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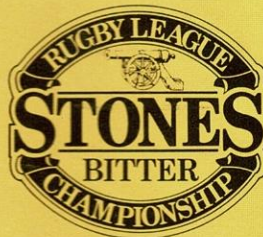
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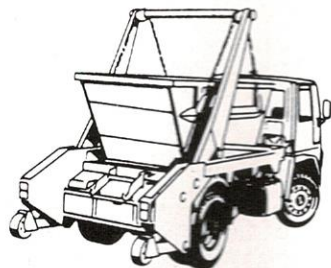
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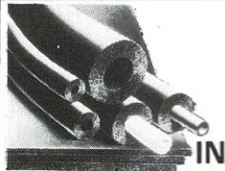
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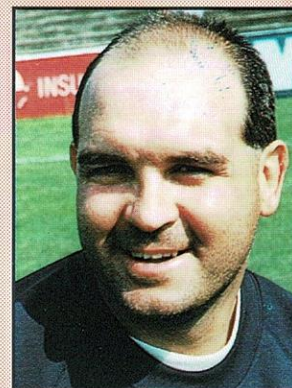


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Tunks' Talkback

Oldham's Coach
gives you his views

THE race for the two promotion places in the Second Division is really beginning to hot up as several clubs jockey for position in the pursuit of victory at the end of the season.

These notes were written before the vital New Year's Day game against Leigh, but our last two games showed the team's character. Twice in consecutive games we were reduced to 11 men. Twice, despite the odds being against us, we won games.

Special mention must go to Duncan Platt, who has missed much of the season through injury. He has been our best player against Rochdale (away), London Crusaders and York. Who can forget his memorable touchline conversion against York that virtually guaranteed us victory?

Duncan's return from injury is very welcome, as is the return to fitness of other key players who are now returning to the heroic 'A' Team. Richard Pachniuk and Tony Barrow have both returned to duty recently to give us a strength in depth that is essential for a side seriously looking to win promotion.

What's more, the spirit shown by many players coming into the First Team to cover for injuries has been very impressive. I have a feeling that some of the more recognised players may not have it all their own way when they try to regain their first team places.

And that's the way it should be!!

A Merry New Year to you all. Enjoy the game!

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Skipper's Spot

Oldham Captain
Neil Flanagan
looks at today's game

TODAY'S visit of Carlisle will be the second time we have played the Cumbrian side in the ultra-competitive Second Division. We came away with a good result earlier in the season, so no doubt Carlisle will be looking for revenge this afternoon.

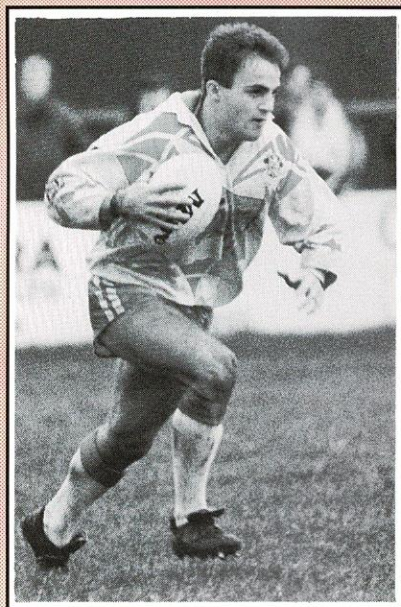
Carlisle are currently fourth, one place behind us, so today's game is going to be very evenly poised. We'll be looking to follow up good wins against York and Rochdale with a victory that will keep us on course for promotion.

Our wins over York and Rochdale epitomised the spirit of the current Oldham squad as we were down to 11 men at certain stages in both games. All the players responded to the situation magnificently and it was a pleasure to be on the same pitch. Both decisions — Tommy Martyn's against York and Tim Street's against Rochdale — were harsh, but fortunately they didn't cost us any points.

Against Rochdale it was good to hear the terraces in good cheer, giving us the support we really appreciate. Remember, it is so much easier playing with the crowd behind you, so everyone in the team is looking forward to your continued vocal support for today's game.

Looking forward to the rest of the season it would appear that three teams will be contesting the two promotion places — Sheffield, Leigh and ourselves. Last Wednesday's result will have a crucial bearing on the game — just as today's will, so get behind the team right from the start!

Help us give you the perfect start to the new year. Talking of the new year, I'd like to wish you all a good one on behalf of the team.



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Carlisle

Rob Ackerman: Carlisle's major close season signing. Powerful and skilful centre who comes to Gillford park from Leeds. Former Wales and British Lion RU star who turned pro with Whitehaven in a £60,000 deal five years ago.

Ian Armstrong: A signing from local RU, 'Seth' completed his RL apprenticeship in the 'A' team before breaking into the first string. Octopus tackling style, awkward to stop. Second row.

Wayne Alberts: Classy Aboriginal stand-off who has agreed to come to Carlisle, but is experiencing problems getting a passport. Displaced from Gold Coast Giants side by the legendary Wally Lewis.

Steve Brierley: Carlisle's only ever-present last season. Hard, straight running prop who has developed an ability to offload in most tackles. Product of the Carlisle amateur scene.

Clayton Friend: Kiwi International scrum half star who regained his Test starting jersey against the Aussies this summer. Classy handler who can carve up the opponents and makes plenty of space for team mates.

Paul Lithgow: City-based utility player now back in training after a year out playing soccer. Straight-running, tough full-back who can also play wing or in the pack.

Phil Manning: Very pacey winger from Ayre RU who was unlucky to pick up a bad leg injury within four games of turning pro. Now fully fit and aiming to continue his pro education.

Gary Murdock: Unsettled last season when he had a spell on loan at Swinton. Came back at the end of the campaign, and now giving it another shot. Elusive ex-Ellenborough scrum-half.

Hitro Okesene: Popular Kiwi second rower back for his third season. Big-hitting tackler and powerful bullocking runner. Ten tries last season in 18 full appearances.

Kevin Pape: Top try scorer for the fifth season with 20 touchdowns. Pacey centre with devastating side-step, and a great servant to Carlisle since signing from Glasson amateurs.

Tony Scott: Solid, consistent second rower and another good servant for Carlisle from the local amateur ranks. Good tackler, unorthodox, effective runner.

Malcolm Thomason: Prolific tackler and effective runner from acting half-back. Voted defence man of the season last year, but also scored eight tries, mostly from his trademark distance of ten yards.

Barry Williams: Ex-Broughton player who has matured into one of the club's top young forwards. A member of the newly re-formed Welsh squad, he is also a quality goal kicker.

Barry Vickers: Excellent goal-kicker with 85 successes to his credit last season. Signed from Count RU. Safe at full-back under a high ball, he has developed an elusive dummy in attack.

George Alliss: Arrived from Australia where he has been playing first grade football with Easts.

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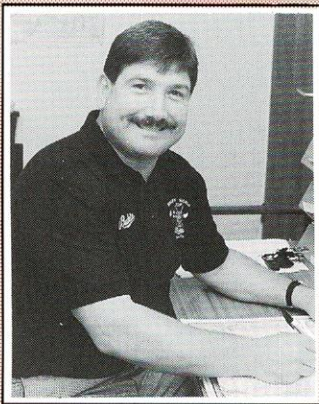
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MAY I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year. 1992 is already proving to be prosperous for a number of the club's shareholders who have won prizes in our annual Shareholders Xmas Draw. Chadderton's Peter Hibbert (ticket number 519529) won the fabulous £500 cash prize, with A. Hawe (103185) collecting the £250 second prize. The £100 third prize went to A. R. Gosling (842809), Hazel Grove, Cheshire, while the signed rugby ball was won by ticket number 549569. A. Fletcher (513101) and S. L. Hunt (513662) won VIP tickets and a case of Castlemaine XXXX respectively. Well done to you all.

There's another chance for Oldham fans to win, win, win with the annual New Year's Day Lifeline Draw, when a lucky Lifeline member is going to collect a mega £10,000 cash payout. Whoever collects the prize is going to feel that his or her weekly £2 membership is the best investment they have ever made. The draw will be made at half-time today and we'll be announcing the winner over the PA system. If you're a Lifeline member listen carefully. It could be your lucky number that we call out! Now that would be a great way to start the new year. And don't forget, you can still win a superb trip to London courtesy of your match day programme. We've given you an extra chance to enter, so take advantage and send your entries to us.

On a more serious note, a shareholders meeting to discuss the club will be announced shortly. Check the Oldham Evening Chronicle for exact details when the date and time are finalised. It's been a winning start for many of you off the pitch — let's drink to a winning future on it, too! Cheers!

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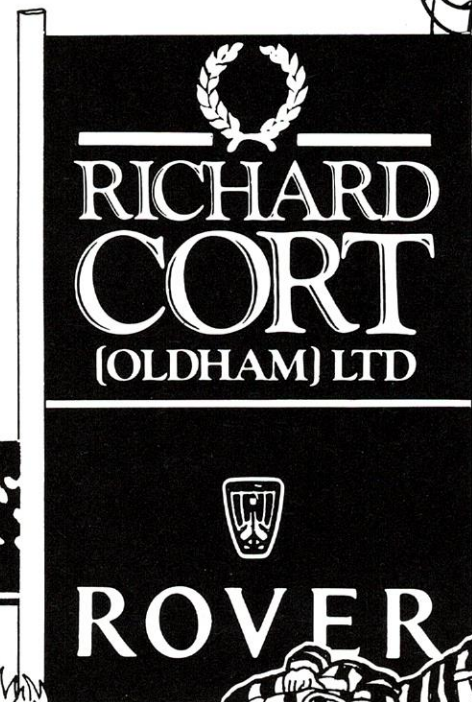
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- Q1: Shane Tupaea and Vince Nicklin were born in which country in the Southern Hemisphere?
- Q2: Neil and Terry Flanagan — what relationship?
- Q3: He has scored the most points for Oldham — who is he?
- Q4: Amanda Norris and Angela Knox — the connection?
- Q5: Ian Sherratt and Des Foy — what do they have in common?
- Q6: Which two Oldham players are current under-21 internationals?

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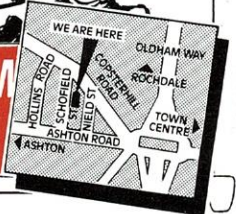
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A LOOK AT THE PAST — 10 YEARS AGO

IN 1981-82 Frank Myler, Peter Smethurst and Brian Gartland led Oldham to the Second Division Championship. Under the captaincy of Terry Flanagan, whose nephew leads Oldham today, Oldham's

record read Played 32, Won 30, Drew 0, Lost 2, For 734, Against 276, Points 60.

Oldham's two defeats were at Halifax on October 4th, 1981, by 15-9, and at home to Carlisle on November 8th, 1981, by 22-7. Carlisle, in their first season under Allan Agar and Mick Morgan, were runners-up. Halifax were promoted in fourth place, with Workington Town third.

This was the start of a five-year Oldham stay in the First Division, and although Myler and Smethurst allowed Oldham's successful youth policy to wither, it is clear with hindsight that they were shrewd operators in the transfer market and as man managers.

The 1981-82 season included the crowd pleasing Adrian Alexander, his mate Bob Mordell and the enigmatic Alan McCurrie. New Zealander Ashley McEwen had a splendid season alongside the prolific scoring and much underrated Mick Parrish, whose 17 tries made him second only to Ray Ashton (26) in the try-scoring stakes. With 164 goals, Parrish was third in the Rugby League top ten goalkickers behind Lynn Hopkins of Workington Town and Hull KR's George Fairbairn. Parrish finished second behind Hopkins in the overall points scoring table.

Stars of the Oldham side were Terry Flanagan, Ray Ashton, Andy Goodway and Mick Worrall, but vital contributions also came from the dependable Alan Taylor, solid-tackling Dave Nicholson, Brian Caffery, Phil Ward, the ever-popular Geoff Munro and Paddy Kirwan.



On January 3rd, 1982, Oldham won 17-7 at Salford, when the team read: Taylor, Ward, Caffery, Parrish, McEwen, O'Neill, Kirwan, Hogan, McCurrie, Alexander, Mordell, Nicholson, Flanagan. Subs: Ashton and Worrall.

Nicholson, McCurrie and Ashton scored tries, with Parrish landing four goals.

Because of the bad weather, this was Oldham's first game for a month, and the following week the home fixture against Batley was switched to Boundary Park, when 2,743 saw Oldham win 17-9 on Athletic's heated pitch.

The programme for the Batley game cost 25p, but by the next home fixture on January 24th it had risen to 30p. Regular features included a player profile, a flashback spot to five, 10 and 15 years ago by Tom Webb, a short history of the visiting club by Tom Webb and a syndicated column by the Daily Mail's Brian Batty.

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Highlight of the season was a never-to-be-forgotten victory at championship rivals Carlisle, ironically today's opponents, on 25th April, 1982. Around 2,000 Oldham fans made the long journey to Brunton Park on a glorious spring day to witness Oldham record an emphatic 27-7 win over the Cumbrians, virtually ensuring that the Roughyeds would top the table with four fixtures still to play. Oldham duly won all these games. Terry Flanagan collected the trophy after the last fixture of the season at Watersheddings, when Oldham defeated Workington 29-7.

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SPOTLIGHT ON CHRIS JOYNT




OLDHAM'S investment in youth is really beginning to pay dividends as several youngsters are now establishing themselves in the first team — the latest is attacking second row forward Chris Joynt, who has made a dramatic impact in the first team. Indeed, coach Peter Tunks was so impressed by the young 20-year-old that he was prepared to let popular Paul Round go to Wakefield.


It has been a remarkable season for Wigan-born Chris, who signed for Oldham three years ago from Wigan St. Patricks at the same time as players like Tommy Martyn, Tony Barrow, Richard Pachniuk and Paddy Mitchell. In 12 first team games he has scored half a dozen tries and collected under-21 international honours alongside Tommy Martyn.

"Gaining the under-21 recognition was a great boost for my confidence. I just hope I am selected for the return games against France in April," commented Chris, who also won schoolboy international honours against the French.


Chris, who lives in Wigan with his parents, made his debut against Carlisle as a sub two seasons ago and played against Leeds and St. Helens. He got the chance for an extended run in the first team when Paul Round left Watersheddings to join Wakefield. "Following in Paul Round's footsteps is a hard act to follow," comments Chris, who works in the construction industry. "I always go out to enjoy myself when I play and am looking forward to the chance to play regularly in the first division."

Since signing for the club Chris has gained two stones and will be putting his considerable weight behind Oldham's promotion drive. "Oldham is a cracking club and deserves to be in the first division. I want to help them get there!"

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Team Changes

- 1 VINCE NICKLIN
- 2 GARY CHRISTIE
- 3 STEVE WARBURTON
- 4 TOMMY MARTYN
- 5 SEAN TYRER
- 6 GED BYRNE
- 7 NEIL FLANAGAN
- 8 IAN SHERRATT
- 9 IAN BATES
- 10 TIM STREET
- 11 TONY CONROY
- 12 SHANE TUPAEA
- 13 LOGAN EDWARDS
- 14 CHARLIE McALISTER
- 15 DAVID BRADBURY

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Team Changes

- 1 BARRY VICKERS
- 2 PAUL LITHGOW
- 3 KEVIN PAPE
- 4 ROB ACKERMAN
- 5 PHIL MANNING
- 6 STEVE GEORGEALLIS
- 7 CLAYTON FRIEND
- 8 IAN ARMSTRONG
- 9 BARRY WILLIAMS
- 10 STEVE BRIERLEY
- 11 GEORGE GRAHAM
- 12 HITRO OKESENE
- 13 TONY SCOTT
- 14 T.B.A.
- 15 T.B.A.

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:
Dave Carter
Touch Judges:
W. Hargreaves (Red Flag)
R. Mosley (Orange Flag)

PENALTIES

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Now that 1992 is upon us it won't be long before we'll be asking Oldham fans to nominate their top Player of the Year. Who in your opinion has made the most outstanding impact on the club's performance during the 1991/2 season? Watch this page for more details of the Castlemaine XXXX Player of the Year award.

NICKLIN TAKES DECEMBER AWARD

ONE man who has certainly made his mark during December is Vince Nicklin, the last Player of the Month of 1991.

It was a close-run contest between Nicklin, Duncan Platt and Ian Sherratt, and a difficult decision for competition judge Roger Halstead, of the Oldham Evening Chronicle.

He explains: "All three played consistently well in the four matches during December, of which Oldham won three. Platt's goals and general full back play were a feature of this month's performance, while Sherratt proved himself an excellent front row acquisition.

"However, the award must go to Nicklin for his overall contribution on attack and defence, despite his difficulty in coming to terms with the scrum-half position at Ryedale-York. Nicklin had three excellent games during the month — not such a good one at Ryedale-York where he was placed out of position in an emergency.

"Nevertheless, he typified the team's attitude and commitment during the month by refusing to let his head drop and ultimately scoring a brilliant solo try to clinch the win."

Nicklin wins a Player of the Month medal and, of course, a supply of Castlemaine XXXX.

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Appearances and Scorers

	P	Sub	T	G	D	Pts
Shaun Allen	2	0	0	0	0	0
Tony Barrow	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ian Bates	6	0	0	0	0	0
Dave Bradbury	1	3	0	0	0	0
Ged Byrne	10	0	2	0	0	8
Gary Christie	12	1	6	0	0	24
Mike Clements	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tony Conroy	1	2	0	0	0	0
Austin Donegan	6	0	1	0	0	4
Logan Edwards	4	0	2	0	0	8
Neil Flanagan	14	0	4	0	0	16
Joe Grima	3	0	0	0	0	0
John Henderson	6	1	2	0	0	8
Neil Holding	3	1	0	1	0	2
Richard Irving	15	0	4	0	0	16
Chris Joynt	12	1	6	0	0	24
Simon Longstaff	5	4	0	0	0	0
Paul Lord	5	0	3	0	0	12
Tommy Martyn	15	0	6	23	1	71
Charlie McAlister	15	3	4	5	0	36
Barrie McDermott	1	7	1	0	0	4
Paddy Mitchell	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mark Mulligan	2	0	0	0	0	0
Keith Newton	7	1	1	0	0	4
Vince Nicklin	16	0	6	0	0	24
Richard Pachniuk	11	0	6	6	0	36
Duncan Platt	6	0	0	10	0	20
Steve Robinson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Round	6	0	2	0	0	8
Richard Russell	6	2	0	0	0	0
Ian Sherratt	7	0	1	0	0	4
Tim Street	11	1	3	0	0	12
Sean Tyrer	2	0	0	3	0	6
Shane Tupaea	8	1	0	0	0	0
Steve Warburton	10	5	3	0	0	12

OLDHAM STATISTICS 1991/92

Stones Bitter Second Division

	Home					Away					A	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		
Sheffield	14	4	1	1	159	70	6	0	2	204	114	21
Leigh	14	6	0	1	138	83	4	0	3	114	119	20
OLDHAM	14	3	0	4	168	144	4	2	1	121	98	16
Carlisle	13	5	0	2	149	88	2	1	3	97	91	15
Crusaders	14	4	0	4	134	158	3	0	3	66	67	14
Rochdale	13	2	1	3	172	107	3	1	3	162	141	12
Workington	14	2	1	4	67	140	2	0	5	100	176	9
Ryedale	14	1	1	5	89	156	0	0	7	82	270	3

NEXT HOME GAME

Sheffield Eagles

Sunday, January 12th (kick-off 3.00p.m.)

NEXT AWAY GAME

Workington Town

Sunday, February 2nd (kick-off 3.30p.m.)

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	D	16:16	3:00	Nicklin	Irving 1	Warburton 1	McAlister 1	Hobson	Martyn 1	Holding 1	Ureagan 1	Russell	Street	Round	Alan	Longstaff	Newton	McAlister 1	
Leigh	14.91	H	1:00	W	46:19	3:05	Nicklin	Irving 1	Martyn 1 2g	McAlister 4g	Henderson 2f	Warburton 2f	Warburton 2f	Ureagan 1	Pachniuk 1	Street	Round	Alan	Russell	Longstaff 1	McAlister 1	
Sutton Lees (cup)	23.91	A	3:00	W	2:21	3:25	Nicklin 1	Irving	Martyn 1 2g	McAlister 1	Henderson	Henderson	Warburton	Ureagan	Pachniuk 1	Street	Round	Newton	Russell	Longstaff	Leigha	
Workington 1	23.91	A	7:30	D	6:6	3:00	Nicklin	Irving	Martyn 1 2g	McAlister 1	Henderson	Warburton	Ureagan	Ureagan	Pachniuk 1	Street	Round	Newton	Longstaff	Russell	Street 1	
St Helens (Leas Cup)	26.91	A	7:30	L	26:39	7:05	Bates	Irving	Martyn 1 2g	Longstaff	Lord 1	Lord 1	Nicklin	Flanagan 1	Russell	McAlister	Round 1	McAlister 1	Jepp 1	Christie	Barbury	
Rochdale H	28.91	H	3:00	L	16:26	4:06	Longstaff	Irving	Nicklin	Newton	Lord	Warburton 1	Flanagan 1	Flanagan 1	Pachniuk 1	Street	Round 1	McAlister 2g	Russell	Christie	McAlister	
Crusaders	5.10.91	A	3:00	W	22:20	4:00	Platt	Christie	Martyn 1 4g 5g	Lord 1	Irving	Holding	Flanagan	Flanagan	Pachniuk 1 g	Barrow	Newton	McAlister	Longstaff	Jepp	McAlister	
Ryedale York	13.10.91	H	3:00	W	52:16	3:04	Nicklin 1	Christie 2g	Martyn 1 2g	Lord	Irving 1	Warburton	Flanagan 1	Flanagan 1	Pachniuk 2f 2g	Conroy	Jepp 1	McAlister 1	Newton 1	Longstaff	Barbury	
Carlisle	26.10.91	A	2:00	W	26:10	2:00	Nicklin 1	Christie 1	Martyn 1 2g	Byrne 1	Irving	A.V. Oller	Flanagan 1	Flanagan 1	Pachniuk 1 g	Conroy	Jepp 1	McAlister 1	Newton 1	Longstaff	McAlister	
Sheffield E	27.10.91	H	3:00	L	13:36	3:04	Nicklin	Christie 1	Martyn 1 2g	Byrne	Irving	McAlister	Flanagan	Flanagan	Pachniuk 1	Conroy	Jepp 1	McAlister	Newton	Longstaff	Russell	
Leigh	6.11.91	A	7:30	L	4:20	3:00	Martyn 1	Irving	Henderson	Byrne	Christie	McAlister	Flanagan	Flanagan	Pachniuk 1	Conroy	Jepp 1	McAlister	Newton	Longstaff	Russell	
Workington T	10.11.91	H	3:00	L	14:15	2:58	Nicklin	Christie	Martyn 1 2g	Warburton 1	Henderson	Byrne	Flanagan	Flanagan	Pachniuk 1 g	A.V. Oller	Jepp 1	McAlister	Tupaea	Holding	Conroy	
Crusaders (Big Trophy 1st 2)	24.11.91	H	3:00	W	16:10	3:00	Nicklin	Christie 1	Martyn 1 2g	Byrne	Irving	Christie	Flanagan	Flanagan	Pachniuk 1 g	Street 1	Jepp 1	McAlister	Tupaea	Waharion	McAlister	
St Helens (Big Trophy 1st 2)	17.11.91	H	3:00	W	16:10	3:00	Nicklin	Christie 1	Martyn 1 2g	Byrne	Irving	Christie	Flanagan	Flanagan	Pachniuk 1 g	Street 1	Jepp 1	McAlister	Tupaea	Waharion	McAlister	
Carlisle	11.12.91	A	3:00	L	18:24	3:14	Platt 1 g	Christie	Warburton	Nicklin 1	Irving 1	Byrne	Flanagan	Flanagan	Bates	Street	Jepp 1	McAlister	Tupaea	Bradley	McAlister	
Crusaders	8.12.91	H	3:00	L	0:10	3:14	Platt 1 g	Christie	Martyn	Nicklin	Irving	Byrne	Flanagan	Flanagan	Bates	Street	Jepp 1	McAlister	Tupaea	Waharion	McAlister	
Ryedale York	15.12.91	A	3:15	W	22:16	1:22	Platt 1 g	Christie	Martyn 1	Nicklin	Irving	Byrne 1	Flanagan	Flanagan	Bates	Street	Jepp 1	McAlister	Tupaea	Edwards	McAlister	
Rochdale H	26.12.91	H	3:00	W	26:18	4:01	Platt	Christie	Warburton	Nicklin	Tyrer 2g	Byrne 1	Flanagan	Flanagan	Bates	Street 1	Jepp 1	McAlister	Tupaea	Bradley	Henderson	
Leigh	1.1.92	A	3:30				Platt	Christie	Warburton	Nicklin	Tyrer 2g	Byrne	Flanagan	Flanagan	Bates	Street 1	Jepp 1	Tupaea	Edwards 2f	Conroy	McAlister	
Carlisle	5.1.92	H	3:00																			
Sheffield E	12.1.92	H	3:00																			
SCT - Round 1	26.1.92																					
Workington 1	2.2.92	A	3:00																			
SCT - Round 2	9.2.92																					
Crusaders	16.2.92	A	3:00																			
Ryedale York	22.2.92	H	3:00																			
SCT - Round 3	23.2.92																					
Sheffield E	1.3.92	A	3:15																			
Carlisle	8.3.92	H	3:00																			
Crusaders	15.3.92	H	3:00																			
Carlisle	23.3.92	A	2:00																			
Workington T	5.4.92	H	3:00																			
Ryedale York	12.4.92	A	3:15																			
Rochdale H	17.4.92	A	3:00																			
Leigh	28.4.92	H	3:00																			

Key: 1 = try g = goal dg = drop goal * = played as substitute



Gary's View

by
A-Team
Coach
Gary Hyde

A HAPPY New Year to everyone and let us hope that the new year brings a change in fortune for us, especially for the 'A' Team.

Our final two matches of last year saw us suffer heavy defeats at Wigan, 42-0, and St. Helens, 40-10.

For the Wigan match we once again fielded backs in the pack. The further loss of Barry McDermott and Craig Mort through injury reduced us to 12 players on the field, with a winger playing at prop!

Despite this situation, the players never let their heads drop and showed a superb "never say die" spirit right up to the final whistle.

An excellent performance by Tony Conroy earned him a call-up to the first team and if he plays in the same way he will soon be a regular in the first team squad.

The return from injury of Tony Barrow was a welcome sight for the match against St. Helens, as was the introduction of Gary Hetherington on loan from Workington. This, however, was counteracted by the late withdrawals of Richard Irving and Steve Robinson through illness.

A much improved defensive performance saw us well in the match as we were only 8-0 down five minutes before half-time until two errors cost us 12 points so we went in 20 points behind.

A spirited second half saw a revival with tries by Paddy Mitchell and a tremendous solo effort by Dave Pitts. However, St. Helens put the match beyond our reach with a further three tries.

Tony Barrow won the man of the match award with a tireless effort, a just reward for all his endeavours.

Youngers Rugby League Alliance Fixtures 1991/92

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res	F	A
Aug 30	Bradford Northern	H	W	24-14	
Sept 6	Castleford	A	L	20-34	
13	Warrington	H	L	12-16	
21	Workington Town (2.30)	H	W	84-12	
27	Halifax	A	L	6-26	
Oct 5	Hemel Hempstead (Shield)	A	W	46-8	
11	Widnes	H	L	18-24	
19	St Helens (Shield Round 2)	A	L	10-49	
24	Bradford Northern	A	L	10-30	
Nov 1	Featherstone Rovers	H	W	14-4	
9	Workington Town (2.30)	A	W	16-12	
15	Leeds	A	L	16-36	
22	St. Helene	H	L	22-38	
29	Hull KR	A	L	0-36	
Dec 6	Wakefield Trinity	A	L	0-60	
13	Castleford	H	Postponed		
20	Wigan	A	L	0-42	
27	St. Helens	A	L	10-40	
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
Wigan	15	11	0	4	567	208	22
Leeds	15	10	0	5	456	261	20
Hull KR	14	8	1	5	295	270	17
Halifax	14	8	0	6	340	276	16
Widnes	12	7	0	5	416	286	14
Hull	11	7	0	4	270	163	14
St Helens	13	6	1	6	346	299	13
Bradford N	11	6	0	5	272	274	12
Warrington W	11	6	0	5	215	229	12
Featherstone R	14	5	1	8	214	325	11
Castleford	11	4	1	6	182	278	9
Wakefield T	13	4	0	9	281	368	8
Oldham	13	4	0	9	242	342	8
Workington T	15	3	0	12	147	664	6

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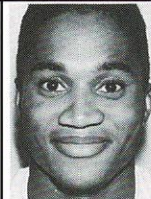
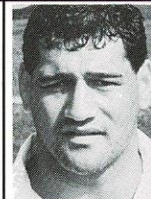



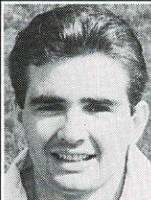







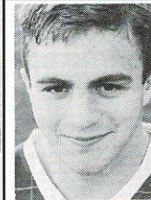







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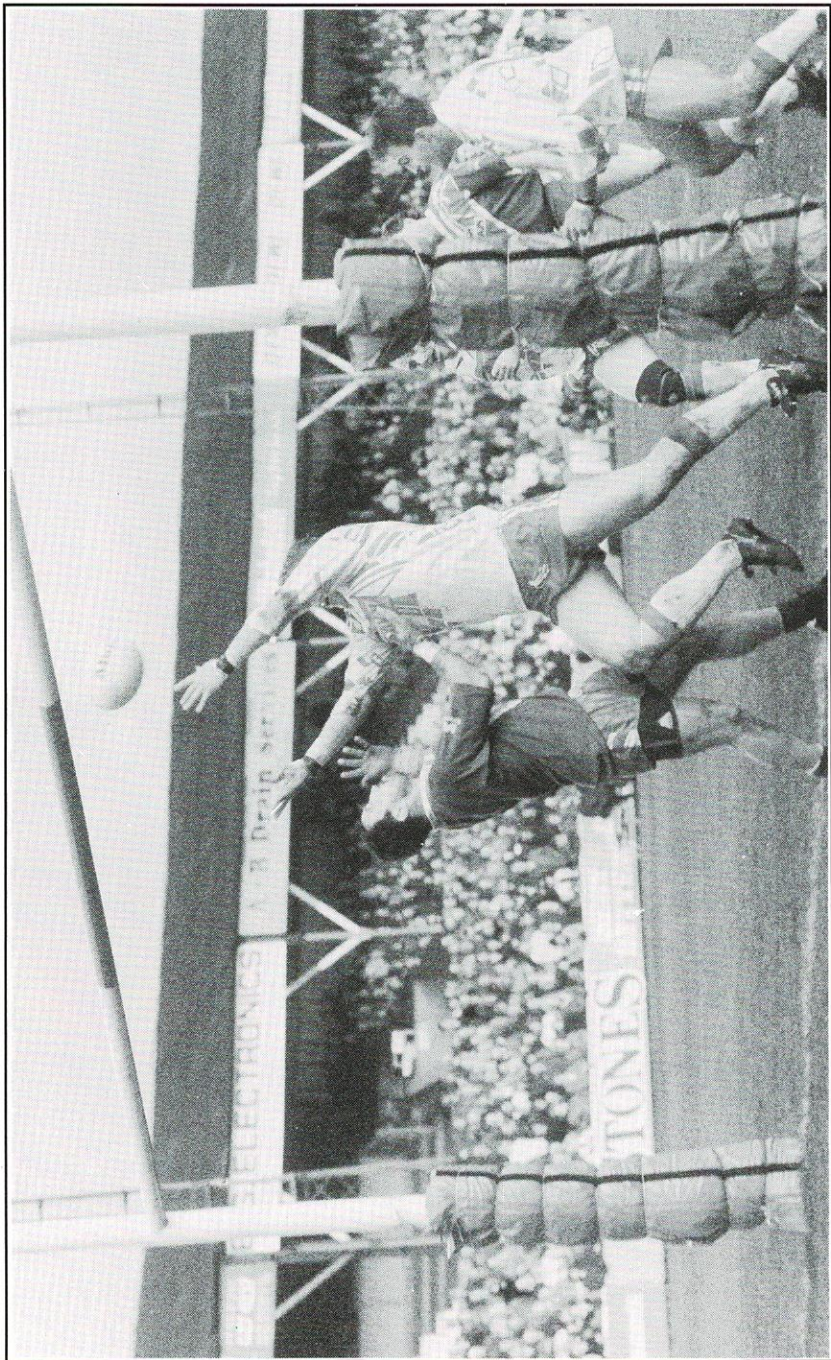
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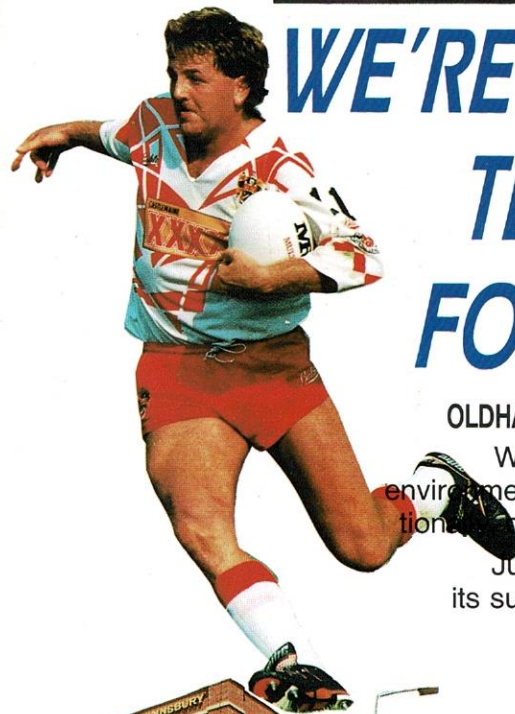


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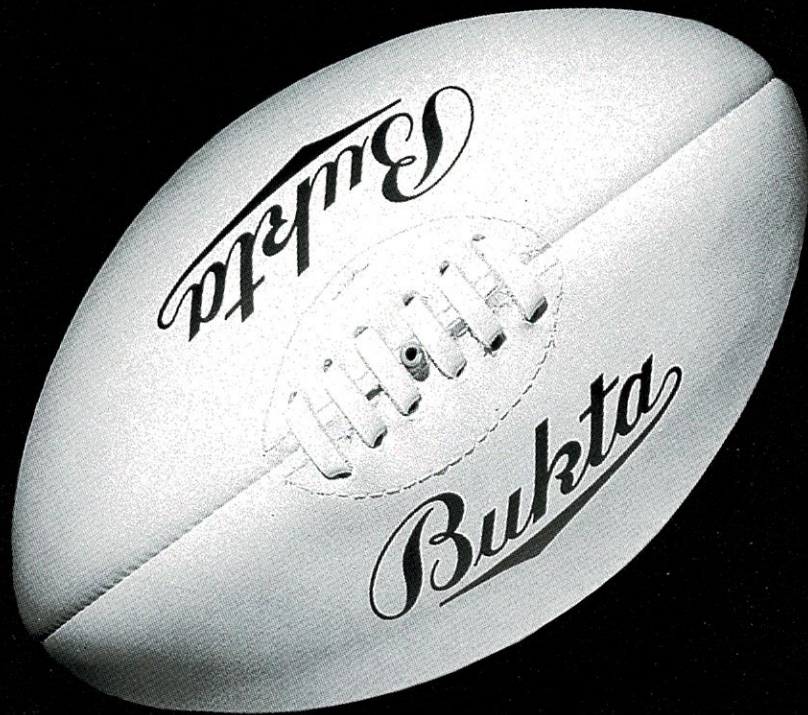
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