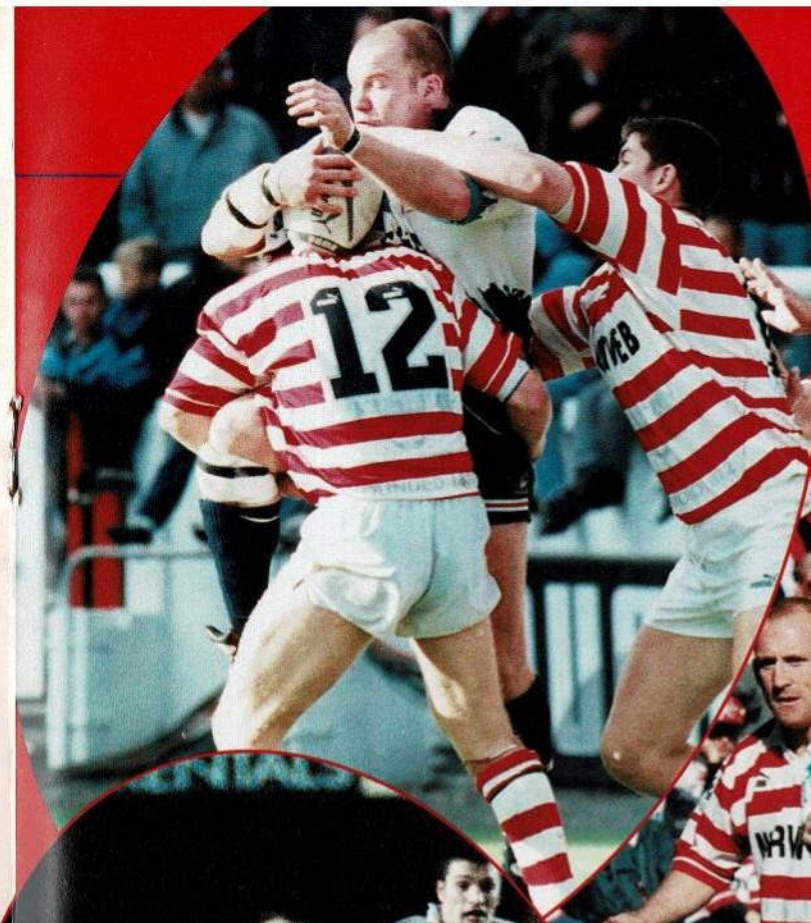
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ACTION REPLAY

TOP LEFT - Chris Parr getting some close attention

BOTTOM LEFT - In form Howard Hill making another great break against London Broncos

BOTTOM RIGHT - Paul Topping tackled at Central Park



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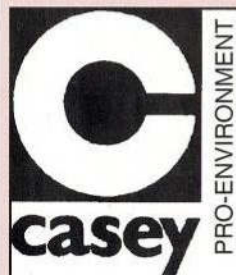
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RUGBY RECALL

- 1 Who were the three Oldham try scorers during the 21-6 home win against Leeds on 10th October 1993?
- 2 During the away defeat the same season, which two Leeds players each scored a brace of tries?
- 3 Which team beat Leeds 68-0 on 13th April 1994?
- 4 Not including the present coach, can you name the last five coaches of Leeds?
- 5 In which year did Leeds last win the Challenge Cup?
- 6 From which R.L.I. club did Leeds sign Jim Fallon?
- 7 Who was the leading try scorer for Leeds during seasons 1992/93 and 1993/94?
- 8 Which Oldham player made one appearance as substitute for Leeds during season 1991/92?
- 9 During season 1994/95 Leeds were twice fined for fielding weakened sides, who were the opposition on each occasion?
- 10 What was the transfer fee paid by Oldham to Leeds for our leader, Andy Goodway?

ANSWERS
9 - St. Helens and Bradford, 10 - £15,000.
Bath, 7 - Eiley Hanley, 8 - Francis Maloney, Ward, Kelly, Bamford, Fox, 5 - 1977/78, 6 - Eiley Hanley, 3 - St. Helens, 4 - Laughton, 1 - Kerry, McAlister, Ranson, 2 - Paul Cook +

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DEVELOPMENT NEWS

This is the last home game before the Halifax Centenary World Cup and is an opportunity to inform you of a whole host of events in Oldham over the "shut down". Take note of these and you will not miss your fix of live Rugby League.

The biggest event is the "Shadow World Cup" to be played by 10 local schools. Each has taken the identity of a nation in the World Cup and they will play the same fixtures.

The draw is:

Pool A

England	- Our Lady's
Australia	- Royton + Crompton
South Africa	- Radclyffe
Fiji	- Crompton House

Pool B

New Zealand	- Hathershaw
Tonga	- St. Augustines
Papua New Guinea	- Kaskenmoor

Pool C

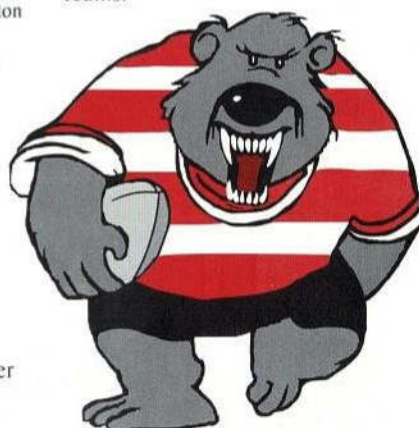
Wales	- Bluecoat
France	- Caunthill
Western Samoa	- Saddleworth

The Semi-Finals are on October 19th and the "World Cup Final" on October 24th.

Details will be in The Chronicle.

There is also a Secondary Schools Championship which is progressing. The Finals will take place in the third week in October. Currently Saddleworth High School sit on top of the Table followed by St. Augustines.

Today's Curtain Raiser Schools are Fitton Hill, Alt, St. Hughs and St. Edwards and at half time there will be a parade of "World Cup" teams.



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INJURY UPDATE

The victory we gained over London Broncos was marred by the injury to Joe Faimalo who went down awkwardly in an inconspicuous looking tackle which resulted in Joe receiving a knee injury which was later diagnosed as a medial knee ligament injury and looks like keeping Joe sidelined for a minimum of six weeks. With Francis Maloney also picking a knock up on his AC joint on the left shoulder, Paul Topping also had a problem with both calf muscles, Darren Abram is struggling with a painful achilles tendon injury, it was a busy night on the injury front. The Wigan game also became a nightmare on the injury front as both Ian Sherratt and John Clarke were on their way to hospital as the lads ran out for the second half. X-rays confirmed our half time fears that John had broken his arm, while Shaz will be sidelined for quite some time after straining both knee and ankle ligaments. Thank goodness for the World Cup break, it can't come quick enough.

John Watkins

OLDHAM v LEEDS

HOW THE ROUGHYEDS HAVE FARED AGAINST THE LOINERS

Competition	Played	Won-drawn-lost
League	105	44-5-56
Challenge Cup	12	4-0-8
Regal Trophy	2	1-0-1
Premiership	1	0-0-1
Championship play-off	3	2-0-1
TOTAL	123	51-5-67

Results during the past ten seasons

1985-86	Oldham 14	Leeds 30 (League)
	Leeds 22	Oldham 6 (League)
1986-87	Oldham 14	Leeds 12 (League)
	Leeds 20	Oldham 26 (League)
1987-88	Did not meet	
1988-89	Oldham 22	Leeds 28 (League)
	Leeds 48	Oldham 4 (League)
1989-90	Did not meet	
1990-91	Oldham 32	Leeds 22 (League)
	Leeds 28	Oldham 12 (League)
1991-92	Did not meet	
1992-93	Did not meet	
1993-94	Oldham 21	Leeds 6 (League)
	Leeds 26	Oldham 22 (League)
1994-95	Oldham 14	Leeds 21 (League)
	Leeds 40	Oldham 20 (League)

Oldham's biggest win at Watersheddings 27- 9, League in season 1911-12
Leeds' biggest win at Watersheddings 7-31, Regal Trophy in season 1979-80
Oldham's biggest win at Headingley 26- 8, League in season 1928-29
Leeds' biggest win at Headingley 2-49, Challenge Cup in season 1970-71

Leeds' last visit to Watersheddings.

Wednesday, 11th January 1995 Division One Oldham 14 Leeds 21
half-time 14-6; attendance 4,080

scorers Oldham tries, Shaun Irwin & Paul Topping goals, Paul Topping (3)
Leeds tries, Jim Fallon, Graham Holdroyd & Ellery Hanley goals,
Graham Holdroyd (4) dropped goal, Gary Schofield

Oldham: Wally Gibson; Adrian Belle, Shaun Irwin, Darren Abram, Scott Ranson;
Paul Topping, Martin Crompton; Ian Sherratt, John Clarke, Jason Temu,
Gary Lord, Joe Faimalo & Mike Kuiti. Substitutes - Wilson Marsh & Chris Parr.

Leeds: Allan Tait; Jim Fallon, Kevin Iro, Craig Innes, Francis Cummins;
Gary Schofield, Graham Holdroyd; Harvey Howard, James Lowes, Esene Faimalo,
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OLDHAM 40 DEWSBURY 27

The players in my mind seemed to relaxed in the dressing room, Dewsbury not having a win so far this season. I think the players thought they had only got to turn out to win this game, but that was not the case, Mike Neal scored first for us but Dewsbury sailed into a 4-9 lead looking very confident. A great sixty five yard try by young Steve Wilde gave us a big lift when we needed it, Dewsbury fielding six first teamers were still in the hunt and played some good

football, a good break by Davidson put Gouldbourne in at the corner and Gartland goaled, a good play again by Oldham saw Davidson score under the posts for Gartland to goal to make the half time score 20-9. The second half started off with Dewsbury to score the first points, Oldham responded well with Steve Wilde crossing the line for his second try to be goaled by Gartland, plucky Dewsbury would not lay down and hit back with a good try and goal to put more pressure on as good forward

play saw Mike Neal make a break hand on to Cowan who put Gartland on his way for a try and a goal, good play again by the forwards saw Mike Neal score a long range try to bring a good margin between us and Dewsbury but credit to Dewsbury they scored again and goaled, quick response by Oldham saw Mike Neal score his hat trick to give us a more respectable score line. Best for Oldham Neal, Parr, Wilde, Davidson, Gartland.

QUOTES & HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

Sports commentator Jim Rosenthal over in America covering golf was once heard to say, 'And on the eve of the Bob Hope Classic, an interview with the man himself, Gerry Ford.'

Asked when the next bus was due, a London Transport inspector replied, 'We only guarantee same day delivery.'

On This Day...

Don Yates looks at this day In history

With the World Championship due to start in just six days time, it is appropriate to recall that on this day, Saturday, 1st October, Great Britain met France at Station Road, Swinton in the 1960 World Championships. It was an incident packed match thoroughly enjoyed by a crowd of 22,923. Britain won 33-7 with Oldham centre Alan Davies scoring two of the

British tries. Vince Karalius and French skipper Jean Barthe were sent off after second half skirmish. Over at Headingley the same afternoon Australia defeated New Zealand 21-15. It was on this day in 1992 that powerful forward Emosi Koloto was transferred from Widnes to Halifax. The 1st October is a significant date in World history for it was on this day in 1938 that German troops entered Czechoslovakia, precipitating the outbreak of World War Two. On Sunday 1st October 1989 Oldham defeated Hull Kingston Rovers 12-4 at Watersheddings in a Second Division match. Paul Lord scored the Oldham try and Duncan Platt landed four goals. The attendance at this match was a respectable 5,797. On this day in 1975 Muhammad Ali defeated Joe Frazier who failed to come

out for the 15th round of their World Heavyweight Championship fight. It was an enthralling contest which lived up to the pre fight billing as the 'Thrilla in Manila' Older Leeds followers will recall that it was on this day in 1949 that scrum half Frank Watson made his debut for the Loiners. He had been signed from Hunslet and it was against Hunslet at Parkside that he made his first appearance for Leeds. Watson gave an outstanding performance as Leeds defeated their opponents 21-13. Finally, on this date next year, Great Britain meet the Australian under 21 team at Townsville. Be there, tour packages available from David Whitehead on 0161 627 4421.

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RUFF E. HEAD

BY IAN WILSON

It would be very interesting to know how Open Rugby magazine chooses its monthly player Ratings. The only two Oldham players in the current lists, which name five men in each position, are Adrian Belle and Craig Richards. Without wishing to minimise the efforts of these two, I am not sure that there would be many on the Watersheddings terraces, for example, who would feel that Belle, in just 3 games, should be higher-rated than, say, John Bentley or Joey Hayes, or Richards than Harrison, Hilton or O'Connor. Very interesting! There have been some cracking games recently on Sky, including two brave and successful fighting performances by underdogs London's great effort to overcome Leeds and Workington's non-stop battling to record a win at Wilderspool. What annoyed me, though, was the media response. The London Win, in front of over 4,000 spectators, at Brentford, should have been trumpeted loud and clear - but all was very low key in the papers next day. And Dave Woods

on Radio 5 could say nothing positive at all about Workington's win, telling the listeners that the 7,000 plus crowd must have been bored to death by the proceedings. It's no wonder that we have low national ratings when those closely associated with us can't say positive things about our own game. I believe also that Malcolm Lord was similarly critical on Radio Manchester of our match at Wigan. Whilst I agree that the atmosphere was a bit lacking, that surely is down to the inevitability of the outcome and the Wiganers rather patronising attitude both to their own side's skills, and to visiting supporters. I would have thought that Mr Lord could have concentrated more on the quality of some of the tries scored (including our second one), and the superb effort we made in getting back to 12-22 at one stage, and even in the final 10 minutes with only 11 men on the field. What a cracking game against the London Broncos. I know the Aussie composition of their team gets some Northerners very upset, but I don't subscribe to that view

at all. It must be in the game's interest to have a powerful London side in the Super League, and they can get their players from Timbuctoo as far as I am concerned, if that is what is needed. I thought that they played very well against us, in a highly competitive and well-contested match, which we thoroughly deserved to win. It was also very well refereed, I thought; certainly Mr Campbell's performance was in rather sharp contrast to that of Mr Morris at Central Park! Reverting to Sky, I bet Andy Goodway enjoyed Canterbury's win over Manly in the Grand Final. It showed what really committed defence can achieve, even against a team of supposedly superior superstars. I have always been a fan of Terry "Baa-Baa" Lamb - remember his performance at Watersheddings on that night in 1986 when tries by Des Foy and Colin Hawkyard enabled us to push the tourists closer than any other club on their second successive 100% tour. It was a great way for him to go out after a record-breaking career down under. Ian Wilson



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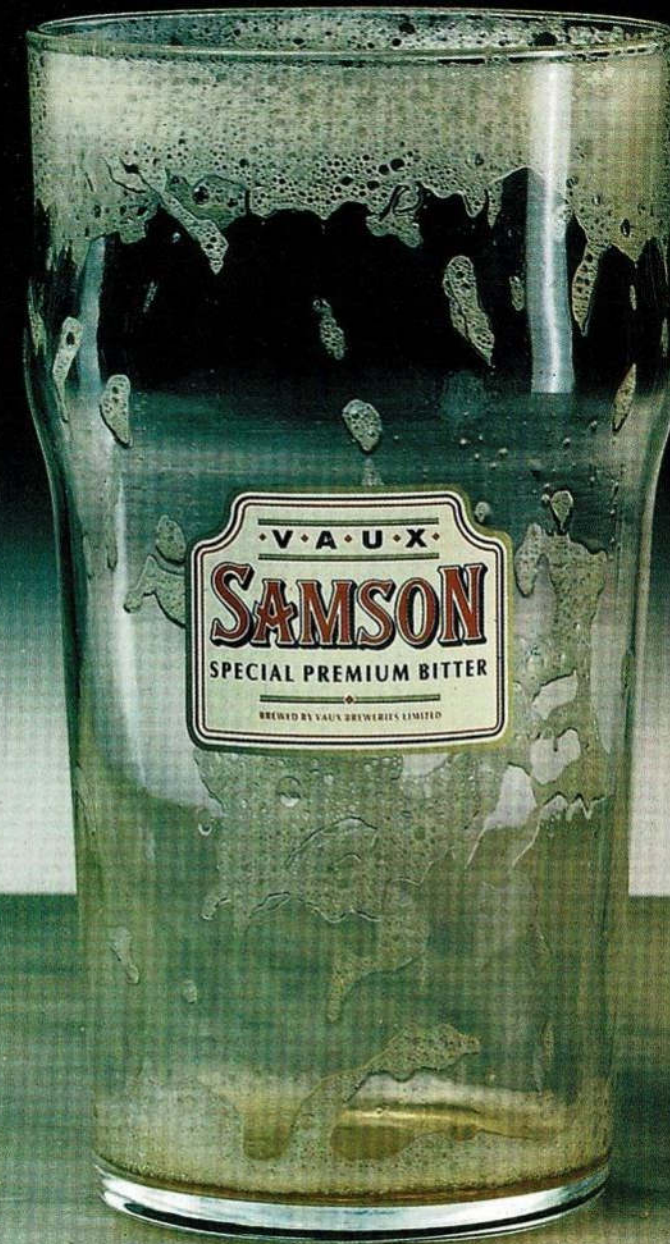
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2. Where is your place of birth?
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3. Which team did you support as a child, League/Union or other sport?
My dad's team Woolston Warriors
4. Which was the first team you played for, League or Union?
Linwood Under 11's
5. Who was the biggest influence on your career?
Dad with his whip
6. Which is your happiest memory in the game?
Making and winning the Grand Final for Upper Hutt (NZ)
7. Which is your saddest memory in the game?
Nearly signing for Leeds then Craig Innes took the last overseas spot
8. Which current opponent or teammate do you respect most?
I have no respect for opponents and just a little for my team mates
9. Who is the greatest player you have played with, against, seen or read about?
Mal Meninga (Canberra) when playing for Souths last off season
10. Do you have a favourite ground? Why?
Central Park because of the atmosphere
11. Do you have a least favourite ground? Why?
Workington because its colder than Watersheddings
12. What, if anything, would you like to change in the game?
Ripping of the ball
13. What aspect of your career do you enjoy most?
Coming off the pitch knowing 100% gone in and winning
14. Is there an aspect of your career that you dislike?
Losing and injuries
15. Do you have any pre match routines or superstitions?
No superstitions but a big must for cocoa rice (Samoon food)
16. Apart from your current playing position, what position do you enjoy playing in?
Prop
17. Can you recall an amusing incident about the game?
No
18. What is your ambition in the game?
Quote from my Dad "Run hard, tackle hard, and train hard."
19. What is your ambition outside the game?
To become a physio
20. If you were not a rugby player, what occupation would you pursue?
As above
21. What car do you drive?
Nissan Micra
22. What is your favourite food and drink?
Coca Cola and any Sa food
23. Do you have any particular musical tastes?
A big of everything
24. What is your favourite holiday resort?
Fiji (Nauti)
25. What is your hobby/pastime outside rugby?
Relaxing
26. What is your most prized possession?
An air ticket out of here
27. If you won the National Lottery, what would be the first thing you would buy?
An air ticket out of here
28. What is the most dangerous thing that you have attempted?
Trying to take Esene (brother) on in a fight when I was younger
29. Which person would you most like to meet?
The Boo Tribe
30. Who do you think will win the forthcoming World Cup competition?
Samoa of course

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THE CENTENARY SEASON FIXTURES

Date Versus Time Score Att

AUG 20th Castleford A 3.30 L28-22 4341

23rd ST. HELENS H 7.30 L18-44 4316

27th Warrington A 3.00 L40-8 4064

SEPT 1st HALIFAX H 7.30SKYB L4-21 2938

6th London Broncos A 7.30

10th BRADFORD BULLS H 3.00 L24-30 3222

20th LONDON BRONCOS H 7.30 W19-8 3,004

24th Wigan A 3.00 L42-12 10,909

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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SUPPORTERS CLUB

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to today's match. Congratulations to the team on a good win over London and a good performance against Wigan, who knows, a bit more luck and the score could have been closer. Anyone wishing to come on the Car Rally (Sun 15 Oct) 10.30am from the Pavilion or attend the Dinner (Sat 21st Oct) please contact any Supporters Club official today or ring 633-6780 (Alice) or 681-3397 (Sue) as soon as possible.

There is a buffet included in the price of the ticket for the Car Rally so we need to know by Fri 13 Oct numbers for catering, the bar will be open after so why not take the opportunity to catch up with everyone during the month off. The Dinner-Disco is excellent value for money as anyone who came to the last one will tell you (a good time was had by all), so do please try to support these events and then we can try to help the club. Hope to see you at one or maybe both of these events. Car Rally (£10.00 per car), Dinner (£13.00 per ticket), they will keep us going through October. Thanks Alice

AMATEUR NOTES

BY DON YATES

The former Oldham and Great Britain second-row forward Mick Worrall made a successful start to his coaching career after taking up the reigns at Saddleworth Rangers. His first game in charge was a tough trip to Hemel Hempstead where Rangers pulled off a superb 25-15 success.

Although Oldham will be taking a four week break from Super League action there will still be plenty of Rugby League to be seen in the town. Next Saturday, 7th October, St. Annes entertain Leigh East in a First Division match at Higginshaw Road. Two weeks later, on 21st October, there is a local derby at Greenfield when Saddleworth Rangers meet the Rochdale based Mayfield outfit in the Premier Division. In between those dates, on Saturday, 14th October clubs will be involved in the Lancashire Cup so watch the local press for details of matches to be played in this area. On the weekend of 11/12th November Oldham will be involved in the second round of the Regal Trophy. It is a

lucrative competition and the Roughyeds will be looking for a run into the latter stages. The first round ties are being played this afternoon and the draw threw up the following pairings: Barrow v Park Amateurs; Bramley v Woolston Rovers; Carlisle v Doncaster; Chorley Borough v Nottingham City; Highfield v Hemel Hempstead; Hull Kingston Rovers v Blackpool Gladiators; Hunslet v Ellenborough Rangers; Leigh v St. Esteve; Swinton v West Hull and York v Pia. After the summer Super League season Great Britain will be making a nine match tour down under. The full tour itinerary is:

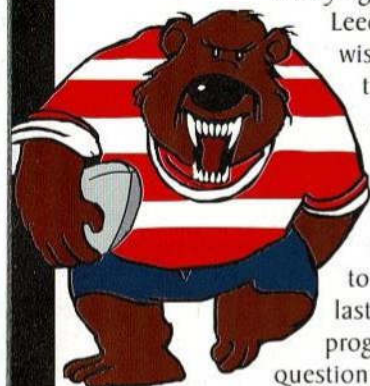
September 28 v Papua New Guinea (Port Moresby), October 1st v Australia Under-21s (Townsville), October 6th v Australia (Brisbane), October 8th v Presidents XIII (Sydney), October 13th v Australia (Sydney), October 20th v Australia (Melbourne), October 22nd v Lion Red Cup Winners (Auckland), October 27th v New Zealand (Auckland), November 3rd v New Zealand (Palmerston North).

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JUNIOR ROUGHYEDS

CALLING ALL YOU JUNIOR ROUGHY'EDS!

Hello and welcome to today's game after a good win against London and a super show when we played Wigan I am sure the team will be giving their all today against Leeds here's wishing them good luck! I have had no replies to the last programme question so I



will repeat it today, come on out there put pen to paper, there are prizes to be won. Also if anyone is interested in a trip to Blackpool Lights during half term please ring me on 681 3397, I need approx numbers so I can book coaches. I can't say often enough, the Junior Roughyeds is here for you so come on and let me know what you want out of it! See you all after the break Sue

QUESTION:
Who was last seasons top try scorer?



The Oldham Nissan Player of the Month Ian Sherratt receiving his cheque for £50 from Angela Cella, Nissan representative.

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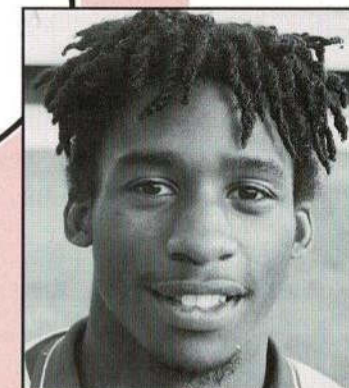
WITH BRIAN GARTLAND

Well I have some good news and some bad news for you this week, the bad news I will tell you about first. Our boys put up a terrific display away to Rochdale, they put up an amazing tackling stint in the first half to keep a bigger Rochdale side to no points and also when we broke from out of defence we took the lead with a try by Kieran Potts goaled by Craig Barker and also a drop goal by Paul Deacon for a 7 points to nil half time lead. We came out for the second half and left our heads in the dressing room, Rochdale hitting us with 22 points in as many minutes before we got our act together and Kieran Royales scored a fine try, leaving the final score 22 points to 11 but a great display by our boys. Now the good news, I am delighted to say our lads got the first win of the season against a very strong Sheffield



side who started like a house on fire and before we knew what had hit us we were 12 points down. Our lads showed great character in not letting their heads drop and coming back with some fine football in the second half to win by 26 points to 20. Trys by Joe McNicholas, Kieran Royales, Chris

McAndrew and the last one by our forward of the match Christian Wilkes. Also outstanding was Julian Mike at full back. Well done lads. Brian Gartland



Julian Mike

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