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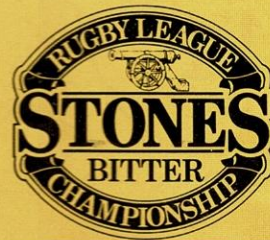
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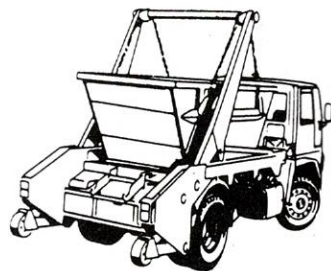
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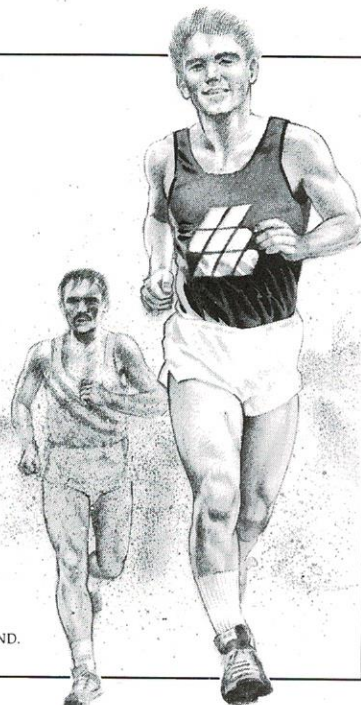
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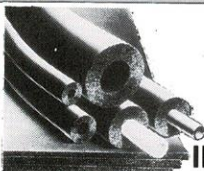
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WELCOME back today to Watersheddings after what seems an eternity from playing our last three games away from home. At the time of going to press, the results of our contests against both Workington and St Helens away are still unknown, so I can only hope the results of this week will bring a smile to the faces of the Oldham faithful.

The results over the last fortnight in the revamped Second Division have proved to me just how tight promotion will be. York are the only team at this stage that look to be out of contention, leaving seven strong, well-drilled units to cram into a mere two places. But, with all teams meeting each other four times, there will be no excuses and no doubts as to who will be the 'cream' of the division.

As this year progresses, I feel confident that the Watersheddings regulars will see names such as Martyn, Warburton, Nicklin, Pachniuk and Longstaff become not just synonymous with good quality rugby in Oldham, but a force to be reckoned with in all divisions of rugby in this country. Add the experience of Round, McAlister, Russell and Holding and you can see why my expectations for success, despite the loss of players of high calibre, is still high.

Don't be surprised when you see Joynt and McDermott's names in headlines over the next 12 months, for in these two lads we have forwards who can go all the way in the game.

We will be looking to add strength to our squad over the course of the season and this, added to the gradual elevation to top grade rugby of bucks like Flanagan, Burns, Christie, Hourigan and Phillips, will ensure that when next in the First Division we will not be just hanging on by our fingertips, but aiming for a top-six place from the word go.

Enjoy the game.

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# Skipper's Spot

Oldham Captain Paul Round looks at today's game

WE are now well and truly into the fray and who would have thought we would have had two draws in our first three outings? The new second division is proving to be just as hard and competitive as I originally predicted.

Although playing below par against the two "big guns," we came away with a point and they have yet to come to Watersheddings —where, as I have said before, we aim to keep an unblemished record.

After pacing the two main contenders for the League, I feel that we will be triumphant at the culmination of the season.

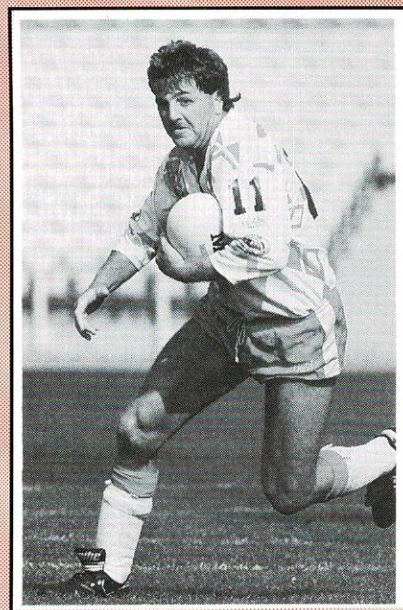
At the time of writing, all Roughyeds will know we had to go to Knowsley Road in the Lancashire Cup, the Saints having maintained a 100% record in their openers for the season.

I think a few of the Saints' Old Faithful would have been somewhat "gobsmacked" to see Captain Round leading the opposition in what was, hopefully, a good win!

Today, at the end of a long, hard week, we welcome our neighbours Rochdale — who have a few of the Roughyeds "old boys" in their ranks. As in the past, this will no doubt be an eagerly-fought derby —one for the supporters to really enjoy.

Well, have a good day, enjoy your rugby, and let me leave you with this:

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## A Watersheddings welcome to . . . Rochdale Hornets

**Colin Whitfield:** Club captain and full-back who Hornets chased for over half a season before landing him prior to the start of last season. A former Salford, Wigan and Halifax player, Colin is good coming forward and shows plenty of courage on defence.

**Brett Clark:** Oldham's loss is Hornets' gain as this popular Aussie makes the short transfer up the road. Stan Gittins sees Brett as the man to make Hornets tick with his vision and passing skills. He has a wealth of experience, having played with St. George in the Winfield Cup and with St Helens before his spell at Oldham.

**Ronnie Duane:** Brother of former Hornets player Ian (who joined in 1985). Former international who suffered a serious injury in the first few minutes of the first Tour match in 1984, Ronnie struggled to regain his fitness and form before making a move to Oldham. At Oldham he made the transition from centre to back-row forward, from where his powerful running caused problems to defences.

**Mike Kuiti:** Mike makes a welcome return to the Hornets colours after an absence of six years. Part of the first venture into overseas players, Mike came over from New Zealand as a raw, young back-row forward and made his mark with some tackling and devastating running. A period at Swinton has been followed by international honours and seasons at Leeds. Hornets have brought Mike back to do the job of tightening the defence and feed off Brett Clark.

**Darren Abram:** One bright spot last season was the signing of this exciting centre from Trafford Borough. Darren will surely have benefited from the period in the First Division and has the potential to go far. A pacy player with a breathtaking side-step off either foot has seen him beat some of the best full-backs in the game. Top try-scorer with 12.

**Steve Gartland:** Steve has a baptism of fire in his introduction to the first team, playing against two of the finest scrum-halves in his first two games. Neil Holding placed great faith in Steve as one of the future scrum-halves, and impressive games proved him right to the end of the season. Away from the pressure of the First Division, Steve has the potential to go far.

**Phil Fox:** Signed to bring much-needed experience to the team in the run into the promotion push two years ago. Phil kept up his remarkable record of scoring on his debut as he has every debut he has made. Last season his appearances were limited by a succession of injuries.

**Martin Hall:** A very busy hooker in the loose who always backs up the play. Signed from Oldham two seasons ago, Martin worked hard at his game and improved his tackling as the season progressed. Brother of Hornets loose forward Rob.

**Brian Garrity:** Brian featured mainly in the A Team last season but found himself up against some of the best wingers in the business when called into the First Team and most had problems dealing with this tough former soldier. Not one of the biggest players, he regularly plays above his weight (and height) and must be one of the few wingers to stop Martin Offiah from scoring last season.

**Simon Bamber:** Simon played only one game last season for Hornets, partly due to injury, but did lead the 7s teams to the Salford Sevens Cup, pre-season. Spent some time on loan to Trafford Borough but has returned to the fold for the start of this campaign. Very fast for his size and a strong tackler.

**Bob Marsden:** Strong, aggressive and pacy describes Bob perfectly. A mobile player who runs hard and fast. Signed from Oldham two seasons ago, he spent most of the last season either in the A Team or on loan; however, the new season sees him face a new challenge back in the colours.

**Matt Calland:** Signed at the start of last season from Oldham St. Anne's, Matt made three sub appearances in the abortive First Division season after some impressive displays in the Reserves. This season has seen his full First Team debut sealed with a well-taken try.

**Ian Gormley:** Signed at the end of last season to bring some pace and power to the pack, Ian was in and out of the team through injury. A strong runner and tackler who had experience with Widnes earlier in his career. Scorer of 2 tries last season.

**Andy Sullivan:** A member of the promotion-winning side, Andy found himself pushed out after Hornets signed Neil Holding (now at Oldham) and so he spent most of last season at Leigh. Signed as a scrum-half from Widnes, Andy has fitted in as a loose forward on more than one occasion.

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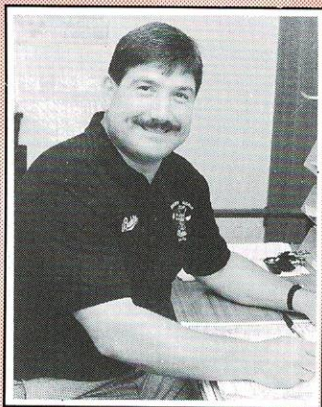
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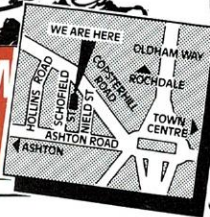
  
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# Talking Sport

by  
Jack Dearden

WHY did it take so long for common sense to prevail? After weeks of accusations, childish behaviour and impulsive tantrums, the Rugby League H.Q. and B.A.R.L.A. have finally decided to get round a table to try and thrash out the future of Youth Rugby.

Surely it can't be that difficult to find a solution — providing both parties show that the important issues are what really matters. The game itself is bigger than either the Rugby Football League and B.A.R.L.A., and both have done a great job to promote what is a fabulous spectator sport, but why can't the parties get on?

If a satisfactory outcome is to be achieved, then what has gone on in the past must be forgotten. It's what matters in the future which must remain the uppermost priority.

Since 1982 great strides have been made, coaching has improved, techniques have been developed, the fitness levels seem to be at an all-time high — and with the tour to Australia coming up, we are at long last preparing for a proper Test Series with more than just hopeful preparation, and yet ironically, in this vital season, once again the League and B.A.R.L.A. are at loggerheads.

Come on, sort it out, **once and for all!**

Other news has seen Terry Flanagan join forces with Alex Murphy at Yorkshire-based Huddersfield.



Interesting choice this from Terry, but obviously he has a high regard for Rugby League's living legend. Personally, I wish both the best of luck in their new venture and one thing we can be fairly certain of, it should set the Third Division up for an interesting season. I can't imagine life at Fartown ever being dull.

Another interesting move has been made by Ross Strudwick of the London Crusaders, in his attempt to bring Mal Meninga himself back to British Rugby League. It's hard to see Ross succeeding where St Helens failed, but it has certainly made everyone aware of the London Crusaders (remember London Monarchs and their stunt).

Boxing has been another sport to hit the headlines, sadly for all the wrong reasons. No-one likes to see any sportsperson suffer serious injury, but the risk is always there, and the participants know that.

You might argue there's more chance of tragic consequences with boxing — and there have been cries for the sport to be outlawed. I can't see that ever becoming reality — and even if it did, it would only encourage illicit "underground" boxing bouts. Anyway, what about other sports which can seriously damage your health, like Formula One car racing, the T.T. races and the like, even perhaps more dangerous than boxing.

To be fair, properly organised boxing does have stringent control through the various governing bodies and that must surely be a better bet than banning the sport altogether; that, in my view, can only encourage skulduggery. Having said that, I sincerely hope that anyone who suffers injury through boxing makes a complete and total recovery.

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# SPOTLIGHT ON SHANE TUPAEA



OLDHAM'S position as a leading club was enhanced recently when hard-tackling Kiwi forward Shane Tupaea selected to sign for the Watersheddings club despite the close attention of First Division clubs like Warrington, Halifax, Featherstone and Swinton.

Shane, 27, who is now a non-overseas player on a residential qualification, decided to sign for Oldham because of the town's heritage.

"Oldham is a rugby town. I like the club and I like the people. I have had a lot of time for coach Peter Tunks. On top of that, I know a lot of Oldham players, such as Charlie McAlister, Richard Russell and Tim Street, and I didn't want to go to a club where I didn't know a soul!"

New Zealand born, Shane is used to the English game, having had spells with Mansfield, Rochdale and Swinton in the UK, where he has played since the tender age of 21.


Like fellow team-mate Vince Nicklin, Shane moved from New Zealand to Australia in his teens and represented Central Queensland before flying to England.

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Team Changes

- 1 VINCE NICKLIN
- 2 RICHARD IRVING
- 3 TOMMY MARTYN
- 4 CHARLIE McALISTER
- 5 JOHN HENDERSON
- 6 STEVE WARBURTON
- 7 NEIL HOLDING
- 8 AUSTIN DONEGAN
- 9 RICHARD PACHNIUK
- 10 KEITH NEWTON
- 11 PAUL ROUND
- 12 SHANE TUPAEA
- 13 SIMON LONGSTAFF
- 14 RICHARD RUSSELL
- 15 TIM STREET

**ROCHDALE**

Team Changes

- 1 COLIN WHITFIELD
- 2 PHIL FOX
- 3 DARREN ABRAM
- 4 MATT CALLAND
- 5 BRIAN GARRITY
- 6 BRETT CLARK
- 7 STEVE GARTLAND
- 8 BOB MARSDEN
- 9 MARTIN HALL
- 10 IAN GORMLEY
- 11 RONNIE DUANE
- 12 MIKE KUITI
- 13 CLIFF ECCLES
- 14 SIMON BAMBER
- 15 ANDY SULLIVAN

**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. S. Cross**  
Touch Judges:  
**Mr. M. Sparrow** (Red Flag)  
**Mr. I. Scott** (Orange Flag)

**PENALTIES**

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**SCRUMS**

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# OLDHAM STATISTICS 1991/92

## Appearances and Scorers

	P	Sub	G	D	T	Pts
Shaun Allen	2	0	0	0	0	0
Austin Donegan	3	0	1	0	0	4
Neil Flanagan	1	0	0	0	0	0
John Henderson	3	0	2	0	0	8
Neil Holding	2	0	0	1	0	2
Richard Irving	3	0	2	0	0	8
Simon Longstaff	1	2	0	0	0	0
Tommy Martyn	3	0	3	6	0	24
Charlie McAlister	3	0	1	5	0	14
Barrie McDermott	0	2	1	0	0	4
Keith Newton	1	1	0	0	0	0
Vince Nicklin	3	0	1	0	0	4
Richard Pachniuk	2	0	2	0	0	8
Steve Robinson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Round	3	0	0	0	0	0
Richard Russell	3	0	0	0	0	0
Tim Street	3	0	0	0	0	0
Shane Tupaea	0	1	0	0	0	0
Steve Warburton	3	0	1	0	0	4

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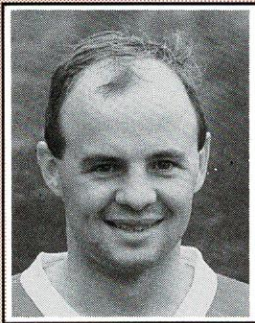
	Home					Away					A	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		
Workington	3	1	1	0	18	14	1	0	0	42	18	5
<b>OLDHAM</b>	3	1	0	0	46	19	0	2	0	22	22	4
Leigh	3	2	0	0	56	32	0	0	1	19	46	4
Rochdale	3	1	1	1	110	60	0	0	0	0	0	3
Sheffield	3	0	1	0	16	16	1	0	1	56	45	3
Carlisle	3	1	0	0	23	12	0	1	0	40	50	3
London	3	0	0	1	22	34	1	0	1	36	38	2
Ryedale	3	0	0	1	18	42	0	0	2	24	90	0

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Opponents	Date	KO	Res	F/A	Att	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
Sheffield E	13.91	A	3:15	0	16:16	3:50	-	Nicklin	Warburton t	McAlister g	Robson	Marty g	Marple g	Holding g	Donegan	Russell	Street	Road	Alan	Longstaff	Newton	McAlister	
Leigh	18.91	H	1:00	W	45:19	3:05	-	Nicklin	Irving t	McAlister g	Heldman Zt	Warburton	Warburton	Holding	Donegan t	Pachniuk t	Street	Road	Alan	Russell	Longstaff t	McAlister t	
Swinton (Lancs Cup)	22.91	A	3:00	W	22:21	3:05	-	Nicklin t	Irving	Marple t 2g	Heldman t	Warburton	Warburton	Marple g	Donegan	Pachniuk t	Street	Road	Alan	Russell	Longstaff	McAlister t	
Workington T	23.91	A	7:30							Marple t 3g	Heldman t	Warburton	Warburton	Marple g	Donegan	Pachniuk t	Street	Road	Alan	Russell	Longstaff	McAlister t	
St Helens (Lancs Cup)	26.91	A	7:30																				
Rochdale H	28.91	H	3:00																				
Fulham	6.10.91	A	3:00																				
Ryedale York	13.10.91	H	3:00																				
Carlisle	20.10.91	A	2:00																				
Sheffield E	27.10.91	H	3:00																				
Leigh	3.11.91	A	3:30																				
Workington T	10.11.91	H	3:00																				
Regal Trophy - Round 1	17.11.91																						
Regal Trophy - Round 2	24.11.91																						
Rochdale H	1.12.91	A	3:00																				
Fulham	8.12.91	H	3:00																				
Ryedale York	15.12.91	A	3:15																				
Rochdale H	26.12.91	H	3:00																				
Leigh	1.1.92	A	3:30																				
Carlisle	5.1.92	H	3:00																				
Sheffield E	12.1.92	H	3:00																				
StC - Round 1	26.1.92																						
Workington T	2.2.92	A	3:00																				
StC - Round 2	9.2.92																						
Fulham	16.2.92	A	3:00																				
Ryedale York	23.2.92	H	3:00																				
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Rochdale H	17.4.92	A	3:00																				
Leigh	20.4.92	H	3:00																				





# Paddy's View

by  
A-Team  
Coach  
Paddy Kirwan

SINCE my last report, the "A" team have played three games, losing against Castleford and Warrington but hitting the winning trail again at home to Workington.

The defeat at Castleford was due to a mixture of indiscipline in allowing the referee to dominate the first twenty minutes of the game and poor defensive work during the same period. Before we had thought about starting to play, Castleford had fourteen points on the board, which increased to twenty at half-time.

The team showed great spirit though in bouncing back from letting in an early try just after half-time to score 20 points without reply. Although eventually losing 34-20, the comeback confirmed the potential of the team and the players learned a hard lesson in what to expect from Alliance League referees when travelling away from Watersheddings.

The following week's game against Warrington saw the promotion of Neil Fanagan to the first team alongside Richard Pachniuk, and home debuts for Paul Hourigan, Gary Christie, Gary Burns, Tony Conroy and Shane Tupaea. The team started off very well, with the forwards controlling the ball, to provide the platform for a 10-0 lead after half an hour.

An unlucky interception just before half-time let Wires back into the game, and a poor 10-minute spell after half-time saw them go into a 16-12 lead. The game was still there for the taking, but the inexperience and lack of organisation around the play the ball meant that we were unable to capitalise on heavy pressure on the Warrington line. Even in defeat there were signs of promise, with excellent games from Tony Barrow, Chris Joynt and Shane Tupaea against an experienced Warrington side.

Last Saturday saw the "A" team back to winning ways with a tremendous 84-12 victory over Workington. After working all week on organisation and support play, it was very pleasing, to say the least, to see the side score fourteen tries. In an excellent all-round team performance, forwards Chris Joynt and Barrie McDermott, and half-backs Neil Flanagan and Gary Burns deserve a special mention, as does the goal-kicking of Keith Atkinson, who hit the target 14 times from 14 attempts.

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## Youngers Rugby League Alliance Fixtures 1991/92

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res	F	A
Aug 30	Bradford Northern		H		
Sept 6	Castleford		A		
13	Warrington		H		
21	Workington Town (2.30)		H		
27	Halifax		A		
Oct 5	Hemel Hempstead (Shield)		A		
11	Widnes		H		
19	Shield — Round 2				
24	Bradford Northern		A		
Nov 1	Featherstone Rovers		H		
9	Workington Town (2.30)		A		
15	Leeds		A		
22	St. Helens		H		
29	Hull KR		A		
Dec 6	Wakefield Trinity		A		
13	Castleford		H		
20	Wigan		A		
27	St. Helens		A		
Jan 3	Hull KR		H		
10	Warrington		A		
17	Halifax		H		
24	Widnes		A		
31	Challenge Cup				
Feb 7	Hull		H		
14	Challenge Cup — Round 2				
21	Featherstone Rovers		A		
28	Wigan		H		
Mar 6	Hull		A		
13	Leeds		H		
20	Wakefield Trinity		H		

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

## Youngers Rugby League Alliance

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull KR.....	4	4	0	0	114	42	8
Leeds.....	4	3	0	1	158	68	6
Wigan.....	4	3	0	1	119	36	6
St Helens.....	4	3	0	1	110	91	6
Featherstone R.....	4	3	0	1	94	79	6
Warrington W.....	4	3	0	1	88	92	6
Oldham.....	4	2	0	2	140	76	4
Widnes.....	4	2	0	2	146	84	4
Bradford N.....	3	1	0	2	50	60	2
Hull.....	4	1	0	3	81	93	2
Halifax.....	4	1	0	3	69	94	2
Castleford.....	3	1	0	2	36	122	2
Wakefield T.....	4	0	0	4	54	150	0
Workington T.....	4	0	0	4	34	206	0

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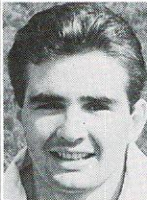
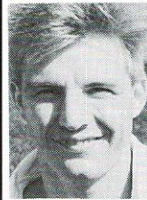
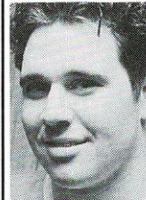





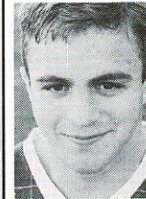






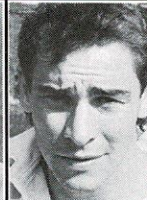
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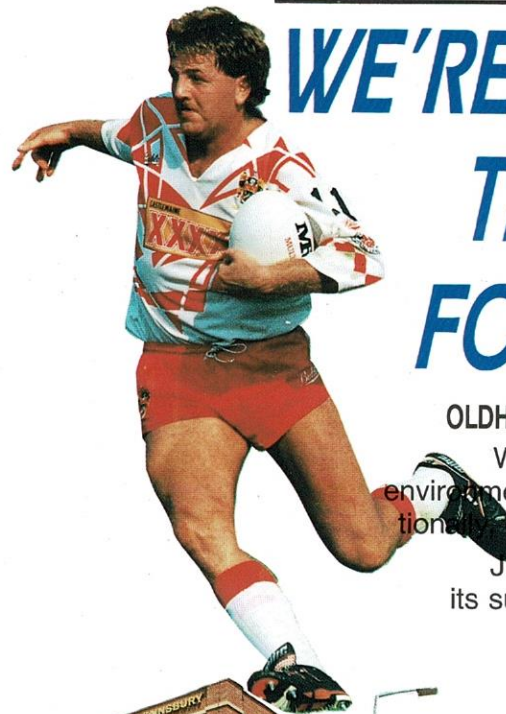
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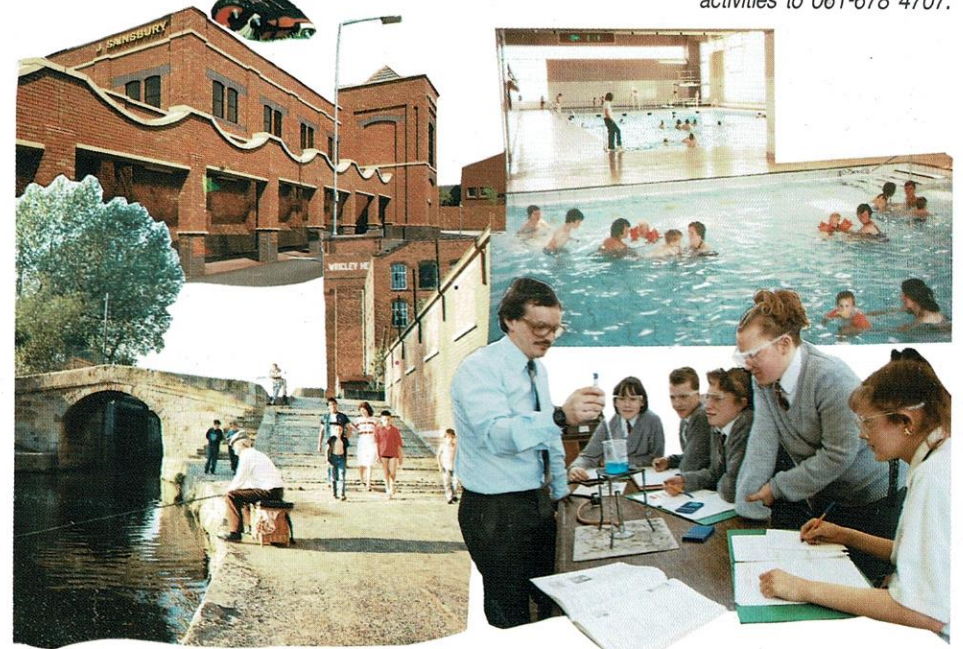
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