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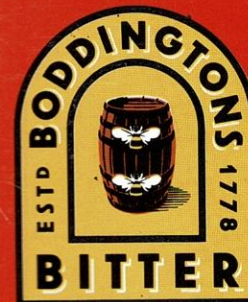
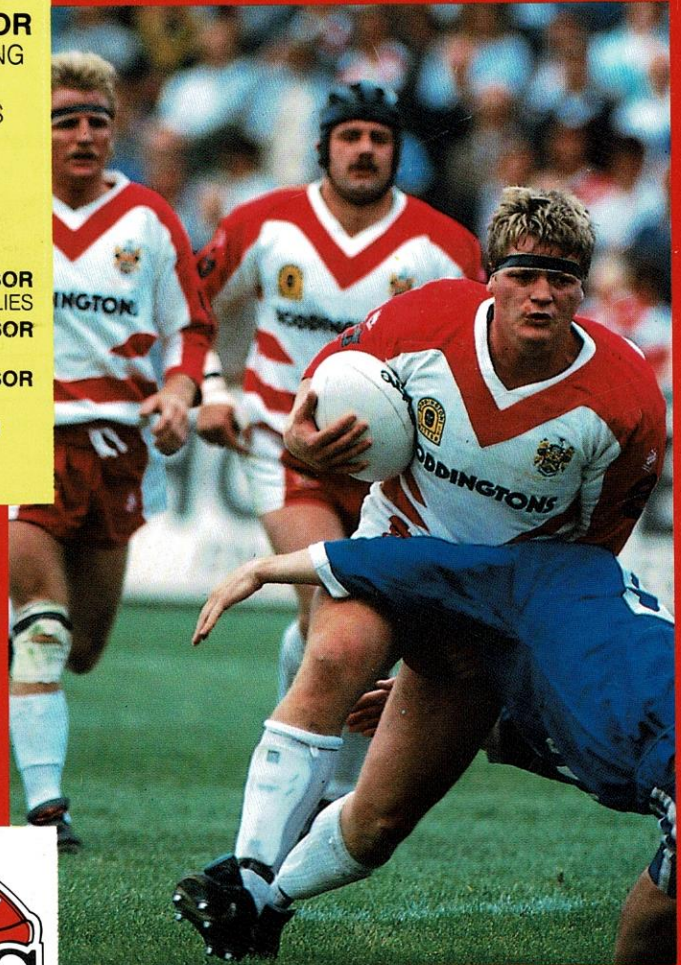
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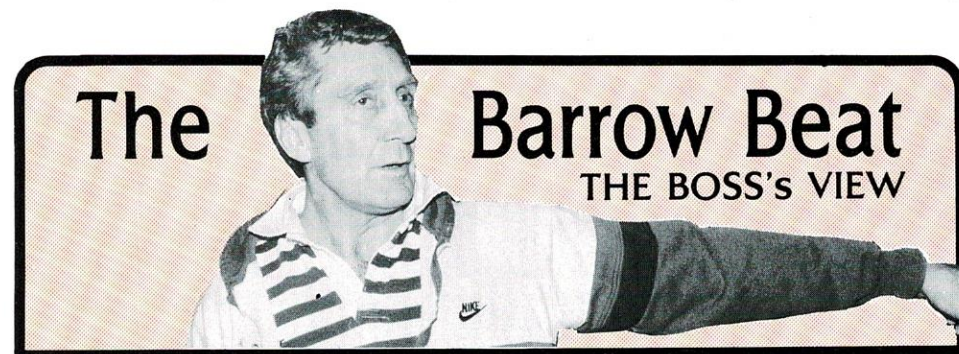
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Lancashire Shield Winners:
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WE'RE PUTTING OUR SHIRTS ON OLDHAM



THE fans who turned up the other night to see the 'A' team match between Oldham and Widnes saw why we have signed Ken Kelly to do a specific job with the young reserve team.

There is a big need for someone to be out there with the kids on the field — someone with the experience and know-how to skipper the ship, as it were, and remain cool, calm and collected when it runs into rough seas.

When it came to looking around at who was available to do such a job for us I had no hesitation in going for Kelly, who did a similar job at Warrington before moving on to Runcorn.

I know Ken inside out and he knows me . . . after all we spent 11 years together at Wilderspool, so I reckon we both know what makes each other tick.

He has been an excellent player in his time and he still has the sort of 'old head' that I am sure will prove invaluable in guiding the teenagers to better times on the field of play.

It will be Kelly's job to put into practice on the field what the 'A' team coach, Ian Taylor, is plotting on the training pitch and I'm sure they will ride together in tandem successfully for the benefit of the 'A' team and also for the benefit of the individual youngsters who make up the side.

I was very pleased with Tommy Martyn's senior debut against Batley. It was certainly nothing to do with his

performance that he was back in the 'A' team for the next match. That was policy. It would have happened if he had scored six tries and a dozen goals and the boy knew that before anyone else did.

You see, my plan is to introduce one or two of the teenagers at strategic points of the season when I think the time and the circumstances are right. Just to give them a taste of senior rugby and let them experience what it is all about. Later on in life, when they get the chance of a more extended run, it will not be totally new to them and they should benefit from having had a gentle introduction.

Talking of introductions it should not be too far away before we 'blood' our on-loan signing from Widnes, Phil Rutter.

Phil comes to us with a reputation for being very fast indeed and it will be interesting to see how he performs once he has had a couple of weeks to get himself fully tuned up.

It was good, too, to see John Henderson and Des Foy back in harness the other night and their return makes up, to some extent, for the loss of Paul Round, Duncan Platt, Keith Newton and Colin Hawkyard, although there is a lot of competition now and it won't be easy for anyone to break into the side.

Poor Colin! He has had some desperate luck hasn't he? The least we can all do is to rally round in his benefit year.

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Welcome to Keighley

KEIGHLEY come to Watersheddings today reeling from an horrific injury list that has robbed them of the services of almost a full pack. Veteran Brendan White returned to action against Batley last Sunday for the first time in five weeks to slightly ease a crisis that had robbed coach Les Coulter of no fewer than 17 players.

Expected to be still sidelined today are forwards such as Mark Ragan, the Oldham school teacher, Mark Fairbank, our former player and brother of John, Gary Moorby, the ex-St. Helens and Leeds player, and Kevin Rose, not to mention stand-off Carl Hirst.

Injuries like this, following the transfer of several backs to First Division football over the the past 18 months, has produced a transitional period at Lawkholme Lane.

Centre Ian Bragger moved to Salford for a substantial fee, winger Colin Atkinson went to Halifax, and more recently another centre, Terry Manning, has been sold to Featherstone Rovers.

The result is that, in the main, Keighley are fielding a very young side which is in need of some direction on the field of play.

Geoff Butterfield has given sterling service over the years at full back and there are two brothers in the threequarter-line in Paul and Joe Bardgett.

Some Oldham fans will recall that Joe had a spell with us several years ago at the same time that Kevin Meadows was on trial with us from St. Helens. Joe played in the same Oldham team as Meadows on the day Kevin scored four tries in an excellent Oldham win at Salford.

Brendan White, the veteran, continues to soldier on in the front-row and a new name has appeared at loose-forward in the shape of youngster Gary Coulter — the boss's son.

Colin Dixon, the former Salford and Halifax star, who has teamed up with Coulter in recent years, has now "moved upstairs" to become football director.



L to R, Back: Les Coulter (coach), Nick Summersgill (physio), Mark Cudmore, Andy Fairbank, Gary Coulter, Rob Proctor, Darren St. Hilaire, John Collis, Julian Thompson, Godon Henson (baggage); Front: Sean Wilson, Owen Simpson, Paul Bardgett, Joe Bardgett, Mark Fairbank, Paul Moses, Keith Dixon, Paul Okesene.

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1987/88

Oldham 34, Keighley 24



Catch us if you can — Oldham's Aussie skipper Mal Graham breaks through the Keighley defence in the match that won the club the Second Division Championship in front of 3,701 delirious fans. Tries by Des Foy (2), Paul Lord (2) and Leo Casey and Bob Marsden helped the club to a 34-24 victory and the first of two trophies.

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Spotlight on . . . JOHN FIELDHOUSE

AS ONE of two ever presents in the Oldham team John Fieldhouse has been one of the major forces behind the club's fabulous Lancashire Cup run and rapid ascent up the Second Division.

Now the 27-year-old red-headed fiery forward, who signed for Oldham before the start of the season for £45,000, has received suitable recognition for his outstanding performances by winning the October Evening Chronicle OB Man of the Month award.



October Man of the Month John Fieldhouse receives an inscribed medal, a £100 cheque and 24 cans of Boddies from Boddington representative Matthew Smith.

This most recent accolade is the latest in a memorable career with some of the game's top clubs — five years with Warrington, two and half years with Widnes and St. Helens and three months with Oldham — with the icing on the cake being nine GB international caps.

When he was first picked for the GB squad several of the game's commentators doubted the wisdom of Maurice Bamford's selection but John repaid the GB coach's faith with interest by picking up the Man of the Series award in the drawn Test series against New Zealand in 1985.

Further caps were in the offing but a disappointing two and half years at St. Helens, where he had to put up with nasty injuries to his wrist and knee, left John in the international wilderness.

Despite the setback at St. Helens, John is determined to get back in a GB international jersey. That's why he's joined Oldham, even though the club was relegated last season.

"I joined Oldham to achieve three things. First to help Oldham achieve First Division status. Second, to win a major cup for the spectators who in the three months I've been here have given me brilliant support and, third, on a personal level to win back my international jersey."

"Oldham, under Tony Barrow's influence, are a good side with good players. Originally, I was undecided about dropping down into the Second Division because it might have affected my chances of playing internationally."

"In the Second Division you have to play twice as well as the rest to get in the squad. But I am confident of my ability to play the game at the highest levels. I've proved it before and I'll prove it again with Oldham."

John, who is married to wife Maureen with two children, Kelly, 3, and Ryan, 18 months, has set his sights high this season. Promotion, a place in the GB-New Zealand tour party this summer and a trip to those famous twin towers.

"Another trip to Wembley would be nice. I've been twice with St. Helens but Oldham have yet to get there. However, it must be our turn soon!" says the all-action forward who has won the hearts of Oldham fans with his never-say-die attitude.

Certainly if John maintains his early season form he could find himself back in the First Division and knocking on the GB squad's door.



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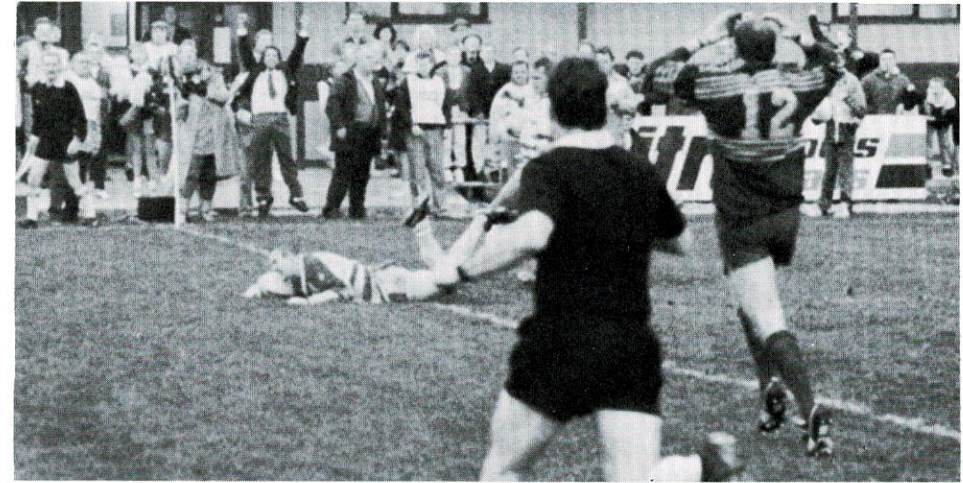
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Man-of-the-match John Fairbank proves to be a handful for the Batley defence as he helps Oldham to a 22-4 victory against one of the Second Division's early pacemakers.

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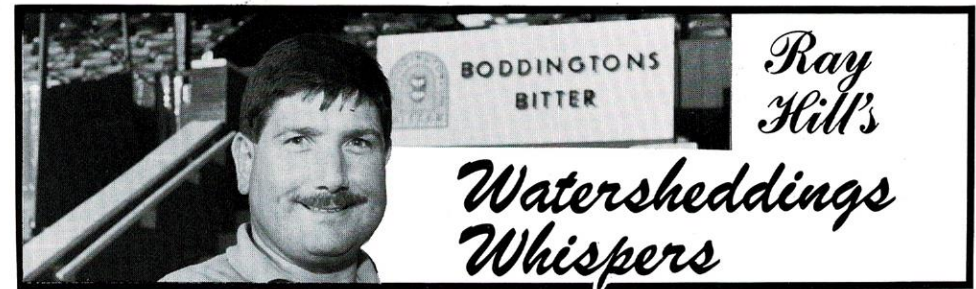
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The competition is open to any young ladies who want to enter. All you need to do is send a photograph and a brief description of yourself (age, job and hobbies) to Oldham Rugby Beauty Queen Competition, Oldham RLFC, The Pavilion, Watersheddings, Oldham no later than Friday 24th November.

Prizes include a magnificent trophy, a modelling course at a top Manchester model agency — Pamela Holt, courtesy of Boddingtons, our official club sponsors and, of course, the prestige of then being called Miss Oldham Rugby. The winner will also be making a wide range of personal appearances on behalf of the club so the competition is well worth entering.

So come on let's have as many entries as possible. The more the merrier will make for a great night out, especially as there is live music on the night too!

Another great night's entertainment is lined up after Christmas on 21 January at the Sheddings when we host a Players Party Night after the Hunslet match to celebrate the new year. Tickets only cost £10 and are available from the Ticket Office or from the Social Club.

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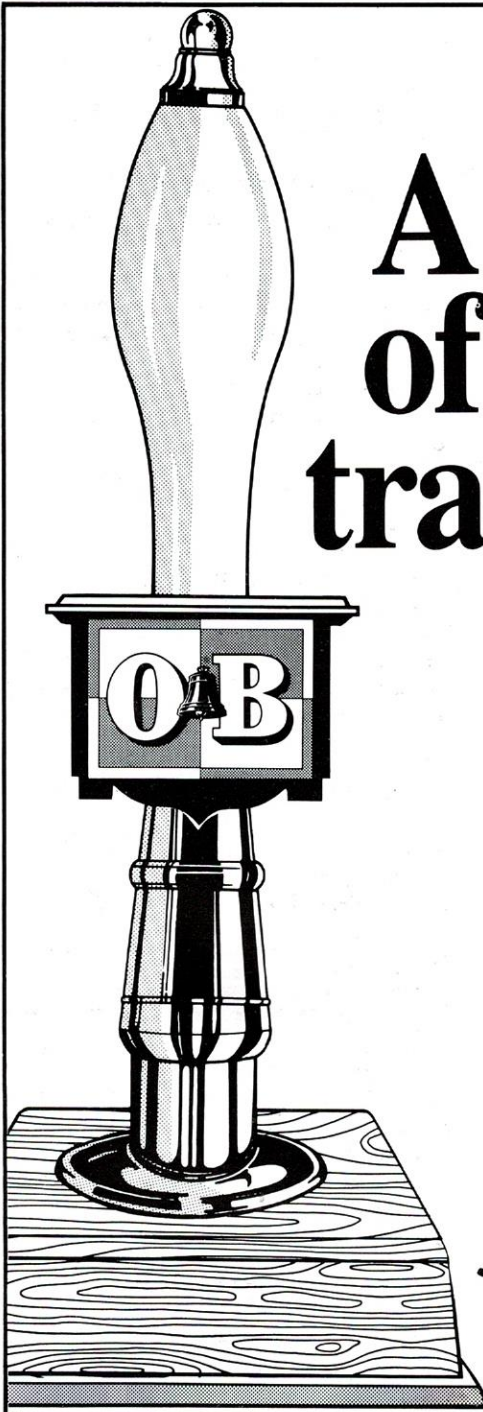
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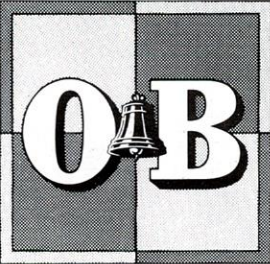
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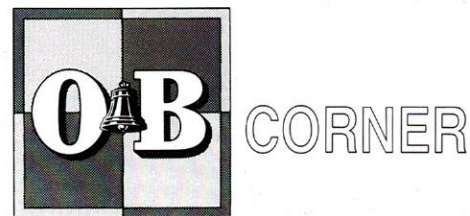


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CONGRATULATIONS JOHN

Ever present Oldham forward John Fieldhouse is October's Evening Chronicle OB Man of the Month following outstanding performances against Hull KR, Wigan, Runcorn, Warrington, Halifax, Carlisle and Batley.

John, who is featured in this programme's Spotlight feature (page 9) won an inscribed medal, a £100 cheque and a case — that's 24 cans — of Boddingtons bitter to celebrate in his award in true style.

WHO'S THE OLDHAM CATWALK QUEEN?

Oldham Rugby's first beauty contest, to be held at the Sheddings on 27 November, promises to be a fabulous night out for competitors and spectators alike.

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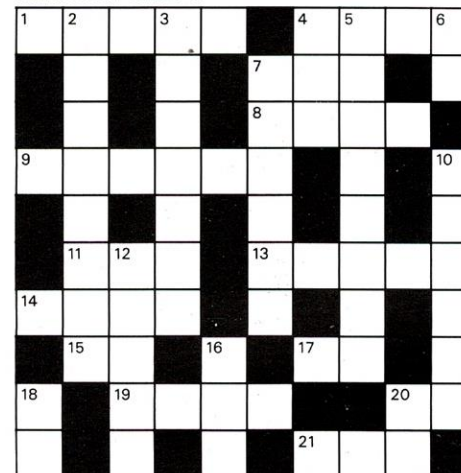
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CROSSWORD 5



ACROSS

- Bradford Northern forward (5)
- Phil _____, former Oldham wing or centre (4)
- Head _____, as used in Aussie RL (3)
- Currier or Gregory (4)
- NSW captain in state of origin series "down under" 1989 (6)
- Relationship of current Oldham prop Niel to ex-Oldham prop Terry (3)
- _____ Fillpaina, former Kiwi five-eighth star (5)
- Castleford full-back at Wembley in 1986 (4)
- Initials of bald Whitehaven player (1,1)
- Initials of Oldhams tribunal capture from Noughton Park last season (1,1)
- Welsh winger — performed admirably at centre and full-back on the 1988 Lions tour down under (4)
- Initials of legendary Aussie full-back — Lance Todd Trophy recipient in 1987 (1,1)
- Main colour of Salford RLFC (3)

DOWN:

- Leading try scorer in the RL, 1971-72 (8)
- Castleford prop, in red, white and blue (7)
- What every supporter likes to see his team do (3)
- Young Cas utility back — excelled at stand-off in 1988-89 (8)
- Initials of Wigan winger before the great Central Park team of the 80's took shape (1,1)
- Lancashire Cup winners 1954-55 (6)
- The great Alan Davies' playing position (6)
- Initials of the greatest club of all! (1,1,1,1,1)
- Former Castleford prop (3)
- The greatest game of all! (1,1)
- Initials of Aussie prop, played for Wigan in mid-80's (1,1)

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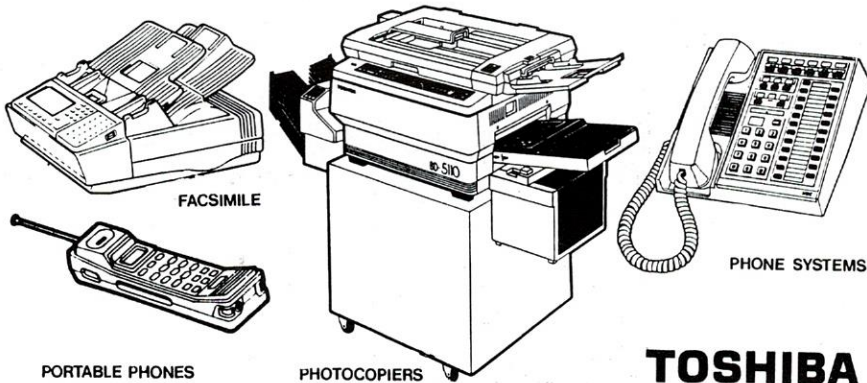
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Fixtures and Statistics

Date	Opponents	V	KO	P	Res	F-A	Tries	Goals	Att
Sep 3	Workington T	H	3.00		W	40-8	Henderson (2), Cogger (2), McAlister, Lord, Ruane, Russell	Platt (4)	3,743
10	Hallifax	A	3.00	11	L	12-22	Platt, Cogger	Platt (2)	8,612
16	Barrow (Lancs Cup)	A	2.30		W	46-2	Lord (2), Ford, Casey, Platt (2), Allen, Hyde, Cogger	Platt (5)	2,300
27	St. Helens (Lancs Cup)	A	7.30		W	36-6	Robinson, Ford, Platt, Cogger, Allen, Newton	Platt (6)	7,834
Oct 1	Hull KR	H	3.00	12	W	12-4	Lord	Platt (4)	5,797
5	Wigan (Lancs Cup)	H	7.30		W	19-18	Fieldhouse, Newton, Ford	Platt, Hyde (2), Ford (dg)	8,603
8	Runcom H	A	3.00	9	W	34-6	Russell, Clarke (2), Meadows (2), Clawson, Irving	Hyde (2)	2,500
14	Warrington (Lancs Cup final)	--	3.00		L	16-24	Irving, Robinson, Lord	Platt (1), Hyde (1)	9,895
18	Hallifax	H	7.30		W	14-3	Lord, Fairbank	Hyde (3)	6,953
22	Carlisle	A	3.00	5	W	10-32	Fieldhouse (2), Hyde, Fairbank, Cogger, Meadows	Hyde (2), McAlister (2)	1,200
29	Batley	H	3.00	3	W	22-4	Ruane, Martyn, Meadows, Irving	Martyn (3)	4,120
Nov 5	Doncaster	A	3.00	2	W	22-20	Casey, Lord, Hyde, Fairbank	Hyde (3)	3,813
12	Keighley	H	3.00						
19	Fulham	A	2.30						
26	Doncaster	H	3.00						
Dec 3	Regal Trophy (1)								
10	Regal Trophy (2)								
17	Workington T	A	2.30						
26	Rochdale H	A	3.00						
Jan 1	Swinton	H	3.00						
7	Hunslet	H	3.00						
14	Hull KR	A	3.00						
21	Chorley	A	3.00						
28	Silk Cut Challenge Cup								
Feb 4	Fulham	H	3.00						
11	Challenge Cup 2nd Rnd								
18	Chorley	H	3.00						
25	Keighley	A	3.15						
Mar 4	Huddersfield	H	3.00						
11	Bailey	A	2.30						
18	Runcom	H	3.00						
25	Huddersfield	A	3.00						
Apr 1	Hunslet	A	3.30						
8	Carlisle	H	3.00						
13	Swinton	A	3.00						
16	Rochdale	H	3.00						

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	P	Sub	G	D	T	Pts
Shaun Allen.....	12	0	0	0	2	8
Ian Bates.....	1	0	0	0	0	0
Leo Casey.....	10	0	0	0	2	8
Brett Clark.....	6	1	0	0	2	8
Neil Clawson.....	1	1	0	0	1	4
John Cogger.....	11	0	0	0	6	24
Trevor Croston.....	1	1	0	0	0	0
John Fairbank.....	4	6	0	0	3	12
John Fieldhouse.....	12	0	0	0	3	12
Neil Flanagan.....	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mick Ford.....	11	0	0	1	3	13
John Henderson.....	2	0	0	0	2	8
Gary Hyde.....	11	0	14	0	3	40
Richard Irving.....	10	0	0	0	3	12
Paul Lord.....	11	0	0	0	7	28
Charlie McAlister.....	3	3	2	0	1	8
Tommy Martyn.....	1	0	3	0	1	10
Keith Meadows.....	2	3	0	0	3	12
Keith Newton.....	9	0	0	0	2	8
Duncan Platt.....	7	0	22	0	4	60
Steve Robinson.....	9	3	0	0	2	8
Paul Round.....	1	0	0	0	0	0
Andy Ruane.....	11	0	0	0	2	8
Richard Russell.....	9	3	0	0	2	8

Division Two League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rochdale.....	9	4	0	0	216	56	4	0	1	162	97	16
OLDHAM	8	4	0	0	88	19	3	0	1	100	58	14
Swinton.....	10	3	0	1	112	46	4	0	2	120	101	14
Batley.....	10	3	0	2	79	65	4	0	1	87	52	14
Rydale York.....	9	2	0	1	42	16	4	1	1	134	56	13
Hull KR.....	7	4	0	0	184	28	2	0	1	74	34	12
Halifax.....	8	4	0	1	109	65	2	0	1	121	44	12
Huddersfield.....	8	3	0	2	89	69	3	0	0	86	28	12
Dewsbury.....	9	4	0	1	127	61	2	0	2	74	100	12
Fulham.....	9	4	0	1	104	39	2	0	2	42	73	12
Doncaster.....	9	3	1	2	144	74	2	0	1	58	28	11
Trafford.....	8	2	0	2	89	94	2	0	2	86	94	8
Hunslet.....	11	2	0	3	95	109	2	0	4	84	84	8
Keighley.....	10	2	0	4	128	171	1	0	3	56	82	6
Chorley.....	8	3	0	2	71	70	0	0	3	30	126	6
Workington.....	9	1	0	3	52	119	2	0	3	61	146	6
Bramley.....	9	1	0	3	75	114	1	0	4	63	110	4
Whitehaven.....	11	2	0	3	82	109	0	0	6	60	150	4
Carlisle.....	8	1	0	2	76	60	0	0	5	66	152	2
Nottingham.....	9	0	0	4	66	174	1	0	4	56	161	2
Runcorn.....	9	0	0	4	20	102	0	0	5	40	272	0

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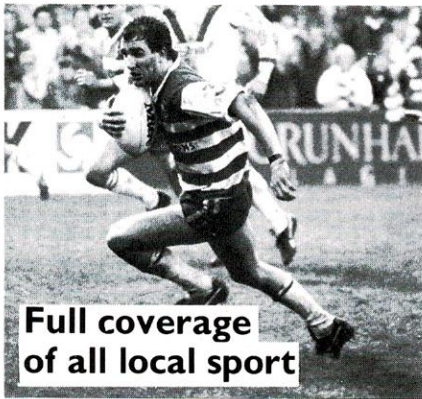


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'A' Team Round-Up

Slalom Lager Alliance (at 7.11.89)

First Division	P	W	D	L	For Pts	Against Pts
Wigan	7	5	0	2	225	88
Castleford	6	5	0	1	187	98
Halifax	7	5	0	2	161	107
Hull	7	5	0	2	146	99
St. Helens	7	5	0	2	148	103
Warrington	7	4	0	3	178	160
Hull KR	7	4	0	3	123	136
Leeds	5	3	0	2	74	75
Carlisle	6	3	0	3	167	169
Widnes	7	3	0	4	112	178
Salford	6	2	0	4	124	130
Featherstone R.	6	2	0	4	127	166
Hunslet	7	2	0	5	91	137
OLDHAM	7	1	0	6	82	138
Swinton	8	1	0	7	97	258

'A' Team Player Profile... TOMMY MARTYN

'A' Team stand-off Tommy Martyn, 18, who joined Oldham from Leigh Miners Welfare, made his First Team debut against Batley, scoring a try and kicking three goals. Tommy was a key figure on the recent Great Britain BARLA U19 tour of Australia.



'A' Team Fixtures and Statistics

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res	For	Against
Sep 1	St. Helens	A	L	2-15	
8	Halifax	H	W	24-16	
15	Castleford	H	L	16-27	
29	Hull KR	A	L	14-20	
6	Salford A (LCCS)	A	L	0-6	
12	Halifax	A	L	10-22	
27	Hull	A	L	6-20	
3	Widnes	H	H		
10	Wigan	H	H		
17	Hull	H	H		
24	Leeds	A	A		
1	Warrington	H	H		
8	St. Helens	H	H		
16	Carlisle	H	H		
22	Featherstone	H	H		
29	Swinton	A	A		
5	Hunslet	A	A		
12	Hull KR	H	H		
19	Warrington	A	A		
3	SACC 1st Round				
9	Castleford	A	A		
17	SACC 2nd Round				
23	Wigan	H	H		
2	Featherstone	A	A		
16	Leeds	H	H		
23	Salford A	A	A		
30	Hunslet	H	H		
7	Carlisle	A	A		
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Terrace Talk

A HUGE sigh of relief must have echoed around Watersheadings after coming away from Tattersfield with the points, following the last gasp try from John Fairbank. In fairness though, the days when Doncaster used to be the butt of many rugby league jokes seem to have disappeared. Not many teams relish the prospect of a trip to 'Donny', a ground where it is not always easy to achieve victory — as Oldham supporters will well remember from only two seasons ago. All in all then a good performance which will send us into the festive season full of confidence.

An enthralling prospect is looming on Boxing Day, when we make the short journey to take on Rochdale Hornets at their new headquarters over at Spotland. Indeed Hornets themselves recorded their own unique victory by producing a club record score of 92-0 against lowly Runcorn. A team who are obviously in deep trouble and appear to be struggling both on and off the field. Their current displays make sad reading. It is now over a year since their last win, and a points total of 1,300 against while scoring a meagre 181 does little to inspire confidence. Whilst having some sympathy for the club, I feel that the introduction of three divisions cannot be too far away — more about that in later issues.

On matters closer to home, the signing of veteran Ken Kelly to take over a 'father figure' role in the 'A' team, may well turn out to be one of coach Tony Barrow's shrewdest signings. Whilst our current crop of youngsters lack nothing in enthusiasm, effort and dedication, it has been obvious for a while now that some form of leadership qualities must be introduced to 'steady the ship'. Tony himself declares, "Kelly will be the old head amongst the youngsters, I want someone to point them in the right direction," and he adds, "it's no use having a lot of outstanding talent, and asking them to fend for themselves."

Finally just a word about Colin Hawkyard whose morale must be pretty low at present. Colin has been a magnificent servant to Rugby in general

and Oldham in particular. A definite unsung hero, who has many qualities that some of our so called superstars could well do to emulate — honesty, endeavour, craft, determination and 100% effort, whether it be first or 'A' team rugby. He now unhappily faces a difficult decision in his benefit year as to continue or not, but whenever the final verdict comes, I for one wish him all the best.

Enjoy your sport
JACK DEARDEN

AWAY MATCHES

New arrangements have now been made for booking coaches for away matches.

In future bookings must be made in person and paid in full on the Thursday prior to the game at the Sheddings lounge between 8.00 and 9.30p.m. or at the tuck shop on the ground at 'A' team and first team matches.

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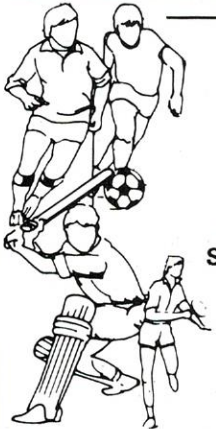
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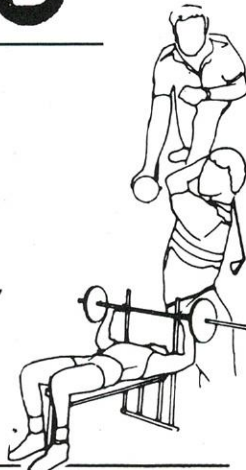
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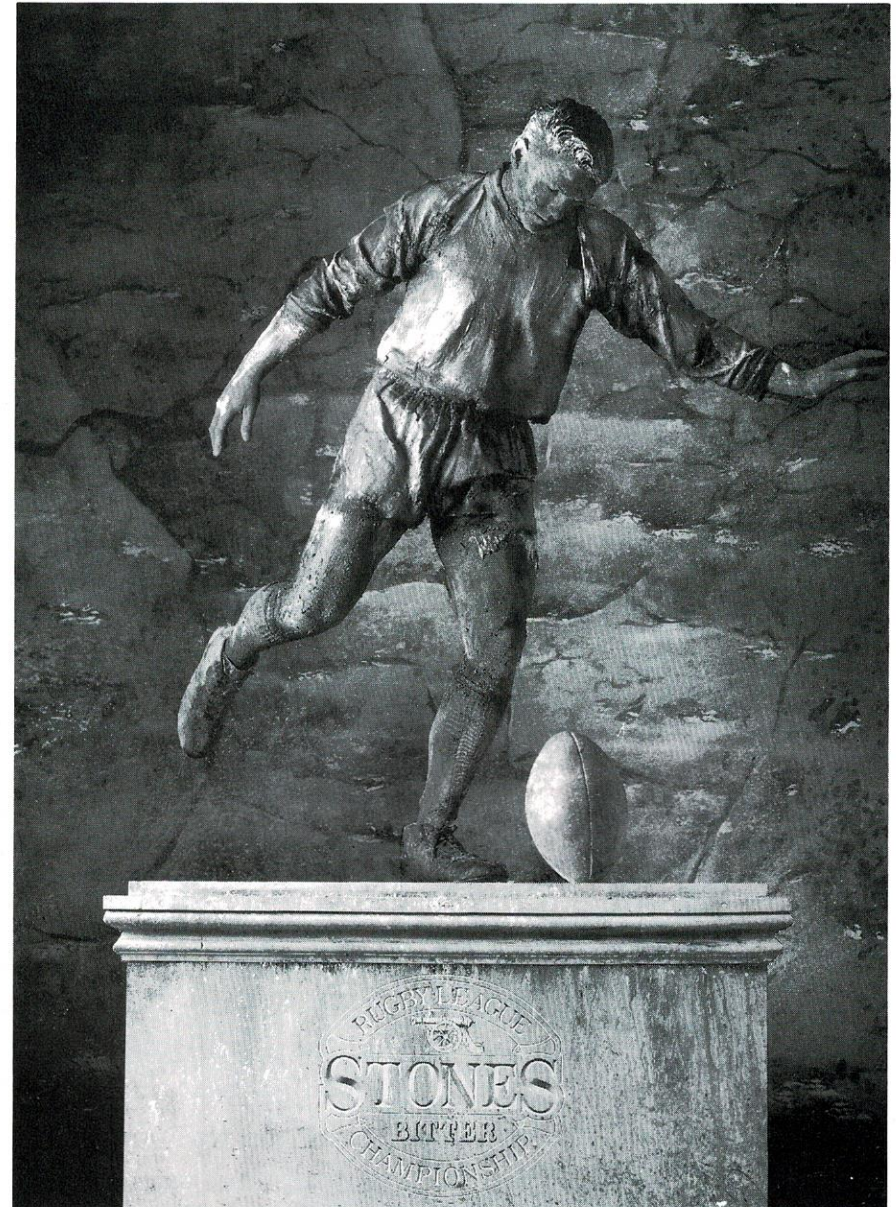


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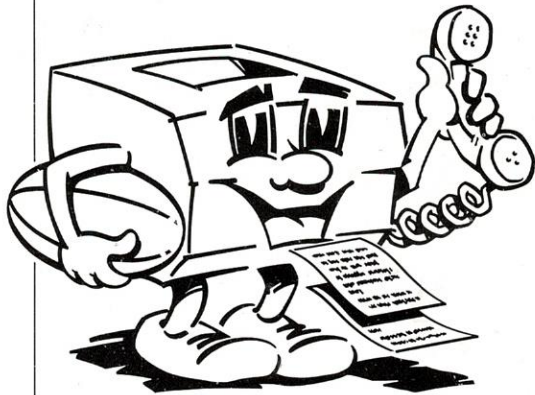
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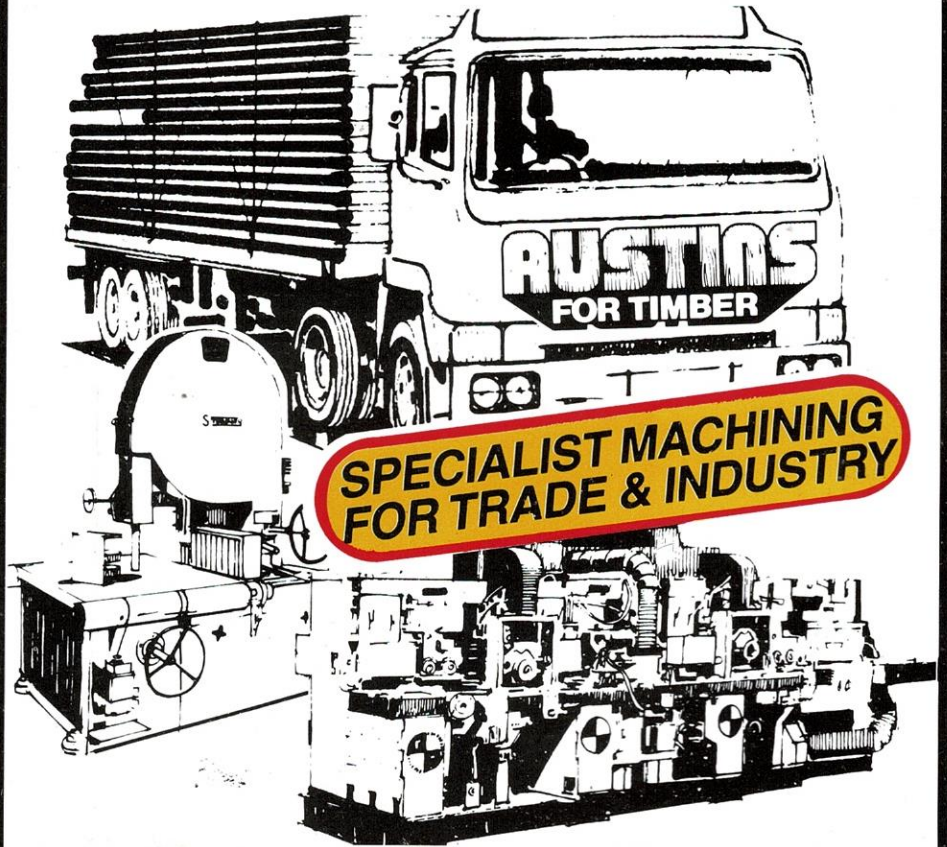
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