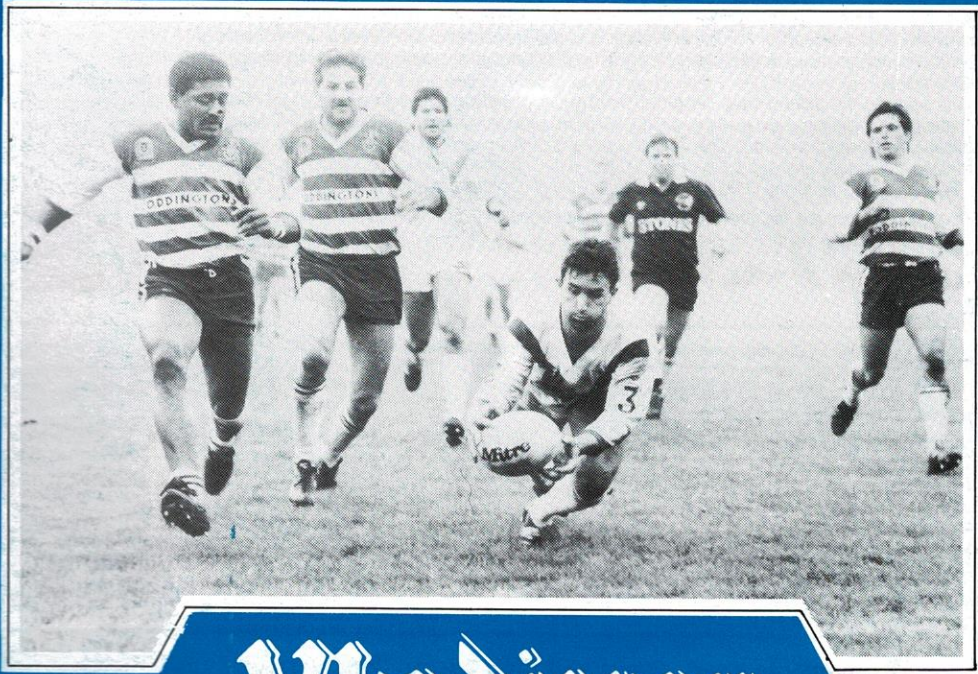


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| First Round | Weekend of 12/13 November 1988 |
| Second Round | Weekend of 26/27 November 1988 |
| Third Round | Weekend of 3/4 December 1988 |
| First Semi-Final | Saturday, 10 December 1988 |
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The second encounter in Round One of the John Player Special Trophy begins at three o'clock today after another week of heartsearching and graft. I know no other remedy for success than hard work. I play my part with the rest of the coaching staff on the training ground. On match days the club's fortunes are in the hands of the fifteen selected to wear the primrose and blue. Oldham will want to take up where they left off. The game has all the makings of a classic cup tie with obvious lucrative games beyond for the winners. No room for faint hearts at Wilderspool today. Your support, as ever, could be crucial.

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THE second British Coal Nines Competition took place on 2nd November 1988 at Central Park, home of the holders. Last season's inaugural competition was won in a canter by Wigan and they were once again installed as favourites. Entry for the competition was qualified by a top six place in the League Championship 1987/8 with guest teams from The Presidents IX and Rest of The World.

The Wire squad was: Lyon, Turner, Forster, Carbert, Woods, Sanderson, Thursfield, Roberts, Gregory, McGinty, Duane.

FIRST ROUND — WARRINGTON 12 WIGAN 6

An early try and goal by the holders made Wire look lambs to the slaughter but they hit back direct from the re-start with TURNER benefitting from a kick ahead. WOODS converted, then added a penalty which silenced the crowd. A MCGINTY back up to a fine Woods break caused a premature exodus via the turnstiles.

Other scores. LEEDS 6 PRESIDENTS IX 4 - ST. HELENS 14, WIDNES 12, BRADFORD 0 REST OF THE WORLD 4.

SEMI FINAL — WARRINGTON 6 ST. HELENS Nil.

Saints were never in scoring distance of the Wire line in this game. Wire although dominant could find no way through a tight defence. Saints had picked a strong squad with new signing Mike Carrington supported by the likes of O'Connor, Cooper, Vautin, Bloor and Loughlin. Despite the abundance of talent a kick ahead and touchdown for Wire speed ace FORSTER converted by WOODS was enough to give Wire a final place.

Other Semi. REST OF THE WORLD 16 LEEDS 12

FINAL — WARRINGTON 24 REST OF THE WORLD Nil

The feeling amongst the more durable spectators was that Wire's extra pace would be too much for the Big Names. MARK FORSTER set about proving the point early by easing past Aussie Allan Langer to score. WOODS added the two. Wire were so much in command that it was no surprise to see a 12 nil half time advantage when BRIAN CARBERT neatly collected his own kick ahead to touch down and give Woods another conversion. FORSTER added another and MARK ROBERTS made the most of a fine kick ahead with WOODS' two conversions completely demolishing the opposition.

COMMENT

There is no doubt that Wire were surprise winners of the Tournament but they won on merit with excellent passing, backing up, tackling and intelligent use of pace — features not readily visible in Championship games this season. JOHN WOODS collected the £250 Man of the Series cheque for his clever play with skipper supreme Mike Gregory pushing him hard and collecting his first honour as Wire leader. Even their generous smiles could not match that of Coach Tony Barrow who maintained his unique record of never losing a match at Central Park since becoming first team coach.

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MATCH REPORT

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP — SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER 1988
AT WILDERSPOOL

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| WARRINGTON 32 | | OLDHAM 30 |
| Lyon | 1 | Round |
| Drummond (T) | 2 | Meadows |
| Blake (2T) | 3 | Henderson (T) |
| Thorniley | 4 | Hawkyard |
| Forster (T) | 5 | McAlister (T,5G) |
| Woods (1T,4G) | 6 | O'Sullivan |
| Turner | 7 | Taylor |
| Roach | 8 | Clawson |
| Tamati | 9 | Ruane |
| Humphries | 10 | Skerratt |
| Gregory | 11 | Bardsley |
| Davidson (T) | 12 | Casey (2T) |
| Duane | 13 | Morrison |
| McGinty | 14 | Nadiole |
| Sanderson | 15 | Fairbank (T) |
| Scrums: 8-13 | | |
| Pens: 7-8 | | |

Score rate: 0-2, 6-2, 10-2, 16-2, HT 22-2, 28-8, 28-12, 28-18, 28-24, 32-24, 32-30.

Subs (Wire) McGinty for Lyon 40, Sanderson for Humphries (70).

(Oldham) Nadiole for Hawkyard (40), Fairbank for Clawson (52).

Ref: J. Holdsworth. Att: 4,500.



PHIL BLAKE



JOHN WOODS



Des Drummond opens Wires account.

An early McALISTER penalty put Oldham on the way but on eight minutes Blake made yards before sending DRUMMOND in sweetly at the corner. WOODS obliged. Wire maintained the pressure and on 15 minutes Roach drew the cover as DAVIDSON scored. No goal 10-2. The visitors stiffened their resolve but conceded four penalties on the trot. On the half hour Duane and Drummond made last ditch try saving tackles before Thorniley hacked ahead with the chase taken up by FORSTER who earned a penalty try when tackled from behind by Meadows. WOODS made it 16-2. A lovely passing move saw Blake chip ahead only for the ball to go out of play. The half ended with a head tackle on Woods which displeased the crowd. Fine play earned Wire a H.T. ovation and all looked well. A super Roach pass got the second half under way as WOODS easily rounded Round to score a belter. Five minutes later on the hour Woods and Gregory combined to send BLAKE away for the centre (now scrum half) to chip over the fullback reather and score. WOODS again 28-2. FAIRBANK at that stage replaced Clawson and touched down after a mazy passing spell by Oldham. McALISTER made it 28-8. In the next six minutes Oldham added two more with first McALISTER then CASEY making the most of sloppy cover. McALISTER goaled one. A series of penalties kept the visitors on song and with eight minutes to go CASEY was awarded a try from a blatant double movement, (blind to the ref but in clear view of the T.J.) McALISTER brought panic to the home camp at 28-24. With four to go a wide pass from Woods saw Drummond take away the cover for BLAKE, alert as ever to score. No goal, 32-24. Just on time a quick scrum saw HENDERSON use his pace to score and give McALISTER his fifth goal. The transformation in this game coincided with the disappearance of the sun and arrival of a chill factor no doubt brought specially in from Watersheddings — far fetched, maybe, but who can explain why a side winning 28-2, in the space of 26 minutes conceded 28 points and scraped home by a gnat's whisker. MOM Blake with Woods a good second.

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| 2. Garry Schofield (Leeds) | 15 |
| Barry Ledger (Leigh) | 15 |
| 4. Phil Blake (Warrington) | 13 |
| Peter Lister (Bramley) | 13 |
| 6. Derek Bate (Swinton) | 12 |
| 7. Keith Bentley (Salford) | 11 |
| Paul Geary (Batley) | 11 |
| Grant Anderson (Castleford) | 11 |
| 10. Dean Bell (Wigan) | 10 |
| Gary Hobbs (Bramley) | 10 |
| Dean Williams (Rochdale H) | 10 |

TOP TEN GOAL SCORERS

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| 1. Steve Carroll (Bramley) | 47 |
| 2. Martin Ketteridge (Castleford) | 46 |
| 3. David Hobbs (Bradford N.) | 44 |
| 4. David Noble (Doncaster) | 42 |
| 5. Steve Turner (Rochdale H.) | 41 |
| 6. David Stephenson (Leeds) | 39 |
| 7. Chris Vasey (Dewsbury) | 37 |
| 8. Andy Currier (Widnes) | 36 |
| 9. Andy Rippon (Swinton) | 35 |
| Steve Guyett (Fulham) | 35 |

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY FIRST ROUND, 12/13 November 1988

Hull have the current longest run of first round successes in the John Player Special Trophy, not having been knocked out at this stage since they lost 25-18 at Wakefield Trinity in 1979-80. They are at home to Batley, who ended a run of 11 pre-second round knockouts last season.

The longest run without reaching the second round is held by Fulham who were beaten in the preliminary round at Bramley on Sunday. Fulham have not reached the second round since their first season of 1980-81 when they won 8-3 at home to Leeds.

Since the competition began in 1971-72 Wigan have piled up the biggest total of prize money with £45,225. It includes three times picking up the top amount as Trophy winners, a record shared by Warrington.

Widnes have made most final appearances with six.

Wigan St. Patricks are only the second non-league side to reach the second round since two amateur clubs were introduced at a preliminary stage in 1984-85. They visit Sheffield Eagles after beating fellow amateurs Elland 36-2 in this year's preliminary round.

Myson (Hull) won 8-2 at Batley in the preliminary round of 1986-87 before losing 18-11 against Swinton in the first round.

Previously, amateur clubs began in the first round and Cawoods (Hull) are the only other amateur side to beat professional opposition in the competition, winning 9-8 at Halifax in 1977-78, then losing 31-7 at Wakefield Trinity.

Millom (Cumbria) suffered the biggest defeat when they crashed 88-5 at Castleford in 1973-74. The only other 50 plus defeat was when Mayfield (Rochdale) lost 57-3 at Salford in 1975-76.

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY RECORDS ALL ROUNDS

Team

*Highest score: Castleford 88 v. Millom 5

Biggest attendance: 25,326 Hull v. Hull K.R. (At Hull C. FC) Final 1984-85

Individual

*Most goals: 17 by Sammy Lloyd (Castleford)

Most tries: 6 by Vince Gribbin (Whitehaven) v. Doncaster 1984-85

*Most points: 43 (17g, 3t) by Sammy Lloyd (Castleford)

*The above records were achieved in the Castleford v. Millom first round tie in 1973-74.

CROWD BOOM

The aggregate attendance at seven Stones Bitter Championship matches on Sunday passed the 50,000 mark for the fourth time this season, already doubling the number of occasions the landmark was reached in last season's record breaking campaign.

Sunday's total was 56,194 with the 16,595 crowd at the Wigan v. Widnes being the biggest League attendance of the season.

LEADING TRY SCORER

Steve Carroll of Bramley has extended his lead as this season's top points scorer with 118 and taken over as the leading goal scorer with 47. The scrum half has also scored six tries.

TRY SCORING RUN

Peter Lister has scored at least one try in five successive matches for Bramley as follows: 1-2-2-1-1.

DONCASTER RECORD

Doncaster's club record run of League wins ended at eight when they lost their first Division Two game of the season, 22-14 at Workington Town on Sunday.

WINNING RUN

Bramley extended the current longest winning run to eight matches when they beat Fulham 56-10 in a John Player Special Trophy preliminary round on Sunday.

LOSING RUN

Chorley Borough ended their run of defeats at seven matches when they won 22-13 at home to Runcorn Highfield on Sunday. There is now no team with a losing run of five or more matches.

Huddersfield have gone 18 cup and league matches without a win including one draw. Their last victory was on 6 March when they won 17-10 at Fulham.

MILESTONES

Des Drummond of Warrington needs three tries for a career total of 200.

Neil Holding of St. Helens needs four tries for a career century of Division One touchdowns.

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Ellery Hanley of Wigan needs one try to equal Keith Fielding's Division One record of 165 tries.

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ROUND ONE TIES PLAYED THIS WEEKEND

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| Swinton v. Doncaster | Doncaster lost their first league game last week but the Division Two fixtures keep them away from the top sides. They were hammered at Featherstone in the Yorks Cup and will find it tough at Swinton. |
| Halifax v. Salford | Halifax are off key lacking in flair and pace. If Kevin has his Reds back on song after an unhappy trip to Knowsley Road, they can win. |
| H.K.R. v. Keighley | Keighley lost 22-28 at home to Rovers in the Yorks Cup. Rovers looked a better side now that Gavin Miller is back. 'Nuff said. |
| Runcorn v. Wigan | Having changed the venue, Runcorn will still find the going up hill. |
| Leigh v. Barrow | Both sides had good home wins last week and figure 1 and 2 in the Division Two table. Not much in it. Home advantage for Leigh but it will be tight. |
| Rochdale v. Whitehaven | On 11th September Rochdale won 36-24 at home. On 2nd October 'Haven won 38-8 in Cumbria. Could be a draw. |
| Widnes v. Featherstone | Rovers will need to dredge up all the best from their Cup fighting history to have a chance at Naughton Park. The league result 2nd October was 58-2. |
| Leeds v. Castleford | A repeat of the Yorkshire Cup Final when at Elland Road Leeds won 33-12. They now meet at Headingley. Logic says it will be Leeds in Round Two. |
| York v. St. Helens | York shook a confident Leigh side recently but Saints are something else. |
| Sheffield v. Wigan St. Pats. | A good home win over Keighley last week will have put the edge on Eagles but this will be no pushover. |
| Huddersfield v. Chorley | Without Bob Eccles (who has broken that arm again) Chorley have struggled. Arena 84 holds no terrors for opposition nowadays and Chorley must be fancied. |
| Hull v. Batley | Hull are better than rated and far too good for Batley. Home banker. |
| Wakefield v. Carlisle | Trinity have not maintained their early promise but their classy imports will prove too much for Carlisle. |
| Bradford v. Dewsbury | Dewsbury have a moderate record in this competition which will not be improved today. |
| Bramley v. Mansfield | After slamming Fulham 56-10 in the Prelim, Bramley will fancy their prospects having already beaten Mansfield 32 nil (away) in the league. |
| Warrington v. Oldham | After last week I wouldn't tempt providence. |

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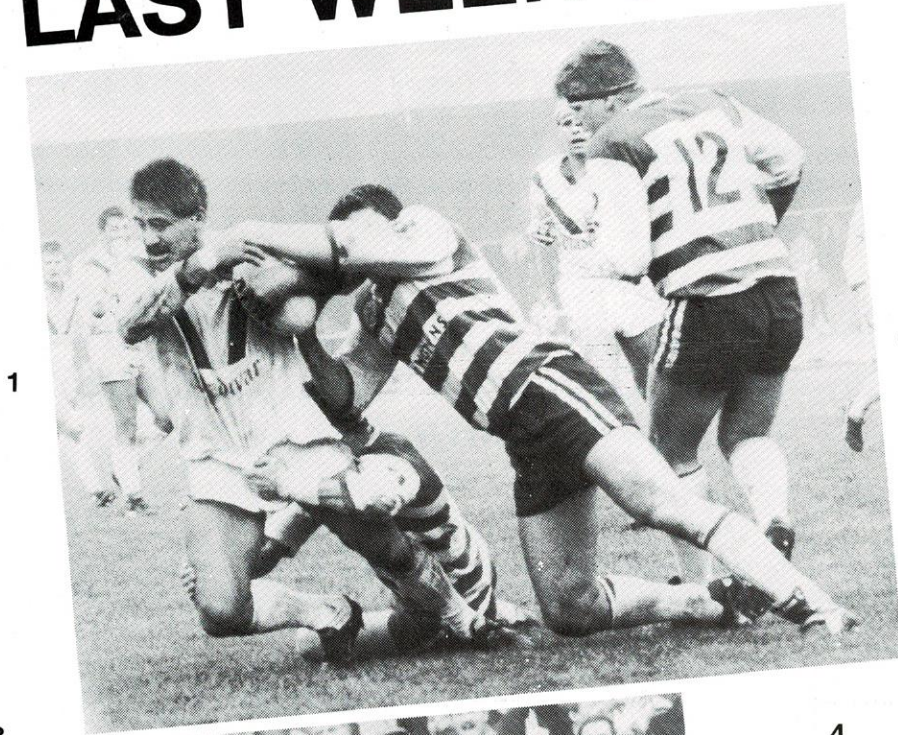
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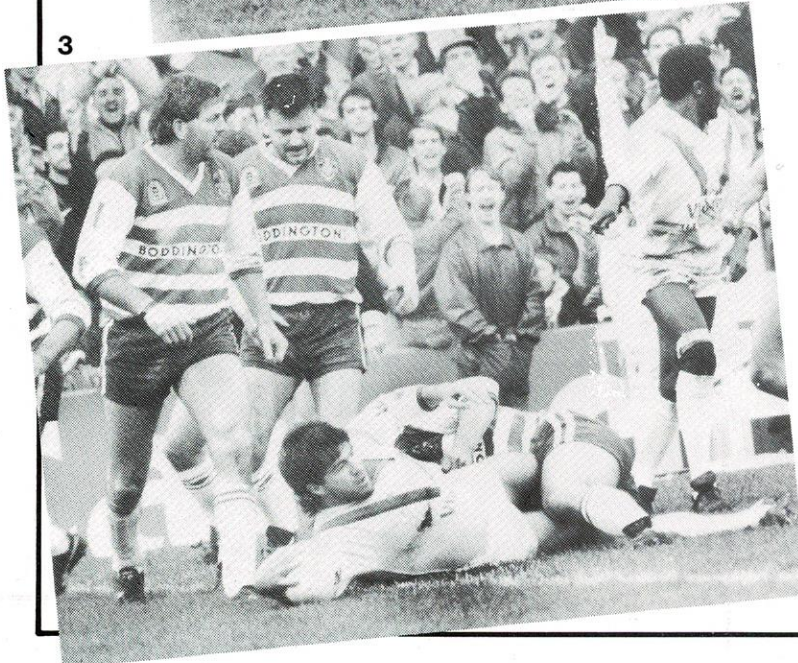
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1. No way for Kevin Tamati.
2. Plenty of back-up for John Woods try.
3. Des Drummond awards Les Davidson's try.
4. Phil Blake's second half try proves crucial.
5. Anybody's ball as Mike Gregory takes on Morrison and Casey.



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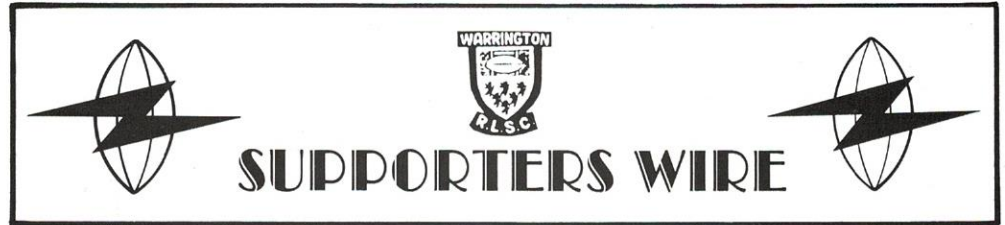
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PLAYERS REVIEW

Today's encounter is the third between the teams since its inception in 1971. All three clashes have been here at Wilderspool and the scores are even — one victory apiece. All know what happened last season, Wire got T.V. nerves once again. The other tie was back in 1973, and it was a first round game. Over 5,000 fans saw Wire swamp Oldham 31-14 scoring seven tries to two — guess what — Wire went on to win the trophy. Will history repeat itself?

NINES HEROES

The Supporters' Club would like to congratulate all eleven heroes who helped Wire to the British Coal Nines win. Not only did they silence the critics (not often you can beat Wigan, St. Helens and the Rest of the World in one day!), they showed a nice sporting touch by coming over to the supporters and thanking them. Well done lads.

FEDERATIONS

Warrington are members of both Supporters Club Federations, Lancashire clubs hold their meetings every two months usually at Billy Boston's Pub (The Griffin). Over in Yorkshire representation is met once a month at the Adelphi Hotel in Leeds. Highlight of the season for both parties in the grand get-togethers. In Yorkshire it is the 'Queen Event' whilst this side of the Pennines it is the "Player of the Year Awards". Both events will of course get more coverage later this season.

Lancashire Federation sponsor the man of the match in the 'A' team Lancashire Shield Final. Last season's winner was our 'Rockey' Turner, certainly our most improved player in recent weeks. Unfortunately, a new name is bound to be on the trophy this year as the final is between Wigan and Widnes 'A' teams. Central Park is the venue, Friday 2nd December is the date.

RACE NIGHT

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our Race Night to have been held on 3rd November, had to be cancelled at the 11th hour. Apologies to anyone who attended — a new date is being set as quickly as possible.

RARE PROGRAMMES

Always on the help for collectors of programmes, photographs etc. Andy Hudson of 17 Santa Monica Crescent, Idle, Bradford needs two Warrington v. Bradford Northern programmes to complete his collection back to the Second World War. Dates in question are 28/3/51 and 22/8/59. Andy will give a good exchange or make a top cash offer. Can you help?

QUIZZER

The lads of the Supporters Club 'B' team are eagerly swotting away in readiness for the semi-final tie on Wednesday 23rd November, check local press for details of venue. Come and support us.

A.G.M.

Once a year the Supporters' Club has its A.G.M. Finance, results and records of events take place at this meeting. Election of officers for the forthcoming term are also polled. As supporters you can have your say — which is very important, more details in our next programme.

CRAIG'S CORNER

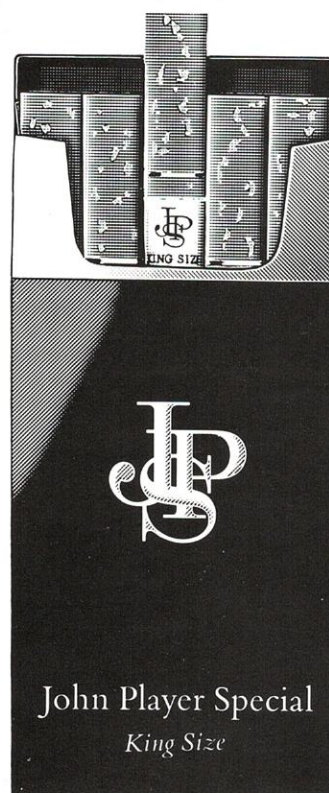
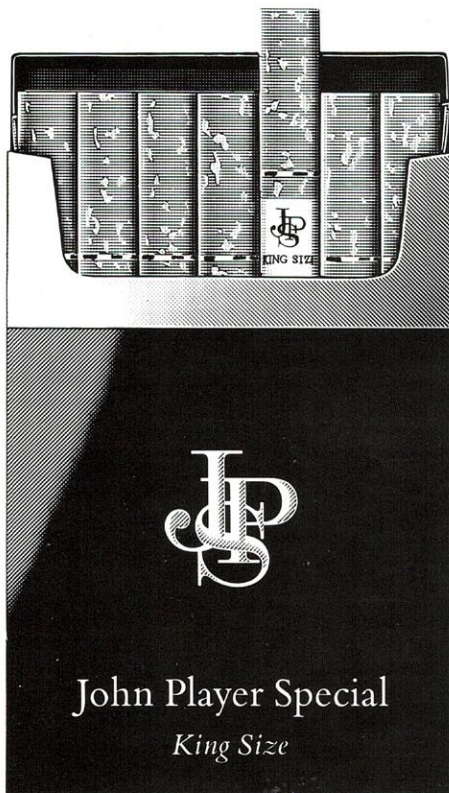
Next week the Wire take on the mighty Leeds at Headingley. Directions as follows: M62 Junction 27. Follow signs Leeds M621. After 3 miles take Junction 1 (A6110) and about a mile later Junction 2 (A643). Leave the motorway and at a roundabout take 1st exit A643. In 0.8 miles at a roundabout take 3rd exit A58. In 0.3 miles branch left and at roundabout take 1st exit into Kirkstall Road A65 (sign-posted Ilkley). Half a mile farther at traffic lights turn right into Willow Road. At the next crossroads go forward into Carlyon Road. One mile later turn left into St. Michaels Lane for Leeds R.L. Ground.

Admission is £3.50 adults, £2.50 children. Programmes 60 pence (48 large pages). Three very good and interesting pages on opponents which include a team picture, pen pictures, stars and greats. A page called "Talking Points" concerns Leeds and opponents through the years. There are also "Backtrack" and "Club Scene" telling all the information about the Blue & Amber Club. Loads to read, there is even an interview with an opponent player, no wonder it gets 10 out of 10 (it's the best in the league).

Any views or comments, please write to the Warrington R.L. Supporters Club, Wilderspool Stadium, Fletcher Street, Warrington WA4 6PY.



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TODAY AT WILDERSPOOL

OLDHAM R.L.F.C.

MICK BURKE (Full back): Won almost every honour in the game with Widnes and joined Oldham in a £40,000 deal last January. The only player to have won both the Lance Todd Trophy and the Harry Sunderland Trophy for the Man of the Match in a championship final.

PAUL ROUND (Full back): Joined Oldham at the start of last season for a tribunal fixed fee of £60,000. Usually a second row forward but has recently been tried in the full back and wing roles.

RICHARD IRVING (Wing): Snapped up by Oldham from Huddersfield amateur circles. Won both G.B. and Yorkshire amateur honours. Oldham expects great things from him as he gains experience.

COLIN HAWKYARD (Centre): Former second row player who has been playing in the centre. Due for a benefit next year, given tremendous service to Oldham.

DES FOY (Centre): Toured Down Under in 1984, younger brother of Martin Foy. Originally played for Widnes but figured in the deal that took Brian Hogan back to Naughton Park. G.B. International, very pacy centre.

JOHN HENDERSON (Centre): Recent £50,000 signing from Leigh. Represented Lancashire. The 24 year old is rated as one of the fastest inside backs in the game and he scored 90 tries in almost 150 games for the Hilton Park Club.

KEVIN MEADOWS (Wing): Experienced wingman who has played for St. Helens and Warrington. Joined Oldham, with team mate Steve Peters, last season. Scored the vital try that won the Premiership Trophy for Oldham last campaign.

CHRIS O'SULLIVAN (Stand off): Clever footballer, who came over from the Canberra club in Australia. Match winner on his day, who made a try scoring debut in the 64-2 thrashing of Workington Town.

IAN BATES (Scrum-half): Nephew of Dewsbury duo of Alan and John Bates. Good pair of hands and a capable defender, despite his size.

MIKE FORD (Scrum-half): Former Wigan player who spent several good seasons at Central Park. Played in the magnificent Wembley Final against Hull, alongside Brett Kenny. Moved on to Leigh, then to Oldham. Toured Down Under this summer.

NEIL CLAWSON (Prop): Son of former G.B. player Terry. Clawson. Neil was a £5,000 bargain buy from Featherstone Rovers two years ago. Regular pack member last season.

JOHN FAIRBANK (Prop): Signed for Oldham in the package deal that took G.B. prop Hugh Waddell to Leeds. Hails from a famous family and looks to be an exciting prospect.

ANDY RUANE (Hooker): Recent signing, who not only is a good hooker but a very useful goal kicker. Originally played for Widnes, but found his chances limited.

IAN SHERRATT (Prop): Local lad who joined Oldham from Bradford Northern. Big, strong, front row player who has spent the summer playing for Stanthorpe, a Queensland Country Club.

ASHLEY GILBERT (Second row): Australian, who scored 2 tries in Oldham's first league win of the season against Hull K.R. Formerly with the Canberra side, Down Under. He also was a try scorer in his debut against Workington Town.

TERRY FLANAGAN (Loose forward): In his benefit year. He has made more than 300 appearances for his home-town club. Former captain, first appointed at the age of 19. Has County, Test and Tour honours.

PAUL TAYLOR (Loose forward): Newly appointed captain, who made his debut against Featherstone Rovers last month. Makes up the Overseas contingent and is himself a very experienced Sydney First grade player.

J.P.S. TROPHY PROGRESS

| Season | WIRE | OLDHAM |
|---------|------------|------------|
| 1971/2 | 1st Round | 1st Round |
| 1972/3 | 1st Round | 1st Round |
| 1973/4 | WINNERS | 1st Round |
| 1974/5 | 3rd Round | 2nd Round |
| 1975/6 | 1st Round | 2nd Round |
| 1976/7 | 1st Round | 2nd Round |
| 1977/8 | WINNERS | 2nd Round |
| 1978/9 | RUNNERS UP | 1st Round |
| 1979/80 | 3rd Round | 1st Round |
| 1980/1 | WINNERS | 1st Round |
| 1981/2 | 2nd Round | SEMI FINAL |
| 1982/3 | SEMI FINAL | 1st Round |
| 1983/4 | 2nd Round | 1st Round |
| 1984/5 | 1st Round | 2nd Round |
| 1985/6 | 3rd Round | 2nd Round |
| 1986/7 | RUNNERS UP | 1st Round |
| 1987/8 | 3rd Round | SEMI FINAL |



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WIZARDS ALLIANCE REPORTS (continued from page 27)
FRIDAY 4th NOVEMBER 1988
SWINTON CRUSADERS 16 pts WIZARDS 32

TEAM:

1. A.N. Other
2. A.N. Other
3. Williamson
4. Carbert
5. A.N. Other
6. A.N. Other
7. Bishop
8. Molloy
9. Roskell
10. Capewell
11. Knight
12. Roberts
13. Thursfield
14. Chambers
15. Sumner

A scrappy, untidy, over-whistled game on a bitter cold night on a ground where Wizards have fared poorly in recent years. Early penalties were swapped by BISHOP and VILLER (two each) before Bishop opened up the home cover for Wizards right wing trialist to score in the corner. No goal but bad news as Capewell left the field with a badly damaged hand. 4-8 in Wizards favour at the interval.

A Roberts break set up a try for sub SUMNER which BISHOP goaled. Swinton's Viller came back quickly with a try and goal. With fifteen to go Roberts was again in the action with BISHOP getting the touch down and adding the two. Again Swinton hit back with a try and conversion as Viller refused to accept losing pay. With six to go Bishop was in the action when MOLLOY scored a well earned try for his non stop aggression. SUMNER with his second touchdown wrapped up the scoring in overtime. BISHOP goaled the last two tries to give him six goals plus a try for the match. Viller easily took the Crusaders MOM. For the visitors a welcome win and fine efforts from Bishop and Molloy.

Plenty of entertainment from the man in the scorebox whose Abacus had clearly fused — after many variations of the score — at one stage he had Wizards 62-16 ahead . . .

P.S. McDouglass's Etymological Dictionary.
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Forster, Woods (3G), Holden, Humphries,
Tamati, Jackson, Sanderson, Roberts, Gregory.
Subs: Lyon, McGinty.

Burke, Robinson, Warnecke, McCarthy, Mead-
ows, Walsh (3G), Peters, Clawson, Sanderson,
Waddell, Round (1T), Graham, Flanagan (1T).
Subs: Myler, Bardsley.

Half time: 6-8. Attendance: 5,048. Referee: J. Holdsworth
Progressive score: (Wire first): 2-0, 4-0, 4-2, 4-8, 6-8. HT 6-14, 10-14.

This televised Saturday Quarter Final clash began in typical cup tie fashion with the packs cancelling each other out, JOHN WOODS gave Wire a head start with two penalties before WALSH replied with one for Oldham. With defences dominating the play, the visitors benefitted from a stroke of good fortune, Humphries being the unlucky loser of the ball when FLANAGAN pounced to gain the touchdown. Easy conversion for WALSH. WOODS reduced the deficit to two points with another penalty before the interval.

Wire attempted to take a firm hold on the game as Johnson and Drummond went close but Oldham came back with a fine Waddell break followed by excellent passing which brought ROUND a try in the Railway corner. WALSH banged home a belter from the touchline. Wire came back when some crisp passing saw Mike Gregory send CULLEN over for a fine try. No conversion but Wire were well in contention once more. Numerous close calls followed but Oldham's tackling was tremendous from 1 to 13. Prop Neil Clawson took the Man of the Match award with fine support from his partner Waddell. Mike Gregory and Paul Cullen were best for Wire but hard as it is to say, Oldham had earned their progress to the Semi Final.





ROBERT TURNER
102 GOALS 1987/8

Wizards

SLALOM LAGER
RUGBY LEAGUE ALLIANCE



MIKE BACON
11 TRIES 1987/88

TEAM

1. A.N. Other
2. A.N. Other
3. McGinty
4. D. Gregory
5. Williamson
6. Forster
7. Crompton
8. Molloy
9. Roskell
10. Humphries
11. Davidson
12. Sumner
13. Thursfield
14. Capewell
15. Mayo

WEDNESDAY 26th OCTOBER 1988

Lancashire County Challenge Shield Semi Final
WIZARDS 15 WIDNES 'A' 16.

Both camps fielded strong sides even though Wizards needed a couple of Amateurs to boost the back strength. On 6 minutes FORSTER broke through two tackles and ran in a 75 yarder which CROMPTON goaled. On 25 FORSTER added a penalty for tripping and Wizards were in command. Then on 27 minutes came one of those far too frequent decisions that beggar belief. The young full back three foot off the ground taking a 'Garry Owen' was pushed out of the way by an opposing player who touched down — the ruling being that the full back had impeded him. The 'try' was converted and with Wizards still shaking their heads in disbelief Widnes went into the lead with another. Just before half time FORSTER levelled the scores with a penalty. The second period began with a CROMPTON drop followed ten minutes later by a fine try for the trialist winger after good work by Crompton and McGinty. No goal 15-10. With thirteen to go the Widnes No. 5 hacked ahead and beat the young home full back to the touch down making KEBBIE's conversion easy. Wizards pressed hard but lack of steadiness prevented a further score. Crompton was panned off the ball by Widnes No. 12 directly in from touch judge who remained immobile. Earlier the same player was waiting for admonishment by the referee for a foul when the official warned the No. 10 instead. A good game hard fought by both sides. We'll leave it at that as I can't spell incredulity . . .

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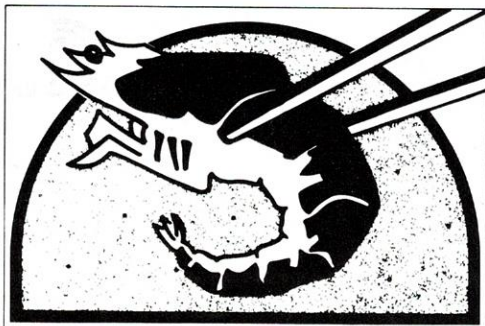
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5. A.N. Other
6. Turner
7. Crompton
8. Mayo
9. Roskell
10. Tamati
11. Molloy
12. Sumner
13. Sanderson
14. Percival
15. A.N. Other

SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER 1988

Slalom Lager Alliance
WIZARDS 24 HULL K.R. 'A' 32

Rovers looked a heavier and more experienced side despite the appearance in the Wizards ranks of several first teamers. On ten minutes Crompton combined with Mayo who sent a peach of a pass to FORSTER who went on tour round the visiting defence before touching down brilliantly under the posts, TURNER made it 6-0. On 26 minutes Crompton widened the play with a long pass and WILLIAMSON scored. TURNER made it 12 nil. The visiting No. 6 caught Wizards napping with a quick play the ball which led to a try under the posts with Rovers' Fletcher adding a late penalty to the easy conversion. Rovers began the second half with a try from the No. 13 who benefitted from a clear obstruction to score. Fletcher again on target. Wizards came back in ten minutes when Molloy delivered up a super pass to WILLIAMSON. Turner added the two. On 58 minutes Crompton made a fine break and again Molloy timed his pass well to send in fast backing up ROSKELL. TURNER made it 24-14 and for the second time Wizards had put themselves on winning pay. Not to be . . . Rovers came back with three tries in the last fifteen minutes all converted by the immaculate Fletcher. Worse still for Wizards Martin Crompton our best player was stretchered off 8 minutes from time with a leg injury.

P.S. The final try by Rovers was from a pass so far forward that a bloke passing the top of Fletcher Street on a double deck bus told me about it . . . Wizards in torment . . .

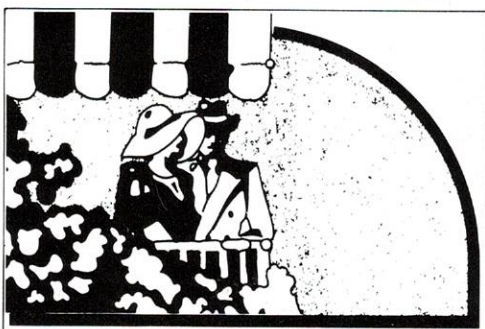
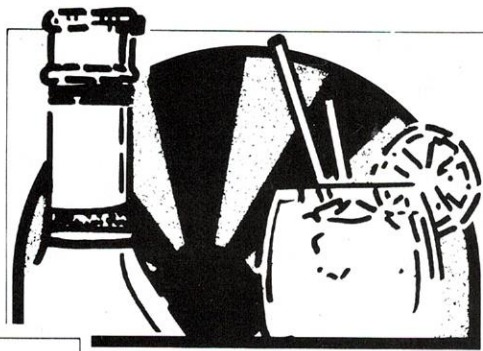


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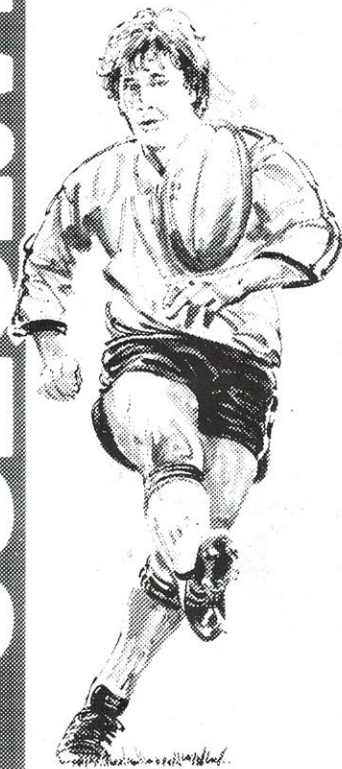
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| BACON, M. | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — |
| BISHOP, P. | 4 | — | — | — | — | 61 | 7 | 26 | 169 | 30 |
| BLAKE, P. | 11 | — | 13 | — | 2 | 30 | — | 35 | — | 3 |
| CAPEWELL, P. | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | 1 | — | — | — |
| CARBERT, B. | 2 | 1 | — | — | — | 83 | 3 | 37 | 118 | — |
| CROMPTON, M. | 2 | 5 | 2 | — | — | 22 | 7 | 4 | — | 1 |
| CULLEN, P. | 7 | 1 | — | — | — | 159 | 5 | 31 | — | — |
| DAVIDSON, L. | 7 | — | 3 | — | — | 7 | — | 3 | — | — |
| DRUMMOND, D. | 12 | — | 2 | — | — | 60 | — | 28 | — | — |
| DUANE, R. | 7 | — | 1 | — | — | 149 | 9 | 49 | 28 | — |
| FORSTER, M. | 9 | — | 3 | — | — | 142 | 9 | 60 | 1 | — |
| GREGORY, M. | 7 | — | — | — | — | 150 | 18 | 37 | — | — |
| HARMON, N. | 4 | 1 | 2 | — | — | 17 | 9 | 3 | — | — |
| HOLDEN, K. | — | — | — | — | — | 31 | — | 5 | — | 1 |
| HUMPHRIES, A. | 7 | 5 | 1 | — | — | 36 | 17 | 6 | — | — |
| KELLY, K. | — | — | — | — | — | 301 | 15 | 73 | — | 10 |
| KNIGHT, M. | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | 10 | 2 | — | — |
| LYON, D. | 8 | — | — | — | — | 30 | 3 | 8 | — | — |
| McGINTY, W. | 5 | 1 | — | — | — | 48 | 26 | 10 | — | — |
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| PERCIVAL, I. | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | — |
| PETERS, B. | 3 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 44 | 17 | 9 | — | — |
| ROACH, S. | 7 | — | — | — | — | 7 | — | — | — | — |
| ROBERTS, M. | 4 | 2 | 4 | — | — | 98 | 15 | 43 | — | — |
| ROSKELL, M. | 4 | — | — | — | — | 26 | 1 | 4 | — | — |
| RUDD, C. | 1 | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| SANDERSON, G. | 8 | 1 | 2 | — | — | 63 | 16 | 7 | — | — |
| SUMNER, P. | 2 | 1 | — | — | — | 2 | 1 | — | — | — |
| TAMATI, K. | 3 | 1 | — | — | — | 97 | 10 | 5 | — | — |
| THORNILEY, A. | 7 | — | 3 | — | — | 9 | 3 | 5 | — | — |
| THURSFIELD, J. | 6 | — | — | — | — | 8 | 2 | — | — | — |
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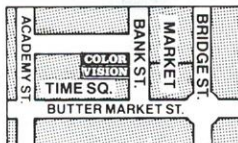
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Sun. 14 Wigan (Locker Cup) A W 30-28
Sun. 28 Wakefield T. A L 10-14

SEPTEMBER

Sun. 4 St. Helens H L 14-25
Sun. 11 Salford A L 18-25
Sun. 18 Runcorn (LCC1) A W 42- 4
Sun. 25 Hull H W 20-14
Wed. 28 Carlisle (LCC 2) H W 34-18

OCTOBER

Sun. 2 Halifax A W 16- 4
Wed. 5 Salford (CC Semi) A L 2-15
Sun. 9 Featherstone R. H W 30-22
Sun. 16 France H L 6-29
Sun. 23 Castleford A L 16-23
(Also Lancs Cup Final)

NOVEMBER

Sun. 6 Oldham H W 32-30
Sun. 13 John Player (1)
Sun. 20 Leeds A
Sun. 27 John Player (2)

DECEMBER

Sun. 4 Castleford H
(Also John Player (3))
Sun. 11 Oldham A
(Also John Player 1st SF)
Sun. 18 John Player (2nd S.F.)
Mon. 26 Widnes H

JANUARY

Sun. 1 Wigan A
Sun. 8 Hull K.R. H
(Also John Player Final)
Sun. 15 Bradford Northern A
Sun. 22 Wigan H
Sun. 29 Challenge Cup (1)

FEBRUARY

Sun. 5 Hull K.R. A
Sun. 12 Challenge Cup (2)
Sun. 19 Wakefield Trinity H
Sun. 26 Challenge Cup (3)

MARCH

Sun. 5 Bradford Northern H
Sun. 12 Hull A
(Also Chall. Cup 1st S.F.)
Sun. 19 Halifax H
Fri. 24 Widnes A
Sat. 25 Challenge Cup 2nd S.F.
Mon. 27 Salford H

APRIL

Sun. 2 Leeds H
Sun. 9 St. Helens A
Sun. 16 Featherstone R. A

ALLIANCE FIXTURES 1988/89

AUGUST

Sat. 20 Millom (Friendly) H W 42-0
Fri. 26 Wigan H W 16-15

SEPTEMBER

Fri. 2 St. Helens A L 18-27
Fri. 9 Salford H W 36-25
Fri. 16 Halifax H W 42- 6
Fri. 23 Hull A L 10-22

OCTOBER

Sat. 1 Workington (LCCS1) H W 36-13
Fri. 7 Hunslet (at Bramley) A
Sat. 15 Carlisle (LCCS1) H W 22-20
Fri. 21 Castleford H L 21-26
Wed. 26 Widnes (LCCSsemi) H L 15-16
Sun. 30 Hull K.R. H L 24-32

NOVEMBER

Fri. 4 Swinton C. A W 32-16
Fri. 11 St. Helens H
Fri. 18 Leeds A
Fri. 25 Hunslet H

DECEMBER

Fri. 2 Castleford A
Fri. 9 Salford A
Fri. 16 Carlisle H
Sat. 24
Fri. 30 Swinton C. H

JANUARY

Fri. 6 Hull K.R. A
Sat. 14 Whitehaven H
Fri. 20 Wigan A
Fri. 27 Widnes A

FEBRUARY

Sat. 4 Alliance Cup (1)
Fri. 10 Leeds H
Sat. 18 Alliance Cup (2)
Sat. 25 Whitehaven A

MARCH

Sat. 4 Carlisle A
Fri. 10 Hull H
Fri. 17 Halifax A
Wed. 22 Widnes H