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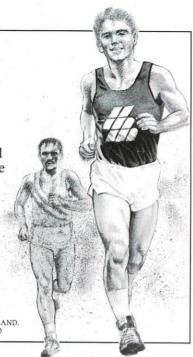
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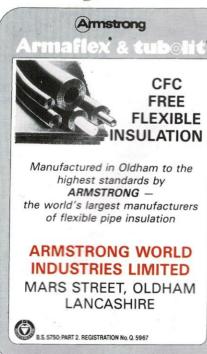


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WELCOME to today's fixture against our friends from Sheffield in what promises to be a battle for the outright leadership of the 2nd Division, the

"brainchild" of Eagles supremo Gary Hetherington.

The Eagles will have their two Great Britain internationals, Darryl Powell and Mark Aston, in top gear today, as well as the most under-rated hooker forward in the English game, Mick Cook. Out wide, quicksilver Richard Price will no doubt give our backs plenty to do as we endeavour to maintain our record of never having yet lost to the Eagles.

Since our last home game, Paul Round and Paul Lord have joined Wakefield Trinity and Ged Byrne has come to Oldham. We wish both Pauls well at their new club, and hope that Ged can continue in the style he showed us on his debut at Carlisle.

Congratulations are in order for Tommy Martyn and new cap Chris Joynt, selected for Great Britain under-21 honours. Tommy is destined for full honours, and for 19-year-old Chris this heralds what I believe to be the beginning of a new era for Oldham with the emergence of the young lions — Martyn, Joynt, Flanagan and Pachniuk. I feel sure that in the next 18 months the Oldham "faithful" will witness these and others emerge and establish us as a force in the first division, not as just a team to promise some and deliver little, but to go up and be a threat on any pitch every Sunday.

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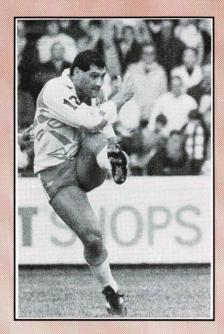
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Skipper's Spot

Oldham Captain Charlie McAlister looks at today's game

THESE are changing times at Oldham Rugby League as incumbent captain Paul Round has joined Wakefield, and I have taken over for the moment, hopefully for the rest of the season.

I am sure all the players and spectators alike will join together to wish Roundy all the best at Wakefield. It is a good career move for him and his family.



I am proud to be able to captain the first team, as I enjoy the responsibility. My aim is to emulate the success of previous Oldham captains. If I can match the reputation of recent skippers, I'll be more than pleased. This isn't the first time I've captained a side, as I led two championship-winning open-age Union sides back home in New Zealand in the mid-eighties.

Over the coming weeks I will be looking for honesty on the pitch from this young Oldham side, which as I have said already has undergone a number of changes as coach Peter Tunks puts his mark on the side. Peter has already proved to be an astute thinker and is a hard man when he needs to be, and promises to be one of the game's top coaches.

Only Tommy Martyn and myself are left from last year's first team as young players like Neil Flanagan, my current vice-captain, and Richard Pachniuk and Chris Joynt have settled in and performed well. You can rest assured that they are

giving you their best, so give them your support too.

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We have just completed the first round of the matches in the new-look Second Division and we have now played everybody else in the league. Although the games have been a lot harder than I anticipated and there have been one or two hiccups along the way, we are where we should be at the time of writing — top of the league.

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Mark Aston (23): Mark is a prolific points scorer who last year achieved his ambition of international selection. A key figure in Eagles' promotion drive.

Mark Gamson (24): The Eagles' second signing in 1984 from Leeds Colts. Mark has occupied every back position and two forward positions in his career.

Anthony Farrell (22): A record signing from Huddersfield. Now settled into the loose forward position with good effect. Ellery Hanley look-a-like with side-step to match.

David Mycoe (19): Had a sensational debut season after joining the Eagles from Criggleston under-17s. Won Great Britain under-21 honours international status last season. Can play full back, centre or stand-off and his talent and pace suggests he could go all the way to the top.

David Close (23): A former county junior at Rugby League and Rugby Union who signed from Pontefract Labour ARLC in 1987.

Richard Price (21): £25,000 signing from Hull at the end of last season. Clever and elusive player who is at home at centre or stand-off.

Paul Broadbent (22): Another recruit from Lock Lane under-19s, Paul has emerged as one of the game's most up-and-coming prop forwards. Very big work rate and an ability to offload the ball suggests that representative honours could come his way.

Mick Cook (29): Rated by many as one of the game's best ever hookers, Mick's terrific tackling displays have alerted the attention of several leading Australian clubs. Another signing from Queens Park ARLC and last season's Player of the Year.

Hugh Waddell (31): A £50,000 signing from Leeds, Hugh has added experience and mobility to the forwards. Well remembered for his Man of the Match award in Great Britain's defeat of Australia in 1988. He is keen to reclaim a Test place this season.

Nick Grimoldby (28): Born in Doncaster, Nick learned his Rugby League in the South before signing to Fulham. Transferred to the Eagles in January, 1989. A powerful running forward with plenty of pace and a sound defence.

Andy Young (25): A former Eastmoor amateur and voted the best-looking player of 1991. Has made his appearances mainly on the wing. A very strong runner and tackler with a good turn of pace, who is settling in well after moving into the forwards.

Simon Rhoades (17): A signing from Bransholme under-17s in Hull. Represented England under-17s and captained Yorkshire. Very pacy and talented player and an excellent goalkicker.

Nick Halafihi (22): A former Hull Colt who signed in 1988. Nick is hoping to pin down a first team place. Very fit and fast forward with an eye for scoring tries.

Tim Wilby (33½): A much-travelled player who joined the Eagles from Hull at the start of this season. A good defender with a neat side-step.

Keith Mumby (33): A signing from Bradford Northern, where he spent 17 seasons and represented Great Britain on many occasions. His vast experience makes him a valuable member of the squad.

David Plange (26): Eagles' signing from Castleford. David is a very strong and fast winger with an eye for the try line. David has represented Great Britain and hopes to further his international career with the Eagles.

Richard Picksley (20): Very fast young winger hoping to establish himself in the first team after some very promising performances.

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We'll be looking to raise a few dollars more for the Oldham ground fund when we host Oldham RLFC's annual sportsmen's dinner, which is sponsored by Fiat dealers Greenhalgh Brothers. This takes place on Wednesday, November 28th, at the Avant Hotel, Manchester Road, Oldham, with the reception at 7 p.m. and dinner at 7.30 p.m. As many of you know already, our sportsmen's dinners are one of the highlights of the year.

Guest speaker is the incredibly funny Stan Taylor, an ex-submarine commander, who will have you gasping for air with his unique sense of humour. Comedian Max Pressure is from across the Pennines and is one of the region's top young comics. Our compere for the evening is Laurie Ash, who handles all our public announcements on match days. Tickets for the event are a mere £20, with special sponsorship packages for companies, clubs, pubs and groups also available. Give me a ring on 061-620 4870 for more details. But hurry — demand for tickets is high already.

Finally, we've had a great response from junior Roughyeds — anybody under 16 — who have been busy nominating their favourite players for our new regular Junior Choice column. Just turn to page 26 to see this week's choice. I still want you to write in and tell me who your favourite Oldham player is and why. Simply name the player and give us your reasons, in no more than 30 words on a piece of paper, and send your nomination to Favourite Player, Ray Hill, Oldham RLFC, The Pavilion, Watersheddings, Counthill Road, Oldham. Also include a picture of yourself, as we will be featuring a young supporter's choice in future match day programmes. Every young fan who is featured in the programme will receive a FREE signed photograph of their favourite player plus TWO free tickets (one for an adult) for our next home game. Get writing today.

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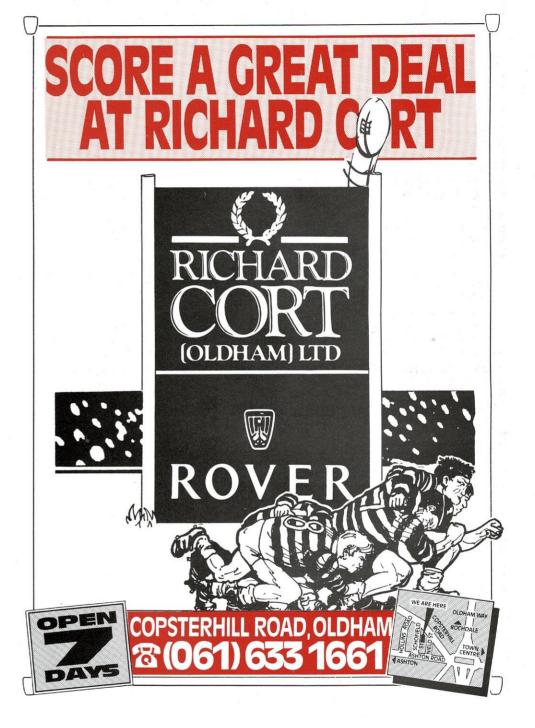
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Talking Sport

by

Jack Dearden

AS you've probably guessed, I don't care much for Rugby Union, but I was pleased to see England defeat the French in Paris if for no other reason than that I like the French even less than I like Rugby Union.

Therefore it was no surprise to read of after-match reports which once again clearly indicated the French attitude to sportsmanship. My experience of witnessing rugby in France is that they will do anything apart from play within the rules of the game. They cheat, fight, bite and stoop to any other underhanded misdemeanours, and usually this is before the kick-off. So, Serge Blanco and Co., "Vive la" up yours.

On the soccer front, Kenny (I'm bound to produce a smile sometime) Dalglish is back as manager of second division Blackburn Rovers. His previous record at Liverpool was exemplary, and personally I hope Rovers return to the first division.

But spare a thought for Blackburn's Tony Parkes — he was placed in temporary charge when the club dismissed Don McKay. He promptly went on to

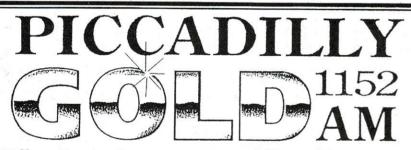
produce an impressive record, taking 17 out of a possible 24 points. He achieved this by going quietly and effectively about his business. And he did it without spending a penny, Kenny. And then, by a strange quirk of sporting fate, at Kenny's first game in total command Rovers lost 2-1 against Swindon, an early indication there that Mr. Dalglish, despite apparently having millions to spend, might not find it so easy.



Staying with soccer managers — a piece of total honesty from the national boss, Graham Taylor. I must admit I've waited years for a statement like the one he came up with after England failed to 'roast Turkey'. Asked what went wrong, he said 'I don't know. People always expect coaches and managers to have all the answers, but on this occasion I don't know any.'

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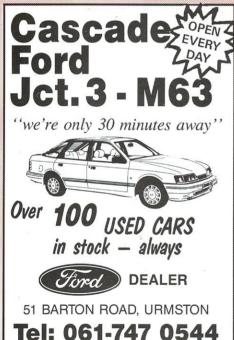
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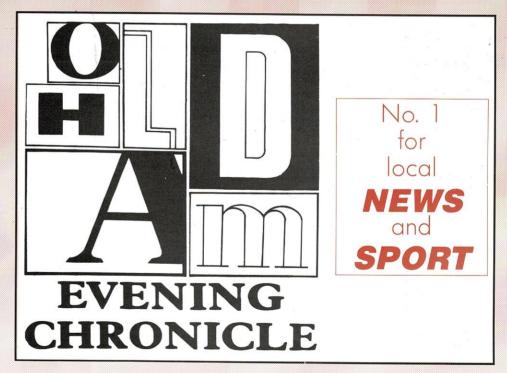
LAST season, by his own admission, was a difficult one for Keith Newton, as he struggled to gain a regular place in the first team. This campaign promises to be a lot better as the popular forward, known affectionately by players and fans alike simply as 'Beefy', has moved house, given up his job as a self-employed haulier, and gone back to college. He has also found himself back in regular first team action, filling in a variety of roles as the club looks to promotion from the new-look second division.

"Working and training didn't mix last season and I ended up missing sessions because I had to accept the haulier work when it was available. That could mean a trip to London or Scotland when on the afternoon before training. From my point of view, with a wife, Marianne, and two young children, Samantha, 8, and John, 4, it was essential to keep the money rolling," says Beefy, who has just moved to a bigger house in Widnes.

Keith's packed in the driving and gone back to college in Warrington to prepare himself for a degree course in environmental studies next year. Armed with a student grant and the support of his family, Keith is able to concentrate on his training. His effort has paid off as he is fast becoming a regular feature in the side. "I've played in the front row, second row, at loose-forward and as a centre this season, which is fine by me. Wherever Peter Tunks thinks I can do a job for him I am happy to play there."

At 27, Keith, who was signed by Tony Barrow two and a half years ago, is now one of the club's senior professionals following all the club's recent transfer activity. "It is a sign that the club's youth policy with players like Tommy Martyn, Neil Flanagan and Richard Pachniuk in the side is paying off if I am one of the club's senior pros at the mere age of 27. I can only applaud Peter Tunks's approach. I have been impressed by Peter since he has taken over the helm. He said at the start of the season reputations meant nothing. It was what the players did now that counted. As players that means we are responsible for our own fitness with training sessions dedicated to preparing for the next match, as game plans are an important part of Peter's philosophy!"

Given Keith's positive start to the season, he can look forward to a lot of preparation — at his new home, in the classroom and on the pitch.



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Mr. J. J. Beech (Orange Flag)

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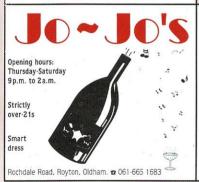
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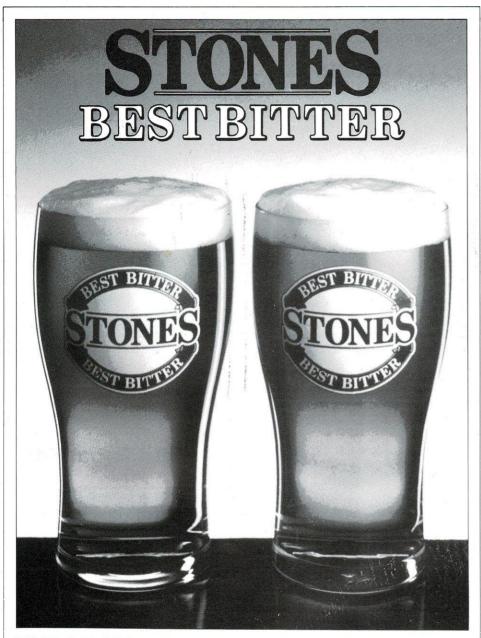
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Paddy's View

bv A-Team Coach Paddy Kirwan

THE past two weeks has been a growing-up period for many of the youngsters in the 'A' team. Playing against two very good, professional outfits. Widnes and St. Helens, the 'A' team gave an encouraging display against Widnes and an embarrassing display against St. Helens.

Against Widnes two weeks ago, the team was never behind until ten minutes from the end of the game. Two tries by a trialist Australian prop forward. John Machon. and a debutant try by Darryl Rogers, all converted by Keith Atkinson, gave the side an 18-16 lead, with the clock ticking away. However, inexperience in the Oldham side was exposed by the experienced "on loan" Neil Holding, who carved his way through the middle of the Oldham forwards on a 50-yard dash to create the winning try. A further try was added in the closing seconds to give a 24-18 scoreline in Widnes's favour. Darryl Rogers, playing in the forwards, gave an impressive first-half display, Shaun Allen and Ian Bates played their normal hard-working professional game, and Richard Blackman showed an encouraging return to form despite the odd mistake.

A week later at St. Helens in the Lancashire Shield 2nd round, it was a different story. Against experienced Saints men like Shane Cooper, Sonny Nickle, Jonathan Griffiths, Tommy Frodsham and Brimah Kebbie, poor discipline allowed St. Helens to have a constant supply of possession in the first half, either through penalties or mistakes. This made the job easy for Saints, who strolled into a 29-4 half-time lead. The second half was marginally better, but mainly due to an improved flow of possession due to refereeing decisions, with the

eventual scoreline ending at 49-10. Consolation tries were scored by Barrie McDermott and John Machon, However, Dave Bradbury blotted his copybook by being sent off needlessly for dissent in the final minute. Only Darryl Rogers, a late replacement for Simon Longstaffe, Richard Russell, Ian Bates and Shaun Allen came out of the game with any real

credit.

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	27	Halifax	A	L	6-26
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	9	Workington Town (2.30)	Α		
	15	Leeds	Α		
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	29	Hull KR	Α		
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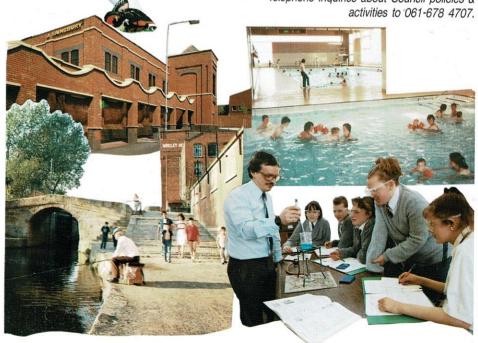
scored some good tries." Lucy King (aged 11), Dorset Avenue, Shaw, Oldham.

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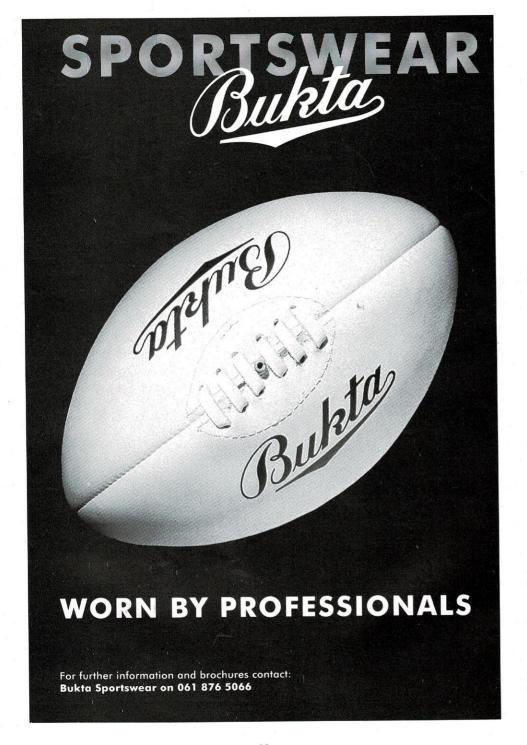
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