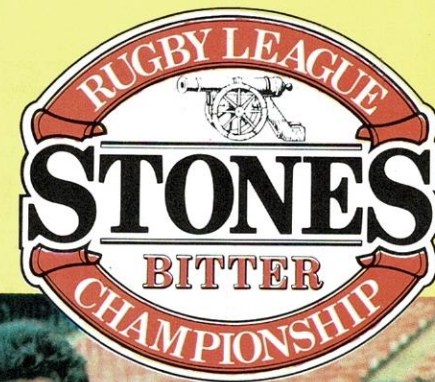


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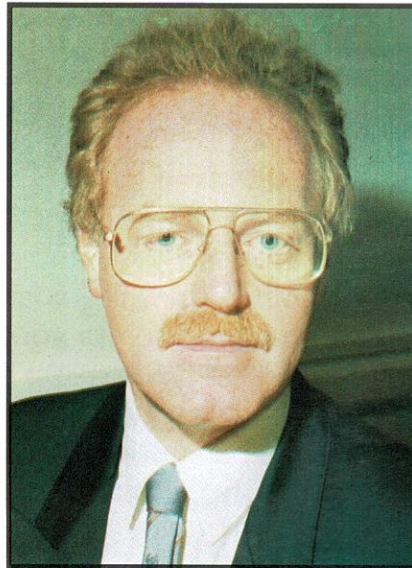
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## CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Welcome today to Oldham RLFC, their Directors, their Players and Supporters.

Today's match is vital for Bradford and Oldham with both our clubs languishing near the bottom end of the First Division table.

The match follows immediately on the heels of our very disappointing mid-week performance against Sheffield Eagles. The play produced by both teams during the first half of that match was the worst 40 minutes' football I have seen for some time. Although the atrocious weather conditions did not help, we can offer no excuses to our supporters who turned up on such a foul evening.



It is difficult to put ones finger on the reason why we can play extraordinarily well against the top teams in the First Division and yet produce poor-quality displays against lesser sides. It is this lack of consistency which must be addressed if we are to challenge for major honours. I am sure that the Challenge Cup tie against Leeds took a lot out of our players, but by the same token Sheffield had also played a game last Sunday.

The other news to hit the Club this week is of course the Rugby League's decision involving one of our players, Simon Tufts. I cannot comment at this stage as it is not known whether the player intends to appeal against the decision but I must stress and emphasise that this Club wholly supports strong action being taken against any player who is involved in the taking of illegal substances without good excuse.

We are continuing our search for young talent and the recent signing of David Turpin, on amateur forms, is another example of this and he has all the credentials to be a future star. These young players are the life blood of any Club and the continued excellent performance by the Alliance side gives justifiable rise to optimism. The "A" Team's demolition of Wigan in the Alliance Challenge Trophy was a pleasure to watch.

Chris Caisley

Chairman

# GIVE IT A TRY

Here's something for you to tackle at half time.

General knowledge questions on Rugby League.

There are a few bruisers in the pack so you might have to form a scrum.



### 1ST HALF

- 1 Who is the only player to have won the Harry Sunderland Trophy twice?
- 2 Who is the most recent addition to the Rugby League Hall of Fame?
- 3 Who won the Lance Todd trophy in the 1990 Silk Cut Challenge Cup Final?
- 4 Who holds the record for the longest consecutive scoring run i.e. playing and scoring in every match.



### 2ND HALF

- 5 Surname of New Zealand hooker in the team who defeated Great Britain 12-10 at Christchurch on the 17th July 1988?
- 6 Forename of Krewanti, the Papua New Guinea Test winger.
- 7 Malcolm Reilly, Doug Laughton, David Ward are all.....?
- 8 Which club signed John Gallagher in the summer of 1990?



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## TODAY AT ODSAL - Oldham

**John Cogger** Born in Sydney, Australia. John spent 2 1/2 seasons with Runcorn before becoming one of Tony Barrow's bargain boys - for £12,000 in February '89. His team in Sydney was Western Suburbs. A tearaway loose-forward he skippered Oldham to promotion in 1989-90, but has now been succeeded as Captain by Mike Ford.

**John Fairbank** Born in Halifax and one of the famous five farming and RL brothers. John signed for Oldham in the deal that took Hugh Waddell to Leeds in the late summer of 1988. Valued at £35,000 against Waddell's £85,000. Hard-working prop-forward.

**John Fieldhouse** Oldham pack leader and former Warrington, Widnes and St Helens star. Seven full caps for GB and voted man-of-the-series against New Zealand in 1985. Joined Oldham from Saints for fee of £45,000 to renew a partnership with Tony Barrow who first plucked him from amateur rugby for Warrington.

**Mike Ford** A young man of 24 who has already played at Wembley and toured Australia. While with Wigan he picked up a Challenge Cup winners' medal, three Lancashire Cup medals (one losers), two John Player Trophy medals and a First Division championship medal. After a short spell at Leigh he joined Oldham for £65,000 in January, 1988 and was an influential figure from scrum-half during Oldham's headline hitting cup exploits during 1989-90.

**Des Foy** First signed for Widnes as a youngster, but returned 'home' to Oldham in the Brian Hogan deal in August, 1982. Played twice for GB U. 24's in 1983 and went on to play in three full tests, including the first Test against Australia in Sydney on the 1984 tour. Played nearly 200 games for Oldham despite a spell with Aussie club Newcastle Knights.

**John Henderson** Another local lad. First turned pro for Leigh but signed for Oldham for £50,000 in September, 1988. A prolific try-scorer in a pacy Leigh back division, he has scored more than 100 tries in his career, none more vital than his first-half try in Oldham's shock third-round Challenge Cup win at Widnes in season 1988-90. Had a spell with Wests in Sydney.

**Gary Hyde** Spent a decade with Castleford, his home-town club and played twice for GB U24's in the early 1980s. Played at left-centre in the Castleford team which beat Hull KR 15-14 in the 1986 Wembley final and joined Oldham for £15,000 in Dec. 1988.

**Richard Irving** Former GB U19 amateur international who played at left-centre during Oldham's run to the Lancashire Cup final in the autumn of 1989. Now playing on the right-wing after a 1990 summer stint in Australian country football.

**Paul Lord** Signed for Oldham as a 17 year old from amateur rugby in Wakefield where his great pace attracted Oldham scouts. Came as a stand-off but has made his home on the left-wing. One of Oldham's most prolific scorers, he can seek out the gaps in midfield as well as hug the touch-line to score his tries.

**Tommy Martyn** Baby of the squad at 18, Tommy has the perfect pedigree. His father and uncle both played for GB as forwards. Remember Tommy senior..... or Mick, who set scoring records for Leigh in the 50's and 60's? Signed from Leigh Miners, Tommy Jnr. toured Australia with the BARLA Young Lions in 1989 and hit the headlines when he scored the winning try in Oldham's fantastic comeback against Hull KR in the Second Division premiership final at Old Trafford in May, 1990.

**Charlie McAlister** Big centre or wing, now playing in the back-row of the pack. Charlie was spotted playing Union for Bradford and Bingley. Signed after trials in January, 1988. Before coming to England he played for New Zealand Maoris at Union and was an All-Blacks trialist. Talented with the ball and a powerful runner, he had a spell with Sydney League club Newcastle Knights in 1988.

**Keith Newton** Widnes born and bred, Keith signed for the Chemics from local amateur rugby. Made around 50 senior appearances, many of them substitute, and jumped at the chance to sign for Oldham in January, 1989. Fee of £12,000 fixed by tribunal. Yet another Tony Barrow bargain, he was voted man-of-the-match in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup third-round win at Widnes in early 1990.

**Duncan Platt** Another former Widnes player, Duncan cost Oldham £35,000 in December, 1988 and was one of Tony Barrow's first signings. Landed 125 goals last season despite damaging an ankle in the Lancashire Cup Final and missing the next seven matches.

**Paul Round** Paul was the first Oldham signing when the board of directors replaced the former committee. Tribunal ordered Oldham to pay St Helens £65,000 then a club record. Played twice for GB U21s in 1984 and represented Saints at Wembley in 1987, scoring a try in an appearance as substitute.

**Andy Duane** Started his career with home-town Widnes and moved to Rochdale Hornets from where he joined Oldham for £13,000 in the summer of 1988. Scooped most of the club's player-of-the-year awards in 1988-89 but had bad luck with injuries in 1989-90 when he began to face competition for the hooking job from Richard Russell.

**Richard Russell** The bargain to beat all bargains. For £3,000 down, Oldham snapped him up from Wigan in summer of '89, although once he has made 50 senior appearances there will be another payment to take the fee to £15,000. GB Colts and U21 honours as a centre but switched to hooker in a master-stroke.

**Shaun Allen** Began his career with St Helens for whom he did enough to earn GB U21 honours as a centre in the 1984 match against France. Joined Oldham for a bargain £10,000 in March 1989. Usually plays second-row but also turns out at loose-forward, hooker and centre.

**Keith Atkinson** Keith started as an amateur when Oldham had a colts team and played for GB Colts as a winger against France in 1984. Serious injuries have restricted his senior appearances to fewer than 60, but he has made the switch from backs to pack and, as a bonus, is a proven goalkicker of some repute.

**Brett Clark** An Aussie who first came to England to play for St Helens. Was the Saints stand-off in their 19-18 defeat by Halifax at Wembley in 1987. Joined Oldham at the start of the 1989-90 season.

## MATCH FACTS

### BRADFORD NORTHERN V OLDHAM

Full playing record (including friendlies etc.)

Played 87, Won 44, Lost 40, Drawn 3, Points for 977, Against 935

#### LAST FIVE MEETINGS

| DATE               | VENUE | GAME                | RESULT | SCORE |
|--------------------|-------|---------------------|--------|-------|
| 1. 15th Nov. 1987  | Away  | John Player 1st Rd. | Lost   | 6-22  |
| 2. 22nd Jan. 1989  | Away  | League              | Won    | 30-14 |
| 3. 12th April 1989 | Home  | League              | Won    | 30-10 |
| 4. 12th Aug. 1990  | Away  | Friendly            | Won    | 26-20 |
| 5. 11th Nov. 1990  | Away  | League              | Won    | 18-16 |

**FIRST ENCOUNTER BETWEEN THE SIDES;** 19/10/1895, League, Away, Northern won 5-3

**NORTHERNS HIGHEST VICTORY;** 39-16 on 11/4/76, League, Away

**NORTHERNS HIGHEST DEFEAT;** 16-49 on 8/11/30, League, Away

**HIGHEST DRAWN MATCH;** 7-7 on 24/2/68, Challenge Cup 2nd Rd., Home

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All information correct up to and including March 2nd 1991.

**N. WILLIAMS**

Club Statistician/Historian



Bradford Northern R.L.F.C. - 1990/91: Left to Right: Back row:- John Hamer, Mark Wilson, Brett Ili, Glen Barraclough, Tony Marchant, David Cooper, Henderson Gill, Neil Summers. Centre row:- Fred Robinson (Kit), Paul Medley, Ian Wilkinson, Karl Fairbank, Steve McGowan, Graig Richards, Darraill Shelord, Chris Caisley (Chairman). Front row:- John Simpson (A Team Coach), Roger Simpson, John Pendlebury (Captain), David Hobbs (Coach), Brian Noble, Gerald Cordle, Tommy Smales (Ass. Coach)

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### **Hugh Gumbs**

"I enjoyed my home debut against Leigh, it was good to get that game under my belt."

### **Paul Medley**

"Cup ties Bradford v Leeds, there's been more than the fair share of these in recent seasons, that's just pot luck."

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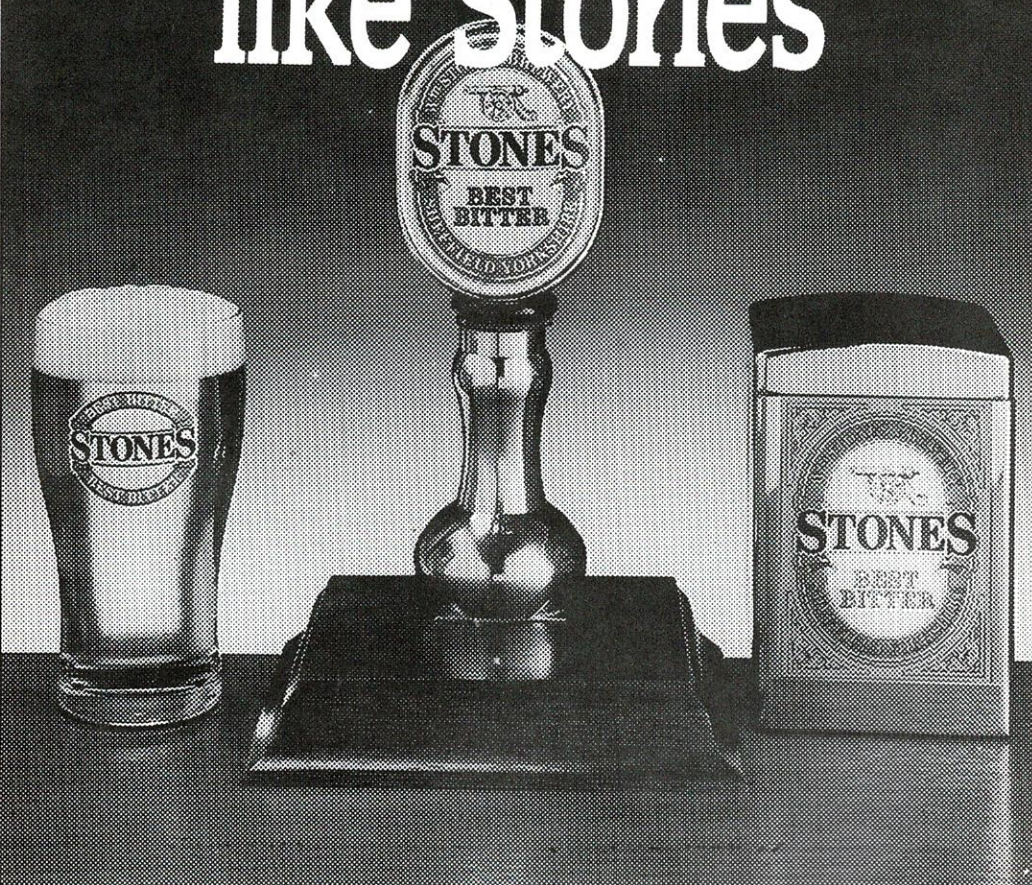
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**Hi There!**

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Our Mascot today is Adam Ross who is 10 years old and goes to Gilstead Middle School. He plays rugby for Bingley Under 10's and he is their Captain. Maybe one day we will see him play here at Odsal for Northern. His favourite player is Roger Simpson.

Winston is on holiday this week so he has arranged a substitute. Quite a novelty, as Winston and Junior Winston are Father and son Mick and Wesley Brearton. Mick is a DJ who has often played the bars as "Mini Mick" and when he does Wesley is always there to help.

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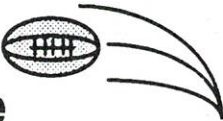
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| RIGHT WING      | 2.  | RICHARD IRVING    |   |   |    |     |
| RIGHT CENTRE    | 3.  | DES FOY           |   |   |    |     |
| LEFT CENTRE     | 4.  | RONNIE DUANE      |   |   |    |     |
| LEFT WING       | 5.  | STEVE ROBINSON    |   |   |    |     |
| STAND OFF       | 6.  | BRETT CLARK       |   |   |    |     |
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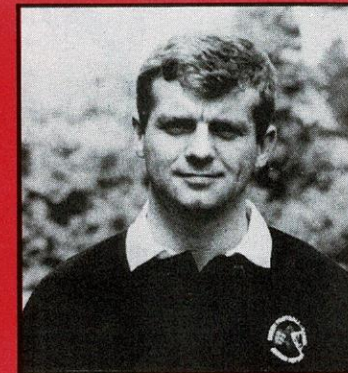
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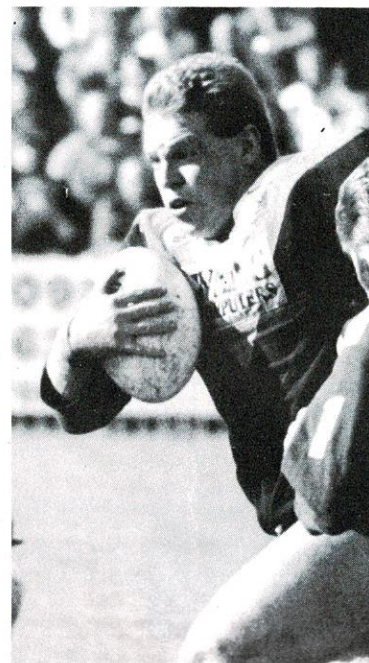
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The resultant scorer and time scored will be announced by Malcolm Lane over the P.A. and winnings can be collected after the game in the Trevor Foster Lounge.

Friday 1st March will see Miss Bradford Northern entering the Miss Yorkshire R. L. Competition at Huddersfield. Our current Miss Bradford Northern is Debbie Metcalfe, who took over from Shelley Dutton. Shelley resigned her title because of personal reasons. At the time of writing I am unable to tell you the result! Let's wish Debbie the best of luck, and keep our fingers crossed for a favourable result.

You know, the problem with 3 matches in a week is that most of the News has already been written about - however, I haven't mentioned the Leeds game! What a nailbiter, but the result was right, and all credit to Dave and the team, the spirit and endeavour was magnificent! Let's hope we can (once again) do the business against Wigan.

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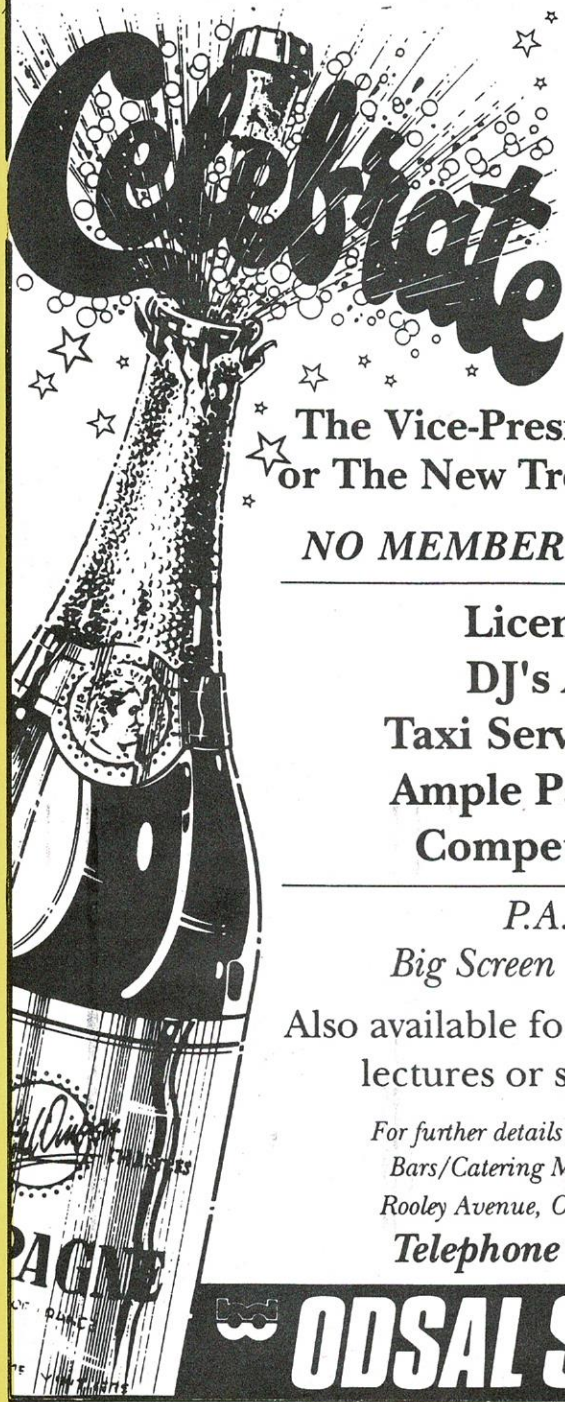
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|----------------|----|----|---|----|------------|-------------|-----|
| HULL           | 20 | 18 | - | 2  | 536        | 252         | 36  |
| CASTLEFORD     | 19 | 13 | - | 6  | 511        | 353         | 26  |
| HULL K R       | 19 | 11 | - | 8  | 355        | 337         | 22  |
| HALIFAX        | 19 | 10 | 1 | 8  | 402        | 437         | 21  |
| LEEDS          | 19 | 10 | - | 9  | 441        | 394         | 20  |
| OLDHAM         | 18 | 9  | - | 9  | 330        | 325         | 18  |
| FEATHERSTONE R | 20 | 8  | 1 | 11 | 421        | 427         | 17  |
| WIDNES         | 17 | 8  | - | 9  | 397        | 410         | 16  |
| WIGAN          | 17 | 7  | 1 | 9  | 341        | 375         | 15  |
| ST HELENS      | 18 | 7  | 1 | 10 | 419        | 459         | 15  |
| WARRINGTON W   | 17 | 7  | - | 10 | 374        | 414         | 14  |
| WAKEFIELD T    | 19 | 7  | - | 12 | 342        | 405         | 14  |
| SALFORD        | 18 | 7  | - | 11 | 314        | 402         | 14  |
| LEIGH          | 18 | 5  | - | 13 | 296        | 489         | 10  |

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|              |    |    |   |    |     |     |    |
|--------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|----|
| BRADFORD N   | 13 | 13 | - | -  | 514 | 128 | 26 |
| CARLISLE     | 17 | 11 | 3 | 3  | 440 | 210 | 25 |
| WORKINGTON T | 18 | 12 | 1 | 5  | 381 | 341 | 25 |
| SHEFFIELD E  | 20 | 12 | - | 8  | 511 | 408 | 24 |
| SWINTON C    | 19 | 10 | 2 | 7  | 445 | 341 | 22 |
| DEWSBURY     | 18 | 9  | 2 | 7  | 316 | 325 | 20 |
| BARROW       | 21 | 9  | - | 12 | 333 | 500 | 18 |
| HUNSLET      | 14 | 8  | 1 | 5  | 328 | 263 | 17 |
| ROCHDALE H   | 14 | 8  | 1 | 5  | 261 | 219 | 17 |
| DONCASTER    | 19 | 8  | 1 | 10 | 312 | 305 | 17 |
| BATLEY       | 17 | 8  | 1 | 8  | 297 | 299 | 17 |
| HUDDERSFIELD | 16 | 8  | - | 8  | 372 | 343 | 16 |
| FULHAM       | 16 | 8  | - | 8  | 282 | 295 | 16 |
| RYEDALE YORK | 17 | 6  | - | 11 | 319 | 326 | 12 |
| KEIGHLEY     | 17 | 5  | 1 | 11 | 306 | 406 | 11 |
| TRAFFORD B   | 18 | 5  | - | 13 | 295 | 460 | 10 |
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## RUGBY LEAGUE REVIEW

### TOP TEN TRY SCORERS

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| 1. Martin Offiah (Widnes)        | 40 |
| 2. Greg Austin (Halifax)         | 29 |
| 3. Ellery Hanley (Wigan)         | 21 |
| 4. Anthony Sullivan (Hull KR)    | 20 |
| 5. Graham Steadman (Castleford)  | 18 |
| Adrian Hadley (Salford)          | 18 |
| Garry Schofield (Leeds)          | 18 |
| 8. Owen Simpson (Featherstone R) | 17 |
| John Devereux (Widnes)           | 17 |
| Martin Wood (Halifax)            | 17 |
| David Fell (Salford)             | 17 |
| Shaun Edwards (Wigan)            | 17 |

### TOP TEN GOAL SCORERS

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Steve Kerry (Salford)          | 118 |
| 2. Paul Eastwood (Hull)           | 86  |
| 3. Simon Irving (Leeds)           | 82  |
| 4. Tim Lumb (Hunslet)             | 77  |
| 5. Alan Platt (Halifax)           | 76  |
| 6. Graham Sullivan (Ryedale-York) | 74  |
| 7. Jonathan Davies (Widnes)       | 70  |
| 8. Frano Botica (Wigan)           | 64  |
| 9. Duncan Platt (Oldham)          | 63  |
| Paul Loughlin (St Helens)         | 63  |

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Steve Kerry of Salford has increased his total at the top of the points list to 280 from 118 goals including four drop goals plus 12 tries.

Paul Eastwood of Hull is in second place with 220 from 86 goals and 12 tries.

In joint third place with 204 are Simon Irving of Leeds (82 goals, 10 tries) and Jonathan Davies (70 goals, 16 tries).

### ELLERY HANLEY

Ellery Hanley of Wigan needs four tries to become the first player to total 200 Division One career tries. His 196 League tries are made up of 124 for Wigan and 72 for Bradford Northern.

The previous record holder, Keith Fielding, has been left well behind in second place with 165 for Salford between 1973 and 1981.

Of today's players, Garry Schofield of Leeds is Hanley's nearest challenger in eighth place with 128 tries.

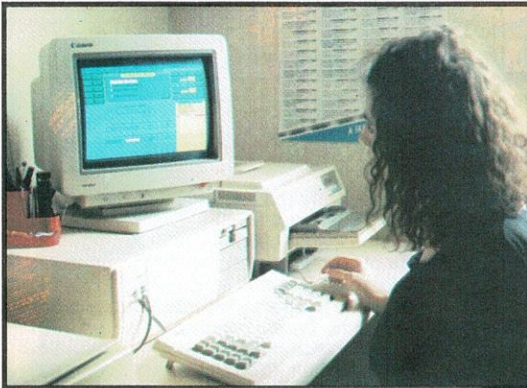
Hanley also holds the record for most Division One tries in a season with 44 for Wigan in 1986-87, having set the record with 40 for Bradford Northern in 1984-85.

Hanley turned professional with Bradford as a 17-year-old on 2 June 1978 from Corpus Christi amateurs in Leeds and made a try-scoring debut as a substitute in a 30-18 Division One home defeat of Rochdale Hornets on 26 November 1978.

He was then absent for a period and did not make his full debut until 16 August 1981 when he scored a try playing centre in a Yorkshire Cup tie at Halifax. His full Division One debut followed on 30 August when he scored a try at stand off in an 11-12 home defeat against Widnes.

Wigan signed him in a then world record £150,000 deal on 16 September 1985 and he made his debut in the centre in a 32-10 Division One home win over Widnes on 22 September 1985.

After playing as a centre or stand off, Hanley switched to loose forward in February 1987. Three times he has finished as Division One's top try scorer and has totalled 19 League hat-tricks including four four-try feats and five once.



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## The B.A.R.L.A. Year of Youth by Trevor Hunt International P.R.O

Without doubt, 1991 is going to be the "Year of Youth", as far as the British Amateur Rugby League Association are concerned. And with their "Young Lions" squad making a tour of New Zealand, before taking on the undefeated Australian Schools, next November, who can argue?

B.A.R.L.A.'s Youth Supremo, Geoff Owen, and his two Assistant Managers, the vastly experienced Jackie Reid and knowledgeable Mike Morrissey, will be leading the British charge for success. "The selection policies for International Youth squads, needed an overhaul," said Geoff, "Too many players were slipping through the net, others were signing professionally, perhaps a little too prematurely, and that was undermining National efforts to take on the other Rugby League Nations at a Youth level.

"But we have now devised a policy that hopefully will steer us on a course for international success at all levels of the sport. We have elected to set up a system, whereby potential International players are picked up at a much earlier age. They will be invited to attend schools of Excellence, where the Director of Coaching, Phil Larder, will further their rugby and fitness education and hopefully make them fully aware what is needed to compete at the very highest level. Their records, achievements and progress in the various aspects of the skills and development programmes, will be carefully logged and monitored, being stored in a computer for future use and reference.

"It's nothing that the Australians don't already do, but it needs the full involvement of the English Schools, and a meeting has been set up to start to identify the first batch of potential stars or the future. To maximise input, a squad of experienced people throughout the Country - selectors and coaches - will be organised to keep their eyes open for potential players on the amateur circuit too, with youngsters being watched from as early as Under 11's, and their progress then being continually monitored. Of course the advice of Phil Larder, with regard to present Coaching appointments, and future coaching policies, will be sought, and acted upon accordingly.

One of the areas that has often caused problems is, that of the various age groups, with 18 and 19 year olds causing particular problems, as professional clubs, understandably, want to sign some of the more outstanding players, before the competition steps in.

"We have to get to grips with these problems," agreed Geoff, "And we have to try and get an agreement with the Rugby Football League, whereby we can retain players for International duties, either before or after they have agreed terms with a professional club. These discussions should possibly include the Sports Council, as they too have a very strong interest, in just how we are going to further develop Youth rugby. It is of the utmost importance that we get the support of the Rugby Football League. With the Australian Tourists creating so much interest in that marvellous series against GB, the forthcoming visit of Australian Schoolboys is sure to spark considerable reaction. And if we can manage to keep our top youngsters available, then realistically we could have a chance of beating the Australian Schoolboys, something that has never been achieved before."

Already Geoff is attempting to get Regions to set up Schools of Excellence, that will bring in the leading youngsters from this seasons Under 17's competitions, and those players that will still be eligible for the Under 19's selection next season. "We have decided that the Australians will play six matches plus two Tests," said Geoff. "Cumbria, the North West Counties, The Pennines, Yorkshire, Humberside and a Presidents XIII will be pitched against them, and already some of them have started their selection and preparation. Of course this is where the help of the RFL comes in, in so much, that their clubs will be asked, to allow young players to sign on Amateur forms, then they are still eligible for crack at the Aussies.

"The Chairman of the RFL, Bob Ashby has already pledged his support, and that is a big boost to us." Looking even further ahead, there are plans for even more clashes with our Antipodean friends, as we head for the game's Centenary celebrations in 1995. "The programme, which is fully sanctioned and supported by the International Board, commences with the Tour to New Zealand this summer, followed by the arrival of the Australians in November. Then in June 1993, the 'Young Lions' will tour Australia, and the NZ Junior Kiwi's will be our guests in October 1993. All this should then lead up to a World Cup for Youth teams in 1995."

Many of today's top professionals, were yesterdays top Amateur Youth players, with Andy and Mike Gregory, Ellery Hanley, Gary Schofield just a few that are now household names on the World stage. Many more are in the pipe-lines, and hopefully, the enormous wealth of British talent beginning to emerge can direct its energies to taking the Aussies apart at Youth level, before going on to the same job in the full glare of the "Test" arena.

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# BRADFORD NORTHERN

## SEASON 1990/91

| FIXTURES                              | Score<br>F A  | TRIES   | GOALS                             | H/T<br>F A | ATT    |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---|-----------------------------------|------------|--------|
| Aug 19 Sheffield E. Y. Cup Prelim Rd  | 3.00 H        | Cooper - Wilkinson - Cordle                                 | Cooper (4)                        | 4-8        | 3,320  |
| Aug 26 1st Round - Yorks Cup Leeds    | 3.00 A        | Medley (2) - Cordle - Wilson                                | Cooper (2) - Hobbs (2)            | 8-6        | 14,223 |
| Sept 1 2nd Rd. Y.C. Castleford        | Val. Par 3.00 | Cordle - Simpson  | Cooper - McGowan                  | 2-22       | 7,974  |
| Sept 9 Widnes                         | 6.30 H        | Fairbank  | Cooper (2) DG - Hobbs, Pendlebury | 8-2        | 6,701  |
| Sept 16 St. Helens                    | 3.00 A        | Ill (2) - Marchant - Richards                               | Hobbs (2)                         | 14-14      | 6,954  |
| Sept 23 Featherstone Rovers           | 3.30 A        | Wilkinson - Ill - Marchant - Fairbank                       | Hobbs (6)                         | 20-16      | 4,888  |
| Sept 30 Wigan                         | 3.00 H        | Shefford - Ill - Simpson - Cordle - Croft                   | Hobbs (5) DG - Hobbs              | 17-6       | 9,231  |
| Oct 7 Leeds                           | 3.00 H        | Shefford - Pendlebury                                       | Hobbs (2)                         | 6-17       | 11,248 |
| Oct 14 Rochdale                       | 3.00 A        | Medley - Summers  | Hobbs (2)                         | 0-4        | 3,630  |
| Oct 21 Hull KR                        | 3.00 H        | Shefford (3) - Cordle (2) - Summers                         | Hobbs (1)                         | 14-4       | 5,307  |
| Oct 30 Sheffield E. (Tues)            | 7.30 A        | McGowan (2) - Cordle - Fairbank - Marchant - Medley - Ill   | Hobbs (4)                         | 16-8       | 5,500  |
| Nov 4 Warrington                      | 3.00 H        | Summers - Medley - Marchant - Cordle                        | Hobbs (4) D.G. = Hobbs            | 8-12       | 5,170  |
| Nov 11 Oldham                         | 3.00 A        | Cordle - Richards - Medley                                  | Hobbs (3)                         | 12-10      | 5,874  |
| Nov 18 Regal Trophy Pre. Sheffield E. | 7.30 A        | Hamer - Cordle  | Hobbs (2)                         | 4-2        | 4,500  |
| Nov 25 Hull KR                        | 3.00 A        | Shefford (2) - McGowan                                      | Hobbs (2) DG - Hobbs - Pendlebury | 8-12       | 4,601  |
| Dec 2 Reg. Trophy 1st Rd Warrington   | 3.00 H        | Summers   | -                                 | 4-6        | 4,801  |
| Dec 11 Regal Trophy 2nd Rd Bramley    | 3.00 H        | Marchant - Simpson  | Pendlebury                        | 10-6       | 2834   |
| Dec 15 Regal Trophy 3rd Rd Wigan      | 3.00 A        | Cordle (2) - Simpson (2) - Fairbank - Marchant              | Hobbs (2)                         | 8-0        | 1,828  |
| Dec 22 Reg. Trophy S/F Rochdale H.    | 2.15 N        | Pendlebury - Medley   | Hobbs (2)                         | 6-4        | 5,296  |
| Dec 26 Leeds (Boxing Day)             | 11.30 A       | Shefford - Fairbank   | Hobbs (2) + 1 D.G.                | 8-2        | -      |
| Jan 1 Castleford                      | 3.30 A        | Hamer - Medley  | -                                 | 4-20       | 14,010 |
| Jan 6 Rochdale                        | 3.00 H        | -   | -                                 | 0-8        | 6,169  |
| Jan 12 Reg. Trophy Final Warrington   | 2.15 N        | Simpson (2) - Hobbs (2)                                     | Hellewell (3) DG = Pendlebury     | 12-6       | 3,751  |
| Jan 20 Hull                           | 7.30 A        | -   | Hobbs                             | 2-4        | -      |
| Jan 27 Silk Cut (Pre) Leigh East      | 3.15 A        | Hamer   | Hellewell                         | 6-16       | 6,460  |
| Feb 3 Warrington                      | 3.00 A        | Shefford - Rhoades - Medley - Summers                       | Hellewell (4)                     | 12-2       | 2,724  |
| Feb 17 Leigh Silk Cut (1)             | 3.00 H        | Hellewell - Medley  | Hellewell - Hobbs DG = Hobbs      | 12-2       | 4,800  |
| Feb 24 Silk Cut (2) Leeds             | 6.30 H        | Hamer - Hobbs - Shefford - Hellewell - Cordle - Wilkinson - | Hellewell (7)                     | 20-4       | 3,329  |
| Feb 27 (Wed) Sheffield Eagles         | 7.30 H        | Richards - Gumbs - Simpson                                  | DG = Pendlebury                   | 5-0        | 9,164  |
| Mar 3 Oldham                          | 3.00 H        | Shefford  | Hobbs                             | 0-6        | 2,127  |
| Mar 10 Silk Cut (3) Wigan             | 3.00 A        | Ill   | -                                 | -          | -      |
| Mar 13 Hull                           | 7.30 H        | -   | -                                 | -          | -      |
| Mar 17 Widnes                         | 3.00 A        | -   | -                                 | -          | -      |
| Mar 24 Wakefield T.                   | 3.30 A        | -   | -                                 | -          | -      |
| Mar 29 Castleford (Good Fri)          | 7.30 H        | -   | -                                 | -          | -      |
| Apr 14 Featherstone                   | 3.00 H        | -   | -                                 | -          | -      |