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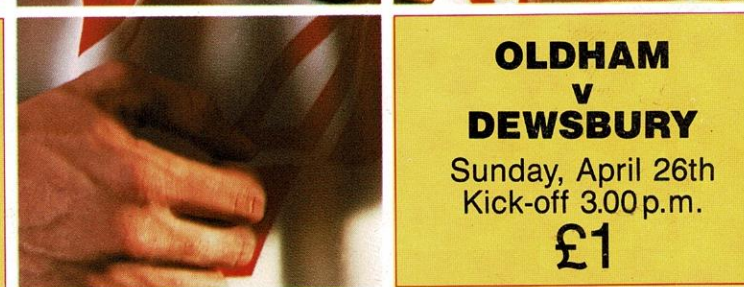
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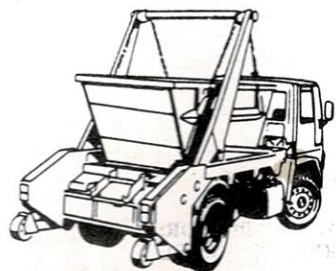
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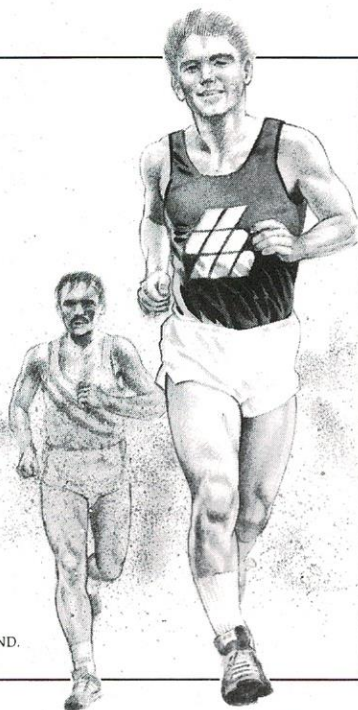
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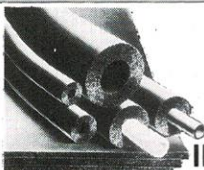
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## Tunks' Talkback

Oldham's Coach  
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AT the time of writing we still do not know our opponents, so we welcome either

Bramley or Dewsbury to this play-off decider.

Last week's disappointment at the narrow loss to Leigh I think will make us more determined to turn the tables next time we meet.

I feel that the "Derby" game at Scotland did us no favours, as with only two days rest we tired noticeably on Easter Monday when seven points in front with 10 minutes to go. However, we must learn that no excuse holds any water when it was a game we could and should have won.

I'm certain that several of the team who were below par against Leigh will bounce back today and the team will perform to the level required to bring us our 11th win in our last 12 games.

Also, look for a big one from Iva Ropati today. Our latest Kiwi import is desperate to catch Shaun Edwards in the try-scoring department, so expect something out of the box today.

Enjoy the game.

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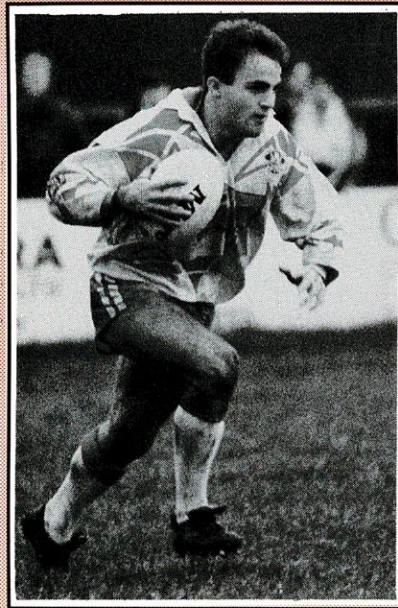
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# Skipper's Spot

Oldham Captain  
Neil Flanagan  
looks at today's game

SADLY, despite all our efforts we finally ran out of games in our chase for promotion this season as Leigh beat us at home 14-15 in our final League game of the season. Although we lost the promotion decider against Leigh on Easter Monday, all the team can hold their heads high because they performed admirably during a difficult season.



The fact we were able to be in with a shout for promotion at the end of the season reflects well on the coaching staff and the players at the club, many of whom have been thrust into the limelight as more established players have left the club. Remember, Sheffield returned to the First Division with virtually the same team that left it 12 months ago. Our team has changed out of all recognition.

But although we are in the Second Division for another season at least, we still have the Premierships to look forward to. If we win our match today, we can expect to get an early chance to avenge last Monday's defeat with a return fixture against Leigh. And who knows? If we can beat Leigh we can round off the season in grand fashion with a Premiership final at Old Trafford on May 17.

These are my last notes of the season and I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of the players of thanking all the coaching and backroom staff at the club. They have performed wonders, seeing us through a difficult period.

I'd also like to thank you, the true Oldham supporters, who have stayed with us this season and continued to give us your loyal support. This really is appreciated. I am only sorry that we could not give you promotion to celebrate. However, rest assured we'll be going all out for a Premiership finale, starting today.

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1	Shaun Edwards (Wigan)	38
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3	Iva Ropati (Oldham)	33
	Greg Austin (Halifax)	33
5	Vince Gribbin (Whitehaven)	31
	Graham Steadman (Castleford)	31
7	Paul Newlove (Featherstone R)	28
8	David Myers (Wigan)	27
	Mark Preston (Halifax)	27
10	Darren Abram (Rochdale H)	24

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## TOP TEN GOAL SCORERS (including drop goals)

1	Steve Carroll (Bramley)	131
2	Franco Botica (Wigan)	128
3	Deryck Fox (Featherstone R)	115
4	David Hobbs (Bradford N)	110
5	Paul Eastwood (Hull)	108
6	Lee Crooks (Castleford)	107
7	Chris Vasey (Dewsbury)	106
8	Steve Parrish (Batley)	100
9	Jonathan Davies (Widnes)	99
10	Andrew Precious (Hunslet)	81

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## TOP FIVE POINT SCORERS

	Tries	Goals	Drop Goals	Points	
1	Franco Botica (Wigan)	10	126	2	294
2	Paul Eastwood (Hull)	15	108	0	276
3	Steve Carroll (Bramley)	5	124	7	275
4	Jonathan Davies (Widnes)	16	97	2	260
5	Chris Vasey (Dewsbury)	7	106	0	240

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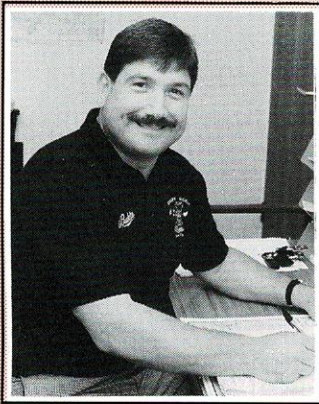
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# Hill's Highlights

## Commercial Manager Ray Hill reports on the Watersheddings Scene

WELCOME to the final match, subject to a shock defeat for Leigh today, of the season at Watersheddings. Unfortunately our final League match, the promotion decider against Leigh, proved to be one hurdle too many as we had to settle for third place. Nevertheless, it was a great climax to the season and we can all feel proud about the way the lads played on the park.

Off the park, we can feel equally proud because the club has performed well throughout the season despite the recession. Oldham's commercial activities are the envy of many of the clubs in the first division. This year Lifeline and Cashline have gone from strength to strength, bringing in much needed cash to the club. Similarly, sponsorship has proved to be equally as popular and we're looking to continue this success next season. Castlemaine XXXX will be the club's official sponsors next season but there are plenty of other sponsorship opportunities for companies to take advantage of. All you have to do is contact me on 061-620 4870 to discuss how we can mutually work together. Remember, I am always glad to hear from you.

Although the season may have ended, we will still be busy in the close season. Our annual golf day, sponsored by our popular Rover dealer, Richard Cort, takes place at the Crompton and Royton golf club on May 7. It promises to be a great day's golfing, with many of the club's players taking part. Fortunately, for the golf fanatics amongst you there are still one or two places left for teams of four. Again, if you are interested in taking part do not hesitate to contact me to book your place.

May also sees the start of a brand new Sunday market at the Watersheddings. This new market, which incidentally, isn't a car boot sale, is a genuine market selling everything under the sun that you can possibly need. The market will give you an ideal opportunity to shop around — and help the club to boot.

We're taking our fund-raising activities a step further, too, with a planned pop concert here at Watersheddings in August. At the moment the precise details of who will be appearing on the bill must remain a secret. All I can say is that the bands we are talking to are top international groups. And don't forget Keith Atkinson, possibly the unluckiest player to pull on an Oldham jersey, starts his testimonial this summer. Remember, Keith always gave 110% and more. Now you can get the chance to repay him. So as you can see it promises to be a busy summer with lots to look forward to as we get ready for the new campaign.

Before I close my column for the season and put it to bed, along with the gremlins that have occasionally crept into the copy, I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has helped the club this season. No matter what your contribution, big or small, it is greatly appreciated by everyone involved in the club. Without your help, Oldham Rugby League would not be what it is today.

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## A REVIEW OF THE O.R.L.F.C. 1991-92 LEAGUE SEASON

THE 1991-92 season was, without question, a traumatic period for the club and its fans as financial pressure forced new coach Peter Tunks to dismantle the team that had won promotion and appeared in two consecutive Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-finals.

Well-established and popular players like Mike Ford, John Fieldhouse, Brett Clark, Ronnie Duane, John Cogger had already left the club by the time Oldham kicked off the season away to fellow promotion favourites, Sheffield. With new faces like Tim Street, Aussie Vince Nicklin and former Great Britain international Neil Holding appearing in Oldham's new designer strip, the honours were shared as Oldham drew 16-16. The team had another away draw at Workington, which was sandwiched between a home victory against Leigh.

This steady September start, which left Oldham in third place in the League, was spoilt by a home defeat by Rochdale and more players leaving the club, with Paul Lord and Paul Round crossing the Pennines to join Wakefield.

Oldham's first Aussie coach, Peter Tunks, saw the side hit the top of the league after three consecutive victories against London Crusaders, Ryedale-York and Carlisle, although the stark reality of the club's plight on the field was revealed as three consecutive home games were lost to Sheffield, Workington and London Crusaders, with an away defeat to Leigh to boot.

Suddenly from looking like promotion favourites Oldham were struggling. Leigh and Sheffield had opened a considerable gap and talk on the terraces was about going down, not up. Fans made their dissatisfaction known as new and familiar faces appeared on the scene. Big-hearted Ian Sherratt came back to Oldham from Salford while Ged Byrne had come to Watersheddings in a straight swap with Lord and Round.



Youngsters who had starred in the A Team the previous year began to create waves in the first team. Young Neil Flanagan kept Holding out of the side and was made captain at the tender age of 21, emulating his uncle, Terry.

Sean Tyrer joined from Warrington and Kiwi Logan Edwards flew in from New Zealand to sign for Oldham at Manchester Airport as Peter Tunks proved that a shrewd eye for a bargain can compensate for the huge amounts of cash the likes of Leeds and Wigan were able to invest.

By the turn of the year Oldham, under the careful stewardship of Tunks and assistant coach Eric Fitzsimons, embarked on a run of 10 consecutive league games that almost took them to the verge of promotion. It was impressive stuff as Oldham, after all the traumas of the first half of the season, really began like a First Division side.

Unfortunately, the team left its promotion charge too late and ran out of games, but not before Tunks proved he was one of the brightest coaches in the game, attracting the likes of Iva Ropati and Scott Ranson to the club to help with the promotion push. Towards the end of the season the press were unanimous in their praise of the club as Oldham showed the skill, talent and application that would not be out of place in the First Division.

Although the club didn't make it, the players and the coaching staff gave 100% and more. What's more, after a period of real transition when Tunks and his players had the nerve to stand and be counted, Oldham finished the season a lot stronger and healthier than they started the campaign. The coaching staff and all the players can look back over the season with considerable pride.

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Team Changes

- 1 PLATT
- 2 RANSON
- 3 NICKLIN
- 4 BYRNE
- 5 TYRER
- 6 MARTYN
- 7 FLANAGAN
- 8 STREET
- 9 PACHNIUK
- 10 SHERRATT
- 11 JOYNT
- 12 TUPAEA
- 13 RUSSELL
- 14 McDERMOTT
- 15 WARBURTON

## DEWSBURY

Team Changes

- 1 NATHAN GRAHAM
- 2 EDDIE ROMBO
- 3 CHRIS VASEY
- 4 LEE HUGHES
- 5 MARQUIS CHARLES
- 6 CHRIS SQUIRES
- 7 PAUL DELANEY
- 8 PAUL WORTHY
- 9 NEIL KELLY
- 10 GARY COCKS
- 11 GLEN BELL
- 12 MARK HAIGH
- 13 GLEN COUGHLAN
- 14 DENIS BAILEY
- 15 JOHN BASTION

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CASTLEMAINE XXXX chose the Easter Bank Holiday match against Leigh to make an important presentation — the XXXX Player of the Year award.

Tim Street, already holder of three Player of the Month awards, was voted the winner by Oldham fans for his sterling work for the club during an often difficult season.



*He is pictured here (right) receiving the trophy along with a cheque for £250 and, of course, a supply of Castlemaine XXXX from (centre) Mark Geraghty, Tetley Walker's free trade sales representative. With them is Neil Flanagan, March's Player of the Month.*

One very special presentation has yet to be made. Pat Kemp, from High Crompton, Shaw, is a long-standing Oldham fan — in fact, she's supported the club for about 45 years! Now her devotion has been rewarded and she has been named XXXX Supporter of the Year. Unassuming Pat, who was stunned to hear she had even been nominated for the award, wins two season tickets and a replica kit.

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# 'A' Team Round-Up

WHEN a side has three different coaches in a season and has more players on trial than the Old Bailey, it soon becomes obvious that it is going to be a tough and long campaign. And so it proved

to be as Oldham's Alliance side struggled against all the odds to make an impact in the First Division.

Whatever problems the first team faced, the 'A' Team, as the poor relations, had double trouble. First Paddy Kirwan, then Gary Hyde, and finally Peter Tunks and Eric Fitzsimons, ran the team under conditions which at best could be described as sadly lacking.

A promising start — five wins out of 11 games — soon turned into a nightmare as the side was hit by terrible injuries, first team requirements and lack of experience. Too often the side struggled for balance with backs playing in the pack and vice versa. The low point was possibly three consecutive away defeats where Oldham conceded 128 points without scoring a single point themselves — although a cup defeat to Hemel Hempstead took some beating.

With these overwhelming odds it was very obvious that the Oldham Alliance side was almost certain to go back to Division Two. Of the last 18 games, Oldham only managed to win two, but the side showed commendable spirit in extremely difficult circumstances.

And although few players will be able to look back on the season with any great memories, there was experience a plenty to be obtained.

## 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. Helens	H	L	22-38	
29	Hull KR	A	L	0-36	
Dec 6	Wakefield Trinity	A	L	0-60	
20	Wigan	A	L	0-42	
27	St. Helens	A	L	10-40	
Jan 3	Hull KR	H	W	12-6	
10	Warrington	A	L	20-26	
17	Halifax	H	L	4-14	
31	Hemel Hempstead (C/Cup)	A	L	6-20	
Feb 7	Hull	H	L	12-18	
14	Castleford	H	L	10-24	
21	Featherstone Rovers	A	L	18-46	
Mar 6	Hull	A	L	8-28	
20	Wakefield Trinity	H	L	8-22	
23	Widnes	A	L	14-48	
April 3	Wigan	H	L	10-42	
6	Leeds	H	W	26-18	

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

## Youngers Rugby League Alliance Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan.....	26	22	0	4	1004	318	44
Hull.....	26	17	1	8	625	413	35
Castleford.....	26	15	2	9	700	524	32
Leeds.....	26	15	0	11	759	524	30
Halifax.....	26	15	0	11	638	482	30
Widnes.....	26	14	0	12	752	714	28
St. Helens.....	26	13	1	12	724	584	27
Bradford N.....	26	13	0	13	567	691	26
Wakefield T.....	26	12	0	14	602	607	24
Warrington W.....	26	12	0	14	546	580	24
Featherstone R.....	26	10	1	15	438	616	21
Hull KR.....	26	10	1	15	428	616	21
Oldham.....	26	6	0	20	394	713	12
Workington T.....	26	5	0	21	267	1095	10

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Despite the attentions of three Leigh defenders, Iva Ropati still manages to slip the ball to Richard Pachniuk — only to be judged to have passed the ball forward during Oldham's 14-15 home defeat by Leigh which ended the Watersheddings side's 10-match winning streak.

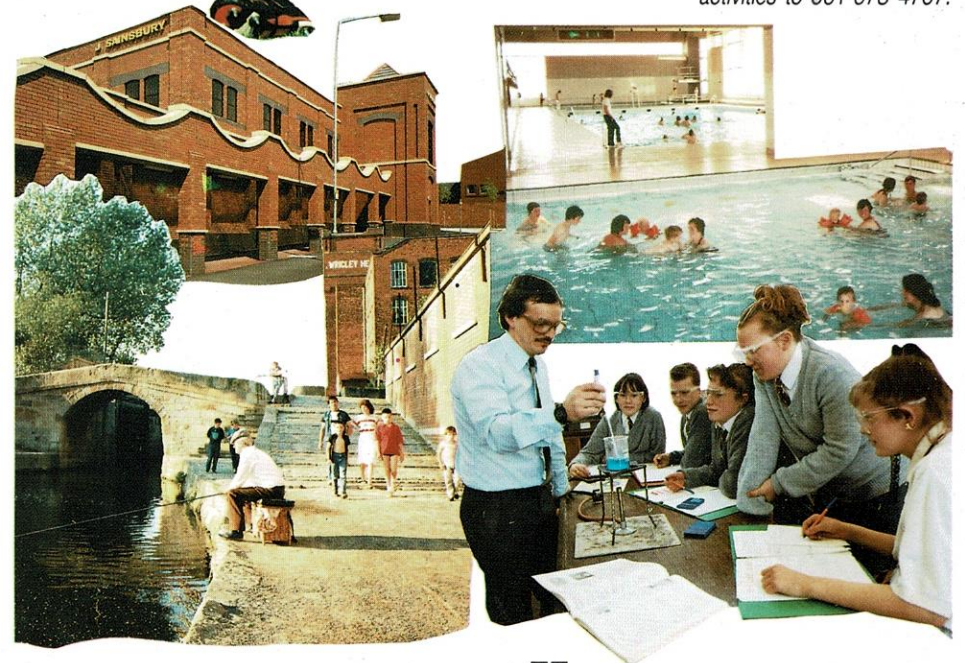


Substitute Steve Warburton had plenty in reserve to score twice against Leigh as he touched down after two glorious solo breaks. Here he scores his second.

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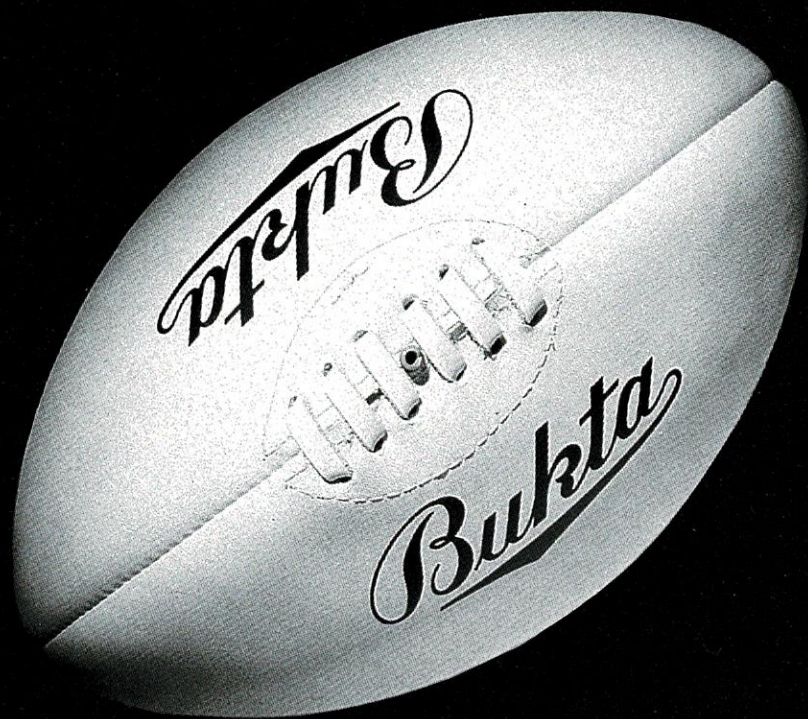
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