

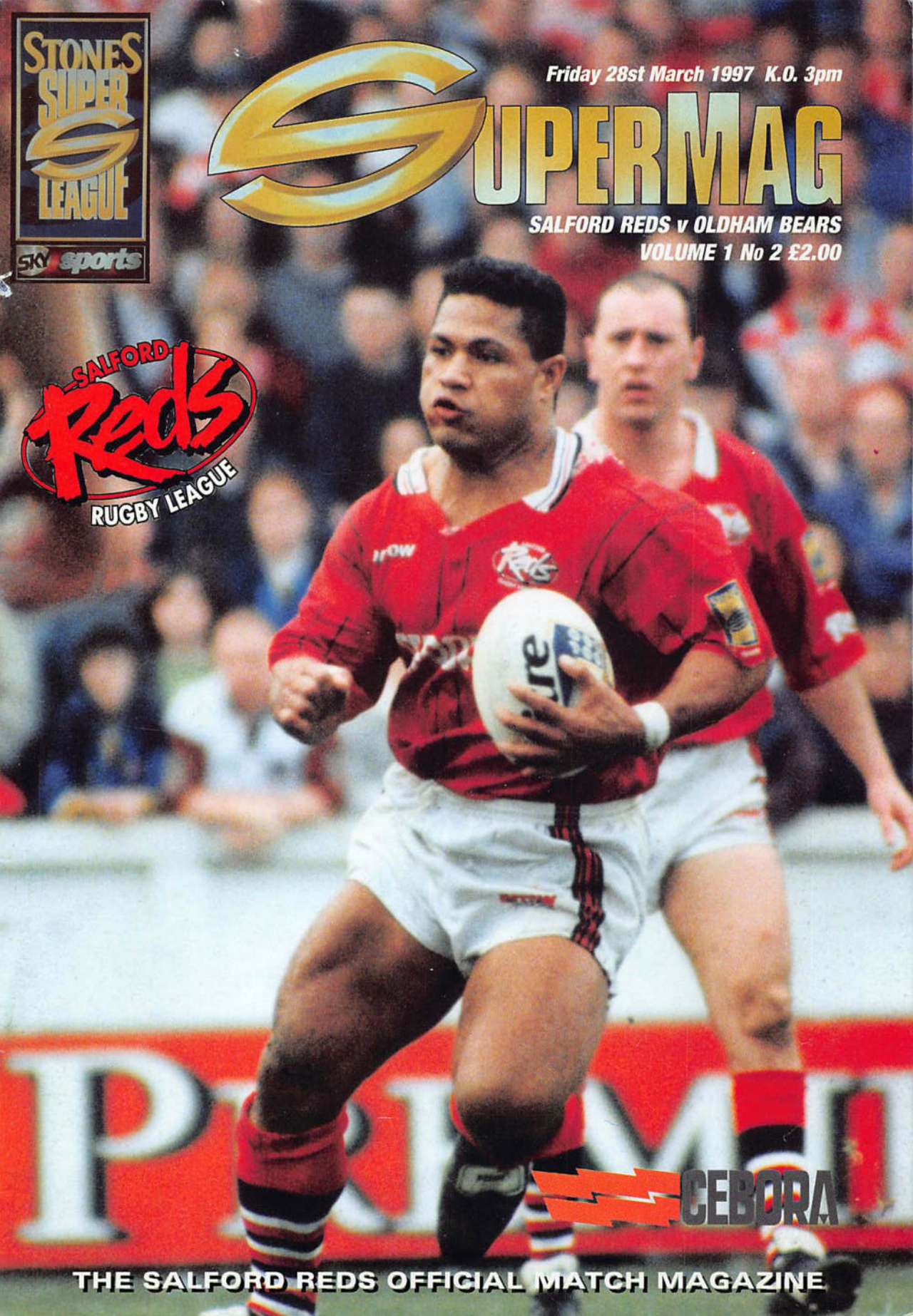


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A warm welcome to the Willows for this afternoon's Super League clash against Oldham Bears who come here looking for their first points in this season's competition, following a couple of defeats at the hands of Leeds Rhinos and Bradford Bulls. However, they began their Cup campaign with a local derby success over Rochdale Hornets, the highlight of which was a hat trick of tries from Rob Myler in the 48 points to 6 victory. The next round provided Oldham with a tricky fixture at Wakefield Trinity but they came back from Belle Vue with a 22 points to 14 win and thus marched into the quarter finals. A home draw paired them with beaten Challenge Cup finalists Bradford Bulls and despite a plucky performance from the Bears, they succumbed to a lot of pressure and went down by 38 points to 12.

Defeats in their opening Super League games mean that Andy Goodway's side have now lost their

last three matches.

Well, our Wembley hopes were dashed of Central Park were dashed at Central Park last Saturday against a St Helens side who proved what a class act they are. Not to say we were not in with a shout though, but at the end of the day its all about finishing off your moves and Saints did just that.

Unfortunately, a late fitness test ruled out any chance of Mark Lee ;laying against his former club, when a calf injury sustained in training, ruled out our scrum half. I can tell you that the St Helens based player was absolutely gutted about missing the big game and he will probably be missing again for the Easter fixtures. Hopefully, Andy Platt and David Hulme will be fit to play against Oldham Bears this afternoon when we look to return to winning ways. Don't forget our match against Paris St Germain on Monday on Monday, has a 1.00pm kick off.

Darrell Platt



MARK LEE



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HERE TODAY

Former GB Test player **ANDY GOODWAY** is in charge of the reins at Oldham Bears, having taken over from Aussie Bob Lindner in May 1994.

He began his professional playing career at Oldham in 1978, signing from the Redhill ARL side in Yorkshire. He represented GB, England and Yorkshire prior to being transferred to Wigan for a then record fee of £65,000 in July 1985. A Down Under Tourist in 1984, Andy went on to make another dozen appearances for GB whilst at Central Park and also played for Wigan in four Wembley winning sides. He returned to Watersheddings at the start of the 1993-94 campaign and made 30 appearances during that season. He has already shown that he has what it takes as a Coach and is desperate to improve on his club's 8th position in Super League last season. His squad is much stronger this season and with the home games being played at Boundary Park, the players are really looking forward to that.

At full back we can expect to see GB Under 21 and Welsh RL International **PAUL ATCHESON** who joined

the Bears from Wigan in June 1995. He was Oldham's top try scorer in Super League last season with 11 tries in 21 appearances.

On the wings are likely to be **SCOTT RANSON** and **ROB MYLER**, both of them being prolific try scorers. **RANSON** is a tremendous finisher and a match winner in his own right. He came from Swinton in exchange for Oldham trio Simon Longstaff, Richard Irving and Tony Barrow in February 1992. **MYLER** joined Oldham in July 1995 from Warrington but the previous season he played four matches for Salford at full back; scoring a try and kicking 4 goals.

Dynamic centres are **DARREN ABRAM** and **VINCE FAWCETT** but both of them have been out with injuries lately. The former is vastly experienced with spells with Trafford Borough, Rochdale Hornets and Warrington whilst the latter was a close season signing after previously having played for Leeds and Workington Town.

Ex-Halifax player **GARY LORD** also comes into the equation as does Aussie **NATHAN TURNER**, a 22 year old centre from Queensland Crushers. Stand off will be former Featherstone Rovers and

Francis Maloney



Warrington player **FRANCIS MALONEY** who made a couple of appearances for the GB Under 21 side in 1993.

The man who makes Oldham tick, though, is undoubtedly the experienced **MARTIN CROMPTON** who moved from Wigan in September 1993. He scored 9 tries in his 19 Super League appearances last term.

Up front the Bears will be relying on new Aussie signing **BRETT GOLDSPIK** who hails from Perth Western Reds, he relishes open play and the English game will suit his style of play.

IAN GILDART the former Wigan and Wakefield Trinity forward is another with GB Under 21 representative

Darrell Platt introduces our visitors



OLDHAM BEARS

IT'S ALL HISTORY

experience.

JOE FAIMALO, the younger brother of Esene, will also take his place in the pack.



Howard Hill

He has also played for Workington Town. GB Tourist DAVID BRADBURY has been at Oldham since August 1991, when he turned professional from the Leigh Miners ARL club.

Hooker JOHN CLARKE came from East Leeds nearly four years ago and made 16 appearances in Super League last season, whilst 22 year old former Hensingham ARL player HOWARD HILL will be pushing hard to gain the loose forward role.

Others to stake their claims will be Aussies MATT MUNRO and LUKE GOODWIN, Tongan AFI LEUILA and ex-Hensingham player CHRIS MCKINNEY.

Founder members of the breakaway Northern Union in 1895-96, Oldham's history stretches back to 1876 when they played their home matches at Glodwick Mill. A move to Clarksfield, where admission could be charged, was made a couple of seasons later before the club finally settled in at Watersheddings in 1889.

In that first "pioneering" season of the Northern Union, Oldham finished 4th in the league and when the table was split in County sections they headed the league in 1897-98.

Another early honour for the club was when they won the Challenge Cup in 1899, thus becoming the first Lancashire side to lift the Trophy by beating Hunslet 19 points to 9 at Fallowfield, Manchester. Although Oldham have subsequently won the Challenge Cup in 1925 and 1927 and been runners up on four occasions, they have never appeared at Wembley.

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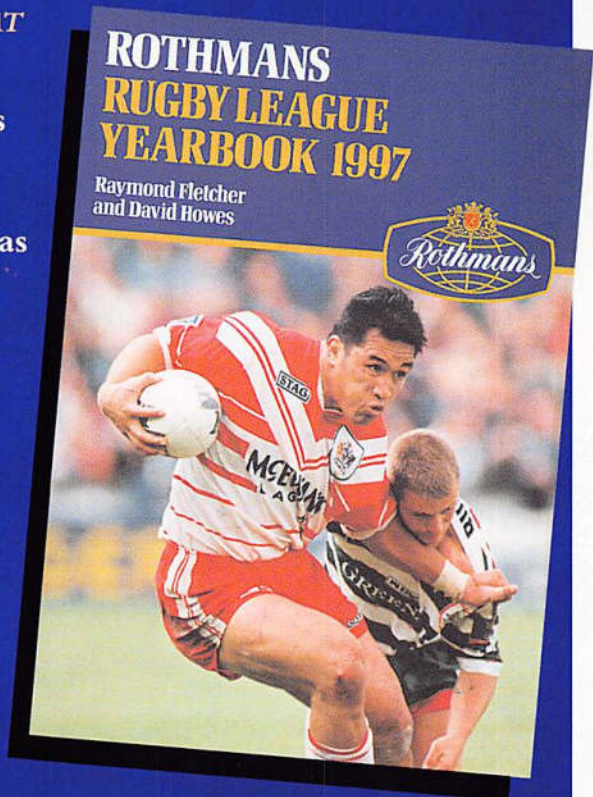
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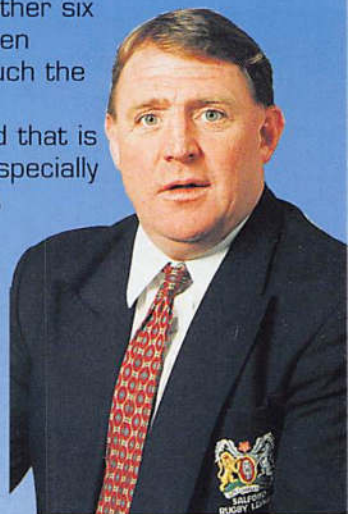
A big welcome to all our supporters for today's match against Oldham Bears, who will be sure to give us a stern test. We will be keen to get back to winning ways after last week's semi-final defeat at the hands of St Helens, who I might add were worthy winners in the end. We made too many errors and at times our tackling let us down but I was concerned about the decision to give Saints another six tackles before the break as it led to them increasing their lead to ten points of the break. I am quite sure that Darren Rogers did not touch the ball but that's the way it goes sometimes.

I did say that our aim this season is to do well in Super League and that is my first priority. Naturally, I was disappointed for all our fans and especially Chairman John Wilkinson but we have got to pick ourselves up this afternoon and it is my job to get the players in the right frame of mind.

I am sure that we will get back on song again and I will be looking to start our Easter fixtures with a victory.

Enjoy the game.

Andy Gregory



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Rugby League Challenge Cup Winners: 1938.

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Highest score against: 6-70 v. Wigan, March 14th 1993.

Highest marginal defeat: 0-65 v. Castleford, April 1st 1990.

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ST. HELENS v SALFORD REDS

The Reds opened their account with a hard fought victory over St Helens, who came to the Willows brimming with confidence after previously thrashing Hull by 40 points to 10.

Tries by Phil Knowles (2), Malcolm Alker and Paul Southern paved the way for the Reds first victory of the season.

Team: Knowles; Maitland, Hudson, Causer, Ratcliffe; Foran, Alexander; Southern, Alker, McPherson, Sinfield, Goulding, Burgess. Subs: Napolitano, Cox, Russell, Close



FIXTURES FOR 1997

APPEARANCES AND SCORES

						P	Sub	T	G	D	Pts	
Wed 5 Feb	Leeds (Cup)	A	7.30	L	14-36	Alexander	4	-	-	3	-	6
Wed 5 Feb	Hull	A	7.30	L	10-26	Alker	4	-	1	-	-	4
Thurs 13 Mar	Castleford	A	7.30	L	10-48	Burgess	3	-	3	-	-	12
Fri 21 Mar	St. Helens	H	8.00	W	16-8	Causer	2	2	-	-	-	-
Thurs 27 Mar	Oldham	A	7.30			Close	-	1	-	-	-	-
Fri 4 Apr	Halifax	H	8.00			Coussons	1	-	-	-	-	-
Thur 10 Apr	Featherstone	H	8.00			Cox	-	3	-	-	-	-
Fri 18 Apr	Hull K.R.	A	8.00			Faimalo	1	-	-	-	-	-
Wed 23 Apr	Wigan	A	7.30			Foran	3	1	-	-	4	
Fri 9 May	Leeds	H	8.00			Gironella	1	-	-	-	-	-
Fri 16 May	Castleford	H	8.00			Goulding	3	1	-	-	-	-
Fri 23 May	St Helens	A	7.30			Halliwell	1	1	-	-	-	-
Thur 29 May	Bradford	A	7.30			Hannan	1	-	-	-	-	-
Thur 5 Jun	Hull	A	8.00			Hudson	1	3	-	-	-	-
Fri 20 Jun	Oldham	H	8.00			Knowles	3	-	2	-	-	8
Thur 26 Jun	Warrington	A	7.30			McKintee	2	-	-	-	-	-
Thur 3 Jul	Leeds	A	7.30			McPherson	4	-	-	-	-	-
Fri 11 Jul	Bradford	H	8.00			Maitland	3	-	-	-	-	-
Fri 18 Jul	Hull	H	8.00			Marsh	3	-	-	-	-	-
Thur 31 Jul	Featherstone	A	7.30			Napolitano	-	3	-	-	-	-
Fri 8 Aug	Warrington	H	8.00			Ratcliffe	4	-	-	-	-	-
Fri 15 Aug	Wigan	H	8.00			Russell	-	1	-	-	-	-
Thur 21 Aug	Hull K.R.	H	8.00			Sinfield	4	-	-	-	-	-
Thur 28 Aug	Halifax	A	7.30			Southern	4	-	2	-	-	8

DON'T MUCK WITH THE DUCK



THERE'S ALWAYS NEXT YEAR!

Ah well, you can't win 'em all as they say, and last Saturday's

match against Saints means that we'll have to wait another year for a chance to appear in the Challenge Cup final. I'm sure you'll agree though that it was a great day out, and it really was nice to be involved in such a big occasion! I certainly had some fun out there on the pitch with Bernard the St Helens mascot, and I think you should all give yourselves a big pat on the back for the terrific way you all got behind the team (the feathers on the back of my neck were standing up with pride at times I can tell you!).

We got off to a flyer in the Super League against the Tigers a fortnight ago and I'm sure we'll bounce back today and show the Bears that we've got what it takes to be real contenders this year! And if their mascot knows what's good for him he'll watch his step! Otherwise it could be a duck that's doing the stuffing for once!

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JOKE

How many Bears does it take to change a lightbulb?

Two, one to change the bulb and one to complain about having a small squad!

TODAY'S MASCOT

The lucky lad with the honour of leading the Reds out today is seven year old Christopher Talbot from Prestwich. Chris attends St Hilda's Primary School and says



he likes swimming, cycling and watching the Reds, but of course, that last one goes without saying, eh Chris? his favourite player is Nathan McAvoy. Right, that's it, all that's left for me to say now is have a very happy Easter and enjoy the day!

Daredevil Duck



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LYDON COULD CHOOSE A FOREIGN COACH

Peter Ferguson, *Rugby League correspondent*
Daily Mail assesses some of the likely
candidates to coach the Great Britain team

Super League's second season, off to such a promising start, will not only reveal whether we have closed the gap in quality that the Australians have latterly enjoyed. It will also unveil the coach who is to be charged with steering Great Britain's international side back to the pinnacle of the world game in the next few years.

RFL chief executive Maurice Lindsay handed new technical director Joe Lydon one overriding priority when the ex-Wigan ace was appointed recently: Find us the right man for the top job.

Salford's go-ahead coach Andy Gregory, whose refreshing approach at 35 has invigorated his promoted Willows team, has swiftly emerged as early favourite to get the nod from his former team mate Eric Hughes, the ex-St Helens coach who moulded the current Saints team and has now been

handed the unenviable task of restoring former glories for their great rivals Wigan, is another candidate.

And current Great Britain coach Phil Larder, whose contract is due for renewal, will want to remain a candidate despite his demanding role at Sheffield, if only to rub out the painful memory of that last ill-fated Lions tour that ended in three Test defeats by New Zealand.

Intriguingly, neither Lindsay nor Lydon would rule out the possibility of choosing a foreign coach when pressed on the day of Lydon's own appointment: 'We must look at the best and decide from there', was Lydon's reasonable assessment of his first major task.

In which case, St Helens' coach, Shaun McRae, comes hurtling into the equation on the back of Saints' historic League and Cup double last summer to end Wigan's long domination of the domestic scene. There is, of

course, nothing in the rules that prevents an Australian – or New Zealander, for that matter – from taking charge of Lions affairs on the field, and gentleman John Monie, almost an honorary Englishman after his successful stint at Wigan, also comes to mind.

McRae was without argument the most successful coach in Super League last year – the Championship trophy and Challenge Cup sparkling on David Howes' support role with Aussies and Kiwis alike.

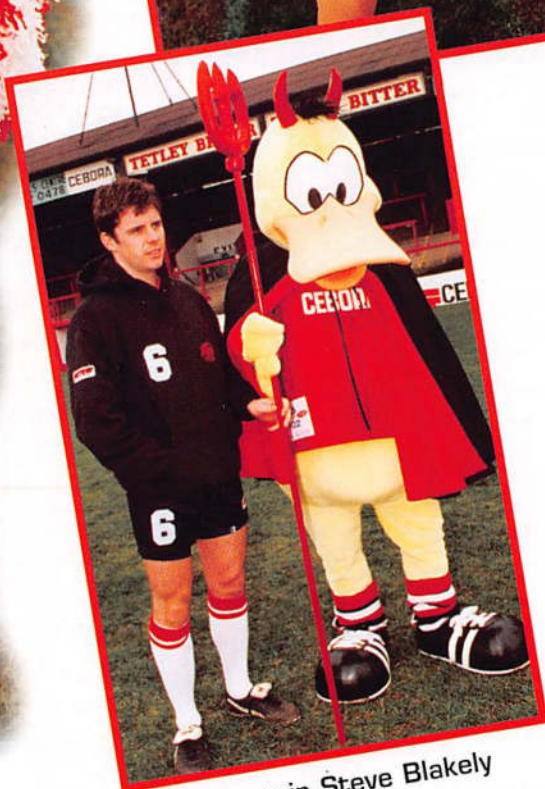
He has declared an interest – who wouldn't? – but most eyes are focussed on Gregory's motivational powers which will be pushed to the full in June when his Super League new boys fly Down Under for tough games in the opening phase of the World Club Championship. Nobody will take a greater interest in their progress than Joe Lydon.

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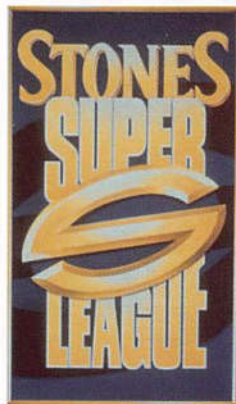
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SUPERLEAGUE ACT II



Ian Proctor continues his review of the status of Super League clubs as they progress through the season. This week he looks at Wigan and Halifax.

WIGAN WARRIORS

For the first time in more than a decade, Wigan went into a season with doubts surrounding their ability to win the major prizes. The Challenge Cup has gone, but there is enough talent at Central Park to remain among the championship chasers.

The longest close-season in history has been one of rare upheaval at Central Park, with their imminent departure from the world-famous stadium upsetting the fans almost as much as the departures of long-time favourites Graeme West and Shaun Edwards. Joe Lydon, John Pendlebury and Va'aiga Tuigamala have also left the club and coach Eric Hughes must be anxious to add to a diminishing squad of players. Hughes is a pragmatic coach who knows the players he wants to strengthen his side and will be content to let his results do his talking. After his exit from St Helens, just over a year ago, he will be keener than anyone in the Wigan camp to wrest the championship crown from Knowsley Road. Without being convincing, Wigan have made a winning start against Halifax and Castleford, but the Good Friday clash with Saints will tell us much more about their chances of reclaiming the crown they lost in 1996, after seven years of supremacy. They will be desperate to avenge the Challenge Cup defeat at Knowsley Road in February. There is no shortage of talent to help Hughes in that quest and Wigan showed, with their demolition of Saints in the Premiership Final, that, on their day, they remain the most potent force

SUPERLEAGUE ACT II

in the British game. Their quest in 1997 is to go that step further and win the World Club Championship but Wigan will need all their key players fit and must add some new faces after the two-year exodus of a team of champions.

Henry Paul, Jason Robinson, Gary Connolly and Kris Radlinski all had busy winters, Radlinski on the Lions tour and the others in Union, and they are central to the club's hopes of success in the summer ahead. Wigan need this quartet to remain healthy if they are not to struggle for depth in the backs and Radlinski looks set to take over at centre from Tuigamala.

Captain Andy Farrell is more important than ever to Wigan. The 1996 Lions tour skipper, still only 21, carries enormous responsibility in a season which presents greater challenges than ever for the club.

Hughes is a master at bringing young talent through, as he showed with Saints, and he has an array of potential stars at his disposal at Central Park. Watch out for the progress of Sean Long, Paul Johnson, Daryl Cardiss and Andy Johnson, this summer, expect Craig Murdock to be given every opportunity to cement a first-team place, and look for the continued development of winger Danny Ellison. Injury-free, Nigel Wright can also play an important role in the months ahead.

Wigan were not idle in the transfer market, in the off-season. The signing of England international Stephen

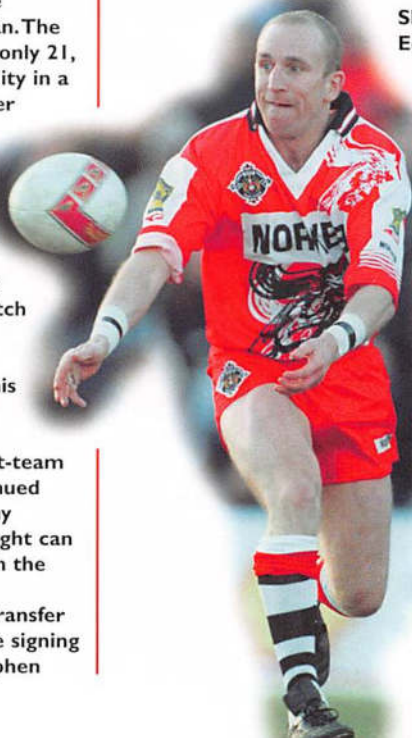
WIGAN WARRIORS

Holgate from Workington and ex-Oldham prop Ian Sherratt adds to their pack strength but New Zealanders David Murray and Stuart Lester have a lot to prove. They were hardly the kind of signings to entice the discerning Wigan public back to Central Park.

Tuigamala's departure to Newcastle is a real blow. Not only was the giant Western Samoan an awesome figure on the field, but he was instrumental in generating a happy dressing-room atmosphere and hugely popular with the fans, many of whom feel betrayed by some of the recent events.

They are probably asking themselves whether it really is only two years since Wigan swept the board in such majestic fashion with a side containing the now-departed Betts, Clarke, Tuigamala, Botica, Offiah, Atcheson, McDermott, Quinnell and Skerrett. It seems much longer. The off-field wrangling about the future of Central Park seems certain to continue, but, as Hughes has stated, the players are probably relieved that affairs on the field are taking precedent once again. Winning football matches can change the outlook completely for Wigan - and that will be the name of the game for the new-look Warriors.

Shaun Edwards



Steve Simms' resignation threw Halifax into disarray, on the eve of the Super League campaign, but their tremendous performance at Central Park almost brought a victory and they duly got themselves off the mark with a hard-fought home success over Sheffield.

More importantly, they filled the coaching vacancy with the surprise appointment of former Thrum Hall hero John Pendlebury and there is a feeling that one of the game's quiet men could just prove to be a shrewd choice by the Halifax board.

Pendlebury, who was one of the game's most respected professionals, has served a good apprenticeship under some of the finest coaches in the business and will go about his business in typically no-nonsense fashion. He is fondly remembered from the successful Chris Anderson-era and his try-saving tackle in the 1987 Wembley Final effectively won Halifax the Cup.

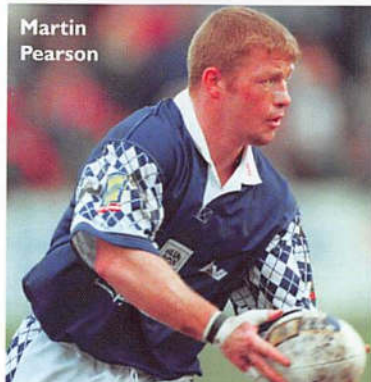
Their 18-16 home defeat of the Eagles must have come as a great relief to the fans, bearing in mind the awful start which wrecked their hopes of challenging for honours in 1996, but there will be a degree of anxiety about the uncharacteristically poor goalkicking form of points record-breaker John Schuster. His late penalty miss cost the side a point at Wigan and he again had an off-day against Sheffield.

Although Halifax went into the second Super League season under a cloud, they look to have a stronger squad than a year ago when they failed to win any of their opening seven league games before battling to a creditable sixth place.

The signing of former Featherstone points-machine Martin Pearson brought an exciting footballer to the club, and a ready-made goalkicking replacement for Schuster should the need arise. Wigan prop Kelvin Skerrett is sure to add fire to the pack, Welsh international colleague Daio Powell is a big, strong centre with a lot to prove and Australians Greg Clarke and David Bouveng strengthen a three-quarter line which includes South Sea Islanders John Schuster, Asa Amon and Fereti Tuilagi.

Halifax will always score points with such an array of talent - and that list does not include international

Martin Pearson



winger John Bentley - but defence is another matter. That is the area Pendlebury will look to address. Home form was a worry, in 1996, and it is a fact that Halifax suffered more defeats at Thrum Hall than on their travels, where they had an impressive record of five wins and a draw - only Saints, Wigan and Bradford won more away games and Halifax also had the satisfaction of being the only side to win at Odsal. Hopefully, their impending mid-season move from Thrum Hall to the Shay will bring a change of fortunes in home matches because they need to be winning to appease the traditionalists who will be mourning their departure from one of League's most famous old grounds.

Simms, who did a tremendous job in his own quiet way, worked hard on implementing a much-needed production line of young talent, during his three-year tenure at Thrum Hall, and the fruits of that may begin to appear in 1997. And John Pendlebury is just the man to get the best out of the kids itching for a first-team chance in Super League.

Every club needs the benefits of youthful, homegrown talent to keep the dressing-room spirits high and Halifax certainly showed plenty of character in the second-half of last season, with a side containing Carl Gillespie, Paul Highton and Mark Perrett. Already, teenager Chris Chester has illustrated what he can do at stand-off, but injuries sidelined him for much of 1996. Those following in his wake include Mick Slicker, Danny Seal, Damian Munro and Craig Dean, the latter pair having benefited from their winter tour with the GB Academy squad in New Zealand.

A Karl Harrison-Paul Rowley-Kelvin

Skerrett front-row should be good enough to boss most others, providing the Blue Sox resist the temptation to release the speedy dummy-half specialist Rowley, and, even allowing for the release of Paul Anderson to the Bulls, there is hard-working Wayne Jackson to keep them on their toes. Highton, Gillespie, Perrett, Michael Jackson, Simon Baldwin and Martin Moana will compete for back-row places and Pendlebury will surely have some money for signings.

John Schuster (with 11 goals) and Mike Umaga (5 tries) both set Super League scoring records in 1996 matches, illustrating Halifax's ability to turn it on when the mood takes them. Under their new coach, they will look for more consistency. It was a credit to Simms, and the players' refusal to become disillusioned, that the Blue Sox managed to turn it all around last year, following their 3rd place finish in 1995/96, their highest placing since Chris Anderson guided them to the title a decade previously. And in John Pendlebury, they have a man who actually knows what it is like to win trophies with Halifax.

Karl Harrison



SALFORD REDS FIXTURES - SEASON 1997

MONTH/DAY	DATE	OPPONENTS	VENUE	KO	RESULT	F.A.	TRIES	GOALS	ATT
JANUARY									
Sunday	19	Warrington Wolves (Friendly)	Away	—	Won	37–30	Edwards (2), Laurence, McAvoy, Eccles, Faimalo	Watson (5, dg), Laurence	6453
FEBRUARY									
Sunday	9	Castleford Tigers (Challenge Cup 4)	Away	3.30	Won	36–18	Rogers (3), Lee, Edwards, Sini, Hulme	Watson (3), Sini	5935
Sunday	23	Paris St Germain (Challenge Cup 5)	Home	3.00	Won	8–4	Sini	Watson (2)	
MARCH									
Saturday	8	Warrington Wolves (Challenge Cup 6)	Away	3.00	Won	29–10	McAvoy (2), Coussons, Forber, Cartwright	Blakeley (4), Lee (dg)	
Sunday	16	Castleford Tigers	Home	3.00	Won	4–0	Coussons		
Saturday	22	St Helens (Challenge Cup semi-final)	Wigan	3.00	Lost	20–50	Blakeley, Rogers, McAvoy	Blakeley (4)	
Friday	28	Oldham Bears	Home	3.00					
Monday	31	Paris St Germain	Home	1.00					
APRIL									
Sunday	6	Halifax Blue Sox	Away	3.00					
Friday	11	Sheffield Eagles	Home	7.30					
Wednesday	16	St Helens	Away	7.30					
Sunday	20	London Broncos	Away	3.00					
Friday	25	Wigan Warriors (T.V.)	Home	7.30					
MAY									
Saturday	3	Silk Cut Challenge Cup Final							
Sunday	11	Leeds Rhinos	Home	3.00					
Sunday	18	Castleford Tigers	Away	3.30					
Thursday	22	St Helens (T.V.)	Home	7.30					
Monday	26	Oldham Bears	Away	3.00					
JUNE									
Sunday	1	Bradford Bulls	Home	3.00					
Sunday	8	Adelaide Rams	Away	3.00					
Sunday	22	North Queensland Cowboys	Away	3.00					
Sunday	29	Warrington Wolves	Home	3.00					
JULY									
Wednesday	2	Paris St Germain	Away						
Sunday	6	Leeds Rhinos	Away	3.00					
Sunday	13	Bradford Bulls							
Sunday	27	North Queensland Cowboys	Home	3.00					
AUGUST									
Sunday	3	Adelaide Rams	Home	3.00					
Sunday	10	Warrington Wolves	Away	3.00					
Sunday	17	Wigan Warriors	Away	3.00					
Friday	22	London Broncos	Home	7.30					
Monday	25	Sheffield Eagles	Away	3.15					
Sunday	31	Halifax Blue Sox	Home	3.00					
SEPTEMBER									
Sunday	7	Premiership							
Sunday	14	Premiership							
Sunday	21	Premiership Final							

PLAYER PROFILE

LOKENI SAVELIO

NAME:	LOKENI SAVELIO
DATE OF BIRTH:	24/11/69
PLACE OF BIRTH:	WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND
FAMILY:	WIFE: MARYANNE SAVELIO CHILDREN: ANDRE KEEGAN SAVELIO ONE THAT YOU PUSH!
CAR:	LUKE
YOUR NICKNAME:	THE GHOST AND THE DARKNESS
FAVOURITE FILM:	FRIENDS
FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMME:	BARRY WHITE
FAVOURITE POP SINGER/GROUP:	SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE
FAVOURITE FOOD:	ANYTHING WET
FAVOURITE DRINK:	RAROTONGA
BEST HOLIDAY RESORT:	ICEMAN (MICHAEL JONES')
LAST BOOK READ:	CANBERRA RAIDERS
WHO DID YOU SUPPORT AS A YOUNG FAN?:	MARK GRAHAM
EARLY RL HEROES:	ALL OF THEM
BEST PLAYER AS A TEAM-MATE:	REPRESENTING SAMOA AND
CAREER HIGHLIGHT:	BEATING WIGAN
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:	WIFE
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND:	OLD TRAFFORD
WORST GROUND:	BATLEY
PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET:	MICHAEL JORDAN



One of the buzz phrases in the Super League is franchise player. Basically, he is the pin-up whose face and physique represent a club in the business of selling and marketing. At Bradford Bulls all the criteria of the franchise player are fulfilled by the instantly recognisable, infinitely talented, sickeningly good looking and extremely personable Robbie Paul. See him on a brochure cover, watch his feats of daring, drool at him in the flesh, hear him on radio and television.

London Broncos' franchise player is, for obvious reasons, the prodigious, sweet-talking, slick running Martin Offiah. St Helens have Bobbie "Saint Bob" Goulding, Warrington are cultivating young Paul Sculthorpe and Wigan had

face of Wigan. He was the face of Super League itself. Forget the £750,000 Wigan received for him. Instead, imagine the money he could have brought into the game if he had remained and been

'THE FRANCHISE PLAYER'

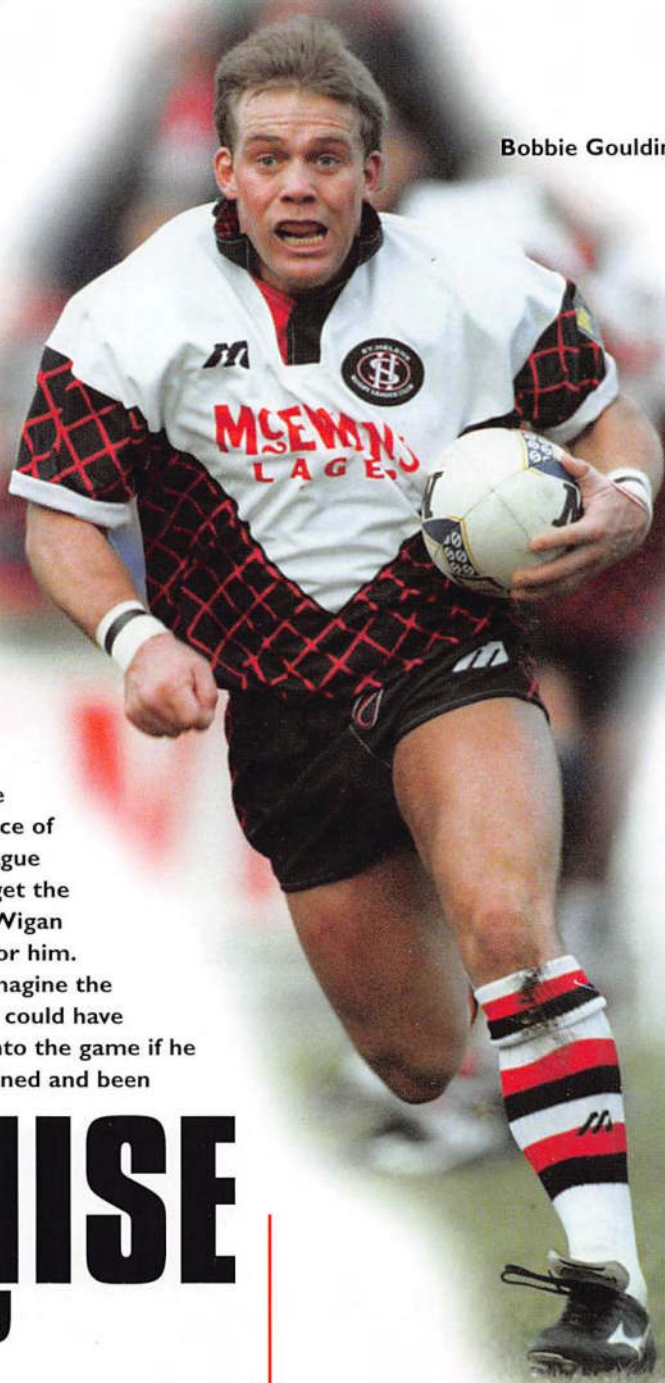
*By Christopher Irvine,
Rugby League Correspondent,
The Times*

Va'aiga Tuigamala. Imagine Chicago Bulls getting rid of Michael Jordan, or Manchester United selling Ryan Giggs. Tuigamala was more than the

properly marketed. Inga is now the face of Newcastle Rugby Union Club. There always appeared to be a double-edged sword to Wigan's

loaning of players to Union for part of the winter. The names of Jason Robinson, Gary Connolly and Henry Paul are now indelibly printed on millions more minds. The difference is that they came back and Tuigamala, despite a best-forgotten swansong in the Challenge Cup at St Helens, did not.

Bobbie Goulding



Newcastle were not active pursuers of Inga's signature initially. Indeed, when Rob Andrew, the Falcons' director of Rugby, first encountered Inga in Ireland playing for Western Samoa, it was not him he had gone to see but Pat Lam. The fault Wigan made, according to Andrew, was in allowing Inga a

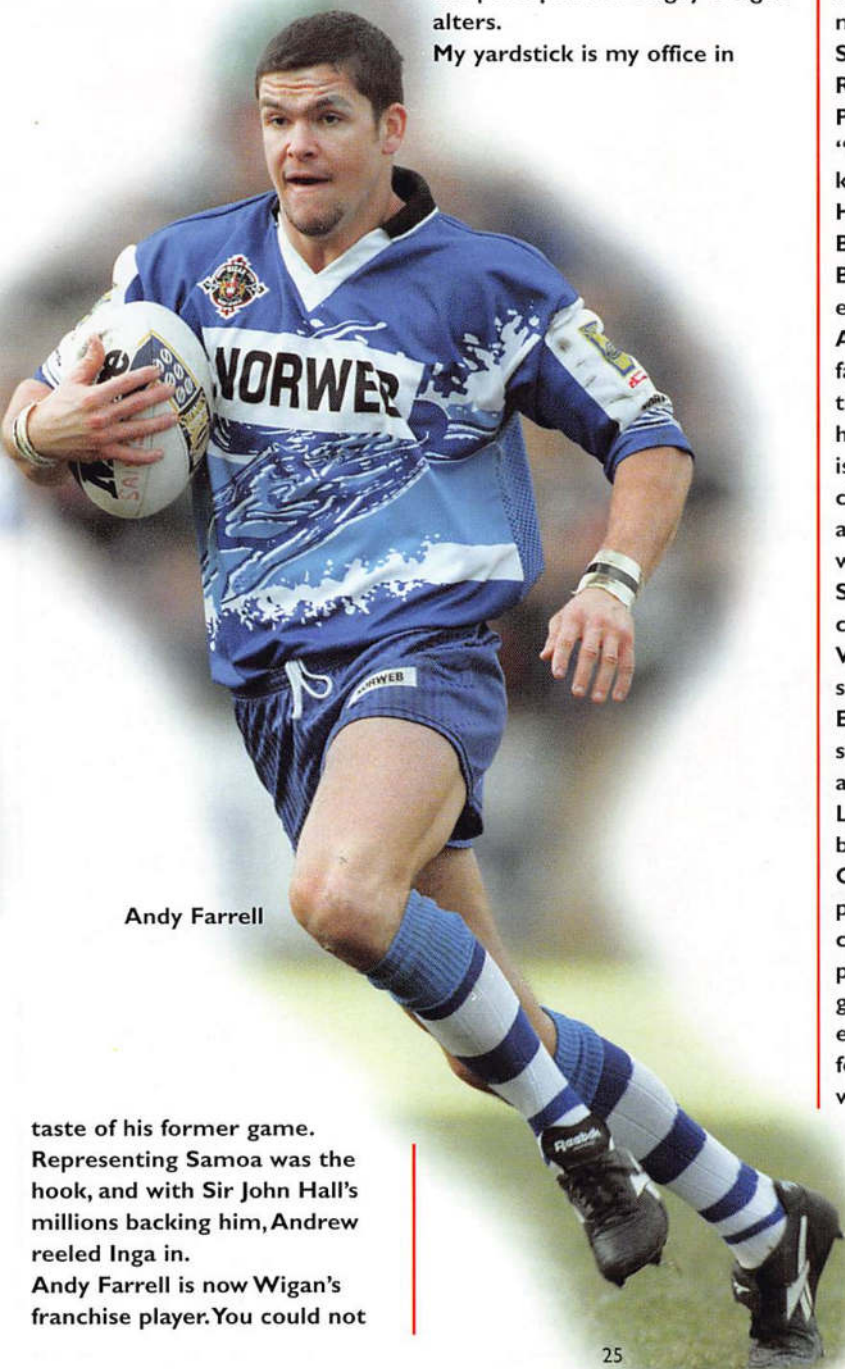
get a more dedicated or skillful individual. He is the perfect player, the perfect gentleman. Moreover he is the Great Britain captain. Yet compared with the national profile of Phil de Glanville, the England Union captain, Farrell might as well be skipper of a second division football team. Blame the media, blame the game. Slowly, however, things are changing as the perception of Rugby League alters.

My yardstick is my office in

London. The distant days when an interview I had done with Denis Betts brought the response, "Denis who?" appear, mercifully, to be at an end. These are players who pass the "yes, heard of him, seen him, like him" test – both Pauls, Goulding, Offiah, Edwards, Robinson, Farrell, Connolly, Newlove, Crooks, Schofield. Then there is the "yes. I think I know him, would like to know more" category – Perelini, Sullivan, Sculthorpe, Joynt, Radlinski, Nickle, Cunningham, Platt. And finally, there is the "never heard of him, should I know him?" bracket – both Hulmes, both Morleys, Spruce, Bradley, Lowes, Martyn, Blackmore, McAvoy, Cassidy, etc ...

A few players in Rugby League – far too few – manage to cross the Rubicon and become household names. Among these is Goulding, the cheekie chappie, the loveable rogue, the angel with a dirty face, in other words, Rugby League's Gazza. Significantly, Goulding made his crossover during the 1995 World Cup, based on his spontaneous brilliance. Unlike Ellery Hanley, you can never stop Goulding talking, but both are instantly recognisable as League players to their bootstraps.

Over the season more franchise players will be developed by clubs, based on their ability, personality and, naturally, their good looks. Whether they can elicit the excitement of a female spectator at Bradford, who confessed to constantly replaying a video of a match in which half Robbie Paul's backside was briefly exposed, is, arguably, the acid test.



Andy Farrell

taste of his former game. Representing Samoa was the hook, and with Sir John Hall's millions backing him, Andrew reeled Inga in. Andy Farrell is now Wigan's franchise player. You could not



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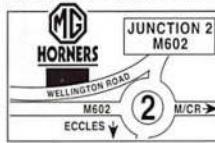


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NEWS

It has been a super start to Super League for Salford Academy 2 wins from 2 games, against top opposition, leaves Salford heading the league table. Last season's Cup winners Castleford and League runners up St Helens have been humbled by the Super Red Youngsters 24-18 and 26-20 respectively in recent games.

SALFORD REDS (24) v CASTLEFORD TIGERS(18)

16th March 1997

TRIES

Lee Hudson
Warren Vickery
Neil Kilshaw
Lewis Waterworth

GOALS

Robert Russell (4)



Two Academy players meet the Duck

ST HELENS (20) v SALFORD REDS (26)

23rd March 1997

TRIES

Mark Jones (3)
Lee Hudson
Luke Vincent

GOALS

Robert Russell (3)

PLAYER PROFILE

NAME:

Jonathan Fisher

DATE OF BIRTH:

10/10/79

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Billinge

CAR:

Fiesta

NICKNAME:

Fish

FAVOURITE FILM:

Speed

FAVOURITE POP SINGER/GROUP:

The Lighthouse Family

FAVOURITE FOOD:

Pasta

FAVOURITE DRINK:

Lilt

BEST HOLIDAY RESORT:

Magaluf

LAST BOOK READ:

Laurie and Clyde

WHICH TEAM DID YOU SUPPORT

Wigan

AS A YOUNG MAN:

EARLY RL HEROES:

Wally Lewis

BEST PLAYER AS TEAM MATE:

Neil Kilshaw

CAREER HIGHLIGHT:

Playing for Salford, Touring Russia

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:

Mum, Dad, sisters and brother

WORST GROUND:

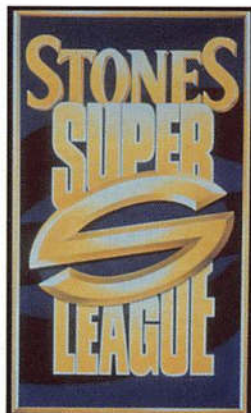
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PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE

Mike Tyson

TO MEET:





IN THE THIRD OF HIS WEEKLY INTERVIEWS WITH THE MEN WHO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN IN SUPER LEAGUE, SKY'S IAN PROCTOR MEETS THE RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE'S BROADCAST MANAGER DAVE CALLAGHAN.

Q DAVE, AS THE RFL'S BROADCAST MANAGER WHAT IS YOUR BRIEF?

A The brief is a wide-ranging one - to liaise with all branches of the media, - and it's something I feel well qualified to do being a journalist by profession and having spent 18 years with the BBC on the electronic media. I'm working with the editors and journalists in the print media and with producers and broadcasters in television and radio and thoroughly enjoying it. The hours are long, of course, and it can be difficult at times, but you expect that with the level of interest being shown in Super League Two. The season has got off to a tremendous start and we're pleased with the way it has been covered by all branches of the media, in the opening weeks.

Q HOW DID YOU VIEW THE MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE OPENING ROUND OF SUPER LEAGUE MATCHES?

A We were particularly pleased with the showing we received in the press, especially in some of the broadsheets, probably our best exposure for a long time. The game's trade papers - League Express and Rugby Leaguer - both made the point that the coverage was a big improvement and we checked our cuttings library back to a year ago, at the launch of Super League, and the this year's coverage was up by as much as 50%. We've had tremendous coverage on radio (on the local stations and the in-depth coverage

provided by BBC Radio Five Live), and it goes without saying, that BSkyB's television coverage has been right out of the top drawer. It makes all the hard work worthwhile when you see the game receiving the exposure it deserves and, while there's always a lot more to be done, we're heartened by the improvement.

Q WHAT ABOUT MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE FIRST AND SECOND DIVISIONS?

A The appointment of Bob Scott, as general manager for the First and Second division clubs is bound to improve things in that respect and he'll work with the RFL staff to get more exposure for the professional game below Super League level. His appointment will be a bonus and the fact that BSkyB have indicated that they will cover some lower division matches, later in the season, will be helpful in raising the overall profile of the game.

There is plenty of interest at First and Second division level as the attendances for the Silk Cut Plate semi-finals illustrated. A reduced capacity at Naughton Park prevented an even bigger audience watching the Widnes-Hunslet tie, and a crowd of over 5000 at Hilton Park hints at a resurgence of interest in Leigh, one of the game's hotbed areas. The two Humberside clubs are stirring and another tremendous promotion battle is in prospect in both of the lower divisions. There is real competition right throughout the three divisions, in fact. Super League was described as a 'brash concept' by one Sunday newspaper and by its very nature it is bound to attract most of the attention.

Q WE DON'T HAVE THE OLYMPICS OR A MAJOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TO COMPETE WITH THIS

SUMMER. DOES THAT MEAN RUGBY LEAGUE WILL RECEIVE MORE EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE THAN EVER BEFORE?

A I've described the 1997 season as a window of opportunity in the publicity stakes for rugby league, Ian, and we've got some exciting times ahead. I've been approached by a PR company who will be acting for the Australian cricket team and they want to come and watch some Super League matches - so there is a probable link-up, there, particularly when

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ONE TO ONE

the World Club Championship matches are under way.

The really encouraging factor is that more and more radio stations - and not just the ones you'd call hard-core like Radio Leeds, GMR, Radio Merseyside - are turning to rugby league. For instance, we now have a regular spot on Talk Radio (1053/1089mw), which is London based and has a 3-hour sports forum which goes out to the nation each night between 7-10pm. They interviewed me several times, on issues of the day or week, and we're now getting a regular Friday night spot looking forward to the evening game on Sky and getting personalities along for interviews. Barry Maranta was on for an hour, last week, and did a fantastic job in promoting Super League generally and London Broncos in particular. It's all very encouraging when you see the sport broadening its horizons in this manner.



Dave Callaghan

& SHAKERS

—DAVE CALLAGHAN

Q HOW DO YOU VIEW THE GAME'S PRESENT-DAY IMAGE?

A Well the old cloth-cap image is gone completely and we're appealing to a younger audience with a greater number of females attending matches. The opening Super League game at Odsal showed that matchdays can be vibrant, modern and exciting - fun. The entertainment was second-to-none, on and off the field, and the 15,000 crowd endorsed that fact. Young people I've spoken to at Bradford Bulls' games have actually said that they don't mind too much if the Bulls lose because it's the occasion that is the thing. They just love the night out at Odsal. That's wonderful, because it means those supporters are not merely hooked by the fact that the Bulls are winning. To have people in the ground from 6-9.30pm represents a tremendous evening's entertainment and more and more people in Bradford have realised that fact. People now accept that we have a great sport

and that we're working hard to extend it beyond our northern stronghold.

Q WHAT IS THE STATE OF PLAY WITH REGARD TO MEDIA COVERAGE OF RUGBY LEAGUE AT THE MOMENT?

A Like many others, I'm working all hours, but when you see progress being made, it's all very rewarding. Newspapers are starting to cover the game in greater detail, the column inches are improving, television coverage on BSkyB is absolutely first-class, the BBC have done a wonderful job in giving the Silk Cut Challenge Cup games an even bigger feel' to them in 1997, and the fact that Sky have taken the competition, as a secondary broadcaster, arouses even more interest for the sport. I think we've got to be upbeat about the coverage we're receiving in the press and across the airwaves.

Q CHANNEL 5 IS LAUNCHED AT THE END OF MARCH. ARE THERE PLANS TO WORK WITH THEM?

A Jon Williams, the morning news and sports editor at Channel Five, is my former boss at BBC Look North and he was the biggest supporter of the game on that station. He worked hard to get rugby league featured on Look North every night, even if it was only a 1-minute news item. We recently had a meeting in London and they are going to take some BSkyB pictures under the news access agreement for Monday morning's sports round-up. They're also planning features, with the Silk Cut Challenge Cup Final looming, and particularly keen on the characters at the London Broncos. I think they'll give us a fair coverage.

Q THE WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP REPRESENTS A MAJOR BONUS FOR PLAYERS AND FANS. HOW WILL YOU COPE WITH THE ANTICIPATED MEDIA EXPLOSION IN JUNE AND JULY?

A We're going to really focus media attention on this unique competition as soon as the Silk Cut Challenge Cup competition is completed at Wembley on 3 May. We shall be stepping up the promotion of this competition and there may be another mini-launch, plus news conferences throughout the period when the matches are under way. It's going to be a very hectic time for us and with the Australian superstars coming over, always keen to assist in promoting the game, the publicity bandwagon will go into overdrive. I'd love to see some of our excellent writers doing features on the great Australian players and personalities who will be arriving on these shores shortly. Several Australian radio stations are sending broadcasters to England and that will prove a massive logistic exercise. We're also anticipating many of Fleet Street's leading sports feature writers coming along to these matches and we're confident that they'll see the game in a new whole new light.

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Ray French, *BBC Rugby League Correspondent*

Time was, when a butcher, a baker, or even a candlestick maker could don a St Helens, Wigan, or Bradford jersey and reach for the top. Time was, when the coal miner at Castleford, Featherstone, or Wakefield could 'clock off' from his afternoon shift below ground and continue his exertions training under the floodlights at Wheldon Road, Post Office Road, or Belle Vue.

Now, where once league legends Brian McTigue, Neil Fox, and Mal Reilly combined both work and play, their modern counterparts Neil Cowie, Paul Newlove, and



Paul Newlove
a new
professional

Steve McNamara are only too well aware that their play is their work. For the advent of Super League has produced and provided for a new breed of footballer - the full time professional player. And what a difference they make to the

excitement, the appeal, and spectacle of rugby league. Able to prepare in the gymnasium, on the track, on the pitch, in the swimming pool, and even in the boxing ring five days a week for the match at the weekend, the modern player is a far different specimen to the majority of those of yesteryear. If you don't believe me, take a glance at Bradford Bulls' awesome threequarter line - Paul Loughlin, Danny Peacock, Graeme Bradley, and Jon Scales - and put yourself in the opposition line up. At a combined weight of over sixty stones, the Bulls' quartet must surely be the biggest and strongest foursome ever to be on duty in the same team.

No wonder First Division Hull skipper, Gary Divorty, following his team's 54 - 6 exit from the Silk Cut Challenge Cup at the hands of St. Helens, highlighted the ever widening gulf between the full time Saints' pros and the, as yet, part timers from Humberside.

"Saints were far faster and stronger than we were and that comes of being full time players." It came as quite a shock to the Hull players for we had worked hard and felt we could compete with Saints. It is difficult for part time players now to meet the full time pro on equal terms. The facilities at the Boulevard are ideal for Super League but, if we gained entry to it, the first priority would have to be a plan for a full time squad of

players."

As the Sharks' loose forward implies, the standards of fitness, strength, and speed in the Super League continue to rocket away from those in the lower divisions. Indeed, such has been the advance, it is difficult to see how any team languishing in Division One for too long can ever make up the lost ground.

Are we heading for a divisional system where promotion and relegation prove difficult to reconcile, if the promoted are soon to be sent packing every twelve months?

Heaven forbid! But the gap between Super League and the First Division will continue to grow if the part - timer is forced to compete with the full time pro.

Graeme Bradley and Paul Loughlin, two of the Bulls awesome threequarter line





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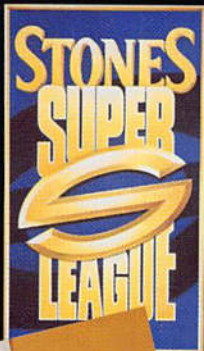


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The forthcoming season provides us at Stones with the opportunity to build on the success of 1996, support will continue for the prestigious Stones Gold Awards and the Stones Premiership Finals at Old Trafford on Sunday, September 28th.

I am sure you will join me in wishing all of the teams the best of luck for the 1997 Stones Super League season.

Richard Thompson

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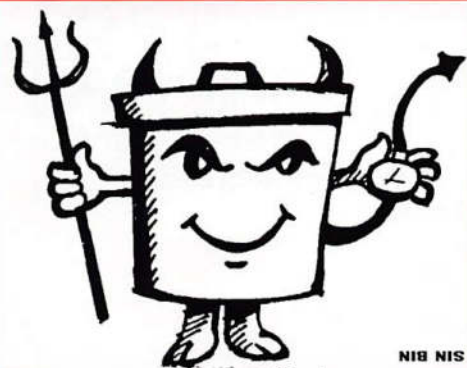


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APPEARANCES & SCORES

1997 SUMMER SEASON

No	players	App	sub	tries	goals	dg	pts
1.	Jason Laurence	1	-	-	-	-	-
2.	Fata Sini	5	-	2	1	-	10
3.	Scott Naylor	5	-	-	-	-	-
4.	Nathan McAvoy	5	-	3	-	-	12
5.	Darren Rogers	5	-	4	-	-	16
6.	Steve Blakely	3	-	1	8	-	20
7.	Mark Lee	4	-	1	-	1	5
8.	Andy Platt	4	-	-	-	-	-
9.	Peter Edwards	5	-	1	-	-	4
10.	Cliff Eccles	5	-	-	-	-	-
11.	Paul Forber	5	-	1	-	-	4
12.	John Cartwright	5	-	1	-	-	4
13.	Craig Randall	2	2	-	-	-	-
14.	Scott martin	-	4	-	-	-	-
15.	David Hulme	3	1	1	-	-	4
16.	Lokeni Savelio	-	4	-	-	-	-
17.	Andy Burgess	-	-	-	-	-	-
18.	Ian Watson	3	2	-	5	-	10
19.	Paul Southern	1	-	-	-	-	-
20.	Phil Knowles	-	-	-	-	-	-
21.	Phil Coussons	4	-	2	-	-	8
22.	Ian Blease	-	-	-	-	-	-
23.	Esene Faimalo	-	5	-	-	-	-
24.	Peter Maitland	-	-	-	-	-	-

Up to and including st helens (Challenge cup semi-final)

RESULTS IN DETAIL



St Helens 50 Salford reds 20

Saturday March 22nd 1997

Silk Cut Cup Semi Final (at Wigan)

St Helens:

Prescott (t); Arnold Hunte (3t), Newlove, Sullivan (3t) Martyn (g)
Briers (6g) Perelini, Cunningham (t) O'Neill, Joynt (t) Morley, Hammond
Pickavance (For), Matautia (For)
Northey (For), McVey (For)

Substitutes

Salford Reds:

Rogers (t) Sini, Naylor, NcAvoy (t) Coussons; Blakeley (t4g) Watson
Platt Edwards Eccles Forber Cartwright Hulme

Substitutes

Martin (For Watson) Randall (For Cartwright)
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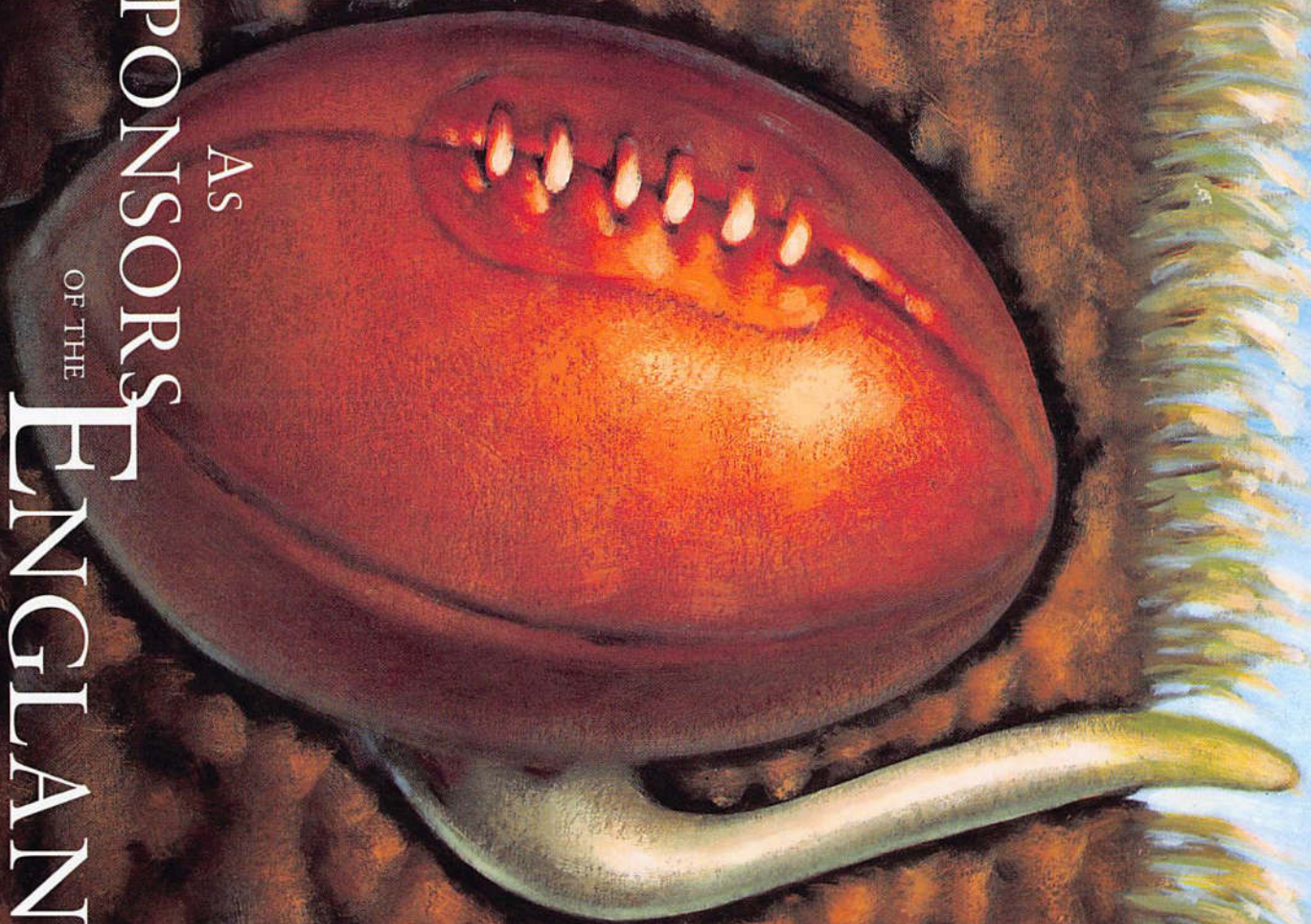
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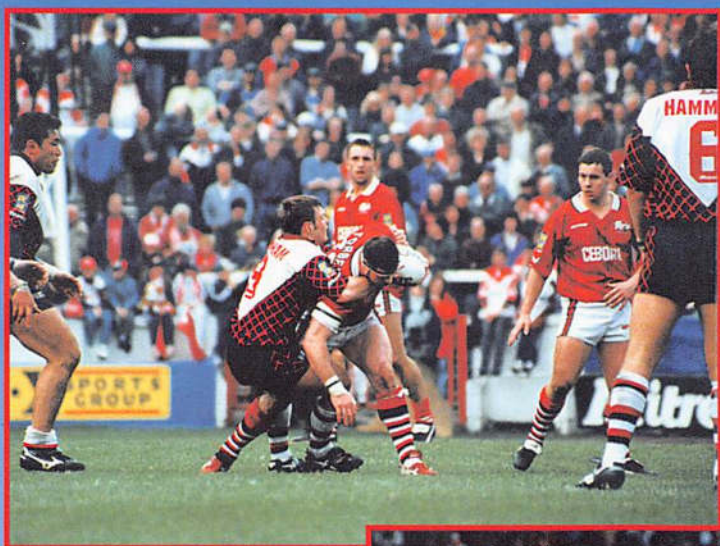
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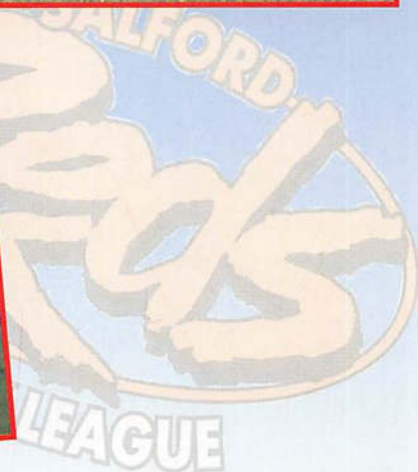
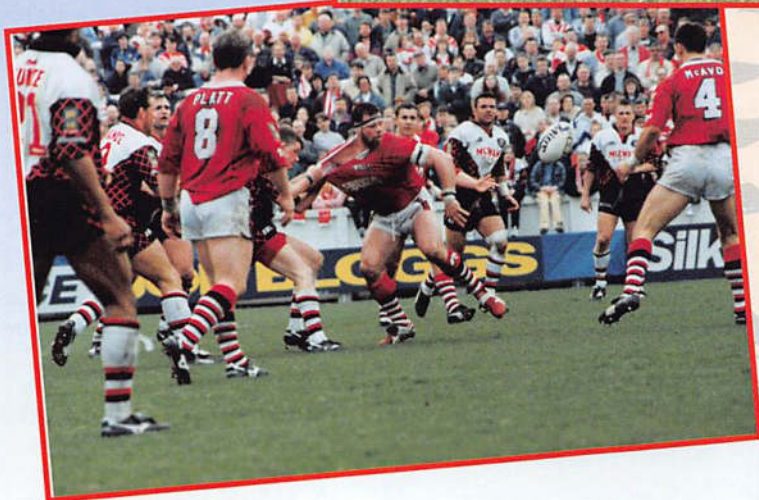
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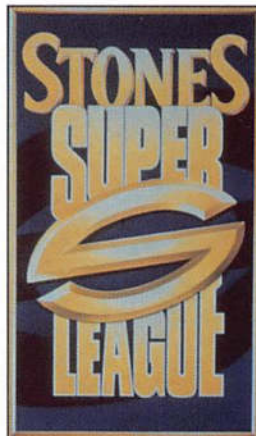
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STAT ATTACK

ROBINSON

Raymond Fletcher, Co-author of the Rothmans Rugby League Yearbook

Jason Robinson's vital try in Wigan Warriors' win at Castleford Tigers last Sunday left him needing just one for a career century of touchdowns. The 22-year-old winger has scored 92 tries for Wigan plus two for Great Britain and five for England in a total of 169 matches.

"Billy Whizz" is the joint

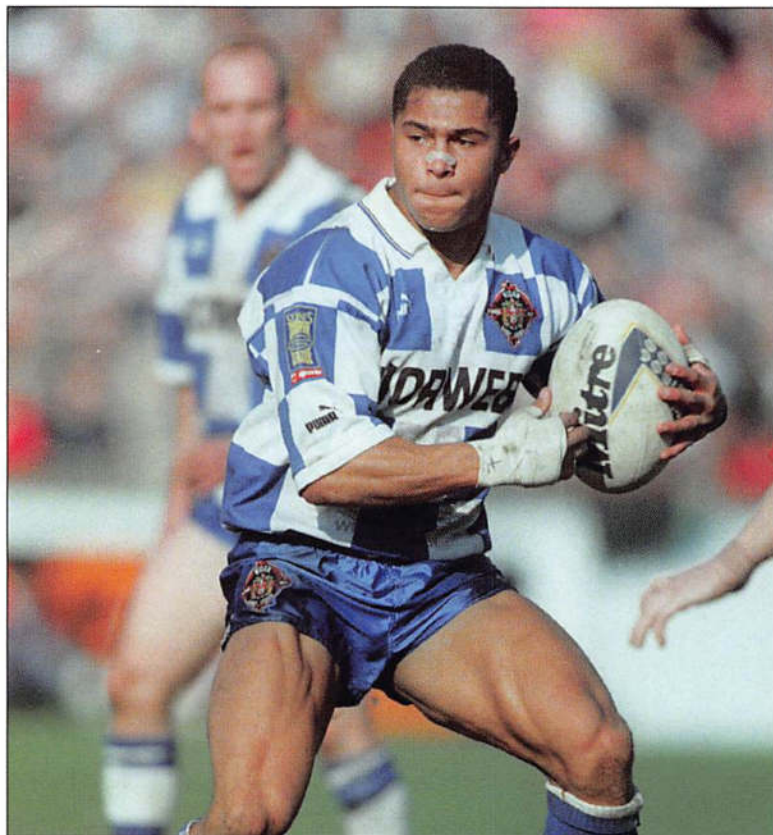
holder of the Super League match record with five touchdowns in Wigan's 68-14 defeat of his home town club Leeds last August and has scored five other hat-tricks. An outstanding half-back with Hunslet Parkside Juniors, Robinson has played mostly on the wing since first appearing for Wigan as a substitute at

Sheffield Eagles on 28 August 1992. Nine days later he marked his full debut on the wing with a brilliant solo try in a shock home defeat by Hull.

BUMPER EASTER EGG

Easter has always brought the crowds rolling in and Super League can expect another bumper turn out this weekend despite some fixture disruption caused by the Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final between Bradford Bulls and Leeds Rhinos.

Just over 93,000 turned up for the dozen holiday games last season with 46,345 on Good



QUIZ

- 1 Who scored the first ever try in Super League?
- 2 Which two teams beat St.Helens in Super League last season?
- 3 Who were Workington Town's only two Super League wins against last season?
- 4 Who was Super League's top try scorer last season?
- 5 Who played at Wembley in 1996 but never started a Super League match?
- 6 Which four Super League clubs never played outside the old Division One?
- 7 Which player scored in the most Super League matches last season?
- 8 Which English coach gained the highest Super League place last season?
- 9 Which British Super League club did not have a player in the 1996 Lions squad?
- 10 How many drawn Super League matches were there last season?

CHASES TRY CENTURY

Friday and 46,683 at the Easter Monday and Tuesday matches.

The top crowd was 15,883 for the traditional St. Helens' v. Wigan Good Friday clash and that is expected to be surpassed for this year's duel

at Central Park.

Unfortunately, crowd limits mean the attendance will not approach the 47,747 who packed the Wigan ground on Good Friday in 1959. That's still a record for any League match.

TOP SCORING FORWARDS

International rival hookers James Lowes of Bradford Bulls and St. Helens' Keiron Cunningham were the top tryscoring forwards in the first Super League season. Each dashed in for 11 touchdowns. Their scoring rivalry continued on the British Lions tour with both grabbing two touchdowns. And they are level pegging again this season with just one each.

COACHES

Of the dozen coaches with first team posts when Super League was launched a year ago only seven remain. But it's nothing new. Over the last 20 years almost 300 first team coaches have come and gone! The longest-serving coach is John Joyner, who has been at Castleford since May 1993.

ROBINSON'S SCORING RECORD

	App.	Tries
Wigan		
1992-93	35+6	13
1993-94	29+1	11 + 2t GB
1994-95	35	23 + 1t England
1995-96	24	18 + 3t England
1996	25	26 + 1t England
1997	2	1
Totals		
Wigan	150+7	92
Gt. Britain	4	2
England	7	5
Great Britain U21s	1	0
Grand Totals	162+7	66

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

- 1 Frederic Banquet (Paris St Germain)
- 2 Wigan and Bradford Bulls
- 3 Oldham Bears and Paris St Germain
- 4 Paul Newlove with 28 for St. Helens
- 5 Jon Hamer (Bradford Bulls)
- 6 Castleford, Leeds, St. Helens and Warrington
- 7 Mark Aston scored in 21 of Sheffield Eagles' 22 matches
- 8 Gary Hetherington (Sheffield Eagles) - seventh
- 9 Halifax Blue Sox
- 10 Three

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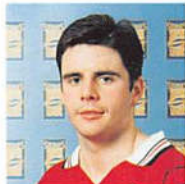
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3	Scott Naylor	☐	☐	☐	☐
4	Nathan McAvo	☐	☐	☐	☐
5	Darren Rogers	☐	☐	☐	☐
6	Steve Blakeley	☒	☐	☐	☐
7	Mark Lee	☐	☐	☐	☐
8	Andy Platt	☐	☐	☐	☐
9	Peter Edwards	☐	☐	☐	☐
10	Cliff Eccles	☐	☐	☐	☐
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14	Matt Munro	☐	☐	☐	☐
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16	Howard Hill	☐	☐	☐	☐
17	Paul Crook	☐	☐	☐	☐
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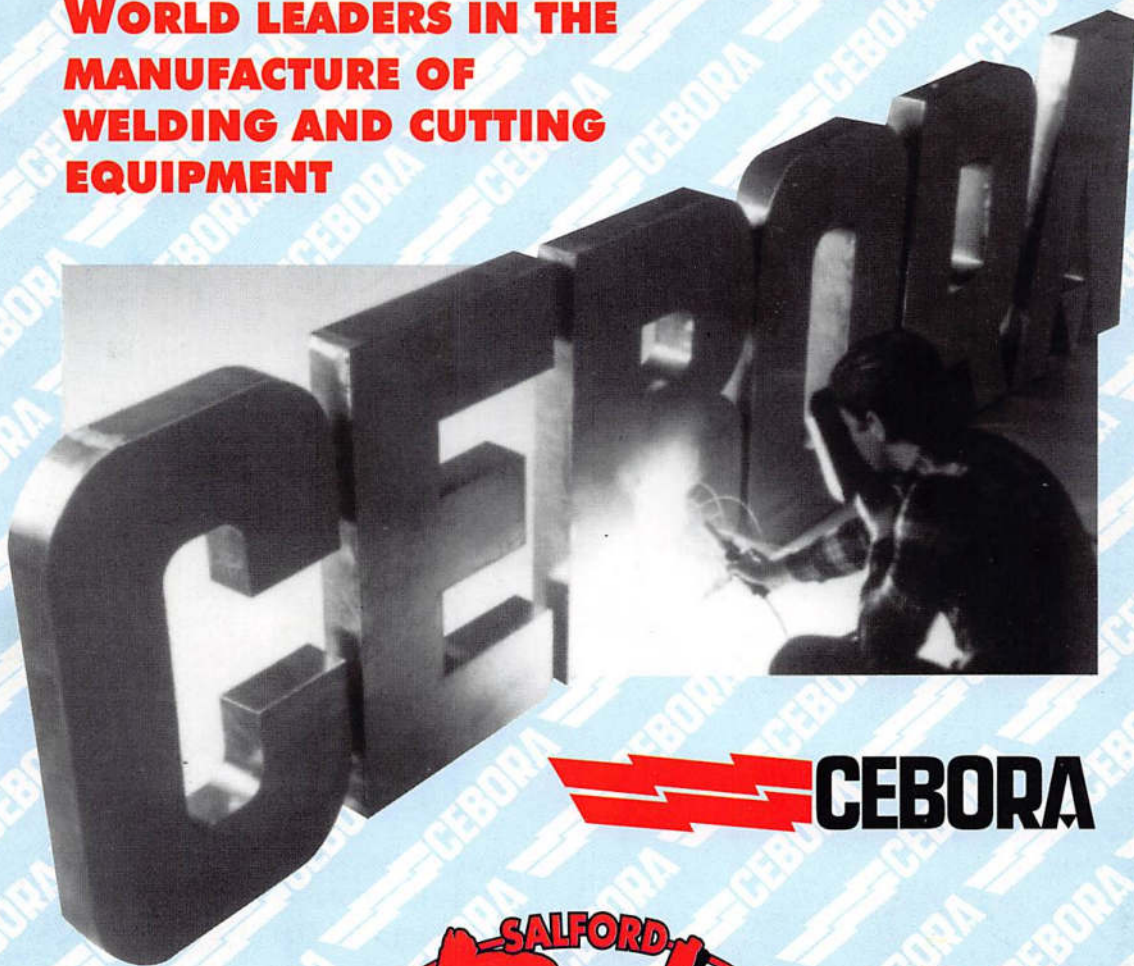


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