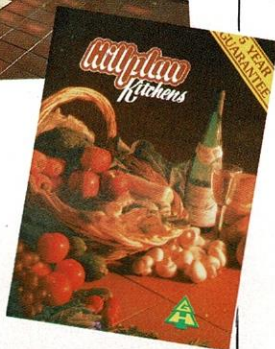


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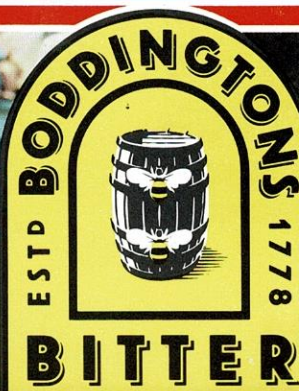
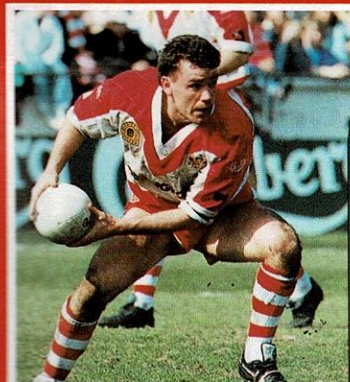


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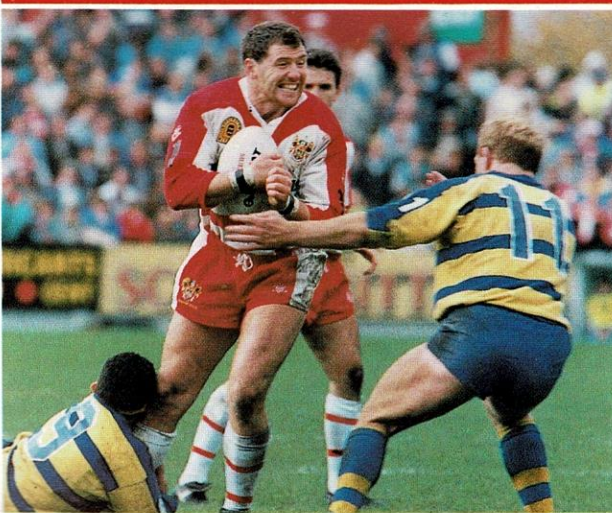
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1987-88, 1989-90

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## ON THE BARROW BEAT

by *Oldham coach*  
**TONY BARROW**

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I ATTENDED the meeting of coaches with Fred Lindop, the League's Controller of Referees, at Old Trafford on the morning of the second Test, and the main item on the agenda was scrums.

Most coaches would agree, I think, that there was a lot to commend about the attitude to scrums in years gone by when both packs and both hookers fought for the ball and it was considered that both packs had a good chance of winning the ball.

All that has changed, of course, and with the greater exposure these days on television and in the papers and new magazines that have come out there is more pressure than ever before on all concerned — coaches, players and referees — to produce a spectacle.

As coaches, we recognise that we have a big part to play in that but it is all a matter of trying to get the right balance between a scrum shambles and a real farce if a scrum-half is allowed to put the ball to his loose-forward's feet.

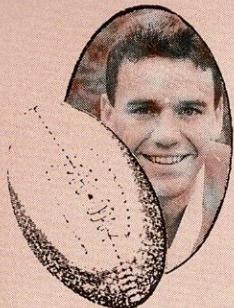
There is nothing fundamentally wrong in the non-offending side winning the ball oftener than not, but the Rugby League does not want to see a situation in which blatant second-row feeding is allowed.

I think only good can emerge from these meetings with people like Fred, but he cannot do everything on his own and the coaches would also like to get together with the league's Board of Directors to discuss one or two points which, as coaches, we feel we would like to discuss with them.

For instance, on a personal note I think a punishing kick to touch is a skill which should be rewarded and I do not think it is right that the other side should have head and ball when they have just been sent back 30 or 40 yards by an accurate, slide-rule kick.

Rugby is a simple game and we all have its best interests at heart. Only good can emerge from these meetings and I think a lot of constructive discussion would emerge from a seminar with the top brass.

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## SKIPPER'S SPOT

by  
*Oldham Captain*  
**Mike Ford**

WHAT a disappointment last Sunday's game against Castleford turned out to be where we let ourselves down badly.

It certainly proved to be a birthday I'd prefer to forget as we failed to convert the chances we created while Castleford capitalised on the openings they had.

A defeat like that leaves a nasty taste in your mouth.

And after two other defeats against Wigan, where we played well despite losing, and Bradford Northern, where we should have won but threw the game away, you can rest assured we will be out to put things right today against Widnes.

Ultimately, the players know it is their responsibility if we lose, after all the meticulous preparation for each game is the same as always.

I am sure this run of defeats will quickly be turned round to a winning streak, starting today against Widnes.

As ever, it is up to us to do the business on the pitch, working together as a team, not only for ourselves and the club, but also for our thousands of loyal fans who would top any supporters' league.

Your continued support, especially after a couple of bad defeats, is really appreciated by everyone in the team.

We'll be looking to give you something to shout about today!



## ROGER'S FOCUS

*Oldham Evening Chronicle Rugby League writer,*  
**Roger Halstead,**  
*looks at today's visitors*

GO to Kent, Cornwall or Cairo and ask the first youngster you see to name a Rugby League team and the chances are he will say ... Wigan or Widnes.

In the last few seasons, Widnes have rarely been out of the League limelight, not only for the silverware they have collected on the Naughton Park sideboard — or, to be more accurate, on John Stringer's office counter — but for the quality of their free-flowing football and the crowd appeal of their many signings from the world of Rugby Union.

They come no bigger than Jonathan Davies and Martin Offiah in the personality stakes — Davies of the super sidestep and swerve, Offiah of the blowtorch pace and devastating finishing power.

Despite his difficulty in winning a chance to greatly influence the Test series that finished at Elland Road yesterday, Welshman Davies remains one of the most exciting players in either code of world rugby.

The same has to be said of Offiah who, at the time of writing, was working hard to try to overcome a knee injury in the hope that he could retain his place in the Great Britain team yesterday.

Alan Tait, another of Doug Laughton's Union captures to quickly play for his country at League, has been out through injury this season.

Widnes can still field the most formidable back division in the game, however, with Davies at full back, John Devereux, Andy Currier, Darren Wright and Offiah in the backs, and Tony Myler and David Hulme at half-back.

The pack, too, is full of big-name players such as Kurt Sorensen, Phil McKenzie, Joe Grima and Emoso Koloto — a cosmopolitan crew aided by local lad Richard Eyres and Cumbrian Les Holliday, a clever, skilful loose-forward in the old-fashioned mould.

Despite Widnes's multi-talented team, Oldham have done well against them recently, winning at Naughton Park in the Challenge Cup last season and coming close to causing another upset before losing 24-16 in the First Division at the beginning of October.

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# Widnes . . .

**Alan Tait:** A highly successful convert from Scottish Rugby Union, Alan has taken the Rugby League scene by storm, winning several caps as Great Britain's full back. Won the Harry Sunderland award for last year's Premiership Final.

**John Devereux:** This ex-Bridgend international has made the right wing position his own at Naughton Park with his strong running, pace and good defensive work. Toured Papua New Guinea and New Zealand during the summer.

**Andy Currier:** An excellent goal-kicker with outstanding pace, Andy is recognised as one of the game's top centres. Spent last summer Down Under with Balmain.

**Darren Wright:** A tremendous defensive player, this 6ft. 4in. centre, known as Dazzler to his team-mates, has a big future in the game.

**Martin Offiah:** A try-scoring wizard who has topped the Rugby League try charts for three consecutive seasons, Martin scored 44 tries in his debut season and a further 60 the next. He gained Great Britain selection in his first season.

**Tony Myler:** Tony has just completed a well-earned testimonial season after a long and distinguished career in the game. Toured Australia with the 1984 Lions and also appeared in the 1985 New Zealand series, Tony has won every honour in the game.

**David Hulme:** Voted 1988/89 Player of the Year by his fellow professionals, David can play either half-back position. He was scrum-half during the 1988 tour to Australia, where he did a magnificent job as deputy stand-off in four Tests. He appeared in 13 tour games, scoring a try in the 10-12 World Cup defeat against New Zealand in Christchurch.

**Jonathan Davies:** Famous Rugby Union convert who signed for Widnes in January, 1989, Jonathan has proved to be a shrewd investment for Doug Laughton as he has already won international honours. He has played in every back position for Widnes.

**Paul Hulme:** Brother of David, Paul is an extremely versatile player who has played at scrum-half, hooker, second row and loose forward. His proudest moment was being involved in the 1988 Test-winning side in Sydney.

**Kurt Sorensen:** This outstanding Kiwi has lifted the Championship and Premiership trophies during the last two seasons as Widnes captain. Kurt was a member of the New Zealand side that toured the UK last winter. He once played for Wigan as a teenager.

**Phil McKenzie:** Signed from Rochdale Hornets four years ago, Aussie hooker Phil became a British citizen last month. His agility and tackling stints have made him a firm favourite at Naughton Park and he has been tipped for GB international honours.

**Joe Grima:** New Zealander Joe moved to Widnes from Swinton. This exciting forward had trials for the New Zealand Test team last summer.

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*Charlie  
McAlister . . .*

*This week's*  
**PLAYER  
PROFILE**

WHEN Charlie McAlister broke his cheekbone in four places after that horrific incident with Hull KR's David Bishop, the pain was lessened by the tremendous support and encouragement he received from the Oldham fans.

"The fans' reaction was tremendous, sending me cards and stopping me in the street to wish me well. Their support definitely helped me out and made me get through a difficult spell a lot easier and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them all," says the friendly Kiwi, who has come back from a serious facial injury for the second time since joining Oldham.

"The injury couldn't have come at a worse time, especially as I was hitting a good spell of form and looking forward to getting my game in top gear. An injury like that can be a setback, but I am determined not to let it be!"

However, six weeks after the controversial incident — Bishop hasn't played for Hull KR since — Charlie is fully recovered and looking to regain full match fitness and facing the challenge of making the second row spot his own.

"I can't wait to pay back the fans for their loyal support in the best way possible — by my performance on the pitch.

"Despite a run of three consecutive defeats, we are a good side led by a good coach.

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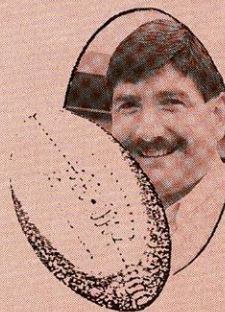


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*General Manager  
Ray Hill  
reports on the  
Watersheddings  
scene*

FIRST of all, a word of thanks from everyone at the club to the Oldham supporters who handed in a bag belonging to a Joanne Evans at the Castleford match. She telephoned the club today to express her personal thanks to the supporters. I second that motion. Well done, whoever you are!

Second, our last home match proved to be an unforgettable day for a Miss N. Thompson, who won a brand new £6,000 Fiat Panda in one of the special Lifeline draws. Lifeline is proving increasingly popular, especially as there are more chances than ever before of winning. On the same day that we handed out the keys for a superb new car, we also handed out cash prizes for £1,000 and £100. Remember, at £2 a week Lifeline is really great value. If you want to join, contact the club. It could prove to be one of your best investments, especially as Christmas is just around the corner.

Talking of Christmas, we've just received some great new items for our Souvenir Shop. They include players' T-shirts, pencil cases, pump bags, drill tops and gift vouchers. There are also a whole range of baby items including dungarees, sweatshirts, potties, drinking cups and — my own favourite — small teddies.

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game against Bradford Northern by Boddingtons Bitter representative Ken Regan. Paul won the award following outstanding performances against Widnes, Sheffield Eagles, Hull KR and Warrington, which earned him this accolade from award judge Roger Halstead, the Oldham Evening Chronicle's Rugby League writer: "Paul has produced four outstanding attacking performances throughout the month. His long striding breaks, tremendous runs and try-scoring record means that he is playing as well as any attacking forward in the game at the moment." In addition to the cheque and tankard, Paul also collected a case of Boddingtons Bitter to celebrate in style. Who will be November's player of the month? Find out in the next programme for the home game against Salford.

## PAUL'S TOP MAN FOR OCTOBER

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# BODDINGTONS TEAM CHECK



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, 1990

## OLDHAM

*Team Changes*

- 1 DUNCAN PLATT
- 2 NORMAN FRANCIS
- 3 TOMMY MARTYN
- 4 TONY ANDERSON
- 5 PAUL LORD
- 6 BRETT CLARK
- 7 MIKE FORD
- 8 JOHN FAIRBANK
- 9 RICHARD RUSSELL
- 10 PAUL ROUND
- 11 RONNIE DUANE
- 12 CHARLIE McALISTER
- 13 JOHN COGGER
- 14 GARY HYDE
- 15 SHAUN ALLEN

## WIDNES

*Team Changes*

- 1 JONATHAN DAVIES
- 2 JOHN DEVEREUX
- 3 ANDY CURRIER
- 4 DARREN WRIGHT
- 5 MARTIN OFFIAH
- 6 TONY MYLER
- 7 DAVID HULME
- 8 KURT SORENSEN
- 9 PHIL McKENZIE
- 10 JOE GRIMA
- 11 EMOSO KOLOTO
- 12 RICHARD EYRES
- 13 LES HOLLIDAY
- 14 TBA
- 15 TBA

### PENALTIES

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

### SCRUMS

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

Referee:  
Mr. B. Galtress (Bradford)

Touch Judges:  
Mr. G. Hayes (Red Flag)  
Mr. C. Sumner (Orange Flag)

### PENALTIES

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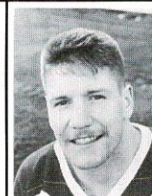














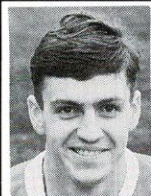



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## Appearances and Scorers

	P	Sub	G	D	T	Pts
Shaun Allen	0	3	0	0	0	0
Tony Anderson	3	0	0	0	1	4
Tony Barrow	3	1	0	0	0	0
Brett Clark	11	0	0	0	3	12
John Cogger	8	0	0	0	0	0
Austin Donegan	2	4	0	0	1	4
Ronnie Duane	10	0	0	0	0	0
John Fairbank	5	4	0	0	1	4
John Fieldhouse	5	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Ford	11	0	1	1	2	11
Des Foy	1	0	0	0	0	0
Norman Francis	8	0	0	0	2	8
John Henderson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gary Hyde	3	0	1	0	1	6
Richard Irving	6	4	0	0	1	4
Paul Lord	11	0	0	0	4	16
Tommy Martyn	9	1	7	3	6	41
Charlie McAlister	7	0	1	0	2	10
Keith Newton	5	2	0	0	1	4
Duncan Platt	8	0	22	0	1	48
Derek Pyke	4	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Round	11	0	0	0	8	32
Andy Ruane	2	0	0	0	0	0
Richard Russell	9	2	0	0	0	0

## Stones Bitter First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull	9	5	0	0	127	38	3	0	1	63	64	16
Widnes	8	4	0	0	137	42	2	0	2	56	70	12
Bradford	10	3	0	2	104	91	3	0	2	112	99	12
Wigan	8	3	1	0	104	39	2	0	2	108	79	11
Hull KR	10	3	0	2	84	102	2	1	2	94	125	11
Wakefield	8	3	0	1	87	40	2	0	2	54	98	10
Castleford	9	3	0	1	112	79	2	0	3	89	126	10
Leeds	8	2	0	2	125	50	2	0	2	73	80	8
St. Helens	7	3	0	1	116	76	1	0	2	48	61	8
OLDHAM	10	3	0	2	105	92	1	0	4	77	121	8
Featherstone	10	2	1	2	107	92	1	0	4	69	129	7
Warrington	10	2	0	3	78	64	1	0	4	60	84	6
Sheffield	9	1	0	3	82	86	1	1	3	87	131	5
Rochdale	10	1	0	4	93	128	0	0	5	29	194	2

### NEXT HOME GAME

v SALFORD (December 2nd, kick-off 3 p.m.)

### NEXT AWAY GAME

v HULL (December 16th, kick-off 6.30 p.m.)

Opponents	Date	KO	Res	F/A	Alt	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Salford	2.9.90	A	3.00	L	24-27	4,236	-	Platt 4g	Irving	Foy	Henderson	Lord	Clark	Ford g	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round 1	McAlister t	Duane	Martyn t	Newton
Leeds	9.9.90	H	3.00	W	32-22	6,338	-	Platt 5g	Irving	Martyn 1 4g	Duane	Lord	Clark t	Ford 1 g 4g	Ruane	Newton t	Round 1	McAlister t	Cogger	Russell*	Donegan*
Wakefield	16.9.90	A	3.30	L	12-17	5,651	8	Platt 1 2g	Irving t	Martyn t	Duane	Lord	Ford	Fieldhouse	Ruane	Newton	Round	McAlister	Cogger	Russell*	Fairbank*
Castleford	26.9.90	H	7.30	W	28-22	5,101	6	Platt 4g	Francis t	Martyn t	Duane	Lord t	Clark t	Ford	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round 21	McAlister	Barrow	Russell*	Fairbank*
Widnes	2.10.90	A	7.20	L	16-24	7,261	8	Platt 2g	Francis	Irving	Duane	Lord t	Clark	Ford t	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round	McAlister	Barrow	Russell*	Fairbank*
Hull KR	7.10.90	H	3.00	L	25-28	4,710	-	Platt 2g	Francis	Martyn 2g 4g	Duane	Lord t	Clark	Ford t	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round 21	McAlister	Barrow	Russell*	Donegan*
Sheffield	14.10.90	A	3.15	W	24-14	5,500	6	Martyn 1 3g	Francis t	Irving	Duane	Lord t	Clark	Ford	Russell	Fairbank	Round 21	McAlister	Cogger	Barrow*	Donegan*
Warrington	20.10.90	H	2.45	W	4-2	4,097	3	Platt 2g	Francis	Martyn t	Duane	Lord	Clark	Ford	Russell	Fairbank	Round	McAlister	Cogger	Newton*	Hyde
Wigan	4.11.90	A	3.00	L	15-38	13,847	6	Platt 2g	Francis	Martyn 6 4g	Anderson t	Lord	Clark	Ford	Russell	Fairbank	Round	McAlister	Cogger	Irving	Fairbank
Bradford N	11.11.90	H	3.00	L	16-18	5,874	8	Hyde 8	Francis	Martyn 2 1g	Anderson	Lord	Clark	Ford	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round	McAlister	Cogger	Irving	Fairbank
Castleford	18.11.90	A	3.30	L	10-28	5,974	10	Hyde 1	Francis	Martyn t	Anderson	Lord t	Clark	Ford	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round 1	Duane	Cogger	Irving	Allen
Widnes	25.11.90	H	3.00	L						Anderson	Anderson	Clark	Ford	Ford	Russell	Round	Duane	McAlister g	Cogger	Irving	Allen
Salford (Regal Trophy)	2.12.90	H	3.00	L																	
Regal Trophy	9.12.90		3.00																		
Hull	16.12.90	A	6.30	L																	
Rochdale	20.12.90	H	3.00	L																	
Leeds	11.91	A	3.00	L																	
Featherstone	6.1.91	H	3.00	L																	
Hull KR	13.1.91	A	3.00	L																	
Wakefield	20.1.91	H	3.00	L																	
Featherstone	27.1.91	A	3.30	L																	
St Helens	3.2.91	H	3.00	L																	
SCCR 1st Rnd	10.2.91		3.00	L																	
Bradford	17.2.91	A	3.30	L																	
SCCR 2nd Rnd	24.2.91		3.00	L																	
St Helens	10.3.91	A	3.00	L																	
Sheffield	17.3.91	H	3.00	L																	
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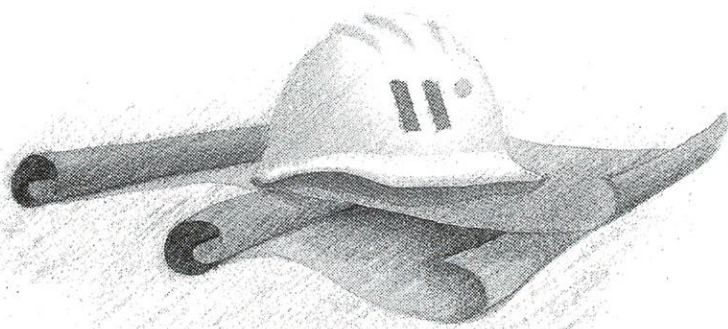
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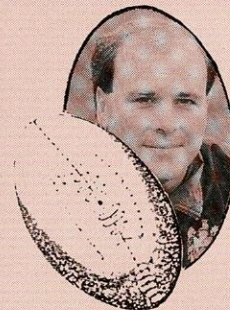


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## The Coach's View

OUR defeat at Widnes was the result of a very poor and disappointing performance. Widnes, on the night, wanted to win more than we did. Out of the display only Craig Mort and Neil Flanagan came out with any credit, and the whole pack played second fiddle.

The club's injury list is obviously hitting the Alliance side hard and, with that in mind, the fact that we are so well placed in the league gives some indication of how the youngsters at the club are performing.

The return to action of the injured players will not only give the first team a lift, but it will also strengthen and help maintain our league position.

One area which is giving me some concern is when we travel away. Our games here at Watersheddings have seen us playing some good rugby, but we don't seem to be able to keep that standard when playing away.

I shall be giving this problem some attention and hoping to put it right. Our next two fixtures, both away, will obviously give me the opportunity.

The game with Sheffield saw us back to winning ways on what was a lousy night weather wise. Our defence was much more sound and we improved our general kicking game.

We scored four good tries and really Salford didn't look like giving us too much trouble. Big Charlie came through his 40 minutes of action OK and it will give a boost to the club to see him in action so soon after his bad injury.

IAN TAYLOR

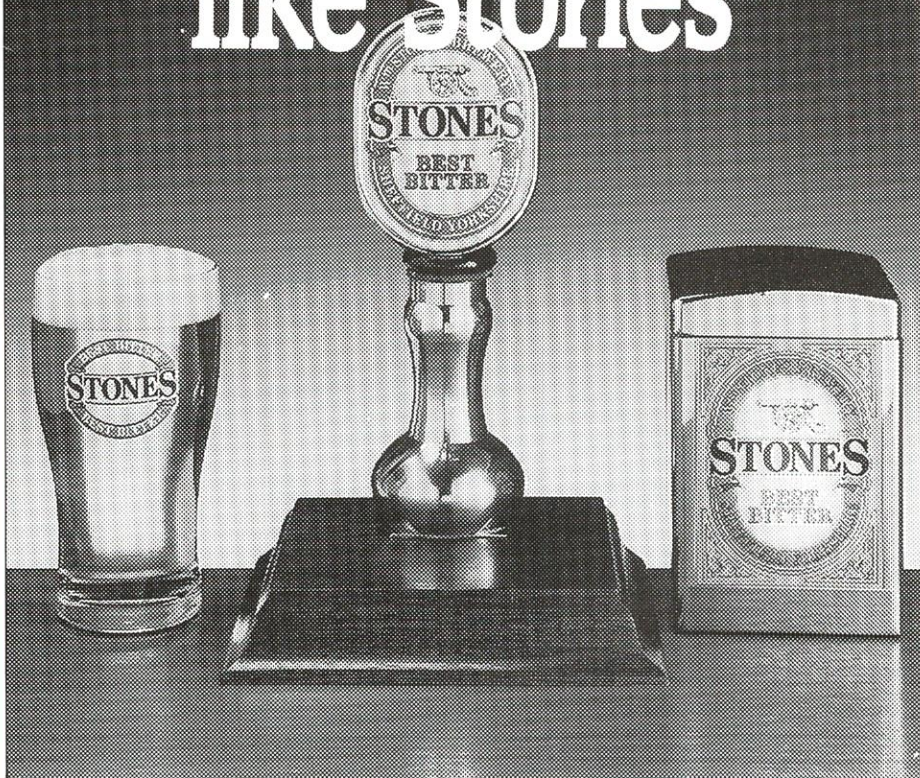
## Slalom Lager Alliance Fixtures

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res	F	A
Aug 31	St Helens	H	W	32-8	
Sept 7	Leeds	A	L	12-18	
14	Wakefield	H	W	18-12	
21	Salford	A	W	22-17	
28	Widnes	H	W	34-10	
Oct 5	Workington (Lancs Shield)	H	W	28-10	
11	Leigh (Thurs)	A	L	8-24	
21	Wigan (Lancs Shield)	H	L	14-16	
Nov 2	Warrington	H	W	34-6	
9	Widnes	A	L	6-28	
16	Salford	H	W	22-6	
23	Castleford	A			
Dec 7	Wigan	A			
14	Hull	H			
21	Halifax	A			
28	Leeds	H			
Jan 4	Featherstone	A			
11	Hull KR	H			
18	Wakefield	A			
25	Featherstone	H			
Feb 1	St Helens	A			
8	Castleford	H			
16	Alliance Cup (Sat)				
22	Hull	A			
Mar 2	Alliance Cup (Sat)				
8	Halifax	H			
15	Warrington	A			
22	Hull KR	A			
29	Leigh	H			

## Slalom Lager Alliance First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull .....	7	7	0	0	195	83	14
Widnes .....	8	6	0	2	183	134	12
OLDHAM .....	9	6	0	3	188	149	12
Castleford .....	9	6	0	3	242	215	12
Leeds .....	9	5	0	4	198	170	10
Leigh .....	8	4	0	4	162	159	8
St. Helens .....	9	4	0	5	228	227	8
Featherstone R ..	9	4	0	5	182	198	8
Salford .....	8	4	0	4	122	144	8
Hull KR .....	8	4	0	4	145	176	8
Halifax .....	7	3	0	4	133	181	6
Wigan .....	7	2	0	5	128	151	4
Warrington W ...	9	2	0	7	186	236	4
Wakefield T .....	9	1	0	8	140	209	2

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### Aussie Club Record Remains

Australia completed their third successive tour with a 100% record against club sides after beating Widnes, today's opponents, 15-8 last Sunday. They have now won 33 consecutive matches against club sides.

### Century For Plange

Castleford's winger, David Plange, completed a century of tries when he scored a hat-trick against Oldham last Sunday while his teammate, John Joyner, needs two more tries for a double century.

### Top Scorers

Greg Austin (Halifax) is the game's current top try scorer with 16 followed by Anthony Sullivan (Hull KR) with 15. The chasing pack includes Jonathan Davies, Martin Offiah (both Widnes), Adrian Hadley (Salford) and David Plange (Castleford). Steve Kerry (Salford) is the leading goal scorer with 69 followed by Jonathan Davies with 53.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Mike Coates, the coach, and to Saddleworth Rangers on their splendid cup win against Egremont, which gives them a go at Rochdale Hornets in the Regal Trophy.

Well-deserved man-of-the-match was ex-Fulton Hill pupil Terry Shaw, now starring in the front row. How well I remember an outstanding game he had on a snow-covered pitch in Hull against myself a few years ago.

Lancashire dominance over Yorkshire at schoolboy level continued last Saturday with three victories for South Lincs at Humberside and three more for North Lincs against Yorkshire at Leigh. Our youngster Paul Barron had a super game in the centre with Graham Simpson, a Tameside lad who has trained at Sheddings for the last three months, captaining the Under-16 side from loose-forward.

Good luck to Paul Sculthorpe and his Under-13 team-mates as they try to match Joe Bradley's Under-15 men in going to Wigan and winning the Lancs Cup. They play under lights at Robins Park on Tuesday.

North Chadderton's Under-14 side and St. Augustine's Under-16 team both progressed into Round 2 of the Lancs Champion School and they both meet Leigh St. Mary's later in the week.

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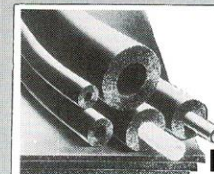
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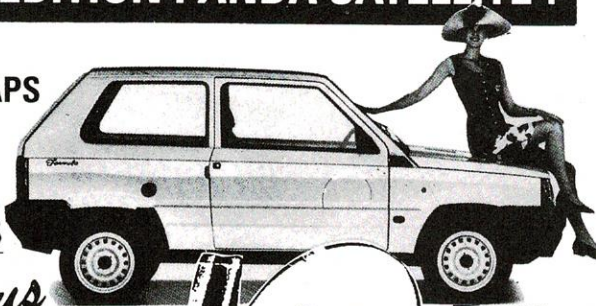
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