

TEAM CHECK



OLDHAM

B Vickers	1 FULL BACK	V Nickling
P Lithgow	2 RIGHT WING	R Irving
K Pape	3 RIGHT CENTRE	P Lord
S Georgallis	4 LEFT CENTRE	T Martyn
J Black	5 LEFT WING	G Christie
G. Murdoch	6 STAND OFF	S Warburton
C Friend	7 SCRUM HALF	N Flanagan
T Scott	8 OPENSIDE PROP	J Grima
M Thomason	9 HOOKER	R Pachniuk
S Brierley	10 BLINDSIDE PROP	T Conroy
R Ackerman	11 2ND ROW FWD	C McAlister
S Okesene	12 2ND ROW FWD	C Joynt
B Williams	13 LOOSE FORWARD	K Newton
Substitute	14 SUBSTITUTE	S Longstaff
Substitute	15 SUBSTITUTE	D Bradbury

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Referee:
C Tidball

Touch Judges:
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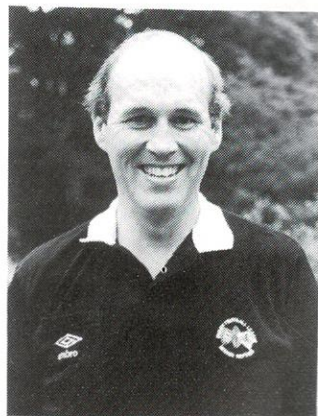
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Today's Referee

Charlie Tidball (Wakefield)

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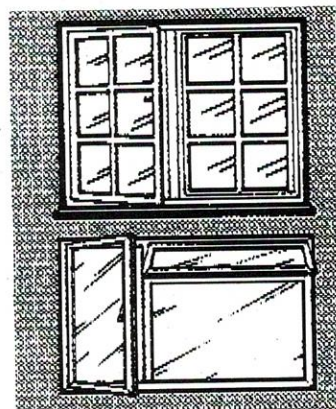
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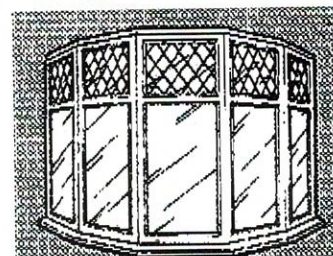


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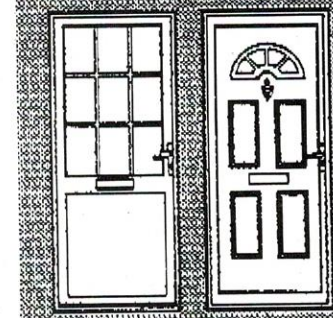


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Player Profile



STEVE BRIERLEY

Height: 6ft 0ins. Weight: 17st 2oz Born: Carlisle 30.3.61.
Previous Clubs: Platform 1 Amateur — Carlisle.
Status: Married to Anne. 3 Children — Sarah, Cheryl & Craig.
Vehicle: Honda 750 Motorbike.
Other Sports: Weight training and football.
Music Tastes: Heavy Rock.
Birthsign: Aries.
Person you would most like to meet: Arnold Schwarzenegger.
Sporting Ambitions: To get in First Division before I retire.
Pet dislike: Getting beat.
Favourite Player: Clayton Friend. Favourite Ground: Elland Road.
Favourite Food: Steak & Chips. Favourite Drink: Bitter or Guinness.
Hardest Tackler played against: Yet to meet him.
Hardest Player to tackle: T. Nikau.
Most memorable game played: Debut for Carlisle against St. Helens '82 at Brunton Park.

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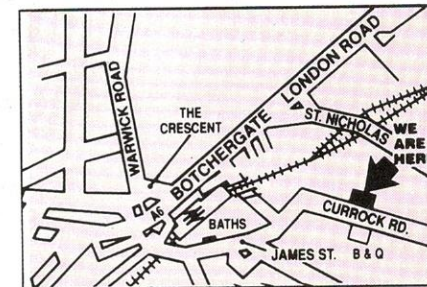
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Chairman's Chat

Good afternoon to the players, officials and supporters of Oldham. Welcome back to our own supporters — we need you to really get behind the Raiders this afternoon as no doubt the travelling support from Oldham will be substantial — we don't want to be out-shouted at home.

I thought our victory against London Crusaders last week was as tremendous a show of guts and commitment as any I have seen. We chose not to publicise our injury problems before the match — it always seems like whingeing and providing a ready-made excuse for defeat. However, I can now tell you that with eight of our first team regulars totally incapacitated by injury, we were forced to play six players who were carrying injuries from the Rochdale match three days previously that would under normal circumstances have ruled them out of contention. Well done lads for a tremendous show of courage and an ability to beat the pain barrier.

The Club extends a warm welcome to Jamie Black from Sydney. Jamie virtually stepped right off the plane into the first team on the wing against London. Whilst he got little chance to run with the ball, it is evident that he has searing pace and should prove a great asset to the Club this season. Jamie is a specialist stand off but with his pace could also prove a devastating winger.

Last week we touched on the subject of spectators' dogs and their various prejudices. This week I would like to draw attention to the even more bizarre subject of our players' dogs. All our players and the coach have purchased small plastic dogs of the kind that you normally find in children's farmyard sets. The idea is that each player carry his dog with him at all times. To enforce this, at the after-match celebratory drinks session, any player can produce his own dog and challenge all the other players present to do likewise. Any player who cannot produce a dog is then liable to buy the drinks for the rest! If that sounds strange, wait for this . . . some of the players have now personalised their dogs with different coloured paints to avoid the risk of misappropriation of their little animals and the resultant cost of their stolen mascot being used against them.

On a serious note, this and the system of fines for breaches of Club discipline (no tie after the match etc) are all helping to develop a very strong team spirit within the Club and this is showing dividends on the park.

It was great, at long last, to receive the first consignment of replica shirts for sale at the souvenir shop. The problems of supply do not seem confined to us since I have heard the same story from every Club we have played against this season. The shirts must certainly be popular since we had sold out by half time at the London match. We are hopeful that a further delivery will be made before today's match.

I have been asked a number of times about the two rather ramshackle sheds which have recently appeared at the entrance to the ground. The answer is that these sheds will rapidly be restored to their former glory using the services of Brian Whittaker (roofing) and Dick Thompson (joinery) and the rest of us (painting etc) and will be used for souvenir sales and kit storage respectively. The latter will be good news for Dr Haworth who tears his hair out at the sacrilegious way in which Raymond stores everything that can't otherwise be stored in the medical treatment room.

We have been asked several times about the former "Loose Lips" column. "Loose Lips" may therefore return by popular demand in the near future. Mally Cooper is presently on the look out for scandalous stories (lies or otherwise) by which to embarrass any of us foolish enough to be off our guard. What he doesn't know, his rich imagination will invent so beware, "Loose Lips" is coming back.

Returning to Rugby, I thought our away support at our disappointing defeat at Rochdale was magnificent. I am not sure how many supporters travelled last Thursday but the impression was one of equal support for both teams. To all our fans, I say thank you for travelling and supporting the Raiders. A final thought on the subject of support, I felt the attendance at Gillford Park last Sunday was very poor considering our table-topping position and the reasonably fair weather. Please spread the message in the pubs, at work and anywhere else possible about the success of the Raiders and the sheer honesty and excitement of the thirteen-a-side game. We need to sign more class players to ensure promotion but this cannot be done on gates of below a thousand.

Finally, and most importantly, I welcome BNFL, today's match sponsors, back to Gillford Park. BNFL's support to local Rugby League is legendary and we are proud to be associated with them. We hope BNFL and their guests enjoy the match this afternoon and that we can reward their support with a Raiders win.

ALAN G. TUCKER, *Chairman*

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Editor's Prescription

So, the Lancashire Cup Semi-Final did not go according to our wishes. We had gone to Spotland feeling quietly confident that we could overcome Rochdale but, alas, it was not to be. The Hornets forwards outplayed our pack, depleted by injury. Two players were sinbinned, and further injuries occurred on the night, resulting in only our second defeat of the season. We must now concentrate on the remaining competitions, including the Second Division. Perhaps we will prosper in one of the two remaining cups to be played for this season.

Three days later, with most players having played 6 games in three weeks and some of the substitutes even more, and with many players carrying injuries, we had a hard match against London Crusaders (aka Fulham). After a bruising match with little scintillating football, we triumphed to keep both our 100% home record and our top spot. Barry Vickers is to be congratulated on scoring for the sixteenth consecutive match, currently the League record. We also welcomed another Australian import, Jamie Black, who looked very speedy on his debut just over 24 hours after flying in from the Antipodes.

Today Oldham are our visitors and, like us, were knocked out of the Lancashire Cup by the Hornets, to whom our good wishes go in today's Final tie against St. Helens. I first saw Oldham play in a Challenge Cup semi-final in the late fifties at Swinton against Hull. Alan Kellett was playing that day and he is well known and liked in Carlisle.

We have had very many requests for the reintroduction of the Loose Lips column. We certainly had not realised that you had such an appetite for scurrilous gossip! Watch this space.

We were disappointed, to say the least, with the attendance against London. We are, after all, currently top of the second division. We would ask you to spread to the message to your friends and colleagues in order to increase our gates. Our future success depends, in no small measure on the numbers coming to our games. Your help is therefore needed.

JOHN HAWORTH

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The Chief Executive, David Oxley, returned from a four-day visit to Moscow to obtain an up-to-date review of the progress of the 13-a-side code in the USSR.

Mr Oxley reported "I attended the inaugural USSR Rugby League National Seven-a-Side Competition which was very successful. The Soviet Rugby League had obtained a 40,000 rouble sponsorship for the event which had been won by a relatively new club from Kazan. The rules which would operate in the inaugural International Seven-a-Side Competition taking place in Sydney 7-9 February 1992 had been translated into Russian and sent out well in advance of the tournament.

"It had been most encouraging to see how intelligently the Soviet coaches had assessed the rules, producing excellent seven-a-side football as opposed to a cut-down version of the 13-a-side game. The main competition had been integrated with a competition involving youngsters from the 24 schools currently playing Rugby League next season. It was also very encouraging to learn that Georgia, one of the most powerful rugby playing Republics was already playing Rugby League and would become a full member of the Soviet Rugby League operation next season.

"In 1992, the Soviet League would be re-organised in order to operate on an inter-republic regional basis, involving seven Republics. Each region would be responsible for developing feeder teams, development amongst youngsters, as well as producing its own referees and coaches. However, for the time being it had been agreed that the organisational and administrative centre would continue to be sited in Moscow. The National Inter-Club Knock-Out Cup, the Regional Knock-Out Cup and the National Seven-a-Side Competitions which had run so successfully during the inaugural season would, of course, continue in the 1992 season.

"Significant strides had been made both in the field of student Rugby League and in the armed forces. Agreement had been reached with the French Rugby League for a Soviet Armed Forces side to play home and away fixtures in the 1992 season against the French Army team.

"Gilbert Dautant, Chairman of the French Rugby League, who also made the visit, confirmed all arrangements were now firmly in place for the visit of the Soviet International Team to France at the end of October when they would play a warm-up match in Paris on 23 October 1991, before making their international debut against a full French International Team at Lyon on 23 October 1991."



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Season: 25 Mick Morgan 1981-82 and Gary Peacham 1985-86

Career 134 Kevin Pape 1984-

TOP GOALS SCORER

Season: 111 Steve Ferres 1981-82

Career: 317 Barry Vickers 1987-

TOP POINTS SCORER Season: 242 Steve Ferres 1981-82

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL MATCH SCORERS

Tries 4 - Gary Peacham v Workington Town 1986-87

4 - Kevin Pape v Rochdale Hornets 1986-87

4 - Mike Kavanagh v Whitehaven 1990-91

GOALS 10 Barry Vickers v Nottingham 1989-90

POINTS 24 Barry Vickers v Nottingham 1989-90

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Today's Visitors

OLDHAM R.L.F.C. 1991/92

VINCE NICKLIN — An Aussie with a New Zealander's passport, Vince came to Oldham from Sydney via Limous in France. Sort that one out! As a boy played with St George and Easts in Sydney, before making a name for himself in France and then joining Oldham during the summer. Currently playing full back, but can also operate at half-back, stand off or in the centre.

RICHARD IRVING — A blockbusting winger from the Huddersfield area, Richard won youth international honours before turning pro for Oldham in Eric Fitzsimons's first spell at Watersheddings. Played regularly in the first team for the past couple of seasons.

TOMMY MARTYN — A player of exciting potential, Tommy is the son of former Leigh, Warrington and GB forward Tommy Martyn and the nephew of Mick Martyn, who set scoring records as a forward with Leigh in the early 60s. He is a stand-off or centre, who can 'sniff' tries out of nothing — a 'poacher' of the Rugby League variety who can turn a match at a stroke.

GARY CHRISTIE — fast winger and yet another member of the BARLA international youth squad. Oldham clearly believe in a youth policy. Gary was top try scorer in New Zealand, but he hurt his ribs in a pre-season friendly at Dewbury and this has delayed his introduction to the professional game.

STEVE WARBURTON — Steve was the BARLA open-age international stand-off last season. He signed for Oldham from Warrington amateur club Woolston and made his debut as substitute against Hull in the last match of last season. Did well and enhanced his reputation further in France. A clever, attacking player with poise and class.

NEIL FLANAGAN — A local lad, Neil is a scrum-half who won international honours as a young amateur and had several clubs chasing his signature. Recently, he attracted the attention of Hull with his all-action displays.

RICHARD PACHNIUK — A 20 year old from Dewsbury with Polish grandparents, Richard starred in the 'A' team last season, did well pre-season in France and made his debut in the first home game of the current season against Leigh. A clever, creative thinking type of hooker, he is expected to go a long way.

TONY CONROY — A new recruit from Salford, Tony is a prop or second-row who learned his trade at Wigan St Patrick's. Came to Oldham in a straight swop for Trevor Crostor.

CHARLIE McALISTER — A New Zealander, Charlie signed for Oldham three years ago from Bradford and Bingley RU Club in Yorkshire. Can play centre or second-row and is also a goalkicker. A powerful man, Charlie has played in Australia and has just been appointed as the club's vice-captain.

CHRIS JOYNT — A young man from Wigan whom Oldham believe will have a big future. Chris is 19 and he joined Oldham after winning county youth honours in the same team as Tony Barrow junior. Went to Australia last summer, along with his Oldham colleagues Paddy Mitchell and Richard Pachniuk, to play for a NSW country team.

KEITH NEWTON — One of the more experienced players in a young squad, Keith had several reasons with hometown Widnes before signing for Oldham for £12,000 during Tony Barrow's reign as coach. A hard-working prop or second-row man, he can bob on a bit when the gap appears. Prefers second-row.

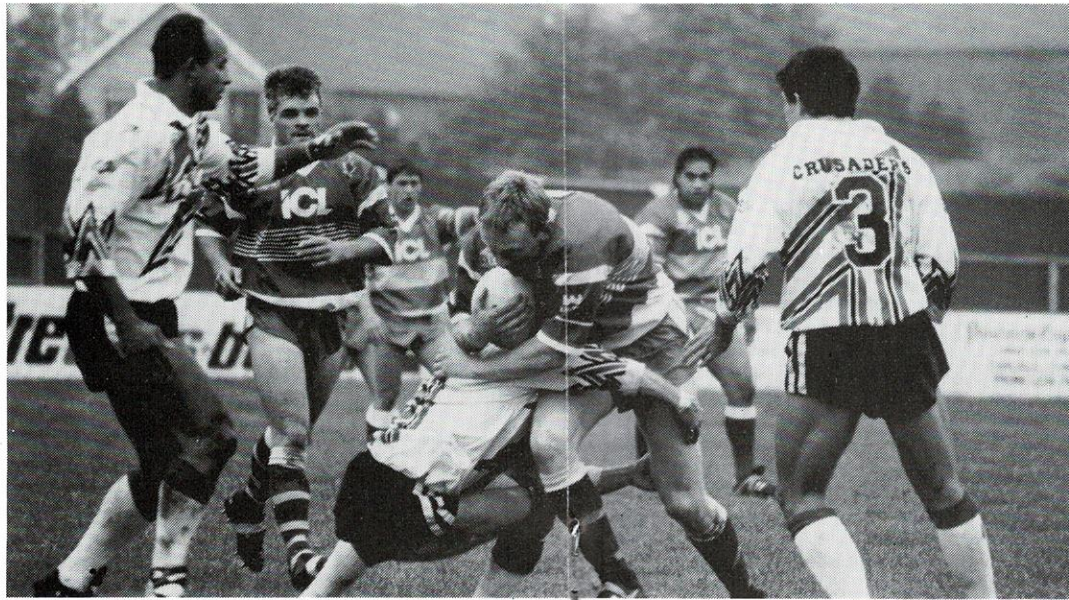
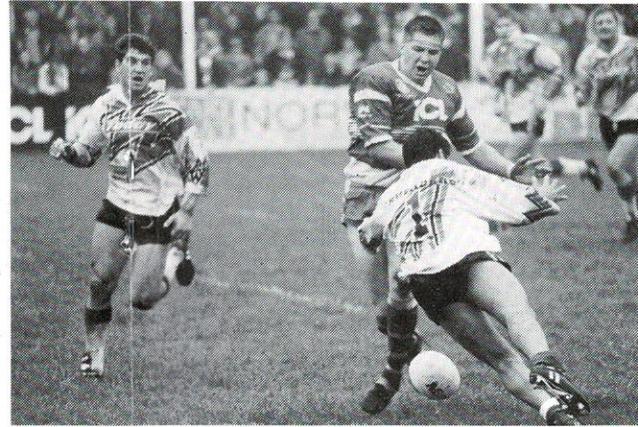
SIMON LONGSTAFF — Simon was a young man whom many clubs were chasing. Almost joined Oldham in the first instance, but opted for Halifax and finally came to Watersheddings towards the end of the 1990-91 season when things did not work out for him at Thrum Hall. A versatile player, he could have made a big name for himself in athletics, but has chosen Rugby League — and Oldham — to make it big in sport.

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LEADING SCORERS

David Myers of Wigan is the first try scorer to reach double figures this season. The winger has scored 10 tries including one for Lancashire.

Rochdale Hornets winger Phil Fox is second with nine.

Frano Botica of Wigan remains the top scorer in the other two charts with 38 goals and 88 points including three tries.

TOP TEN GOAL SCORERS (Including drop goals)

1. Frano Botica (Wigan)	38
2. Deryck Fox (Featherstone R)	36
Lee Crooks (Castleford)	36
Chris Vasey (Dewsbury)	35
5. Steve Carroll (Bramley)	33
6. Paul Eastwood (Hull)	31
7. Colin Whitfield (Rochdale H)	30
8. Barry Vickers (Carlisle)	29
9. Mark Conway (Wakefield T)	28
10. Tony Zelig (Doncaster)	28
David Hobbs (Bradford N)	28

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Rochdale Hornets have not won any Trophy since they lifted the Rugby League Challenge Cup in 1922. Their last appearance in any final was 1973-74 when they lost to Warrington in the Player's No 6 Trophy — now the Regal Trophy.

Hornets last won the Lancashire Cup in 1918 and have not been in the Final since their sixth appearance in 1965.

Rochdale are the sixth Second Division side to reach the Final and the third in successive seasons. But the only Second Division side to win the Cup were Barrow who beat Widnes 12-8 in 1983.

This will be St Helens' 18th Lancashire Cup Final as they aim for their 11th success. Their last Final was in 1984 when they beat Wigan. Rochdale Hornets and St Helens have not met in the Final before.

TRY SCORING SEQUENCE

Jonathan Davies has scored at least one try in all five matches for Widnes since he returned from his summer stint in Australia. The Welshman's sequence is as follows: 1-1-2-1-1

Davies has also added goals in each match for a total of 21 and 66 points.

David Myers of Wigan and Nick Pinkney of Ryedale-York both ended their try scoring runs at six matches.

POINT SCORING SEQUENCE

Barry Vickers of Carlisle holds the current longest point scoring run covering 16 matches. The fullback's sequence began with eight goals in a 52-14 Second Division win at Trafford Borough on 24 March 1991.

WINNING RUN

Wigan's winning run ended at six matches when they lost 28-16 at St Helens in the Greenall's Lancashire Cup semi-final.

There is now no team with a winning run of more than five matches.

LOSING RUN

Nottingham City have the current longest losing run covering 14 matches. City's last win was 20-14 at home to Runcorn Highfield on 3 March 1991. Since then they have lost seven matches in the Second Division last season, six in the Third Division and a John Smiths Yorkshire Cup tie.

Carlisle Ladies' Rugby News

13th October 1991

Carlisle Ladies 12

Sheffield 62

Carlisle Ladies team had a tough match against top of the league Sheffield. 2 tries were scored by Carole McCulloch and 1 by Vicky Young.

Lady of the Match: Paula Ruddick

The Ladies team train on Monday and Wednesday nights. Why not join them? Contact Val Dockeray on Carlisle 47892 for more information.

Carlisle Boys' Rugby News

13th October 1991

Carlisle U13s 0

Egremont 18

The boys had their first defeat of the season this week against Egremont who scored 4 tries and 1 goal.

Man of the Match: Darren Lofthouse

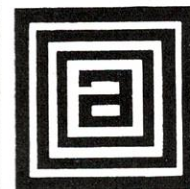
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Carlisle U15s 72

Egremont 0

The U 15 team had a superb game scoring 14 tries and 8 goals.

Joint Man of the Match: Michael Marsden and Jonathon Farrimond.



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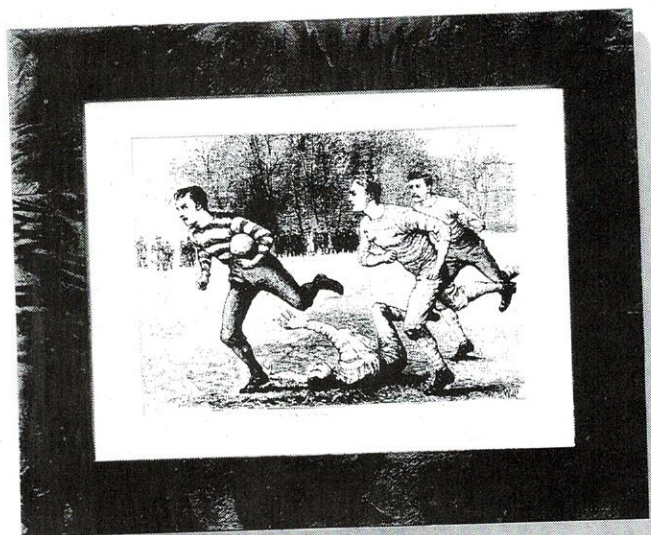
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Rugby League News



BRITISH COAL TOUR BY PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Papua New Guinea arrive in Britain at the end of this month for a five-match British Coal tour including a World Cup-rated British Coal Test against Great Britain.

This three week visit by the Kumuls will be their second full tour of Britain since being accepted as an International Board member in 1978. The itinerary is:

Date	Opponent	Venue	Kick-off
Sun 27 Oct	Wales	Vetch Field, Swansea	6.15 p.m.
Wed 30 Oct	Great Britain Under-21s	Headingley, Leeds	7.30 p.m.
Sun 3 Nov	Humburside XIII	Boulevard, Hull	1.00 p.m.
Tues 5 Nov	Cumbria	Derwent Park, Workington	7.30 p.m.
Sat 9 Nov	GREAT BRITAIN	Central Park, Wigan	3.00 p.m.

The Papuan's will be featured on three separate television channels with BBC Television's Grandstand covering the British Coal Test at Wigan; BSkyB screening the British Coal International at Swansea; and British Aerospace's Sportcast taking the Humburside XIII fixture at the Boulevard.

The Kumuls arrive in Britain on Thursday 24 October and travel directly to Swansea in preparation for the British Coal International against the reformed Wales side, led by Jonathan Davies, on the Sunday. The Papuan's will then be based at the Post House Hotel in York for the remainder of their stay.

Seat tickets can be ordered now for the three tour fixtures organised by the Rugby Football League. Access and Visa bookings can be made on the Ticket Hotline, 0532 629991, Monday to Friday 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Postal applications, together with remittance and a stamped addressed envelope, should be sent to The Ticket Office, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds LS7 4HT.

Prices for seat tickets are as follows:

SWANSEA	£9 and £8
HEADINGLEY	£6 and £5
WIGAN	£9

Seat tickets can also be purchased at each of the venues and standing admission is on the day.

THE OFFICIAL RUGBY LEAGUE CARD COLLECTION

The status of Rugby League as one of Britain's elite sports has been further enhanced this month by the launch of an exciting set of 160 collector cards.

The company behind the launch, Merlin Publishing of Milton Keynes, is the UK market leader in collectable cards and stickers. The Rugby League Collection joins a portfolio of other major titles from Merlin, including League and World Cup Soccer, Top of the Pops, Nintendo and Batman.

The collection is the first comprehensive set of Rugby League picture cards since the second world war. The cards are in full colour on both sides with match action shots on the front, portrait pics, player biographies and club badges on the reverse. Every card bears the increasingly well known "RL 13" symbol as a mark of its official status.

More than eight million Rugby League cards have been printed for the official launch date of 17 October. Among these, some 2,500 have been autographed personally by top stars Ellery Hanley, Mike Gregory, Jonathan Davies, Greg Mackey and Andy Gregory. Embossed with a stamp of authenticity, these limited edition cards are sure to become real collector's items.



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Youngers Alliance News



12th October 1991

Huddersfield 42 Carlisle 8

A lack-lustre performance was reflected in the score. We played four trialists but this did not excuse this defeat by a superior side. Unfortunately we sustained yet another injury when Mike Kavanagh sustained a foot injury. Carlisle's tries were scored by Nigel White and Dave Cowgill.

The A team's next match takes place tomorrow night when we visit Warrington in the second round of the Lancashire Shield.

1992 BRITISH COAL TOUR

The Australian Rugby League have made two changes to the previously published 10-match itinerary for the 1992 British Coal Tour by Great Britain. Great Britain are to play a Test match in Melbourne for the first time, the ARL having hired the 32,000 capacity Princes Park as part of their bid to develop the 13-a-side code in Melbourne and to maximise tour income.



Brisbane Broncos have turned down the invitation to host a tour match and the 1992 British Lions will now play Sydney Premiership side Parramatta in a revised match timetable as follows:

Date	Opposition	Venue	Kick-off
Wednesday 3 June	Queensland Residents	Townsville	7.30 pm
Saturday 6 June	Canberra	Canberra	7.30 pm
Monday 8 June	Illawarra	Wollongong	3.00 pm
Friday 12 June	AUSTRALIA (1st Test)	Sydney Football Stadium	7.30pm
Tuesday 16 June	NSW Country	Parke	3.00 pm
Friday 19 June	Parramatta	Parramatta Stadium	7.30 pm
Tuesday 23 June	Newcastle	Newcastle	7.30 pm
Friday 26 June	AUSTRALIA (2nd Test)	Princes Park, Melbourne	7.30 pm
Tuesday 30 June	Gold Coast	Tweed Heads	7.30 pm
Friday 3 July	AUSTRALIA (3rd Test)	Lang Park, Brisbane	7.30 pm

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Gillford Gossip

A week of mixed fortunes saw Raiders go out of the Lancashire Cup at Spotland 19-6 to a fired-up Rochdale side which at times threatened to run up a much bigger score. As it was, Raiders stayed in contention for much of the game, although at times some very determined defending was needed. However, the try and drop goal which Hornets obtained in the last two minutes meant that the final scoreline was a fair reflection of play.

Less than 72 hours later, the Raiders squad had to put any memories of that defeat out of their minds and get back to Second Division action against London Crusaders. With virtually all the side carrying some type of injury, it was not surprising that the game turned out to be anything but a classic. However, the home side never looked in danger of losing, and Carlisle's position at the top of the Second Division was retained.

One of life's great mysteries must be why, in a town not overloaded with professional sport, Raiders continue to struggle for support at the top of their division, whilst something like three times as many regularly visit Brunton Park to watch a side one place from the bottom of the Football League. Maybe we don't beat our own drum enough as far as publicity is concerned. Certainly, the game as a whole is getting much more media coverage than ever before, particularly television coverage.

Rugby League Clubs have always had rather poetic descriptions of their team colours, such as Wigan's cherry and white, Whitehaven's chocolate and blue and my own favourite, Hunslet's myrtle, white and flame. With this in mind, any suggestions for the new 'away' strip adopted by Raiders this season? Primrose and hyacinth, perhaps?

However romantic the description may be, it is a fact that the side has not won on any of the three occasions it has been worn. Maybe those colours are just not right for Lancashire, since the two defeats and a draw were all within that county.

Today sees our first encounter of the season with Oldham, who were probably most people's favourites for promotion when the season started. The Roughyeds topped the half-century of points last week against Ryedale-York, and are going to be a hard nut to crack for any other Second Division sides. Should be another good game.



Crack from Cam

A hearty welcome to everyone connected with Oldham for their first visit to Gillford Park in a couple of years — excluding of course our pre-season Sevens.

I'm sure it will be a fiercely competitive game today as we try and fight off the challengers at the top of the table.

I was very pleased with the attitude of the players in last week's dour win over London Crusaders.

We had about nine crocks who turned out with injuries, and got stuck in to ensure we picked up two important points.

Even though it wasn't the most exciting game seen here this season, it was a fine effort from the players because we could easily have gone into the game very short.

We're still suffering pretty badly with injuries, but we're hanging in.

If we can win today, we've got a fortnight's lay-off which will be very welcome.

Even Susan from Soho admits: "You can't keep performing without a break."

I would like to welcome our newly-arrived player Jamie Black who flew in from Australia and played against the Crusaders, and it's also good to see Barry Vickers at the top of the RL longest-running points scoring sequence with 16 successive matches.

Question: What's the difference between the Welsh Rugby Union side and Cinderella?

Answer: At least Cinderella got to the ball!



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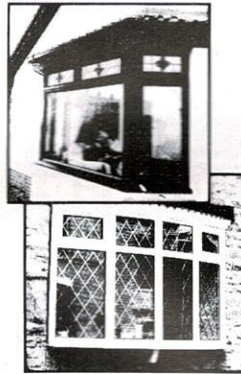


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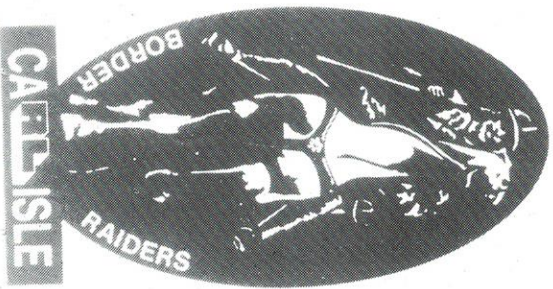
ALLIANCE DIVISION 2

Home Matches played at
GILLFORD PARK

Date	Opposition	Result	Score	Outcome
SAT 7 SEPTEMBER	HUDDERSFIELD	H	36-8	WON
SAT 14 SEPTEMBER	KEIGHLEY C	A	12-14	LOST
SAT 21 SEPTEMBER	LEIGH	H	22-12	WON
SAT 28 SEPTEMBER	SWINTON C	A	22-16	WON
SAT 12 OCTOBER	HUDDERSFIELD	A	8-42	LOST
SAT 26 OCTOBER	KEIGHLEY C	H		
SAT 2 NOVEMBER	CHORLEY	A		
SAT 9 NOVEMBER	LEIGH	A		
SAT 16 NOVEMBER	ROCHDALE H	A		
SAT 23 NOVEMBER	SALFORD	H		
SAT 30 NOVEMBER	SWINTON C	H		
SAT 7 DECEMBER	BARROW	H		
SAT 14 DECEMBER	WHITEHAVEN	A		
SAT 21 DECEMBER	CHORLEY	H		
SAT 28 DECEMBER	ROCHDALE H	A		
SAT 4 JANUARY	BARROW	A		
SAT 11 JANUARY	SALFORD	H		
SAT 18 JANUARY	WHITEHAVEN	H		

A TEAM SCORERS

Tries: Rowe 4, Lunt 3, Kohosse 2, Georigalls 2, Kavanagh 2, Coles 2, Doyle 1, Findlay 1, Bowness 1, Pollard 1, White 1, Cowgill 1.
Goals: Kavanagh 18, Manning 1.



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LANCASHIRE COMBINATION CHALLENGE SHIELD — SECOND ROUND DRAW

To be played on the weekend of 19 October 1991:
Whitehaven v Rochdale H
St Helens v Oldham
Leigh v Swinton
Warrington W v Carlisle

Date	Opposition	Result
SAT 1 FEBRUARY	Youngers Challenge Cup 1st Rnd
SAT 15 FEBRUARY	Youngers Challenge Cup 2nd Rnd
SAT 22 FEBRUARY	Second Division Cup 1st Rnd
SAT 29 FEBRUARY	Second Division Cup 2nd Rnd
SAT 7 MARCH	Second Division Cup 2nd Rnd
SAT 14 MARCH	Second Division Cup 3rd Rnd
SAT 21 MARCH	Second Division Cup 4th Rnd
SAT 28 MARCH	Second Division Cup 5th Rnd
SAT 4 APRIL	Second Division Cup Semi Final
SAT 11 APRIL	Second Division Cup Final



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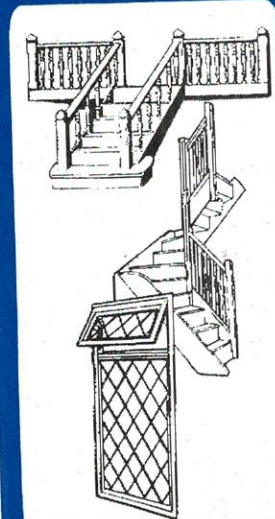
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DIVISION 2

Home Matches played at

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Date	Day	Opposition	Result
1	SUN	ROCHDALE	A
8	SUN	SHEFFIELD	H
22	SUN	LEIGH	A
29	SUN	WORKINGTON	H
6	SUN	RYEDALE YORK	A
13	SUN	FULHAM	H
20	SUN	OLDHAM	H
3	SUN	SHEFFIELD	A
10	SUN	LEIGH	H
17	SUN	REGAL (1)	A
24	SUN	REGAL (2)	A
1	SUN	WORKINGTON	H
8	SUN	RYEDALE YORK	A
15	SUN	FULHAM	H
26	THURS	WORKINGTON	A
5	SUN	OLDHAM	H
12	SUN	ROCHDALE	A
19	SUN	SHEFFIELD	H
26	SUN	SILK CUT (1)	A
2	SUN	LEIGH	H
9	SUN	SILK CUT (2)	A
16	SUN	RYEDALE YORK	H
23	SUN	FULHAM	A
1	SUN	ROCHDALE	H
8	SUN	OLDHAM	A
15	SUN	LEIGH	H
22	SUN	FULHAM	A
29	SUN	OLDHAM	H
5	SUN	SHEFFIELD	A
12	SUN	ROCHDALE	H
17	FRI	RYEDALE YORK	H
20	MON	WORKINGTON	A

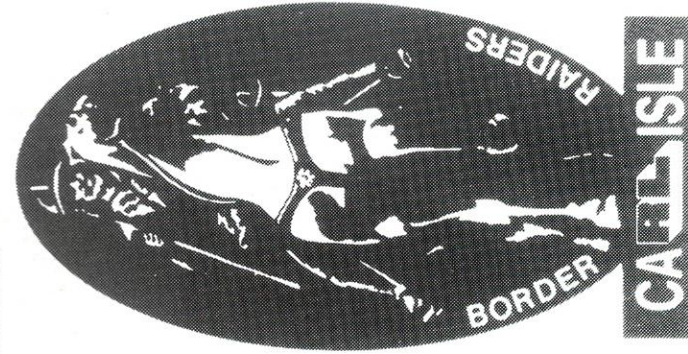
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FIRST TEAM SCORERS

Tries: Friend 7, Brierley 3, Hepi 3, Lithgow 3, Georgallis 3,
Charlton 2, Williams 2, Murdoch 2, Ackerman 2, Pape 2,
Pollard 1, Okesene 1, Thomason 1, Vickers 1.

Goals: Vickers 30.

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