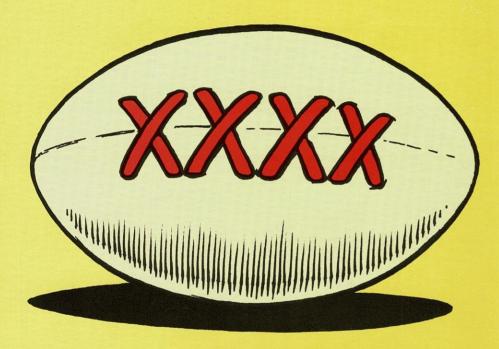
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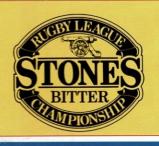
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### Tunks' **Talkback**

Oldham's Coach gives you his views

LAST week we achieved two notable victories away from home as we travelled nearly 1,000

miles, first to Workington then to London. I was extremely impressed by the team's commitment and professionalism to play two hard games within the space of four days and to collect four points.

This has been the season of major change at the club, with nearly 40 players appearing in the first team in less than 25 matches, but at last we seem to be finding a settled side which is producing the results that I know Oldham fans want.

The two valuable victories keep us on the edge of the promotion race, and although we have a lot of ground to make up, I am sure that if Leigh or Sheffield slip up we will be there to take advantage of the situation.

One of the most pleasing aspects of our recent performances, including the narrow cup try defeat against Warrington, were the strong defensive displays. Like any team sport, the foundation for success is built on solid defence and it is good to see the team conceding a mere two tries in the last three games. These sort of defensive qualities bode well for the future.

I am looking forward to today's game against Ryedale-York, who struggled earlier on in the season but are now playing with considerable confidence. No doubt it will be a tough game, but I look forward to continuing our winning run.

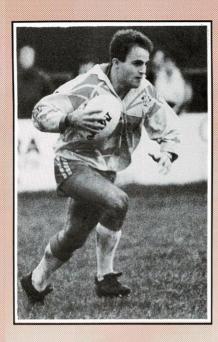
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## Skipper's Spot

Oldham Captain Neil Flanagan looks at today's game

OUR last two games have seen impressive displays away from home, winning 5-0 at Workington and 12-8 at London Crusaders. Those two trips away won us four valuable league points and helped keep us up with the two pacesetters at the top of the league, Sheffield and Leigh.



Although we are still a long way behind, we will be trying our best to gain maximum points from our last nine games in case either Sheffield or Leigh start to falter as we enter the last third of the campaign.

Helping us with this drive will be the return to fitness of key players like Chris Joynt and Shane Tupaea. Keith Newton is also making steady progress. I wouldn't like to have Peter Tunks' selection problems when we are all fit again! Although this has been a season of transition for us, our efforts have not been helped by a string of injuries that have left key players out of the side for long periods of time.

Nevertheless, even if we miss promotion this year, we still want to round off the season in style and will be looking to the Premiership Final as a fitting finale. Who can forget that epic game against Hull KR two years ago when we came back from the dead to snatch a dramatic victory!

Rest assured, though, we still believe we are very much in with a chance of promotion and will be continuing our push for a place in the top flight starting against York today. Your continued support is very much appreciated by all the players.

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#### Ryedale-York

**Steve Craven:** 19-year-old prop signed from All Blacks. A tough tackler who the Wasps hope will have a big impact in the game.

**Steve Dobson:** Wily scrum-half in his seventh season with the club. Signed from Hull KR. Consistently under-rated, except by York fans.

Chris Hammerton: Another player who missed all last season, failing to win back his place after a serious knee operation. The former Heworth scrum-half is keen to regain the form which made him a top second division player.

**Rich Hayes:** Been virtually an ever-present in the front row since turning professional at the age of 18 from York All Blacks. Voted York's player of the tour on their history-making trip to the Soviet Union last summer.

**Paul Hutchinson:** Signed from the Redhill club, he made the full-back spot at York his own until picking up a knee injury. Now back to fitness, the 20-year-old will be out to regain his place.

**David Kettlestring:** Top local cricketer, he made his name by equalling the York club record of six tries in one match at Keighley just weeks after turning pro from the All Blacks club. A series of injuries, however, meant he had a quiet second season.

Mark Laws: Ball-handling forward who joined the Wasps from the Newland club in Hull. Expected to emerge to claim a first team spot this season.

Alan Pallister: Hooker signed from York All Blacks last season and bidding to establish himself as first choice number nine.

**Geoff Pryce:** Hugely popular forward who has just completed a record benefit season. One of only 18 York players in their 123-year history to record 250 appearances for the Wasps.

**Steve Pryce:** Brother of Geoff and signed from Bradford's West Bowling club last season. Made his debut against Warrington in the Cup.

**Nick Pinkney:** Great Britain under-19 amateur international as a winger with Hull amateurs Greatfield, he made his biggest impact when switched to stand-off last season with 12 tries in nine games to finish as joint top try-scorer. Brought into the Great Britain under-19 squad by Mal Reilly during the summer.

**Stuart Morris:** Another who spent all last season on the treatment table, but his 14 tries in 20 games in his first season with York after signing from Dewsbury suggests he could be one to watch again this year.

**Graham Sullivan:** Started the season with the longest points scoring run in rugby league. Last season's top try-scorer and goal-kicker, he can play anywhere, but is most often found at full-back or in the second row.

Matthew Shaw: Spent the summer in Australia with Canterbury under-21s. Loose forward who made several first team appearances last season but is only 18 years old.

Steve Wheatley: Loyal hooker who turned pro from York's Soughlands club.

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#### Commercial Manager Ray Hill reports on the Watersheddings Scene

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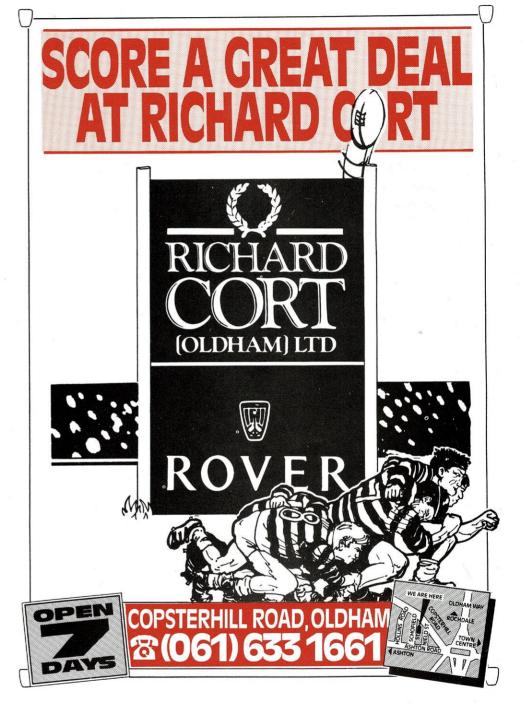
on Thursday, May 7th, This promises to be a great day out, too, with players taking time off from the rugby field to pitch their talents on the golf course. We'll give you more details about the golf day nearer the date. As they say in the daily papers ... watch this space. The golf day provides many sponsorship opportunities to suit your requirements. All you have to do to find out what they are is to contact me at the club on the number I mentioned earlier to find out how you can use Oldham RLFC to promote your company or organisation's name. And don't forget, this applies to any sponsorship — not just the golf day. Enjoy your rugby. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

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#### **SECOND DIVISION REVIEW**

WITH two-thirds of the season gone, Sheffield and Leigh have emerged as the two strongest sides in the Second Division. Sheffield, of course, started the season as red hot favourites for a quick return to the top flight. But

Leigh, after a traumatic summer, have surprised everyone with their resilience and spirit. In no small measure this is due to the leadership of Tony Cottrell and Kevin Ashcroft. Always a good coach, it was a surprise that Ashcroft was out of the game so long after his departure from Salford and his revitalisation of Leigh deserves the highest praise.

In London, Ross Strudwick has made the Crusaders a force to be reckoned with. Their results on fairly slender resources are a credit to them. Unfortunately, despite being publicity conscious and despite media attention over Gary Mason, the Londoners just do not seem able to draw the crowds their performances merit.

For Ryedale-York and Workington, now emerging as the relegation favourites, the season has been disappointing. After their success last year, Workington were hoping for great things, but injuries took their toll early on and the side got into the losing habit. To outsiders the sacking of Ray Ashton as coach was inexplicable and recent results only confirm that changes of

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coaching personnel in mid-season rarely produce the desired transformation. In the case of Ryedale, it is nice to see them pick up a few points recently. Inconsistency, however, must have the club staff tearing out their hair. A splendid Boxing Day win over Sheffield (8-6) was followed by crushing defeats at Don Valley Stadium (4-58) and at Leigh (0-70), only for them to bounce back with a 31-12 victory over Workington.

For Carlisle, Oldham and Rochdale the season has been frustrating. The Cumbrians have been competitive in every match they have played, last Sunday's 22-1 reverse at Ryedale being the widest margin of defeat they have suffered. Oldham's problems revolve around their depressingly poor home results, especially the two heavy home defeats by Sheffield. Two defeats at Hilton Park are the only reverses away from Watersheddings.

Rochdale have suffered similar problems. Leigh (twice), London (twice), Oldham and Sheffield have all won at Spotland. Away form, however, shows only Sheffield disposing of Hornets easily (35-14).

So, unless something dramatic happens, the league table looks set to remain much as it is now. That means Sheffield and Leigh for promotion, Oldham and London to make the play-offs and Workington and Ryedale to go down.



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WHEN Gary Christie signed for Oldham from amateur side Widnes Tigers last summer, he anticipated a regular A team place while he got used to the professional game. Instead, after two reserve games, he found himself thrust into the limelight as coach Peter Tunks rang in the changes at the club. Naturally he took his chance with both hands and has established himself quickly as one of the club's most exciting prospects, adapting to the differences between the amateur and professional games.

"The real difference is the speed of the professional game. Everything is so fast that it takes a lot of getting used to," says Gary, who celebrated his 20th birthday in January. "Really, I am still too small and light for the professional game and need to build myself up. However, I'll have to wait until the summer as all one can do during the season is maintain fitness," commented Gary, who is now looking forward to going to Leeds Polytechnic in September to study sport and science.

Gary has devised his own training programme to build up his weight and is in good company, too, when it comes to speed training. "I do sprint training with former 400 metre hurdles champion Eileen Mills, who also coaches fellow pros like David Myers, Shaun Edwards, Mark Preston and Martin Offiah.

As well as sharing the same coach as Offiah, Gary wants to emulate the Wigan winger in other ways, too. "I want to play in the First Division and be the league's top try scorer. This season I want to be Oldham's top try scorer, although I have a lot of catching up to do as there has been a drought on the wings recently."

Gary was one of the stars of the BARLA tourists' visit to New Zealand last summer. He was top try scorer, with four hat-tricks. "I didn't do things by halves on that tour. I either scored a hat-trick or I didn't score at all," jokes Gary. As well as playing for his country at Rugby League, Gary has also represented his country at the unlikely sport of sailing as a schoolboy. "My parents, Peter and June, weren't keen on me playing rugby, especially when I'd come home battered and bruised. After all, I'd go sailing and come back with a sun tan!"



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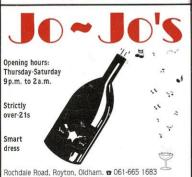
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Competition judge Roger Halstead of the Oldham Evening Chronicle had no hesitation in naming Street as the first award winner of 1992.

He says: "Tim deserves the latest XXXX

Player of the Month title for his consistency, commitment and courage in three matches during January, against Leigh, Carlisle and Sheffield. Of the three matches, only the home win against Carlisle saw a good performance by Oldham, but nevertheless Street's solo contribution has been outstanding.

Tim receives his XXXX Player of the Month medal and, of course, a supply of Castlemaine XXXX. Roger also hinted that if Street's performance continues to live up to the standard he has shown over the last couple of weeks he could well be in line to make it a hat-trick of awards next month!

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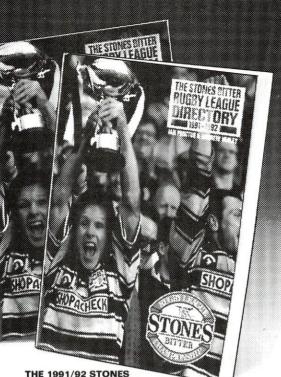


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# NEXT HOME GAME Carlisle

Sunday, March 8th (kick-off 3.00p.m.)

# NEXT AWAY GAME v Sheffield Eagles Sunday, 1st March (kick-off 3.30 p.m.)

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| Crusaders (Reg Traphy Red 1) | 17.11.91 | +   |      | W 16-   | -         | 3,000   |   | Nickén    | Christie t | Martyn g             | Вуте           | freing       | Clements                            | Flamagan     | Sherratt          | Pachnisk t g   | Street t  | Joynt    | McAister     | Tupaea     | Warburton   | McDermott   |
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| Workington T                 | 12.2.92  | ч   | 7.30 |         |           | 2,130 3 |   | Platt     | Nickin     | Tyrer 2g dg          | Byrne          | Christie     | Warberton                           | Flanagan     | Sherratt          | Bates          | Street    | Atlenson | Ressell      | Edwards    | Jayet       | Pachniuk    |
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| Carlisle                     | 8.3.92   | =   | 3.00 |         |           |         |   |           |            |                      |                |              |                                     |              |                   |                |           |          |              |            |             |             |
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| Carlisle                     | 29.3.92  | 4   | 200  |         |           |         |   |           |            |                      |                |              |                                     |              |                   |                |           |          |              |            |             |             |
| Werkington T                 | 5.4.92   | ×   | 3.00 |         |           |         |   |           |            |                      |                |              |                                     |              |                   |                |           |          |              |            |             |             |
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#### A Team Round-Up

IT is with rearet that Oldham RLFC have had to dispense with the services of the A Team coach Gary Hyde due to financial

pressures at the club. The club would like to go on record to thank Gary for all his hard work, dedication and efforts on behalf of Oldham RLFC in extremely difficult circumstances. We would like to wish him all the best for the future.

Despite the considerable efforts of Gary and his A Team squad, the side has continued to struggle. Recent weeks have included league defeats at home to Halifax (4-14), Hull (12-18) and Castleford (10-24), with an away loss at Warrington (20-26), plus the shock cup defeat against Hemel Hempstead.

The recent 24-10 home defeat to Castleford, which leaves Oldham facing an uphill struggle to avoid relegation from Division 1, is typical of the problems that face the club at the moment.

The club's current plight was made worse with three trialists in the 15 together with a makeshift front row. Courage and commitment, typified by Craig Mort, Shane Tupaea and Darrel Rogers, were never going to be enough against a strong Castleford side, even though the scores were level at 8-8 until injury time at the end of the first half.

Every cloud has a silver lining: Oldham's was the impact of a trialist full back who kicked three goals and impressed with prodigious field and touch kicking. Equally encouraging was his tackling and ability under the high ball!

#### Youngers Rugby League Alliance Fixtures 1991/92

| Date<br>Aug |                           | Opponents<br>Bradford Northern  | Venue<br>H            | Res<br>W           | F A<br>24-14                            |
|-------------|---------------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------|---|
| Sept        |                           | Castleford<br>Warrington<br>Workington Town (2.30)<br>Halifax                   | A<br>H<br>H<br>A      | L<br>W<br>L        | 20-34<br>12-16<br>84-12<br>6-26         |
| Oct         | 5<br>11<br>19<br>24       | Widnes  | A<br>H<br>A<br>A      | W L L L            | 46-8<br>18-24<br>10-49<br>10-30         |
| Nov         | 1<br>9<br>15<br>22<br>29  | Featherstone Rovers<br>Workington Town (2.30)<br>Leeds<br>St. Helens<br>Hull KR | H<br>A<br>A<br>H<br>A | W L L L            | 14-4<br>16-12<br>16-36<br>22-38<br>0-36 |
| Dec         | 13                        | Wakefield Trinity<br>Castleford<br>Wigan<br>St. Helens                          | A<br>H<br>A<br>A      | L<br>Pos<br>L<br>L | 0-60<br>tponed<br>0-42<br>10-40         |
| Jan         | 3<br>10<br>17<br>24<br>31 | Warrington<br>Halifax   | H<br>A<br>H<br>A<br>A | W<br>L<br>Pos<br>L | 12-6<br>20-26<br>4-14<br>tponed<br>6-20 |
| Feb         |                           | Hull<br>Castleford<br>Featherstone Rovers<br>Wigan                              | H<br>H<br>A<br>H      | L                  | 12-18<br>10-24                          |
| Mar         | 6<br>13<br>20             | Hull<br>Leeds<br>Wakefield Trinity  | A<br>H<br>H           |                    |   |

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| Wigan          | 20 | 16 | 0 | 4  | 747 | 248 | 32  |
| Leeds          | 18 | 12 | 0 | 6  | 544 | 313 | 24  |
| Halifax        | 18 | 10 | 0 | 8  | 398 | 326 | 20  |
| Castleford     | 18 | 9  | 2 | 7  | 378 | 384 | 20  |
| St Helens      | 18 | 9  | 1 | 8  | 480 | 380 | 19  |
| Hull           | 17 | 9  | 1 | 7  | 372 | 277 | 19  |
| Featherstone R | 20 | 9  | 1 | 10 | 330 | 430 | 19  |
| Widnes         | 17 | 9  | 0 | 8  | 516 | 440 | 18  |
| Warrington W   | 18 | 9  | 0 | 9  | 366 | 390 | 18  |
| Bradford N     | 17 | 9  | 0 | 8  | 388 | 438 | 18  |
| Hull KR        | 18 | 8  | 1 | 9  | 345 | 378 | 17  |
| Wakefield T    | 17 | 7  | 0 | 10 | 378 | 433 | 14  |
| Oldham         | 20 | 5  | 0 | 15 | 310 | 512 | 10  |
| Workington T   | 20 | 4  | 0 | 16 | 206 | 809 | 8   |
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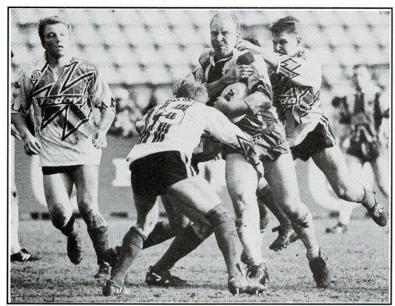
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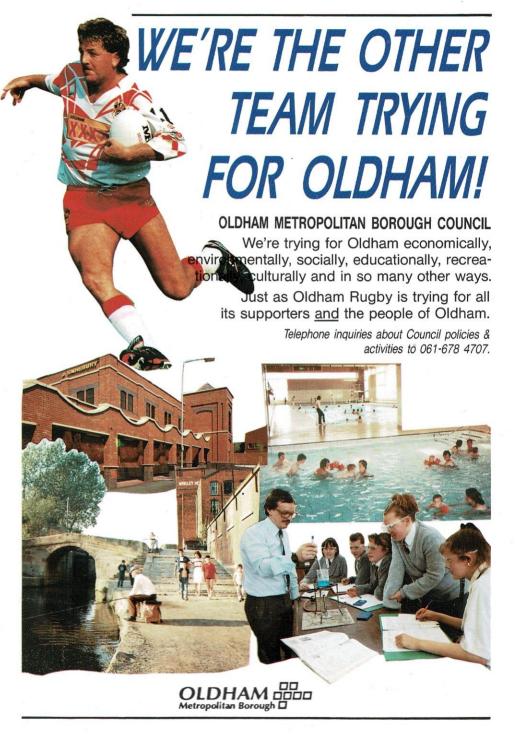
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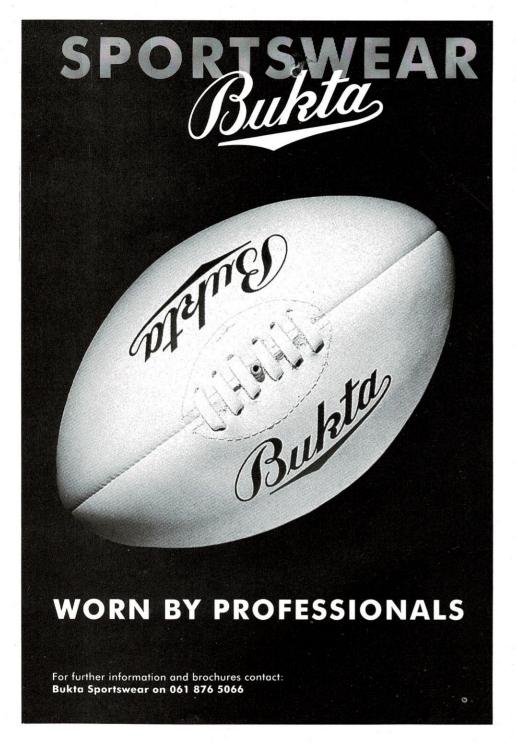


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