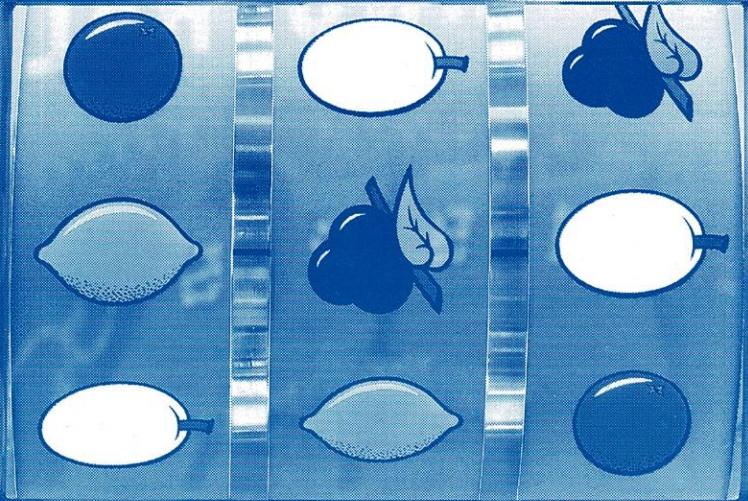


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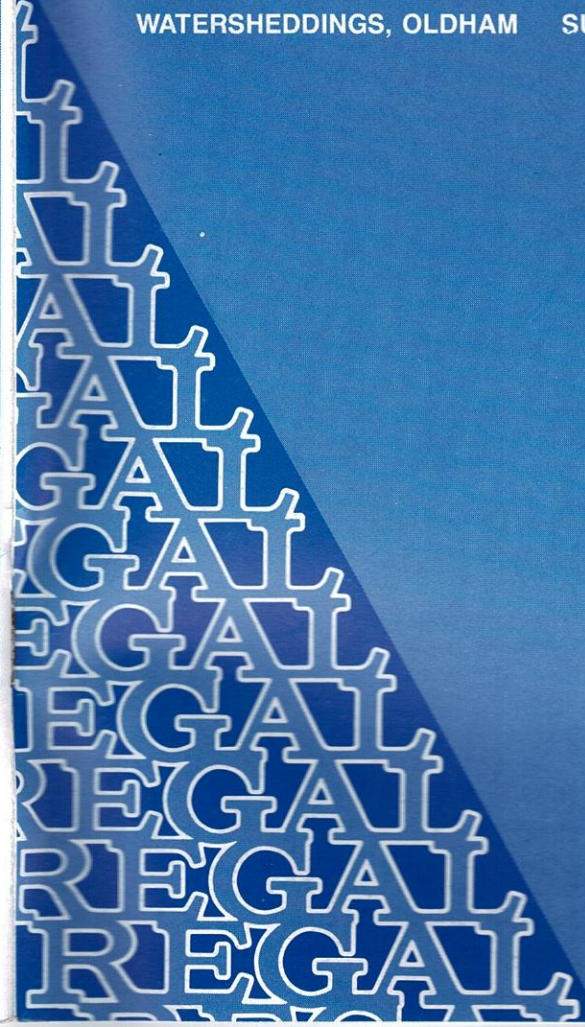
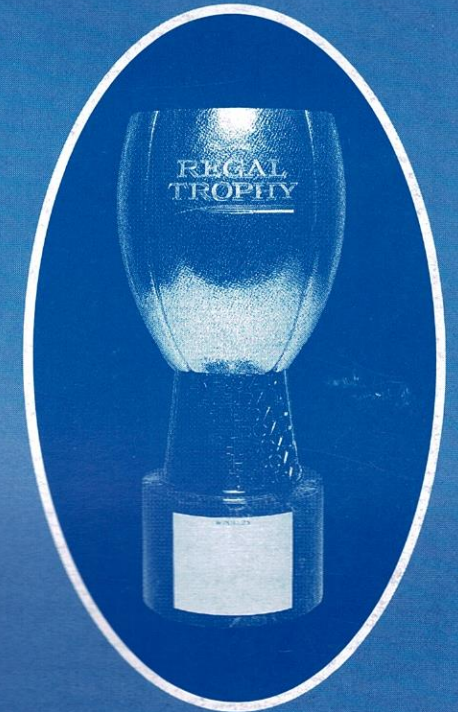
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SECOND ROUND	—	Weekend of 8th/9th December 1990
THIRD ROUND	—	Weekend of 15th/16th December 1990
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FINAL	—	Saturday, 12th January 1991

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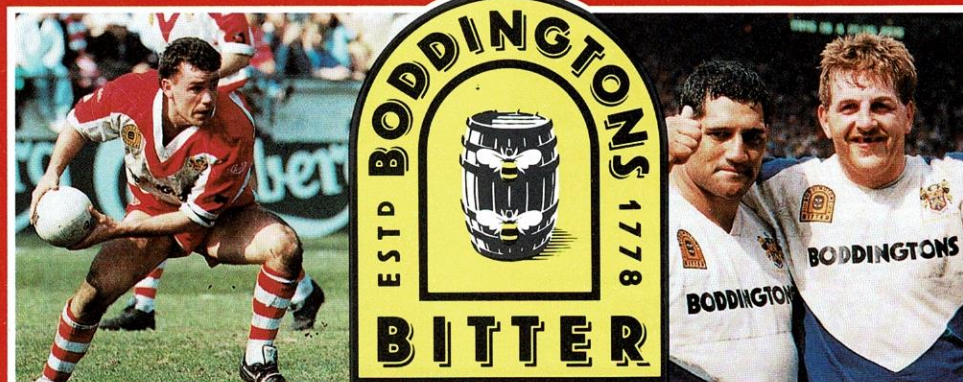
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THIRD ROUND	—	MONDAY, 10th DECEMBER
SEMI-FINALS	—	MONDAY, 17th DECEMBER

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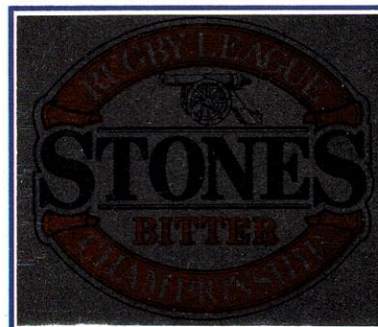
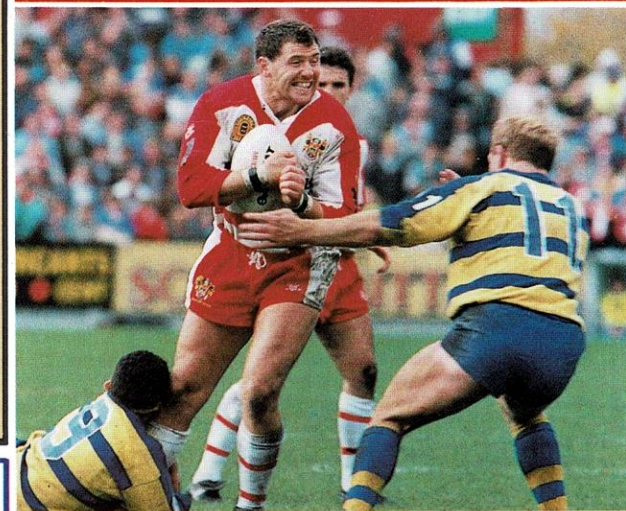
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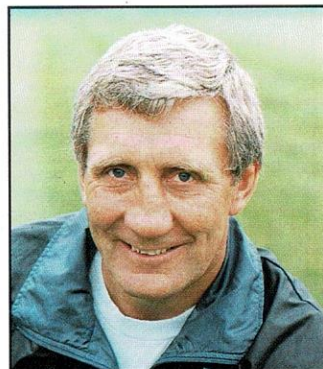
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1987-88, 1989-90

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## ON THE BARROW BEAT

by *Oldham coach*  
**TONY BARROW**

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I don't think anybody at Watersheddings will be sorry to see the back of November. It was always going to be a difficult month for us with games against Wigan, Bradford, Castleford and Widnes but, to make matters worse, we spent most of the month without injured forwards such as Derek Pyke, John Fieldhouse, Austin Donegan and Keith Atkinson while Charlie McAlister also missed the first two games of the month against Wigan and Bradford, and Duncan Platt was suspended for the matches against Bradford and Castleford.

Our injuries continued when Tommy Martyn took a nasty blow to the head at Castleford and he is unlikely to be playing until next week at the soonest.

In the 'A' team at Castleford the other night, my own son Tony received a double fracture of the cheekbone so he, too, will be out for a few weeks.

Our form over the month has been erratic. We played well at Wigan, despite losing Duncan Platt for an alleged trip on Ellery Hanley, but we threw away two points against Bradford, we played badly at Castleford, and then we produced a vastly-improved show against Widnes last Sunday only to go down 24-18.

The result was a disappointment, of course, but all the lads gave everything they had and wasn't it nice to see Norman Francis making those two stunning first-half breaks that produced tries for Brett Clark and Duncan Platt.

Two areas of the game in which we must improve are tackling close to the rucks and our control of the ball.

We started off all right against Widnes, but later in the game we were giving the Widnes forwards far too much latitude, not moving up quickly enough, and consequently they became twice as hard to tackle.

We must attack in defence. That means we must take the initiative to get up among the opposing forwards before they hit the advantage line, rather than staying back to wait for them coming at us.

The other thing we have to improve on is our control of the ball at vital times. Too often we are giving the ball away on the first or second tackle because we get excited if somebody makes a break or a half-break.

We have to be prepared to play the percentages and prepared to stick to the ball and build on what we have achieved, rather than throw out risky, chancy passes that enable the defence to take off our pressure.

### REGAL TROPHY – OLDHAM-SALFORD REPLAY

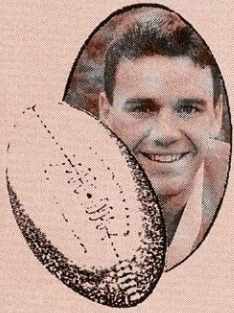
In the event of a draw the replay will be Wednesday, 5th December, 7.30pm kick-off

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## SKIPPER'S SPOT

by  
*Oldham Captain*  
**Mike Ford**

LAST Sunday's match proved you can never afford to relax against top class opposition like Widnes who can score from anywhere as they showed a packed Watersheddings.

However, I was disappointed we didn't take at least a point from the game. Only a superb tackle from Jonathan Davies prevented Richard Irving from crashing over under the goal posts.

Our performance was a vast improvement from recent games. I was especially pleased for Norman Francis, who will be a firm favourite with the Watersheddings faithful after those two stunning runs.

Today we turn our attention away from the League and focus on Cup football. Who can forget our epic cup battles from last year when we contested the Lancashire Cup final and reached the semi and quarter finals respectively of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup and Regal Trophy.

We'll be looking to emulate our success from last season, kicking off with today's Regal Trophy tie against Second Division leaders Salford.

We don't need any reminding that they beat us in the Lancashire Cup earlier in the season so we'll be looking to avenge that defeat and get back to winning ways against our local rivals.

Your continued support — which was very much appreciated against Widnes — will of course help our cause.



## ROGER'S FOCUS

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

SALFORD, hot favourites to make an immediate return to the First Division, further strengthened their squad last week when they signed the Sheffield forward Francis Leota in a straight swop for the Australian, Peter Tonks.

The news of Leota's capture, coupled with the return to action of long-standing injury victims Peter Williams and Mike Worrall, will enhance Salford's prospects of doing well in the cup competitions this season, as Oldham did last year when they were sitting pretty towards the top of the Second Division.

Under the coaching of Kevin Tamati, the Reds have already reached the final of the Lancashire Cup, knocking out Oldham en route, so a tremendous match is in prospect today in round one of the Regal Trophy.

Ian Sherratt, the former Oldham prop, will be keen to do well at Watersheddings on a personal note and it will be interesting to see whether another ex-Oldham man, Mick Worrall, has been able to force his way into the squad after playing his first game of the season in the 'A' team last weekend.

Salford owe much to their posse of recruits from the Union code such as centre Peter Williams, Welsh wing Adrian Hadley, and half-backs David Fell and Steve Kerry.

Fell had an outstanding game when Salford beat Oldham at the Willows in the county cup at the start of the season and Oldham will have to show good form to make home advantage count if they are to avenge that disappointment when Salford scored the winning try late in the game.

Striding Aussie full back Steve Gibson is a dangerous and speedy attacker when joining the line or clearing his lines and there is plenty of pace and power in a back division of Tex Evans, Williams, Hadley and former Wigan man John Gilfillan, a more recent recruit by the club.

The forwards are strong and mobile and, as a Second Division outfit, Salford are in the habit of winning . . . so Oldham will have to be on their mettle.

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TODAY'S

# VISITORS

## Salford . . .

**Steve Gibson: Fullback.** The popular Australian fullback, formerly with Brisbane Souths, is now in his fourth season at the Willows. To date he has scored 43 tries in his 99 appearances for Salford.

**Tex Evans: Winger.** Signed from neighbours Swinton in a £40,000 move, he has scored 23 tries in 51 appearances since his move at the beginning of the 1988-89 season.

**Martin Birkett: Centre.** Joined Salford on a three year contract in December 1989 after representing English Schools and Colleges before being selected for the BARLA G.B. side prior to turning professional.

**Peter Williams: Centre.** A sensational capture from the Orrell RU club in March 1988, after representing both Lancashire RU and England RU, gaining four caps in all at the International level. Peter has already played for GB and Lancashire in the professional code.

**Adrian Hadley: Winger.** Turned professional in September 1988, becoming Salford's costliest signing at £100,000 in a four year deal. The former Welsh RU International and Cardiff club player has now settled in well at the Willows after a niggling injury halted his progress.

**Frank Cassidy: Stand off.** Another former Swinton player who joined Salford for £35,000 in November 1989. A clever footballer and accurate touch finder who originally played for Rose Bridge ARL.

**David Fell: Stand off.** Joined Salford from Orrell RU club on a five year contract in October 1989. Made his debut against Leeds last season.

**Steve Kerry: Scrum half.** Signed in December 1988 from the Preston Grasshoppers RU club. Prolific scorer who is improving all the time. After spells at stand off and on the wing he is now being given a run at scrum half. Top try scorer last season and the number one choice goal kicker at the Willows.

**Shaun Brown: Scrum half.** Forced his way into the first team last season after some dazzling Alliance team performances. Former BARLA G.B. International who toured Down Under in 1989. Played for Leigh East ARL as an amateur.

**Ian Sherratt: Prop.** Powerhouse front row forward signed in August 1989 from Oldham. Also had a spell with Bradford Northern where he began his professional career. A leg injury forced him to miss a large part of last season but he is now back to full fitness.

**Mark Lee: Hooker.** Bargain £15,000 signing from St. Helens in January. Went straight into the first team and has missed one match since then.

**Shane Hansen: Second row.** New Zealander with bags of experience having played for top Auckland side Northcote Tigers. Tremendous tackler who adds steel to the Salford pack.

**Chris Whitley: Prop.** Joined Salford from Wigan St. Patricks ARL club in August 1986 and was voted Alliance's Player of the Year in his first season at the club.

**Arthur Bradshaw: Second row.** Signed from Thatto Heath ARLC in August 1989 after representing BARLA at County level. Broke his leg in his first team debut match against Warrington but has now made a full recovery.

**Ian Blease: Second row.** Former Folly Lane ARL player who signed professional for Salford in March 1985. Developed well at the Willows and can play anywhere in the pack. Installed as captain of the side at the beginning of the season.

**Andrew Burgess: Loose forward.** Signed professional on his 17th birthday after several games with the Alliance side as an amateur. Previously played for Irlam Hornets ARLC.

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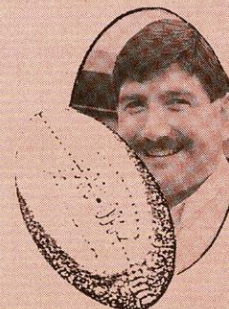


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CONGRATULATIONS to pretty Amanda Norris, a worthy winner of this year's Boddingtons Bitter Miss Oldham Rugby Beauty Contest. She has been a fan of the club for over a decade and is looking forward to working with us.

I'd also like to thank all the other girls who entered to make the competition such a great success. And, of course, I'd like to thank our own Karen Scott who worked tremendously hard behind the scenes to make the night one to remember.

Another night to remember takes place this Wednesday at the Periquito Hotel when we host our Sportsmen Dinner. We've lined up a fabulous night's entertainment. There are few better ways of getting in the mood for Christmas so if you're interested catch me today or telephone me on 061-620 4870 to see if there are any tickets left!

Talking of Christmas, there's no better place to start your shopping than our Souvenir Shop, which is packed full of great gifts, many of them new ranges available for the first time. We've printed a complete list on page 9 so you can have a look at what's available at your leisure.

The shop is open 9.00-5.00 Monday to Friday, 9.30 to 11.30 Saturdays, and 1.00-5.00 for Sunday home games and 6.00-9.00 for Friday evening A Team games.

In the run up to Xmas, the shop will be open late on Thursday evenings from 6.00 to 8.30 from next Wednesday.

Finally, the Supporters Club are holding their annual Christmas Eve family night at the Sheddings on 24th December 1990. Tickets are £2.50 (adults) and £1.40 (children). Contact 061-665 1832 for further details.

This could be my last column before Christmas so on behalf of everyone at the club I'd like to wish all our loyal fans the very best for the festive season.

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### AMANDA'S NUMBER ONE

AMANDA NORRIS, 18, is the new Miss Oldham Rugby. Here she is seen receiving her sash from the retiring Miss Oldham Rugby Angela Knox (left). Amanda won an eight week modelling course, £150 and a silver salver in the Boddingtons Bitter sponsored competition. Says Amanda: "It is like a dream come true! I have supported Oldham Rugby for a number of years and I am over the moon to get the opportunity to represent them!"



### PAUL ROUND DOUBLE ACT

Oldham forward Paul Round has won the Boddingtons Bitter sponsored November player of the month award for the second consecutive month.

Oldham Evening Chronicle Rugby League writer and award judge Roger Halstead said: "During a difficult month where the side has lost all four matches Paul Round has consistently performed well, both at prop and at second row. His attacking flair has never been in doubt. In addition, his tackling and workrate, particularly against Widnes, have been exemplary.

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# BODDINGTONS TEAM CHECK



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 1990

## OLDHAM

*Team Changes*

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

## SALFORD

*Team Changes*

- 1 STEVE GIBSON
- 2 TEX EVANS
- 3 JOHN GILFILLAN
- 4 PETER WILLIAMS
- 5 ADRIAN HADLEY
- 6 DAVID FELL
- 7 STEVE KERRY
- 8 IAN SHERRATT
- 9 MARK LEE
- 10 FRANCIS LEOTA
- 11 ARTHUR BRADSHAW
- 12 IAN BLEASE
- 13 ANDY BURGESS
- 14 SHANE HANSEN
- 15 MICK WORRALL

### 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. D. Carter (Widnes)

### Touch Judges:

Mr. K. Spencer (Red Flag)

Mr. J. Chamberlain (Orange Flag)

### PENALTIES

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
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### SCRUMS

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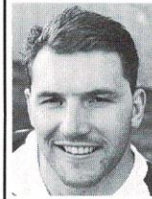












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## Appearances and Scorers

	P	Sub	G	D	T	Pts
Shaun Allen	0	4	0	0	0	0
Tony Anderson	4	0	0	0	1	4
Tony Barrow	3	1	0	0	0	0
Brett Clark	12	0	0	0	4	16
John Cogger	9	0	0	0	0	0
Austin Donegan	2	4	0	0	1	4
Ronnie Duane	11	0	0	0	0	0
John Fairbank	6	4	0	0	1	4
John Fieldhouse	5	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Ford	12	0	1	1	2	11
Des Foy	1	0	0	0	0	0
Norman Francis	9	0	0	0	2	8
John Henderson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gary Hyde	3	1	1	0	1	6
Richard Irving	7	4	0	0	1	4
Paul Lord	12	0	0	0	4	16
Tommy Martyn	9	1	7	3	6	41
Charlie McAlister	8	0	1	0	2	10
Keith Newton	5	2	0	0	1	4
Duncan Platt	9	0	27	0	2	62
Derek Pyke	4	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Round	12	0	0	0	8	32
Andy Ruane	2	0	0	0	0	0
Richard Russell	10	2	0	0	0	0

## Stones Bitter First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull	10	5	0	0	127	38	3	0	2	69	78	16
Widnes	9	4	0	0	137	42	3	0	2	80	88	14
Bradford	12	4	0	2	122	107	3	0	3	116	111	14
Hull KR	11	4	0	2	96	106	2	1	2	94	125	13
Wakefield	9	4	0	1	101	52	2	0	2	54	98	12
Wigan	9	3	1	0	104	39	2	0	3	120	93	11
Leeds	9	3	0	2	166	66	2	0	2	73	80	10
St. Helens	9	4	0	1	160	90	1	0	3	64	79	10
Castleford	10	3	0	1	112	79	2	0	4	105	167	10
Featherstone	11	3	1	2	121	98	1	0	4	69	129	9
Warrington	11	3	0	3	108	72	1	0	4	60	84	8
OLDHAM	11	3	0	3	123	116	1	0	4	77	121	8
Sheffield	10	1	0	3	82	86	1	1	4	95	161	5
Rochdale	11	1	0	4	93	128	0	0	6	43	238	2

### NEXT HOME GAME

v ROCHDALE (December 26th, kick-off 3 p.m.)

### NEXT AWAY GAME

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

Opponents	Date	KO	Res	F/A	Att	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	—	Plant 4g	Irving	Foy	Henderson	Clark	Ford g	Pyke	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round 1	McAlister 1	Duane	Martyn 1	Newton
Leeds	9.9.90	H	3.00	W	32-22	6,338	—	Plant 5g	Irving	Martyn 1 g	Duane	Clark 1	Ford 1 g dg	Pyke	Ruane	Newton 1	Round 1	McAlister 1	Cogger	Russell*	Donegan*
Wakefield	16.9.90	A	3.30	L	12-17	5,651	8	Plant 1 2g	Irving 1	Martyn	Duane	Ford	Clark	Fieldhouse	Ruane	Newton	Round	McAlister	Cogger	Russell*	Fairbank*
Castleford	26.9.90	H	7.30	W	28-22	5,101	6	Plant 4g	Francis 1	Martyn 1	Duane	Clark 1	Ford	Pyke	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round 2t	McAlister	Barrow	Donegan	Fairbank
Widnes	2.10.90	A	7.30	L	16-24	7,261	8	Plant 2g	Francis	Irving	Duane	Clark	Ford 1	Pyke	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round	McAlister	Barrow	Donegan*	Donegan*
Hull KR	7.10.90	H	3.00	L	25-28	4,710	—	Plant 2g	Francis	Martyn 2g dg	Irving	Clark	Ford 1	Pyke	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round 2t	McAlister	Cogger	Barrow*	Donegan*
Sheffield	14.10.90	A	3.15	W	24-4	5,500	6	Martyn 1 3g	Francis 1	Irving	Duane	Clark 1	Ford	Donegan	Russell	Fairbank 1	Round	Barrow	Newton	Hyde	Fairbank
Warrington	20.10.90	H	2.45	W	4-2	4,097	3	Plant 2g	Francis	Martyn	Duane	Clark	Ford	Donegan	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round	Barrow	Cogger	Irving	Fairbank
Wigan	4.11.90	A	3.00	L	15-38	13,847	6	Plant 2g	Francis	Martyn g dg	Anderson 1	Clark	Ford	Fairbank	Russell	Fieldhouse	Round	Duane	Cogger	Irving	Allen
Bradford N	11.11.90	H	3.00	L	16-18	5,874	8	Hyde g	Francis	Martyn 2t g	Anderson	Clark	Ford	Fairbank	Russell	Newton	Round 1	Duane	Cogger	Irving	Allen
Castleford	18.11.90	A	3.30	L	10-28	5,974	10	Hyde 1	Francis	Martyn	Anderson	Clark	Ford	Fairbank	Russell	Round	Duane	McAlister g	Cogger	Irving	Allen
Widnes	25.11.90	H	3.00	L	16-24	5,421	12	Plant 5g t	Francis	Irving	Anderson	Clark 1	Ford	Fairbank	Russell	Round	Duane	McAlister	Cogger	Hyde	Allen
Salford (Regal Trophy)	2.12.90	H	3.00																		
Regal Trophy	9.12.90		3.00																		
Hull	16.12.90	A	6.30																		
Rochdale	26.12.90	H	3.00																		
Leeds	1.1.91	A	3.00																		
Featherstone	6.1.91	H	3.00																		
Hull KR	13.1.91	A	3.00																		
Wakefield	20.1.91	H	3.00																		
Featherstone	27.1.91	A	3.30																		
St Helens	3.2.91	H	3.00																		
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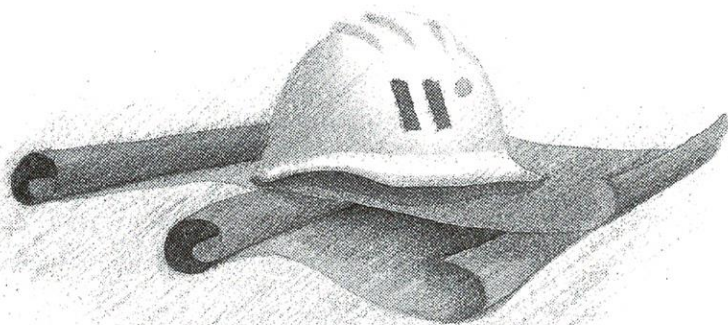
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# A-TEAM ROUND-UP



*The  
Coach's  
View*

OUR away game at Castleford saw us lose a match which I think, overall, we should have won.

Our downfall in the end was our first-half performance. As the first team had done the week before, we lost countless ball on first or second tackle and when we did hold the ball we tended to go sideways.

Losing young Tony Barrow early in the half with his broken cheekbone obviously did not help, especially as Neil Flanagan was fighting to keep going after picking up a knee injury, which eventually forced him to retire shortly after half-time.

My half-time talk was to simply tell the players to start to control the ball, to support the ball carrier, and to go forward. The result was a much improved performance. We scored two lovely tries and kicked a goal to put us 10-4 up with 15 minutes to go, but we just couldn't get over again despite a lot of pressure in their 25.

Castleford came back to score two late tries which resulted really more from luck than creative play.

The effort from the players was very good which, as coach, is all you can ask. With just a little more concentration we could have had the right result.

As far as our away-game performances go, we have definitely started to move in the right direction and can I just finish by wishing young Tony Barrow a very speedy recovery.

IAN TAYLOR

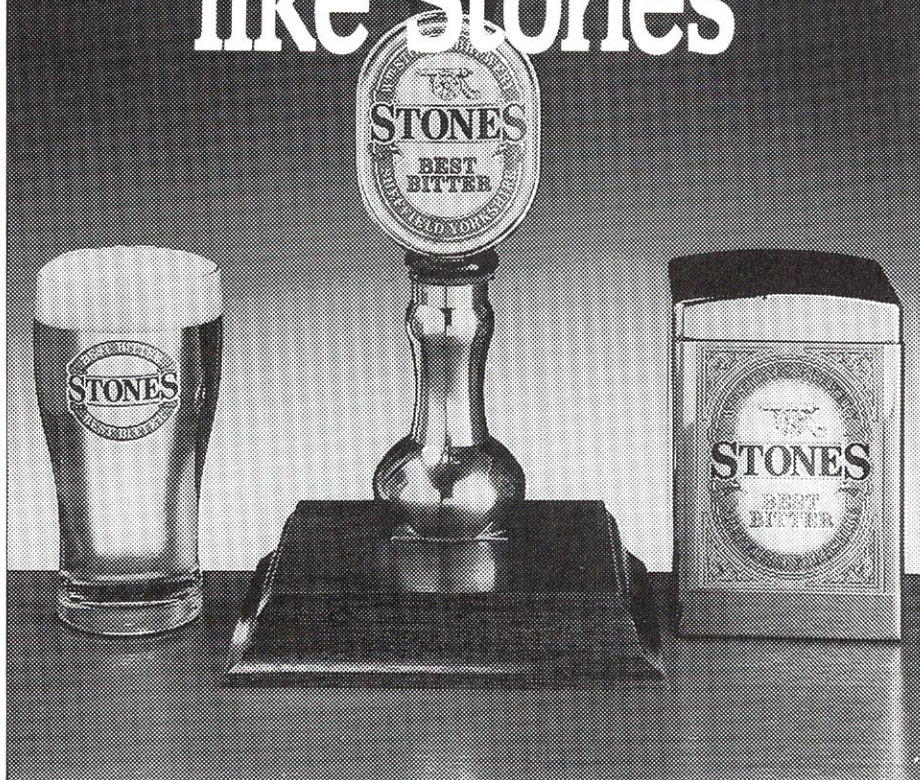
## Slalom Lager Alliance Fixtures

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	L	10-14	
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	9	9	0	0	243	113	18
Castleford	10	7	0	3	256	225	14
Leeds	10	6	0	4	238	181	12
OLDHAM	10	6	0	4	198	163	12
Widnes	9	6	0	3	205	182	12
St. Helens	10	5	0	5	276	249	10
Hull KR	9	5	0	4	155	184	10
Leigh	9	4	0	5	170	169	8
Halifax	8	4	0	4	177	189	8
Featherstone	10	4	0	6	202	222	8
Salford	9	4	0	5	133	184	8
Wigan	8	3	0	5	144	161	6
Warrington	11	2	0	9	204	304	4
Wakefield	10	1	0	9	150	225	2

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The current tournament, with points awarded for the final match in a series on a home and away basis, is due to finish with a World Cup final in the Autumn of 1992. The current positions are Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain, Papua New Guinea and France.

### Record Breaker Part One

Ellery Hanley equalled a Great Britain record for the number of appearances as Captain when he led the team for a 17th time at Elland Road last Saturday. The record is also held by Alan Prescott. Their success record is similar with 11 wins apiece. However, defeat against the Aussies, who retained the Ashes, meant Hanley was unable to equal Jim Sullivan's record of 12 wins as captain which was set between 1927 and 1933.

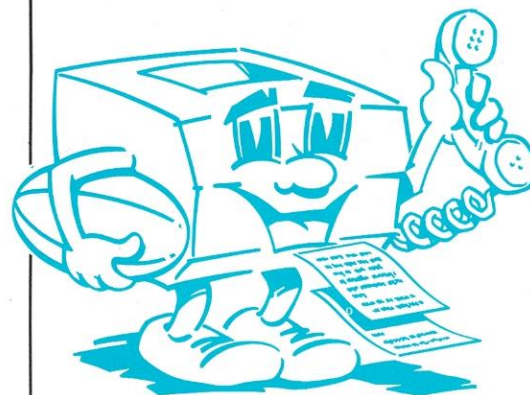
### Record Breaker Part Two

The three tests between Great Britain and Australia produced a record aggregate of 130,889 beating the old record of 114,883 set in 1948 when Great Britain won all three tests.

### Record Breaker Part 3

Victorious Aussie captain Mel Meninga became the second Aussie to score in all three test when he touched down in the third test last Saturday.

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## GRASS ROOTS

*Iain  
McCorquodale  
looks at  
Rugby League  
around Oldham*

LAST Saturday the inter-school Oldham-Leigh fixtures produced two major shocks.

An Under 16 unbeaten Leigh met an Oldham side, depleted by injury, still seeking its first win of the season and despite being 12-8 down at half-time Oldham stormed back to win 20-12. Captain Martin Halkyard was at his inspirational best scoring two fine tries as well as being involved in the others by forwards George Slicker and Jonathan Eastwood.

At Under 13 level Oldham squandered an early 10 point lead and an awful second half performance saw Leigh take the initiative and run out 11-10 winners.

On Sunday I had the pleasure of watching over schoolboy signing Paul Barrow, Captain of Lincs Under 16 Rugby Union against Warwickshire at Waterloo and there's no doubt that an England spot is available if Paul continues his excellent form of this season. He scored a try, made two more and kicked three goals. The real reason for my presence to run the rule over a couple of likely prospects but signings are not imminent I'm afraid. One is taken to training in his father's helicopter and the other is going back to live in Nigeria at Christmas!

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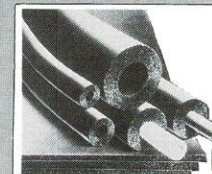
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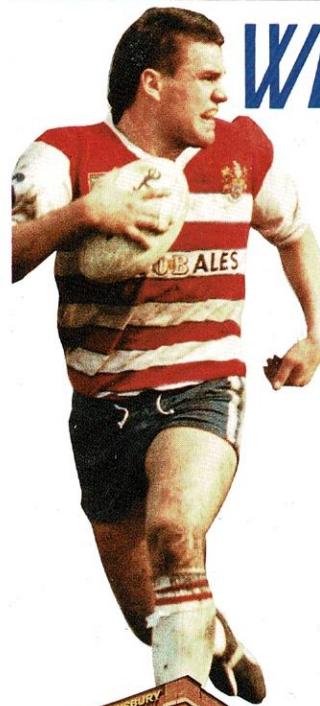
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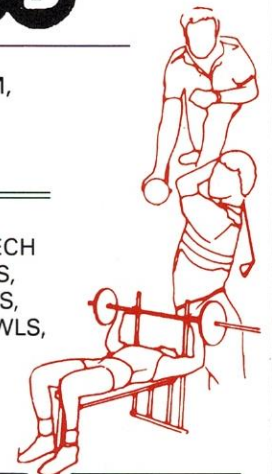
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1971-72	9,500		5,000	Halifax	Wakefield	22-11	Bradford	7,975
1972-73	16,100		5,000	Leeds	Salford	12-7	Huddersfield	10,102
1973-74	16,100		5,000	Warrington	Rochdale	27-16	Wigan	9,347
1974-75	16,100		5,000	Bradford N.	Widnes	3-2	Warrington	5,935
1975-76	22,800		6,000	Widnes	Hull	19-13	Leeds	9,035
1976-77	25,600		6,000	Castleford	Blackpool	25-15	Salford	4,512
1977-78	30,000		8,000	Warrington	Widnes	9-4	St. Helens	10,258
1978-79	33,000		8,000	Widnes	Warrington	16-4	St. Helens	10,743
1979-80	35,600		8,500	Bradford N.	Widnes	6-0	Leeds	9,909
1980-81	36,500	3,500	8,500	Warrington	Barrow	12-5	Wigan	12,820
1981-82	43,000	7,000	9,000	Hull	Hull K.R.	12-4	Leeds	25,245
1982-83	44,500	10,500	10,000	Wigan	Leeds	15-4	Elland Road, Leeds	19,553
1983-84	45,900	14,100	10,000	Leeds	Widnes	18-10	Wigan	9,510
1984-85	55,000	20,000	10,000	Hull K.R.	Hull	12-0	Boothferry Park, Hull	25,350
1985-86	57,000	23,000	11,000	Wigan	Hull K.R.	11-8	Elland Road, Leeds	17,500
1986-87	58,800	26,200	12,000	Wigan	Warrington	18-4	Burnden Park, Bolton	21,144
1987-88	85,000	65,000	16,000	St. Helens	Leeds	15-14	Wigan	16,669
1988-89	96,000	74,000	18,000	Wigan	Widnes	12-6	Bolton	20,709
1989-90	150,000	100,000	28,000	Wigan	Halifax	24-12	Leeds	17,810

- ★ The Imperial Tobacco Limited sponsorship of the Rugby League started in the 1967-68 season with the John Player "Player of the Match" and "Player of the Season" awards which ran until the 1971-72 season.
- ★ In 1970-71 a goal kicking competition was introduced for one season only.
- ★ From 1971-72 to 1979-80 the winner and runner-up of the BARLA National Cup entered the competition. In 1980-81 the winner only entered and then there was a lapse of two seasons before the winner and runner-up were again invited to enter from 1983-84.
- ★ From 1970 to 1982 the John Player BARLA Sevens competition played as a "curtain raiser" to the main Trophy matches. Prize money was £3,500, £4,500 and £5,500, and the winners were Waterhead, West Hull and Pilkington Recs.
- ★ From the 1989-90 season the main John Player Special Trophy was re-titled "The Regal Trophy" to coincide with the signing of a new sponsorship of Rugby League to its Silver Jubilee of 25 consecutive years in the 1991-92 season.