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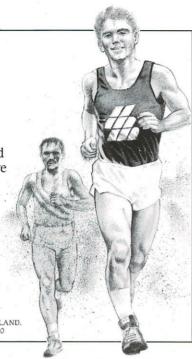
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Tunks' Talkback

Oldham's Coach gives you his views

WELCOME today to the leading team in the First Division, St Helens. Under Mike McClennan's astute

leadership over the last three seasons, Saints have been to Wembley and now have the First Division Championship in their sights.

Today gives us another fixture against a team we also drew in the second round of the Lancashire Cup. We were not disgraced that night in scoring five tries against such a mighty foe, and hopefully we will give the fans plenty to cheer about this afternoon. Fortunately, I haven't had to recall Ian Bates from his honeymoon to play this time, and as we witness from Tim Street's great performance last week, as some of our injured and suspension victims return, the importance of having all of our key personnel available is crucial to our overall plan to fight for promotion.

The individual clashes today should be enthralling as we have McAlister against Mann, Sherratt v Ward, Flanagan v Bishop and Christie v Sullivan, to name but a few. I'm sure that more than a few Saints fans will travel home later today with several names tattooed in their memory of young players who are going places in rugby league.

A special mention today about Chris Joynt. We all know what a devastating runner in attack Chris is, but in his last four games Chris has also topped 40 in the tackle count. At 19, Chris is living proof that good enough is old enough.

Enjoy the game.

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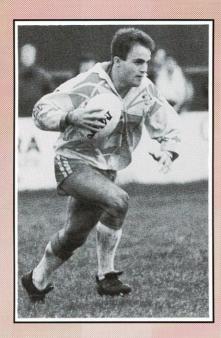
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Skipper's Spot

Oldham Captain Neil Flanagan looks at today's game

WELCOME to another week of cup action at Watersheddings. Under the new format introduced this season, the Regal Trophy Competition has been condensed to ensure that all games, other than the final, are played before Christmas. This has



not been without its critics, who argue that success in this competition places unfair demands on both clubs and players by requiring them to play midweek league matches to avoid a fixture backlog. Obviously, this places great demands on players' fitness and durability and, in an already highly competitive Second Division, this could make the difference between gaining and losing promotion.

Last week saw us secure our passage into the second round. After a shaky start to the game when we lost a lot of possession under the slippery conditions, we settled down to play more controlled rugby and eventually ran out worthy winners. This was helped by the strong running of Tim Street and the flair and pace of threequarters Tommy Martyn and Gary Christie.

Today's game brings First Division league leaders St Helens to Watersheddings. An outstanding side which boasts a strong pack and classy backs, they will prove to be tough competition. However, if we can build upon last week's performance and on our own pitch with the vociferous support of our spectators, I see no reason why we cannot progress in this competition.

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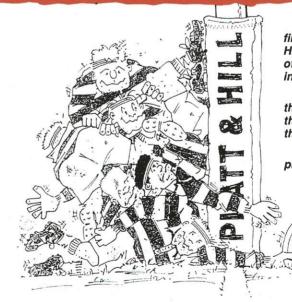
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A Watersheddings welcome to . . .

St Helens

Les Quirk (age 26): Signed from Barrow in October, 1987, and quickly established himself as being one of the top left wingers in the British game. During 1988/89 Les broke a 50-year club record by scoring tries in 10 consecutive matches and scored two vital tries which took Saints to Wembley in 1989.

Alan Hunte (age 21): In his first full season, Alan finished up as Saints' top try scorer with 21 tries in 35 appearances, playing the majority of his rugby on the wing, although his future is playing centre. He made his debut on 1st March, 1989, against Oldham, and scored a brace of tries.

Jonathan Griffiths (age 27): Signed before 1989 Premiership Trophy Final in a blaze of publicity from Llanelli R.U.F.C. and scored a brace of tries on his Saints debut at Sheffield on the opening day of the 1989/90 season. Jonathan is a very strong, powerful runner who has bags of potential and should have a great future in the game.

Paul Loughlin (age 24): Paul has achieved almost all there is to achieve in Rugby League and is regarded by many as being one of the best centres in the British game. He is a prolific goalkicker who started his Saints career at full-back before moving in to the centre. He toured Down Under with Great Britain in 1988 and has kicked over 100 goals in each of his last four seasons.

George Mann (age 24): George is a strong, blockbusting prop forward who is remarkably mobile for his size. He is a New Zealand international who joined Saints in 1989 and soon became a great favourite with the fans who appreciated his style of play. Formerly with Managers East-Auckland.

Kevin Ward: Kevin was Saints' major signing from 'Cas' in August, 1990. The popular 'Wardie' has had all the honours available to him as ever, which is a tremendous tribute to his dedication and fitness. Kevin made his Test debut in 1984 against France.

Paul Groves: Paul transferred to Saints from Salford in 1987 and has gained Lancashire, Great Britain and Tour nominations, having skippered the under-21s during his days at the Willows. Very fast and exciting player, generally considered to be amongst the best hookers in the game.

Anthony Sullivan (age 22): £80,000 signing from Hull KR in the close season, has already represented Great Britain at under-21 level. The son of former Boulevard favourite Clive Sullivan, seems destined for greatness if he continues to progress. Very quick and elusive.

Sonny Nickle (age 22): Saints' £80,000 buy from Sheffield Eagles in July, has really captured the imagination of the St Helens public. Well built at 6ft. 1in., 15st. and one of the fastest forwards in the game.

John Harrison (age 26): Joined Saints in 1987 from local amateur side Harefinch. Standing at 6ft. 7in., John is very awkward to tackle. Became a first team regular towards the end of 1988/89 season and was unfortunate to miss out on a Wembley place due to a rib injury in 1989, but deservedly took a Wembley "bow" in 1991.

Gary Connolly (age 20): Full-back who has had an incredible rise to fame after signing from local amateur side Blackbrook. Made his first team debut in January, 1989, and in six months had established himself as Saints' regular full-back. Has represented Great Britain under-21s.

Paul Bishop: Signed from Warrington in 1990. This busy scrum-half is the son of former Saints "great" Tommy Bishop. Paul spent the close season with Gold Coast Eagles. Paul has now signed a new two-year contract with Saints.

Phil Veivers: Made his Saints debut in October, 1984, along with his Brisbane Souths team mate Mal Meninga and quickly established himself as a very safe and steady full-back. His ability to catch almost anything that comes at him made him a favourite with the Saints faithful. Phil has played in five finals with Saints and was player of the year in 1988 and 1989.

Bernard Dwyer (age 24): Signed from local amateur side Hare and Hounds in 1984, Bernard has become a first team regular in the back-row over the last couple of seasons. His game is based on a very solid defence and is very much in the "Australian mould."

Shane Cooper (age 31): Highly respected club captain who is regarded as being one of the best stand-off/loose forwards in the world. New Zealand international who toured Great Britain in 1985, retired from international rugby last season to further his career at Saints but played in 1987 World Cup final against Australia. Made his debut in October, 1987, and led Saints to the John Player Trophy in 1988.

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Commercial Manager
Ray Hill
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Watersheddings Scene

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VOUCHER 6

Collect six to enter our "London Weekend" competition

I'D like to start this column with a BIG thank you from everyone involved with the club to the ever-delightful Amanda Norris, who has done a splendid job as Miss Oldham Rugby League ever since she won the Boddingtons Bitter Oldham Beauty Contest last November. Since then,

Amanda has been a credit, both to herself and the club, and as her reign comes to an end I'd like to thank her for all the help she has given the club. Amanda, who is now at polytechnic in Hull but still finds time from her busy college life to travel west to watch home games, will be handing over her crown at this year's Castlemaine XXXX Oldham Beauty Contest, which takes place at the Sheddings club on Wednesday, 11th December, 1991.

The winner walks away with a superb modelling course from a top Manchester model agency, together with a bumper cheque for £100. There are cash prizes for second and third places, too. If you're interested in entering or know somebody who is suitable, write to Karen Scott at the club, giving your details together with a recent photograph. If the new Miss Oldham can match the job done by Amanda, we'll be onto another winner.

Today's game sees us host our second Regal Trophy match of the season as we entertain Division One leaders St Helens. Sponsorship money for the trophy has never been higher and it is appropriate in these difficult times to reflect upon the benefits of sponsorship, which is the lifeblood of clubs like Oldham. We are fortunate that we have enjoyed superb support from all our sponsors, large and small. I know by speaking to them that they have benefited from the relationship just as much as we have, which bodes well for the future.

I am still keen to hear from any new sponsors who want to become involved with Rugby League and Oldham. No matter what your requirements, it is well worth giving me a call on 061-620 4870 to see how we can work together to help put your name on the map.

Finally, watch out in the local press for details of our Lifeline draws. Representatives from the club, including Lifeline managers John Watkins and Peter Young, and star players, will be visiting pubs, clubs and work places to do Lifeline draws on the Monday following our away games. If you want the draw to take place at your venue, give us a call on 061-620 4870.

JUNIOR CHOICE

My favourite player is ... Chris Joynt

"My name is John Mitchell. I am seven years old. My favourite player is Chris Joynt because he pushes through people from miles away. I think he is good enough to go into the Great Britain full team." John Mitchell (aged 7), Derwent Walk, Greenacres, Oldham.

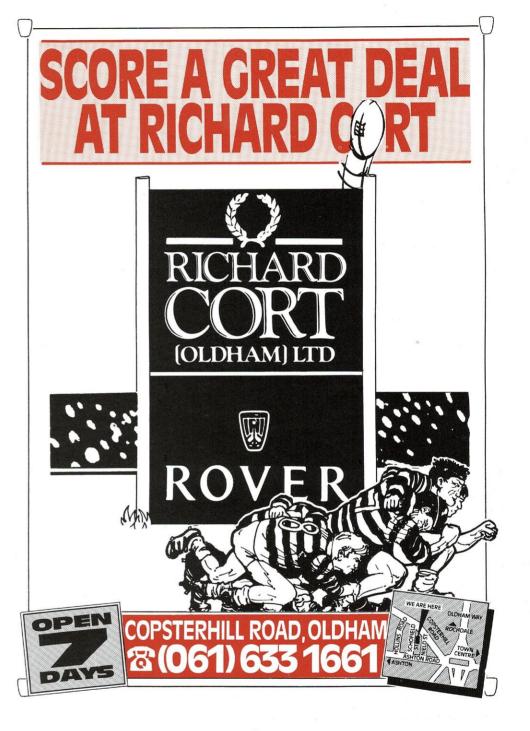
Thanks for writing in, John. You will be receiving a signed photograph from Chris and you can collect TWO free tickets (one for an adult) for our next home game. Keep your nominations coming in. Write to Junior Choice, Favourite Player, Ray Hill, Oldham RLFC, The Pavilion, Watersheddings, Counthill Road. Don't forget to enclose a recent photograph.

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Q: Which two Oldham players are current under-21 internationals?

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A LOOK AT THE PAST — 30 YEARS AGO

Geoff Cook takes a look back at yesteryear

IN August, 1952, the cost of an Oldham programme went up from 2d to 3d. In season 1961-62 you would still have paid 3d. So much for inflation! But then we'd 'never had it so good,' as Harold Macmillan told us.

By now the programme had twelve pages including the cover, a cover consisting of photographs of match action. Many of the familiar advertisers were still taking space, but newcomers included the Ashton Arms, Clegg Street and, not surprisingly since landlord Harry Goodwin was a member, the Mare and Foal on Ashton Road.

Robert Wood, Builders' Merchants, at Mumps, had taken over the back cover spot and the N.C.B. had the whole of the inside back cover, promising a host of benefits, including "job security." How hollow a promise that sounds now!

On November 11th, 1961, Oldham played at Fartown, going down 16-7. Huddersfield, however, were then a force to be reckoned with. They lost at Wembley that season by 12-6 to Wakefield. Then, the following week, they turned the tables at Odsal with a 14-5 Championship Final victory.

On November 18th, Oldham faced Hull at Watersheddings. The visitors were in the middle of a poor run, but pulled off the shock of the day by winning 10-7.

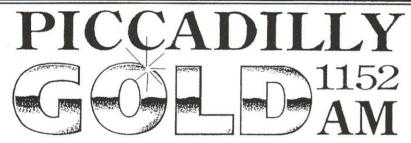
Oldham's team was — Sims, Patterson, Holden, Noon, Bird, Kellett, Pitchford, Mumberson, McIntyre, Goddard, Robinson, Smethunt, Parker.



Hull — Bateson, Kershaw, Gemmell, Hollindrake, Barnwell, Matthews, Finn, Scott, Harris, Bill Drake, Sykes, Booth, Whiteley.

Happily, Oldham recovered the following week to beat Salford at the Willows 50-4, the best away win recorded by any club that season. Eventually, Oldham finished the season in 10th spot with 22 wins, 1 draw and 13 defeats. Johnny Noon was the leading try-scorer with 24 and Geoff Sims finished with 119 goals.

Interestingly, the Hull programme contained a lot of controversial material. Suggestions included greater powers of intervention for touch judgement and the reduction of teams from 13 to 12 players. The writer bemoaned the passing of the 'constructive' loose-forward, saying the modern No. 13 was 'a stopper' with instructions to 'smash attacks at all costs'. This seems odd on a day when the opposing loose-forwards were as good a pair of handlers as you could wish to meet. I wonder what the writer would have made of today's game and the even greater defensive emphasis wrought by the Aussies?



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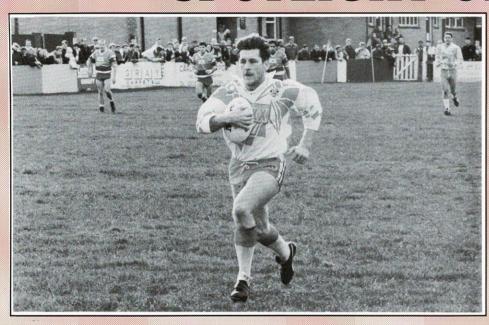
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ONE of Peter Tunks' first priorities when he took over as coach was to strengthen the Oldham backs with an exchange deal that took Oldham skipper Paul Round and winger Paul Lord to Wakefield with the vastly experienced utility back Ged Byrne travelling in the opposite direction.

Fortunately for Peter Tunks and Oldham it was Ged's dislike of travelling the 128-mile round trip across the Pennines from his Wigan home, where he lives with wife Liz, to Wakefield that opened the door for this versatile 29-year-old back who can play at centre or stand-off to sign for Oldham.

"It wasn't really fair on Wakefield and their supporters at the end of the day as the travelling, especially during the winter, was getting me down and affecting my performance on the pitch. When Peter Tunks approached me I was very interested to rekindle a friendship that began when I played against him when he was at Leeds and Sheffield."

One of the game's most experienced players, Ged, a self-employed window cleaner, spent his first six seasons with Salford before signing for his hometown club for £40,000. At Wigan he cleaned up, winning Lancashire Cup, Challenge Cup, John Player Trophy and League Championship medals. "I've got a clean sweep apart from the Premiership, although there is still time to add that to my collection."

Ged has joined the club during a transitional period when Oldham fans have not held back their opinions about the team. "The fans have a right to say what they want. After all, they pay their money, so they can let off steam. However, I do feel I am settling down and am looking forward to a long run in the side as we head towards the First Division where the club and its fans belong."



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1 2 3 4

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6 GED BYRNE

Team Changes

ST HELENS

- 1 GARY CONNOLLY
- 2 MARK RILEY
- 3 ALAN HUNTE
- 4 TEA ROPATI
- 5 ANTHONY SULLIVAN
- 6 PHIL VEIVERS
- 7 PAUL BISHOP
- 8 KEVIN WARD
- 9 BERNARD DWYER
- **10 GEORGE MANN**
- 11 JOHN HARRISON
- 12 PAUL FORBER
- 13 SHANE COOPER
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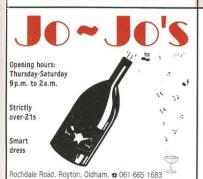
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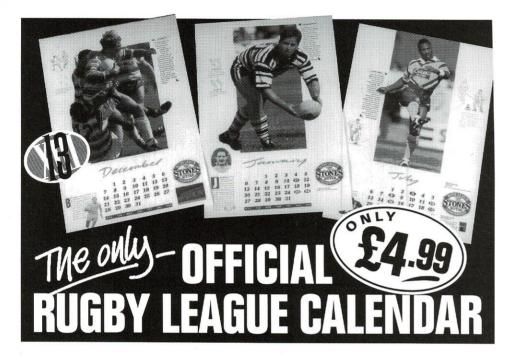
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Paddy's View

by A-Team Coach Paddy Kirwan

AFTER two consecutive wins I was feeling confident about going to Leeds with a relatively strong 'A' team. It was my first visit to Headingley since Leeds spent over £1 million improving the facilities beneath the main stand. They have certainly brought Rugby League into the 21st century. I was very impressed with the changing rooms, superb medical facilities and a weight training room an American football team would be proud of. Seeing all this made me even more determined to put one over on the elite Leeds team which paraded well over £1/2 million worth of talent.

A poor start, however, saw us give away two consecutive penalties, allowing a Leeds forward to crash over from 10 yards in the corner. Further silly penalties five minutes later put Leeds in possession in our 25, where they exposed a huge gap on the blind side to go 10-0 up. We had not even started to play. To their credit the lads hit back and looked dangerous when they had possession. Good work by Dave Pitts and John Henderson gave Abraham Philip the chance to fend off his opposite winger and score in the corner. Three goals from Paul Hourigan made the score 12-10 to Leeds after

A try either side of half-time to Leeds gave us another mountain to climb, but when Mark Mulligan finished a wing to wing passing movement in the corner which was goaled by Duncan Platt. I felt we were still in the game. However, trailing 24-16 with all to play for, Simon Longstaff, a half-time substitute, followed through on John Gallagher after he had kicked down-field. This was the second attempt by Longstaff to hit Gallagher - the first was missed by the touch judge but not the Leeds crowd - and the touch judge was fully aware the second time. I would agree with Roger Halstead's comments that on neither occasion was Gallagher hurt and that Longstaff was inviting disciplinary action.

Down to 12 men against a very good Leeds back line, Oldham let in two late tries to finish with a 36-16 scoreline which did not do the team justice.

On the plus side, Barrie McDermott, Craig Mort and Dave Pitts continued to improve, and Duncan Platt and Tony Conroy look to have recovered from their injuries.

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Warrington	9	5	0	4	174	186	10
St Helens	9	4	1	4	208	237	9
Hull	8	4	0	4	170	131	8
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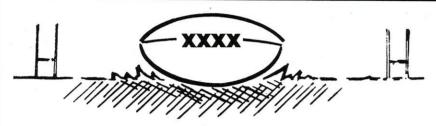
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- £100 cash prize A free modelling course
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Applicants must be 18 years or over.
Closing date for entry 2nd December 1991.

The Miss Oldham Rugby Competition takes place at The Sheddings Cabaret and Disco Club, Watersheddings on Wednesday December 11th

Celebrity Compere Tom Waite.

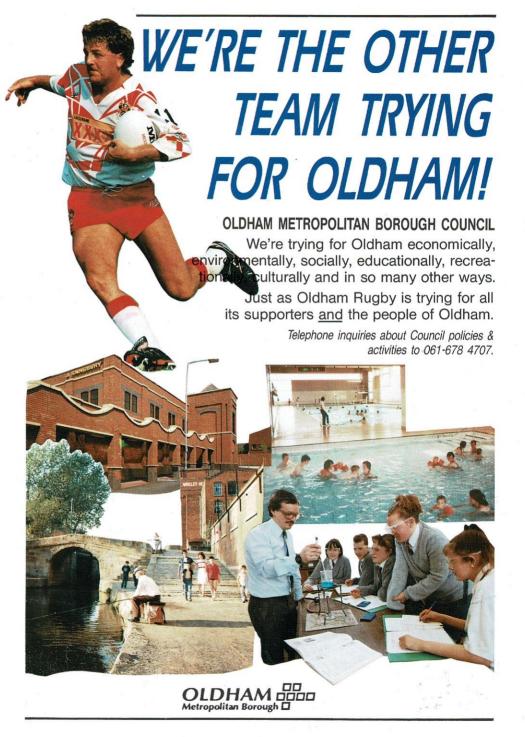
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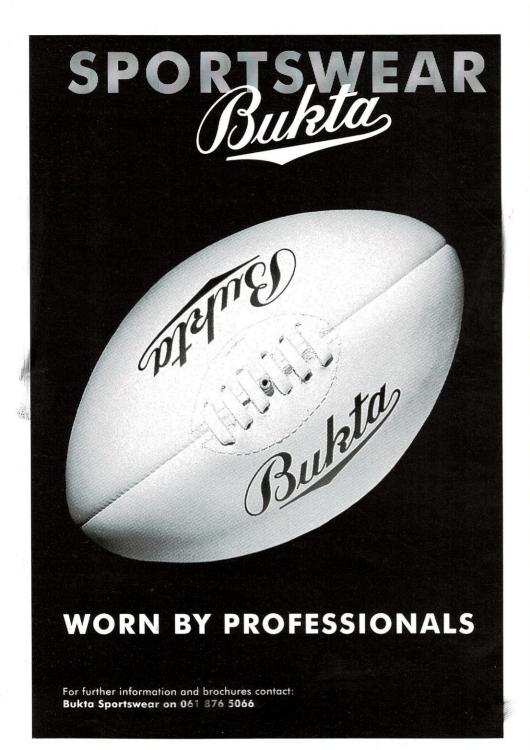
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