

Computacenter

MATCHDAY MAGAZINE £1.20

The logo for Blue Box Haiti Tax is located in the bottom right corner. It features the words "BLUE BOX" in a large, bold, blue, stylized font with a white outline. Below "BOX" is the word "HAITI" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. To the right of "HAITI" is the word "TAX" in a blue, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a white background.

Team Line-up

isostar

**YOUR CLUBS
OFFICIAL
SPORTS DRINK**

T G Dg

Paul ATCHESON	Full Back
Adrian BELLE	Right Wing
Andy PATMORE	Right Centre
Paul TOPPING	Left Centre
Rob MYLER	Left Wing
Paul CROOK	Stand-off
Martin CROMPTON	Scrum-Half
Ian GILDART	Prop Forward
John CLARKE	Hooker
Joe FAIMALO	Prop Forward
Garry LORD	Second Row
Matt MUNRO	Second Row
David BRADBURY	Loose Forward
Paul DAVIDSON	Substitute
Howard HILL	Substitute
	Substitute

OFFICIALS: Ref: R. Smith • Touch Judges: T.B.A. In Goal: T.B.A.

40-Love

NO LOVE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE

THE REAL ACTION THIS SUMMER



Welcome to Thrum Hall

WELCOME to Thrum Hall to our friends from Watersheddings and also to the Leigh Centurions Academy team who play in the curtain raiser this afternoon.

Unfortunately one young man who will not be here this afternoon in any capacity is young second row forward Lee Knowles. "Nozzer" has not just played Academy football in his two years for us but is a popular member of the Alliance Squad and has also featured on the senior panel on a couple of occasions. Following a neck injury in the Academy fixture versus Bradford however Lee is currently in Ward One of the Spinal Injuries Unit at Pinderfields Hospital and may well be there for a few more weeks, although he is making good progress.

Everyone at Thrum Hall sends best wishes and our hopes for a complete recovery to Lee as he lies in his hospital bed today but if courage and determination earn their reward this

popular member of the playing staff will soon be out and about. In the meantime we are sure that any messages of support would be a great help. Cards, letters etc can be either left at the office or posted directly to the hospital.

It is certainly nice to be back home after another long trip, this time to London although it was certainly an enjoyable day out. Having taken seven points from our last four away matches is not relegation form by any stretch of the imagination.

Congratulations are due to Karl Harrison and Suzanne on the birth of "baby Rhino Mark 2" when young James made his entrance into the world last Monday.

Our final four games at home after today will each follow a separate theme therefore special ticket concessions may apply to these fixtures. Watch the local press or ring the Thrum Hall hotline on 0891 440014.



HALIFAX RLFC (1990) LTD
The Pavilion, Thrum Hall,
Halifax HX1 4TL
Tel 01422 361026
Fax 01422 349019

Chairman
Chris Whiteley

Directors
Neil Anderton, Robert Atkinson
Tony Beevers, Mike Ellis, Alan Lightowlers

Chief Executive
Nigel J. Wood

Vice Presidents
Kieron Green, Roger Harvey, John Pickles,
Mick Stansfield, Keith Wilkinson

Administration
David Fleming, Elizabeth Charnock

Media/Marketing
Chris Murgatroyd, Sarah Waite

Lottery
Mick Scott, Jim Smith

Chief Coach
Steve Simms

Alliance
Tony Anderson

Academy
Mick Slicker, Mark Bailey

Conditioner
Andy Clarke

Physiotherapy
Karen Williams

Club Doctor
Dr R T Brown

Kit: Stan Hardy, Phil Coventry, 'Ned' Kelly

Groundsman: Harry Taylor, David Rhodes

Stadium Manager: Ray Attiwell

Co-ordinator: Owen Lightowlers

Time Keeper: Jack Scroby

Head Gateman: David Cruddas

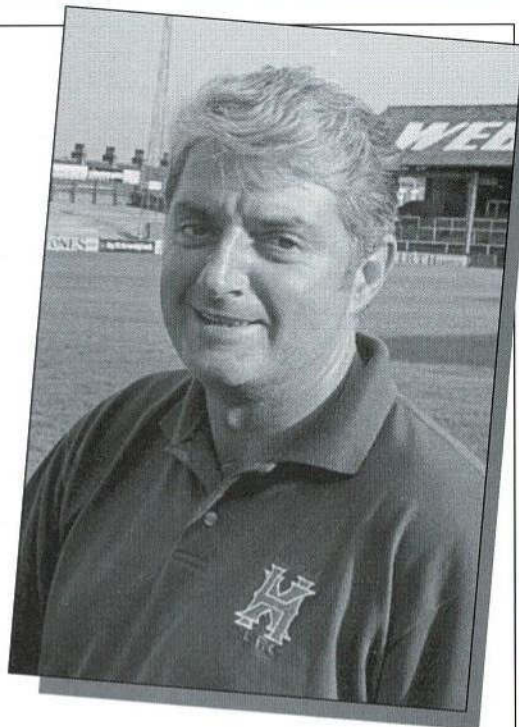


THEY say winning is a habit and apart from the miss against Bradford, we are beginning to get that habit. We are having a good run of games and today we should extend that even further. We have improved over the past 2 weeks and our confidence is now what it should be.

We are into the second half of the first Super League campaign and so now we have the opportunity to beat all those teams that we lost so closely to in the first half. London was one of those and look what happened last week. Against a side who had a top 3 defensive record, to score over 50 points is a real achievement.

All our players have done well this season and I can't say that they are playing any different than before. But now they know they can play well. It all boils down to confidence.

One major worry over the next months is going to be the number of players we lose to the Oceania Cup. We accept that the players have to go but it could cause us a few problems. At the moment John Schuster, Asa Amone and Martin Moana are



definitely on their way, with the possibility of Mike Umanga and Fereti Tuilagi joining them. We will have to review the situation as it develops.

Last, but by no means least, our thoughts and best wishes go out to Lee Knowles. I have visited him a few times in Pinderfields and he is in good spirits. He is a strong lad and looks as though he will recover well from the cracked vertebra in his neck. I'm sure I speak for everyone when I wish him all the best.



*Supported by the UK's
Leading Provider of
Distributed IT
Systems & Services*

Computacenter

**For Corporate & Government Accounts
Computacenter Leeds 0113 279 8686**

Challoner
Builders & Contractors
 BUILDING, PLASTERING, POINTING, GROUNDWORK, JOINERY



C CHALLONER
PROPRIETOR



12 BAILEY HALL VIEW, SOUTHOWRAM, HALIFAX HX3 9XW
 TEL: (01422) 357422 MOBILE: 0831 827339

PICKIN' CHICKIN
 221 King Cross Road, Halifax

Takeaway specialising in Deep Fried and Roasted Chichen, Pizzas, Jacket Potatoes, Yorkshire Puddings, Burgers etc.

Open from 11.30am each day
 Closed Sundays

Telephone Orders: 341261

FIRST FOR
 ★NEWS★
 ★VIEWS★
 &
 ★INTERVIEWS★



FIRST FOR
 ★NEWS★
 ★VIEWS★
 &
 ★INTERVIEWS★

INFOLINE

0891 44 00 14

Calls charged at 39p per minute cheap rate and 49p per minute at other times

**Karl
Harrisson**

**DRIVES WITH
LIGHTCLIFFE**
 The perfect
winning
team



MAIN DEALER

Denholme Gate Road
 Hipperholme
 Halifax
 01422 205611



Taverners/Treatment

TAVERNERS

WHAT a great atmosphere on the club last Sunday for the live screening of the Super League fixture with London. It was just like being on the terraces with the singing and chanting. We are open for all our Sky games. If you are not going to the match why not sample the next best thing and come along to the Taverners where we have the big screen plus two other T.V.'s to view from.

Just mentioning the screen this T.V. is out of action today and at our next home game against Warrington until 4.45pm as the Job Centre are hiring out the facilities as part of a sponsorship package with the Rugby Club. For those who like a drink whilst watching the Academy game you can still see this on our other 2 sets in the Main Bar area.

On a final note all at the Taverners wish our Academy player Lee Knowles, who broke a bone in his neck at the last game, a speedy recovery.

Neil Arber

FROM THE TREATMENT ROOM



WELCOME to all from Oldham Bears.

Today we see the return of Graeme Hallas who has recovered well from a groin strain.

Karl Harrison is still receiving treatment for his hamstring pain which is improving and he will resume full training next week.



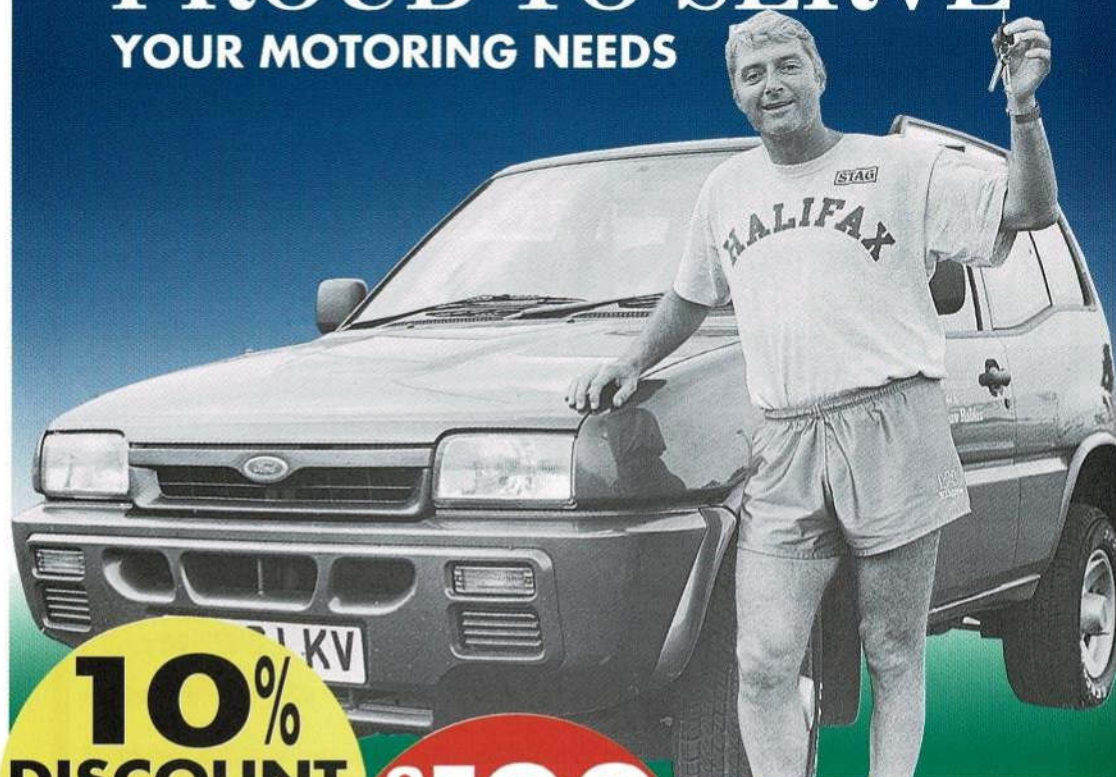
Mike Umaga also misses this weeks clash due to damage of his ankle ligaments. Again he improves daily with treatment and we should see his return in the next two weeks.

Otherwise all is quiet in the treatment room.

Karen

Evans Halshaw

PROUD TO SUPPORT HALIFAX RUGBY LEAGUE PROUD TO SERVE YOUR MOTORING NEEDS



**10%
DISCOUNT**
ON REPAIRS,
PARTS & ACCESSORIES
& MAINTENANCE
On production
of this advert

**MOTABILITY &
RS SPECIALISTS**

**£100
CASHBACK**
ON ALL NEW &
USED CAR
SALES
*Cashback on
delivery

- Car Sales
- Parts & Accessories
- Car Hire
- Car Maintenance
- Accident & Repair
- MOT's

Evans Halshaw

SKIRCOAT ROAD, HALIFAX TEL: 01422 365790



OPENING TIMES
Mon-Fri 8.30am-7.30pm
Sat 8.30am-6.00pm
Sun 10.00am-6.00pm



Blue Sox Buddies

GOOD EVENING EVERYONE,

Summer is here at last and doesn't it make you feel great. What lovely weather we've had over the past couple of week. Make sure you all remember to use your sun lotions and wear your baseball caps etc. We've already seen a few of you with tender skin. Ouch!

We have received a couple of letters from our members telling us how much they enjoyed taking part in the Halifax Gala. Well, thank you for writing and we are very pleased that you had such a good time. A big thank you to John Bentley, Marty Moana, Carl Gillespie, Fereti Tuilagi and Asa Amone for taking time out to join us on the wagon - everyone was thrilled to see you! We seemed to get one or two from the crowds following us - we wonder why? We had a good turn out from our members and some had their photographs taken with the players which were printed in the Courier the following Monday. Everyone had a lot of fun. What about that Bradford Bulls supporters who was in the crowds. Once he was spotted he just didn't stand a chance, did he? No matter how fast he walked he just couldn't avoid the shouts "We hate Bradford" spurred on by John

Bentley. We almost felt sorry for him - but not quite.

A lot of hard work went into decorating the wagon - thank everyone! It took so long to do (Friday evening and all Saturday morning) and yet only ten minutes to take apart - heartbreaking! Afterwards we let members keep balloons, but we did lose a few - did you see them floating across the sky?

So here's to next year - fancy dress possibly (well that's what John Bentley would like - remember him as Snow White, ha ha).

Finally don't forget to come along to our next meeting on Tuesday 23rd July which will be outside for a training session with the players. See you soon.

Forthcoming Event

20th August

It's a Knockout and Barbecue

A warm welcome to two new Blue Sox Buddie members, both from Hebden Bridge, **Daniel Langan**, age 6 and **Kaine Greenwood**, also aged 6.

Daniel's favourite player is Abi Ekoku and Kaine's is John Bentley.

BLUE SOX BUDDIES · New Membership SUPER LEAGUE '96

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TEL: _____

D.O.B. _____ Age _____

FAVOURITE PLAYER _____

HOBBIES _____



super heros

need

super balls



official ball of the super league



Academy

GOOD News last week for our Academy, was our home win against Bradford Bulls, earning us two valuable points. As most of you saw it was hard earned in the end, considering we had 4 tries disallowed with some certainly dubious decisions, but our discipline was good as theirs deteriorated, costing them, losing one player for the last 20 minutes. Life in this competition is tough but sheer survival is our aim with the last year players in most teams showing our young lads how tough life is, but it will only benefit our players in the long run. Our game last week against the Broncos showed just this, the heat was almost unbearable for our lads as we continually made errors with the ball, enabling Broncos to take a comfortable lead. They made us pay for our first man up dropping off tackles crossing our line numerous times reversing our comfortable home win against them. We have pushed into the Alliance 5 players and we will now have to rebuild, which is always an ongoing job with an Academy side. On a sad note, as most know, Lee Knowles sustained a broken neck in the game against Bradford Bulls, Lee is recovering at Pinderfields

Hospital, we all have continual contact with Lee and his family and wish him a speedy recovery as I'm sure you all do. He is a great prospect and a great competitor, if anyone wishes to send cards I'm sure we could give you the information required if you contact Dave Fleming. We will be fund raising, but again it will be well published.

Mick Slicker

JJB SPORTS ACADEMY

MARCH				
Sat	30	LONDON BRONCOS	H	36 - 8
APRIL				
Fri	5	Leigh Centurions	A	18 - 20
Tue	9	CASTLEFORD TIGERS	H	6 - 16
Fri	12	Warrington	A	4 - 12
Sun	21	ST. HELENS	H	L 50 - 6
MAY				
Sun	5	Featherstone Rovers	A	W 27 - 25
Tue	14	WIGAN	H	L 16 - 46
Sat	18	Wakefield Trinity	A	L 9 - 26
Sun	26	Hull	A	L 6 - 46
JUNE				
Wed	5	LEEDS	H	L 22 - 34
Sun	9	BRADFORD BULLS	H	3.45pm
Sun	16	London Broncos	A	5.30pm
Sun	23	LEIGH CENTURIONS	H	3.45pm
Sun	30	Castleford Tigers	A	3.30pm
JULY				
Sun	7	WARRINGTON	H	3.45pm
Sun	14	St Helens	A	5.00pm
Sun	21	FEATHERSTONE R.	H	3.45pm
Sun	28	Wigan	A	4.30pm
AUGUST				
Sun	4	HULL	H	3.45pm
Wed	14	Leeds	A	7.30pm
Sun	18	Bradford Bulls	A	3.30pm
Sun	25	WAKEFIELD TRINITY	H	3.45pm

OUR last match at Hull KR was probably the worst performance by the Alliance side since I have been involved at Thrum Hall. I wish to personally apologise, unreservedly, to those supporters who made the journey all the way to New Craven Park. They did not deserve to be treated to such a display. Be assured that the previous high level of commitment WILL be back this week.

All I ask of the players is that they give their best throughout the 80 minutes. If their best is not good enough then so be it. If the tactics employed are not right then I will stand up and take the blame. I will not take the blame when players do not give the commitment for even part of a match. Against Hull KR, only 3 or 4 players could honestly hold their heads high.

What is most disappointing is that we have set ourselves challenging standards and up to now we were doing well. I have targeted a top four spot for us this season but the players have said that they believe we can win the Championship. At Hull, we didn't look like a team capable of either of these targets.

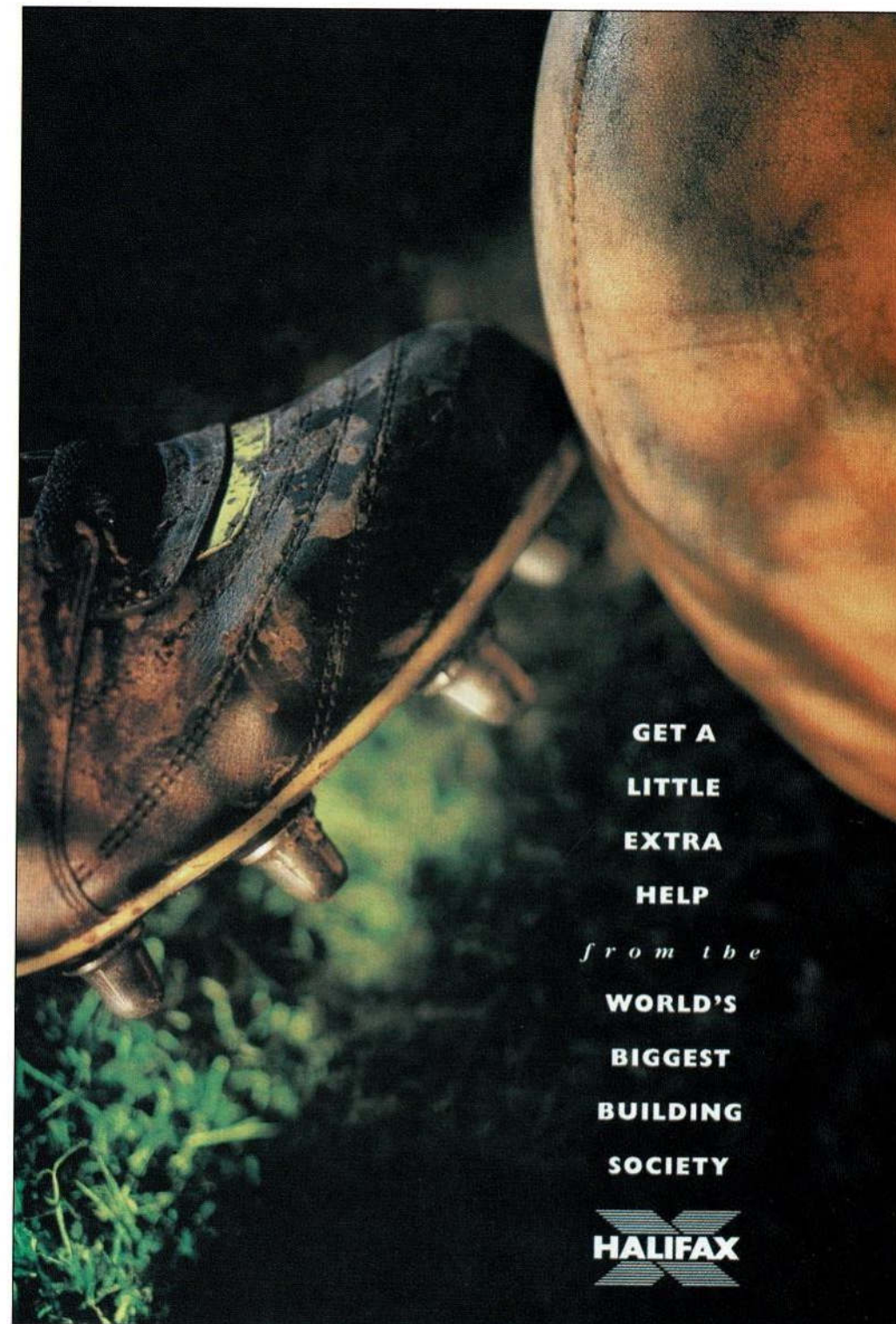
Needless to say, we have been working hard during training this week. We are missing players but this should be no excuse. We have drafted in some of the younger players but many of these now have first team experience. Now is the time for them to show us some maturity and take advantage of the time they have spent in the Super League.

I'm sure we will carry on where we were before Hull and show that we really are worthy not only of being in the Championship but also of our top three placing.



ALLIANCE FIXTURES 1996

MARCH			F	A
Thu 28	HULL KR	H	W	50 - 6
APRIL				
Thu 4	OLDHAM BEARS	H	W	36 - 8
Thu 11	WARRINGTON	H	W	50 - 22
Thu 18	St Helens	A	L	8 - 34
MAY				
Thu 2	SALFORD REDS	H	W	41 - 24
Thu 9	Hull	A	W	25 - 10
Thu 16	LEEDS	H	D	14 - 14
Thu 23	WIGAN	H	W	26 - 18
Thu 30	Bradford Bulls	A	L	18 - 36
JUNE				
Fri 14	Hull KR	A		7.30pm
Thu 20	Oldham Bears	A		7.30pm
Thu 27	CASTLEFORD TIGERS	H		7.30pm
JULY				
Thu 4	Warrington	A		7.30pm
Thu 11	ST HELENS	H		7.30pm
Thu 18	Salford Reds	A		7.30pm
Thu 25	HULL	H		8.00pm
AUGUST				
Thu 1	Wigan	A		7.30pm
Thu 8	BRADFORD BULLS	H		7.30pm
Wed 21	Leeds	A		7.30pm
Thu 29	Castleford Tigers	A		7.30pm



GET A
LITTLE
EXTRA
HELP

from the

WORLD'S
BIGGEST
BUILDING
SOCIETY



BACKROOM BOYS

Chairman: Jim Quinn
Chief Executive: Jim Quinn
Head Coach: Andy Goodway
Operations Manager: Karen Scott
Football Manager: Alan McCurrie
Club Captain: Martin Crompton



PAUL ATCHESON

Outstanding attacking full-back. A product of Blackbrook Juniors (St. Helens) who turned professional with Widnes in 1990. Moved to Wigan and then joined Oldham in June 1995 for £50,000. Has represented Great Britain at Academy and Under 21 Level and has been a member of the Welsh team in the various international competitions during the past two years.

SCOTT RANSON

Fast and elusive winger. A product of Thatto Heath Juniors (St. Helens) who turned professional with Swinton in 1987. Was top scorer at Swinton during his last two seasons with the Lions. Joined Oldham in February 1992 and has continued his prolific try scoring feats at Wastersheddings.

DARREN ABRAM

Prolific try scoring centre who has been Oldham's top try scorer during the past three seasons. A product of Thatto Heath Juniors (St. Helens) who won BARLA international honours before turning professional with Warrington in 1985. Has a spell on loan with Swinton before moving to Chorley Borough and then Rochdale Hornets. Oldham signed him in February 1993.

PAUL TOPPING

Utility player who is equally effective whether at centre, stand-off or loose-forward. Terrific defender. Topping is a product of the Wigan St. Patricks Junior club who turned professional with Swinton in 1985. He had a spell on loan with Mansfield before joining Leigh in 1990 and then transferring to Oldham in September 1993. Topping made one appearance for Lancashire in 1991 and was included in the Ireland squad for the Emerging Nations Championship in 1995.

ROB MYLER

Versatile back equally at home either at full-back or on the wing. A product of the Widnes St. Maries

Junior club who turned professional with Warrington in 1989. Had a spell on loan at Salford in 1995. Transferred to Oldham in July 1995 for £50,000.

FRANCIS MALONEY

Powerful stand-off and accurate positional kicker. A product of the St. John Fisher Junior club (Dewsbury) who turned professional with Leeds in 1990. Moved to Featherstone Rovers in 1992 and won Great Britain under 21 recognition whilst at Post Office Road. Transferred to Warrington in 1994 but did not settle at Wilderspool and so he moved onto Oldham in July 1995 for £50,000.

MARTIN CROMPTON

Scrum-half, captain and the orchestrator of most of Oldham's attacking play. A former Wigan St. Patricks Junior who began his professional career with Warrington in 1986. Moved back to Wigan in 1992 when he joined the senior Central Park outfit. Oldham snapped him up for a bargain £35,000 fee in September 1993.

IAN GILDART

Hard working fast forward. A product of Wigan Colts who turned professional at Central Park in 1986. Although he made 139 appearances for Wigan he failed to gain a regular first team spot and so moved over to Wakefield Trinity in 1994. Moved back over the Pennines to Oldham for £45,000 last August. Represented Great Britain at Under 21 level during his Central Park days.

JOHN CLARKE

Outstanding young hooker. A former East Leeds Junior who turned professional with Oldham in May 1993. Clarke toured Australia with the BARLA Under 18s in 1993 and further honours came his way two seasons ago when he represented Great Britain Under 21s against the Kangaroos. Had an unhappy campaign last season with a twice broken arm but is now back on top form.

JASON TEMU

Hard running and tough tackling prop who first came to notice with the Marist club in New Zealand. He joined the Counties-Manukau outfit for the New Zealand Lion Red Cup competition of 1994 and it was after that successful campaign that Temu joined Oldham. He has represented New Zealand Residents during their 1994 tour of Australia and was a member of the Cook Island team which lifted the 1995 Emerging Nations Championship.

GARY LORD

A player well known here at Thrum Hall is Gary Lord. He is a former Stanley Rangers Junior (Castleford) who joined the senior Castleford club in 1984. Lord appeared at full-back for Castleford at Wembley in 1986 but he has since developed into a hard working second-row forward. He was transferred to Leeds in 1988 and then on to Halifax in October 1991. In all, Lord made 88 appearances for Halifax before moving to Oldham in July 1994 for £35,000.

JOE FAIMALO

Hard working second-row forward who is enjoying his best run of form. A product of the Eastern Suburbs club in New Zealand, Faimalo had brief spells with Workington Town, Oldham and then Swinton during the 1991-92 season without impressing. He returned home and enjoyed success with Hawkes Bay which prompted him to return to Oldham in September 1994. His determination and stamina since then have made him one of the mainstays of the Roughyed pack.

DAVID BRADBURY

Fiery utility forward who gives 100% in every match. Oldham signed him from Leigh Miners Welfare Juniors in August 1991. A former BARLA Under 18 tourist to New Zealand.

HOWARD HILL

Outstanding young back row forward. Joined Oldham in July 1994 from the Hensingham Junior club of Whitehaven. Made steady progress and broke into the first team squad at the beginning of last season. Has given some mature performances and was included in the Great Britain Under 21 squad for the match against France last January.

AFI LEUILA

Tough tackling centre or winger. He was signed last September from the Counties-Manukau club of New Zealand. Leuilu has enjoyed spells with St. Helens in 1994 and with North Queensland Cowboys last summer. Has played rugby union for Tonga.

STEVE GARTLAND

Talented utility player who was with the Oldham St. Annes Junior club before turning professional with Rochdale Hornets in 1990. Gartland was a prolific point scorer at Spotland where he notched up what was then a club record 276 points during season 1992-93. He was transferred to Oldham in July 1994.

PAUL DAVIDSON

Hard working prop or second-row forward. A product of the Hensingham Junior club (Whitehaven) who turned professional with Widnes in 1990. Joined Oldham in July 1994 for £17,000. Has a fine turn of speed which he uses with benefit following the switch to summer rugby.

CHRIS MCKINNEY

Outstanding young forward who can play either hooker, second-row or loose-forward. Signed from the Hensingham Junior club (Whitehaven) in August 1994. Made rapid progress and broke into first team squad at the beginning of last season. Was a try scorer in Great Britain's 64-10 Academy victory over France last January.

IAN SHERRATT

Experienced prop. A former Lancashire schoolboy representative who played for the Waterhead (Oldham) Junior club before turning professional with Bradford Northern in 1982. Transferred to Oldham in 1987 and then moved to Salford in 1989 before returning to Watersheddings in November 1991.

ADRIAN BELLE

Powerful, determined winger. Was with Oldham St. Annes Junior club before he turned professional with Rochdale Hornets in 1990. Moved to Watersheddings in October 1993 and has become a regular in the Roughyeds first team squad.

MIKE NEAL

Speedy threequarter. A product of Parkside Juniors (Leigh) who has also played with the Wigan St. Patricks Junior outfit. Turned professional with Wigan in 1989 but was unable to break into their first team squad. Joined Oldham in March 1995.

CHRIS PARR

Hard working prop. A former Wigan St. Patricks Junior who began his professional career with Huddersfield in 1990. Won Great Britain Under 21 honours whilst at Fartown. Moved back over the Pennines in 1992 when he joined Swinton. Oldham signed him in October 1993.

GARY BURNS

Fine young utility player who joined Oldham in December 1993. Forced his way into first team contention last year. Was scrum-half then, could be hooker now.



Photograph by
PICTURE THE SCENE

STAG RUGBY COMPANY

kit suppliers to Halifax, St. Helens, Sheffield Eagles and all the top sides in the B.A.R.L.A.

for further information please contact

Stag Rugby Company,

Victoria Mills, Knowler Hill, Liversedge, West Yorkshire WF15 5DP

Telephone (01924) 409290 Fax (01924) 410154

STONES SUPER LEAGUE

WIGAN v ST. HELENS

Wigan are unbeaten in last eight home league meetings with St. Helens and they claimed a 58-4 victory against their neighbours at Central Park on Boxing Day. Saints fielded a much weakened side, that day, and Welsh International Scott Quinnell scored four tries with fellow back rowers Mick Cassidy and Simon Houghton getting two each. Wigan defeated Saints 25-16 at Huddersfield in January's Regal Trophy final but Shaun McRae's men were 41-26 winners at Knowsley Road in April when Danny Arnold scored a try hat-trick. Saints' last league win at Central Park was a 32-22 success in December 1987 when Phil Veivers scored two tries, while Wigan's last home league defeat was against Wakefield (13-20) in February 1994.

LEEDS v CASTLEFORD

Beaten 26-23, thanks to a late Jason Flowers try at Wheldon Road in April, Leeds are seeking only their second home Super League win of the season against the Tigers. Castleford have failed to win in their last four league visits to Headingley, although they won 34-14 in a Regal quarter-final in January 1995, having drawn 14-14 in league football earlier that season. Marvin Golden crossed two tries as Leeds claimed a 28-16 win over Castleford last Boxing Day, while Castleford's last league win at Leeds was an 18-4 success inspired by two-try Graham Steadman.

BRADFORD BULLS v SHEFFIELD EAGLES

Sheffield inflicted Bradford's heaviest Super League defeat of the season, at Don Valley in April, winning 40-24 in a game in which Karl Fairbank received his marching orders. But the Eagles have fared badly at Odsal, winning only twice in 11 league and cup visits since 1989. Bradford won two home meetings with Sheffield last season, Paul Newlove scoring three tries in a 34-18 league win and St John Ellis scoring a try and five goals in their 22-0 Regal Trophy victory in November. Sheffield's last win at Odsal was a 17-8 Yorkshire Cup triumph in September 1992, with their solitary league win at Bradford being the 10-6 victory they claimed in February 1991 when their try-scorers were Sam Panapa and Mark Aston.

HALIFAX BLUE SOX v OLDHAM BEARS

Halifax have won only once in six attempts at Thrum Hall in Super League and they will be attempting to avenge a 22-34 defeat by Oldham at Watersheddings in April. Paul Crook and Wally Gibson scored three tries as the Bears were 12-4 winners on their last league visit to Halifax, in January, ending a seven-year wait for success at Thrum Hall. Western Samoan skipper John Schuster starred in Halifax's 34-8 home win over Oldham in 1994/95, scoring 22 points.

PARIS ST. GERMAIN v WARRINGTON

The French side suffered an eighth consecutive Super League defeat at Don Valley Stadium last Saturday, and their losing sequence began with a 24-48 defeat by Warrington at Wilderspool in April. Ian Knott and Toa Kohe-Love starred with two tries apiece in that Wire victory, while Regis Pastre-Courtine scored a hat trick in vain for the visitors. At least Paris showed a lot of spirit in scoring two late tries at Sheffield last week, but they have lost their last three games at the Charlety Stadium.

WORKINGTON TOWN v LONDON BRONCOS

London cruised to a 50-0 victory over Workington at the Valley, in April, with Terry Matterson setting Super League and London club records with his 11 goals and 26 points in the match. Town, although, have a fine home record against the Broncos and won 32-10 in January when Dean Marwood scored a try and six goals and ex-London players Logan Campbell and Mark Johnson were among the try scorers. London won 13-12 on their previous visit to Workington, in Second Division football in 1993-94 season, but lost 22-30 to the Cumbrians in the Premiership Final at Old Trafford at the end of that season.

FOUR TRIES FOR "BENTO"

**SUPER LEAGUE WEEK's
TIM BUTCHER looks back
on last week's brilliant win
against London Broncos**



"THIS has been coming for a while.

"To have come here and won that easily is a great effort."

Steve Simms could well afford to be a contented man after last Sunday's win at London Broncos.

"Our defence was superb," he purred.

"We didn't want to let them score in the

second half, and although they scored one at the end, to keep the Broncos to one try in 40 minutes is a good effort.

"Our support play was also fantastic. We had worked hard all week on where to attack London after watching them against Wigan last week, and the game plan worked superbly. It was good to see John Bentley back to form. He's one of the best wingers in the world."

Bentley was at his very best at The Valley - the kind of form that makes him one of the hardest wingers in the game to stop.

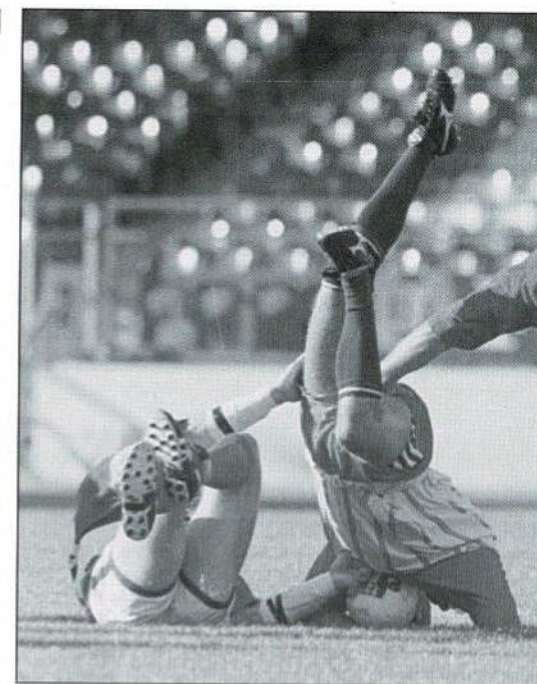
Opposite number John Minto will be waking up in fright all week at the thought of the rampaging Bentley charging at him, and don't be surprised to find the name of Minto missing from the team list in Workington this afternoon.

Bentley's reaction was typical tongue in cheek stuff.

"I was very surprised with the London boys. Did they have a midweek game?" he asked League Express reporter

Andy Wilson.

"It's only the second time I have scored four tries in a match. The other was against Sheffield last season, and it's come at a good time because our



sponsors put up £500 for the next player to score a hat trick. But I'll share it - it's a team game."

But his next point was more serious.

"The Wigan game must have taken a lot out of them, because they were very, very lacklustre."

Which is a danger that Simms and his men must avoid going into today's game against the Bears (are they still Rougheyeds?).

"After the Lord Mayor's Show" is one of the most oft-used clichés in Rugby League and the Blue Sox will have to guard against complacency after what was one of the most impressive performances of Super League.

RUGBY
League Express



BOBBIE GOULDING, Rugby League's point scorer supreme, is back in the England squad after recovering from a cracked collar bone.

Goulding made a record breaking return to the game at the weekend, grabbing 20 points as European Super League leaders St. Helens slammed Workington Town 60-16.

And today he was immediately included in coach Phil Larder's 19 man squad for the European Super League Championship decider against Wales at Cardiff next Wednesday (26 June)

Goulding's 20 point haul against Workington Town included his 100th goal of the season in only 17 matches - the fastest century at the start of the season in Rugby League history - and his 200th point.

Also back in the England squad after injury are Keighley Cougars stand off Darryl Powell and Wigan trio Mick Cassidy, Andrew Farrell and Kirs Radlinski.

Cassidy and Farrell proved their fitness at the weekend by helping Wigan to victory over Oldham Bears and obviously Radlinski and Powell will have to play this weekend to ensure they are fully fit.

ST. HELENS CHASE RECORD RUN

St. Helens visit Wigan in the Stones Super League on Friday needing a victory that would equal their arch rivals' run of 13 successive wins from the start of a "major league" season.

Widnes set the current record with 13 successive wins at the start of the Division One in 1981-82 and Wigan equalled it in 1994-95. Widnes drew their next match before suffering their first defeat to give them a record opening unbeaten run of 14 matches.

St. Helens already hold the record for the overall longest winning run in either Super League or the old Division One with 25 successive wins from February to December 1986. This is also the longest unbeaten run.

The Saints have also won all five Silk Cut Challenge Cup-ties for a 100 per cent success record of 17 in all matches this season. Their last defeat was in the final match of last season when they lost 32-24 to Halifax on 21 January.

But they have a long way to go to beat their best club sequences which are as follows:

Longest winning League run: 25 from February to December 1986.

Longest winning run all matches: 21 (17 League, 4 Lancs Cup) from start of the 1964-65 season under the old one-league system.

Longest unbeaten League run: 32 (including 3 draws) from November 1952 to September 1953 under the old one-league system.

Longest unbeaten run in all matches: 27 (including 3 draws) in 1952-53 consisting of 22 wins under the old one-league system and 5 Challenge Cup-ties.

**COURIER
SPORT**

AND

**BLUE
SOX
HALIFAX
R.L.F.C.**

A Great Combination!

**COURIER
SPORT TACKLES
RUGBY LEAGUE
BETTER THAN
THE REST!**

**MISS
EVENING
COURIER
1996
Adele
Chesters**

Photograph by
PICTURE
THE SCENE

**NORVER
PAINTS**

Manufacturers of Decorative and Industrial Finishes are proud to be associated with Halifax Rugby League Football Club.

**WALKLEY MILLS, SPEN VALE STREET,
HECKMONDWIKE. W. YORKS WF16 0PS**

TEL. 01924 408080
FAX. 01924 410095

**Bibby's
of
Halifax**

T. BIBBY & CO. LTD.

Jasper Street Works, Queens Road
Halifax HX1 4NT

Tel: (01422) 366331/2
Fax: (01422) 330086

TODAY'S MATCHDAY HOST

BSS

Zenith

BATHROOM, PLUMBING AND HEATING SUPPLIES

55 Pellon Lane, Halifax, West Yorkshire HX1 5SP
Telephone: 01422 366345 Facsimile: 01422 321856

Welcome to **Chris Hayton**, BSS Zenith's Area Representative and his guests this evening. We hope they enjoy the game.

ASSOCIATE SPONSOR

J O B CENTRE

LET WORKTRIALS WORK FOR YOU

- * Try out a potential employee for between 1 and 15 days
- * Give the jobseeker chance to show you their ability
- * Check that potential employee will fit in with your workforce
- * No wage costs because the jobseeker receives benefit, meal and travel expenses
- * No paperwork until you actually employ an applicant
- * Delay making a decision until you know you made the right choice

WORK TRIALS

HELPING YOU GET THE RIGHT STAFF

Man of the Match Sponsor For 4th Season

Once again we welcome



Cassell Computer Services
Tenterfields Industrial Park, Luddenden Foot
Telephone 01422 885353
who are sponsoring our HALIFAX MAN OF THE MATCH for the fourth successive season
Welcome to Graeme Cassell and his guests

Top Tackle Award

We are proud to announce that

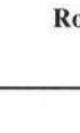


NILLAND
ENGINEERING COMPANY
(HALIFAX) LTD
Craven Edge, Enterprise Centre, Back Clarendon Place,
Hopwood Lane, Halifax HX1 5EL
Tel. (01422) 369000 · Fax (01422) 380821
are the sponsors of our top tackle award
for the second successive season
We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial sponsorship with them.



TELEPHONE 01422 824820 FACSIMILE 1422 824830
THE RIVERSIDE COMPLEX MILL FOLD RIPPONDEN HALIFAX HX6 4DJ UK
Riverside cards are publishers of quality Greeting Cards for every occasion. We supply all types of retailers and "You only pay for what you sell". For your free initial stock and free on loan display unit, please contact
Angela Green on 01422 824820.



 Mike Umaga Sullivans Bakers Belmont Bakery, Halifax	 John Bentley The Moorcock Inn Norland	 John Schuster Shoulder of Mutton Mytholmroyd
 Feretil Tuilagi The Treadmill Fitness Centre	 Damien Munro	 Martin Moana The Lunch Club Commercial Street
 Wayne Parker Stoneywood Motors	 Karl Harrison Stansfield Transport	 Paul Rowley Investing For Tomorrow Financial Advisors
 Wayne Jackson Kieron Green Rice, Jones & Smiths	 Asa Amone	 Michael Jackson GL Hayes Ltd
 Simon Baldwin Albert Didgiunaitis The Clarence Hotel	 Carl Briggs	 Craig Dean Harveys Menswear Rawson Street
 Paul Highton	 Graeme Hallas	 Carl Gillespie The Moorcock Inn Norland
 Mark Perrett Pyramid Flooring	 Paul Anderson Cranley Martin Electrics	 Craig Rika
 Abi Ekoku Steve Bean Associates	 Chris Chester Challoner Builders	 Roy Southernwood

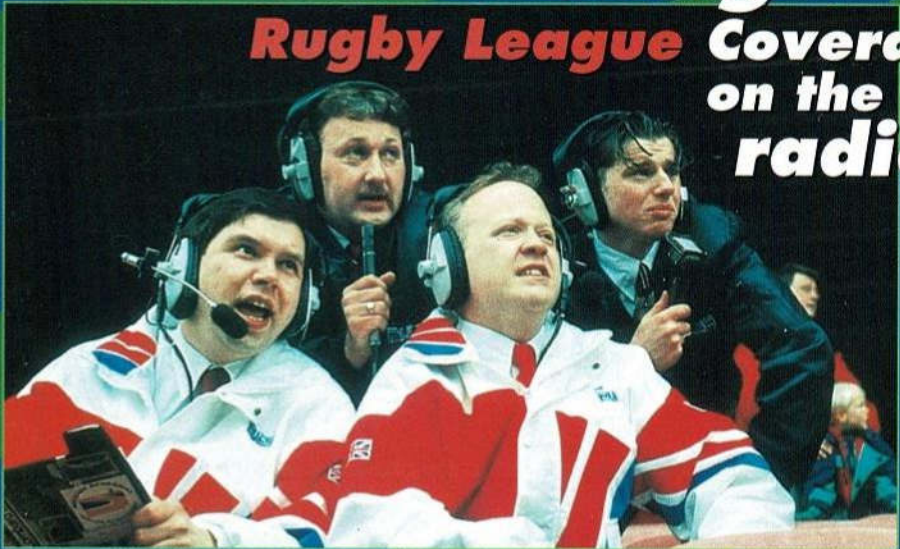
To Sponsor a Player Ring Halifax (01422) 361026



GREAT
Yorkshire
GOLD

1278 AM 1530

**"The newest,
most exciting
Rugby League Coverage
on the
radio"**

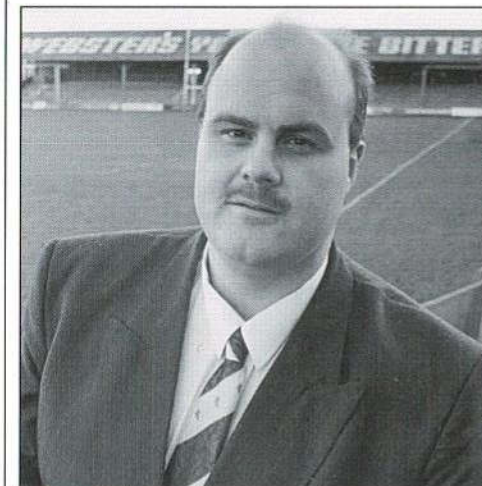


THE GOLD GAME

for *SUPER LEAGUE* - nothing's as good as *GOLD*

**Win Satellite Systems
Every Week!**

1278 Medium Waveband 1530



THE influence of the games blueprint Framing the Future continues to be felt with clubs under notice to achieve a salary cap of 40%. The salary cap is an attempt to control clubs spending on Football talent to a level that the club can sustain. Therefore all player payments, national insurance and other benefits in kind should not exceed 40% of a clubs income. It would appear that very few % of clubs currently are within salary cap.

The rule doesn't come into force until January 1st, 1997 so clubs have time to address the problem. Clearly there are two

strategies available, a) to increase income to an extent that existing contracts can be maintained or b) to reduce players costs. Obviously the first is the most palatable but usually harder to achieve. For instance if we could find a mechanism of improving the average attendance by 2,000 paying spectators (which would be a nice trick anyway) the consequences for salary cap purposes would be the equivalent of just one extra player.

As the deadline approaches the other problem in reducing the player cost is of course that legally binding employment contracts have been agreed, and the club is committed. Transferring players is diminishing as an option because all clubs are aware of the situation and looking to off load player costs. Transfer fees are no longer driven by player ability but by the contract commitment that is being assumed. And when the full implications of the Jean Marc Bosman case are fully felt transfer fees themselves will be a thing of the past.

Nigel Wood

Link Telecom KEEPING THE BLUE SOX COMMUNICATING

Thursday June 27th
The Alliance Championship

BLUE SOX A

V

CASTLEFORD A

At Thrum Hall

Kick off 7.30 pm

Sunday June 29th
The JJB Sports Academy
CASTLEFORD TIGERS ACADEMY

V

BLUE SOX ACADEMY

At Wheldon Road

Kick off at 1pm

followed by

STONES SUPER LEAGUE ACTION

CASTLEFORD TIGERS

V

HALIFAX BLUE SOX

Kick off 3.30pm

Thursday July 4th
The Alliance Championship

WARRINGTON A

V

BLUE SOX A

At Wilderspool

Kick off 7.30pm

Friday July 5th
At Thrum Hall
The JJB Sports Academy

BLUE SOX ACADEMY

V

WARRINGTON ACADEMY

followed by

STONES SUPER LEAGUE

HALIFAX BLUE SOX

V

WARRINGTON

Kick off 7.30



Today's referee is 32 year old **Russell Smith**, he co-owns Quicklift UK Ltd and has been in charge of Two Silk Cut Challenge Cup finals at Wembley. His wife Tracey is expecting their second child in September. Russell says the most dangerous thing he has ever done was to send Kevin Ward off! Russell hobbies include fishing and playing golf. His favourite food is fish & chips and favourite T.V. star is Stevo. Russell would like to meet Mohammed Ali and Jack Charlton and enjoys an evening out with his wife and friends.



**super new
super hot**

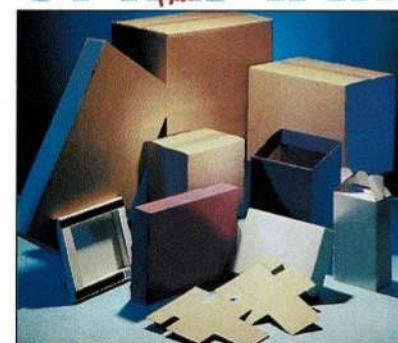
SUPER S LEAGUE

**scorching rugby
all summer long**

live and exclusive on Sky



SHEARD
PACKAGING



**CARTON MANUFACTURERS' PACKAGING
MATERIALS & EX-STOCK CARTONS**

We are one of the leading carton manufacturers in the North with an unparalleled reputation for quality and customer service. With over 100 years experience in the design, manufacture and supply of high quality packaging. Situated on the M62 corridor, we are perfectly positioned to serve your needs.

SOLAR WORKS, CALDER STREET, GREETLAND,
HALIFAX, HX4 8AQ

TEL. 01422 373649 FAX 01422 310090



SHEARD SECURITY

**SECURITY
SHREDDING SERVICE**

Computer Print Out, Disks, Tapes,
Company Documents, Ledgers, Legal &
Confidential Papers shredded

- Collection service in our enclosed security vehicle
- Security sacks and seals provided
- Signed certificate guaranteeing destruction
- CCTV surveillance during destruction
- Enclosed security containers



for the ultimate solution in data
disposal incorporating the
Institute of Industrial Security

HALIFAX
01422 373649
Fax 01422 310090

HOLLYNS MILL, GREETLAND,
HALIFAX HX4 8HA

As of 17th June

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
St. Helens	12	12	0	0	537	244	293	24
Wigan	12	10	1	1	516	173	343	21
Bradford	12	8	0	4	388	244	144	16
Warrington	12	8	0	4	327	299	28	16
London	12	6	1	4	326	293	33	13
Sheffield	12	6	0	6	363	332	31	12
Castleford	12	5	0	7	311	321	-10	10
Halifax	12	4	1	7	309	310	-1	9
Oldham	12	4	1	7	261	382	-121	9
Leeds	12	3	0	9	283	362	-79	6
Paris SG	12	2	1	9	248	518	-270	5
Workington	12	1	1	10	181	572	-391	3

Alliance Championship

As of 19th June

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
Bradford	10	8	0	2	262	146	116	16
Leeds	10	7	1	2	284	186	98	15
Halifax	10	6	1	3	270	214	56	13
Salford	9	6	0	3	266	187	79	12
St Helens	10	6	0	4	273	234	39	12
Hull	10	5	0	5	202	239	-37	10
Wigan	10	4	0	6	298	279	19	8
Castleford	9	3	1	5	158	196	-38	7
Oldham	10	3	0	7	201	285	-84	6
Hull KR	10	2	1	7	169	281	-112	5
Warrington	10	2	0	8	184	320	-136	4

Academy JJB Championship

As of 19th June

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
Castleford	12	11	1	0	454	203	251	23
Leeds	11	9	0	2	384	179	205	18
Warrington	12	9	0	3	454	272	182	18
Wigan	12	8	0	4	474	263	211	16
St Helens	12	8	0	4	392	262	130	16
Wakefield	12	7	1	4	274	266	8	15
Hull	12	6	0	6	251	304	-53	12
London	11	4	0	7	301	370	-69	8
Halifax	12	3	0	9	192	379	-187	6
Bradford	11	2	0	9	196	319	-123	4
Leigh	12	2	0	10	169	497	-328	4
Featherstone	11	0	0	11	186	413	-227	0

League Tables Courtesy of Rugby League Express



COURAGE
Elland

Are proud to be an Associate Sponsor of
Halifax R. L. F. C.

RADIO 5 IF YOU want a job that involves plenty of travelling then become a Rugby League reporter.
If you want a job with a certain future don't become a Rugby League reporter.

In the past three weeks I watched matches in Carcassonne, Paris, Cardiff, Gateshead, London - O, and Wigan. There is no guarantee that we will be watching Rugby League in any of those venues in 5 years time, not even in Wigan.

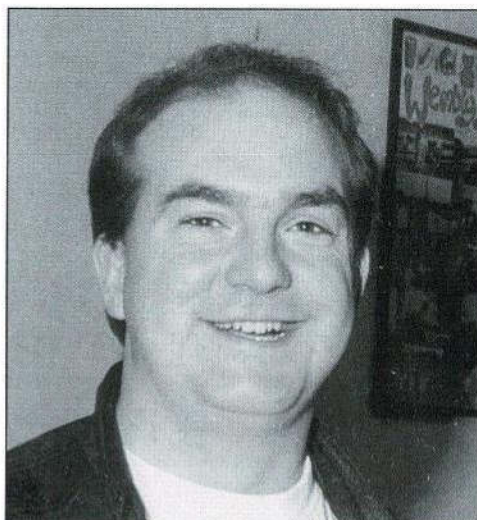
For those of us with an emotional investment in the game, each day and each venue brings about a new shot of optimism of total pessimism.

In Carcassonne, Rugby League is indestructible. It has survived a Nazi invasion and Rugby Union subterfuge. But the game will no more than just survive in Southern France.

You travel up to Paris and you feel as though you are in a bubble that is set to burst at any moment. The players are dispirited, the crowds are beginning to dwindle and Tas Baltieri, the soul of French Rugby League and founder of Paris St Germain is heading back to Australia. Something dramatic needs to happen if Paris is to retain a Super League identity.

A crowd of around 6000 was decent in Gateshead for the England vs France game. It's just such a pity the game was so one sided. And unfortunately the North East still seems an age away from getting a professional Rugby League side.

The further South you travel the more you can begin to smile. Interestingly, Rugby League in Cardiff is burgeoning, they simply have to be given a chance to launch a Super League team. The impression from the locals was that League and Union can happily sit side by side in the valleys.



In London it is more of a struggle. If you are a Blue sox fan and recently travelled down to The Valley, you will know now why the Bay City rollers split up in the first place.

You will also get better odds on the Broncos surviving than Woody and the boys will get of getting into the pop charts again.

But London need to be supported now. If Paris does fail, London's success becomes even more vital to the game.

There are still some people who have the attitude that it doesn't matter whether we spread the game or not. We have survived for 100 years in our own little northern corner, so why not spend the next century in the same manner.

Well it is simple. If we stay as we are, we say goodbye to top class Rugby League. The better players will go to Union, even the better clubs will be tempted that way.

If we don't succeed in expansion then not being able to watch Rugby League, even in Wigan, will be a very real possibility.

Dave Woods

Radio 5 Live (909 + 693 Medium Wave)

ROBERT WADE CARS

Call in and view our fine selection of Quality Used Cars.

Each car we sell carries a parts and labour warranty, and a full pre-delivery inspection.

Finance can also be arranged.

We also purchase Private or Company owned vehicles.

Check our price before selling your vehicle.

Skircoat Moor Service Station

King Cross, Halifax

Telephone 353433 / 351553



**H.P. SETTLED -
CARS BOUGHT FOR CASH**

**Halifax may not win all
their matches, but
they will take some
beating...**

**So will
insurance
premiums at-**

**G J SLADDIN
& CO. LTD**

Insurance Brokers,
17 Clare Road, Halifax
Tel: 362614

LEE FARM EGGS LTD

Producers and Packers of Quality Fresh Eggs

The Packing Centre,
Victoria Road,
Hebden Bridge,
West Yorkshire
HX7 8JX

Tel: (01422) 842193/4

Fax: (01422) 843902



fitness centre

2ND FLOOR · 25 SQUARE ROAD · HALIFAX · HX1 1QG
TEL: 01422 344618

- ★ As used by the Blue Sox as their Number One Training Centre.
- ★ Full Step, Aerobic and Circuit Timetable.
- ★ Large Mixed Gym
- ★ Private Ladies Facility
- ★ Separate Changing & Showering Areas
- ★ High Powered Sunbeds
- ★ Individual Training Programmes
- ★ Nutritional Advice

*All down here at Calderdale's
Number One Fitness Centre*

For details telephone
Halifax 344618

Stansfield's Silver Lady

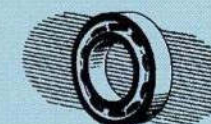
*Weddings
Special Occasions
Business Trips*



4 Heather Drive, Mount Tabor,
Halifax HX2 0UP
Tel. 01422 330570

AC TRANSMISSION

179 King Cross Road
Tel. Hx. 359451



**For all your
Transmission
Needs, Bearings, V-
Belts, Chain Etc.**



The Winning Team for Office Equipment

**Computers • Fax's • Copiers • Printers • Word Processor
Typewriters • Calculators • Commercial Stationery**

Now in our 15th Year

Over 500 local businesses trust us to supply and maintain
their business machines.

WHY NOT SEE WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOUR BUSINESS.

CALL (01422) 349039 TODAY

brother
BUSINESS CENTRE

23 RAWSON STREET, HALIFAX HX1 1NW
Fax (01422) 363619

SHARP
BUSINESS PRODUCTS

Each Home game will be preceded by an Academy fixture starting 2½ hours before the stated First Team kick-off time.

				F - A
MAR	30	LONDON BRONCOS	H	L 22 - 24
APRIL	5	Oldham Bears	A	L 22 - 34
	9	CASTLEFORD TIGERS	H	L 30 - 34
	12	Warrington	A	L 10 - 16
	21	ST HELENS	H	L 22 - 26
MAY	4	Workington Town	A	D 18 - 18
	14	WIGAN	H	L 4 - 50
	19	Leeds	A	W 32 - 12
	27	Paris St. Germain	A	W 38 - 10
JUNE	2	SHEFFIELD EAGLES	H	W 33 - 30
	9	BRADFORD BULLS	H	L 20 - 22
	16	London Broncos	A	W 52 - 24
	23	OLDHAM BEARS	H	6.00 pm
	30	Castleford Tigers	A	6.00 pm
JULY	7	WARRINGTON	H	6.00 pm
	14	St. Helens	A	7.00 pm
	21	WORKINGTON TOWN	H	6.00 pm
	28	Wigan	A	6.30 pm
AUG	4	PARIS ST GERMAIN	H	6.00 pm
	11	Sheffield Eagles	A	6.00 pm
	18	Bradford Bulls	A	6.00 pm
	25	LEEDS	H	6.00 pm

TONIGHT'S MASCOT



Tonight's Mascot is 11 year old **Dominic Mallinson**. Dominic lives in Mytholmroyd and is a member of the Blue Sox Buddies.

The Committee felt that Dominic needed cheering up a bit, as his mum is very poorly at the moment in Overgate Hospice, and so we were happy to oblige and let Dominic lead the team out on the field today.

Many thanks to **The Lunch Club** of Commercial Street for sponsoring his kit today.

Have a great day Dominic!

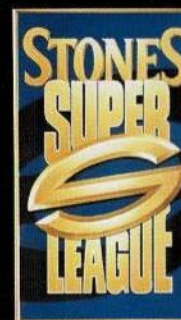
HALIFAX BLUE SOX ACADEMY TEAM

- 1 N. HAIGH
- 2 R. EVERETT
- 3 D. BASTIAN
- 4 J. RUSHFORTH
- 5 E. CAMPBELL
- 6 C. CHESTER
- 7 O. MARNS
- 8 M. SLICKER
- 9 J. MILLER
- 10 G. INGHAM
- 11 A. HOBSON
- 12 L. TAYLOR
- 13 J. GANLEY
- 14 S. BLACKBURN
- 15 W. MCGIBON
- 16 B. CHARNOCK
- 17 G. HILTON

LEIGH ACADEMY TEAM

- 1 M. KAY
- 2 M. BURROWS
- 3 A. HOLLAND
- 4 D. ASHCROFT
- 5 G. KENWRIGHT
- 6 J. KERNER
- 7 S. HILTON
- 8 M. LEACH
- 9 A. FRY
- 10 G. FLETCHER
- 11 M. GOULDING
- 12 C. PRESCOTT
- 13 S. MCGULLEY
- 14 G. CLAYTON
- 15 A. WEBSTER
- 16 P. MILLER
- 17 P. NIXON

PURE GOLD FROM STONES SUPER LEAGUE



Each month the Superstars of the Stones Super League will now be able to prove they are literally the best of the best as they compete for the new prestigious Stones Gold Awards.

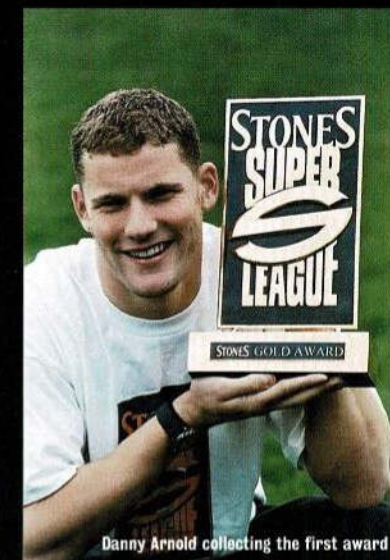
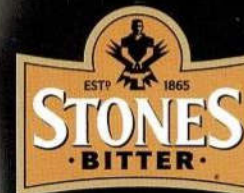
Decided by a panel of experts drawn from representatives of all areas of the sport, the awards will be presented to the player who has consistently

demonstrated outstanding performances over the previous month.

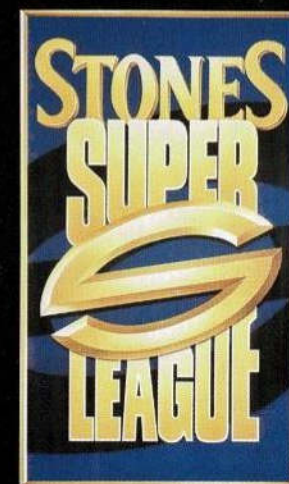
The awards launched by Stones Bitter, sponsors of the Stones Super League, have been introduced to reward excellence by players and to raise the awareness of the shooting stars of the '96 Stones Super League season.

The first Stones Gold Award went to St. Helens' new superstar Danny Arnold. Danny has had a tremendous April with some stunning performances and having scored 11 tries in 5 appearances leads the try scoring table.

Also, at the end of what promises to be an excellent inaugural Stones Super League season, the panel of experts will get together to decide who have been the cream of the '96 season, including picking the Stones Super League dream team. So, to keep up with latest star players, watch this space for further details.



Danny Arnold collecting the first award



THE TIMES