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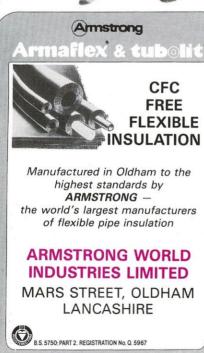
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Tunks' Talkback

Oldham's Coach gives you his views

WELCOME to today's first round clash with Warrington in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

Brian Johnson's men are currently enjoying a splendid run in the Stones First Division Championship, and fate certainly could have been kinder where the numbers from the first round draw come out of the hat.

Tonight will again prove invaluable experience for many players that carry the hopes for Oldham's future in the 90s. Up against players of the calibre of Martin Crompton, Kevin Ellis, Kelly Shelford, etc., our youngsters can accurately gauge just how far the gap is between a team in the top four of the first division and ourselves in the second. Unfortunately, Chris Joynt and Shane Tupaea are still unavailable, but we look forward to having them available again soon.

When the whistle blows at 7.30 p.m. tonight, get behind the team as they do their best to upset our highly-fancied opposition. Myself and the team are committed to giving every game our best shot and for the 80 minutes of tonight's contest will endeavour to make Warrington fight for every step they take.

Enjoy the game.

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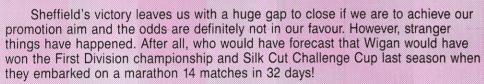
Skipper's Spot

Oldham Captain Neil Flanagan looks at today's game

OUR last home game against Sheffield was probably our most disappointing performance of the season as we were clearly outclassed by a more experienced side.

Although the whole side was upset by the heavy defeat, the one tangible benefit from the match was that the younger players will have all learned a great deal from the

game, which helps make them better players in future.



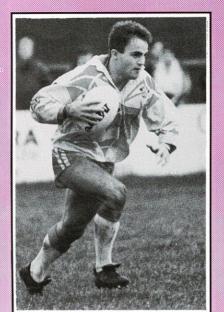
Talking of the Challenge Cup brings us around nicely to tonight's match against Warrington. We have a couple of recent cup defeats — the 1989-90 season's Lancashire Cup Final and Challenge Cup semi-final — to avenge against one of Rugby League's top clubs.

Already this season we have performed credibly against First Division opposition in cup competitions and we will be looking to do the same against the Wires.

There is no reason why we cannot pull off a surprise win at Watersheddings, especially as I can guarantee that Warrington will not be looking forward to taking us on at our own ground in front of a capacity crowd when the atmosphere will be electric.

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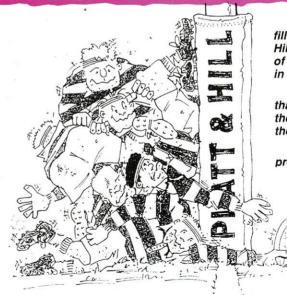
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A Watersheddings welcome to . . .

Warrington

David Lyon: Joined Widnes in 1983 from Wigan St. Pat's A.R.L. Two Great Britain under-21 caps in 1985-6. Double leg fracture in Wigan Sevens produced twelve-month lay-off. Signed by Wires in August, 1987. Tour replacement for Alan Tait in New Zealand 1990. Highly consistent full back with eight tries last season and adding goal kicking to his talents with 73 successes.

Des Drummond: 24 Test caps. Joined Wires in February, 1987, from Leigh. Superbly fit and still one of the game's best wingers. Nine tries last season. Took over captaincy last season in absence of Mike Gregory and lifted the Regal Trophy.

Chris Rudd: Brought to Warrington in February, 1989, joining pro ranks in August. Ex-Kells A.R.L. Immediate impression at Alliance level, has matured rapidly into a fine centre. Great Britain under-21 caps v France last season and represented Cumbria v Aussies. Nine tries last term. His goal kicking talent will also emerge.

Allan Bateman: Signed in September, 1990, on a five-year contract. Four Welsh R.U. caps whilst playing with Neath. Quickly settled into R.L. with 29 first team appearances in first season. Nine tries, four in one game, plenty more to come. Plays centre.

Gary Mercer: New Zealand international centre/wing. Joined Wires in November, 1989, after touring Great Britain with Kiwis. Played in close season New Zealand/Aussie series. Moved to second row last season due to Wires' forward injury rate. His power running turned in some fine performances, producing man-of-the-match awards. Players' player of the year.

Neil Kenyon: Signed in December, 1988, from Bold A.R.L. Prolific try-scoring winger in Alliance games. Hat-trick of tries on first team debut. Did not realise full potential last season but looked good in early season games this term.

Paul Williamson: Signed in November, 1987, from Woolston Rovers A.R.L. as centre. Had fine season on left wing in 89/90. Knee injury late last season makes him a late starter this time. Has nine tries in twenty full first team games.

Kevin Ellis: Signed in May, 1989, ex-Bridgend and Welsh 'B' international. Wales's loss, clearly Wires gain. Six tries in six Alliance games was enough. Took the first team No. 7 shirt and stayed there. Eleven tries in 29 game plus two first team appearances and a Great Britain full cap is a fair introduction to R.L. Good hands, quick, fine tackler. Destined for the top.

Kelly Shelford: Powerfully-built stand-off who can double in other positions. Toured Great Britain with 1989 Kiwi party. Played in all three Great Britain Tests, two in France and one against Australia in recent series. Will join Wires when present club commitments in New Zealand are completed.

Neil Harmon: Signed from Blackbrook as a 17-year-old in 1987. Powerfully-built prop/second row. Great Britain under-21 appearances in 1988 and 1989 v France. Last season on fringe of Great Britain side. Thirty-two first team appearances and six tries indicate he had 'arrived'. Another who could peak this season.

Duane Mann: Toured Great Britain in 1989/90 with Kiwi party, joining Wires in December. View with Aussie Benny Elias for the World's best hooker tag. Commanding figure in young Wires pack last season. 37 appearances last season. Match-winner and several man-of-the-match awards. Club Player of the Year. Played in recent Test series v Australia.

Bob Jackson: Ex-Penrith and Cronulla forward. Joined Wires in 1984 after a spell with Fulham. Premature retirement in 1987/88 after injury. Fortunately for Wires returned last season, but again unlucky with injury. Totally committed player and arguably the best value-for-money player in the camp.

Gary Sanderson: Signed December, 1985, from Thatto Heath A.R.L. and instant first team player. 1987 and 1988 brought four Great Britain under-21 caps. Broken leg cost him a Wembley appearance in 1989/90. Back injury restricted his progress last season and broken hand in Locker Cup this season. When he gets it right, he is Great Britain material.

Paul Cullen: Toured Aussie in 1982 with Great Britain colts after signing for Wires in November, 1980, from Crosfields A.R.L. Began at out-half then centre. Injury problems saw him appear at loose forward last term with all the customary enthusiasm. Fine club man, now in testimonial year and displaying new talents in the promotional field. Over 200 appearances and 38 tries. Never gives up.

Gary Tees: Young prop signed last season from Barrow, making 6 full and 5 sub appearances. Has shown promise and will have to battle to stay in the frame.

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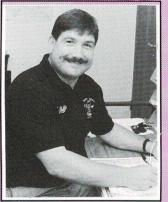
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Commercial Manager
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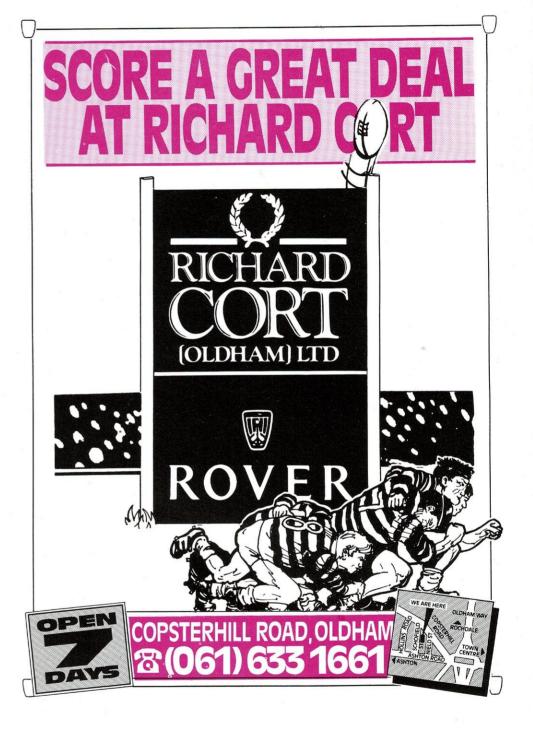
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Congratulations to both David and Mr. J. Dodgson and everyone else who finds that they are winners with Oldham R.L.F.C.

Incidentally, for the record, the answers to the questions for our London quiz were as follows:

- 1. Shane Tupaea and Vince Nicklin were both born in New Zealand.
- 2. Neil and Terry Flanagan are nephew and uncle.
- 3. Bernard Ganley has scored the most points for Oldham.
- 4. Amanda Norris and Angela Fox have both been Miss Oldham Rugby.
- 5. Ian Sherratt and Des Foy have both left and rejoined Oldham.
- 6. Tommy Martyn and Chris Joynt are current Oldham under-21 internationals.

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CHALLENGE CUP

ALTHOUGH Warrington have been permanent members of the First Division over the last decade their Challenge Cup record is, in fact, only slightly better than Oldham's over this period. Of course, it is disappointing not to have reached Wembley, but some of the biggest names in the game can't match Oldham's three semi-finals in six years and each of these games will live long in the memory of the Roughyed faithful. Our visitors, Warrington, meanwhile,

can only boast two semi-finals — a 13-6 defeat by Wigan in 1988-9 and, of course, the nail-biter against Oldham the following year when Paul Lord's last-minute touchdown was controversially disallowed by John Holdsworth to give the Wires a 10-6 victory. There was not an Oldham fan present that day who did not think the team had been robbed, and video replays of the incident suggest that Mr. Holdsworth might, for once, have been wrong. For Wires fans the subsequent defeat by Wigan 36-14 was an equally bitter pill to swallow, but at least a Wembley weekend was some consolation.

Oldham and Warrington have met on two other occasions in the Challenge Cup during the last ten years. In 1985-6 Oldham dismissed the Wires at the second round stage by 13-6 at Watersheddings en route to the semi-final defeat by Castleford (18-7), the year that 'classy Cas' last lifted the trophy. In 1987-8, however, the two clubs had a first round meeting at Wilderspool when the home side emerged victorious by 17-7. For the record, the two clubs' performances over ten years are as follows: 1981-2, Oldham lost at Wakefield in the second round 18-12 after a first round home win against Swinton by 15-1. Warrington had gone out at the first hurdle to reigning champions Leigh at Hilton Park 28-17.

In 1982-3 Oldham crashed to a humiliating 8-5 home defeat by Second Division Workington Town. Warrington, meanwhile, accounted for Bramley 41-3 and Huyton 34-2, both at home, before losing to that year's beaten finalists Hull by 10-4 at Wilderspool. 1983-4 saw Oldham defeat Huyton 28-10 at home before losing to Wembley runners-up Wigan 30-6 at Central Park. Warrington had a comfortable home win by 34-16 over Huddersfield but lost in the second round at Castleford by 23-16.

In 1984-5 Oldham made a bad mistake in taking the first round clash with Castleford to Boundary Park.

Although the decision beat the weather it did not beat the visitors, who went away with a 14-8 win. Warrington that year beat Sheffield away by 54-19 but lost at home to the competition's winners Wigan by 24-14.

A year on and Oldham again used Boundary Park to beat the weather, this time recording a 56-10 victory over Carlisle. Warrington had again beaten Sheffield (62-11), but Oldham ended their interest in the next round. In the third round the Roughyeds won a titanic battle against Bradford Northern by 6-1 before losing the semi-final; again not without a key moment of controversy

when Castleford touched down from behind the dead-ball line but were nevertheless awarded the try. Warrington sustained a shock 17-21 defeat to Bradford at Wilderspool in 1986-7, while Oldham accounted for Wigan 10-8 before going out to eventual runners-up St. Helens 24-14 in a Saturday televised match when Ian Sanderson got himself—quite justifiably—sent off after twenty minutes.

In 1987-8, after defeating Oldham, Warrington also lost a second round home tie to St. Helens by 24-20. Both clubs fared better in 1988-9. Oldham won away, first at Dewsbury (40-9), then at Sheffield (20-32). A heroic performance against all the odds saw the Roughyeds conquered by Wigan 12-4 at Watersheddings in the third round. Warrington, of course, lost in the semi-final to Wigan after home victories over Halifax (25-8), Keighley (56-7) and an away win at Hull KR (30-4). 1989-90 was a vintage year for both clubs. Oldham won a preliminary round clash with Huddersfield (30-8), then beat Workington (also 30-8), followed by a fine win at Salford (18-7), and a rousing and well-earned victory at Widnes (16-4), when Allen, Newton and Cogger tackled the home side right out of the game. Warrington's Wembley year, meanwhile, saw home wins over Featherstone (20-12) and Trafford Borough (20-11), before an amazing, last-ditch, against-the-odds victory over Bradford at Odsal (12-10).

Finally to last year. Warrington won two away ties at Ryedale-York (8-1) and Keighley (42-10), before going down to Widnes at Wilderspool (24-14). Oldham's progress saw two away wins over Bramley (6-38) and Workington — a tough one, this — by 20-15. Salford were trounced at Watersheddings by 40-3, before the semi-final draw somehow kept apart Wigan and Widnes, RL's 'dream final.' Oldham duly succumbed to Wigan 30-16, a late burst of scoring providing some cheer for Roughyed followers, but the other semi did not go according to plan, when St. Helens scored a well-deserved success over Widnes.



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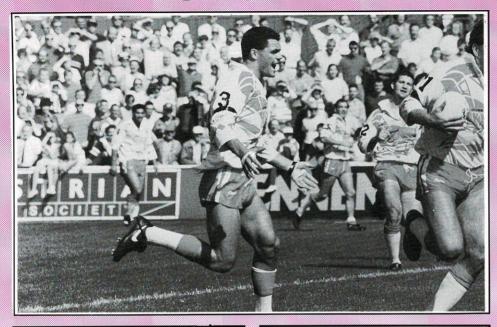
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GOOD news for Oldham fans as the future health of the club was revealed last week when it was announced that one the game's brightest stars, Great Britain under-21 international Tommy Martyn, had signed a new contract.

The new deal will keep Tommy at Watersheddings until the end of the 1994-95 season and is an extension of his existing contract.

Tommy, who is currently Oldham's leading points scorer with 79 points from 18 games, including eight tries, 23 goals and one drop goal, was delighted to sign the new contract.

"I can concentrate on my rugby again and I am sure my form will pick up as a result. I feel a lot more settled now I know where my future lies. Hopefully, you will see a muchimproved Tommy Martyn now all this business is over," commented Tommy, who has twice been voted young player of the year by Oldham fans.

Negotiations have been going on since November with the versatile centre, who has recently been playing in his favourite stand-off position. The signing bodes well for the future health of the club, which has seen a rapid turnover of players since relegation last season.

Oldham's clearly delighted Football Director Jim Quinn said: "We are delighted to get a young man of Tommy's talent on a fairly long-term agreement to help Peter Tunks in his efforts to build a new Oldham side."

For the Oldham fans during this dramatic season of change it is encouraging to know that they will be able to enjoy the silky skills of Tommy Martyn for the next couple of seasons.



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- 5 NEIL KENYON

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- 15 GARY TEES

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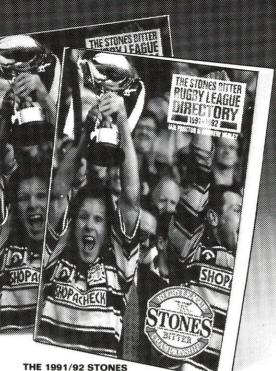


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Gary's View

A-Team Coach Gary Hyde

DEFEAT in the last two games has left us in the relegation danger zone, but with five home games remaining our fate is very much in our own hands.

Despite a 26-20 reversal at Warrington, it was a good team performance, with everyone giving 100% effort against a strong Warrington outfit. Platt, Pachniuk and Philip (2) were the Oldham try-scorers, and two goals from Platt completed this scoring.

The following week we lost 14-4 at home to Halifax, despite getting the ideal start with a try after five minutes from Abraham Philip. It was his fourth in three games. Following the loss of Shaun Allen after 20 minutes with a recurrence of his back injury, we somewhat lost our way and allowed Halifax back into the game to score two tries from which we never recovered. The further loss of Irving and Henderson meant we played the final 20 minutes with only 12 men and, despite all our efforts, we never really looked like getting on level terms. A converted try by Halifax later in the game sealed our fate.

Youngers Rugby League Alliance Fixtures 1991/92

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Sept	13	Castleford Warrington Workington Town (2.30) Halifax	A H H A	L W L	20-34 12-16 84-12 6-26
Oct	5 11 19 24		A H A A	W L L L	46-8 18-24 10-49 10-30
Nov	15	Featherstone Rovers Workington Town (2.30) Leeds St. Helens Hull KR	H A A H A	W L L L	16-12
Dec	13	Wakefield Trinity Castleford Wigan St. Helens	A H A A	L Pos L L	0-60 tponed 0-42 10-40
Jan	10 17	Hull KR Warrington Halifax Widnes Challenge Cup	HAHA	W L L	12-6 20-26 4-14
Feb		Hull Challenge Cup — Round 2 Featherstone Rovers Wigan	H A H		
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Youngers Rugby League Alliance

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Halifax	18	10	0	8	398	326	20
St Helens	18	9	1	8	480	380	19
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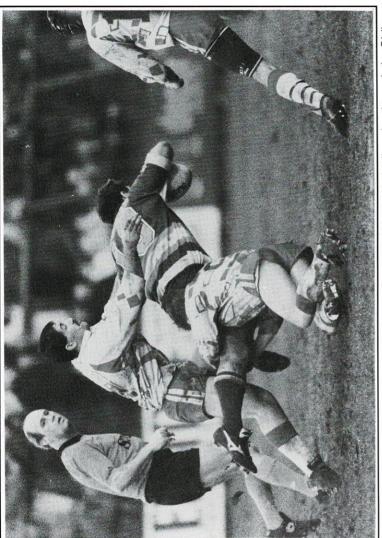
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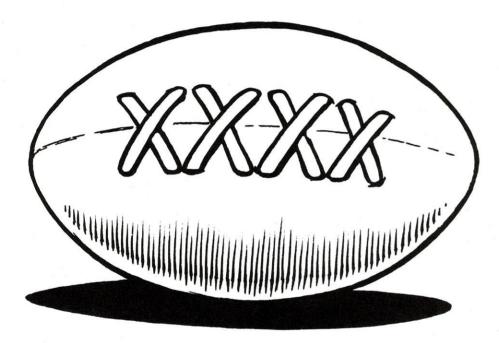
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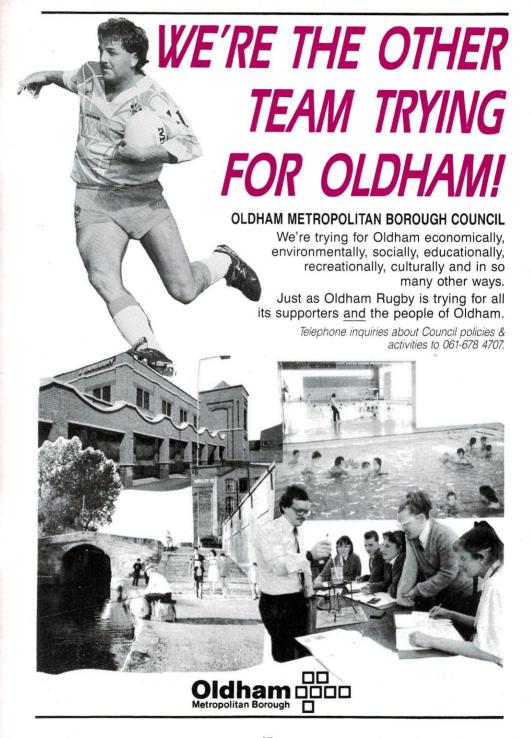
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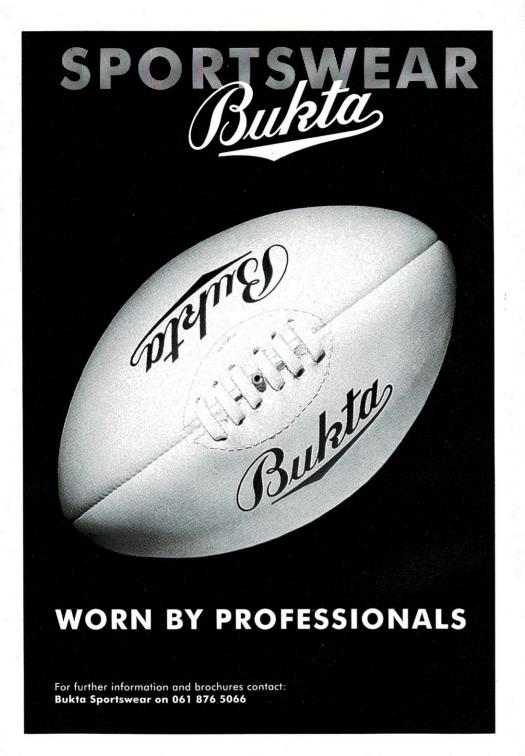


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