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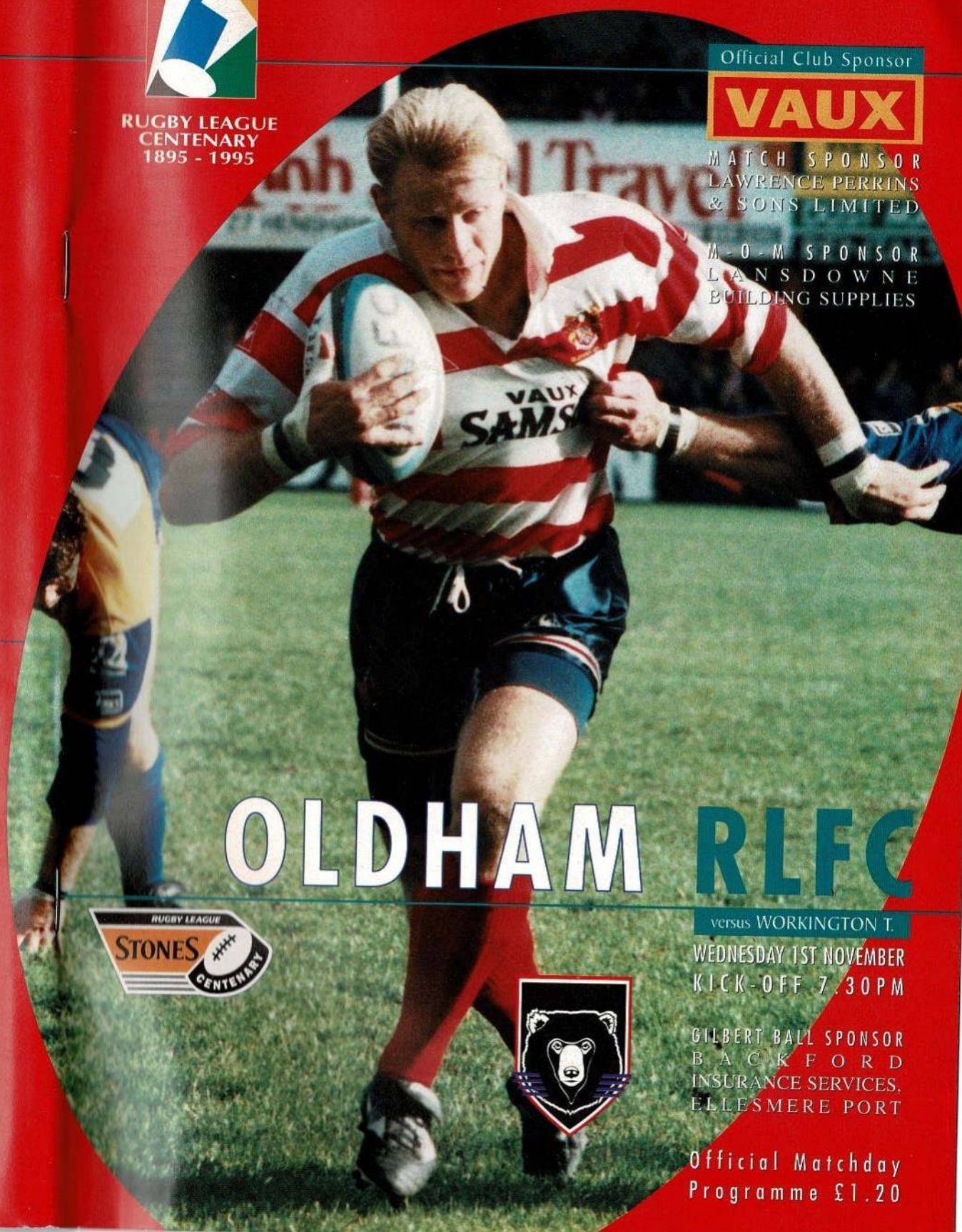
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1898-99, 1924-25, 1926-27

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1907-08, 1910-11, 1913-14,
1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-34,
1956-57, 1957-58, 1958-59

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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

Colts Premiership Trophy
1979-80, 1989-90

Second Division Premiership
1987-88

Wigan Sevens Winners
1991-92

CLUB RECORDS

Record Victory: 67-6 v Liverpool City
April 1959

Record Defeat: 11-67 by Hull K.R.
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Record Attendance: 28,000 v Huddersfield
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Record Receipts: £37,505.50 v Wigan
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Record Transfer: £70,000 to Halifax for
Tony Anderson

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Record Try: Ref Farrar, 49 Tries,
1921-22 season

Record Goal: Bernard Ganley,
224 goals, 1957-58

Scorer: season

Record Point: Bernard Ganley,
28 points v

Scorer: Liverpool City,
April 1959

First Game: 21st October 1876
v Stalybridge

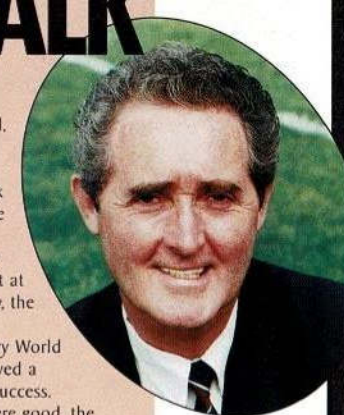
Highest Number: Bernard Ganley, 2,881
of Points Scored

Most Appearances: Joe Ferguson, 685
Pre 1900 Jack Hirst 233

Most Tries: Since 1900
Alan Davies 182

BOARDROOM TALK

BY OLDHAM RLFC CHAIRMAN JIM QUINN



Now then, what was I saying before the World Cup? It seems a long time, doesn't it, since we last played a senior game here at Watersheddings, but tonight's occasion should be well worth the wait given that it also coincides with the opening of our Hall of Fame in the pavilion.

Our club stalwart Alec Givvons, who served Oldham as player, coach and backroom assistant for more than 50 years, was due to perform the opening ceremony at 5pm.

We welcome the many former players and club officials who will be here this evening for the annual re-union. There will be too many to mention individually, but reference should certainly be made to the first seven players to go into our Hall of Fame, six of whom will be here in person.

The great Joe Ferguson passed away many years ago, but he will be represented by his daughter, Mrs Jean Brooks, who is the widow of our late hooker Edgar Brooks.

The others in the Hall of Fame are Bernard Ganley, Alan Davies, Derek Turner, John Etty, Bob Irving and Andy Goodway, all of whom we hope to see this evening, along with the many other players who will be here from different decades.

Representing the late George W Smith, a New Zealander who was one of the club's most influential figures in the early part of the century, will be his daughter, Mrs Edna Stansfield of Royton.

The Hall of Fame is to become a permanent and established feature of the club. It will be added to from time to time and when we leave Watersheddings for our new home at Westwood it will go with us and occupy a strategic position in our new stadium.

Thanks go to Oldham Museum for their help and assistance, to all those people who have

contributed or loaned caps, medals, jerseys etc, and to three men who have worked hard to see it come to fruition, director John Chadwick, local RL historian Mike Turner and a keen fan, Mr Brian Walker.

It is good that, once a year, we set a match aside to bring everyone together and recall times past, but in so doing we must recognise our individual and collective responsibilities to ensure that this club can look forward to the next 100 years.

We are now entering a new chapter in Rugby League's great and unfinished story - a chapter that points to an exciting future built on Super League, global exposure and summer rugby. By its very nature, Super League is both challenging and exciting and if we are to do more than merely survive in it, we need the backing of the town: not just the support of its diehard RL followers, but the backing of business and commerce.

We need support in many ways - on match days, in sponsorship, in the purchase of shares when the new share issue is launched shortly and in all the various fund-raising activities we undertake.

There is a major event coming up on November 15 when we hold a Sportsmen's Dinner at The Avant Hotel to raise funds for the club. Norman Hunter will be guest speaker and entertainment will also be provided by comedian Johnnie Casson and Malcolm Lord, the well known GMR Rugby League commentator.

Tickets, priced at £22.50, are available from our commercial manager Ray Hill on 6204870 and we hope as many of you as possible will consider coming along for a pleasant evening, while at the same time supporting the club. These notes were written before our game in London last Friday night and before the World

Cup final, but I think most folk will agree that, whatever the result at Wembley, the Halifax Centenary World Cup proved a roaring success. Gates were good, the quality of play was of a high standard and the entertainment was first class. I was also impressed with the organisation and standard of football in the Emerging Nations World Cup, so much so that two of the Moldovan boys are joining us on trial and, hopefully, one of the Irish lads, Tony Nuttall. I am not one of those people who think the two rugby codes will merge eventually. There is room for both codes and room for both lots of supporters, but I do feel that each and every rugby league supporter can do his or her bit towards ensuring that League goes from strength to strength. Finally, a big welcome tonight to Workington Town and their officials. I am sure the board will allow me, on this historic occasion for the Oldham club, to reserve a special welcome for Ike Southward, who made a big impression here in his playing days even though his stay was not as long as many Oldhamers would have liked. Welcome to everyone. Let's hope we all enjoy the game.



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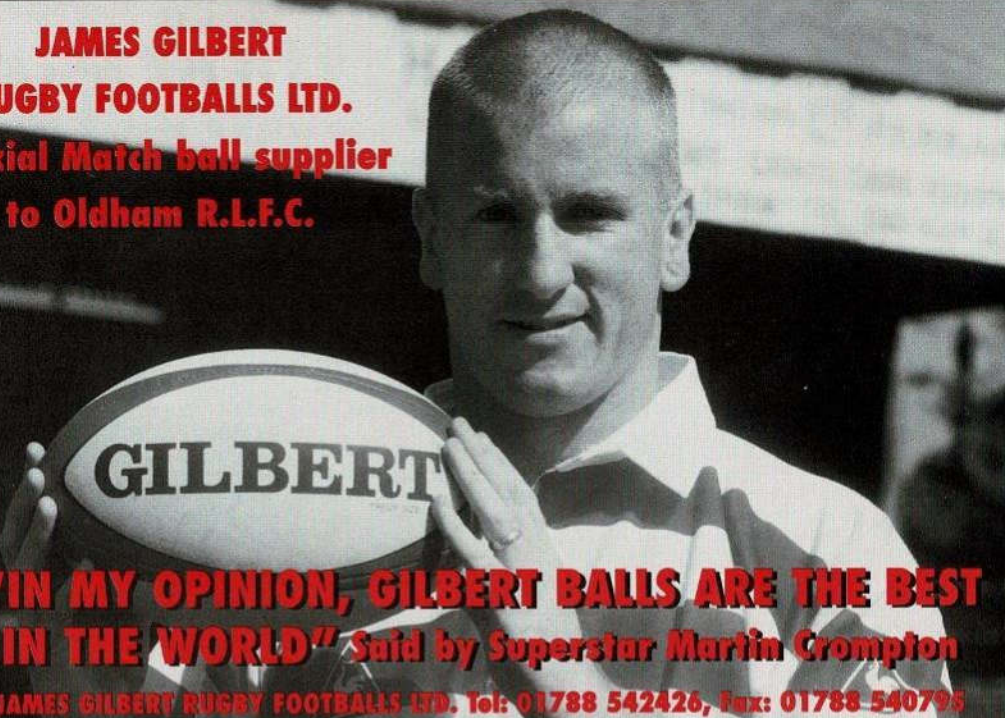
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COLIN ARMSTRONG, FORWARD

Colin is always full of enthusiasm and during pre-season training he was performing like a young buck.

He is a great inspiration to the teams younger element and is never slow to offer well meaning advice, and seems certain to be leading from the front in this Centenary season.

PAUL BURNS, CENTRE

Paul is a powerfully built young man with a straight running style which is effective. A good club man who has helped out as a fullback and second row forward when required. Barrow used him chiefly as a winger, however Paul likes the involvement of a centre berth.

VINCE FAWCETT, CENTRE

Vince joined Town last season from Leeds and quickly established himself as a Derwent Park favourite. His pace, strength and fearsome fend kept him in the hunt as Towns' leading try scorer throughout last season. Vinnie also showed his class during a short stint in Aussie with the struggling Parramatta Team, many British fans seeing him in try scoring action via the Sky telecasts from Down Under.

DAVID FRAISSE, CENTRE

The Frenchman has served Sheffield Eagles and Bradford Northern since crossing the Channel to further his League experience. A French international who has been described as "the best centre in France", David's career suffered quite a severe setback following a traffic accident, however he regained his speed and strength to once more hit the R.L. headlines.

STEPHEN HOLGATE, FORWARD

During his initial season as a pro' Holly was an instant success, gaining an international call up for England. Already an England regular during his BARLA days, but to make such great strides so quickly was probably beyond Stephens' wildest dreams. However the Derwent Park crowd were well aware that this young man was star material following his defence busting displays as soon as he donned a blue and white strip.

MARK JOHNSON, WINGER

Another ex-London Bronco to move up to

Cumbria during the summer, Mark is a South African who initially came to this country to play Union. London signed him from the Harlequins Club and he was an instant hit, topping the try scoring charts in 93-94 season with 43 touchdowns. Town were rumoured to have signed Mark following that season, however he still had twelve months of his contract to honour.

WAYNE KITCHIN, HALFBACK

Wayne joined Workington in 1989 having starred as a BARLA Youth Tourist. Success in the pro ranks looked a certainty for Kitch, yet although he did star in the First Team almost instantly, his town career has been more stop than start for various reasons, it now seems as though he is once more giving it a real go. Kitch is a definite gem of a player and soon will prove it to the R.L. world.



PETER LIVETT, FULLBACK

Peter has won all the honours BARLA could bestow on a player during his time with Woolston A.R.L.F.C., therefore, following protracted negotiations Workington Town were delighted to eventually land their man. Peter is a gifted footballer, strong in the tackle as befits a fullback, but he also loves to link up in attacking moves and was a regular try scorer in the amateur ranks.

DEAN MARWOOD, SCRUMHALF

Deano had his best ever season for Town in last terms big League company which proved he was gaining confidence to take on, and beat, any opponent. Always regarded as 'Dean The Scoring Machine' by Townies, mainly because of an accurate kicking foot, the young Barrovian can now continue making inroads into opponents defensive lines as a ball carrier. The top flight seems

to be 'Deans Scene'.

PHIL MCKENZIE, HOOKER

The likable Aussie who came over to join Rochdale some years ago, before giving Widnes even more valuable service, is now in his third season with Town.

Despite being in the latter stages of his career Phil is still sprightly enough to make those easy yards from acting halfback. His ability to read a game inspires many Town offensive thrusts.

BILLY MCGINTY, FORWARD

Another player with a quality pedigree, you can't get much better schooling than at Wigan. Billy's Town sojourn since leaving Central Park has been dogged by injuries. However, now fully fit, hopefully the Derwent Park clientele will see some of the form that earned him G.B. honours. One thing for

certain, Billy is a real character who stimulates team spirit and is good company on and off the pitch.

ROWLAND PHILLIPS, FORWARD

Roly made a massive impact last season while on loan from Warrington which had Workington fans mystified why the Wire didn't use him. It was great news to hear Town had acquired his services on a permanent basis and the Welsh international is keen to continue serving up the goods for the Townies.

GARY SCHUBERT, FORWARD

Another Aussie now settled full

term on our Island, Gary started life over here with Salford, moved on to Carlisle before linking up with Town in 1981.

A steady reliable performer who never lets the side down. Adds to his Town bread and butter via his post as a Rugby League Development Officer in the Carlisle area.

DARREN CARTER, FORWARD

Darren joined Town in 1992 from the Millom Amateur Club primarily as a stand off. However, the tall lad has also put on bulk and his future with Town seems to be that of a back row forward. Always smart with the passes, Darren can also use his physique to put himself about a bit.

DYLAN STANTON is a speedy whippet like former Egremont Ranger, a fitness fanatic, who looks destined to blossom into a top flight winger.

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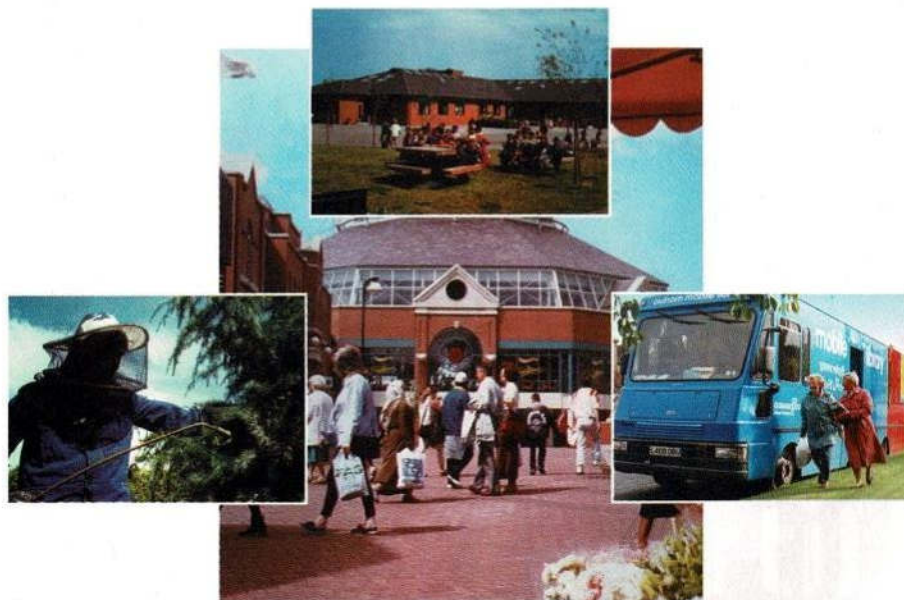
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On behalf of the coaching staff and players I would like to extend a big Watersheddings welcome tonight to all the former players who have come to attend the reunion and the opening of the Hall of Fame.

It is with great pride that I take my place in that Hall of Fame, but it is also with a lot of humility that I consider all the scores of great players who have been at the club in the last hundred years and who are not included.

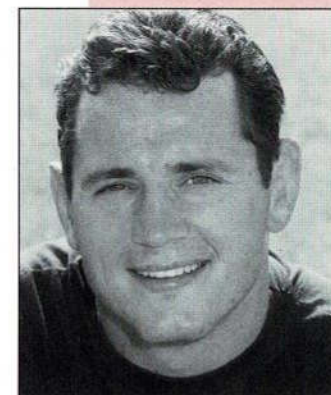
Those of us lucky enough to be there must surely appreciate that we are only there as representatives of All the players who can justifiably claim to have made a major contribution to the clubs affairs.

I was asked to pen these notes before the World Cup final and before our game against London Broncos at Charlton Athletic the other night.

You will appreciate the difficulty I have, therefore, in talking about England and the World Cup or even Oldham's game in London for that matter. Suffice to say that I thoroughly enjoyed working with Phil Larder, John Joyner, John Kear and manager

Phil Lowe within the England camp. It was a great experience and one from which I hope to benefit now that the World Cup is over and we are getting back to bread and butter club rugby in the build up to Super League.

You won't need me to tell you that we have a lot of injuries at Watersheddings just at present. While most clubs have been



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getting their walking wounded over their bumps and bruises during the World Cup recess, we have been unable to do that at Oldham because of the serious nature of most of those who are currently on the sick list.

It has been a great help not to have any games, but although they were injured several weeks ago we are still resuming the league programme without the likes of Ian Sherratt, Joe Faimalo, Rob Myler, Ian Gildart, Paul Topping and John Clarke. Ian Sherratt and John Clarke might not be too far away from a return to action, but Joe is still working hard to get over a serious knee injury involving a medial ligament, Ian Gildart has had surgery on his achilles tendon, Paul Topping could be out a week or two yet with torn hamstring and Rob Myler may need to be eased back gently in the Alliance side after being out since last August with a dislocated shoulder.

In those circumstances we could have done without three games in ten days, but we have to accept what the rugby world throws in our direction and hope that better luck will be just around the corner.

ANDY GOODWAY

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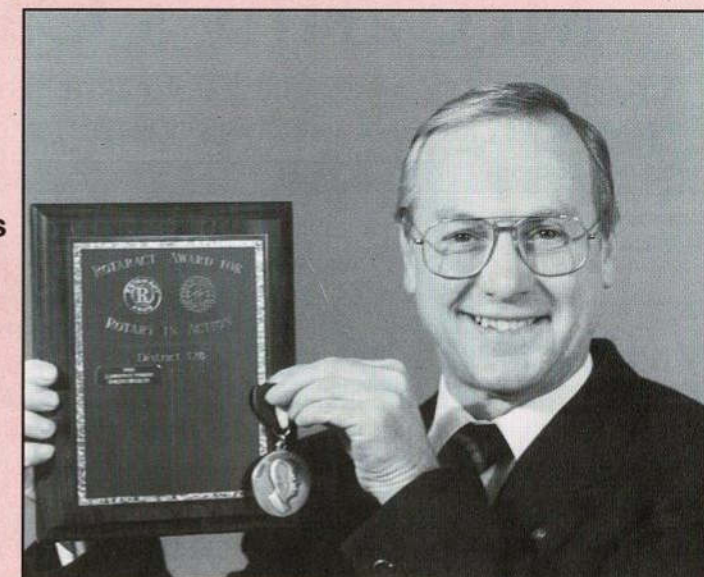
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MEMORY MATCH

Don Yates looks back to a match from yesteryear

Although Workington Town cannot be described as one of the glamour clubs of our game they encapsulate the heritage of our sport. Homely, proud, tenacious, fiercely partisan but with a high degree of sportsmanship. These adjectives all describe this club from the north west outpost of our game. Town have always provided stiff opposition in their Derwent Park enclosure and during their fifty year existence they have won most of the major trophies, Western Division Championship, Second Division Championship and Premiership Lancashire Cup, Challenge Cup and the Rugby League Championship itself in 1951.

Town's Championship success came in only their sixth season in League competition. They began life in 1945-46 when they ended the season in 19th place in the Championship table. Twelve months later they were 11th, then fifth, eighth, tenth and in 1950-51 ended the campaign in third spot, thereby qualifying for the Championship play off.

In the semi final Workington had to travel to Central Park but having beaten Wigan both home and away during the regular season, they travelled in confidence. It was a tough match at Wigan where the mighty Town pack paved the way for an 8-5 victory which brought much criticism from the rugby league purists. The other semi final was, apparently, much more entertaining with top of the table Warrington beating Leigh 15-9.

The 1951 Championship final was staged at Maine Road football ground, Manchester and attracted a crowd of 61,618. The teams lined up for that match as follows: Warrington: Eric Frodsham, Brian Bevan, Bill Jackson, Ally Naughton, Albert Johnson, Bryn Knoweldon, Gerry Helme, Billy Derbyshire, Ike Fishwick, Jack Atherton, Harry Bath, Bob Ryan and Austin

Heathwood.

Workington Town: Gus Risman, Johnny Lawrenson, Tony Paskins, Eppie Gibson, George Wilson, John Thomas, Albert Pepperell, Jimmy Hayton, Vince McKeating, James Wareing, Johnny Mudge, Stan Thurlon and Billy Ivison.

Warrington were strong favourites to win this final but they suffered a major blow early in the game when international winger Albert Johnson broke his leg.

Wire made light of the mishap and played superbly during the

first half at the end of which they led 8-3. The pep talk which player-coach Gus Risman gave his charges at half time completely altered the course of the game. Eppie Gibson scored early in the half and Risman equalised with the conversion. Workington then turned on a superb exhibition of open rugby which saw the Cumbrians glide to a splendid 26-11 victory. All four three quarters crossed for tries, Lawrenson, Paskins, Gibson (2) and Wilson (2) with Risman landing four goals. For once Brian Bevan failed to score, the Warrington tries coming from Jackson and Heathcote (2). Harry Bath completed the scoring with a goal.

Twelve months later Town made the first of their three visits to Wembley and they maintained their good form throughout the fifties although they never repeated that Championship success of 1951. They are now back in the Premier Division searching for repeat of their previous success as they pit their wits against the glamour teams of the game but still clinging on to the principals which have made Town one of the most respected opponents in the game.

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When people look back on the above event (I write this with the final still to come) I can't help feeling that the majority of people will view the event with mixed feelings.

Why? Well in my opinion the opening ceremony was a total shambles which did nothing to increase the games status nationally. No showbusiness, precious little choreography and the appearance that the whole event was thrown together at the last minute.

I was, however, delighted with the attendance at Wembley and, of course, the result. I am, however, still of the opinion that the game should have been held in the North West with the final, and only the final, at Wembley.

I have also been delighted with the crowds at all other games and the standard of Rugby League on show - what a pleasure to see the smiles and the sheer enjoyment on the faces of the likes of Fiji, Tonga, Western Samoa and Papua New Guinea.

But as a marketing exercise it has been an opportunity lost and especially from the point of T.V. coverage.

Every club should have been involved more, surely we should have seen a parade of some kind with fireworks, marching bands and children by the hundred. I believe we will still come out of this World Cup a stronger sport than before, but as it used to say on my school reports, 'Could have done better'.



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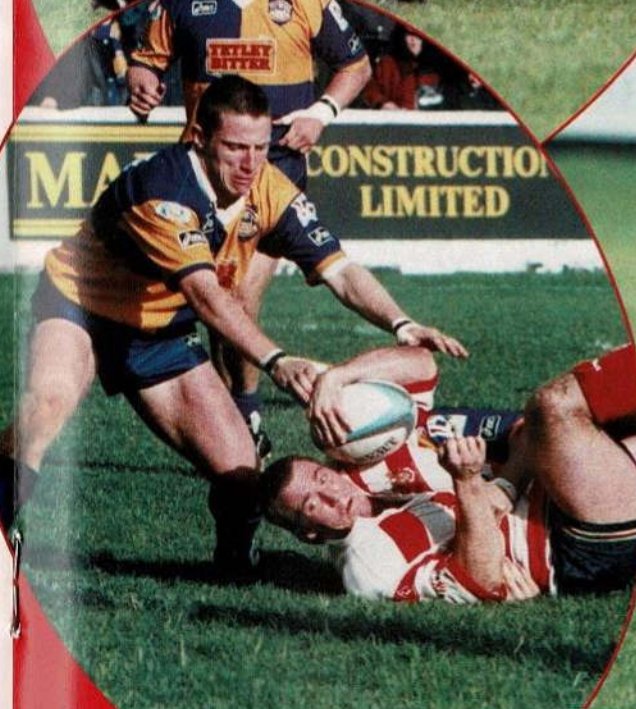
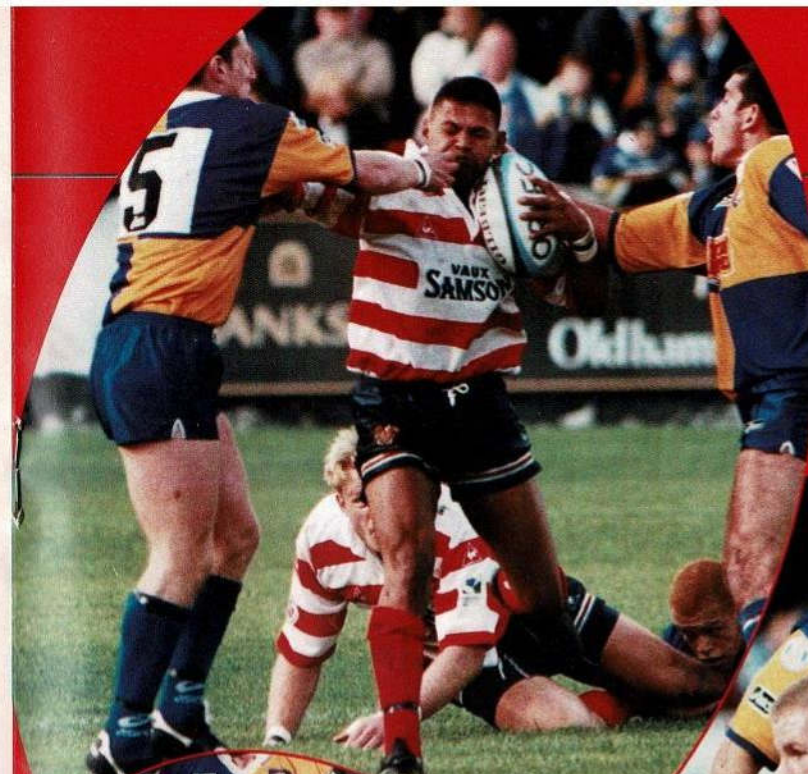
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RUGBY RECALL

1. Which former Oldham player made 37 appearances for Workington during season 1993/94?
2. Not including the present, name the three previous coaches at Town?
3. From which Oldham Amateur RL club did Town sign Ian McLean?
4. Which Team did Workington defeat in the Second Division Premiership final of 22nd May 1994?
5. Which player who made 26 appearances for Oldham during season 91/92, went on to make 14 appearances for Workington during season 92/93?
6. During Oldham's 6-6 draw at Derwent Park on 23rd March 1991 who was Oldham's try scorer?
7. Who scored all Oldham's points, with the boot, in the 5-0 win at Derwent Park on 12th February 1992?
8. During the 44-10 home win over Workington on 5th April 1992 who scored 22 of Oldham's points?
9. In which season did Workington last win the Lancashire Cup?
10. Which amateur RL side were beaten 74-6 by Workington in a first round Regal Trophy tie on 31st October 1993?

(3 tries, 5 goals), 9. 1979/80, 10. Wigan St. Patrick's
Byrne, 6. Tim Street, 7. Sean Tyer, 8. Tommy Martyn
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DEVELOPMENT NEWS

What a fantastic month of Rugby League we have witnessed on a world, national and local stage. The Halifax Centenary World Cup has captured the imagination of the nation (or of those who know it is happening). I hope, by now, we are basking in the glory of an England victory. I have been lucky enough to be involved in the Emerging Nations World Cup with the Ireland Squad. What a pleasure that tournament has been. Ireland have a squad of players from different backgrounds in Ireland and the UK. They all, however, gel together united in one cause. The "Oldham connection" was very strong and all acquitted themselves magnificently. Paul Topping was unable to take part due to injury but his commitment was shown by the help and advice offered to players and coaches a like throughout the 10 days. Martin Crompton showed what a top quality "professional" he is and his influence and good humour rubbed off on the whole squad.

Locally, there has been a fantastic amount of activity helped along by a



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INJURY UPDATE

The close down of a month while the Halifax Centenary World Cup took place has resulted in our long term injury victims such as Ian Sherratt, Joe Faimalo, John Clark and Robby Myler becoming a lot nearer full fitness. As we opened up our Centenary championship campaign against London Broncos last Friday. These notes were done before that match due to printing deadlines it was not known whether any of the above played. Hopefully all four will be in contention for a place in the squad tonight. Other injury news, Ian Gildart had an operation on his achilles tendon that had been giving him a lot of trouble over a period of time but hopefully Gilly won't be out of action for too long. It was good to see Shaun Irwin resume training at the club last week Shaun had been working very hard over a period of time at a sports clinic in Yorkshire as he builds up the strength in his knee.

John Watkins

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OLDHAM v WORKINGTON T.

HOW THE ROUGHYEDS HAVE FARED AGAINST TOWN

Competition	Played	Won-draw-Lost
League	74	40-2-32
Challenge Cup	7	5-0-2
Regal Trophy	1	1-0-0
Lancashire Cup	10	8-0-2
Championship play-off	1	1-0-0
Total	93	55-2-36

Workington's biggest win at Derwent Park 44-15 League in season 1962-63
Workington's biggest win at Watersheddings 36-5 League in season 1967-68
Oldham's biggest win at Derwent Park 44-2 League in season 1984-85
Oldham's biggest win at Watersheddings 64-2 Lancashire Cup in season 1988-89

Oldham v Workington Town results during the last ten seasons

1985-86	did not meet
1986-87	Lancashire Cup (h) won 46-13
1987-88	League (a) won 16-8, League (h) won 38-10
1989-89	Lancashire Cup (h) won 64-2
1989-90	League (h) won 40-8, Challenge Cup (h) won 30-8, League (a) lost 14-21
1990-91	Challenge Cup (a) won 20-15
1991-92	League (a) drew 6-6, League (h) lost 14-15, League (a) won 5-0, League (h) won 44-10
1992-93	did not meet
1993-94	did not meet
1994-95	League (h) won 20-10, League (a) lost 12-34

When Town last visited Watersheddings

1st January 1995 Division One
Oldham 20 Workington Town 10
Half time 16-10 attendance 3,880
Oldham tries: Scott Ranson (3) and Mike Kuiti
goals: Paul Topping (2)
Town tries: Vince Fawcett (2)
goal: Mark Mulligan

Oldham: Wally Gibson, Adrian Belle, Shaun Irwin, Darren Abram, Scott Ranson, Paul Topping, Martin Crompton, Ian Sherratt, Jon Clarke, Jason Temu, Joe Faimalo, Gary Lord and Mike Kuiti. Substitutes, Steve Gartland and Paul Davidson.

Town: Mark Mulligan, Des Drummond, Paul Barnes, Vince Fawcett, Kevin Pape, Kevin Ellis, Dean Marwood, James Pickering, Phil McKenzie, Rowland Phillips, Kyle White, Colin Armstrong and Brad Hepi. Substitutes: Gary Schubert and Steve Holgate.

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OLDHAM v WIGAN

A game we wanted to win, but it turned out a game we wanted to forget. An bright start for us with Philips going in for a try in the corner, from that moment Wigan picked their game up and scored a try and goaled. We tried hard to get back in front but came up with error after error and played into Wigan's hands. We gave them too much possession and they punished us with a further two tries. A try by Haukyard and a penalty by Gartland brought the score to 10-14 at half time. In the second half the players tried too hard to get back at Wigan. We forced the passes which were not on. Nearly all the players

made mistakes trying to play catch-up rugby. Wigan scored again and converted. Craig Richards being sent off for a high tackle put more pressure on us. Wigan crossed again and goaled. Oldham never gave up trying and a try by Davidson came too late to make any difference to the outcome. Wigan crossed for a further two tries.

LEEDS 26 v OLDHAM 22

Injuries to first team players and 'A' team players made us call on Academy players for our trip to Leeds. Captain Craig Richards led the players well and the lads got stuck into the Leeds outfit, who have not lost a match at

home for 18 months. Leeds went in front only to be rocked by the young Roughyeds. Three tries and three goals put Oldham 8-18 up at half-time. The second started well for us. Leeds looked out of the game, the pace of the game started to get to the young players which caused us to make mistakes and Leeds punished us for them. We failed to make touch on two occasions and we conceded two tries. A late try by Gouldborne came too late to save the game. A credit to all the players for their part in this game. Best for Oldham - Richards, Edwards, Meade, Mitchel.

QUOTES & HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

ON THIS DAY.... a historical look at November 1st by Don Yates

International competition has been very much on our minds during the past month, so it is only right to note that on this day in 1956 France entertained Australia at the Parc de Princes, Paris. The French led 8-5 after 30 minutes of that Test but the Kangaroos, inspired by scrum-half Keith Holman who scored two tries, recovered to win 15-8. The attendance at that match was 10,798. There was a historic match of pretend rugby in Tokyo on this day in 1987, when the New Zealand All Blacks beat Japan 106-4.

I wonder how many of today's spectators listened to Sports Report on Radio Five last Saturday? It was on this day in 1947 that this popular

sports programme was first broadcast. It was on Saturday, 1st November 1970 that Swinton lifted the Lancashire Cup. They beat Leigh 11-2 in the final, which was staged at Central Park, Wigan. The only try of that match came from winger Mike Philbin. The other Swinton points came from the boot of stand-off Peter Kenny, whilst Alec Murphy landed a goal for Leigh. It was not such a happy day for Swinton twelve years later, on this day in 1992. The Lions visited Watersheddings that afternoon for a Second Division match but were walloped 56-6 by the Roughyeds. Wally Gibson scored three of Oldham's ten tries and Steve Kerry had a successful afternoon, scoring a try and eight goals. Workington's Dean

Marwood enjoyed an even better afternoon that very same day, Sunday, 1st November 1992, when he scored 42 points from 4 tries and 13 goals, as Town ran in 78 points without reply against Highfield. Exactly 12 months ago tonight the Kangaroo tourists visited St. Helens and were given a stiff test by the home side, but the game ended like every other Kangaroo club game since 1978 - Australia won 32-14. This weeks sporting gaffe comes from horse racing commentator Brough Scott who once said, 'It looks as though that premature excitement may have been premature'. Quote of the week - 'Those who agree with us may not be right, but we admire their astuteness' - Cullen Hightower.

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RUFF E. HEAD

BY IAN WILSON

We may not have any players in the England team, but there's no doubt that Oldham dominated the Emerging Nations World Cup. Jason Temu played for the Cook Islands team which beat Ireland in the final. Martin Crompton was brilliant for the Irish, although Paul Topping was unlucky to be injured in his first game, what a waste of a new green hairdo.

The Neil Wood and Terry Flanagan double act made sure that Oldham accents conducted the Irish press conferences.

Hussein M'Barki resisted the temptation to play himself for Morocco but he was an enthusiastic coach and development officer.

And the highlight of the tournament for me was the chance to watch the Oldham old boys. Leo Casey is still playing with Featherstone, of course, so there wasn't much novelty there. But it was great to see Des Foy back on the field, and still sniffing for chances off Crompton's shoulder.

And how about Charlie McAlister playing for Scotland?

You may have read that Charlie's grandad was born in the Mull of Kintyre before leading a mutiny on a ship and being granted a royal pardon to settle in New Zealand.

Whatever the reason, he looked terrific in a kilt. And the Oldham connection doesn't end there.

The club were quick to move for Moldova's best two players, and we could be seeing them

running out for the A team before the end of the winter.

Unfortunately Oldham didn't have so many players in the real World Cup.

There was Paul Atcheson, but he doesn't really count as one of our own yet, and he didn't play anyway.

And there was Andy Goodway, one of Phil Larder's assistants in the England camp.

It seemed strange to see the boss sitting on the bench waiting for Larder's instructions rather than passing them on to Ian McCurrie.

But when he came on to have a chat with Shaun Edwards, in the first game at Wembley in tracksuit top and shorts. Goodway looked in the sort of shape to peel off his top and replace Denis Betts in the second row.

The England coaching team of Goodway, Larder and John Joyner must be favourites to take Great Britain to Australia for the first Super League tour next October.

If so Andy would follow in the footsteps of Frank Myler who led the 1984 Lions party after his success with Oldham. Frank picked five Oldham players for that tour including Goodway, Flanagan and Foy, and then picked Dessie to oppose Wally Lewis at stand off in the first test. Which five Oldham players would you take next time?

Still, there was plenty of Oldham interest in the World Cup.

First in the performances of St Annes product Iestyn Harris and Waterhead's Martin Hall for

Wales.

And also Tiny Solomona, returning to Britain to play for Western Samoa before he flies out to North Queensland to join the ARL aligned Cowboys next summer.

They all came head to head on a marvellous Sunday night in Swansea, with a lockout crowd at the Vetch Field.

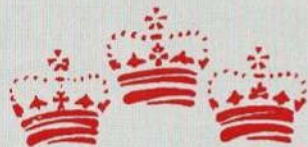
Tiny had the most vociferous supporter of the whole World Cup, even louder than the Lee Hansen fan club at Tonga v New Zealand as she urged him to "run" and scream at anyone who tackled him.

And a couple of rows back in the crowd Ian Sherratt was sat next to Stuart Raper, son of legendary Australian loose forward Johnny, over here to watch his younger brother Aaron who was in the Kangaroo squad, and a big hit during a spell with Oldham in 1985-86.

Just a couple of World Cup funnies that have appeared in Rugby League Weekend's League talk column which you may not have picked up.

First the strange team listing for Wales against France in a Cumbrian newspaper which included Sultan on the wing, Advise and Elise at half back, Skeet at prop, and Pervert in the second row! And finally a mention for Terry Flanagan's first words as a BBC television commentator, at the Tonga v New Zealand game

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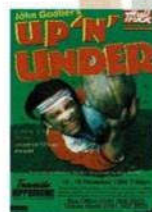
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Hi!!!
Welcome to tonight's game. I hope you are all enjoying your half term break, and have come along tonight in good voice. Unfortunately, due to the lack of interest, the trip to Blackpool Illuminations has had to be cancelled, sorry to the few that did show an interest and ring up.
We are also struggling with the competition entries, and need your support, so please enter, there are prizes to be won. If you do not wish to post your entries then drop them in at the Club Shop. The winner of the last competition was **Lauren Wolstenholme**. "WELL DONE LAUREN."
The answer was, of course, Darren Abram was last seasons top try scorer. This weeks question is:
Which Oldham player played for the

Cook Islands against Ireland in the Emerging Nations World Cup???
Answers as soon as possible please.



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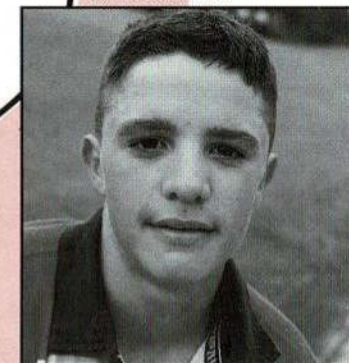
WITH BRIAN GARTLAND

Since our last report on our Academy win against Sheffield we played Keighley Cougars away the following Saturday and I thought we played well in the first half to hold a strong Cougar side to just 6pts to 4 because in the second half we were going to play down the hill at them and I was quite confident of our first away win. How wrong I was in the second half we were terrible and got what we deserved a good hiding and the lads knew they had played badly. So into the break for the World Cup, we have trained right through and worked hard so our first game played last night was always going to be hard against top of the table Hull KR who had won their last five games on the run. I am very pleased to say we came out winners by 30 points to 12 which was a great



win and will give us plenty of confidence which we can take into the hard matches ahead. Try scorers were Joe McNicholas 1 Kieren Royales 2 Neil Ramsden 1 and Neil Melling 1, 2 goals by Craig Barker and 3 by Paul Deacon completed the scoring second row forward David Milne had his best game for us since

he returned from Halifax academy but my man of the match went to scrum half Paul Deacon followed closely by stand off Craig Barker who put in a great defensive display topping the tackle count with 31 tackles. Well done lads.



Paul Deacon

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