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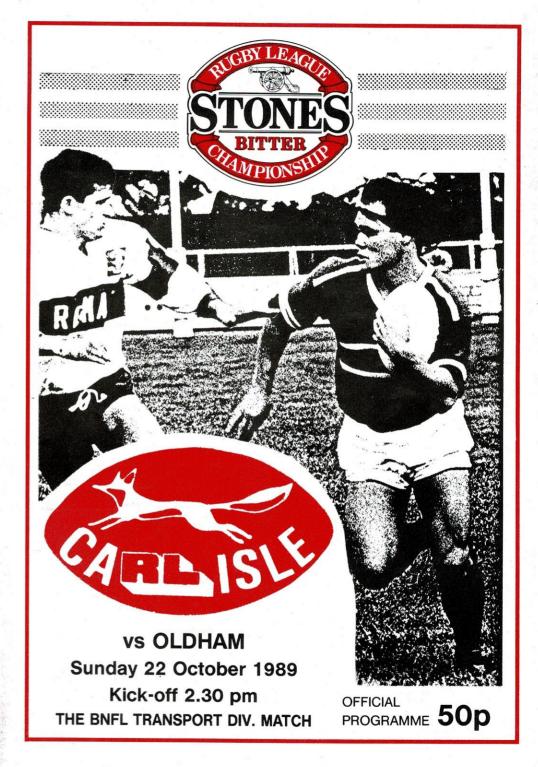
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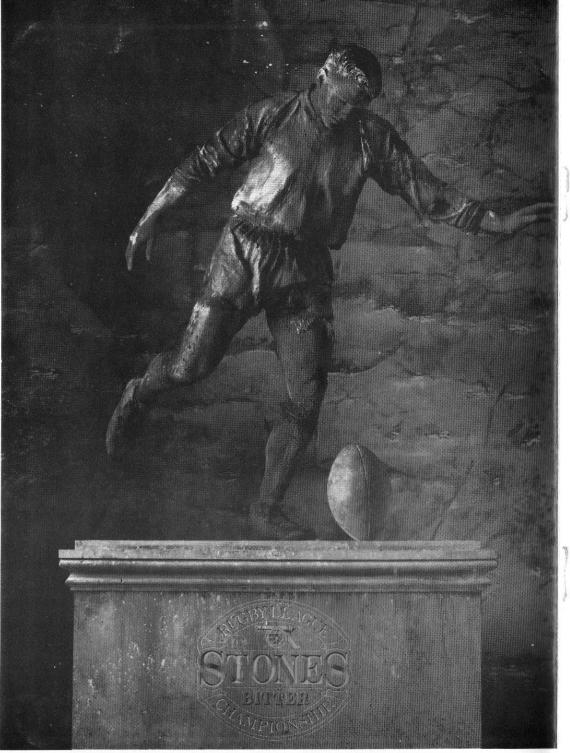
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Tommy's Talk-in



THE MOST frustrating aspect of our opening games has been that, of the four matches lost, other than our performance at Fulham, we should have won comfortably.

And yet, despite playing the more attractive football, and in general being the better side, we have found ourselves on the losing end.

This was particularly evident last week at Swinton; we produced some spectacular open rugby with some splendid handling and running in our approach play, but all our good work was let down in the final stages with the player in possession not having the necessary support or taking the wrong option.

Dave Kendall's strong running was a feature of the game and he was closely followed by our newcomer, New Zealander Brad Hepi.

But the inexperience of our backs was clearly evident when these breaks were not capitalised on.

This fault, plus the occasional defensive lapse, led to our defeat, and whilst this in itself was disappointing, there were many good things to enthuse about.

Our forwards are settling into playing as a unit, with Harry Pinner beginning to bring out their best, and given time our young backs, many of whom are in their first season, will develop alongside them.

The fact that we are playing good football and creating chances is very encouraging, but obviously we must convert these chances into scores and when we do we shall begin to show progess.

And once our more experienced players, Kevin Pape and Garry Schubert return from injury, we should begin to show progress.

That potential will be fully tested today against a very high-riding Oldham side.

Under coach Tony Barrow they have had a splendid start to their season, as most relegated sides do, but their success in their Lancashire Cup run, defeating three first division clubs including Wigan to reach the final, and then pushing Warrington to the limits in last weeks's game, clearly indicates the task before us today.

Oldham, like so many other relegated sides in the past, will no doubt bounce straight back to the first division, and whilst they are finding life a lot easier in the second division, they will be anxious for that quiick return.

Their visit gives our own players an opportunity to raise their game and a chance to add to the experience they so necessarily need.

A good performance from our lads would go a long way in giving them confidence in their ability, and a cornerstone to build on as we attempt to reverse our losing run.

Gillford Gossip

WITH THE end of summer awaiting only the confirmation of the extra hour of sleep we'll enjoy when the clocks are put back, indications are that Carlisle supporters could have a winter of discontent ahead.

Prevented from sharing bottom place in the league table only by virtue of their opening day win over Runcorn, Carlisle's bright hopes of August have withered quicker than the autumn leaves.

A genuine feeling that a place in the Premiership play-offs at the end of the season was well within reach has been replaced by a growing despondency among supporters.

Success in any kind of football is dependent on three essentials: possession, teamwork and discipline. Too often we have seen possession given away unnecessarily, with the ball being lost in tackles, or through wild passing.

Teamwork has at times been notably absent, with lack of support play evident.

All team members must be disciplined enough to stick to the game plan rather than doing their own thing. The three defeats by Workington were convincing evidence that results can be achieved by getting the basics right

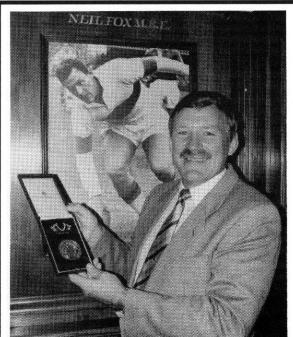
The other aspect of discipline is self-evident. If a player, through indiscipline, is sent off, he puts his own team at a big disadvantage. A case in point is last week's Alliance game against Swinton. Carlisle looked to have the game comfortably in their grasp when a totally needless foul meant that they had to play most of the second half with only twelve men. The end result was that two league points were gifted to a side lower in the table.

Today's visitors are surely only temporary members of the Second Division given their performance so far this

After putting out St Helens and Wigan to reach the Lancashire Cup Final, Oldham showed a lot of character in picking themselves up from an early 12-0 deficit to get within two points of Warrington by half-time.

It's thirty years since Oldham's last Lancashire Cup Final win, so last week's defeat will no doubt have left them in the mood to take out their disappointment on their next opponents.

We can expect John Cogger and his team to come out firing on all cylinders, and to give Carlisle a tough game.



World points record holder Neil Fox is now installed as the 10th member of the Whitbread Trophy Rugby League Hall of Fame at the Bentley Arms, Oulton, near Leeds.

Fox, pictured here with his commemorative medal, amassed 6220 points from 358 tries and 2575 goals in 828 club and representative matches being the most capped British Test centre.

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YOUNGEST TEST PLAYERS

PAUL Newlove of Featherstone Rovers will become GB's youngest ever Test player if he appears against NZ in the First British Coal Test at Old Trafford on Saturday.

Born on August 10 1971, the three-quarter will be 18 years 72 days on Saturday which would comfortably beat the present record held by Shaun Edwards of Wigan who was 18 years 135 days when he made his Test debut against France at Leeds on March 1 1985.

Roger Millward of Hull KR was 18 years 37 days when he was a non-playing substitute for GB's Second Test against NZ in 1965.

The youngest Test player from any country was Dennis Williams who was 18 years and a day when he played stand off for NZ against GB in the First Test at Salford on September 25 1971. He scored a try in the 18-13 win.

The youngest international player in a non-Test was Harold Wagstaff who was 17 years 228 days when he played for England against Australia on his home ground at Huddersfield on January 2 1909.

Paul Newlove made his first team debut for Featherstone Rovers on September 27 1988 in a John Smiths Yorkshire Cup second round match when they lost 18-0 at Hull. He was on the wing.

Newlove played in both GB Under 21 matches against France last season, totalling three goals and a try on the wing.

He made his Yorkshire debut on the wing this season when he scored two tries against Lancashire in the Rodstock War of the Roses.

Up to and including Sundays match at St Helens, Newlove has made 39 successive appearances for Featherstone Rovers starting with his debut. He has scored 25 tries and nine goals.

Chairman's Chat

IN the programme for the Workington Derby I noted that only a performance of full-blooded commitment would wash away the bitter taste of our debacle at Fulham. I must concede that we certainly got far better commitment against Workington but spoiled it be departing from the game plan. We squandered a 12-5 lead by the misguided pursuit of individuality.

At Swinton last Sunday we put together commitment with a far better disciplined approach to pattern rugby but made a few mistakes. This, together with a lack of finishing support cost us a result in what was otherwise a very dominant performance. Indeed, our first wave attack was superb with Brad Hepi and Dave Kendall, in particular, exploiting the many gaps created by Harry Pinner's inspired passes but then failing to find a receiver once the defence had been opened up. You may rest assured that Tommy Dawes, Keith Davies and Harry Pinner will have been concentrating on this aspect of play during training this week.

Turning to our opposition, we are pleased to welcome our friends from Oldham. Their achievement in reaching the Lancashire Cup Final is an inspiration to every second division club. One point that does strike me, however, is that their success is founded on a disciplined acceptance of the game plan an a regimented defence, rather than individual brilliance – surely a lesson for our own squad.

Finally, I would like to formally welcome our new physio Ronnie Walker. Ronnie is a chartered physiotherapist who is already making a big impression behind the scenes with his skills and experience in treating sports injuries – a fact that many of our players will testify to.

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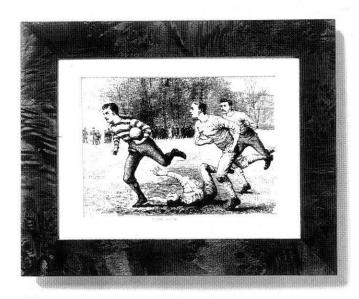
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Today's Visitors

WE welcome to Gillford Park the players, directors and supporters of Oldham, coached by Tony Barrow. Oldham are led on the field by ex-Runcorn loose forward, John Cogger.

JOHN FIELDHOUSE - Recent signing from St Helens. Great Britain International - Man of the Series against the Kiwis. Has settled in and playing the sort of Rugby that made him an international.

RICHARD IRVING - Signed for Oldham in August 1987 from Moldgreen ARLFC and impressed coach Eric Fitzsimmons with his strong running wing displays, scoring tries against Keighley and Rochdale. Scorer of just two tries - against Wigan and Wakefield last season.

DUNCAN PLATT – Goalkicking full back, signed in November 1988 from Widnes. Brother of Wigan and GB forward Andy, he was in Widnes' Premiership winning team in 1988 and contributed 80 points from 16 appearances in their championship win. Excelled for Oldham and scored 41 goals and 98 points in his debut season. Kicked 2 goals on his debut here at Thrum Hall in the 12-0 win last December.

MIKE FORD – BARLA Young Lions tourist to NZ in 1983, signed for Wigan from the Oldham, St Annes ARLFC in August of that year. Won Challenge Cup (1985), Lancashire Cup (1985 & 1986) and John Player (1986 & 1987) honours, before joining Leigh. Gained four Under 21 international caps between 1985 and 1987 and also had a spell with Sydney club Eastern Suburbs. Toured Down Under with the Lions last summer, scoring 5 tries in 7 appearances. Signed for hometown Oldham in January 1988, after an unhappy spell at Hilton Park, and was outstanding as Oldham defeated Featherstone in an epic Second Division Premiership Final. Totalled 9 tries and 3 drop goals in 19 appearances as Oldham swept to the Second Division Championship in 1987-88. Three tries last season.

STEVE ROBINSON - Signed from Saddleworth Rangers 2 seasons ago. Has progressed to be a very fine winger.

ANDY RUANE – Former Widnes and Rochdale hooker, signed for Oldham by Eric Fitzsimmons, his former coach of the Hornets. A great worker in the loose, with goalkicking skills, he scored 12 tries, 15 goals and 2 drop goals for Hornets in 1987-88. Made his presence felt at Watersheddings, claiming the No 9 jersey and kicking his first goals against Workington Town in the Lancashire Cup tie. One of the most impressive performers in the relegation year, scoring 4 tries and 15 goals.

PAUL ROUND – Signed for £65,000 from St Helens in August 1987, instantly repaying Oldham with 16 tries in 26 appearances and gaining inclusion in the Lancashire teams which opposed Yorkshire (scoring a try) and Papua New Guinea in 1987. Originally a back row forward who has played on the wing and at full back. Nine tries last season including ones in home and away meetings with Halifax.

LEO CASEY - Recruited from St Annes ARLFC in April 1985. This hard grafting prop forward scored 3 tries in 8 appearances for the club in 1987-88. 7 tries last season.

JOHN COGGER – An outstanding signing from Runcorn Highfield last season. This inspirational Aussie had picked up the Second Division Player of the Year award in 1987, and starred in Oldham's end-of-season matches, scoring a try hat-trick against Featherstone and totalling 6 tries for the club, to go alongside seven scored for the league's wooden-spoonist. Can play loose forward or stand off.

SHAUN ALLEN - Appeared for St Helens in 1985 and 1988 Premiership Finals and also in their 1984 Lancashire Cup winning side, gaining an Under 21 international debut for GB against France in 1984. Played centre and the back row for the Knowsley Road club, joining Oldham, initially on loan, last season, scoring a try against Widnes.

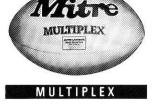
PAUL LORD - Signed from Stanley Rangers ARL as a stand off but recently playing on the wing. Represented Yorkshire at Under 17's level and GB - has great pace.

KEITH NEWTON – Strong back row forward signed from champions Widnes last season, opening his try account for Oldham with two in th 40-9 Cup win at Dewsbury in the first round. Added another two in a big defeat of Featherstone at Watersheddings.

GARY HYDE – Another of Tony Barrow's recruits, joining Oldham from Castleford, after winning GB Under 24 international honours as a centre in the early 80's. Has played centre and loose forward for Oldham, scoring the first of four tries in a 23-22 defeat of Salford. Played in 7 major Finals for Castleford, including their 1986 Wembley defeat of Hull KR.

BRETT CLARK - St George half back who has recently signed a 1 year contract for Oldham. Will need no introduction to Saints fans. Brett played at Knowsley Road in the 1986-87 Season. One of the most popular of Saints recent overseas signings.

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