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	PAUL ROUND	MAL GRAHAM	12		ALAN CLARKSON
	MAL GRAHAM	TERRY FLANAGAN	13		KEVIN SCHAUMKELL
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Record Victory: 67-6 v Liverpool City, April, 1959
Record Defeat: 11-67 by Hull K.R. September, 1978
Record Attendance: 28,000 v Huddersfield
24 February, 1912
Record Receipts: \$30,388.70 v Wigan
4th February, 1987
Record Transfer Fee Paid: \$40,000 to
Featherstone for David Hobbs, February, 1985
Record Try Scorer: Reg Farrar, 49 tries,
1921-22 season
Record Goal Scorer: Bernard Ganley, 224 goals,
1957-58 season
Record Point Scorer: Bernard Ganley, 28 points
v Liverpool City, April, 1959
First Game: 21st October, 1876 v Stalybridge
Highest number of points scored:
Bernard Ganley, 2,881
Most Appearances: Joe Ferguson, 685
Most Tries: Pre 1900, Jack Hirst, 233
Since 1900, Alan Davies, 182

CLUB HONOURS

Rugby League Championship Play-off Winners:
1963
Runners-up: 1906-07, 1908-09, 1921-22,
1974-75
First Division Champions: 1904-05
Second Division Champions: 1963-64, 1981-82
Rugby League Challenge Cup Winners: 1898-99,
1924-25, 1936-37
Runners-up: 1906-07, 1911-12, 1923-24, 1925-26
Lancashire Cup Winners: 1907-08, 1910-11,
1913-14, 1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-34, 1956-57,
1957-58, 1978-79
Runners-up: 1908-09, 1911-12, 1918-19, 1921-22,
1954-55, 1966-67, 1968-69, 1986-87
Lancashire Championship Winners: 1907-08,
1909-10, 1921-22, 1956-57, 1957-58
Runners-up: 1908-09, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1919-20,
1923-24, 1954-55
Lancashire Shield Winners: 1975-76, 1979-80
Colts Premiership Trophy: 1979-80



John Player Special Trophy

John Player celebrate 21 years support of Rugby League - New agreement gives 76 per cent increase.

A 76 per cent increase in the value of their support in the coming season - making a total of \$150,000 - will mark the 21st anniversary of the association between John Player and the Rugby Football League, the longest running major sponsorship in British sport.

The increased support is part of a new two-year agreement which will benefit the Rugby League with a total of \$320,000 by the end of the 1988-89 season.

When the partnership started in 1967 it was worth just over \$6,000 to the sport. In the coming season it will be worth a record \$150,000 divided into two parts - \$85,000 in prize money for the John Player Special Trophy competition, a 45 per cent increase over the previous season and \$65,000 to the League's Capital Development Fund, almost three times as much as last season.

Announcing the new agreement, Peter Dyke, head of sponsored events for Imperial Tobacco, said: 'It is most appropriate that these increases should come in this particular year. It means that since 1967 and including the new agreement, Imperial Tobacco has provided over \$1m worth of support to the sport, mainly through the promotion of the John Player Special Trophy competition and also through a variety of other events in the earlier stages. In addition we have given help to the amateur side of the sport during the same period.'

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Bob Ashby, Chairman of the Rugby League, added: 'The massive increase in the overall sponsorship and prize money reflects the ever growing stature of the competition. The quality of the tournament has been mirrored in the high standard of play particularly in recent top class finals.'

All 34 First and Second Division clubs and the two leading amateur clubs will take part in the John Player Special Trophy competition in the coming season. It will start with a preliminary round of four matches on Sunday, 1 November and continue through to the end of the year with the final being scheduled as the first major Rugby League event of 1988 on Saturday, 9th January.

The BARLA teams taking part this season are Thatcho Heath, of St. Helens, and Heworth, of York, as winner and runner-up respectively of the Whitbread National Cup competition. Both start in the preliminary round. Dates for the 1987-88 John Player Special Trophy are:-

Preliminary Round	Sunday, 1 November 1987
First Round	Weekend of 14/15 November 1987
Second Round	Weekend of 21/22 November 1987
Third Round	Weekend of 28/29 November 1987
First Semi-Final	Saturday, 12 December 1987
Second Semi-Final	Saturday, 19 December 1987
Final	Saturday, 9 January 1988

Both semi-finals and the final will be played at neutral venues.

The prize-structure for the season will be (last season's totals in brackets):-

Total Sponsorship Fund	\$150,000 (\$85,000)
Total Prize Money	\$85,000 (\$58,800)
To Capital Development Fund	\$65,000 (\$26,200)
Preliminary Round	\$1,100 x 8 (\$800)
First Round	\$1,100 x 16 (\$800)
Second Round	\$1,600 x 8 (\$1,100)
Third Round	\$2,825 x 4 (\$1,700)
Semi-Finals	\$4,750 x 2 (\$3,000)
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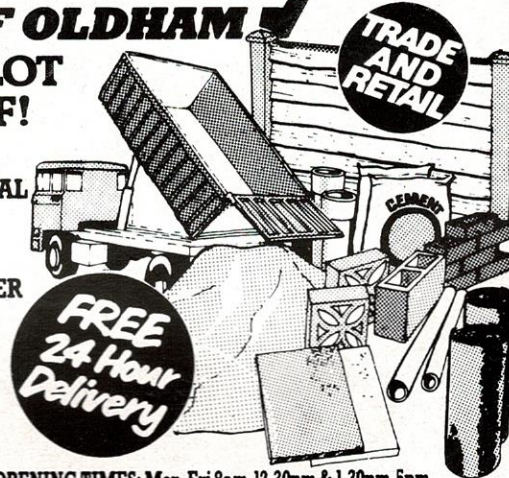
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- 1984 MONDE SELECTION MADRID. Gold Medal and Certificate.
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 - 1986 B.B.I. AWARDS DIPLOMA OF EXCELLENCE – Theakston Old Peculier – for bottled beer.

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 Brown**

SPOTLIGHT ON BRAMLEY

Trevor Bibb (full back) Loyal Bramley servant, now in his 12th season with the club. Signed from Fryston Colliery, near Featherstone, and has given Bramley marvellous service over the years.

Mark Gibson (centre or wing) One of several former amateurs from the Wakefield, Castleford, Featherstone area, Mark turned pro in December 1986 from Pontefract Labour Club.

Sean Kilner (centre) Ace goalkicker, who has scored more points than any other member of the squad. Signed from Stanningley.

Steve Carroll (half-Back) Brother of Dean, the former Carlisle player. Signed from Batley Boys.

Peter Lister (stand-off) Scorer of 34 tries in season 1985-6 to break the club try-scoring record for one season. Former Leeds player.

Gary Hobbs Utility player and another member of the squad who has come up through the colts side.

Carl Green (prop) Signed from local amateur side Wyther Park.

Chris Bowman (prop) Top try-scoring record, signed from Ottley RU club in January 1979. Has been a target for several top clubs over the years.

Kevin Schaumkell (forward) A New Zealander in his second season with the club, from the Glenora club in Auckland.

Geoff Tennant (hooker) Signed in 1973 and now in his benefit year, having taken two years off due to work. Signed from Stanley Rangers, Wakefield.

Chris Porter (second-row) Another product of this colts set-up.

Steve Edmondson (forward) A product of amateur club Gildersholme BRK.

Paul Fletcher (loose-forward) Captain of the side and an experienced player who spent 9 years with Leeds and has spent another six with Bramley.

COUNTY CHOICE

On Wednesday in the curtain-raiser to the Rodstock War of the Roses fixture at Central Park two local schoolboys and members of the juniors supporters club Richard Badby who has just left St. Edwards School, Lees and starts at St. Augustines next week and Philip McAndrew who has just left Watersheddings School to start at Royton and Crompton will be Lancashire's half-back pair. Nicknamed 'Joe Cool' and 'Haggis' respectively these two youngsters who both play for Oldham Juniors are keen Oldham Fans and all at the club are delighted with their success.

Especially proud of their success must be local schoolteachers Brian Whitworth of Watersheddings and Charlie Saul and Stan Toft of St. Edwards who introduced the boys to rugby league. These three teachers, hard working members of the local association have introduced hundreds of boys to the game including Darren Bloor of Salford, Richard Russell of Wigan, Michael Ford of Leigh and Ian Sherratt, Martin Hall and Des Foy of Oldham, and deserve our praise for the thousands of unpaid hours they have spent to develop this talent for our great game. Oldham Juniors have helped the boys tremendously too with coaches Nigel Green, the ex Waterhead player and Mick Slicker, now in their second season with that age group, encouraging the boys to develop all their skills whilst Oldham player John Ogburn has also been assisting with recent training sessions. Well done lads and the club are pleased to present you with a season ticket giving you free entry to all this season's home games.



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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

We could not have wished for a better start to the new season than that provided by the boys at Whitehaven last Sunday.

Only those 'in the know' realise how difficult it is to do well up there at the Recreation Ground. Whitehaven are making a real effort to give the club a lift, and this was evident not only in their overseas team strengthening ideas, but also in the way they have upgraded their ground in the past couple of years.

This spick and span ground was no longer the eyesore of years gone by. It was smart, and had obviously had a lot of money spent on it.

Last season, of course, Whitehaven finished third and, in the normal course of events, would have been promoted. This time they are really determined to go up and it was against the backdrop of this determination and new-found enthusiasm and drive at the Recreation Ground that our boys did the business in such magnificent fashion.

Our 20-6 victory was the Cumbrians' first league defeat in 18 months. Last season only one team won at the Recreation Ground: St Helens by 10-8 in the John Player Trophy.

No wonder, then, that the Whitehaven directors paid tribute afterwards to Oldham's terrific performance and to the size and mobility of our forwards.

They expressed the view that it was the best all-round display seen by a visiting side to the Recreation Ground for many years — a fitting tribute, indeed, for our team which has to live up to the pressure of being made Second Division title favourites at 7-4.

These notes had to be written before we took on Keighley at Watersheddings on Wednesday, but it is hoped that we did enough to attract a big crowd to today's game against Bramley.

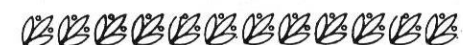
The directors believe — with great justification — that they have done well to assemble a team that has the makings of not only stretching out for Second Division and Second Division premiership honours, but of also making an impact in the Knock-out trophies.

What the club needs now is good backing from supporters so that the directors can keep up the good work.

After three Second Division matches, we go to Warrington next Sunday in the first round of the Lancashire Cup and that will really be a tough test, as many people are tipping the Wires to be one of the teams of the season.

Unfortunately, we do not know just when our Aussie backs, Peter Walsh, and Brian McCarthy will be arriving.

All we can say is that we should be a formidable side if we can maintain the form we displayed in Cumbria with people like the Aussie pair and the injured Des Foy and Mick Burke still to come into the reckoning.





Kevin Meadows, one of our summer signings, goes away after taking a short pass from Steve Peters up at Whitehaven.

Date	Opponents	ORLFC Club Sponsor	Match Sponsor	Programme Sponsor	Matchball Sponsor	Team Sponsor	Competition
31-8-86	LEEDS	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	John Leatherbarrow Wigan	Salford Automatics Ltd	N.W. Decoiling Warrington	Pennine Lounge Oldham	Stones Bitter Championship
14-9-86	LEIGH (Lancs. C.C.)	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	Target Finishing Oldham	Salford Automatics	J. Bowden Ltd Oldham	Fashion Craft Middleton	Grünhülle Lager
21-9-86	HULL K.R.	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	Fairway Rubber Salford Automatics	Salford Automatics Ltd	Harveys (Nissan) Oldham	Lawrence Perrins Ltd, Oldham	Stones Bitter Championship
24-9-86	WORKINGTON (Lancs. C.C.)	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	Frank Knowles Ltd Royton	Salford Automatics Ltd	B.C.C. Oldham	H. Ashworth Manchester	Grünhülle Lager
1-10-86	WIDNES (Lancs. C.C.)	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	Grünhülle Lager	Salford Automatics Ltd	Barry Bromley Weir Hotel, Bacup	---	Grünhülle Lager
5-10-86	WIDNES	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	F.D. Kitchens Prestwich	Salford Automatics Ltd	B.C.C. Oldham	Bosch Services Middleton	Stones Bitter Championship
2-11-86	BARROW	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	Austin Timber Oldham	Salford Automatics Ltd	M. A. Appleton Preston	Montys Bar Oldham	Stones Bitter Championship
4-11-86	AUSTRALIA	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	Matthew Brown Ltd	Salford Automatics Ltd	Britvic Ltd Leeds	Halifax Building Soc. Oldham	Tour Match
16-11-86	ST. HELENS	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	Bardsley Cleaning Ashton	Salford Automatics Ltd	N.W. Decoiling Warrington	Guttenberg International Rawtenstall	Stones Bitter Championship
30-11-86	BRADFORD N. (J.P.S.T.)	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	John Player	Salford Automatics Ltd	Fairway Rubber Manchester	Sat-Tel (UK) Ltd Oldham	John Player
14-12-86	HALIFAX	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	Harveys (Nissan) Oldham	Salford Automatics Ltd	F.D. Kitchens Prestwich	Tyson's Medical Ind. Health Ltd	Stones Bitter Championship
26-12-86	SALFORD	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	Saffron Construction Co., Oldham	Salford Automatics Ltd	H.B.S. Builders Merchants, Bury	Leslie Powell Blazers Manchester	Stones Bitter Championship
18-1-87	FEATHERSTONE	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	---	Salford Automatics Ltd	---	---	Stones Bitter Championship
4-2-87	WIGAN (Silk Cut C.C.)	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	Sponsor: Silk Cut Donor: Blue Bird	Donor: Salford Automatics Ltd	Donor: Commercial Vehicles, Manchester	J. Knox Fairway & Grundy	Silk Cut Challenge Cup
14-2-87	ST. HELENS (Silk Cut C.C.)	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	Sponsor: Silk Cut Donor: St Helens Glass	Donor: Salford Automatics Ltd	Donor: Peter Kendall Commercial Vehicles	J. Knox Fairway & Grundy	Silk Cut Challenge Cup
22-2-87	HULL	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	Harveys (Nissan) Oldham	Salford Automatics Ltd	B & H Decor Royton	George Dew & Co. Oldham	Stones Bitter Championship
11-3-87	WARRINGTON	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	* N.W. Decoiling Warrington	Salford Automatics Ltd	Oldham Motor Co. Oldham	Javelin Music (NW) Ltd, Middleton	Stones Bitter Championship
15-3-87	BRADFORD N.	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	Nat West Bank plc Oldham	Salford Automatics Ltd	Harveys (Nissan) Oldham	Fairway & Grundy Manchester	Stones Bitter Championship
25-3-87	WAKEFIELD T.	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	---	Salford Automatics Ltd	Harveys (Nissan) Oldham	Tyson's Pharmaceuticals Ltd	Stones Bitter Championship
29-3-87	CASTLEFORD	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	---	Salford Automatics Ltd	Oldham RLFC Supporters Club	Candlelight Club (Oldham) Ltd	Stones Bitter Championship
12-4-87	LEIGH	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	Medlock Build. Co. Ltd Oldham	Salford Automatics Ltd	National & Provincial Building Society	Bosch Services Middleton	Stones Bitter Championship
20-4-87	WIGAN	Seddon Atkinson Ltd	---	Salford Automatics Ltd	---	---	Stones Bitter Championship

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SPRINGFIELD BOROUGH

Sunday, 20th September, 1987 Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP

(Excluding Midweek Games)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Warrington	1	1	0	0	54	4	0	0	0	0	0	2
Wigan	1	1	0	0	38	4	0	0	0	0	0	2
Leeds	1	1	0	0	38	12	0	0	0	0	0	2
Widnes	1	1	0	0	28	6	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hull KR	1	1	0	0	24	7	0	0	0	0	0	2
Castleford	1	1	0	0	20	10	0	0	0	0	0	2
Bradford N	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	16	12	2
Salford	1	0	0	1	12	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Helens	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	20	0
Swinton	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	24	0
Halifax	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	28	0
Leigh	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	38	0
Hull	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	38	0
Hunslet	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	54	0

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Barrow	■	18-14	14-24	14-2	12-23	16-17	24-6	16-23	16-27	24-22	20-26	12-34	38-13	9-6	16-18	8-16
Bradford	36-20	■	12-7	41-2	8-12	20-20	24-6	23-10	18-26	10-18	12-23	18-4	15-12	26-14	27-14	10-20
Castleford	70-10	46-18	■	16-7	26-14	16-6	16-10	12-14	19-8	22-18	20-21	12-10	42-16	18-24	44-8	6-12
Featherstone	66-14	10-26	16-18	■	16-16	18-12	0-14	29-14	50-16	24-6	16-6	8-44	27-10	22-29	14-48	0-36
Halifax	40-14	20-4	12-16	34-8	■	28-16	24-18	23-8	43-24	20-14	18-8	20-19	10-18	13-16	20-0	8-12
Hull	41-18	27-22	18-16	26-6	28-23	■	8-21	10-32	31-26	20-16	8-14	36-22	12-6	12-46	21-4	12-18
Hull K.R.	26-8	12-30	20-6	36-14	14-0	29-6	■	10-6	35-20	6-4	20-16	4-36	22-11	14-10	18-0	6-23
Leeds	14-4	4-12	8-16	33-12	12-24	28-22	42-7	■	26-12	20-26	46-10	20-40	46-4	16-54	35-6	0-30
Leigh	9-9	18-16	6-12	20-18	20-28	22-10	8-12	20-8	■	40-12	10-14	8-16	46-8	22-17	18-20	0-35
Oldham	32-20	12-8	6-29	20-16	18-20	24-18	28-12	14-12	12-54	■	34-18	17-18	38-20	15-14	22-16	6-24
Salford	12-24	12-22	36-10	26-16	16-8	29-18	14-34	12-14	20-12	36-30	■	4-38	36-12	10-25	22-16	0-34
St Helens	26-4	40-14	8-10	43-14	38-16	50-10	44-22	24-22	50-18	28-6	32-14	■	32-11	42-22	24-30	4-12
Wakefield	14-14	22-32	12-40	2-29	18-14	4-38	19-4	14-28	6-12	10-54	10-16	6-30	■	22-38	38-20	6-72
Warrington	24-20	31-10	20-26	32-15	18-10	42-10	38-0	20-6	10-17	22-18	42-14	17-17	28-18	■	26-16	23-12
Widnes	26-14	14-36	29-20	62-16	6-10	10-18	26-8	35-10	8-10	44-10	13-12	16-10	48-14	25-18	■	16-22
Wigan	18-6	60-6	16-6	62-7	42-2	34-7	26-0	30-8	31-0	54-2	42-12	42-12	62-10	4-6	40-4	■

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	Opponents	Att.	F	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Aug 30	Whitehaven	3,122	20	6	Atkinson&G	Irving	Hawkyard	Meadows	Edwards	Peters	KirwanIT	SherrattIT	Sanderson	WaddellIT	WorrallIG	Graham	Flanagan	Sherman	Round
Sep 2	Keighley	3,724	32	3	Atkinson&G	IrvingIT	Hawkyard	Meadows	Edwards	Peters	Kirwan	Sherratt	SandersonIT	Worrall	RoundIT	GrahamIT	Flanagan	Sherman	Round Waddell



Left - Right.

Richard Irvin, Hugh Waddell, Mick Burke, Bob Marsden, Mark Fairbank, Colin Hawkyard, Paul Sherman, Paul Round

Eric Fitzsimmons, Chris Chisnall, Mal Graham, Neil Clawson, Mick Worrall, Steve Peters, Des Foy, Mick Parish, Keith Atkinson, Mick Bardsley, Leo Casey, John Ogburn, Ian Sherratt,

Terry Flanagan, Kevin Meadows, Ian McCorquodale.

Ossie Wroe, Paddy Kirwan, Geoff Edwards, Martin Hall, Steve Patterson, Ian Sanderson, Paul Lord, Tom Foley, Ian Bates, John Watkins.

OUT AND ABOUT

Oldham players and coaches have been very active in recent weeks in promoting the club off the field. Everyone has turned at functions at Turpins and the Church and special thanks are also due to the following:

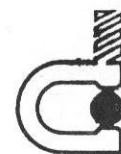
Mal Graham and Iain MacCorquodale for helping Oldham Juniors with an 8 am start on their sponsored bike ride to Blackpool; Paddy Kirwan at the Duke of York (Shaw) opening night and Oldham Juniors presentation night; Terry Flanagan opening the new Lunn-Poly branch in the precinct; and Oldham Juniors presentation night; Hugh Waddell presentations at the Wellington and Lowerhouse public houses; Des Foy, Mick Bardsley and Marti Hall at Royton Tigers presentations; John Ogburn for coaching Oldham Juniors under-12s; Iain MacCorquodale for helping Higginshaw under-14s; Eric Fitzsimons for assisting Heyside football club and the local gymnastics association.

Thanks from the fund-raisers for the Oldham schools' RL tour to Australia go to Eric Fitzsimons for donating Brett Kenny's State of Oregon jersey and Paul Round for donating his Wembley track suit.

Appearances & Scores

Season 1986-87

	APPS (inc.Subs.)	T	G	DG	PTS
ASHTON, R.	18	3	—	3	15
ATKINSON, K.	8	3	2	—	16
BRIDGE, G.	18	8	—	—	32
BURKE, M.	13	1	35	—	74
CLARK, B.	28	4	—	—	16
CLAWSON, N.	26	2	—	—	8
EDWARDS, J.	16	1	—	—	4
FLANAGAN, T.	35	3	—	—	12
FOY, D.	28	16	—	—	64
HAWKYARD, C.	27	6	—	—	24
HOBBS, D.	28	7	47	2	124
JONES, W.	8	—	—	—	—
KIRWAN, P.	20	2	—	—	8
M'BARKI, H.	26	5	—	—	20
NAIDOLE, T.	16	1	—	—	4
RAPER, S.	31	11	—	—	44
SANDERSON, I.	16	2	—	—	8
SHERMAN, P.	33	6	—	—	24
SHERRATT, I.	5	2	—	—	8
TAYLOR, M.	31	11	—	—	44
TOPLISS, D.	34	6	—	—	24
WADDELL, H.	16	—	—	—	—
WARNECKE, G.	30	13	—	—	52
WORRALL, M.	30	4	31	—	78
BARDSLEY, M.	1	—	—	—	—
CASEY, L.	2	—	—	—	—
FAIRBANK, M.	2	—	—	—	—
HALL, M.	5	—	—	—	—
LORD, P.	2	—	—	—	—
LOWNDES, P.	2	—	—	—	—
MARSDEN, R.	1	—	—	—	—
MORRISON, A.	5	—	—	—	—
OGBURN, J.	1	—	—	—	—
A. N. OTHER,	2	—	—	—	—
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MICK BURKE

Ex Great Britain full back star. Australian Tourist 1984. Won every award at Widnes except League Champions including Lance Todd Trophy at Wembley and the Harry Sunderland Memorial Award for outstanding performance in the Championship final. Joined Oldham just before the cup deadline in January. Likely to be out for first three weeks with a knee injury.

PADDY KIRWAN

Local lad, who signed from the Oldham Colts side - he is a great hearted player with tremendous strength complimented by a good football brain. Affectionately known as Cast-Iron his super try put Wigan out of the Challenge Cup last season and cost the league winners over £200,000 in lost revenue.

JEFF EDWARDS

'Mr. Happy' Jeff has played in most three-quarter positions for Oldham and done so with great skill. An aggressive tackler his intelligent cover defence has often helped Oldham out of difficult situations.

IAN SANDERSON

Hooker. A fierce competitor. His schoolboy charm and good looks are no clue to his commitment on the field and his Lancashire cap of 2 years ago is not likely to be his last honour. His darting runs from acting half gain much valuable ground for the side.

HUGH WADDELL

Signed for Oldham despite competition from 3 other Lancashire clubs, just before the cup deadline in a £15,000 move from Blackpool Borough. Ex Rugby Union player, a trialist with Leicester City Soccer. Waddell's strong displays with Blackpool Borough earned him an England cap in 1985 and he won man of the match with a display in pre-season friendly with Leigh.

COLIN HAWKYARD

Native of Huddersfield, plays equally well in the centre or in the second row. Always guarantees 100% effort and a great team player with a tremendous heart for the game. 8 years with Oldham he scored a magnificent try against the Australian Tourists last season.

MICK WORRALL

Toured Australia in 1984 and was starring until he collected a knee injury in the 2nd Test. Talented kicker and aggressive defender now settled in Oldham and determined to be in this years Aussie touring party. No reason why he should not achieve this ambition.

TERRY FLANAGAN

A brilliant loose-forward. From a rugby playing family, he toured Australia with Great Britain in 1984. A clever player and one of the youngest most sought after After Dinner Speakers in the North with his quick wit and great insight of the game.

IAN SHERRAT

Local lad who joined Oldham from Bradford Northern in a player cash deal that saw David Hobbs move to Odsal. Sherrat learnt his Rugby at Fitton Hill school Oldham before signing for Bradford as a 17 year old, now aged 21. Spent last two summers in Brisbane and has attracted the interest of 2 Sydney clubs for next season.

PAUL SHERMAN

Product of the junior leagues in Widnes and developing into a good all-round player with resolute defence and the ability to score tries when least expected. A player to watch out for.

KEVIN MEADOWS

Ex Warrington and Saints flier who scored 5 tries in an Oldham match v Salford when on loan 3 years ago. Played 22 consecutive matches for Warrington last season and has increased his all-round involvement with advice from highly-rated coach Les Boyd.

STEVE PETERS

Former Great Britain tourist also ex Saints and Warrington. One of the most talented and versatile players in the game. A players player who regularly tops the tackle count with 40 plus tackles and who will be a key man in bringing on Oldham's youngsters.

PAUL ROUND

Great Britain under 24 star signed in a recent record deal with Saints. A natural athlete with blistering pace who scored for Saints at Wembley last year. Expect a lot of friendly competition between him and Mal Graham for top forward try scorer in the second division.

KEITH ATKINSON

Another local boy, former Great Britain Colt, a tremendous goal kicker who has kicked 9 from 10 attempts in pre-season friendlies. With a fine turn of speed and the ability to turn defence into attack with a well-timed run. Only 21 he seems destined for great honours in the game.

RICHARD IRVING

An under 19 International recently signed from Mold Green Club in Huddersfield despite competition from 4 first division clubs. Scored two solo tries from the half-way line in the pre-season friendlies and is likely to prove one of the finds of the season with his powerful runs. Already a firm favourite with the crowd.

MAL GRAHAM

One of the games great players. A former winger who played in the Grand Final in Sydney. In 5 years he has made the transition to forward with ease. he has been the leading forward try-scorer with all his previous English clubs. Hunslet 84/85, Oldham 85/86 and Bradford Northern 86/87. A devastating tackler, now settled in Oldham with his English wife.

SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

President: Mr D. Blackburn, Chairman: Mr D. Pilkington, Vice-Chairman: Miss A. Collinge, Treasurer: Mr T. Heywood, Secretary: Mrs J. Pilkington
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The Supporters Club and Members would like to welcome all our friends from Bramley for todays match. Hoping for a good clean game we would like to invite all home and away supporters to our canteens situated around the ground. The souvenir shop at the Pavilion end of the ground will be open throughout the match for the sale of replica shirts, ties, badges etc.

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Senior Membership is now due, £1 diary with membership and money off all away travel on Supporters Club Coaches. All Supporters Club functions and events are open for sponsorship, anyone interested please contact any official in the canteens on match days.

Can we take this opportunity to welcome all our new signings to the Club and wish our new Directors and coaching staff development team every success for the coming season.

Curtain Raiser

Tonights curtain raiser is between Oldham Town team u 13 and Saddleworth Rangers u 14 and the half-time collection is to help send our Town team boys to Australia next year.

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'A' TEAM TRIUMPH

The 'A' team got off to a good start in its Alliance second division campaign by beating Whitehaven 'A' 26-21 at Watersheddings last Saturday.

Chris Myler was on holiday, Tony Morrison was injured, and Bob Marsden, Martin Hall and Mick Bardsley were all suspended.

Nevertheless, the side did well to beat a well organised and attractive Whitehaven outfit that stormed into an early 14-0 lead.

A try by Paul Lord set Oldham on the way back and then Mark Fairbank and a trialist winger both scored as the local side clawed back to 14-14 at the interval.

Early in the second half, Oldham pulled away to 24-14 with a Mick Parrish try and three Parrish goals, but 'Haven got back into the game at 24-20, reduced the arrears to 24-21, and Oldham were grateful for a late Parrish penalty that finally proved decisive.

As a result of this game, Paul Sherman was named as substitute for the first team at Whitehaven last Sunday, and the travelling reserves were Paul Lord and Leo Casey.

MOST VALUABLE PERFORMANCE

In each game Oldham play this season — first and 'A' team — the players will elect their own man of the match or, to put it in modern terms, the most valuable performer.

Men selected so far are as follows: Swinton (h), Terry Flanagan; Swinton (a), Bob Marsden; Leigh (h), Hugh Waddell; Whitehaven (a), Ian Sherratt.

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LOCAL AMATEUR NEWS

GLEN WARHURST

Congratulations to local boy Glen Warhurst, who was the only Oldhamer to be selected for the under-19 Great Britain squad to meet the Junior Kiwis in October. A former pupil of St Anslem's he began his rugby with teacher Larry Kearns, who has started so many boys on the road to rugby stardom, and came to prominence in the town team under-16 side which included Martin Hall, Tom Foley, and Steve Molloy, who last year captained the Great Britain under-19 side before signing for Warrington.

Glen's coaches in the town under-16 side were current Oldham coaches Eric Fitzsimons and Iain MacCorquodale, who vividly remember his excellent displays and would love to see him become a pro at Oldham.

Glen has trained with Oldham in the close season and it is hoped that when he decides to turn pro Oldham do not lose out as they have done with so many local stars in the last few years such as Mark Roberts (Warrington), Michael Ford and John Henderson (Leigh), Darren Bloor (Salford), Gary Ainsworth (Swinton), and Richard Russell (Wigan).

Players like this must be encouraged at all costs to remain in the town if Oldham is to be re-established as one of the top clubs in Rugby League.

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He has a butcher's shop in Ripponden Road and is also well-known in local amateur soccer circles, not only as an ex-player with Chadderton and Chamber Colliery, but also as the Chamber chairman.

He has supported Oldham Rugby for many years and is determined to make a success of his new venture at Watersheddings.

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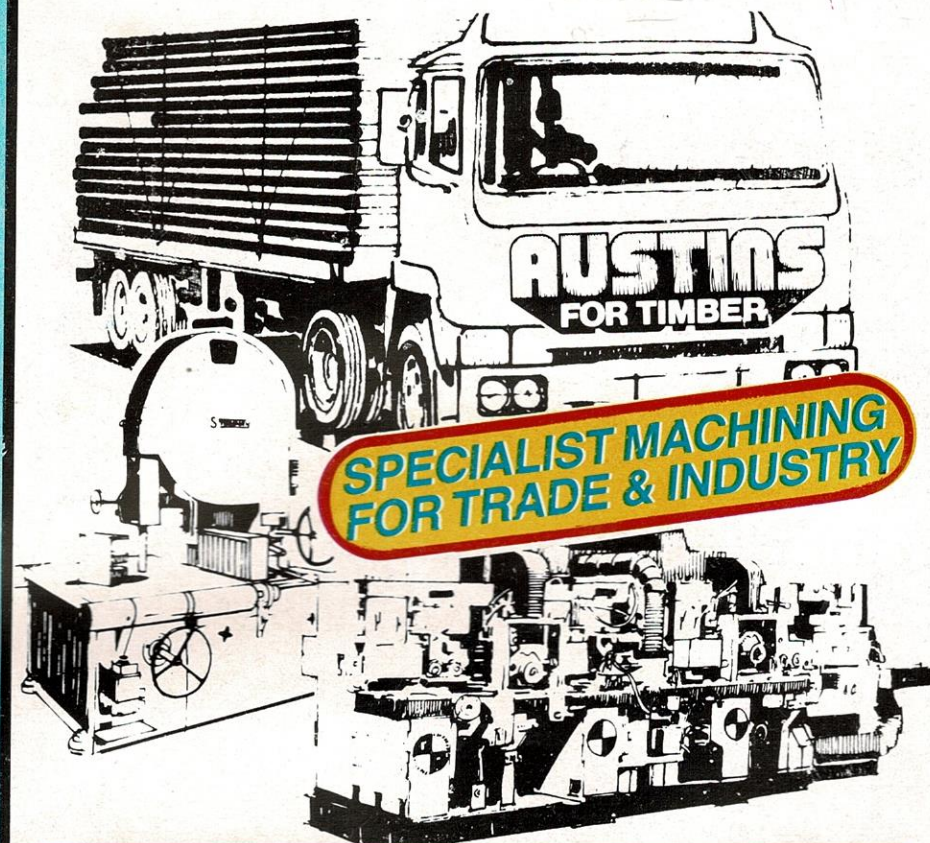


Jeff Edwards taken low at the Recreation Ground during our impressive 20-6 victory against Whitehaven

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