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I'M a great believer that you should always look for the positives in any event. Not a bad idea, you might say, in the light of some of our recent results.

But stop and think for a moment. The only way we are going to progress is to build on the positives.

There's no point in holding our heads in our hands and letting the bad days dwell on our minds.

It doesn't mean that you don't learn by mistakes – the idea is to stop making them.

So looking on the positives there have been quite a few things that have cheered me in recent weeks.

One of the main ones has to be the performances of some of the club's younger and less experienced players.

At the start of the season I said that Howard Cartwright and I planned to include some amateurs and players that we felt could develop and provide a foundation for the Eagles of the future.

The game at Barrow Border Raiders showed that we had made good choices.

Immediately after the game I was very disappointed by our performance, but I watched the video through a few times and the gloom lifted.

We had good possession in the game and we competed.

Making the running for much of the game was Lee Bettinson who was with Eagles Academy last season.

Lee is only 18 but he matched some far more experienced players in the Barrow team. He gave 100 per cent – first at half-back and then switched to hooker after Chris Robinson was forced to go off.

In the same game Mickey Johnson, who joined from Castleford Lock Lane, scored a try and was always coming through ready to take the ball on.

Another Cas lad, Ian Brown, has regularly come off the bench and made an impact – scoring four tries.

Neil Kite made his debut in his home town against the Raiders and showed-up well in his first game in eight months. I know he really enjoyed scoring a try against Barrow.

The downside of the Barrow trip was the injury to Club captain Chris Robinson. He gives everything for the Eagles and will be missed on the field, although I'm sure he'll still have his say in team meetings – there's no way anyone could stop him!

Today it's a welcome to Oldham – a club that has pointed the way for teams like the Eagles.

Two seasons ago the then Oldham Bears were down and out. But rugby league without an Oldham team is unthinkable and they have been brought back from the dead.

Last season was a difficult one for the Roughyeds in the Northern Ford but they have survived and are proving a real force this season.

They have a fine coach in local lad Mike Ford and will surely improve even more in future seasons.

Let's hope that we can dent their revival today.

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Freddie's **FUN PAGE**

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Welcome to Don Valley kids. I hope you have been down to the indoor straight for all the pre-match fun.

I really must have a go on the bouncy castle.

If you haven't been down then why not give your dad or mum a treat and take them down there after the game.

My boss, Brian Aston, the chief executive, is always thinking up lots of new things for the Club.

So go on and take a look.

TODAY I want you all to give a big cheer to the EAGLES CHEERLEADERS.

They are doing a great job and have worked really hard to develop their routines.

I can tell you it can be very cold out on the running track around Don Valley and the girls deserve a big thank you for their efforts.

I see Marcus Vassilakopoulos has been off to America to play for the United States against Ireland.

I wish he had told me, I quite fancy a trip to the States – their national bird is an Eagle, so I think in future, apart from supporting Mark Aston's team, I will be waving a wing for the good old US of A.

I wonder if they need a mascot? I'm open to offers.

** REMEMBER kids come along and shake a wing and if you have any drawings of me, or your favourite players, send them in to me at the Eagles' Office, Don Valley Stadium, Workop Road, Sheffield, and I'll try and print them in the programme. And if you have any birthdays coming up send the dates in and I'll try and include them.*



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Sheffield Eagles Welcome Today's Visitors Oldham Roughyeds

CRAIG BARKER A stand-off half with a neat pair of hands, this product of the Waterhead amateur club is still waiting the opportunity to command a regular senior place. Was with the Bears before signing with the Roughyeds.

KEITH BRENNAN A late entrant to the pro ranks, Brennan played for Higginshaw and Shaw Rhinos before impressing as an amateur for Oldham towards the end of the 1999 season. An accomplished scrum-half who unfortunately picked up a serious knee injury in the cup defeat at Rochdale.

MARK CAMPBELL 21-year-old hardworking back-row forward. One of 16 new boys brought to the club by Mike Ford during the first two months of his coaching reign. Formerly with Leeds and Keighley Cougars.

LEO CASEY A tough prop who played for the former Oldham club, Featherstone Rovers, Swinton and Rochdale before signing for the Roughyeds for the 1999 season. Recently returned from a three match suspension after being sent off in the Challenge Cup against Rochdale.

JASON CLEGG A heavyweight prop who turned pro with Bradford Bulls and had a stint at Batley before signing for Oldham shortly after the club was formed. In superb form this season and was voted Oldham player of the month for February.

PETER FERRIS Utility back who was another late recruit into the pro ranks. Toured Australia with BARLA under-19's and represented BARLA under-23's but left the game to play for Duckinfield RU before being invited back to join the Roughyeds.

KEVIN FITZPATRICK A full-back who made his name with Saddleworth Rangers before signing for Oldham at the age of 20. Studying for a degree in journalism and the media - hopes to make the headlines as well as write them!

MIKE FORD Scrum-half who played for Wigan when only 19. Also starred for Leigh, Oldham, Castleford,

Warrington, Wakefield and South Queensland Crushers. Toured down under with Great Britain in 1988. Coached Bramley to mid-table respectability in 1999 before returning to coach his home town team - Oldham.

ANTHONY GIBBONS One half of the twin combination which played for Leeds Rhinos and Bramley before joining Oldham this season. Plays consistently well at centre but can also play at scrum-half.

DAVID GIBBONS The other twin who became a household name at Headingley and played more than 20 senior games including several in the first Super League. A key figure at stand-off.

DANNY GUEST 22-year-old, 18 stone prop was an up-and-coming youngster with the Bears. Also played for Keighley and Lancashire Lynx before returning to Oldham. Mainly used as a substitute.

JOEY HAYES A young winger who made his name with St. Helens but also played 11 Super League games for Salford Reds last season. Turning into a real crowd favourite at Oldham and one of the most exciting wingers in the NFF.

CHRIS HOLLAND Aged 21, Chris has played for England and Great Britain students and took the Man of the Match award in England's defeat by New Zealand at Hull in the last World Cup. Equally at home at centre or in the back-row.

JOHN HOUGH The first player to sign for the new Oldham club when it re-launched in the Autumn of 1997. Had two great seasons in 1998 and 1999 when he took the club's player of the year award. Has been in tremendous form this season scoring a superb match-winning try against Widnes.

KEVIN MANNION 22-year-old ball playing loose-forward who made his senior debut for Rochdale when only 16. Played for England and Great Britain students touring Australia and France. Unlucky to pick up a knee injury against Widnes.

JOE McNICHOLAS A pacy winger who broke his leg for the Roughyeds in the club's first game at Workington and missed the rest of the 1998 season apart from coming on as a sub in the last game.

SHAYNE McMENEMY Recent recruit to the club replacing the injured Tom O'Reilly. Began the season at Rochdale. A hard working second-row forward who made his debut only 48 hours after arriving from Sydney!

CHRIS NAYLOR A young prop formerly with Academy sides at St. Helens and Salford. Big and strong has just returned after a serious shoulder injury.

ANDY PROCTOR (Captain) Former Saddleworth, Wakefield, Oldham and Bramley prop-forward, now aged 30. Won a man of steel award with Wakefield and has built a reputation as a player's player who performs well above his weight.

PAT RICH Another younger signing, a 21-year-old native of the North East. Played for Keighley in 1999. Can play centre or back-row and recently achieved the new club's points-in-a-game record in the victory over Widnes with 18 points.

WES ROGERS A strong second-row forward who has played stints with Widnes and Swinton.

MARK SIBSON An exciting full-back and goal-kicker this 23-year-old played for Castleford's Alliance side. Became an instant hit at Bramley, going out on loan to Super League club Huddersfield Giants. An elusive attacker who has been a key player so far this season for Oldham.

IAN SINFIELD Local lad, who played Super League rugby for Salford before joining the Roughyeds in 1998. Had a brief stint in France before returning in the early part of 1999. A back-row forward who tackles hard, runs strongly and uses the ball intelligently wide out.

WARREN BARROW Signed recently from St. Helens Alliance side making his debut on the wing against Leigh. A regular try scorer whilst at Saints he can play either on the wing or at centre.





View from the Board

I would like to welcome the officials, players and supporters of Oldham to Don Valley Stadium this afternoon for this Mothers' Day clash. I would particularly like to welcome the Oldham chairman, Chris Hamilton to the game. Following the demise of the Oldham Bears club, Chris was instrumental in starting a brand new club from scratch, something that we are now all too familiar with in Sheffield. Oldham were the only club who were willing to take the time to appraise our business plan before casting their vote (in our favour) at the crucial meeting in Salford and I would like to thank Chris for the advice that he gave Mark and I one Sunday evening at Hartshead Services on the M62. Oldham went through some very difficult times during their first two years, including a season playing their home games in Rochdale, and I am delighted that they are now performing so well on the field (Featherstone last week excepted) and particularly that they are back in Oldham. Sadly, the structure of the NFP season means that we will not be paying a trip this year to Boundary Park, so the Roughyeds will not get a chance to avenge the defeat that they will suffer this afternoon!

Having said that we are all still bitterly disappointed about the result last weekend. Scoring three tries to two we felt that we had done enough to win the game but when you're on a losing streak everything seems to go against you. Fair play to Workington, they kept to their task and Paul Cook's boot did the rest. Somehow you just knew that he would put it over from the half way line, just as Iestyn did a couple of years ago and Bradford's David Hobbs did to knock the old Eagles out of the Yorkshire Cup in the pre-Bulls era. Let's just hope that we get the rub of the green this afternoon and that Richard Goddard can do similar damage.

One major plus point from last week's game was the return from injury of Gavin Brown. The manner in which he has responded to the injury is admirable and the way he was throwing himself into tackles showed his commitment to the cause. His solo try was reminiscent of that late December day in Chorley when the Eagles were reborn in front of six hundred travelling fans. I hope that those fans are still sticking with us through this difficult time. Things will improve and we always said that it would take time. If you don't believe it then speak to some of the Oldham fans who have travelled to Sheffield this afternoon. They have been through darker times than us and have come out of them stronger for it. Everyone who watched the Hillsborough Hawks under-11s playing against Scarborough under-11s before, and during half time at last week's match will appreciate one of the reasons why the Eagles were relaunched. My eight-year-old son, Sam, was so thrilled just to be playing at Don Valley Stadium that it reminded me why I got involved with Mark and Brian in the first place, it's about kids having the opportunity to play rugby league and to have local heroes to aspire to. After the crazy scenes at the McAlpine last week (let's hope that the Giants don't ask for the Don Valley posts back!) let's show the public of this country what rugby league is all about.

Enjoy this afternoon's match.

Ian Swire

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BIG NEWS

NORTHERN FORD PREMIERSHIP LEADING SCORERS

Tries

Alan Cross (Leigh)	11
Craig Weston (Doncaster)	10
Jason Lee (Keighley)	9
Jamie Stokes (Featherstone)	9
Fata Sini (Doncaster)	8
Carl Hall (Doncaster)	8
Neil Frazer (Whitehaven)	7
Andy Fairclough (Leigh)	7
Adrian Flynn (Dewsbury)	7
Paul Smith (Swinton)	7

Goals

Jamie Rooney (Featherstone)	55
Paul Wingfield (Leigh)	40
Darren Holt (Barrow)	40
Simon Verbickas (Widnes)	39
Mark Hewitt (Hull KR)	36
Barry Eaton (Dewsbury)	34
Martin Wood (Keighley)	30
Ian Watson (Swinton)	27
Paul Cook (Workington)	27
Richard Price (Batley)	25

Points

Jamie Rooney (Featherstone)	125
Simon Verbickas (Widnes)	102
Paul Wingfield (Leigh)	96
Darren Holt (Barrow)	89
Mark Hewitt (Hull KR)	76
Barry Eaton (Dewsbury)	72
Martin Wood (Keighley)	67
Ian Watson (Swinton)	58
Craig Weston (Doncaster)	58
Pat Rich (Oldham)	56

MILESTONES

Martin Wood of Keighley Cougars needs only three tries for a career century of touchdowns in two spells at the club.

TRYSORING SEQUENCE

Jamie Stokes of Featherstone Rovers has scored at least one try in seven successive Northern Ford Premiership matches. The winger's scoring run began in the home defeat of Keighley Cougars on 23rd January.

POINT SCORING SEQUENCE

Jamie Benn of Featherstone Rovers has the current longest point scoring run covering 27 matches, including two play-off games and two Silk Cut Challenge Cup ties. The scrum-half's run began with a goal in Featherstone's 19-14 defeat at Whitehaven Warriors on 13th June 1999.

WINNING RUNS

Leigh Centurions and Featherstone Rovers share the longest winning run in the Northern Ford Premiership of seven successive league victories. Neither has lost since 16th January.

Leigh's last NFP defeat was 24-6 at Whitehaven Warriors and Featherstone's was 32-14 at Doncaster Dragons.



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More good news...

In the week since our last home game another agent has joined GOLDRUSH and we would like to say a special thank you to:

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In total 57 new members joined the lottery and are helping the Club to survive.

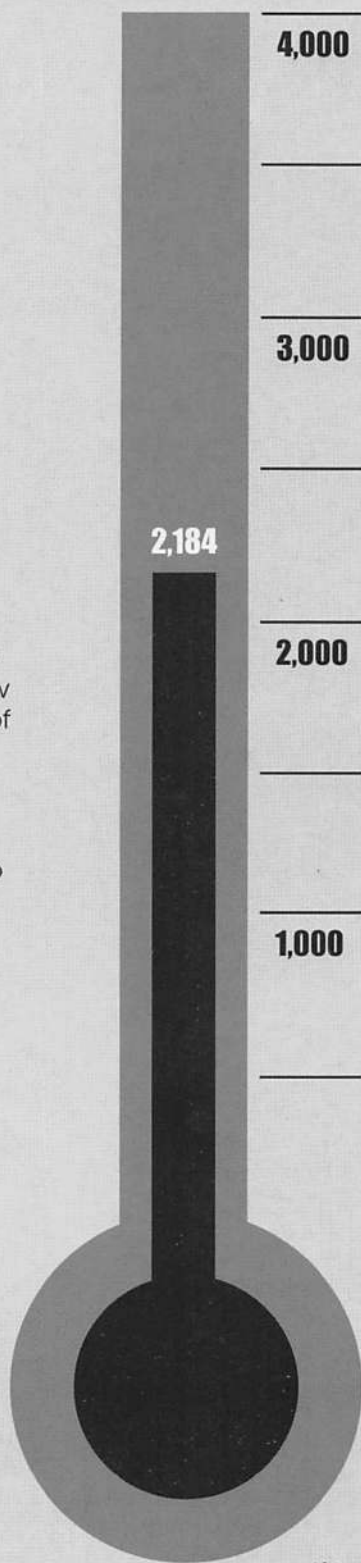
Free Agents' Draw

Existing agents who introduce new agents to the GOLDRUSH will now be entered into a free prize draw to win a VIP day at an Eagles home fixture as Man of the Match sponsor. Any new agent must be introduced by Friday 5th May and the results of the draw will be announced at our home game against Rochdale Hornets on Sunday 7th May.

The bad news...

We still need 1,816 more Goldrush members if we are going to make our target of 4,000 members by 31st December 2000. That means we need an average of 48 new members to join us every week or 10 new agents.

Week 8	Prize Winners	Friday 24th March
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S.E.I.S.A. are looking for volunteer Committee members to fill vacant positions and help in the running of the association.

S.E.I.S.A. representatives attended a meeting of Rugby League Supporters' Associations to discuss the future of Rugby League and the supporters input into that future.

Player of the month for February was voted for by the supporters and was given to CHRIS MORLEY. The award for March's player will be given after the Oldham game in the indoor straight after the match.

Meeting of Independent Supporters' Association

Reports from a meeting of disgruntled Rugby League fans from across the country on Saturday, heard rumour of a £3 million grant bid from Bramley RLFC to the Lottery Fund.

The get-together, which included fans from St. Helens, Hull FC and Sheffield's highly subscribed independent supporters' associations, was also attended by representatives from over 20 other clubs, along with Gateshead and Bramley, currently building for future inclusion. All agreed they had been let down on too many occasions by their own clubs and the hierarchy of the game.

The main agenda for the attendee was to share ideas and experiences from their own clubs and gain a knowledge of the overall state of the game across the country. Also at the meeting were representatives of the RLSA (Rugby League Supporters' Association) who have made their priority to reclaim the game for the supporters.

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Sheffield Eagles Match REPORT versus WORKINGTON TOWN

26th March
2000

FACTFILE

Sheffield Eagles 18
Workington Town 20

Don Valley Stadium, Sunday
26 March.

Eagles: Micky Johnson, Simon Wray, Steve Walker, Neil Kite, Andy Brent, Mark Aston, Gavin Brown, Jeff Wittenberg, Marcus Vassilakopoulos, Alex Thompson, David Larder, Chris Morley, Richard Goddard. Subs: Lee Bettison, Wayne Freeman, John Bruce, Ricky Wright.

Workington: Paul Cook, Martin Stalker, Steven McGrady, Lee Smith, Graham Lewithwaite, Michael Dempsey, Gary Murdock, Matt Strum, Owen Williamson, Ryan Charters, Jamie Beaumont, Stuart Hoyles, Anthony Samuel. Subs: John Allen, John Addison, Tau Liku, Anthony Huddart.

Scorers: Eagles - Tries: Goddard 2 (16, 54), Brown 1 (40). Goals: Goddard 3.

Workington: Tries - Dempsey 1 (41), Smith 1 (66). Goals: Cook 6.

Half-time: 12-6.

Referee: Colin Morris.

Attendance: 1,177.

Sin binned: Micky Johnson, (Eagles, 70).

SCRUM-HALF Gavin Brown made a successful return to the side, after a 10-week lay-off with a broken jaw, as for the second week running the Eagles faced Cumbrian opposition.

Workington Town took the points with a penalty in the last two minutes. Each time Mark Aston's team forced themselves in front Town came back.

Town had to thank their full-back Paul Cook for six goals - five of which were penalties - and some eccentric refereeing decision by Colin Morris.

But this was a game the Eagles should have had wrapped up in the first half and in the end they paid for not turning possession into points.

Player-coach Mark Aston said: "We lost to the better side - we are just not playing as a team. Too many players are not following instructions. This is a game we lost."

Aston had tried hard to inspire his side and at times it looked like they would run away with the game but Workington defended well - particularly in the final 10 metres.

The opening minutes told their own tale - two sides on a poor run desperate not to lose again. The Eagles' powerful forwards set out to dominate the opening exchanges with skipper for the day Alex Thompson and Jeff Wittenberg leading the charge.

Both sides failed with penalty attempts awarded for high tackles in the first ten minutes before Mark Aston started to reminded the crowd of his skills.

The first of two 40-20 kicks by the player-coach led to the Eagles taking the lead on 16 minutes.

From the scrum play was switch across the field and then back before Aston provided the final pass for Richard Goddard to storm in.

The loose-forward added the goal. Workington levelled the score with three penalties from Cook. The last on 34 minutes resulted in Eagles hooker Marcus Vassilakopoulos being put on report.

Gavin Brown showed what the Don Valley crowd had been missing during his injury lay-off. The ex-Leeds Rhinos star left three Town players flat-footed as he weaved in. Goddard's kick sent the Eagles in 12-6 ahead.

Workington made a dramatic start to the second half with stand-off Michael Dempsey darting in for a try from the first attack. With Cook's goal it was back level, Aston set up a second try for Goddard with a "bomb" on 54 minutes. Goddard's goal kick hit the upright but he added a penalty six minutes later.

Town were much more in the game with prop Matt Strum increasingly causing problems and when centre Lee Smith rolled through a tackle and grounded the ball they looked the stronger side. This time it was Cook's turn to hit the upright but he added a penalty after Micky Johnson had been sin-binned on 70 minutes to make it 18-18.

Gavin Brown tried a field goal which bobbled along the ground and then on 78 minutes Town were given a penalty on the half way line for off-side.

Cook seemed to take an age placing the kick before putting the ball between the posts to steal the points.





NAME: Chris Morley

PREVIOUS CLUBS:

Warrington, St. Helens,
Salford City Reds

HEIGHT: 6ft

WEIGHT: 14st 8lbs

STAR SIGN: Virgo

BEST MOMENT IN RUGBY:

Playing at Wembley in
1997 for St. Helens

PLAYER MOST ADMIRER:

Tubbs! (*honest!*)

OUTSIDE THE GAME (Job etc.):

Joiner

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Geri Halliwell

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and daughter Leah

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Our kid, Adrian!

Chris
Morley

Autograph



Facts & Figures 2000 Season

2000 Season



Northern Ford Premiership

December 28:	Lancashire Lynx	Won	33-20	Strange IT	Way	Walker	Crouthers	Williamson	Aston 1G
January 9:	York Wasps	Lost	15-16	Johnson	Way	Walker	Crouthers	Williamson	Strange 11-10G
January 16:	Batley Bulldogs	Lost	12-22	Johnson IT	Way	Walker IT	Crouthers	Williamson	Strange
January 23:	Hull KR	Lost	4-6	Strange	Way	Walker	Crouthers	Williamson	Walskips 10G
January 25:	Hunslet Hawks	Won	17-12	Strange	Way	Walker	Crouthers IT	Williamson	Walskips 10G
January 30:	Thornhill Trojans	Lost	14-16	Johnson	Way	Goddard 3G	Crouthers	Williamson	Walskips 10G
February 6:	Featherstone Rovers	Lost	13-45	Strange	Way	Walker IT	Crouthers	Williamson	Walskips 10G
February 20:	Dewsbury Rams	Lost	18-33	Strange	Way	Goddard 3G	Crouthers	Williamson IT	Walskips 10G
February 27:	Widnes	Lost	0-3	Walker	Way	Goddard	Crouthers	Williamson	Strange
March 5:	Doncaster Dragons	Lost	10-16	Strange	Way	Walker	Goddard 3G	Williamson	Walskips 10G
March 12:	Keighley Cougars	Lost	2-36	Strange	Way	Walker	Goddard 1G	Brent	Walskips 10G
March 19:	Barrow Border Raiders	Lost	16-34	Johnson IT	Way	Walker	Kille IT	Brent	Bettinson
March 26:	Workington Town	Lost	18-20	Johnson	Way	Walker	Kille	Brent	Aston
April 2:	Oldham Roughyeds	Sunday	3.15pm						

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April 9: Leigh

April 16: Swinton

April 21: Lancashire Lynx Friday 7.30pm

April 24: Hunslet 7.30pm

May 1: Whitehaven Warriors Monday 3.15pm

May 7: Rochdale Hornets Sunday 3.15pm

May 14: York Wasps Sunday 3.15pm

May 21: Batley Bulldogs

May 26: Hull KR Friday 7.30pm

May 29: Featherstone Rovers Monday 3.15pm

June 4: Dewsbury Rams Sunday 3.15pm

June 11: Doncaster Dragons

June 18: Keighley Cougars Sunday 3.15pm

June 25: Barrow Border Raiders Sunday 3.15pm

July 2: Workington Town

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G. Brown	Bruce	Robinson 2G	G. Freeman	Jackson	W. Freeman	Morley	Brent	I. Brown	Summerville	Wright	
Aston	Bruce	Robinson	Wright	W. Freeman	Morley	Larder	Bettinson	Brent	I. Brown 11	G. Freeman	
Aston 4G	Bruce	Gibson	Wright	W. Freeman	Morley	Larder 11	Brent	Thompson	G. Freeman	Goddard	
Bettinson	Thompson	Gibson	Wright 11	W. Freeman	I. Brown	Larder	Strange	Bruce 11	Morley	Brent	
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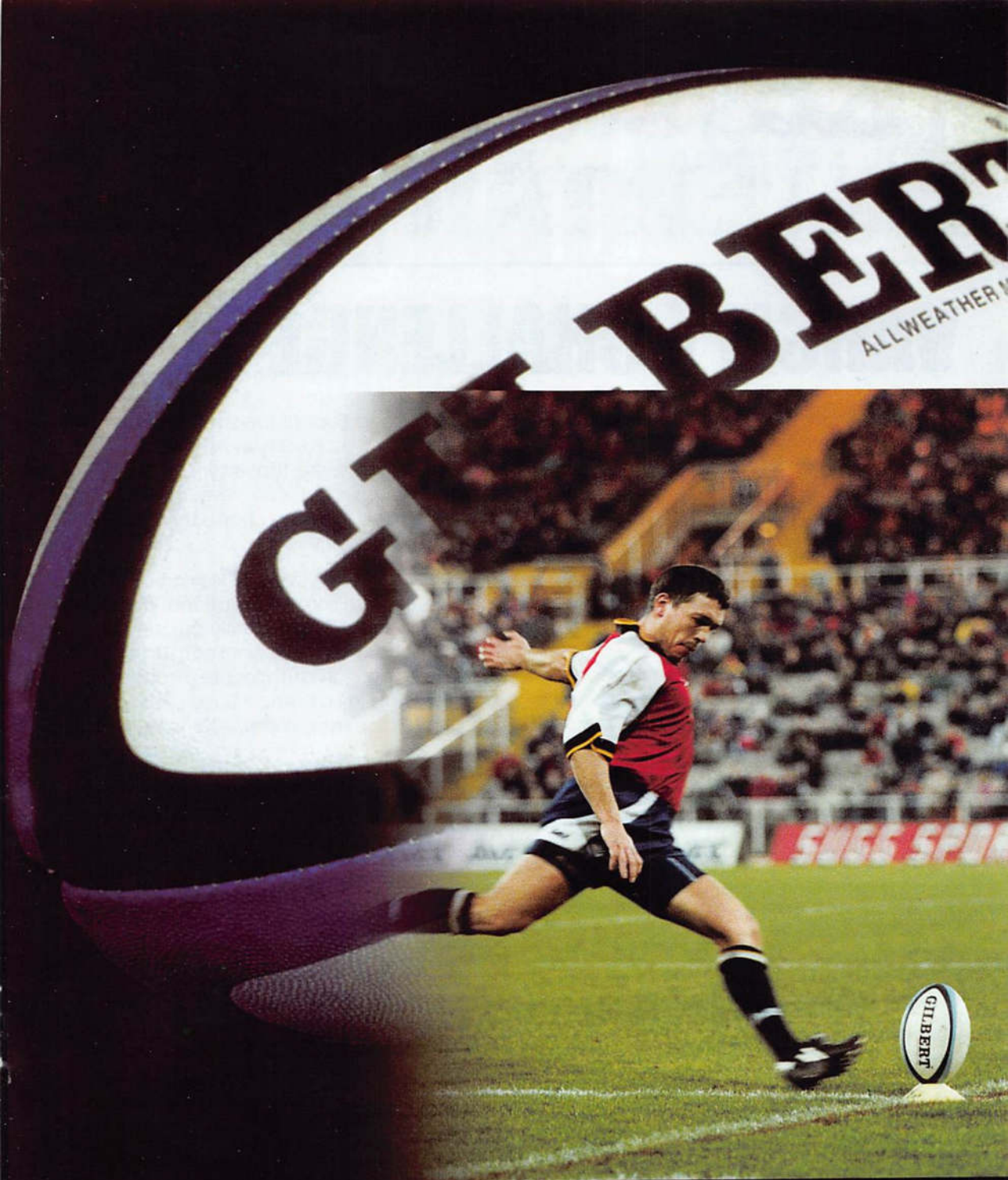
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In New York city there is a shop called 'Niketown'. The second floor of this shop is dedicated to college sport; there is sporting kit bearing the logos of every university in America, TVs with famous inter-university matches on and an overwhelming sense that inter-university sport matters. Britain isn't America and not everything it does would work here, but I maintain that we should be aiming to import that 'rivalry' and 'profile'. I hope this year's Varsity is the start of a movement towards achieving those goals.

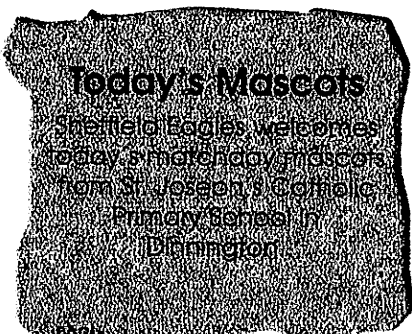
This afternoon sees the start of Varsity 2000 with athletics and rugby league kicking off the week's competition. The athletics promises a close contest with some exceptional athletes on show, including Dan Money representing Sheffield University. Dan recently appeared for Great Britain in the World Student Games over 100m and has a personal best of 10.16 seconds (wind assisted). Hallam probably go into the competition as favourites, however, with a wealth of talent across the board including track stars in Lawrence Baird (400m) and Ross Fittal (800m). Watch out especially for the Swedish relay event (400m, 300m, 200m, and then 100m) as it promises to be a bit special.

The rugby league match follows at 1.00pm and it will be explosive. This year is only the fourth Varsity match but every one so far has been a classic, with the Universities 1998 victory being trumped last year by Hallam. This match sees a rejuvenated University team facing a Hallam side determined to hang onto the Varsity trophy whatever the cost.

I hope that this is the start of a great relationship with the Sheffield Eagles and I thank them for all their co-operation in helping to organise today's match. May I take this opportunity to wish them every success for the rest of the season.

Enjoy the event and good luck to all the representatives of both universities; it is your involvement that makes this week what it is.

Duncan Potts, Sports Secretary (1999/2000) Sheffield Union of Students



Sales Sales & Marketing Pitch

with **Brian Aston**
(Chief Executive)

There are plenty of things going on off the pitch at the Eagles these days. Here are just a few of the non-matchday events that are coming up.

GRAND EASTER DRAW

There are only 19 days to go to our Grand Easter Draw. The lucky winning ticket will be pulled out at our home game against Lancashire Lynx on Friday 21st April and someone will win a luxury kitchen worth £5,000.

Tickets are available from the Eagles' shop now, so don't miss out on your last few chances to win this incredible prize and raise much needed funds for the Club at the same time.

There are also a number of prizes on offer to the Eagles supporter who sells the most raffle tickets.

A Millennium Eagles shirt signed by the team.

This is one of the shirts worn by the Eagles on their very first game at Lancashire Lynx on 28th December. It is a unique prize since no replicas of this shirt are available.

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GOLF DAY

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SOME of you may have missed it but the Eagles have a new international – Marcus Vassilakopoulos.

No the Greek Islands – where cricket is played – have not taken to rugby league.

Vassi has pulled on the stars and stripes kit of the United State of America.

On the weekend the Eagles were 'enjoying' the delights of Craven Park, Barrow – placed next to a particularly attractive supermarket – the Eagles' half-back was in Jack Pearson Stadium in Philadelphia.

He was able to help the United States to a 19-6 win over an Irish team and claimed a field goal in the process.

But the best was to come. The match was sponsored by Guinness of America and the black stuff flowed freely after the game.

The future for Vassi?

Well the US just failed to qualify for the World Cup – beaten by the Lebanon – but they will be taking part in the emerging nations tournament which is run at the same time.

So the international future for Marcus is bright.

And, just if you were thinking it was strange that he has turned out for the US, the qualification is all above board. None of you various Aussies claiming to have once shot a haggis or have eaten a leek so they are qualified to play rugby union for Scotland or Wales.

Marcus' grandfather was an American citizen.

JUST for a few moments today, take your eyes off the pitch and the antics of Freddy and Kid-E.

Look back at the posh seats – the bit in the middle of the grandstand where the 'men in suits' sit.

And I really do mean men in suits – the Eagles' chief executive Brian Aston, directors Ian Swire and John Whaling have taken to wearing a very natty line in identical light coloured suits.

This new line in 'formal' rugby league wear must be part of the Eagles' new corporate image,

but add to them the dark shirts and the title Don Valley Mafia springs to mind.

However, none of the three can match the one that one of the Eagles fans spotted in the directors' room after the match at Barrow.

You could see Brian, Ian and John casting admiring glances at the bright orange jacket.

Could a similar outfit become the official away strip for Eagles executives – who can tell?

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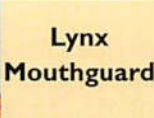
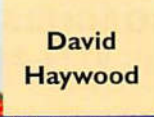


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				Alex Thompson				Mike Ford
				Marc Gibson				Anthony Gibbons
				John Bruce				David Gibbons
				Wayne Freeman				Danny Guest
				Chris Morley				Joey Hayes
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