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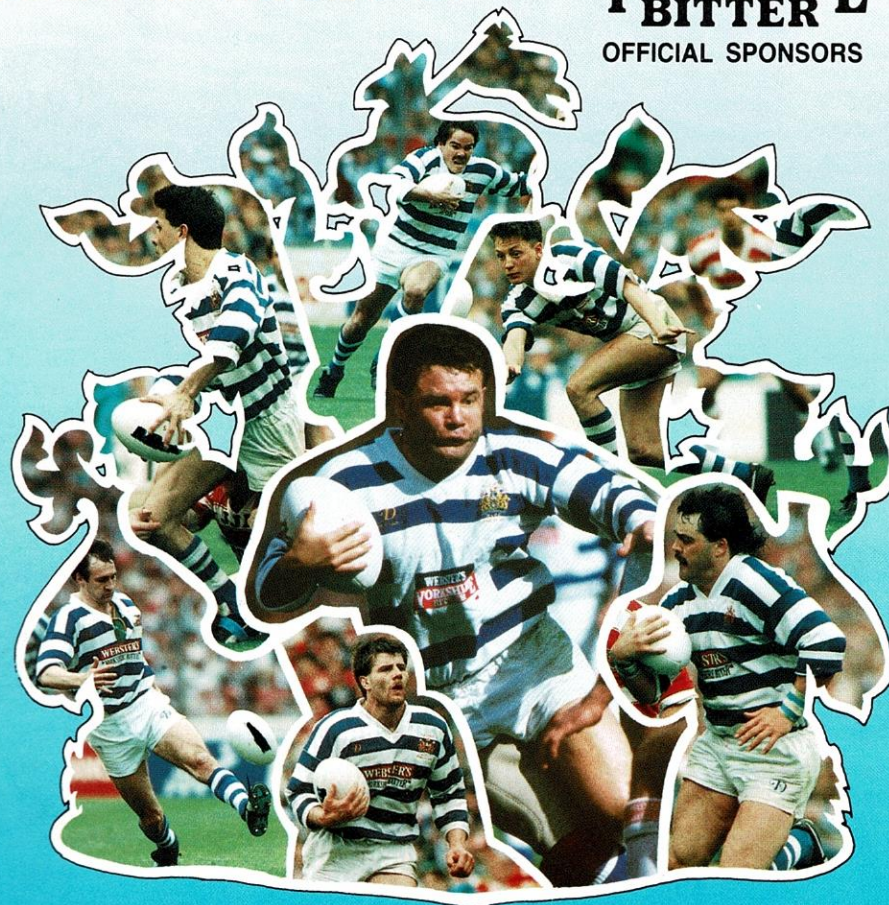


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## CLUB PRESIDENT, DAVID BROOK M.B.E.



How pleasant – even if unexpected – to welcome Directors, Players and Officials from Oldham this afternoon.

They have “stepped into the breach” following the calling off of our St. Helen’s match – due to the latter’s involvement in the John Player Trophy.

Under their new Coach, Tony Barrow, they will be all the more determined to avenge their narrow defeat two weeks ago, but, you can be absolutely certain Halifax supporters, the blue and whites will be equally committed to gaining our first Double of the Season.

Despite last week’s near thing, things have taken a decided turn for the better during November – and that is not really surprising. Both Coach and Team have, in the past four weeks, been allowed to concentrate only on matters relating to performance **on the field** thank goodness.

It is plain to see a revived confidence and, better still, team spirit in the Dressing Room, on Training Nights and throughout the Club. That being the case, I predict that there will be a lot more good than other times the rest of the season.

A great showing against Wigan last week. Whatever is said about problems at this famous club, you can count on the fingers of one hand the First Division sides who have beaten them, in Cup or League, at Central Park during my four years with Halifax – and we were one of them in 1987.

No excuses – well not many – but Colin Whitfield in the line with our mid-field Backs is a tremendous attacking weapon (to say nothing of his superb defence). Wigan were having difficulty coping with him before his concussion, – to take nothing away from Andy Simpson. Nevertheless, Colin’s absence was **the key factor** in the final result.

Our old “friend” Kevin Allott – hope everyone noticed – gave 8 **successive** penalties to Wigan in the mid-section of the game and, right or wrong, those decisions relieved an awful lot of pressure from Wigan. Another Try for Halifax, when it was already 14–10 to us, – and that was the period of those free kicks – would probably have been the “**nail in the Wigan coffin**”.

Enough of that, however. It was still a vastly improved performance by ‘FAX and continual repetition of that form – with the commitment and dedication now being given – makes us look much more of a Top than bottom 4 side.

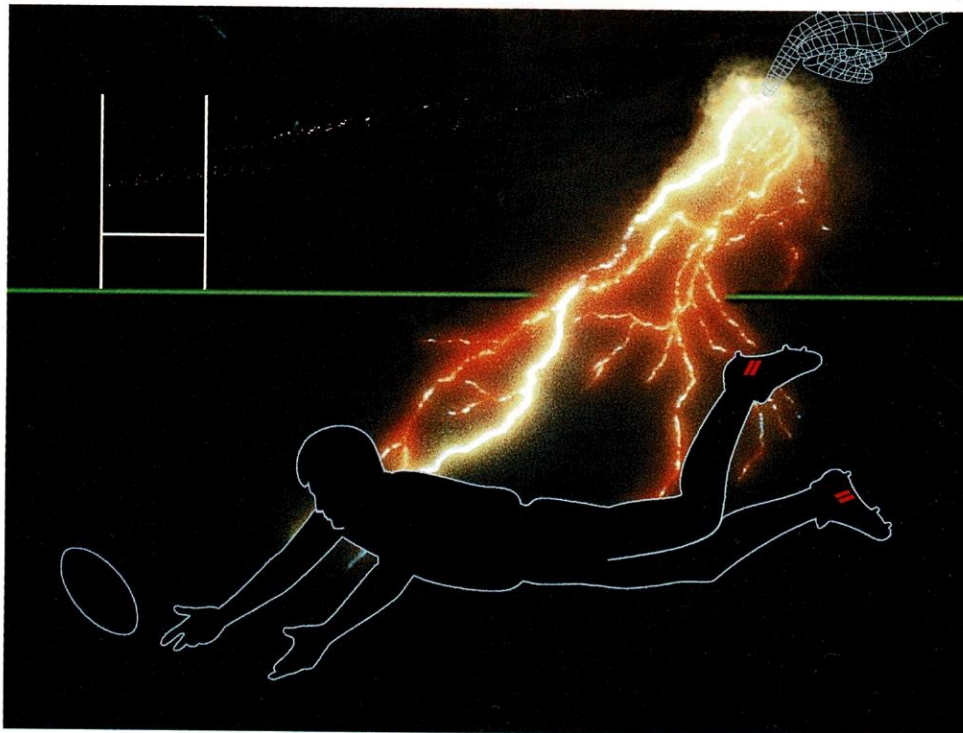
No “resting on laurels” or complacency, though. If we can improve the playing strength of the Side – if Ross Strudwick asks me – then the search will be continued. We shall continue to pursue our Youth Policy because that’s the way to go to ensure not just a good 1988/9 Season but a successful Halifax for years to come.

What I am saying is that the act is coming together and – whatever has been said or written – we are all trying our best and hardest to Win, Win, Win.

Please support us in the resolve and spirit and, together, Ladies and Gentlemen, we shall come through.

Keep Smiling

David Brook, MA, MBE

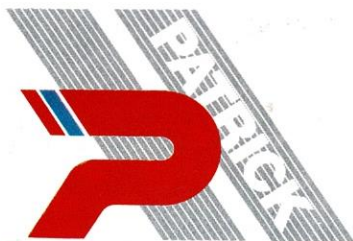


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## OPPONENTS

### OLDHAM R.L.F.C.

**Ground:** Watersheddings  
**Colours:** Red & White Hooped jerseys  
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**COACH:** TONY BARROW

**MICK BURKE** (Full Back) joined Oldham in a £40,000 deal from Widnes last season, only player to have won both the Lance Todd and Harry Sunderland trophies.

**PAUL ROUND** (Full Back/Second Row) signed from St. Helens for a tribunal fee of £60,000. Switched from second row to full back with considerable success.

**RICHARD IRVING** (Wing) snapped up from amateur rugby in Huddersfield following appearances for Yorkshire and Great Britain.

**COLIN HAWKYARD** (Centre) another second rower who has switched to the backs. Tremendous servant to Oldham and is due a benefit next year.

**DES FOY** (Centre) toured down under in 1984, and formally played for Widnes. Great Britain International.

**JOHN HENDERSON** (Centre) recent £50,000 signing from Leigh. Represented Lancashire and scored 90 tries in almost 150 games for the Hilton Park Club.

**CHRIS O'SULLIVAN** (Stand-off) clever Aussie footballer who can be a match winner, scored on his debut.

**IAN BATES** (Scrum half) nephew of Dewsbury pair Alan and John Bates, good pair of hands and dependable defender.

**MIKE FORD** (Scrum half) former Wigan player who starred in the magnificent Wembley Final against Hull. Moved to Leigh before coming to Oldham. Great Britain tourist this summer.

**NEIL CLAWSON** (Prop) son of G.B. star Terry. Neil was a bargain £5,000 signing from Featherstone. Now a regular in the Oldham pack.

**JOHN FAIRBANK** (Prop) needs no introduction, brother of our own Richard. Signed in an exchange deal which saw Hugh Wadell move to Leeds.

**ANDY RUANE** (Hooker) a recent transfer from Widnes has given him much more first division action.

**IAN SHERRATT** (Prop) local lad who joined Oldham from Bradford Northern, spent the summer playing for Stanthorpe in Queensland.

**ASHLEY GILBERT** (Second Row) Australian who scored 2 tries in Oldham's first win of the season at Hull K.R.

**TERRY FLANAGAN** (Loose Forward) now in his benefit year, made his debut at 19 for his home town club. Has County, Test and Tour honours.

**PAUL TAYLOR** (Loose Forward) newly appointed captain, made his debut against Featherstone Rovers this season. This Sydney Final player makes up Oldham's overseas quota.



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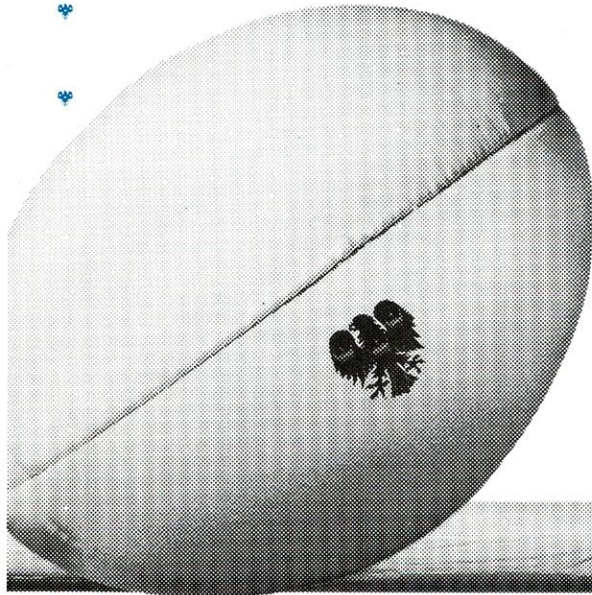








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A injury hit Halifax A. Team suffered another defeat in Cumbria. Hit by the withdrawals of Steve Smith and Andy Ramsden were depleted even further by injuries to Martin Kemp and Darren Moore. Kemp retired after 10 minutes with a cut mouth requiring 10 stitches and Moore followed with a dislocated elbow.

Andy Simpson and Rob Hutchinson were playing their second games of the weekend, which did not help, but, Hutchinson together with Peter Blackmore performed best for Halifax.

Despite the defeat Alan Hardisty praised all the team for the whole hearted effort in difficult circumstances.

## SPORTSMAN'S INN (GREETLAND STEAK STATION) SPONSORS OF SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Date	Opponents	V	K.O.	Res	F-A	Tries	Goals
Aug 26 Fri	Widnes	A	7.30	L	12-20	Scott	Longstaff (4)
Sept 2 Fri	Castleford	H	7.30	W	14-8	Longstaff, Wilson (2)	Longstaff (1)
9 Fri	Swinton	A	7.30	L	10-14	Bell	Longstaff (3)
16 Fri	Warrington	A	7.30	L	6-42	Simpson	Longstaff (1)
23 Fri	Hull KR	H	7.30	W	30-4	Ramshaw, Wilson (2), Kemp, Wood, Hutchinson	Longstaff (1), Whitfield (2)
30 Fri	Hunslet Yorks Cup (1)	H	7.30	W	32-24	Wood, Moore, Simpson (2) Preece, Hancock	Finn (4)
Oct 7 Fri	Widnes	H	7.30	W	16-4	Ramshaw, Greg, Kemp	Finn (2)
14 Fri	Castleford (Yorks Cup 2)	A	7.30	L	26-30	Simpson, Smith, Hancock, Preece (2)	Finn (2), Smith (1)
22 Sat	Whitehaven	A	2.30	L	10-26	Bell, Finn	Finn (1)
28 Fri	Swinton	H	7.30	W	36-2	Kemp, Ramshaw, Hutchinson, George, Robinson, James, Smith	Finn (4)
Nov 4 Fri	Hull	A	7.30	L	6-31	George	Finn (1)
12 Sat	Whitehaven	H	3.00	W	40-6	Hutchinson (2), Simpson, Smith, Holiday (2), Trialist	Finn (6)
17 Thurs	Carlisle	H	3.00	W	12-8	Moore, Kemp, Longstaff	
26 Sat	Carlisle	A	2.30	L	28-0		
Dec 2 Fri	St. Helens	H	7.30				
9 Fri	Wigan	A	7.30				
16 Fri	Salford	H	7.30				
30 Fri	Hunslet	A	7.30				
Jan 6 Fri	Castleford	A	7.30				
13 Fri	Wigan	H	7.30				
20 Fri	Leeds	H	7.30				
27 Fri	St. Helens	A	7.30				
Feb 4 Sat	SLA Challenge Cup 1st R		7.30				
10 Fri	Hunslet	H	7.30				
18 Sat	SLA Challenge Cup 2nd R		7.30				
24 Fri	Hull	H	7.30				
Mar 3 Fri	Salford	A	7.30				
10 Fri	Hull KR	A	7.30				
17 Fri	Warrington	H	7.30				
25 Sat	Leeds	A	7.30				



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**First Grade:** 1908, 1909, 1914, 1918, 1925, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1950, 1951, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1971  
**Runners-up:** 1910, 1916, 1917, 1920, 1923, 1924, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1949, 1952, 1965, 1969  
**Reserve Grade:** 1913, 1914, 1917, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1931, 1932, 1934, 1943, 1945, 1952, 1953, 1956, 1966, 1968, 1983  
**Third Grade (Under 23s):** 1908, 1912, 1918, 1925, 1928, 1933, 1962, 1962, 1969, 1981, 1986  
**Club Championship:** 1932, 1933, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1967, 1968, 1969  
**Pre-season Cup:** 1966, 1969, 1972, 1978  
**Tooth Cup:** 1981  
**Most tries in a season:** 29 Les Brennan, 1954  
**Most tries for club:** Benny Wearing, 133 tries  
**Most points in a season:** Eric Simms 265, (1 try, 112 goals, 19 field goals) 1969  
**Highest pointscorer:** Eric Simms, 1843 points  
**Biggest win:** 67-0 v Wests, Showground, 1910  
**Worst defeat:** 54-0 v Manly, Brookvale Oval, 1975  
**Most number of games for the club (first grade):** R. McCarthy (211), E. Simms (206), B. Wearing (196), J. Rayner (195), J. Sattler (195), A.L. Blair (186), H. Hallett Snr. (181), L. Cowie (176), B. Purcell (173), D. Donoghue (166)  
**Club Internationals:** Tommy Anderson, Jim Armstrong, Alf "Smacker" Blair, Cec Blinkhorn, Arthur Butler, Billy Cann, Clive Churchill, Michael Cleary, Ron Coote, Len Cowie, Frank Curran, Steve Darmody, Les Davidson, Jim Davis, Denis Donoghue, Col Donohoe, Terry Fahey, Harry Finch, Herb Gilbert, Bob Grant, Johnny Graves, Howard Hallett, Brian Hambly, Ernie Hammerton, Greg Hawick, Arthur Hennessey, Bob Honan, Harold Horder, Brian James, Harry Kadwell, Clem Kennedy, Joe Kerwick, Jack Levison, Eric Lewis, Jim Lisle, Bob McCarthy, Ted McGrath, Ian Moir, Ray Norman, Alf O'Connor, John O'Neill, Arthur Oxford, George Piggins, Denis Pittard, Bernie Purcell, Jack Raynor, Eddie Root, Johnny Rosewell, Paul Sait, John Sattler, Eric Simms, Bill Spence, Gary Stevens, George Treweeke, Elwyn Walters, Benny Wearing, Jack Why, Percy Williams  
**Club Test captains:** Clive Churchill, John Sattler, Bob McCarthy, Ron Coote  
**Rothmans Medal winners:** Denis Pittard (1969, 1971)

### PLAYERS RECORDS

Player	App	Repl	T	G	FG	Pts
M. Andrews	24	2	3	7	-	26
N. Baker	6	5	-	13	-	26
L. Beasley	-	7	-	-	-	-
L. Biles	2	1	-	-	-	-
M. Blake	17	2	-	-	-	-
P. Blake	15	-	5	-	4	24
D. Boyle	22	1	1	-	-	4
W. Chisholm	21	4	1	-	-	4
C. Coleman	24	-	5	-	2	22
D. Cruickshank	16	1	3	-	-	12
L. Davidson	17	2	-	-	-	-
M. Ellison	17	4	4	48	3	115
M. Fenech	26	-	3	-	-	12
R. Harrington	20	-	2	-	-	8
D. Hosking	-	1	-	-	-	-
L. Johnston	10	3	-	-	-	-
P. Judd	-	3	-	-	-	-
W. Lee	-	1	-	-	-	-
A. Mack	-	1	-	-	-	-
D. Maroon	-	1	-	-	-	-
S. Mavin	26	-	6	-	-	24
D. Moon	1	1	-	-	-	-
J. Moon	20	2	5	-	-	20
A. Nelson	-	1	-	-	-	-
D. Neville	6	2	1	-	-	4
A. O'Neill	-	1	-	-	-	-
M. Pobjie	-	4	-	-	-	-
I. Roberts	26	-	3	-	-	12
P. Roberts	5	13	4	-	-	16
B. Ross	1	-	-	-	-	-
M. Ross	3	5	-	-	-	-
J. Thomas	3	5	-	-	-	-
T. Tuckwell	4	4	-	-	-	-
B. Webb	6	-	2	-	-	8
C. Weeks	-	5	-	-	-	-



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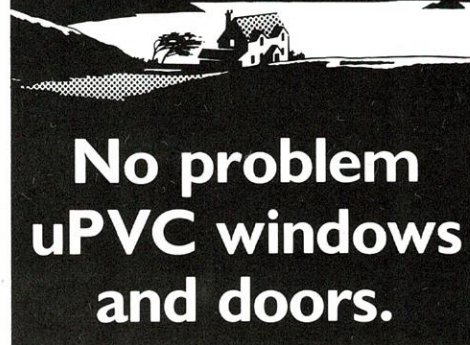
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The recruitment of British Coal is a major coup for the recently-formed Rugby League Foundation, a 10-man pro-am body with Charitable Trust status formed to encourage and finance the development of the game, particularly at school and youth level.

During its first year of operation, the Foundation has injected £100,000 into the development of the amateur game, with plans to double that investment in the next 12 months.

A corner-stone of the joint development scheme will be the introduction of an elite under-19 midweek league involving representative sides based on district advanced training centres, to be titled "The British Coal National Youth League".

The British Coal financial support will be directed towards travel grants for this new youth set-up; the costs of the establishment of centres of excellence and advanced training centres; and financing a general development programme.

Announcing the £120,000 three-year promotion, British Coal Chairman Sir Robert Haslam said in Leeds:

"We're convinced this joint venture between the Rugby Football League, BARLA and the Sports Council has exciting prospects for the growth and development of the sport, and British Coal are delighted to be

associated with that progress. The amateur game, with more than 600 clubs, is the lifeblood of the sport, nurturing and grooming the stars of tomorrow without whom no sport can survive.

"Mining's links with Rugby League are legendary. Many of the great names of yesteryear and the present are mining men, and miners generally are among the most ardent supporters of the game. It's a hard, exciting, robust sport with a healthy future, and that mirrors the prospects for the British coal industry. It's very much part of the "New Face of British Coal" – the slogan of the industry's major advertising campaign and sales drive – and we hope our continued involvement with the Rugby League will prove a successful and lasting partnership."

The Trustees of the Rugby League Foundation are Bob Ashby, Les Bettinson, Harry Jepson, David Oxley, Joe Seddon, Roy Waudby and David Wigham from the Rugby Football League; Bob Beal and Maurice Oldroyd from BARLA; and Bill Watt representing English Schools. Sports Council official Robin Barron has also been invited in an advisory capacity.

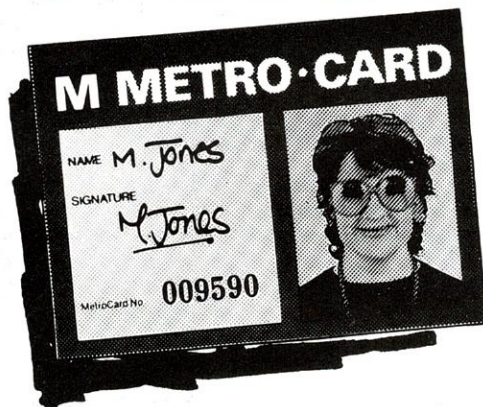
Rugby League Chairman Bob Ashby said: "We have the expertise within the game to mastermind a progressive development programme. It is outside funding such as British Coal's investment which will help speed along those vital plans."

BARLA Chairman Alan Gibb commented: "Our stated policy is national expansion by the code's centenary in 1995 and such significant financial input from a body of the calibre of British Coal is a major boost."

Our own elite under 19 squad which is coached by Tony Anderson are settling down well.



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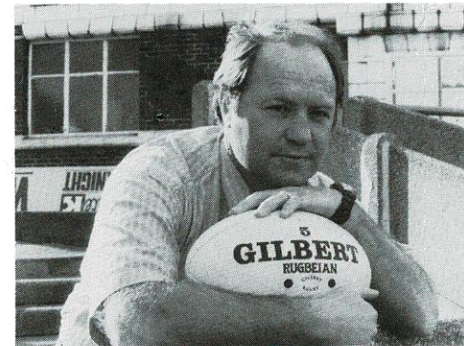
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## STRUDDY'S STUDIES



Welcome to Thrum Hall for this re-arranged Stones Bitter Championship Game and a particular Warm Welcome and Thank-you to Tony Barrow and his boys from Oldham for filling in at such short notice.

Last weekend was an all-round stirring performance, I'm sorry for you guys who only saw the game on Television because believe me the stuff the BBC put out had very little relationship to the game that was. I couldn't believe the programme when I saw it, I thought somebody was making a Publicity Film about how great a team Wigan are, and they are a very good side. BUT what the TV did not show but what was relevant if you heard Alec Murphy's last comments just before the whistle, "When was the last time you heard a Central Park Crowd screaming for the hooter" it was that close and the lads really gave Wigan a big fright. We were the better side I think on the day and were very unlucky to lose especially in the way we did by giving away a soft try in the last two minutes.

But that's life and it's certainly Football! You have to make your own luck and you have to grasp every opportunity given to you. I'm not a whinger but I honestly believe that had we not lost Col. Whitfield last Saturday we wouldn't have beaten Wigan we'd have bagged em. Young Andy Simmo came on and playing Full Back for the first time in his life gave a performance that he can be proud of, he certainly didn't let us down and I was really pleased with his efforts. But we did miss Colin's positional play and the threat of him coming into the attacking line as he does so well of late. I am sure that psychologically Wigan saw his departure as the removal of a threat and the creation of an advantage to them. The psychology of football is something I firmly believe in and I am certain that Wigan improved so much after he left not because we were a weakened side but because they honestly believed we were weakened by his absence and stepped up their game with this increased

confidence. I must also praise our other stand-in convert young Robert Hutchinson. Hutchy will probably be the first to tell you that a wingman he aint. So put yourself in his place last Saturday afternoon. Debut game (out of position on the left wing) only mediocre opposition (like heck) the Iro brothers full blood Kiwi Internationals both, backed up by 10 other full internationalists, the World Cup champions etc. etc. and young Hutchy, with a heart like a lion took it all head to head and came very close to the try line on two occasions. (Much nearer than either of the Iros in opposition did). Well done young 'un. Two other fellas showed something of their true worth last week too and I notice that that crafty old Fox Alec Murphy picked out Dan Stains straight away. Dan had a big game at Central Park last week (ask the Wign forwards) and his all action game was just the thing he is especially noted for in Oz and Pete Coyne never put a foot wrong, he blotted Edwards out of the game and was probably our best all round player. But this was an excellent all round team performance, all the guys did their job and stuck to their guns. I single Dan and Pete out only because they particularly have been subject to a great deal of personal criticism since they arrived and I suppose I'm doing a bit of the old "I told you so".

I have been pleased to institute a new little award scheme, a private thing between the players where the guy who does his job best gets an engraved Beer Tankard with the game details and his name on. The winners so far have been David Holmes against Salford, John Pendlebury against Oldham and Dan Stains against Wigan. We do the same for the second grade side too and their winners have been, Martin Kemp, Rob Hutchinson and Jason Ramshaw respectively. The trophies are just a small token of their co-professionals esteem and are very popular with the lads. We also present a smaller tankard for best attacker and best defence and they went to Paul Dixon and Seamus McCallion last Saturday. The tankards are really beautiful, they are designed and produced by Calderdale Design Ltd of the Piece Hall, Halifax and are a surprisingly inexpensive trophy.

Well folks that's all for this week, thanks for coming and let's hope we have a great game of football and two more of those most precious league points.

See ya at Thrum Hall!

Struddy

*Ross Strudwick*  
Ross Strudwick



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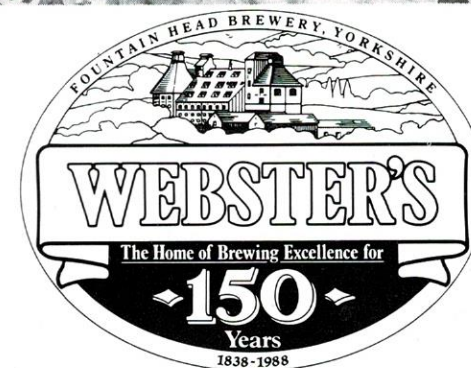
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### RUGBY LEAGUE QUIZ

Early last month, twelve local teams took part in the Halifax heat of the national Rugby League quiz competition. The winners, who carried off a £20 cash prize, were the Backroom Boys - Jeff Muxlow, Phil Coventry, Neil Kelly and John Shaw. In a closely fought contest, they just pipped the runners-up from Holsets. Both these teams now progress to the national final, which will be held here at Thrum Hall, in the Taverners Bar on Tuesday evening (December 6th) at 8.00 pm. Spectators welcome - no admission charge - no ticket necessary.

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when serious competitive football was resumed, and, as most of the incidents will still be fresh in the minds of the majority of Halifax supporters, a brief summary will suffice to meet the requirements of the present generation. The honour of being elected to the captaincy in 1919-20 fell worthily to Asa Robinson, and the chief recruits to the team this season were B. Whitaker from Wigan, W. Grundy from St. Helens, and R. Turnbull, the son of a local schoolmaster, who gave up the game this season on the death of his father. It was a happy coincidence that each of these players should score on his first appearance with the team. The Christmas Day match against Huddersfield at Thrum Hall will live long in the memories of those present. A great game resulted in a Halifax victory by the bare margin of two points, on a ground that was covered with snow. There was tremendous enthusiasm displayed after the game, and a demonstration in front of the pavilion, calling for the home players. In the first round of the N.U. Cup we were drawn to journey into Cumberland to play Brookland Rovers, but managed to persuade our opponents to play the game at Thrum Hall, where they were soundly beaten to the tune of 55 points to nil. In the second round the boys put up a great fight at Widnes, and were undeniably unlucky to sustain defeat by two penalty goals. On May 1st, we had the honour of being selected to play Hull at the Third Port for the Spring Bank Orphanage Cup, our opponents

winning by 13 points to 8. At the end of this season our present secretary, Mr. Sidney Foster, was selected for the honour of managing the representative N.U. team which toured Australia, and three of the Blue and Whites' players were included, viz: Milnes, Lloyd, and Stacey.

One of the most successful seasons for many years was encountered in 1920-21, when Clem Garforth held the captaincy.

#### **THE YORKSHIRE LEAGUE CUP**

was brought to Halifax, and the team reached the final of the N.U. Cup, when Leigh beat us (13-0). Previously we had overcome Batley, Bramley, Widnes, and Huddersfield. Owing to missed opportunities, we lost to Dewsbury (2-3) in the second round of the Yorkshire Challenge Cup. This season was inaugurated at Thrum Hall by the first tussle for

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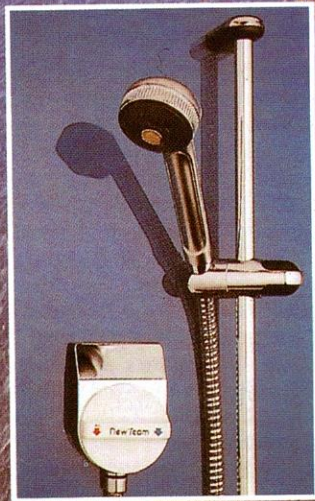
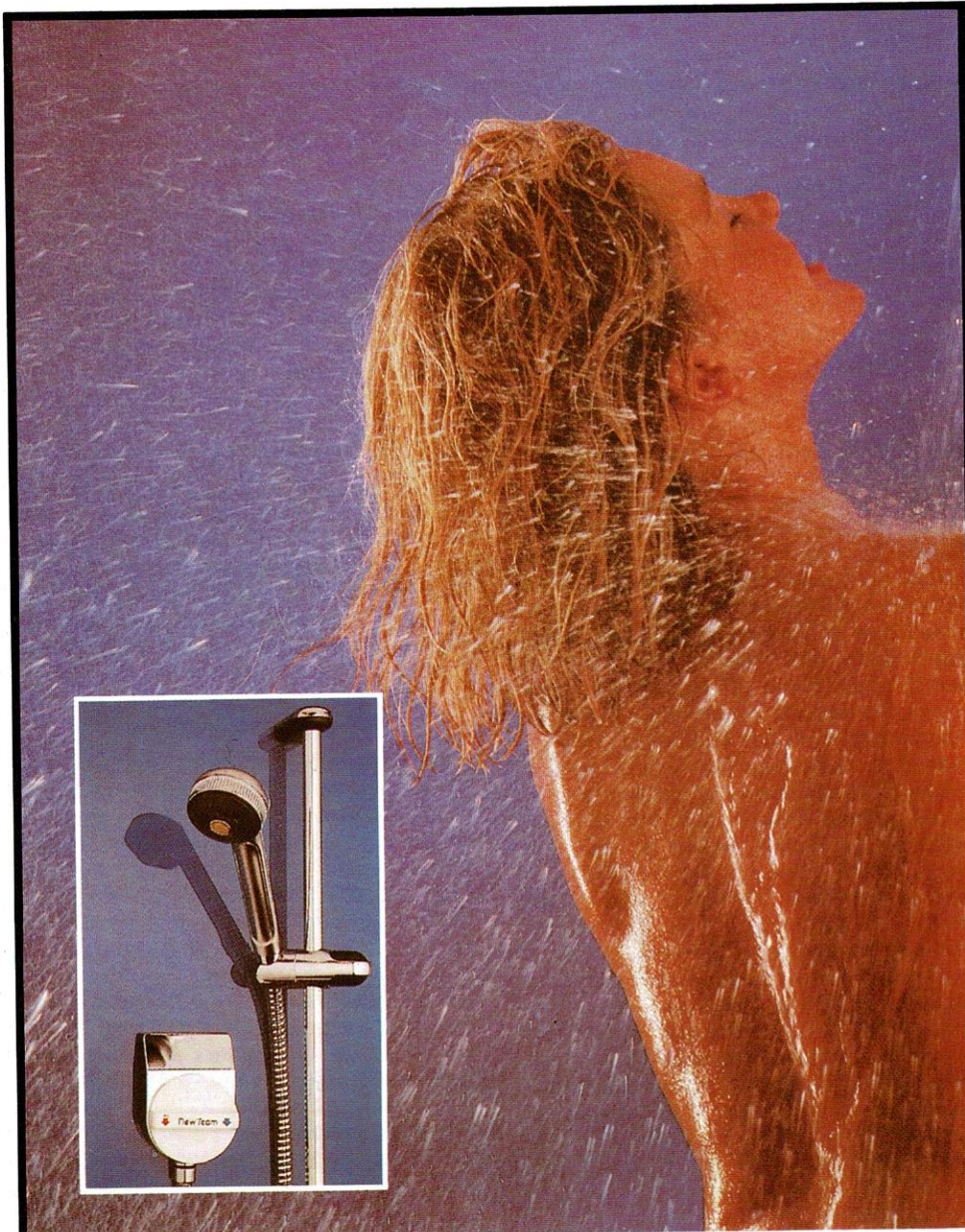
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### Stones Bitter Championship

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Castleford	9	8	1	0	237	113	17
Widnes	9	7	0	2	258	97	14
Leeds	10	7	0	3	211	144	14
St. Helens	10	6	1	3	199	214	13
Salford	10	6	0	4	212	232	12
Warrington	9	5	0	4	178	165	10
Bradford N.	9	4	0	5	224	183	8
Wigan	9	4	0	5	198	178	8
Featherstone	9	4	0	5	165	244	8
Wakefield	10	3	1	6	157	241	7
<b>Halifax</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>6</b>
Hull	9	3	0	6	110	165	6
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## RESULTS FIXTURES SCORERS

### STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS FROM SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER

Castleford 46, St. Helens 12  
Castleford G: Ketteridge (5), T: Anderson (3),  
Boothroyd (2), Huro (2), Sampson, Plange  
St. Helens G: Loughlin (2), T: O'Connor, Quirk  
Att:6,580

Hull 4, Featherstone 14  
Hull G: Eastwood (2)  
Featherstone G: Steadman, T: Smales, Steadman,  
Banks  
Att:4,984

Leeds 8, Warrington 22  
Leeds T: Lyons, Spencer  
Warrington G: Woods (3), T: Blake, Thornley,  
Drummond, Forster  
Att:8,167

Oldham 12, Halifax 14  
Oldham G: McAllister (2), T: Henderson, Round  
Halifax G: Whitfield (3), T: Hutchinson, Anderson  
Att:6,856

Salford 24, Wigan 16  
Salford G: Brown (4), T: Horn, Jones, Shaw, Gormley  
Wigan G: Iro, T: Shelford, Iro, Hanley  
Att:7,841

Wakefield 14, Bradford 23  
Wakefield G: Harcombe (3), T: Fletcher, Thornton  
Bradford G: Hobbs (3), Dp.gl: Harkin, T: Mercer  
(2), Stewart, Fairbank  
Att:3,500

Widnes 43, Hull K.R. 6  
Widnes G: Currier (5), Dp.gl: Hulme, T: Sorenson  
(2), Offiah (2), Myler (2), Tait, Grima  
Hull K.R. G: Fairbairn, T: Beall  
Att:5,532

### RESULTS FROM SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Salford 6, Leeds 24  
Salford G: Brown, T: Bragger  
Leeds G: Stephenson (2), T: Gibson (2),  
Ettingshausen, Brooke-Cowden, Schofield  
Att:6,025

### John Player Special Trophy 2nd Round

Castleford 18, Bradford N. 19  
Castleford G: Ketteridge (5), T: Gibbs, Boothroyd  
Bradford N. G: Hobbs (3), Dp.gl: Hobbs, T: Johnson,  
Pinner, Fairbank  
Att:8,019

Chorley B. 22, Hull K.R. 36  
Chorley B. G: M. Smith (5), T: C. Eccles, Smith,  
Abram  
Hull K.R. G: Fletcher (6), T: Close (3), Spackman,  
Des Harrison, Porter  
Att:2,500

Leigh 40, Doncaster 8  
Leigh G: C. Johnson (4), T: Street (2), Cottrell,  
Ledger (3), Ropati, C. Johnson  
Doncaster T: Carr, Chappell  
Att:4,320

St. Helens 16, Hull 13  
St. Helens G: Loughlin (4), T: Quirk, O'Connor  
Hull G: Eastwood (4), Dp.gl: Pearce, T: Welham  
Att:5,000

Sheffield E. 9, Widnes 32  
Sheffield E. G: Aston (2), Dp.gl: Aston, T: O'Keseene  
Widnes G: Currier (6), T: Thackrey, Offiah, Tait,  
Myler, Koloto  
Att:4,000

Wakefield T. 38, Rochdale H. 12  
Wakefield T. G: Harcombe (5), T: Fletcher, Wilson,  
Ella, M. Conway, Norton, Leuluai, Mason  
Rochdale H. G: Turner (2), T: J. Edwards, Sealey  
Att:2,486

Warrington 42, Bramley 10  
Warrington G: Woods (7), T: Thorniley (2),  
Gregory, Woods, Sanderson, Blake, Forster  
Bramley G: Durham, T: Lister, Bentley  
Att:3,850

### J.P.S. – 2nd Round SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER

Wigan 20, Halifax 16  
Wigan G: K. Iro (3), Lydon, T: Preston (2), Lydon  
Halifax G: Whitfield (3), Coyne, T: Anderson,  
Pendlebury  
Att:10,826



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## LAWS & RULES OF RUGBY LEAGUE

### SECTION 2 - GLOSSARY (cont)

#### PUNT

Is a kick whereby the ball is dropped from the hand or hands and is kicked before it touches the ground.

#### PUT IN (also known as Feeding the Scrum)

Is the rolling of the ball into the scrum.

#### SCRUM

Or Scrummage or Scrimmage (see Section 12). Where a team loses the advantages of the "Loose-Head" and "Put-In" the scrum is said to be awarded against that team.

#### STRIKE

As applied to the foot means to attempt to secure possession of the ball, usually by heeling it, in a scrum or at a play-the-ball.

#### TACKLE

See Section 11.

#### TOUCH DOWN

Is the grounding of the ball by a defending player in his own in goal.

#### TOUCH IN GOAL

See Section 9.

#### TRY

See Section 9.

#### TRY

See Section 6.

#### UPRIGHT TACKLE

Is where the player in possession is effectively tackled without being brought to the ground (see Section 11).

#### VOLUNTARY TACKLE

Is where the player in possession voluntarily stops play when not effectively tackled. (See Section 11).

### SECTION 3 - THE BALL

#### SHAPE AND CONSTRUCTION

1. The game shall be played with an oval air-inflated ball the outer casing of which shall be of leather or other material approved by the International Board and nothing shall be used in its construction which might prove dangerous to the players.

#### SIZE AND WEIGHT

2. The dimensions of the ball shall be:

	Desired Permissible		Permissible
	Dimensions	Min.	
Length	28cm	27cm	29cm
Longest circumference	74cm	73cm	75cm
Widest	59cm	58cm	61cm
Weight (clean & dry)	410g	380g	440g

#### Ball deflated

3. The Referee shall blow his whistle immediately he notices that the size and shape of the ball no longer comply with the Laws of the Game.

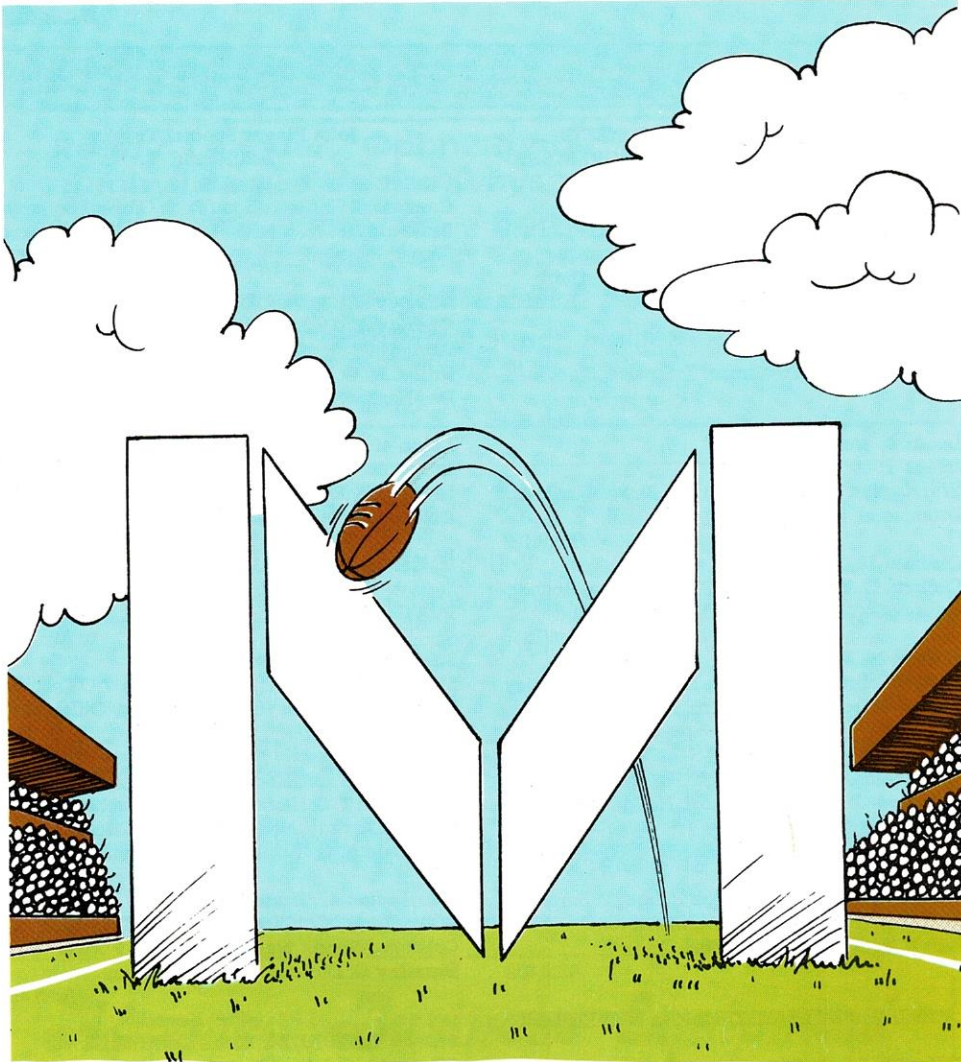
#### NOTES

##### Colour of the Ball

1. In Senior competitions the ball shall be light in colour so that it can be more easily seen by spectators. The Referee should report any club which fails to provide a suitable ball but should not cancel the game.

##### Ball bursts

3. If the ball bursts as a player is taking a place-kick at goal he should be allowed another kick. If a player grounds the ball for a try and then it is noticed that the ball has burst the try should be allowed. Otherwise, if the ball bursts, play is stopped, the ball is replaced and a scrum is formed to restart play at the point where the ball bursts. The team in possession or last in possession shall have the loose head and the put in.



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Mr. David Wood, 3 Crown Street, Brighouse: £1 for a brick.

Mr. Mike Kowalski, 23 Fenny Royd, Hipperholme, Halifax: £20 for four paving flags.

The Chairman's wall appeal is to solicit your help in replacing the wall which collapsed in the main drive last October leaving the club to find in excess of £70,000.

Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted: £1 for a brick; £3 for a concrete block and £5 for a paving Flag.

We will acknowledge all contributions through this column.

### QUOTES OF THE WEEK

Mick Taylor to the Physiotherapist (on the treatment couch)

"This ice is getting Warm"

Ross Strudwick to Grant Rix (on the telephone)

"Well it's not four o'clock in the morning here!"

Club Secretary to Commercial Manager.

"Who shall we play this weekend? We want to play Leeds at Home; Hull want to play us at the Boulevard; Leeds want to play Hull at Headingley; Oldham want to play Cas. at Oldham; if we can't play Leeds we'll ask Oldham to play us at home and Leeds can play Hull"

Commercial Manager, "Yes". (A man of instant decision)

As you can see life is always easy. Thank-you Oldham (what happened to Cas. in all that).

### HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY

We here have to state that the story about Bobby Grogan in the last Programme was not entirely true and was written from a script prepared by none other than Anthony Peter Anderson his earstwhile

adversary at both Tennis and Snooker. It now occurs to me that it might be a good idea if some local Club should not hold an invitation snooker championship night for charity and have the dynamic due fight out their rivalry in Public and to raise a bit of cash for some good cause. Come on you local clubs this must be a good do!

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We keep telling you about our hotline 0898 33 025 and the fact that all the club's information is contained thereon. Believe me if you do want match and team information - this is the place to ring 24 hours a day. If you have doubts about starting times and coaches and venues you will always get an answer. The computer can answer 60 calls at a time whereas if you ring the ground we can only answer one of you.

### BOUQUETS OF THE SEASON So Far

Must go to one of the Club's sponsors, Kimbledale Whirlpool Baths of Airedale Mills. Bingley (Tel Bradford 551055) who supplied the club with the Jaccusis which are so popular now with our players. It really isn't decadence either, Struddy and the Physio staff will all tell you of the extreme beneficial therapeutic effect this type of bathing has for bumps, bruises and strains. We here at Thrum Hall are very happy to endorse this local company and their excellent product. They can supply either the specially built article or equipment to convert your own bath. Believe me once you've tried it you will realise why the Yanks and the Japs rave about it. AND You will be amazed at the relative low cost involved, this is not a luxury for the rich and privileged only.

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