

TODAY'S TEAM

SAINTS v OLDHAM 13/12/95

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	T	G	DG	Pts
1 Danny Arnold				
2 Joey Hayes				
3 Scott Gibbs				
4 Paul Newlove				
5 Andy Haigh				
6 Karle Hammond				
7 Bobbie Goulding				
8 Apollo Perelini				
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OLDHAM

Coach: Andy Goodway

	T	G	DG	Pts
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2 Scott Ranson				
3 Paul Topping				
4 Darren Abram				
5 Wally Gibson				
6 Steve Gartland				
7 Martin Crompton				
8 Ian Sherratt				
9 Iyan Green				
10 Jason Temu				
11 Gary Lord				
12 Paul Davidson				
13 Howard Hill				
14 Rob Myler				
15 Craig Richards				
16 Francis Maloney				
17 Joe Faimalo				

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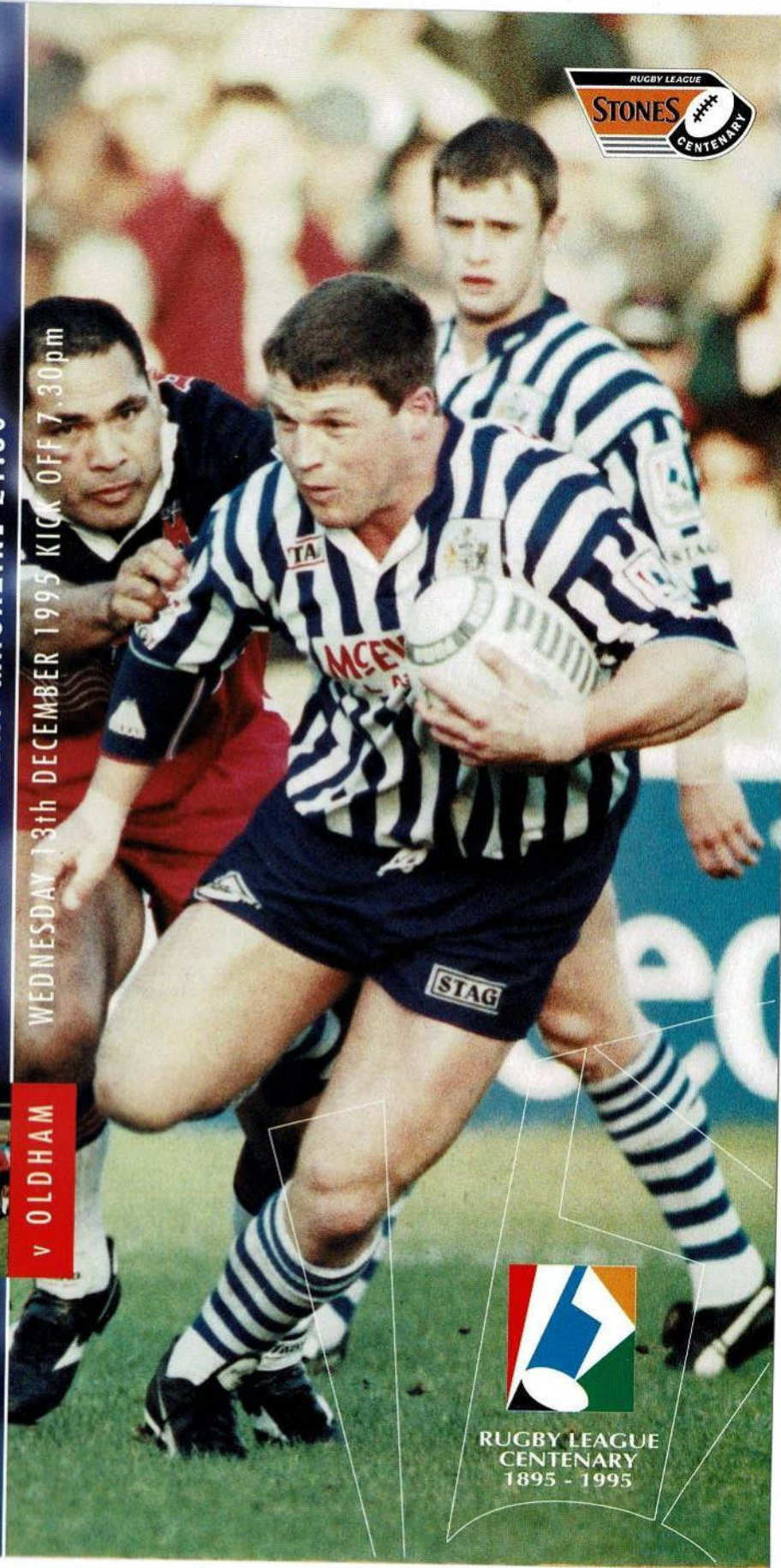
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WELCOME TO
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IT'S A DOGS LIFE

Hi ya again, St. Bernard here!
Back to Knowsley Road for a Wednesday evening match. This week not only do I not play AGAIN!!! but I also miss Coronation Street. I quite fancy that black dog who runs past the Rovers in the opening sequences. Anyway, it's for a good cause. The Saints are beating all comers in all competitions. Just imagine how good we would be if I was in the side.

This is also our last home match before Christmas, so I'm expecting a Christmas Bonus from the big men in the boardroom. A game against Wigan on Boxing Day would be perfect but Erics already said that I tackle far too ruff. I'll see you again on New Years Day after my holidays. I'm either going to Berkshire or Kenilworth. I'm not too sure yet.
Merry Chrstitmas from me, the Hunky Hound St. Bernard



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1971/72, 1975/76

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1952/53, 1977/78, 1986/87, 1988/89,

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1961/62, 1962/63, 1963/64, 1964/65,

1967/68, 1968/69, 1984/85, 1991/92

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1958/59, 1959/60, 1970/71, 1982/83,

1992/93

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1965/66, 1966/67, 1968/69

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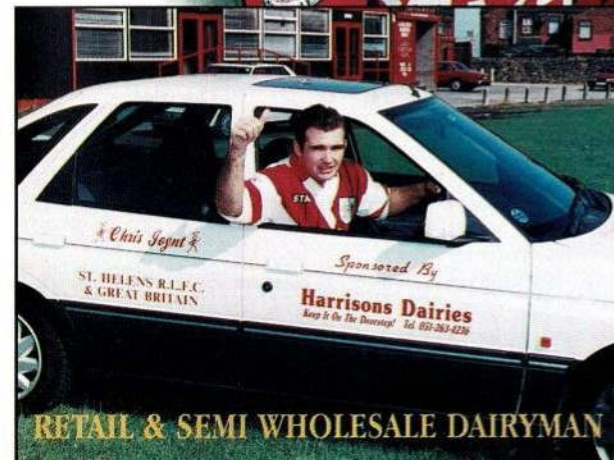
with ERIC HUGHES
HUGHES' VIEWS

As you can imagine, after our excellent victory over Halifax in last weekends Regal Trophy quarter final, all ears were next to the radios on Monday morning hoping to hear that we would get a home draw in the semis. We knew that whatever the opposition it was going to be a tough game and that home advantage could prove to be crucial. Our prayers were answered with the home draw, but the powers that be at Rugby League headquarters dealt us a cruel blow by deciding that we must be the first semi-final. This of course means that in the space of six days we have three of the toughest games

imaginable. An away game at Wigan, followed by the semi-final four days later, and finally after one days break taking on Leeds. Still I'm sure that the mood amongst the players at the moment will ensure whatever teams we are able to select for the game, each individual will give his all for the club.

As this is the last home game before Christmas day, may I take this opportunity on behalf of the directors, players and backroom staff to first of all thank you the supporter for your marvellous support throughout the closing year and may you all have Christmas period full of good health, happiness and success.
Enjoy tonight's game.

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Player	DOB	Previous	Date								Career at Prev Club(s)							Representative
		Club	Signed	App	Sub	T	G	DG	Pts	App	Sub	T	G	DG	Pts	Honours		
Darren Abram	27.9.67	Rochdale H	19.2.93	87	1	47	11	-	210	124	6	67	9	1	287	GB U21s Wales		
Paul Atcheson	17.5.73	Wigan	Summer 95	10	1	1	-	-	4	47	23	12	-	-	48			
Adrian Belle	23.11.70	Rochdale H	22.10.93	23	3	7	-	-	28	34	-	8	-	-	32			
David Bradbury	16.3.72	Leigh Miners ARL	15.8.91	29	26	7	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Gary Burns	10.2.72	Widnes Tigers ARL	20.12.93	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
John Clarke	3.3.74	East Leeds ARL	1.5.93	48	1	5	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	GBU21s		
Jimmy Cowans	N/K	Warrington Academ	30.4.95	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Martin Crompton	29.9.69	Wigan	7.9.93	65	2	23	-	8	100	71	30	25	-	2	102	Ireland		
Paul Davidson	1.8.69	Widnes	29.7.94	12	12	1	-	-	4	9	13	1	-	-	4			
A Michael Edwards	14.4.74	Parkside ARL	11.3.92	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
*Joe Faimalo	28.7.70	New Zealand	2.9.94	37	4	5	-	-	20	5	5	-	-	-	-			
Steve Gartland	3.10.70	Rochdale H	20.7.94	21	6	3	22	2	58	84	4	46	123	7	437			
Wally Gibson	5.4.67	Huddersfield	25.9.92	102	3	35	-	2	142	86	1	51	13	33	233			
Ian Gildart	14.10.69	Wakefield T	Summer 95	3	-	-	-	-	107	57	4	-	-	16	-	GBU21s Lanc		
Alfie Goulbourne	23.6.75	Isberg Celtic ARL	10.6.93	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Iyan Green	21.4.72	St. Helens	25.8.93	15	22	5	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Howard Hill	16.1.75	Hensingham ARL	18.7.94	12	3	4	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-			
David Jones	7.12.67	Wakefield T	13.8.93	46	3	10	-	-	40	85	3	13	-	-	52		Lanc	
Peaufai Leuila	24.10.69	St. Helens	Autumn 95	3	1	1	-	-	4	1	1	2	-	-	8	Tonga RU Tonga RL		
Gary Lord	6.7.66	Halifax	1.7.94	45	2	7	-	-	28	152	53	23	-	-	92	GBU21s		
Francis Maloney	26.5.73	Warrington	Summer 95	8	1	2	25	1	59	45	143	21	24	2	134	GBU21s		
B Andrew McKilliam	N/K	N/K	N/K	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Chris McKinney	12.11.76	Hensingham ARL	10.8.94	1	4	2	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Rob Myler	4.3.70	Warrington	Summer 95	3	3	1	-	-	4	56	2	29	2	-	120			
** Mike Neal	4.9.73	Wigan	6.3.95	10	7	3	-	-	12	13	1	8	-	-	32			
Paul Norman	25.3.74	Parkside ARL	25.9.92	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Chris Parr	31.5.71	Swinton	19.10.93	20	7	-	-	-	-	47	14	4	-	-	16	GBU21s		
Scott Ranson	20.9.67	Swinton	6.2.92	102	-	50	-	-	200	129	-	69	-	-	276			
Craig Richards	27.1.70	Bradford N	1.9.93	9	14	5	-	-	20	37	35	4	-	-	16	GBU21s		
***Ian Sherratt	9.8.65	Salford	8.11.91	139	11	11	-	-	44	99	20	13	-	-	52			
Jason Temu	17.4.72	New Zealand	30.9.94	36	4	2	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	Cook Islands		
Paul Topping	18.9.65	Leigh	27.9.93	56	12	11	117	-	278	195	3	62	346	17	957	Lanc Ireland		

NB Stats to date as of 10th December 1995

NB career at prev club(s) only include club appearances in England

* Joe Faimalo is in his 2nd spell at the club he originally played in 1991-92 on a trial. He also had trials at Workington and Swinton before returning back to New Zealand. He rejoined Oldham for the 1994-95 season.

** Mike Neal never played for Wigan at 1st team level. His appearances at prev club was a loan period with Doncaster in 1994-95.

*** Ian Sherratt is in his 2nd spell at the club. He originally joined Oldham from Bradford N in 1986-87. He left for Salford for the 1989-90 season before returning to Oldham for the 1991-92 season.

Mike Kuiti (Wakefield T) Wilson Marsh (New Zealand) and Nigel Heslop and Shaun Irwin (No longer at club) have left Oldham since the end of last season.

A Currently on loan to Leigh.

B Andrew McKilliam was a trialist who has since left the club.

OLDHAM

IN ACTION

ANDY GOODWAY'S

This evenings visitors to Knowsley Road, Oldham are currently 2nd bottom of the Stones Bitter Centenary Championship with six points from their 13 matches. Under coach Andy Goodway the Watersheddings outfit hasn't been afraid to experiment during the season and have given a run out to no less than 29 players. Injuries also haven't helped matters with them finding it very difficult to find a settled line up. Their 3 victories have each been at their Watersheddings home where London 19-8, Workington 30-26 and Castleford 25-20 have each been conquered. St. Helens 18-44, Halifax 4-21, Bradford Bulls 24-30 and Leeds 14-43, however have left Watersheddings with the points. On their travels Oldham have yet to win. They have been beaten at Castleford 22-28, Warrington 8-40, Wigan 12-42, London 14-46, Sheffield Eagles 18-36 and Bradford Bulls 10-14. In the Regal Trophy Oldham travelled to 1st Division Widnes in a tricky 2nd round tie and unfortunately left beaten by 32 points to 8. Andy Goodway is currently attempting to build a squad of players capable of competing with the best for the commencement of Super League and summer rugby. They will play their home matches at Boundary Park, home of Oldham Athletic FC and are currently in negotiations with RFL and Wigan about switching their opening Super League fixture from Central Park to Oldham so they can generate early interest for Super League in the town. Since the end of the last season Paul Atcheson, Ian Gildart, Afi Leuila, Francis Maloney and Rob Myler have joined the Roughyeds whilst Nigel Heslop, Shaun Irwin, Mike Kuiti and Wilson Marsh have departed.

Last season Oldham performed credibly. In the Stones Bitter Championship they finished in 10th position with eleven wins and a draw for a total of 23 points from their 30 matches. In the Regal Trophy Oldham reached the 3rd round were they went down at Widnes 6-20 following a 2nd Round 28 nil home success over Hull KR. In the Challenge Cup with a little luck Oldham could have gone all the way to the final. Eventual winners Wigan ended their interest in the semi final at the Alfred McAlpine Stadium when they won a very exciting game by 48 points to 20. It had until then, been a great cup run, which had seen Bramley beaten at Watersheddings by 70

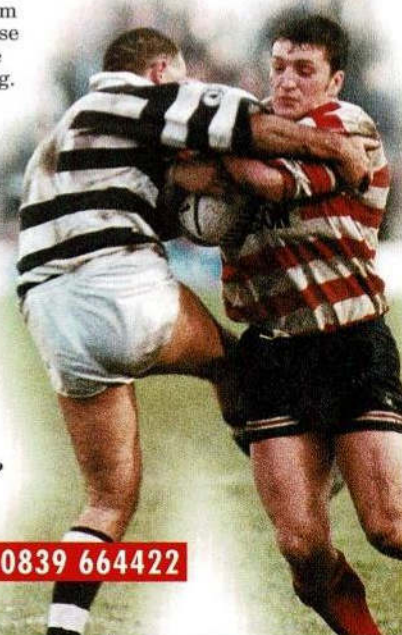
points to 10 in round 4, Warrington beaten at Wilderspool 17-6 in the 5th round and Huddersfield beaten at home 23-12 in the quarter finals.

Gary Lord

Gary Lord has been playing top Division RL now for over 10 years since he made his debut for Castleford in the 1984-85 season. At 29 years of age he has been one of the most honest, consistent hard working forwards in the game and his opponents hold him in great respect for his ability to take up the football, his eye for a gap, his solid defence and the sheer amount of work he gets through. During his career Oldham are his 4th top side following spells at Castleford, Leeds and Halifax. The highlight to date was whilst he was at Cas when he played full back in the team which won the 1986 Challenge Cup by the narrowest of margins, one point over Hull KR.

Gary played for Castleford from the 1984-85 season until he moved to Headingley for the 1988-89 campaign making 38-14 apps from which he scored 9 tries for the Wheldon Road outfit. Whilst at Leeds he made 37-27 apps, scoring 4 tries between 1988-89 and 1990-91 before he moved to Halifax where he stayed until the end of the 1993-94 season, whilst at Fax Gary 77+12 apps and scored 10 tries. Since his move to Oldham he has had a new lease of life. He is seldom spectacular but is one of those players that you only realise his worth when he is missing. Gary has been unfortunate never to have gained representative recognition for his skills and has proven that the £35,000 transfer fee Oldham had to pay for his services was money very well spent. Now enjoying his life in the pack Gary Lord has made 45+2 appearances for the Roughyeds from which he has scored 7 tries.

Right: Gary Lord running into trouble



Denis Whittle of the St. Helens Star, takes a look at a ...

WHITTLE'S

CLASS OF '49

Mention Parr Central School in immediate post-war sporting circles and thoughts inevitably turned to Rugby League, with a glance at the honours board confirming their oval-ball prowess.

The prestigious Daily Dispatch Shield, which was competed for by teams throughout Lancashire and the Waring and Ellison Cups all found their way to the sideboard at the Seath Avenue seat of learning from 1946 onwards. Despite the absence of the gleaming trophy I am reliably informed by second rower Terry Brunskill that the accompanying photograph is of the Parr 'Cent' team which lifted the Ellison Cup three years later.

The likely lads caught by the camera were back row, left to right: Terry Brunskill, Alec Davies, Johnny Bridge, Eric Ainsworth, Henry Eden, Norman Griffiths, middle row: unknown, Johnny Usher, John Dickinson, Ronnie Ormrod, Gordon Rigby. Front: Jackie Gibson, George Waring.

Almost half a century on it is an interesting exercise to pen a reflective word or two on what fate had in store for the 13 tough-tackling strong running squad who became the pride of Parr when bringing home the silverware.

Sad to relate but centre Ormrod has since died, and what is equally certain is that stand off 'Todder' and flying winger Davies both sampled senior Rugby League at Knowsley Road as did centre Gibson at Hilton Park, Leigh.

Schoolboy prodigy Dickenson blossomed into a real star turn at Saints in being a member of the Championship winning team of 1953 and, but for a tragic leg injury would have been in the first local side to lift the Challenge Cup against Halifax at Wembley in 1956.

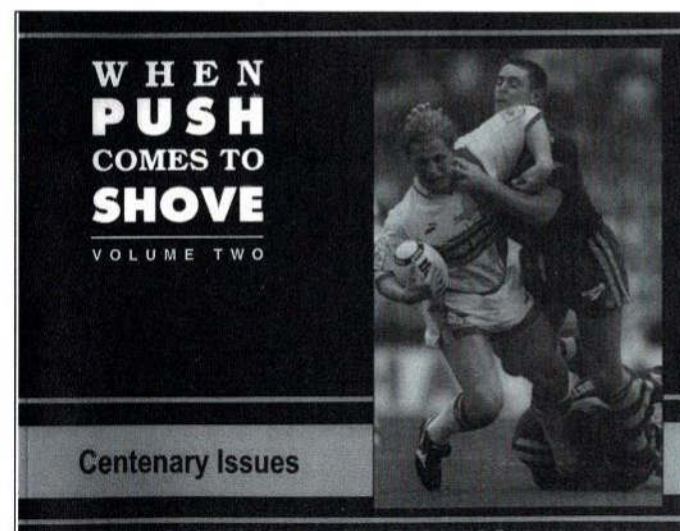
Now aged 61 'Todder' is living in early retirement at his Haresfinch home and is still as fit as the proverbial fiddle, thanks to regular dips in most of the swimming pools around the St. Helens area.



WORLD by DENIS WHITTLE

Terry Brunskill runs a well established photographic studio in North Road, while Norman Griffiths is a familiar figure in the town centre his role as window cleaner to many of St. Helens business concerns. What, then became of the remainder of the Parr Central line-up circa 1949? Over to you, eagle eyed programme readers.

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Down the years the compelling story of the Rugby League code, from its early cloth cap image to its current ranking as the 'best game in the world,' has been superbly chronicled by scribes from all points of the compass. And when the somewhat off-beat titled 'When Push comes to Shove' landed on the bookshelves two years ago it was an immediate best seller, with

rave reviews on a highly readable work flowing from the pens of many of those same writers. The ultimate accolade came with an 'highly commended' rating in the Sunday Times publicity awards on a tome which was delightfully original in that it gave fans a platform, including those who sell pies in Wigan! together with past and present stars and the game's luminaries. Greatly encouraged by its success, the publishers have now given 'When Push comes to Shove' a stablemate with the launching of volume two which, like its forerunner, will be a 'must' on the

shopping list of Rugby League supporters everywhere at Christmas in particular. Edited jointly by Ian Clayton, of Featherstone fame, playwright and publisher Ian Daley and Rugby League historian Robert Gate, this 136 page profusely illustrated masterpiece is a veritable Aladdin's Cave of oval ball tales, both anecdotal and of more far reaching variety. Priced at £9.95 'When Push comes to Shove' volume two is available from W.H. Smith and other reputable booksellers or post free from publishers Yorkshire Art Circus, School Lane, Glasshoughton, Castleford, West Yorkshire WF10 4QH.

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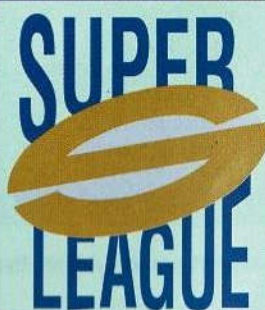
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Parents purchasing a season pass for the terraces will be eligible to buy a pass for their under 16 children to gain admission for £2 per match, half the normal change.

Saints Chief Executive, David Howes, the architect of the new sales drive, said: "The parent and child discount scheme is designed to reward family units of loyal supporters, providing a 25% total saving on turnstile costs."

St. Helens have printed vouchers valued at £10 and £5 towards the total cost of Super League passes.

Howes explained "The vouchers are the ideal Xmas gift, alternatively being used as a weekly or monthly savings scheme. The voucher can add up to or contribute a portion of, the total cost of the season ticket, which represents traditional good value for the dedicated supporter."

A new extended range of benefits are being offered to Saints' season pass holders for the inaugural Super League campaign, which kicks off at Knowsley Road with a mouth watering Good Friday derby clash with arch rivals Wigan.

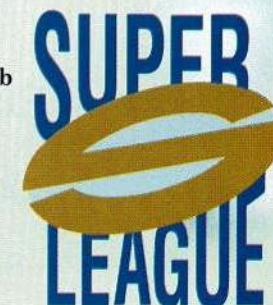
For the first time, passholders will be eligible for two seat tickets per pass for the 1996 Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley, should Saints qualify.

The Super League pass gains admission to all first team matches, which will be promoted to double headers by being preceded with under 19 Academy games, plus alliance fixtures currently scheduled for Thursday evenings.

There is also priority purchase for Cup ties and a new 5% discount in the Club Shop at Knowsley Road.

"This is a wider range of rewards for the committed fan, the start of a series of initiatives to capitalise on the opening season of summer rugby," added Howes. Admission prices for the 1996 Super League are £12 Adults seats (season pass £115, saving £17), £9 Junior/OAP seats (season pass £85, saving £14), £7 Adult ground (season pass £65, saving £12) and £4 Junior/OAP ground (season pass £35, saving £9). These are the first price increases for three seasons. The parent child scheme is £65 for the Adult ground pass, plus £22 for the under 16.

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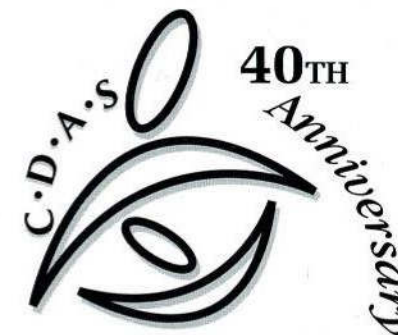
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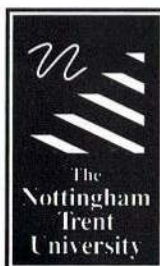


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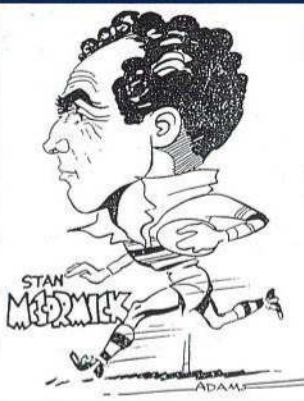
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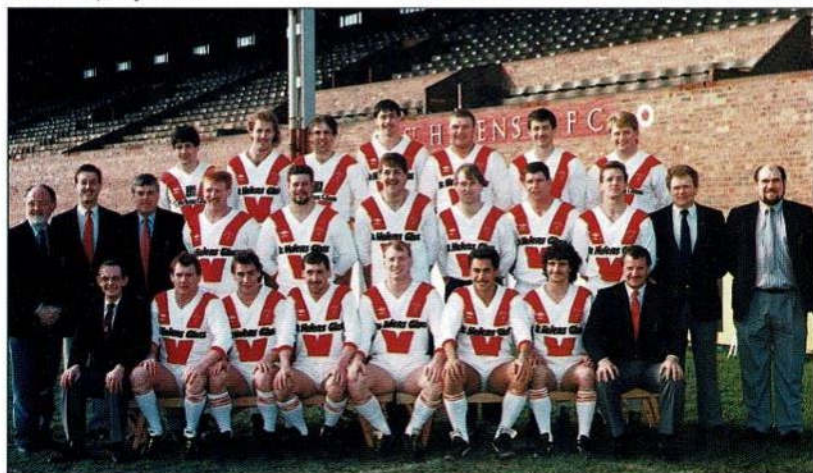


What might have been! Shane Cooper, who took charge of team affairs on a short-term basis with Frankie Barrow before the appointment of Mike McClellan, early in 1990.

Cartoon of Stan McCormick, the former 'Interception King' of wingers, who was appointed Coach in 1962 and unfortunately relieved of his duties two years later, despite bringing much needed silverware to the club!



A real character! Widnes born Peter Lyons, a real Sergeant Major figure at Knowsley Road just after the war, lines up with his team. Notice the trade mark dickie bow! How many players can you name?



The Great Entertainers! Coach Alex Murphy and his squad for the 1987 Challenge Cup Final against Halifax line up for the cameras at Knowsley Road. (Courtesy Rugby Leaguer)

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Who in their right mind would be a professional coach? It takes a decisive nature and a thick skin...amongst other things! Club Historian Alex Service looks back at some of the 14 men in charge of team affairs at Knowsley Road since 1945.



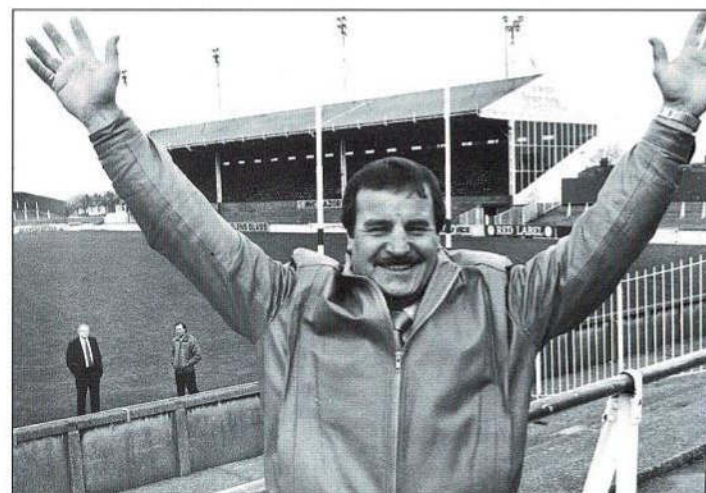
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By Royal Appointment! M.B.E. belonging to Eric Ashton, the current Saints' Chairman who coached the club to Wembley and Premiership glory...amongst others...in the mid 1970's.



Billy Benyon, who coached at Knowsley Road from 1982-85, addresses the audience after his induction into the St. Helens Past Players Hall of Fame, at the Annual Dinner last Summer. Chairman Ray French and Secretary Geoff Pimblett are also in the frame.

Cigarette card of Jim Sullivan as a Wigan player. The inspirational Welshman became St. Helens' coach in 1952 and brought every honour to the club during his fabulous 7 year reign.



Return of the Prodigal! Alex Murphy is delighted at becoming St. Helens Coach in November, 1985.



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▲ Kel Coslett, who holds appearance and points records as a Saint, also coached the club for a spell in the early 1980's



▲ A moment to savour! Coach Jim Sullivan gets that Championship feeling after Saints' 44-22 thrashing of Hunslet at Odsal in 1959. Duggie Greenall (left) and Tom Van Vollenhoven look on approvingly!



▲ The most successful Coach in a season-Cumbrian schoolmaster Joe Coan, winner of four trophies in the 1965/66 campaign



▲ Unbearable tension! The Saints' bench at Wembley in 1972, with Coach Jim Challinor (third from the right) in anxious mood.

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ALAN PRESCOTT

IN PROFILE

A native of Widnes, Alan began his career as a winger with Halifax, before joining the Saints in 1948 as a loose forward. He graduated to the front row and went on to play 28 times for Great Britain from 1951-58. Prescott was the first St. Helens player to lift the Challenge Cup at Wembley, in 1956...a year in which he captained club, county and country! Who could forget the Second Test Match at Brisbane in 1958, when he carried on playing, despite the excruciating pain of a broken wrist. Alan went on to coach the Saints to glory in the 1961 Challenge Cup Final against Wigan...and his achievements are respected wherever rugby league is played!

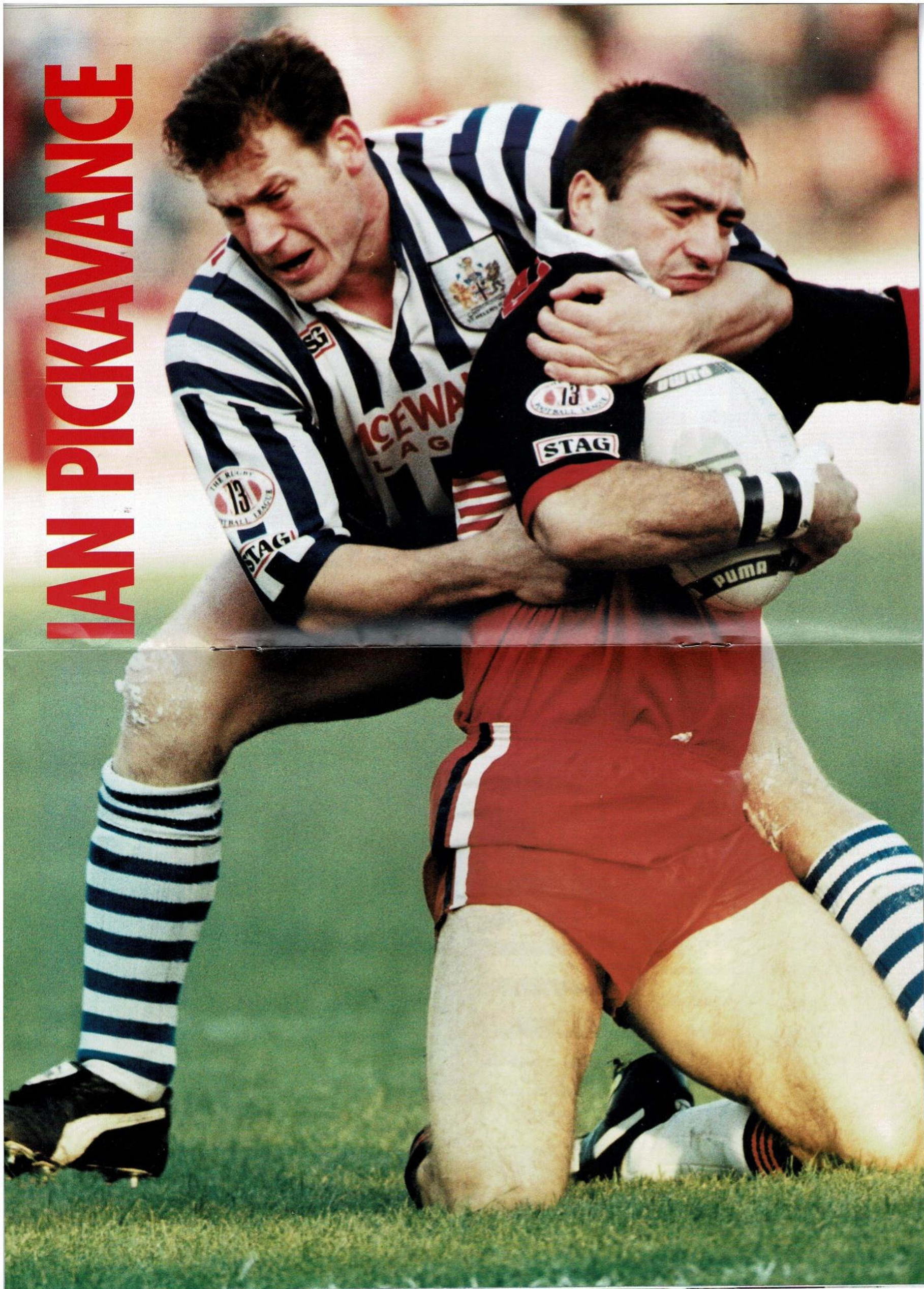
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BRIAN CASE

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Bradford	A	22-14
Wigan	A	24-10
Leeds	H	30-10
Hull	H	24-10
Castleford	A	18-16
Dewsbury	H	46-6
Warrington	H	34-18
Salford	A	30-30
Wigan	H	38-20
Hull	A	10-24
Salford	H	32-12
Leeds	A	10-28

MYLERS MINUTES

LEEDS ACADEMY 28 SAINTS 29

As they say, 'A win's, a win'. We just about managed

that in a game that neither team really dominated, although the first quarter was all Saints. Despite the wet and foggy conditions some very good running rugby was played. Saints early dominance put us ahead 16-6, with tries from Jason Johnson, Carl Turner and Chris Newall, only for Leeds to draw level 16-16 at the break.

The second half was more nip and tuck, Andy Holland going over after good approach work from Brian Capewell. Johnson was switched to stand-off and he linked with Lee Briers to go under the posts untouched 28-24 to Saints (Briers kicked his fourth conversion). Saints' discipline was now shown at its best with measured approach in setting up Briers for the all important drop goal 29-24. Leeds scored in injury time but failed to convert.

Paul Jukes again worked tirelessly in defence, with man of the match Craig Simms outstanding throughout, Tony Stewart, Johnson and Briers also having good all round performances.

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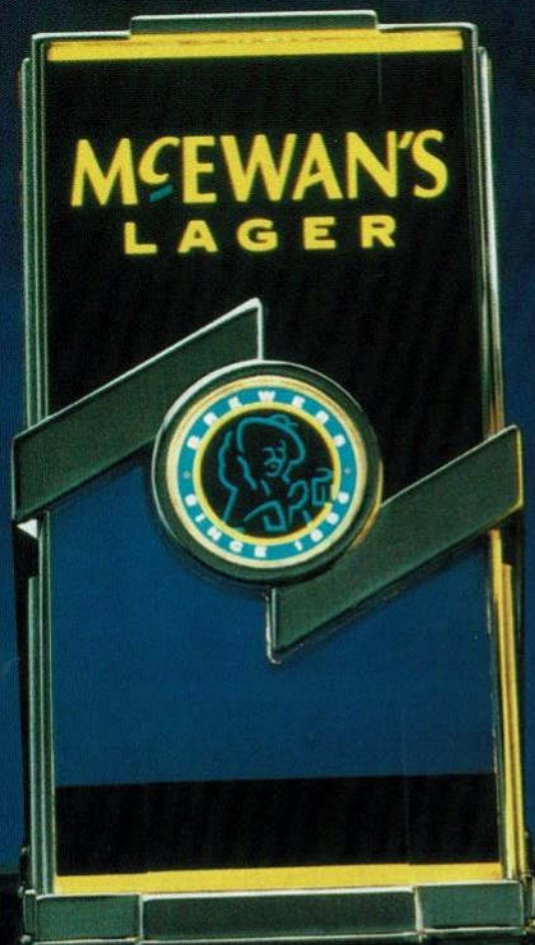
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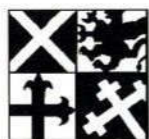
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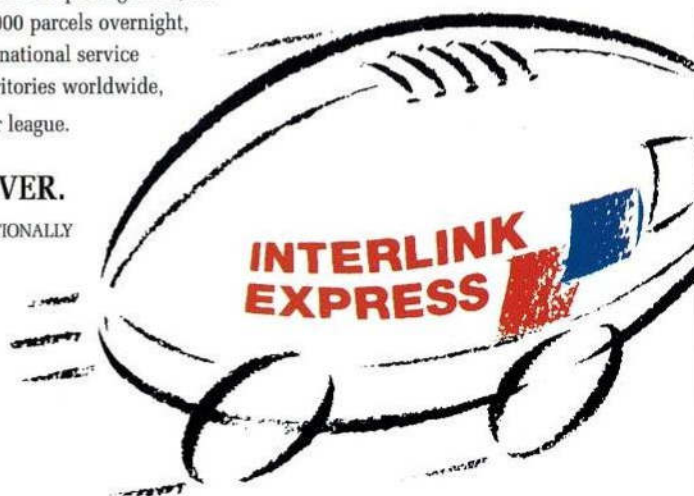
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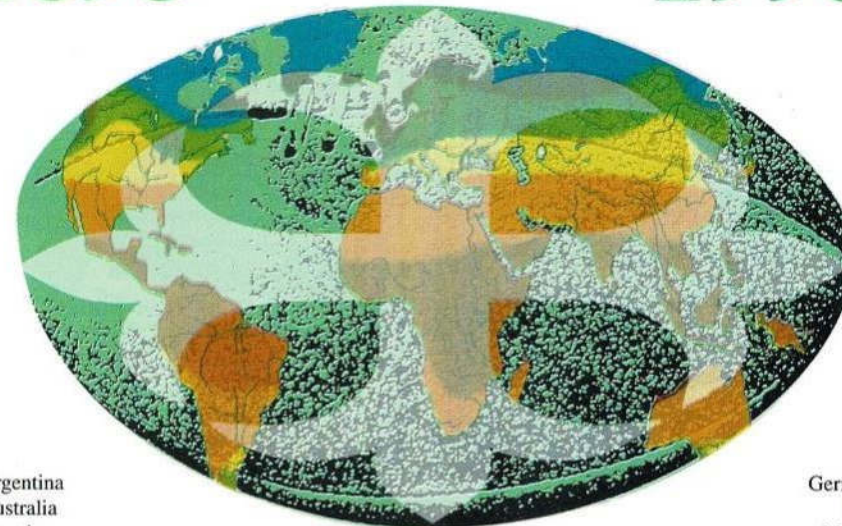
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Welcome Back Paul
Tonight, we see the return of ace centre Paul Newlove. His partnership with Scott Gibbs could be as good as anything in the game, but don't ignore the claims of Andy Northey. Young Andy is beginning to look the part more than ever and his extra sprint training is beginning to pay off.

Racial Abuse

The Commission for Racial Equality's recent report on racial abuse in Rugby League highlights a problem that we shouldn't tolerate in our game.

At St. Helens, the club has been one of the most determined leaders in bringing respect for the players back to the terraces. Our stewards and police are extremely active in trying to stamp out behaviour problems.

Martin Offiah, in a recent newspaper article singled out Hull, St. Helens and Warrington as being the worst places for racial abuse. If this is true, then we must all work to stamp out this prejudice but to be honest, I feel that Martin misfires by maligning all Saints supporters.

Saints ace Bobbie Goulding himself was recently spat on at an away ground and at another leading club had coins hurled at him as he took a goalkick. This was just plain abuse and certainly not racially inspired. Let's cut it all out.

Perhaps the time has come too for the players themselves to cease antagonising opposition fans with their strutting and nodding. By all means celebrate that's natural, but where does show business stop and mickey taking take over?

If anyone want role models for not going over the top following a score, take a look at Saints threequarters tonight.

Regal Trophy Goes West

Did you see that wonderful televised game from Naughton Park last Saturday. This was full blooded RL at its best and Widnes deserve full credit.

However, according to the opposition coach, the only reason Widnes put up such a good display was because they narrowed the pitch. Never! Who would dare to do that to our friends from over Billinge Hill? Know what I mean 'arry?

Welcome Oldham

Oldham have played some brilliant rugby this season without always having the luck to go with it. They are a much better side than their league position suggests but this is possibly due to coach Andy Goodway's determination to use the Centenary season as an experimental period with this squad.

They have some fine players in Martin Crompton, big hitter

Jason Temu and St. Helens born Darren Abram a try poacher supreme. Following the Regal Trophy tie last Sunday, Saints will have to be at their best to bring home the points tonight.

Flashback - The Regal Trophy

When Halifax took an early lead last Sunday, it looked as if Saints were in for a tough game with the home club downing several chances, but with Bobbie Goulding in top form, the game went out of reach for 'Fax before half time. Quality football from the Saints' saw all the threequarters on the scoring sheet no doubt about it, Saints again lived up to their reputation as the leagues best entertainers. There was nothing wrong either with the Saints packs efforts. Well done Chris Joynt and Co.

Injury Situation - Sully Out

What a tragedy for flying winger Anthony Sullivan to pull a groin muscle against Halifax last Sunday. Sully has been having a great battle with Martin Offiah with his efforts to top the RL's try scoring charts.

Yet out of crisis, came young Danny Arnold to snatch two tries from the wing spot. Not bad for a kid who is still eligible to play academy rugby.

Jon Neill Back?

It would appear that contract rebel Jon Neill is about to return to training. The powerful prop could still figure hugely in Saints' future plans. Give it a go John.

Regal Trophy Semi-Final

I can't believe it! Saints drawn at home again. Warrington of course will be a very tough match and it certainly is a mouth watering prospect.

The Wires have hit some pretty good form themselves of late, and like the Saints they can lick anyone on their day. Also like the St. Helens club, they have a number of exciting youngsters, breaking through to the first team and in Iestyn Harris, they possess one of our games top personalities.

Let's hope that our injury situation clears in time for this important semi-final.

Gamebreaker

One scribe, in the RL press claimed that the game against Halifax went Saints way due to the fact the 'Fax lost Moriarty and Bentley. He completely ignored that Saints too had injuries to Sullivan and Matautia. It just goes to show even journalists can have a one eye view of proceedings.

"I can't believe it! Saints drawn at home again. Warrington of course will be a very tough match and it certainly is a mouth-watering prospect."

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MYLER'S MISSION

You only have to talk to Saints' Academy coach John Myler for a few minutes to realise how passionate he is about Rugby League. John is forthright, determined and focused, his mind is clear about what he wants to see from his players.

During a 14 year career with Widnes, Swinton and Leigh, Myler won every medal possible and played at Wembley in the Widnes team that defeated Hull Kingston Rovers in the 1981 Challenge Cup final. I spoke to him this week and asked him about his playing days.

"I started off as a scrum half, which was always my favourite position, then later played at full back before finishing up at loose forward. I had some great years at my home club Widnes when we were christened the Cup Kings. I played alongside some top players like Adams, Elwell, Laughton, Wright and Eric Hughes but I think the player I admired the most was Mike O'Neill, who signed on at the same time as me and still turns out for the Widnes A team."

"In those days we didn't study videos of the opposition or anything like that. We had a terrific team spirit and camaraderie that carried us through. Looking back on my playing days, I'd say by best memory was playing for the GB U24 team against France alongside my brother Tony."

So, I wondered how John had made his way into coaching. "I think it was a natural progression for me to move into coaching. During my playing days I was a thinker and always looking for ways to improve set moves and plays. These days I am a student of the game - a rugby dustbin! Unlike my playing days, I study lots of videos to pick up tips, identify problems or spot weaknesses. Rugby League is like a game of chess - it needs thinking about."

John had been coaching at Widnes when his brother Tony was the head coach. When Tony resigned following a dispute, John followed suit. He contacted his old playing colleague Eric Hughes to register an interest in the vacant Academy post at Knowsley Road, got invited down for a chat and took the job.

There isn't much spare time in John's week these days. He works as a project engineer for a local chemical company and coaches the St. Helens U15 town team in addition to his duties with Saints Academy team. The work with the town team gives him an ideal opportunity to get a close look at some of the budding local talent. John keeps files and notes on promising young players and is involved in the setting up of a structured scouting network, so hopefully no good 'uns will slip through the net and end up at Wigan! I asked John who we should be watching out for from the current Academy team and what he looks for in a player. "I don't want to single out any individual as the squad are at different stages of development and at different ages. I'm looking for attributes like technical awareness, good tackling techniques, ability to off-load in the tackle and the ability to think fast and smart. I also expect to see 100% effort and dedication - particularly in training. I always trained as hard as I possibly could. You need to be at the peak of fitness to do yourself justice."

John has some interesting observations on junior rugby. "The sooner the dispute between BARLA and the RFL is sorted out the better. The best young players should be working with professional coaches as soon as possible in order to develop their full potential. The top Aussie clubs, like the Canberra Raiders, have junior teams from 13 years upwards playing in the same style as the first graders. Our schoolkids play far too many matches which can be really bad. For example last season my 11 year old son played 68 games in all - 3 a week. We are also losing too many players between the ages of 13-16 to other interests - we need to keep them playing Rugby League."

"The main purpose of my job at Saints is to get promising young players into good habits and prepare them to step up to the first team. We've got half a dozen who could make it. Whether they will or not is up to them. They have to ask themselves "How ambitious am I? Am I single minded enough? Only time will tell."

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HOW THEY STAND

Current League Tables

STONES BITTER CENTENARY CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
Wigan	13	12	-	1	551	192	359	24
St. Helens	13	9	-	4	538	318	220	18
Leeds	14	9	-	5	410	291	119	18
Halifax	12	8	-	4	294	287	7	16
London B	15	7	-	8	368	404	-36	14
Warrington	13	6	-	7	383	281	22	12
Bradford B	13	6	-	7	276	317	-41	12
Castleford	13	6	-	7	266	351	-85	12
Sheffield	14	6	-	8	322	416	-94	12
Oldham	13	3	-	10	218	396	-180	6
Workington	15	2	-	13	233	524	-291	4

APPEARANCES & SCORERS 95-96

	App	Sub	T	G	DG	Pts
Danny Arnold	6(1)	4	-	-	-	16
Simon Booth	1	-	-	-	-	-
Dean Busby	10	2	-	-	-	8
Keiron Cunningham	16	4	-	-	-	16
Bernard Dwyer	8	3	-	-	-	-
Adam Fogarty	10	2	6	-	-	24
Scott Gibbs	9	-	8	-	-	32
Bobbie Goulding	15	-	3	86	-	184
Jonathan Griffiths	-	1	-	-	-	-
Andy Haigh	4	5	3	-	-	12
Karl Hammond	10	1	6	-	1	25
Joey Hayes	16	-	12	-	-	48
Chris Joynt	13	-	7	-	-	28
Andy Leatham	2	1	-	-	-	-
Paul Loughlin	13	-	6	-	-	24
David Lyon	2	1	1	-	-	4
Vila Matautia	12	1	8	-	-	32
Chris Morley	2	8	-	-	-	-
Paul Newlove	1	-	1	-	-	4
Sonny Nickle	5	-	1	-	-	4
Andy Northey	9	6	4	-	-	16
Kevin O' Loughlin	-	1	-	-	-	-
Apollo Perelini	11	2	8	-	-	32
Ian Pickavance	7	5	3	-	-	12
Stephen Prescott	15	-	6	11	-	46
Richard Sheil	-	1	-	-	-	-
Anthony Sullivan	13	-	20	-	-	80
Phil Veivers	-	5(1)	-	-	-	1
Phil Waring	5	4(2)	4	-	-	16
TOTAL	208	54(4)	117	97	2	664

Key:- (SO) = Sent Off, (BB) = Blood bin sub
T = Try, G = Goal, DG = Drop Goal

Ht FT Att

AUGUST

13th Charity Shield at the Royal Dublin Showground

20th Bradford Northern	H	3.00	26-4	55-10	7620
23rd Oldham	A	2.30	18-10	44-18	4316
28th Wigan	H	2.00	BSKYB 0-32	20-52	14,054

SEPTEMBER

3rd Leeds	A	3.00	14-16	24-36	12,027
10th Workington Town	A	3.00	34-16	66-22	4,200
13th Sheffield Eagles	H	7.30	26-8	62-20	5089
17th Castleford	H	3.00	24-6	35-18	7,400
20th Warrington	A	2.30	2-16	16-28	6,624

NOVEMBER

1st London Broncos	A	2.30	38-12	50-34	1,561
5th Halifax	H	3.00	10-16	58-20	7,892
11th Keighley (R. T. - Rd 2)	A	1.10	20-4	42-14	3,737
17th Bradford Bulls	A	2.30	BSKYB 18-12	32-18	3,088
26th Hull (R. T. - Rd 3)	A	3.15	16-8	38-26	4,180
29th Sheffield E	A	2.30	14-16	18-32	1,719

DECEMBER

3rd Workington Town	H	3.00	26-6	58-10	7,014
10th Halifax R. T. - Rd 4)	H	3.00	20-8	46-18	7,419
13th Oldham	H	7.30	-	-	-
20th Castleford	A	2.30	-	-	-
26th Wigan	A	3.00	-	-	-
30th Warrington (R. T. - Rd 5)	H	-	-	-	-

JANUARY

1st Leeds	H	3.00	-	-	-
7th Warrington	H	3.00	-	-	-
13th Regal Trophy Final	-	-	-	-	-
14th London Broncos	H	3.00	-	-	-
21st Halifax	A	3.00	-	-	-
27th Silk Cut Challenge Cup - 1st Round	-	-	-	-	-

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Prescott G	Hayes T	Northey	Loughlin T	Sullivan 3T	Gibbs	Goulding 8G	Fogerty	Cunningham	Perelini T	Matautia T	Nickle T	Joynt	Haigh (3)T	Veivers (16) DG	Dwyer (8)	Pickavance (11)
Prescott G	Hayes 2T	Northey T	Loughlin	Sullivan	Gibbs 2T	Goulding 7G	Fogerty	Cunningham	Perelini T	Matautia (16)T	Nickle (SO)	Joynt	Haigh (8B)	Veivers (11)	Dwyer (8)	Pickavance (11)
Prescott 2T	Hayes	Northey	Loughlin (5)	Sullivan	Gibbs T	Goulding 2G	Fogerty	Cunningham T	Perelini	Matautia	Nickle	Joynt	Haigh (4)	(Veivers)	Dwyer (8)	Pickavance (11)
Prescott	Hayes	Haigh	Loughlin	Sullivan 2T	Gibbs T	Goulding 2G	Perelini	Cunningham	Dwyer (SO)	Matautia 2T	Joynt	Busby	Waring (3)	Northey (4)	Morley (13)	Pickavance (8)
Prescott G	Hayes T	Gibbs T	Loughlin T	Haigh 2T	Waring 2T	Goulding 8G	Pickavance 2T	Cunningham	Dwyer	Matautia T	Joynt T	Busby T	Arnold (1)	Northey (13)	Morley (11)	Veivers (7)
Prescott 2T	Hayes T	Gibbs	Loughlin T	Haigh	Waring 2T	Goulding 11G	Perelini T	Cunningham	Pickavance	Matautia T	Morley	Busby (11)	Hammond (13) T	(Arnold)	Northey (3)	Fogerty (10) T
Prescott 4G	Hayes	Hammond TDG	Loughlin T	Sullivan T	Waring	Goulding G	Pickavance	Cunningham	Dwyer	Joynt 2T	Nickle	Busby	Arnold (1)	Northey (7)	Matautia (8)	Perelini (10) T
Prescott 4G	Hayes	Northey	Loughlin	Haigh	Hammond	Waring	Fogerty	Cunningham	Perelini T	Matautia (SO)	Nickle	Busby	Arnold (4)T	Griffiths (7)	Veivers (8)	Booth (13)
Prescott T	Hayes	Northey	Loughlin T	Sullivan 3T	Hammond	Goulding T7G	Perelini	Cunningham T	Dwyer	Joynt	Matautia (11)	BusbyT	(Waring)	Haigh (5)	Fogerty (8)T	Morley (12)
Prescott	Hayes	Gibbs	Loughlin	Sullivan 4T	Hammond 2T	Goulding 9G	Fogerty	Cunningham T	Dwyer	Pickavance T	Matautia T	Joynt T	Waring (7)	Haigh (12)	Morley (8)	Northey (3)
Prescott	Hayes T	Gibbs 2T	Loughlin T	Sullivan T	Hammond	Goulding T5G	Fogerty	Cunningham	Dwyer	Pickavance	Matautia	Joynt 2T	Northey (12)	Morley (8)	-	-
Prescott T	Hayes 2T	Northey T (SO)	Loughlin	Sullivan	Hammond	Goulding 4G	Fogerty T	Cunningham	Dwyer	Pickavance	Matautia T (SO)	Joynt	Waring (8)	Lyon (4)	Morley (11)	Perelini (16)
Prescott	Hayes 2T	Lyon T	Loughlin	Sullivan 2T	Hammond	Goulding 5G	Fogerty	Cunningham	Dwyer	Joynt	Perelini 2T	Busby	(Waring)	Leatham (8)	-	-
Prescott	Hayes	Northey	Hammond T	Sullivan	Waring	Goulding T3G	Fogerty T	Cunningham	Leatham	Morley	Perelini	Busby	Arnold (3)	O' Loughlin (13)	Veivers (17)	Sheil (8)
Lyon	Hayes	Northey T	Newlove T	Sullivan 4T	Hammond T	Goulding 7G	Fogerty 2T	Cunningham	Leatham	Joynt T	Perelini	Busby	Waring (13)	Arnold (1)T	Morley (8)	Pickavance (10)
Prescott	Hayes 2T	Northey T	Gibbs T	Sullivan	Hammond	Goulding 7G	Perelini T	Cunningham T	Pickavance	Joynt	Matautia	Busby	Arnold (5) 2T	Morley (12)	-	-

DIVISION ONE STATISTICS

TOP TRY SCORERS

1.	Anthony Sullivan (St. Helens)	24
2.	Martin Offiah (Wigan)	23
3.	Jason Robinson (Wigan)	18
4.	Va'aiga Tuigamala (Wigan)	13
5.	Gary Connolly (Wigan)	12
=	Francis Cummins (Leeds)	12
=	Joey Hayes (St. Helens)	12
=	Kevin Iro (Leeds)	12

TOP GOAL SCORERS

1.	Bobbie Goulding (St. Helens)	100
2.	Andy Farrell (Wigan)	92
3.	Paul Cook (Leeds)	74
4.	John Schuster (Halifax)	59
5.	Jonathan Davies (Warrington)	44
6.	Iestyn Harris (Warrington)	40
7.	Dean Marwood (Workington)	35
8.	Deryck Fox (Featherstone formerly Bradford)	32
9.	Mark Aston (Sheffield E)	27
10.	Francis Maloney (Oldham)	26

TOP POINTS SCORERS

	T	G	DG	Pts
1.	Andy Farrell (Wigan)	8	92	216
2.	Bobbie Goulding (St. Helens)	4	99	215
3.	Paul Cook (Leeds)	8	74	180
4.	John Schuster (Halifax)	4	59	134

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	App	Sub	T	G	DG	Pts
Keiron Cunningham	2	-	-	-	-	-
Adam Fogarty	2	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Gibbs	2	-	2	-	-	8
Bobbie Goulding	3	-	1	14	-	32
Andy Haigh	-	1	-	-	-	-
Karl Hammond	1	-	2	-	-	8
John Harrison	6	1	-	-	-	-
Joey Hayes	1	-	2	-	-	8
Alan Hunte	10	-	11	-	-	44
Chris Joynt	5	-	1	-	-	4
David Lyon	1	-	-	-	-	-
Tommy Martyn	2	-	2	3	-	14
Vila Matautia	1	-	1	-	-	4
Chris Morley	-	2	-	-	-	-
Jonathan Neill	2	-	-	-	-	-
Andy Northey	2	-	3	-	-	12
Apollo Perelini	1	1	1	-	-	4
Ian Pickavance	3	2	-	-	-	-
Stephen Prescott	4	-	1	2	-	8
Mike Riley	3	-	-	-	-	-
Anthony Sullivan	7	-	1	-	-	4
Phil Veivers	15	2	2	-	-	8

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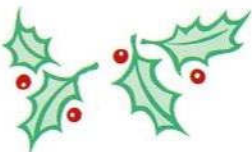
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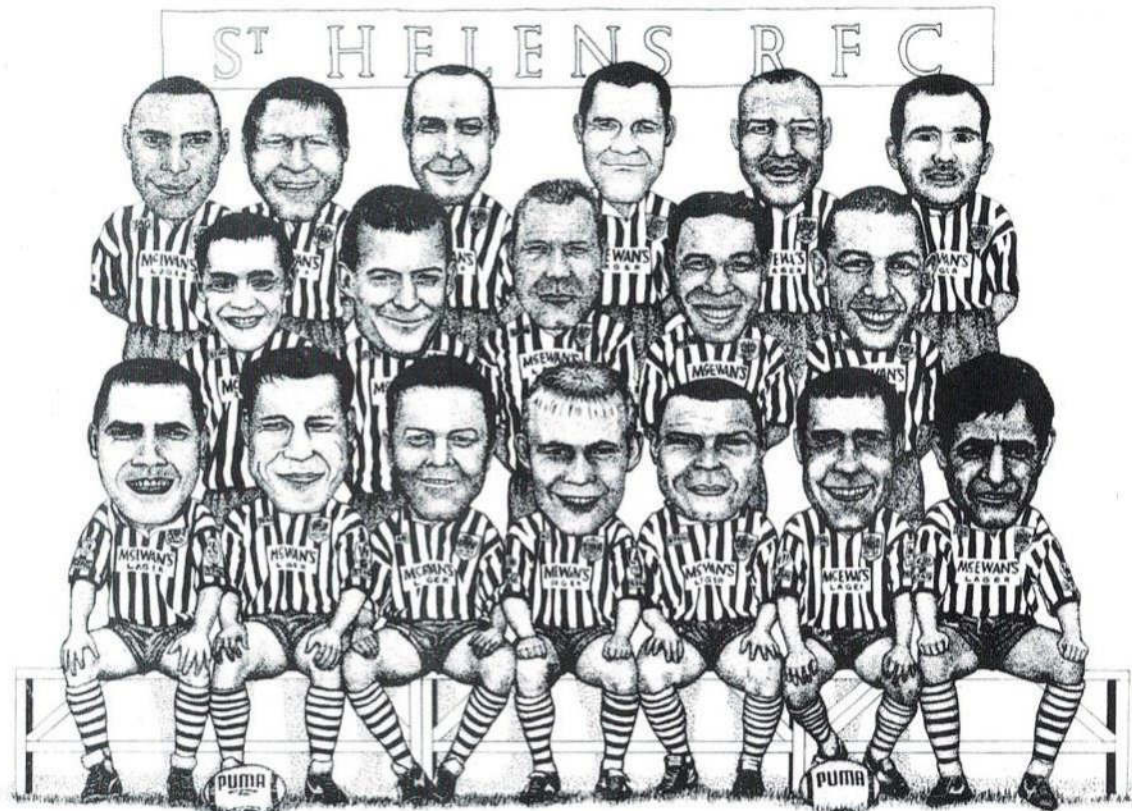
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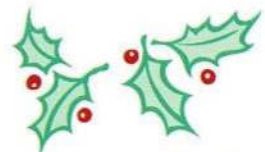
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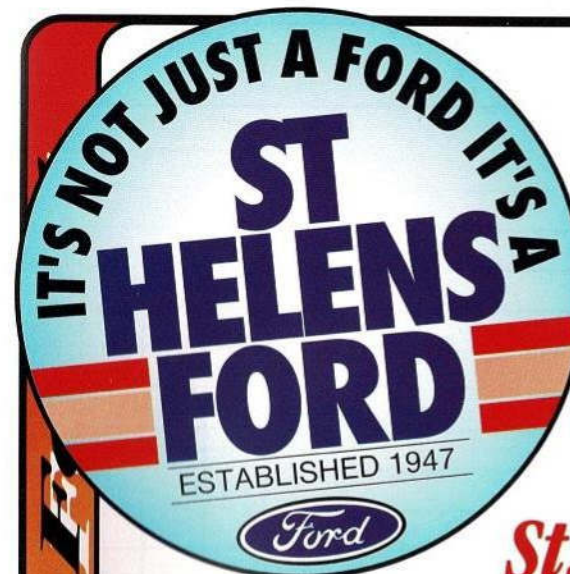
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