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#### **TERRACE TALK**

First it was Carlisle B.R., then Whitehaven followed suit. Tonight, hopefully, it will be third time lucky. What am I on about? our playing record under the new floodlights. Carlisle's victory somewhat took the gloss off the big switch on almost twelve months ago. Whitehaven turned Good Friday into a decidedly bad one by pinching the game with an interception try. Tonight, we have the opportunity to lay the mini bogey and prove not only to the Derwent Park faithful, but also to viewers on the British Aerospace circuit that we can dazzle the opposition with bright rugby and really light up the town. Oldham, of course, will be determined to maintain their unbeaten status so the sparks should fly.

The Lancashire Cup draw has once again matched us with Cumbrian opposition and in three days time we should be in for another cracker as we battle for a semi-final place against the Carlisle Border Raiders. It's tough at the top isn't it, but remember it's tougher at the bottom.

Friday the 13th will never seem the same to me following the brilliant night I enjoyed at the Town Supporters Club 'Sportsmans Evening' in the Cumbria. Guest speakers Duncan McKenzie and retired policeman Eric Jones had the place roaring with laughter throughout the night. The event raised in excess of £2,000 for the Supporters Club funds. Apparently a repeat event is being arranged by George Petre and Co. I recommend you make a note in your diaries for next year.

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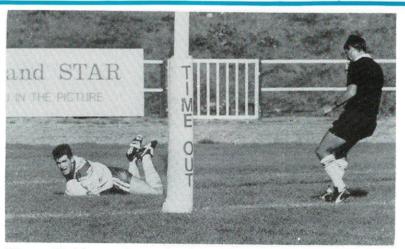


#### 2nd DIVISION ROUND UP

There were no Second Division matches played last weekend due to County Cup commitments. The cup draw gave three Second Division clubs home advantage with only London Crusaders drawing a First Division team in the shape of Wigan. That game predictably went Wigan's way 10-38 however the Crusaders will be reasonably happy to have restricted one of the Fosters World Club finalists to a margin of 28 points and attracted their biggest gate for some time of 3,000 spectators. Rochdale Hornets visited much improved Highfield but were able to forget their indifferent league form to beat the joint Division Three leaders 11-34 Leigh easily disposed of Chorley 59-12 scoring 12 tries in the process. Our visitors today, Oldham travelled to newly promoted Swinton with a point to prove

and came away winners 21-22 in a very exciting game. Although 14-0 down after 15 minutes Oldham fought back and scored the winning try 3 minutes from the end with Martyn adding a pressure kick to win the the game at the death. Carlisle overcame fellow Cumbrians Whitehaven 12-44 with a late surge scoring 4 of their 8 tries in the last twelve minutes, setting up another 'Derby' with the Town this Thursday. Workington were made to fight all the way against a gallant Barrow who surely can't be far from breaking their duck in the Third Division. Rvdale-York continued their disastrous run losing away to Huddersfield who were treated to an Alex Murphy 'special' halftime pep talk. I'll bet they were pleased to get back on the field!

## **ACTION REPLAY**



Wayne Kitchin scoring Town's first try against Barrow last Sunday (Photo courtesy of Times & Star)

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## **TODAYS VISITORS**

Tonight we extend a warm welcome to Oldham R.L.F.C. Peter Tunks has great expectations of a successful season, a review of the playing talent he has available makes one understand his optimism. Oldham are undoubtedly going to be a formidable outfit in the second division, like ourselves they are as yet unbeaten. Although they did drop a point in their first game away at Sheffield this must be regarded as a very commendable effort, considering the Eagles are early season favourites for the Championship. Oldham followed this with an emphatic 46-19 trouncing of Leigh to move into second place. The setting is right then for a real 'match of the day' which we will be sharing with British Aerospace viewers around the country. Hopefully the teams will provide a spectacle as entertaining as on Oldham's last visit to Derwent Park. We don't need long memories to recall that particular match do we? The thrilling cup tie that still niggles many Town supporters as the one that got away. Hopefully we can gain some revenge tonight and maintain our number one status.

Last meeting at Derwent Park 24th February 1991 Silk Cut Cup Round 2 Town 15 Oldham 20 Att. 5,549

Town Scorers: Tries: McLean, Tuimavave Goals: Wear (3). Drop Goal: Lowden

Town: Smith: McLean: Kerr: Tuimavave: Lowden: Wear: Ashton: Armstrong: Roskell: Falcon: Williams: McMullen: Oglanby: Subs: Ainsworth: Scott.

Shaun Allen: Joined Oldham from St. Helens in the Tony Barrow era. Returned to the senior squad under Peter Tunks. Richard Blackman: A Londoner, Played for Dewsbury Moor, Yorkshire and G.B. Looking for regular 1st team place.

Austin Donegan: At 17 stone the biggest man on Oldham books. Joined Oldham from St. Helens. Very fast for his size. Neil Flanagan: Ex BARLA International

and local lad who has impressed already

this season. Recently attracted the attention of Hull after all action displays. John Henderson: Former Leigh centre and a prolific scorer. Signed for Oldham for £50,000, but has only recently agreed terms for a further contract. Fought his way back into first team and raring to go. Neil Holding: Ex St. Helens and Rochdale Hornets scrum-half who joined Oldham at the beginning of the season in player exchange deal which took Brett Clark and Ronnie Duane to Spotland. Still top class. Keith Newton: One of the more experienced players in a young squad. Signed from Widnes for £12,000 during Tony Barrow era. Hard working prop. Vince Nickling: An Aussie who came to

Oldham from Sydney via Limoux, France. As a boy played for St. George and Easts in Sydney. Currently playing full-back.

**Richard Pachnuik:** 20 year old from Dewsbury, Richard started in the 'A' team last season. Now establishing himself

last season. Now establishing himself regulary in the first team. **Richard Irving:** Blockbusting winger from Huddersfield area. Youth International

Huddersfield area. Youth International before turning pro. for Oldham under Eric Fitzsimons. Regular first team choice. Chris Joynt: Wigan born who we think has a big future in R.L. Joined Oldham after gaining Youth International cap. Simon Longstaff: Ex Halifax player who joined Oldham at the end of 1990/91 season. Versatile player with big future.

Charlie McAlister: New Zealander signed from Bradford & Bingly R.U. club 3 years ago. Can play centre or second row. Just been appointed the club vice-captain. Barrie McDermott: Strong, powerful 19

year old is yet another member of the BARLA international side that signed for Oldham. Big future in the game.

Tommy Martin: Son of former G.B. International forward Tommy Martin, and nephew of Mick Martin. Stand-off or centre who can-sniff tries out of nothing. Paul Round: One of the most respected and well known forwards in the game. Signed for £65,000 four ago. Long striding forward who is club captain this season.

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## **AMATEUR SCENE**

Derwent Park Rangers came unstuck last weekend when they were defeated heavily by a Carlisle side by 14-52 at U13 level and 14-44 at U15 level. As is often the case in restricted age groups, the successful side of last season becomes the whipping boys of next season. I have no doubt that winning ways will soon return, so don't get down hearted lads. In the CARLA Allerdale's two main hopes in Div 1 had mixed results with 'Elbra being narrowly defeated away by an ever improving **Dalston** 8-6. Driving rain didn't help handling but 'Elbra had the satisfaction of scoring the only try of the game. Glasson Rangers drew their game away at high flyers Hensingham 8-8. Scholey scored the Glasson try with Bowness converting and adding a penalty, Ex Carlisle player Brian Tunstall scored all Hensingham's points and they move into second place behind Kells, who were surprisingly beaten at home by Wath Brow. In Div 2 Seaton had a fine win against Westfield Hotel 24-5 and Egremont A won a closely fought match against Broughton Red Rose. Phil Kitchin will be pleased to see his Distington teams onto winning ways with the first team beating Wath Brow A and the second team winning away at Wigton 0-16. Ex Town player John Ferguson scored for Broughton Moor in their impressive win over Hensingham A 38-8 That evergreen player George Ditchburn who played with some of our grandfathers had to watch his Westfield Welfare side slide to defeat against Kells A 34-4. I hope this doesn't put paid to a promising career!

## **ACTION REPLAY**



Town's new signing Joe Fiamalo runs for the line against Barrow

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The British Coal International against the re-formed Welsh National side and the touring Papua New Guinea team will be shown live on Sky Sports on Sunday 27th October at 6.15 p.m. In addition to this they will also be broadcasting the League game between Wigan and Leeds on Sunday 3rd November at 6.15 p.m. although the kick-off will still be at the normal time of 3.00 p.m. But forget all those for the really big one is the Sky Sports televising of **Workington's** away game with **Oldham** on 10th November!

Yorkshire TV begin their Scrumdown programme on 3rd November, as however Border TV choose to transmit Australia's answer to Shakespeare, **Prisoner Cell Block H,** instead I don't suppose we will be seeing any of those.

British Aerospace's Sportcast coverage of Rugby League is continuing again this season, and they will be showing both County Cup Finals amongst others.

All goes to show the interest some of our TV companies have in recognising Rugby League as a highly organised and competitive sport rather than 'infill' when nothing else is available.

Martin Offiah is on the brink of a return with Widnes. The much publicized split may be over and he may be considered for inclusion in the game against Hull K.R. St. Helens really piled on the agony against Trafford B. in the Lancashire Cup. almost surpassing their record score against Carlisle of some seasons ago. Whilst it may have sent the Saints fans

home happy, it must have been a nightmare for anyone connected with the Trafford club and make their job of establishing the club even more difficult. A share of the Saints home gate of 6,850 will have cushioned the blow a little. Halifax, inspite of their high spending during the summer, still find victory an elusive thing. Wakefield pipped them at the post last Sunday by scoring the winning try a minute from the end and sealed victory by 18-24. Hull, were able to beat those other big spenders Leeds, Ellery Hanley and all, in their Cup match by 16-11. A bad day for Gary Schofield who was on the losing side again at Hull and also lost the team captaincy to Hanley. Wigan with cash in their pockets are casting an envious eye down under to recruit a replacement for Kevin Iro now playing in Aussie. They will no doubt be watching the Canberra v Penrith Grand Final in preparation for the forthcoming clash at Anfield for the World Club Championship.

With R.F.U. World Cup hipe well into its stride it surely came as no great surprise to hear the comments of one Peter Yarranton on Rugby League, who just happens to be Chairman of the Sports Council, and President of the R.F.U. that "How a game played basically in three counties in England can seriously put itself forward as a game of the people is beyond me." Now there speaks the voice of impartiality. I wonder which hat he wears when dealing with applications for limited funds from the Sports Council's coffers?



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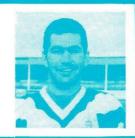
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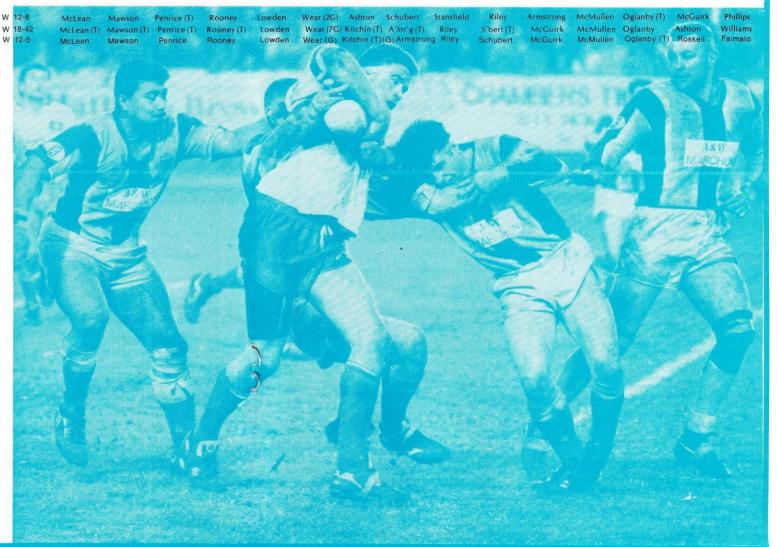
## **FIXTURES 1991/92**

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#### THE RUGBY LEAGUE STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIPS 1991/92 FIRST TEAM FIXTURES 1991/92 DIVISION TWO

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Sunday	8th	Ryedale-York	(A)	1,564	٧
Sunday	15th	BARROW (L. Cup 1 Rnd)	(H)	2721	١
Monday	23nd	OLDHAM	(H)	6.30 p.m.	
Sunday	29th	Carlisle	(A)	2.30 p.m.	
OCTOBER					
Sunday	6th	Sheffield E.	(A)	3.15 p.m.	
Sunday	13th	ROCHDALE H.	(H)	3.00 p.m.	
Sunday	20th	Leigh	(A)	3.30 p.m.	
Sunday	27th	FULHAM	(H)	3.00 p.m.	
NOVEMBER					
Sunday	3rd	RYEDALE-YORK	(H)	3.00 p.m.	
Sunday	10th	Oldham	(A)	3.00 p.m.	
Sunday	17th	Regal Trophy Round 1			
Sunday	24th	Regal Trophy Round 2			
DECEMBER					
Sunday	1st	CARLISLE	(H)	3.00 p.m.	
Sunday	8th	SHEFFIELD E.	(H)	3.00 p.m.	
Sunday	15th	Rochdale H.	(A)	3.00 p.m.	
Thursday	26th	Carlisle	(A)	2.00 p.m.	
JANUARY 1992					
Sunday	5th	LEIGH	(H)	3.00 p.m.	
Sunday	12th	Fulham	(A)	3.00 p.m.	
Sunday	19th	Ryedale-York	(A)	3.15 p.m.	
Sunday	26th	Silk Cut Challenge Cup Rnd 1			
FEBRUARY					
Sunday	2nd	OLDHAM	(H)	3.00 p.m.	
Sunday	9th	Silk Cut Challenge Cup R	nd 2		
Sunday	16th	Sheffield E.	(A)	3.15 p.m.	
Sunday	23rd	ROCHDALE H.	(H)	3.00 p.m.	
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Sunday	8th	Leigh	(A)	3.30 p.m.	
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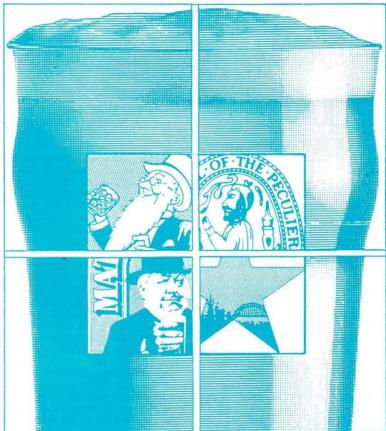


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ERIC BELL Workington Town Player 1959-75

Whenever one meets "Ecky" it is not long before the conversation turns rugby league and Town in particular. As a player he was an excellent centre, not scoring many tries, but making a lot for his winger. He also excelled when playing stand-off with centres like young lan Wright and Alan Tait running off him. As a coach he was one of the best Town have had with the team playing lovely running football. I shall always remember the last match he was in charge when we trounced Hull, that year's Cup finalists. Eric is a deep thinking and extremely knowledgeable exponent of the game, respected for his views by a great number of followers of Rugby League.

Eric began his rugby career at Cockermouth Grammar School, when Bev Risman was also in attendance. During this time he played for Cumberland Schoolboys U/15. His amateur rugby league career stared at Broughton Moor where he also played for Cumberland U/19 R.L. side and England U/19. He was signed by Tom Mitchell in 1958, but did not play for Town until 1959, when he was still just 18 (see photograph)

His capabilities were never recognised internationally, but he had the achievement of playing Leeds at Headingley in the Championship play-off and getting three County Championpship medals. He was also coach when Town won the

Wigan Sevens. In every team he played in he was captain. Eric suffered numerous injuries including breaking both wrists and an ankle. In a game against Barrow Bill Burgess the Barrow winger kicked Eric in the mouth dislodging a few teeth after Eric had dropped on a ball. Big Brian Edgar was so incensed that he was determined to "even the score." The late lim Challinor must have known this, as he never passed the ball to Bill Burgess again. all the game. Later Bill sent Eric a letter of apology. On showing the letter to Brian he remarked to Eric, "I hope you have got a similar one written out for the next time Barrow come here." Strangely enough, I do not think Bill played again at Workington.

Eric's biggest disappointment was being sacked as coach, receiving the letter the day he was going on holiday and then on his return finding an announcement had been made that he had resigned. This was an instance where the Club did not come out with much credit, especially as they had been saved from relegation. After leaving Town and a short break from the game Eric coached Seaton for 18 months. Eric is married to Ann, a Whitehaven girl. Their family consists of Micheal, who plays for Maryport A.R.L.F.C. and causes his mother as much worry with injuries and kit washing as his dad did. Their daughter Karen is married and hopes to presents them with a granchild next March.

There are many amusing incidents Eric told me about his playing career, but because of restriction of space I cannot include them in this article.

Thank you Eric for all the pleasure you gave us when playing and I hope we can carry on our friendly (although not always agreeing) rugby league discussions for many years to come.

Many people may not know, but Eric had an horrrendous accident at work, which literally tore his arm out of the shoulder socket. At one time it was feared he might lose the use of his arm, but luckily it is only partialy disabled.

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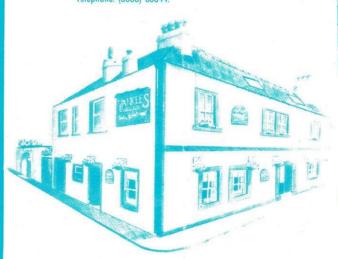
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#### SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

This evening we welcome our visitors from Oldham and I'm sure we will see a hard and very close game. Like us, our visitors progressed to the second round of the Lancashire Cup with a very good away win at Swinton. I hope this evening Town can at last win a game under floodlights! After last weeks close fought victory over Barrow let's hope Town can turn on the style tonight and give us plenty to cheer about.

What a great draw for the second round of the Lancashire Cup. I'm sure it will be another great derby match against Carlisle later this week.

Everyone at the club were dismayed at the continuing bad luck of Dean Williams. We all wish him a speedy recovery from his torn hamstring.

At the time of writing we are still awaiting delivery of the Replica Team Shirts. If you wish to order one, please call in at the Souvenir Shop before or after tonight's game.

The Supporters Club is continuing to arrange coaches to all our away games this season. Anyone wishing to travel with the Supporters Club to Carlisle this weekend please contact George Petre on Maryport 812967 as soon as possible.

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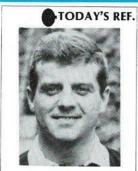


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## 'A' TEAM REVIEW

#### SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

Hull F.C. were the visitors for Town's second home game of the season. Wet and windy conditions prevailed although a good turnout of fans had come along to presumably have a look at Town's new Kiwi signing Joe Faimolo.

Town were first on the scoreboard in the 10th minute with a Walker penalty. The driving rain was making handling difficult however the visitors put a move together resulting in powerful ex Welsh R.U. forward Jones striding over in the 20th minute. Both teams played some good football considering the conditions but it was Hull who created a huge overlap to score a try which made it 2-8 after 33 minutes. Two minutes later Town's latest signing Kiwi Joe Faimolo forced his way over for a try from close range which Walker converted to level it at 8-8 half-time.

In the second half Hull had the advantage of the weather at their backs and immediatley took the lead with a try from Nolan in the 41st minute. After this the visitors stepped up a gear with loose forward Hunter scoring to make it 8-16 and then lively hooker Dixon broke out from acting half-back to cross between the posts increasing the visitors lead to 8-22. 3 minutes later winger Turner took advantage of some weak tackling to cross which Nolan converted to make the score 8-28. Next in the scoring stakes was Hull prop Rushton who crashed over in the corner to increase Hull's lead to 8-32. Hooker Dixon crossed for his second try and winger Nolan completed his hattrick. A further Nolan goal added to the misery for Town making the final score



Town 8 Hull 46

The attendance for the game was a heartening 307 however the 'A' team must improve it's performances if these attendances are to be maintained.

**Town:** K. Kirkwood: G. Patterson: K. Tubman: W. Walker: M. Wilson: P. Gorge: G. Burgess: I. Torley: D. Penman: J. Faimolo: J. Graham: B. Pickering: I. Scott:

Subs: Carr: B. Buglass. Scorers: Try: Faimolo.

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