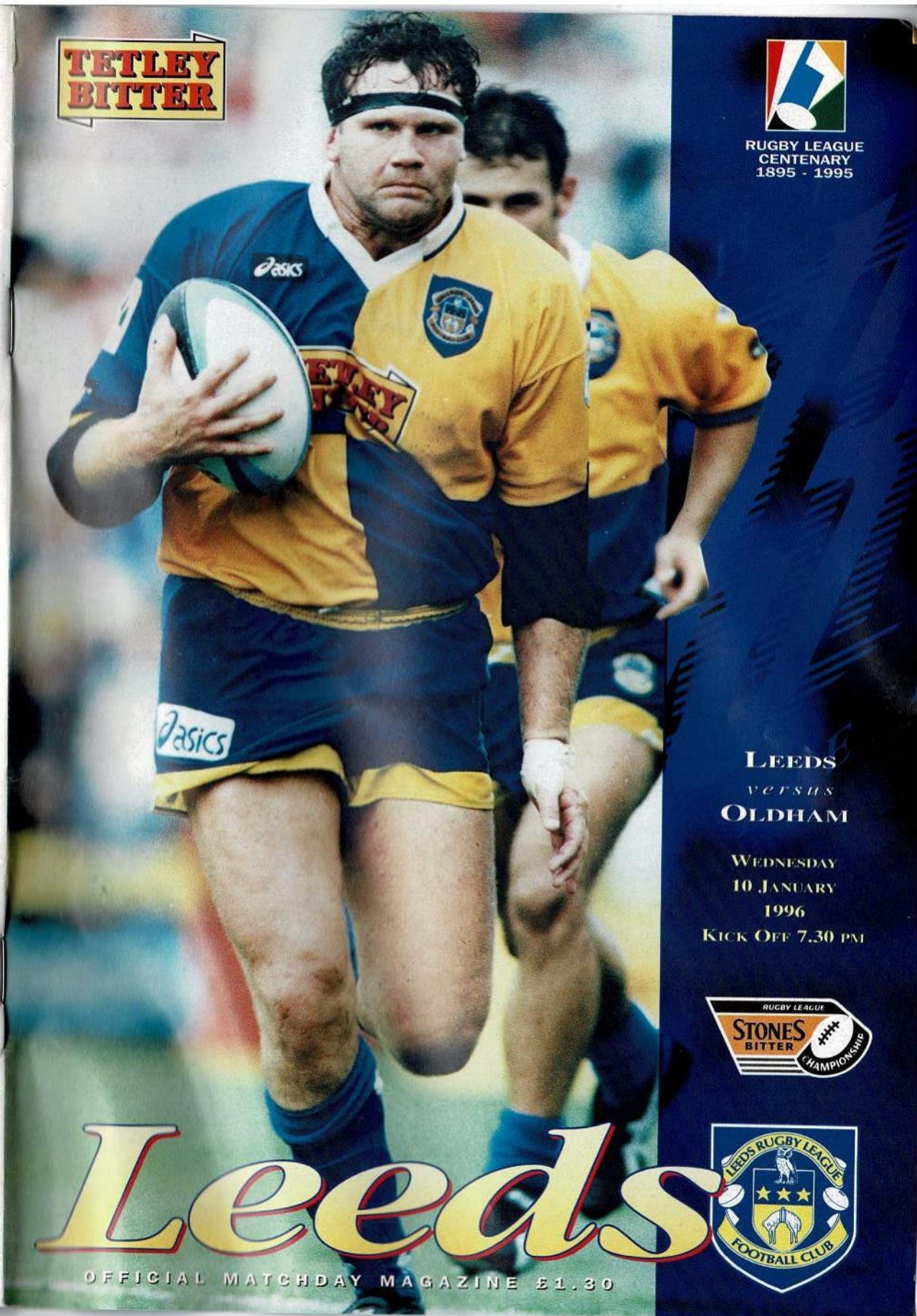


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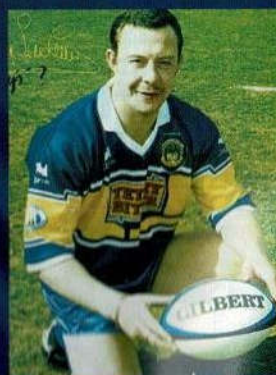
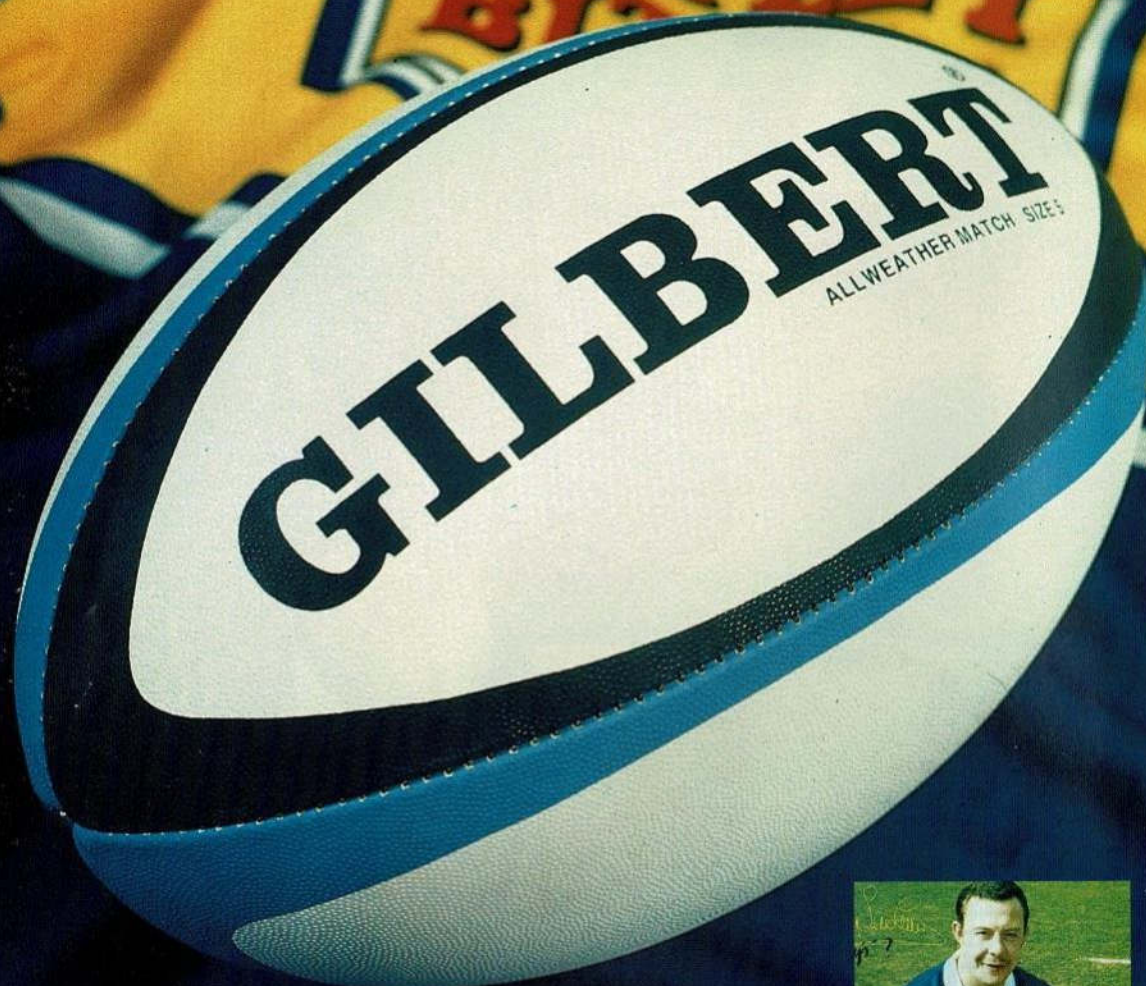
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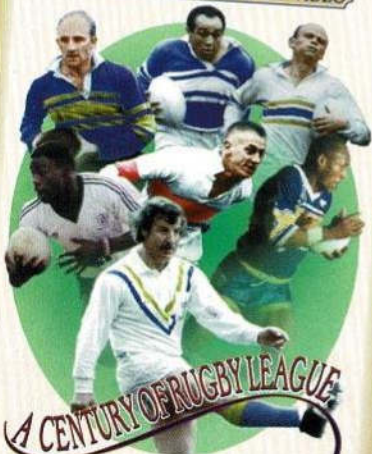
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TEAM MATTERS

Our defeat on Saturday left me feeling bitterly disappointed, it still shows that there is a big gap between Wigan and the rest of us.

■ I feel that we are a couple of players short of really competing for honours but

when Wigan can turn on a performance like the one they gave on Saturday, it just shows how wide that gulf is.

It was the first time on the big stage for some of our players and I thought that Adrian Morley and Jamie Field performed well and Marvin Golden showed a lot of character

to come back and have a strong game after his mistake that led to Henry Paul's try.

One thing that pleased me was the way we didn't give up. I think that at 32-0 down some Leeds teams would have thrown the towel in. That we didn't, reflects a lot of credit on the side. I think that as a team we will have learnt a lot from that game and that is important as, unfortunately, we sometimes have to learn from our mistakes. We have the ideal opportunity to see if we have taken anything from the defeat when we visit Central Park next Sunday.

It looks as if we will finish the season in second place in the table but we will have to improve still further to maintain that spot in Super League. It was my first visit back to

Central Park and it wasn't the best experience, I now know what it is like on the other side of the

fence! But results like that just make me more determined to bridge that gulf. As this could be the last home game of the season, I would like to thank you all for the tremendous support that you have given us. Wherever we have been we have always heard the Leeds fans and they have really lifted the team. Myself and Hugh have been delighted by the way we were accepted by the supporters right from day one and we are very determined in where we want to take this club. All the coaching staff are working very hard to put Leeds right back at the top of the tree, where we feel we belong.

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SCHOOLS' ROUNDUP

LEEDS SCHOOLS RL UNDER 13s 30 HALIFAX 10

The Leeds Schools' RL Under 13s maintained their 100% record at the top of the Yorkshire League with another well deserved away victory, this time at Halifax. The game started evenly, but Leeds were first to score when prop Richard Freeman (Lawnswood) did well to slip a pass out of the tackle and the ball was moved quickly through several pairs of hands which created the space for Michael Lyons (Cockburn) to score out wide. The home side soon came storming back, scoring two tries and a goal to take a 10-4 lead. In fact, Halifax's dominance at this stage could easily have resulted in a bigger lead, had it not been for Leeds' full back Jonathan Hepworth (Brigshaw) who pulled off two superb try saving tackles. Leeds closed the gap with a try by substitute Chev Walker (Merlyn Rees), but Halifax maintained the upper hand, despite good breaks from Chris Fletcher (Lawnswood) and Danny McGuire (Agnes Stewart). The next try came against the run of play when left winger Lyons collected a kick in his own twenty metre area and raced down the right touchline to score a spectacular try in the corner. Approaching the interval Jason Blakey (John Smeaton) was tackled close to the line in the right corner, from the play the ball Leeds showed fine handling to whip the ball to the opposite flank where Lyons was on hand to complete a first half hat trick. Simon Lewis (Ralph Thoresby) converted to give Leeds a somewhat flattering 18-10 half time lead, which was a tribute to their

defensive commitment and their ability to capitalise on the few chances that came their way. Leeds used this half time lead to provide the platform for a dominant performance in the second period. They maintained a stranglehold on the Halifax attack and were able to seal the victory with three more tries, all scored wide out, through Lyons, Hepworth and McGuire. In fact, the Halifax full back prevented his side suffering an even heavier defeat with two brilliant last ditch cover tackles on Leeds huge free running centre Chev Walker, who is invariably unstoppable when running open space. The final score of 30-10 reflected Leeds ability to control games away from home and keeps them clear at the head of the table, as they enter 1996 as favourites to lift the title. There were a number of pleasing individual performances, with Michael Lyons showing his finishing ability with his four try haul, whilst Andy Warren (Pudsey Crawshaw) maintained his good form of late at prop. Craig Ibbetson (Royds) once again topped the tackle count, this time in the less familiar role of loose forward and continued to show his willingness to take on the less glamorous work in the middle. Centre Aaron Smith (John Smeaton) once again showed his cool level headed ability both in attack and defence. However, it was Jonathan Hepworth who was named Man of the Match for his key contributions in both attack and defence, he had kept Leeds in the game early on and provided a vital link in the line and was rewarded with a well deserved second half try.

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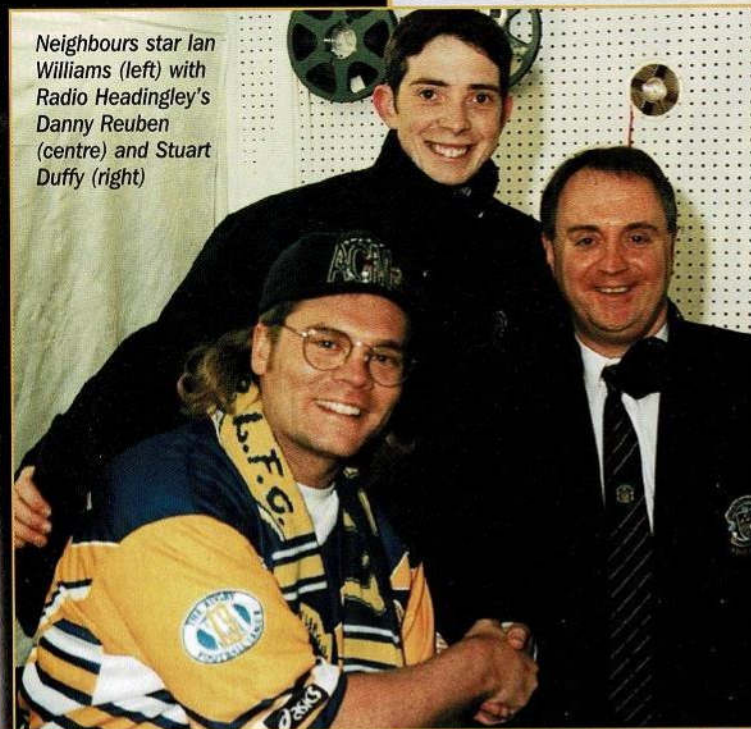
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Neighbours star Ian Williams (left) with Radio Headingley's Danny Reuben (centre) and Stuart Duffy (right)



■ Headingley had a special guest on Boxing Day in Ian Williams of the Australian hit series *Neighbours*. Ian, who is appearing in pantomime at the City Varieties, was a guest of the club for the game against Castleford. He dropped into Radio Headingley and chatted to presenter Stuart Duffy, before the kick-off.

Ian told Radio Headingley listeners how thrilled he was to be at the ground.

"I've seen it so many times on television and it is just exactly as I imagined it would be. I really am a

big Rugby League fan and when it was decided that I would be in Leeds for the panto I just had to see a game here."

Ian, who played Adam Willis in *Neighbours*, is a big fan of the Brisbane Broncos back home in Australia and is friendly with Paul Hauff and Terry Matterson from the London Broncos.

Earlier in the week he was shown round the Headingley complex and met coach Dean Bell and some of the Leeds players. He was a little disappointed to miss out on meeting Hugh McGahan who he said was a hero to him when

Hughie was captain of Eastern Suburbs in Sydney.

Ian, who has no plans to return to *Neighbours*, is in Leeds until the middle of January and was delighted with the snow in Manchester, where he is staying, on Christmas Day.

One Christmas present that he will be taking Down Under with him is a Leeds RLFC shirt presented to him by the club's sponsors, Tetley Bitter. The magnificent victory at St Helens was the club's first at Knowsley Road in nine attempts. Leeds' last win there being in 1988 when Marty Gurr scored two tries.

It was strong tackling by the forwards that laid the platform for success and Leeds were unlucky not to make the scoreline more convincing. New centre Carl Hall scored a spectacular 70 metre try holding off Saints' full back Steve Prescott in fine style.

Carl stated, when he was signed, that he had not been given any promises and would be doing his utmost to take the chance that he had been offered. He has already won over the Leeds fans with some wholehearted displays and looks like being a real crowd pleaser in the Super League.

The Gibbons brothers, Anthony and David, played together at Halifax making them the first set of twins to play for Leeds since the Raynes in the 1980s. Both are products of the East Leeds amateur club and played together for the Leeds schools team in the Wembley curtain raiser a few years ago.

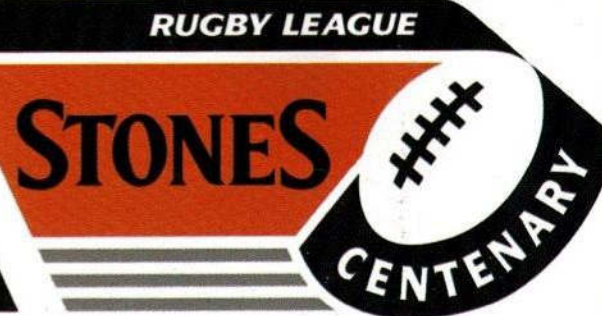
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The Yorkshire Cup 1934

In November 1934 Leeds captured the Yorkshire Cup for the fifth time in their history but not without a tremendous struggle that took three games.

The Loiners had beaten Bramley, Hull and Halifax to reach the final with Wakefield Trinity which, for the first time in the competition's history was to be played at Dewsbury's Crown Flatt.

Just over 22,500 people braved the gale force wind to watch a thrilling and tense game that was a typical 'blood and guts' Cup tie. The Yorkshire Post reporter summed up the game superbly when he wrote:- "The game tested the stamina of both sides, and grit of the men as well, and when there was fierce defensive work to be done on the line neither side was found lacking. It was proof of the excellent condition of all the men concerned that, after all the battering, all the bumping and all the rushing in the game, each side had the power in the closing minutes to set up attacks which almost snatched the Cup from the box into which it was placed until Wednesday."

Trinity won the all important toss and played with the wind at their backs in the first half, scoring a try through Burrows which Pollard converted. In the second-half Leeds took advantage of the slope and the wind and equalised with a

try from Ken Jubb to which Jim Brough added the two points. So, at 5-5 it was to Fartown, Huddersfield the following Wednesday for the replay. There were 10,500 spectators at Huddersfield for the replay which



Stanley Smith the hat-trick hero for Leeds in the second replay at Parkside.

was marred by error after error from both sides. The boot of Pollard gave Wakefield the lead in the final minute of the first-half and the boot of Dickie Ralph snatched a dramatic draw in the closing seconds of the match. At 2-2 it was to Parkside, Hunslet's compact ground in South Leeds for the third thrilling instalment of the marathon. At Parkside a little over 19,000 at

last saw the Loiners unleash their talented backs and give a display of sheer pace that the Trinity defences simply could not match. It was speed of thought and speed of action that produced three tries for Leeds.

The second try was a classic, Stan Brogden took a good pass from a scrummage and slit the keen defence by galloping through the smallest of gaps. The Wakefield defence had a couple of yards with which to catch him but, with one eye on Smith they hesitated for a fraction of a second too long. By now Brogden had accelerated and his way to the line was clearing with every long, loping stride he took, with a solitary defender to beat, he slowed momentarily and laid a perfect pass to Stan Smith who sailed over the line for the try. The whole movement simply oozed with class and as an eye witness account said: "It was merely a question of a pass-a-pass at a terrifically high speed and there was the try that to all practical purposes settled the destination of the Cup." Smith, who Leeds had signed from Wakefield in 1930, finished the game with a hat-trick of tries and Jim Brough landed two goals to give Leeds a 13-0 victory after 240 minutes of football that had produced just about everything the game of Rugby League football had to offer, both good and bad.

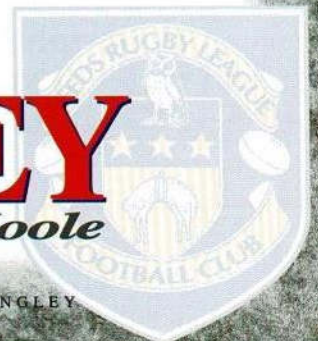
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24	LEEDS V CASTLEFORD	7.30pm	W44-6
31	ST HELENS V LEEDS	7.30pm	L10-30

SEPTEMBER

8	SALFORD V LEEDS	8.00pm	W19-10
14	LEEDS V WARRINGTON	7.30pm	W20-16
21	BRADFORD V LEEDS	7.30pm	L16-18
28	LEEDS V OLDHAM	7.30pm	W26-22

NOVEMBER

2	WIGAN V LEEDS	7.30pm	W30-10
9	LEEDS V BRADFORD	7.30pm	W28-26
16	DEWSBURY V LEEDS	7.30pm	W28-18
23	OLDHAM V LEEDS	7.30pm	W32-4
30	LEEDS V ST HELENS	7.30pm	W28-10

DECEMBER

14	LEEDS V HULL	8.00pm	L20-22
28	LEEDS V WARRINGTON	7.30pm	Postponed

JANUARY

1	LEEDS V WIGAN	7.00pm	W22-6
4	CASTLEFORD V LEEDS	7.30pm	L8-12
11	HULL V LEEDS	8.00pm	
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AUGUST

18	LEEDS V WIGAN	8.00pm	L22-40
28	WAKEFIELD T V LEEDS	7.30pm	W34-30

SEPTEMBER

4	CASTLEFORD V LEEDS	7.30pm	L22-23
9	LEEDS V HULL	3.00pm	L16-19
23	ST HELENS V LEEDS	2.30pm	L12-29
30	LEEDS V LEIGH	2.30pm	W36-22

OCTOBER

23	WARRINGTON V LEEDS	7.30pm	L23-28
30	BRADFORD V LEEDS	7.30pm	W40-22

NOVEMBER

4	WIGAN V LEEDS	2.30pm	D28-28
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18	HULL V LEEDS	2.30pm	L18-19

DECEMBER

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6	LEEDS V WAKEFIELD T	2.30pm	
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In a week of mixed fortunes, the Leeds Alliance team look to have kissed goodbye to what chance they have of retaining the Championship.

On New Year's Day the Loiners took on Wigan in a rearranged game at Headingley and put the Riversiders to the sword 22-6. In a game played in fog the highlights were an Alan Tait hat trick and a tremendous 80 metre try to Academy Star, Adam Hughes. Leeds completely dominated the game and actually led 22-0 before Wigan finished the scoring for the night. As the first team had also won earlier in the day it posed the question, when did Leeds last defeat St Helens and Wigan on the same day?

Leeds made the short trip to Wheldon Road to face Castleford three days later and ran in to a Cas side who were reportedly on their last chance. No less than nine first team regulars, including Jason Flowers, Richard Goddard, Dean Sampson, Gareth Stephens, Andrew Schick and Brendan Tuuta, started the game for the home side.

However, it was Leeds who took the lead when Paul Gleadhill spun out of some weak Castleford defence to score in the corner. Castleford hit back and a Jason Flowers try converted by Goddard gave them a 6-4 half time lead.

It was the 65th minute before another score came and when it did it was Richard Goddard who showed his class to open up the



Alliance coach Paul Fletcher

Leeds defence. His try and subsequent conversion giving Castleford a 12-4 advantage. The game was nip and tuck at this stage but the Loiners try, to Adam Hughes, came too late to make a difference, with Leeds going down 8-12.

Paul Fletcher, while being disappointed that the Championship was all but over, was delighted with the effort shown by his side. "I thought that our tackling was superb, particularly our back three, Schultz, Law and Vassilakopoulos and we matched what was virtually a full strength Castleford side in every department."

Problems then for Castleford but nothing but praise for the young Loiners who look a good bet for honours when the Cup competitions come around.

Paul Fletcher was talking to Stuart Duffy.

STRENGTH IN DEPTH



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AUGUST

13th	Charity Shield v Wigan	(Dublin)	3.00	W34-45	5.716	Tat	Fallon	Ino	Cummins	Cook (4G)	Kemp (T)	Vassilopoulos	Harmon	Loves	Female	Mercer	Mann	Fordshaw (T)	Golden (S2)	Gibbons (S10)	Morley (S11)	Fozzard (S12)
20th	Sheffield Eagles	A	3.15	W34-6	4.611	Tat (T)	Fallon	Ino	Cummins (T) (S)	Cook (T) (S)	Kemp	Gibbons (T)	Harmon	Loves	Female	Mercer (T)	Mann	Fordshaw	Morley (S3)	Morley (S13)	Female (S10)	Handley (S7)
25th	BSKYB Castleford	A	7.30	W18-22	5.695	Tat	Fallon	Ino	Cummins (S)	Cook (S)	Kemp (T)	Gibbons	Harmon	Loves	Female	Mercer	Mann	Fordshaw (T)	Cook (S4)	Morley (S8)	Female	Schofield (S11)
30th	WARRINGTON	H	7.30	W46-6	10.586	Tat (T)	Fallon	Ino	Hassan	Cook (T) (S)	Kemp	Schofield (T)	Harmon	Loves (T)	Female	Mercer	Mann	Fordshaw (T)	Cummins (S2)	Morley (S12)	Gibbons (S6)	Shaw (S9)

SEPTEMBER

3rd	ST HELENS	H	3.00	W36-24	12.027	Tat	Fallon	Ino	Hassan	Cook (T) (S)	Schofield (T)	Gibbons	Harmon	Loves	Female	Mercer	Morley	Fordshaw (T)	Cummins (S3)	Vassilopoulos (S10)	Fordshaw (S12)	Shaw (S8)
10th	HALIFAX	H	3.00	W46-27	12.040	Tat	Fallon	Ino	Cummins (T)	Cook (T) (S)	Kemp	Schofield (T) (S)	Harmon	Loves	Female	Mercer	Mann	Fordshaw	Gibbons (S6)	Hassan (S1)	Fordshaw (S10)	Shaw (S9)
17th	BSKYB London Broncos	A	7.05	W12-26	4.338	Tat	Fallon	Ino	Cummins	Cook (S)	Kemp	Gibbons	Harmon	Loves	Female	Morley	Mann	Fordshaw	Shaw (S9)	Golden (S2)	Field (S8)	Fozzard
22nd	BSKYB BRADFORD BULLS	H	7.30	W32-30	10.020	Cook (6G)	Fallon	Ino	Golden	Cummins	Kemp	Schofield	Harmon	Loves (T)	Male	Mercer	Mann	Fordshaw (T)	Shaw (S13)	Gibbons	Morley (S11)	Fordshaw (S10)
27th	BRADFORD TOWN	H	7.30	W30-12	8.877	Cook (7G)	Fallon	Ino	Golden	Cummins	Kemp	Schofield	Harmon	Loves	Male	Morley (T)	Eyes	Mercer	Cummins (T) (S2)	Tat (T) (S6)	Loves (S13)	Fordshaw (S8)

OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

3rd	BSKYB WIGAN	H	7.30	W23-11	17.049	Cook (T) (S)	Fallon	Ino	Immes	Cummins	Kemp	Schofield (T) (S)	Harmon	Loves	Male	Mercer	Lowes	Fordshaw	Tat (T) (S3)	Fordshaw (S10)	Fordshaw (S13)	
12th	Regal Trophy - Round 2: SALFORD	H	3.00	W46-22	7.589	Tat (T)	Fallon	Ino	Immes	Cummins	Kemp	Schofield (T)	Harmon	Loves	Male	Mercer	Lowes	Fordshaw	Cummins (S11)	Howard (S8)		
15th	Warrington Town	A	7.30	W16-16	2.590	Tat	Fallon	Ino	Immes	Cummins	Kemp	Schofield	Harmon	Loves	Male	Mercer	Lowes	Fordshaw	Cummins (S12)	McDermott (S10)	Fordshaw (S13)	Fordshaw (S15)
19th	SHEFFIELD EAGLES	H	3.00	W22-27	11.581	Tat	Fallon	Ino	Immes	Cummins	Kemp	Schofield	Harmon	Loves	Male	Mercer	Lowes	Fordshaw	Cook (T) (S2)	McDermott (S10)	Mercer (S11)	Fordshaw (S8)
26th	BSKYB BRADFORD BULLS	H	3.00	W42-28	10.093	Tat	Fallon	Ino	Immes	Cummins	Kemp	Schofield	Harmon	Loves	Male	Mercer	Lowes	Fordshaw	Cummins (S9)	McDermott (S10)		
29th	Warrington	A	7.30	W14-47	5.210	Cook (5G)	Fallon	Ino	Immes	Cummins	Kemp	Schofield	Harmon	Loves	Male	Mercer	Lowes	Fordshaw	Tat (T) (S13)	McDermott (S10)	A. Gibbons (S3)	Field (S12)

DECEMBER

3rd	Halifax	A	3.00	L10-29	5.378	A. Gibbons	Fallon	Ino	Immes	Cummins	Kemp	D. Gibbons	Harmon	Loves	Male	Mercer	Field	Fordshaw	Holroyd (S2)	Shaw (S6)	Vassilopoulos	Howard (S8)
10th	BT - Round 4: CARLISLE	A	3.00	W44-22	5.130	A. Gibbons	Fallon	Ino	Immes	Cummins	Kemp	D. Gibbons	Harmon	Loves	Male	Mercer	Field	Fordshaw	Mercer	Shaw (S12)	Howard (S10)	
17th	Bradford Bulls	A	3.00	W16-12	5.534	A. Gibbons	Fallon	Ino	Immes	Cummins	Kemp	Holroyd (T) (S)	Harmon	Loves	Male	Mercer	Field	Fordshaw	D. Gibbons	Shaw (S6)	Howard (S10)	
19th	LONDON BRONCOS	H	7.30	W39-12	7.044	A. Gibbons	Fallon	Ino	Immes	Cummins	Kemp	Holroyd (T) (S)	Harmon	Loves	Male	Mercer	Field	Fordshaw	Handley (S7)	Riley (S2)	Harmon	Fordshaw (S10)
26th	CASTLEFORD	H	11.30	W26-26	18.000	A. Gibbons	Fallon	Ino	Immes	Cummins	Kemp	D. Gibbons	Harmon	Loves	Male	Mercer	Field	Fordshaw	Schofield (S12)	Howard (S10)	D. Gibbons	Shaw (S7)
30th	Regal Trophy - Semi Final 1																					

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JANUARY

1st	St Helens	A	3.00	W26-14	6,849	Holroyd (2G)	Fallon	Innes (1T)	Hall (1T)	Golden	Mann	Schofield (1T)	Harmon	Loves	Howard	Morley	Field	Fordshaw	Shaw (S11)	TT McDermott (S10)	A. Gibbons (S1)	Fordshaw (S12)
6th	Regal Trophy - Semi Final 2																					
10th	OLDHAM	H	3.00																			
13th	Regal Trophy Final																					
21st	Wigan	A	3.00																			
27th	Silk Cup Challenge Cup - 1st Round																					

WALLACE ARNOLD STATS-ATTACK

PLAYER	MATCHES PLAYED	TACKLES		HIT-UPS		BUSTS	
		TOT	AVE	TOT	AVE	TOT	AVE
PAUL COOK	14+3	42	2.47	98	5.75	4	0.25
FRANCIS CUMMINS	15+6	159	7.57	131	6.23	8	0.38
RICHE EYES	2	32	16	36	18	1	0.5
ESENE FAIMALO	4+2	96	16	60	10	5	0.83
JIM FALLON	17	104	6.11	161	9.47	13	0.76
JAMIE FIELD	5+2	174	24.8	55	7.85	1	0.14
MIKE FORSHAW	17+4	421	20.04	210	10	13	0.61
NICK FOZZARD	4+12	190	11.87	129	8.06	2	0.12
ANTHONY GIBBONS	5+1	32	4	73	9.12	4	0.5
DAVID GIBBONS	7+6	214	16.46	60	4.61	3	0.23
MARVIN GOLDEN	7+2	55	6.11	66	7.33	1	0.11
PADDY HANDLEY	0+2	9	4.5	7	3.5	0	0
CARL HALL	4	45	11.25	45	11.25	5	1.25
NEIL HARMON	20+1	432	20.57	296	14.09	12	0.57
GRAHAM HOLROYD	7	71	10.14	38	5.42	4	0.57
HARVEY HOWARD	6+4	262	23.8	112	10.18	2	0.18
PHIL HASSAN	3+1	41	10.25	31	7.75	4	1
CRAIG INNES	16	220	13.75	162	10.12	26	1.62
KEVIN IRO	15	225	15	119	7.93	18	1.2
TONY KEMP	15	241	16.06	86	5.73	11	0.73
JAMES LOWES	20+1	753	35.85	168	8	8	0.38
BARRIE McDERMOTT	8+5	133	10.23	102	7.84	5	0.38
GEORGE MANN	19	308	16.21	237	12.47	18	0.94
GARY MERCER	13+1	261	18.64	190	13.57	7	0.50
ADRIAN MORLEY	5+8	221	17	94	7.23	3	0.23
JOHN RILEY	0+1	4	4	2	2	0	0
GARRY SCHOFIELD	10+1	129	10.75	21	1.75	2	0.16
MICK SHAW	8+8	211	13.18	132	8.25	13	0.81
ALAN TAIT	11+3	46	3.28	123	8.78	11	0.78
MARCUS VASSILAKOPOULOS	1+1	7	3.5	1	0.5	0	0
TEAM TOTAL	21	5138	244.6	3045	145	204	19.4

STAR PERFORMERS

versus LONDON BRONCOS

Venue: Home
Competition: Championship
Date: December 19 1995
Conditions: Good (Floodlights)
Top Tacklers: Lowes (51), Field (38), Howard (38)
Top Hit-Ups: Mann (20), Howard (17), McDermott (14)
Top Busts: Mann (2), Fallon, Cummins, Hall, Hassan, D. Gibbons, Lowes, McDermott, Forshaw (1)

versus CASTLEFORD

Venue: Home
Competition: Championship
Date: December 26 1995
Conditions: Fine
Top Tacklers: Lowes (41), Harmon (28), Forshaw (25)
Top Hit-Ups: A. Gibbons (18), Morley (17), Harmon (16)
Top Busts: Hall (2), Mann (2), Harmon (2)

versus ST. HELENS

Venue: Away
Competition: Championship
Date: January 1 1996
Conditions: Cold and Fine
Top Tacklers: Lowes (34), Forshaw (31), Fozzard (21)
Top Hit-Ups: Harmon (14), Innes (13), Holroyd (13)

GOALKICKING STATS

	GOALS	ATTEMPTS	%
PAUL COOK	74	100	74
GRAHAM HOLROYD	6	11	54.54
FRANCIS CUMMINS	7	12	58.33
GARRY SCHOFIELD	0	1	0
ANTHONY GIBBONS	0	1	0
FRANCIS CUMMINS	16	24	66.66



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14th John Chapman

15th Giovanna Maggipinto

16th Christopher Hallas, John Ward, Stephanie Wilson, Kate Speake

17th Leanne Wilcock, Laura Smith, Natalie Hullah, Katy Austin, Carla Chapman

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27th David Geldard

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29th Adam South

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WHO AM I?

Every home match the Blue & Amber Club has run a competition where you have a chance of winning a £5.00 Gift Voucher for the Leeds Rugby League Souvenir Shop. What you need to do is try and work out who the Leeds player is from the four clues given. Write your answer on a postcard or a sealed down envelope and send it, along with your name, address and your Blue & Amber Membership number to: **Leeds RLFC, Junior Blue & Amber Competition, St Michaels Lane, Headingley, Leeds, LS6 3BR.**

TONIGHT'S MASCOTS

Tonight's mascots are **Andrew and Matthew Isett** aged 11 and 6 years. They attend **Ralph Thorseby and Holy Trinity Schools**. Andrew's favourite player is **Neil Harmon** and Matthew's is **Garry Schofield**.

THE CLUES...

- I have played for three English clubs.
- I had a stint in Australia with the Newcastle Knights Club.
- I played in the same Junior Kiwis side as Kevin Iro and Tony Kemp.
- I moved in December 1995.

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11/1/95	SBC	Oldham 14 Leeds 21	Watersheddings	4,080
06/3/94	SBC	Leeds 26 Oldham 22	Headingley	8,635
10/10/93	SBC	Oldham 21 Leeds 6	Watersheddings	5,079
01/1/91	SBC	Leeds 28 Oldham 12	Headingley	11,587
09/9/90	SBC	Oldham 32 Leeds 22	Watersheddings	6,388
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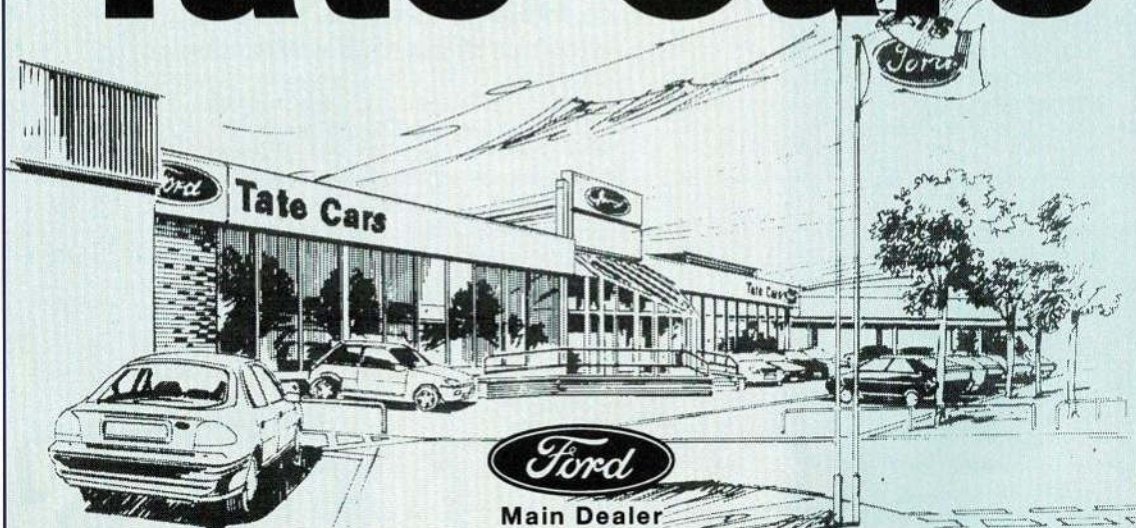


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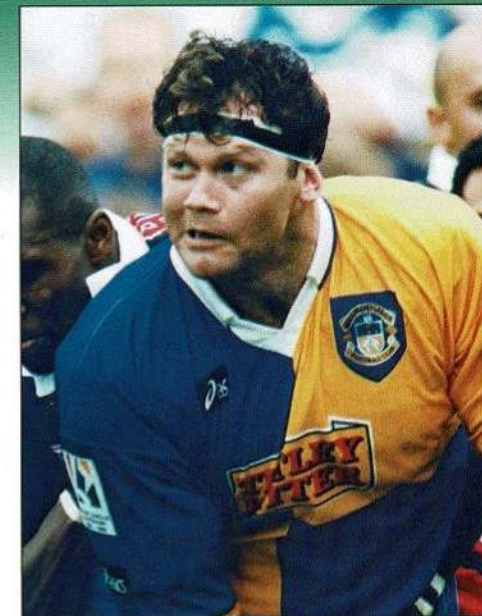
MAN OF THE MATCH

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Neil Harmon

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FROM THE HEAT...

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WIGAN 38
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■ The first action of the new and potentially historic year saw a Loiners performance full of character, spirit and grit that augurs well for the future.

A determined display, probably their best away one of the centenary season, ended a long losing streak at Knowsley Road and put Leeds in the driving seat for the runners up spot in the championship. One of the most encouraging aspects clearly evident was the amount of talking going on between the players, illustrating their willingness to work as an effective unit. That manifested itself in an excellent opening quarter when the visitors shut down the Saints attacking options with some excellent defence that curbed the home side's natural exuberance. Only penalties given away for not playing the ball correctly spoilt the best efforts on attack.

Craig Innes was prominent on his return and the half back partnership of Mann and Schofield struck up a good understanding in midfield, the skipper registering a well worked early try to set the stall out, and Harvey Howard drove remorselessly into the heart of the Saints. Awareness of chips from Goulding stunted one of their major plays and despite a spell of 10 minutes concerted pressure around the half hour, their only reply was as the result of capitalising on a Leeds error, bringing the ball out of their own quarter. Schofield was unlucky not to collect a second score before the break which was arrived at with the sides level but it was right after the interval that the Loiners struck

decisively.

A flowing 70 metre move involving Fallon, Hall, and Holroyd as the link saw Innes charge through for a memorable try. At the other end, try saving tackles by Fallon on Arnold and Holroyd on Booth were crucial as was keeping the line intact during the sinbining of Harmon. He returned to see Hall maintain his promising start, capping an accomplished all round display with a sparkling solo score brushing past two defenders on a 50 metre surge to the corner. A late try to Gibbs after a fortunate rebound led to an anxious finish but Shaw's trademark explosion from dummy half sealed a highly deserved and impressive victory attained despite a penalty count of 15-6 against.

"The one positive is that the side didn't give up. The young kids did us proud, it was a big test and they put their hands up to be counted - that was a good sign. They capitalised on our mistakes and you've got to give them credit for it, good sides do that. I said when I arrived that Wigan were 20 points better than us, but I think we've closed the gap a bit and that gives me hope."

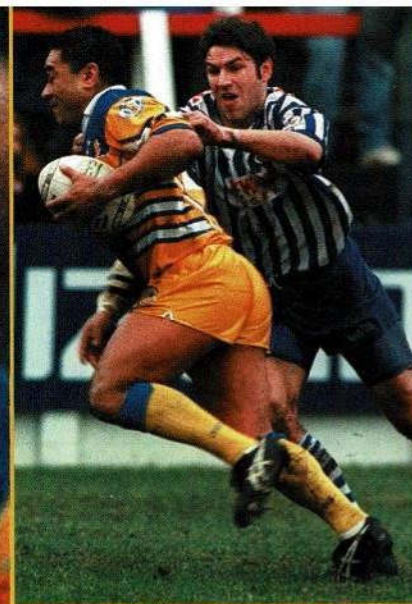
Dean Bell's words following Wigan's march into the Regal final were tinged with realism rather than disappointment. In the first half the Riversiders were ruthless, holding on in a fierce opening twenty minutes that saw the Loiners more than match them, before snaring quick tries running back two handling errors for a 12 point lead. Their third try of the half, exquisitely fashioned by Edwards for Radlinski,

indicated that on form the gap between the champions and the rest is still a chasm. To their credit Leeds, led by the stirring efforts of Morley, Field, Holroyd and Howard and Shaw after their introduction, refused to throw in the towel and this was no repeat of the Premiership Final.

At 32-0 down with Connolly continuing his streak of fantastic long range efforts against the Loiners, it would have been easy to become downcast but Dean Bell's side is made of sterner stuff and the final quarter proved that the commitment and improvement shown in the previous four victories has begun to set the right foundations.

It was easy for the home crowd and many journalists to point to Wigan easing off but all four of the Leeds scores were well fashioned and highly merited. Against virtually any other side the Loiners efforts might even have secured victory and their mistakes would not have proved so costly, but that was scant consolation. Marvin Golden's second half performance epitomised the spirit of the team as a whole. It would have been easy for him to allow his head to drop but he finished strongly and will have learnt and benefited from the experience.

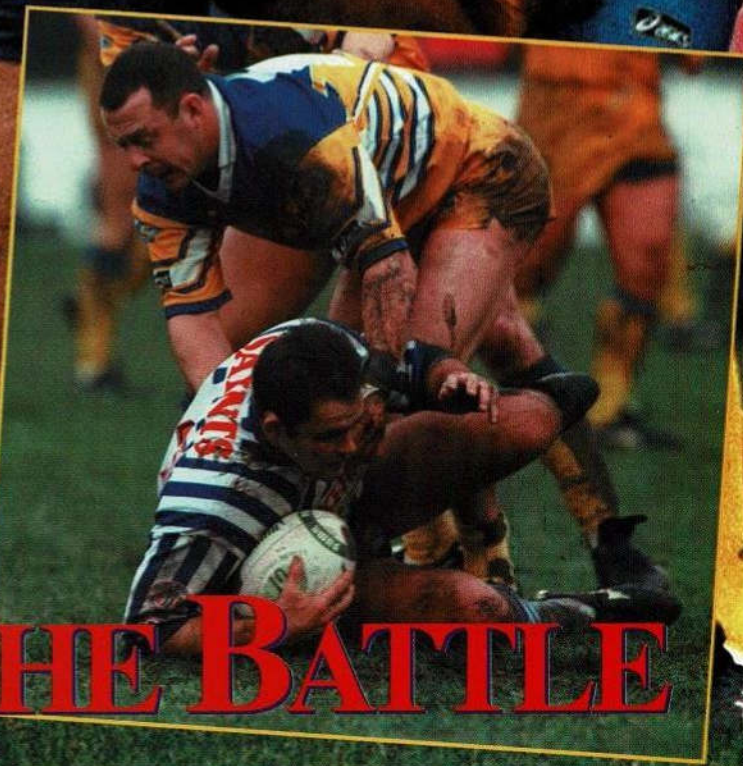
With Iro, Mercer and Kemp to add and the Challenge Cup around the corner, this season is far from over. It was that ten minute horror spell in the first half that effectively decided this encounter and denied a repeat of the 1987 competition when Leeds beat Wigan in the semis and met the Saints in the final. The long term lessons of this defeat may turn out to be more significant than the immediate pain of an exit at the toughest round.



Main picture: Jim Fallon hits the Saints defence
Top inset: George Mann breaks the Saints cover.
Bottom inset: Garry Schofield brings Dean Busby to ground



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■ In Australia they would have probably reported that the signing of Barrie McDermott by the Loiners from arch rivals Wigan was to add a bit of 'mongrel' to the pack.

Dean Bell's first acquisition, made with the advice of Dennis Betts who saw the meteoric rise of the barnstorming ex-Oldham prop when he arrived at Central Park, quickly filled an area of perceived weakness. He had no hesitation in enticing a proven intimidating midfield enforcer who would continually ask questions of the toughest in the opposition ranks. Having shaken off the early injuries and lack of match fitness, Barrie is now living up to that tag, forming a highly effective triumvirate with messrs Harmon and Howard that with judicious substitution gives the foe no respite. His move has again revitalised a career that has yet to reach its peak years.

Apart from his menacing presence, he has brought two obvious qualities with him, the ability to slip the ball out of a seemingly enveloping tackle to the close support and an extremely quick play the ball. For a big man he is surprisingly nimble on his feet and can maintain the impact of his bursts by almost instantaneously keeping the momentum going. Once harnessed into the team pattern, these attributes have added a new dimension to the Leeds' style of play.

The 23 year old made such an impact once he had broken into the Watersheddings ranks that Wigan had no hesitation in offering him terms and within a



Barrie
McDermott

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PROFILE

handful of matches he was involved in the 1994 Ashes series. Niggling injuries halted his progress and in his absence Kelvin Skerrett, Neil Cowie and Terry O'Connor claimed the prop berths. The move to Headingley could not have come at a better time for both parties. He has responded with relish to the newly instituted weights regime, combining stamina with his raw power. He has also gained a growing reputation for some fearsome hits in man-on-man combat and his presence has brought the best out of such as Neil Harmon as the workload has been increasingly shared. Despite his dauntless image, he is also superstitious, preferring not to wear the number 16 shirt when coming off the bench. Very much a big game player he has answered questions about his temperament in a highly professional manner in his outings for the Loiners, his sending off at Wilderspool for a mistimed, rather than a malicious challenge, being deemed sufficient, and the penalty count against him has been virtually negligible. His direct, no-nonsense approach has rapidly converted the fans who appreciate his total commitment to the cause.

For some, his style is very reminiscent of Steve Pitchford and possible even Mick Clark - big, mobile and with the ability to 'slip' a telling pass. Both became legends at Headingley, playing key roles in the Loiners' most successful ever sides. Lightning may well be about to strike again with a player who is tailor made for the spectacle of Super League.



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■ Andy Goodway is one of Rugby League's great achievers. A young player just making his way in the game when the 1982 Kangaroos hit these shores, Goodway more than anyone took on board the Australian example.

He was young enough and good enough to do so, and his dedication to the new fitness regimes and weight training disciplines so fundamental to the Australian game, saw Goodway emerge as one of the best forwards of his generation. His potential at Oldham was obvious and on the 1984 Lions Tour of Australia and New Zealand, he was the one British forward who genuinely could have held down a place in the mighty Southern Hemisphere packs of the time.

Consequently, Goodway took one hell of a battering on that '84 trip and for one reason or another was never to tour again with his country. The Yorkshireman did lock horns with the Aussies again, however, holding down a place in the Manley Six in the mid-eighties and taking them on internationally in the 1986 Ashes Series in Britain. In that series, Goodway played at loose forward - he was at prop and in the second row in 1984 - to underline his versatility and again came up with the goods, being heavily involved in memorable tries for Joe Lydon and Garry

Schofield in the First and Third Tests.

That was probably the might of Goodway's international career but his domestic success was only just beginning following his transfer from Oldham to the emerging giants Wigan.

Goodway was one of the new breed of British player and alongside others of similar ilk - Hanley, Platt, Edwards and co - he blossomed in an ultra professional environment.

Goodway won every honour in the game with Wigan and was one of their major driving forces. And under Graham Lowe and John Monie he was learning all the time too.

As his playing career neared its end, a spell as Academy coach at Wigan and a short stint at Headingley paved the way for him ultimately to take up the coaching position at his original club Oldham.

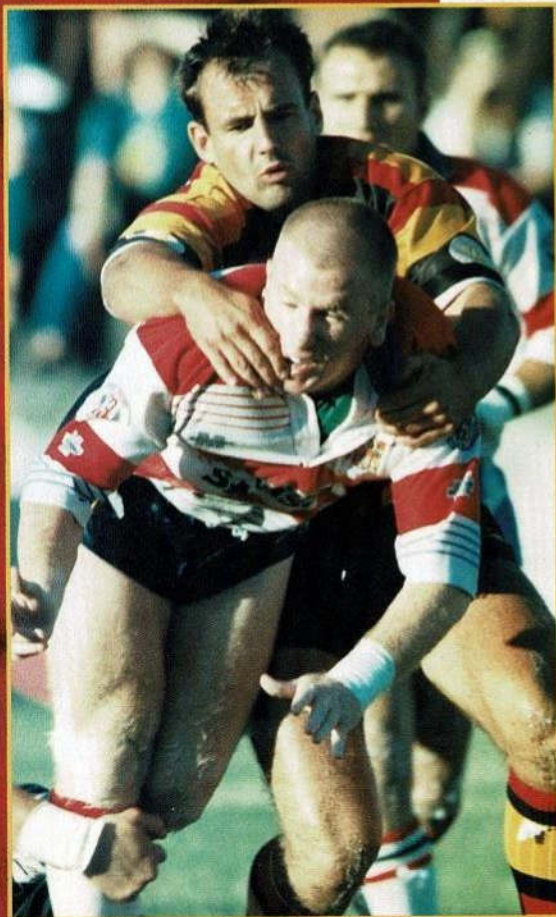
Goodway, indeed, has come full circle and as Super League approaches, he has the potential to become one of Britain's premier coaches. A determined professional, Goodway never failed anything as a player and it would be a surprise if he did so as a coach.



IN THE LOINERS LAIR

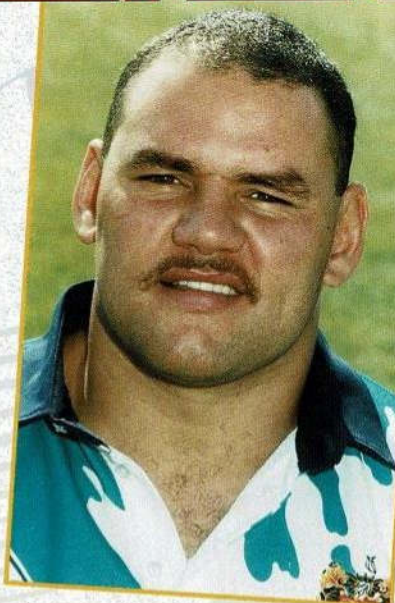
■ Oldham fought tooth and nail to be a part of the Super League and having won their initial battle they seem determined to make the most of their prized opportunity. They have followed the fashion for a trendy Americanised handle, ie the Bears and have big plans for some of their Super League fixtures. But, perhaps more importantly, they have a fine young coach in Andy Goodway at the helm and have demonstrated in recent weeks that

Martin Crompton



the basis of a competitive Super League team is coming together. That amazing victory over Wigan recently was the culmination of a lot of hard work and underlined the potential of the team. The town also appears to have the potential to support a successful Super League side. Plans to cash in on the Manchester conurbation are still being muted - though nothing quite as spectacular or controversial as the original proposed merger between Oldham and Salford - but ultimately the club relies on the support of the town itself.

Oldham has always been a town steeped in its rugby but for so long the team has been regarded as a Cinderella club, the nearly men with a string of hard luck stories to tell. Oldham will need more than that to survive in the world of Super League and a progressive board led by chairman Jim Quinn seems well aware of that and they don't lack for confidence in the future. The present team went full time this month and will also benefit from the input of a top physical conditioner from Australia as the



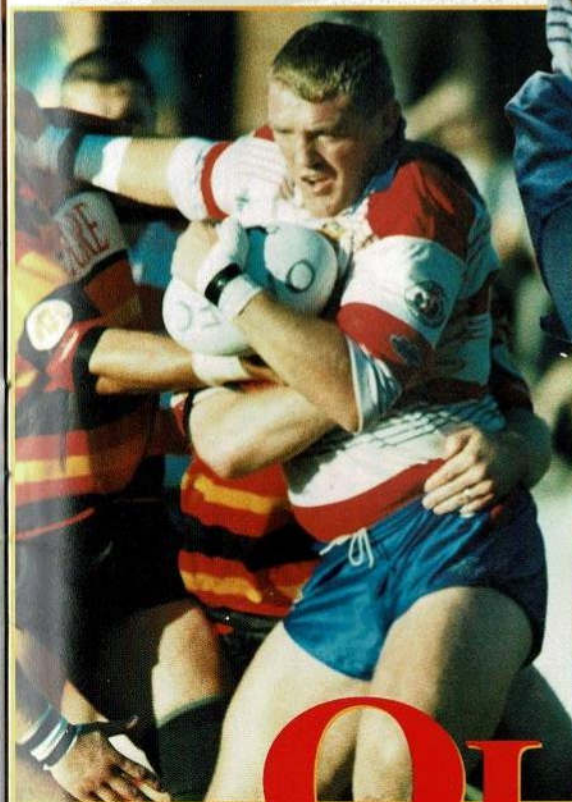
Jason Temu

club looks to get the Super League edge. The current side is hardly brimming with stars but has a reasonably solid look about it with the main inspiration coming from two half backs who may feel they still have something to prove to the wider world of Rugby League. Francis Maloney at Leeds and Martin Crompton at Warrington were two young men tipped for big things at the turn of the decade but it never quite worked out for them and now they are both looking to relaunch their careers at Oldham after journeyman spells with other clubs. Paul Topping is another talented half back also looking to make an impression at Oldham and there are several players with genuine potential to make a

name for themselves in the Super League, currently in the Oldham backline. Full-back Paul Atcheson, for instance, shared in some of Wigan's glory before his surprise release from Central Park and seems to have plenty to offer, while powerhouse centre Darren Abram and pacey winger Adrian Belle have scored tries against the very best defences in the League. Australian Wally Gibson adds a touch of brilliance at times to the Oldham approach and he, too, is quite capable of matching it with the best the British game has to offer.

Up front, big things are expected of former BARLA Under-19 Howard Hill who has made a marvelous impression at loose forward this season. He is likely to be missing tonight as he was injured in

Ian Skerratt



the victory over Wigan, but Hill is a name to watch for in the Super League. The South Sea Islands duo of Jason Timu and Joe Faimalo also add a good deal of firepower to the Oldham pack and both are capable of big breaks and big tackles.

Dave Bradbury, Ian Skerratt and ex-Loirer Gary Lord, amongst others, are also in line for pack places tonight and after their recent run, which included victory at Halifax last week, they will be no pushovers.

Darren Abram



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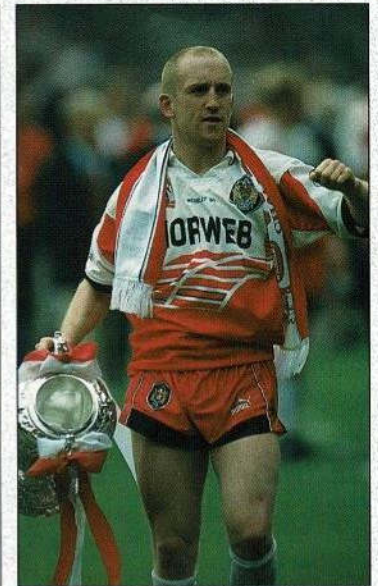
LEAGUE TALK

■ The highly merited award of the OBE to Shaun Edwards capped what must surely have been one of the most momentous years in Rugby League's history. Appropriately enough, 1995 commemorated a century of seasons and the drama debate.

Controversy and acclaim that marked the year seemed to herald the closing of one chapter in the code's history whilst paving the way for the next volume. The fortunes of the Loiners mirrored those of the game as a whole in many ways, spectacular runs to the major finals only to be cruelly taught that nothing has changed on the winners' podium, consolidation of the right to be called Yorkshire's best, involved in historic forays to Dublin and in hosting a part of the fabulous World Cup, and genuine signs that a modern, progressive coaching regime basing its judgement on youth will prove to be the productive way forward. Hindsight is a wonderful gift and in the same way that the Loiner's preparations for Wembley and Old Trafford might have been different, so too would have been the handling of the contentious debate surrounding mergers at the historic announcement of Super League. The hostility and negative press invoked by trying

to impose structural changes, whatever the underlying logic, was a salutary lesson to the administration and although amalgamation, resource sharing and franchising may still be on the agenda, so too is the need for consultation. As a motto on one of the calendars for January 1st 1996 prophetically put it, 'it's no use galloping if you are going in the wrong direction'.

On the pitch, there have been some memorable matches especially at Headingley. Two in particular stand out, the heroic Premiership semi final defeat of St Helens when the side held out with fewer men for a wonderful win and the recent victory over Wigan which was as comprehensive as the warriors from Central Park have suffered over the past couple of years. The excitement, passion and optimism engendered in those performances matched the glowing feelings generated by the Halifax World Cup. In virtually every aspect the tournament was a resounding success that captivated the fans in the North. The South Sea Islanders and Emerging Nations were a revelation and the task now is to continually raise the profile for the next competition due here in 1997. The players deserve that for their unstinting sacrifices at all



Shaun Edwards O.B.E.

levels. Full time professionalism, summer rugby, rule changes to encourage greater spectacle, new stadium facilities, broader and more accountable club administrations have all had their roots in the Centenary season as the face of the sport irrevocably changes for the future. The contract system, amalgamated governing bodies, a new ethos on overall promotion, the retention of knock-out competitions and an equitable fixture system that brings out the best of, rather than overburdening the players, are all issues that we take into the new era which will need strong resolution to find the right solution.

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NEWS VIEWS & REVIEWS

Before the start of every season each side in the competition states its prospects and positive intentions for a tilt at the honours. They are always better equipped both on and off the field than ever before, preparations have been enhanced and training has been stricter and more productive, players have responded and their morale is superb and optimism at all levels is rife. Without a close season for the most successful sides between the end of the Centenary championship and the start of Super League, many premier clubs are already starting to make those kind of noises now and their credentials and plans sound impressive. Key words such as junior development, improved stadia, settled squads and community interaction are vital parts of the unfolding jigsaw. Every profile with either players, chief executives or coaches has sounded like an announcement of re-birth, a renaissance that may well confound the cynics who have asked what will be different when Super League comes around, apart from a summer's weekend in Paris. There is still an element of the unknown amongst the familiarity. The players, who have endured a pre-season regime aimed at seeing them peak for the business end of the 1996 campaign, whilst also playing multiple matches without rest to finish the current one, deserve our utmost admiration. It is to be hoped that the marketing men enhance their endeavours by selling the concept effectively. The recent sports reviews and

calendars have given an indication of the ground they need to cover. BBC's annual homage to the sporting personality showed Rugby League in a favourable light, particularly the World Cup which seemed just as vibrant as the Union version. Martin Offiah's considered view and then winning of the novelty standing jump was also great publicity and until Wigan are seriously challenged we must expect interviewers with only a passing interest in the code to frame their questions with 'who can stop the dominance'. By comparison, Sky News' Sports Review of 1995 was surprisingly bereft of League comment, action or footage, a couple of recent tries from Wigan apparently summing up the events of a truly monumental year. No mention of Super League or the World Cup, surprising omissions from the channel that has shaped future competition worldwide. The same anomalies were evident in the sporting calendars published in the press over the New Year. The 'Independant' for example made no mention of the start of Super League, the details for end of season play-offs either domestically or internationally or the autumn 'test' schedules. The equivalent diary in the Yorkshire Post included all those dates, again proving that the information was available but currently only of interest in the game's heartlands, rather than in the nation's consciousness. The decision of Radio 5 to alter



Martin Offiah... showing League in a favourable light

it's schedule to bring full commentary of the St Helens v Warrington Regal semi heralds another indication that national radio is starting to treat the sport seriously and is acknowledging the big occasions. Hopefully, Super League will feature strongly on their forthcoming programme diary.

The move to summer will stand or fall on the strength of the idea being sold to the media which is why marketing is such a vital area to shore up and devote resources to. We have already dropped the word rugby from the title which makes promotional sense. For too long Union supporters and the generally uninitiated have equated rugby with the 15 man variety, without seeing the need to add further explanation of any differences. From now on we will be Super League throughout the world, a new name, a new image and hopefully, a new way ahead for the greatest spectacle in the sporting world.

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Challenge Cup winners in 1910, Leeds had already shown the rugby world of their intention to sign the best from all over the world by capturing Welsh full back, Bucket Young. But it was the capture, two years later, of Australian "Dinny" Campbell that was to start a tradition of overseas players that continues to this day.

Campbell was to spend nine years with the club and is still remembered as one of its' greatest captures. A contemporary of his, Fred Webster, played for the club for almost twenty years and made an astonishing 543 appearances for the club. A figure surpassed only by John Holmes.

The nineteen twenties brought more honours to the Loiners and it was the famous "Busy Bees" that were at the heart of that success. Binks, Bowen, Buck, Bacon and Britain were all members of the Cup winning side of 1923 and in

Harold Buck, Leeds had shocked the Rugby League world by paying out the first £1000 transfer fee, to Hunslet for his services. The 1930s are regarded by many as the finest period in the club's history. Leeds certainly held all the aces and their backs, with Eric and Fred Harris, Stanley Smith, Stan Brogden, Jeff Moores, Vic Hey, Evan Williams, Jim Brough and Gwyn Parker all



Leeds RLFC 1956

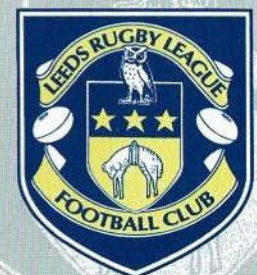
gracing the club in the decade, were the envy of the rugby world. Two Challenge Cups, five Yorkshire Cups and five Yorkshire League titles tell their own story. A golden decade of success and for older Loiners fans, the best football in the club's history.

The Second World War shook the very foundations of life and, despite two wartime Challenge Cups, Leeds were in poor shape to begin again in 1945. Club Chairman, Sir Edwin Airey, had a policy of signing 'Nothing but the

Best' and all Loiners knew that something would be done to bring Leeds back to the top of the sport they had dominated so successfully. So it was to be, with the signings of Australian, Arthur Clues and New Zealander, Bert Cook, to go with other notable captures in Welshman, Dickie Williams, scrum half Frank Watson, Australians Ken Kearney, Bob McMaster, Bruce Ryan and Bob Bartlett and Scotsman Drew Turnbull, ensuring that Leeds were back challenging for honours throughout the

late forties and early nineteen fifties. But in 1952 Leeds signed the man who is arguably the greatest player ever to wear a Leeds shirt, Lewis Jones. Lewis cost a staggering

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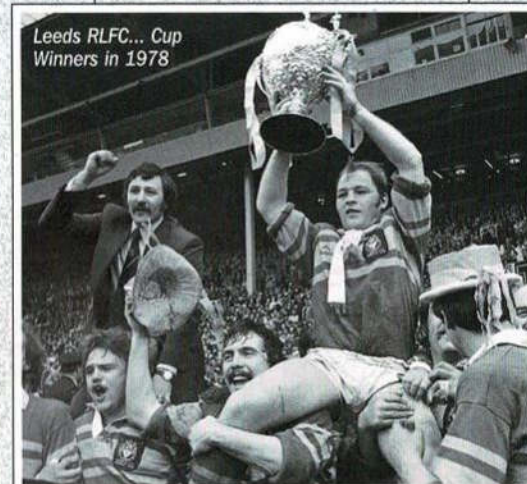
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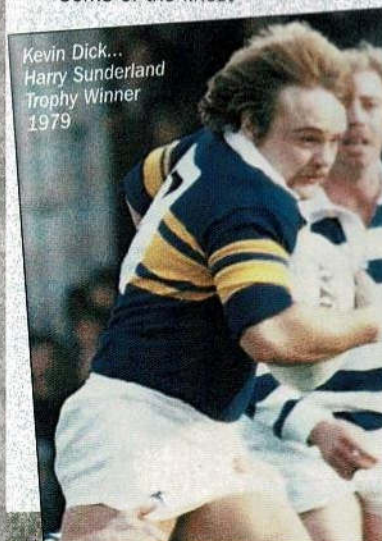
Leeds RLFC 1968... Cup Winners

£6000 fee when he switched codes in 1952 and was worth every penny. For those who saw him play, there will never be another and his points records for the club stand to this day. He was the catalyst for the club's finest hour, in 1961, when Leeds captured their 'Holy Grail', the Rugby League Championship for the first time. If Leeds had been successful in the 1930s then what was to follow in the late 1960s and throughout the 70s was unbelievable. Roy Francis brought together the finest selection of young talent ever seen at Headingley and started a dynasty that was to see at least one trophy at Headingley for an amazing 13 seasons from 1967. Some of the finest

players in the history of the game graced Headingley's turf in this period. Names that even now send a shiver down the spine of



Leeds RLFC... Cup Winners in 1978



Kevin Dick...
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those lucky enough to have witnessed some of their deeds. Wingers Alan Smith and John Atkinson, centres Syd Hynes and Les Dyl, Mick Shoebottom and Barry Seabourne, Alan Hardisty and Keith Hepworth, Bill Ramsey, Bob Haigh and Ray Batten, the immortal John Holmes and the ultimate front row, Mick Harrison, David Ward and Steve Pitchford. Syd Hynes had an unbelievable

record as Loiners coach winning at least one trophy in every season of his reign.

If that period of the club's history was its most successful, then the years that have followed have certainly been barren. Only the John Player Trophy in 1984 of the major trophies, has been brought back to Headingley and Leeds have certainly lived up to their tag of under achievers. Leeds have tried in vain to recapture the glory years but so far success has eluded them.

Great players though have been at Headingley in that time and Australians Eric Grothe, Cliff Lyons, Tony Currie and Andrew Ettingshausen would have graced any era in the club's history. World

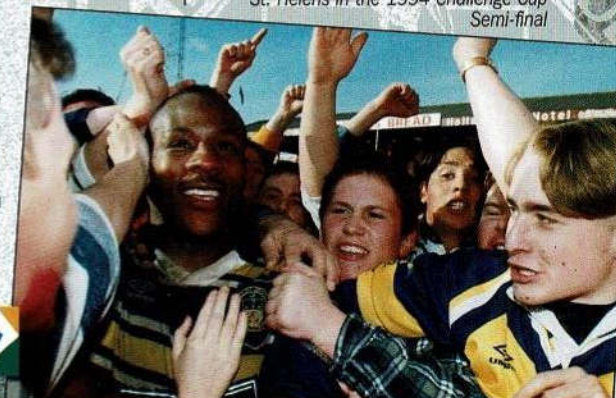
record signings Lee Crooks, Garry Schofield and Ellery Hanley have all tried to bring silverware to the Headingley trophy cabinet and Crooks and Schofield were prominent in Leeds last success, the Yorkshire Cup in 1988.

Present coach, Dean Bell, is well aware of the pressure on Leeds to succeed and has some exciting talent at his disposal.

As the first 100 years of Rugby League come to an end and Super League and summer rugby take over, one thing will still be the

same, Leeds will continue to strive to be at the top of whatever form the sport takes over the next century. It has been a great first 100 years, let's hope for more of the same.

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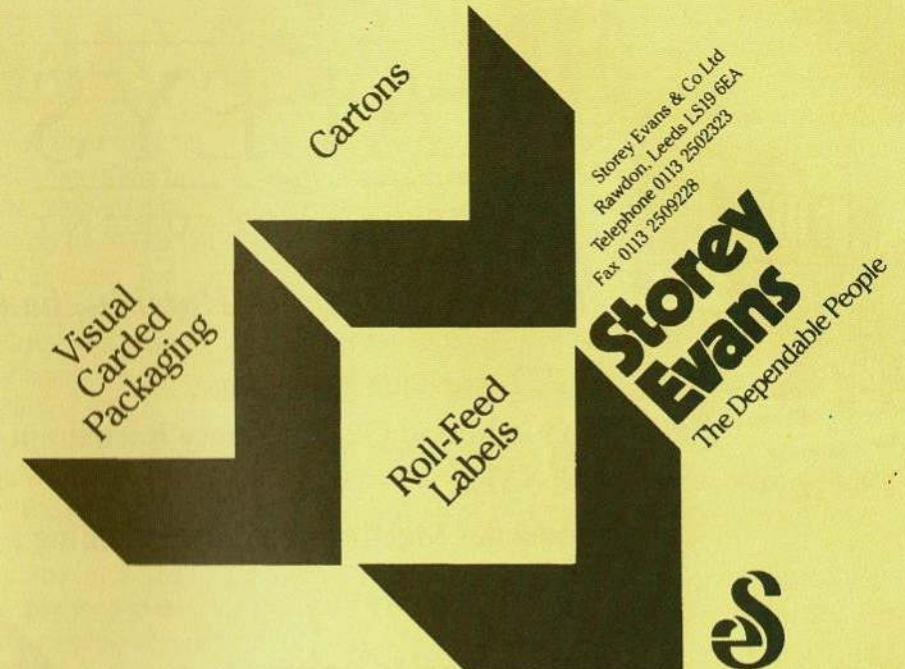
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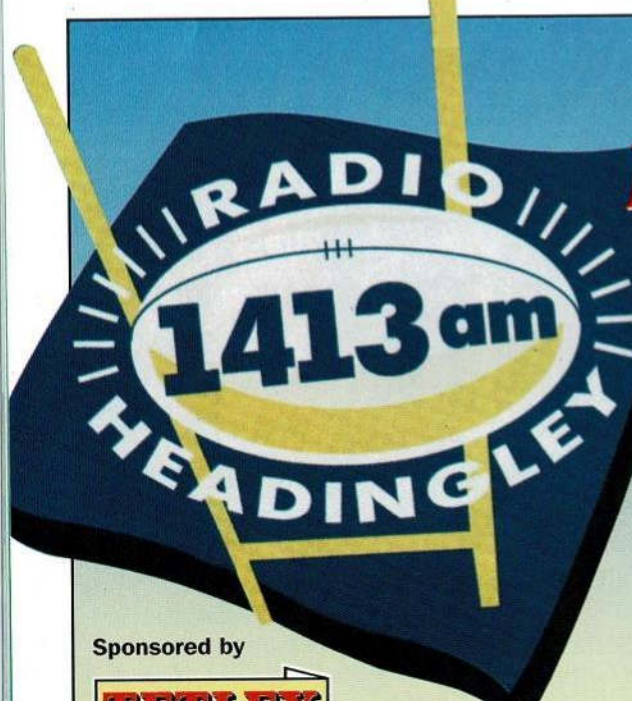
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We nervously agitate on the permutations in the knowledge that the low numbers are Bradford and Cas and the late 20s/early 30s mean any of the big 'W's. Relief at who our rivals have got is always tempered with the worry of which balls are still to come out. There is such ritual and ceremony attached to the proceedings, as each of the home sides are drawn we can hear ourselves saying either 'oh

no not them' or 'yes, they'll do' as if we can influence fate's outcome.

Final decisions on the future of the Regal Trophy and Challenge Cup as part of the summer format have yet to be made but it would be unthinkable that our

If knock-out competitions are to be dispensed with, we will have to find alternative ways to keep the tradition alive.

matches were merely pre-ordained by a fixture computer rather than inculcated in an oak panelled room to the accompaniment of gasps in every interested home. Seedings and regionalisation have taken some of the fun and uncertainty out of Cup draws in many other sports and in some cases made them unnecessarily complicated and difficult to follow. That, and the awful path of razzamatazz, are

moves we should shun. Cup draws are meant for serenity and calculated reflection, or impending heartbreak, they do not need luminaries to invest the gravitas with significance. It is always best if the sports administrators or sponsors do the necessary in the tones of a high court judge, rather than celebrities who bill and coo. If knock-out competitions are to be dispensed with, we will have to find alternative ways to keep the tradition alive. Sometimes it seems that Man of the Match selections are arrived at in that manner, but it may be possible to make other areas of the game more of a lottery. Referees, if they are unsure of a particular incident, could have a bag on the sidelines containing balls marked with different decisions such as penalty home side, scrum to away side, sinbin nearest player, or whatever. Coaches could indicate substitutions with recourse to a hand in the bag, rather than a board on the touchline. The amount of transfer fees or number of matches banned in the disciplinary committee could also be determined in the same way. Such ludicrous and delirious suggestions can mean only one thing, that the Challenge Cup draw is imminent and the anticipation and uncertainty has turned an otherwise well balanced individual into a gibbering wreck at the prospect of a trip to Central Park again!

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