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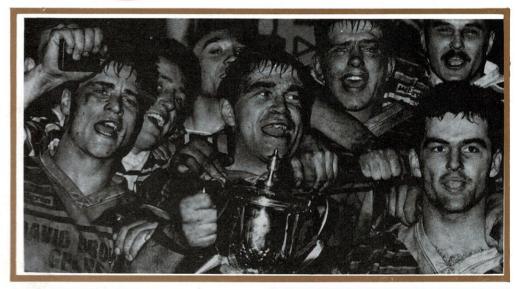
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1909-10; 1911-12; 1913-14; 1914-15; 1918-19; 1919-20; 1926-27; 1931-32; 1938-39; 1950-51; 1952-53; 1957-58. Beaten Finalists: 1910-11; 1923-24; 1925-26; 1930-31;

1937-38; 1942-43; 1949-50; 1960-61. **Third Division Champions:** 1991-91

Records:

Attendance: 35,136 Leeds v Wakefield T. (R.L. Cup SF)

19th April 1947.

Home: 32,912 v Wigan (League) 4th March 1950.

Season: Goals—147 by B. Gronow, 1919-20

Tries — 80 by A. Rosenfeld, 1913-14 Points — 330 by B. Gronow, 1919-20

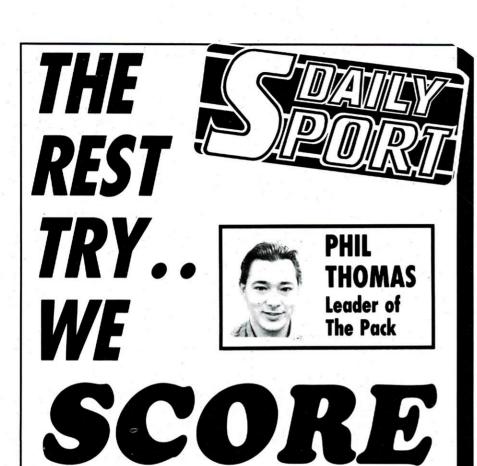
Match: Goals—18 by M. Holland v Swinton Park,

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Tries – 10 by L. Cooper v Keighley, 17.11.1951 Points – 39 by M. Holland v Swinton Park,

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Highest Score - 119-2 v Swinton Park, 1913-14





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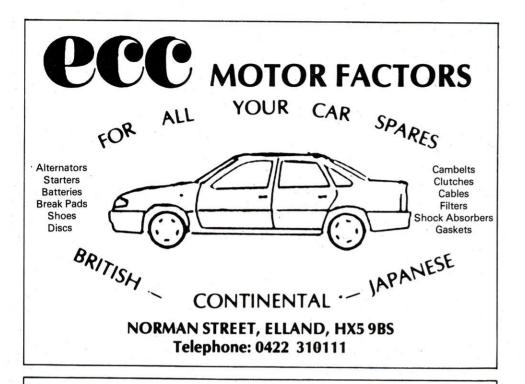
#### UP TO DATE WITH TREVOR PARK

Todays first task is to welcome OLDHAM and wish them everything but a good result! Whatever else may be said about last week's cup tie with BATLEY it certainly wasn't without its tension and like everyone I was relieved to here the final whistle. The highlight for the club was the 'Man of the Match' award to Lee St. Hilaire. He certainly deserved the prize so congratulations Lee - Keep it up!

After the second game at Leeds Road, people are beginning to find their way about and whatever else may be said we certainly cannot fault the superb organisation down here and I'm sure that all our sponsors will appreciate the excellent facilities available to us.

Incidentally, we are very short of Sponsors so anyone wanting to help the club can sponsor — The Match; the ball; the programme; the posts and the corner flags. We also need plenty of player sponsors. It's all there for you to help us so why not get in touch. We'll be round like a shot to sign you up and have you as part of the scene and publicity. You'll enjoy it and the club funds will benefit.

Given the clubs inherited costs from last season's success, we certainly have some financial problems so if you can think of any fund raising exercises, or want to make a donation



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As a departure from normal, today's match is dedicated to ANNA SCOTT who is fourteen years old tomorrow. Her dad decided it would be a wonderful idea to have a birthday party at the match today and after his very generous donation to the club who could refuse him anything!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANNA AND ENJOY YOUR DAY AT LEEDS ROAD.

It certainly is a new departure for the club and gave us the idea to make everyone aware of a novel way to have a party and help the club at the same time. So, if you feel like doing the same just contact us. We can promise you a great day.

Finally many thanks to all our existing Sponsors and particularly the group who formed a consortium to help us out last week at such short notice. Especially John Quinn of Millgate Construction Ltd who did the work. We promised to name them all so here they are.

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#### **OLDHAM**

**TINY SOLOMONA** A Kiwi of Western Samoan origin, Tiny signed for Oldham in early 1992 from Widnes, but did not make his debut until the start of the 1992-93 season, because of groin trouble. Playing at the top of his form now and won the Man of the Match Award in Oldham's First Round Lancashire Cup win against First Division club, Warrington.

**DAVID BRADBURY** Signed for Oldham from Leigh Miners touring New Zealand with BARLA Under 19 squad. David is a strong running loose forward, who impressed on Oldham's pre-season tour of France.

**IVA ROPATI** A member of the famous New Zealand footballing Ropati family, Iva is the top try scorer in the country this year. A new signing for Oldham and an exciting prospect for the team.

**SCOTT RANSON** Twenty four year old St. Helens player and the top try scorer from his former club, Swinton. Signed for Oldham in March 1992.

**RICHARD PACHNIUK** A twenty year old from Dewsbury with Polish grandparents. A clever, creative thinking type of hooker, he is expected to go a long way.

RICHARD RUSSELL Captain of the side, Richard is a local lad who arrived home at Watersheddings via Wigan. Played for Wigan in the World Club Championship against Manly,

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but is now mainly regarded as a stand off or loose forward. Creative player with an excellent pair of hands.

**TOMMY MARTYN** A player of exciting potential. He is a stand off or centre, who can sniff tries out of nothing....Poacher of the Rugby League variety, who can turn a match at a stroke.

MARK SHEALS Rugged, hard working prop, who joined Oldham in the three-for-one swop with Leigh in the summer of 1992. Won a Lancashire Cap last season but missed his county debut due to suspension.

**SEAN DEVINE** A 22 year old scrum-half, whom Oldham boss Peter Tunks also recruited in an exchange deal.

**MARK MEADOWS** A second-row forward who had seen service with Swinton and Trafford Borough, when Tunks snapped him up on the eve of the 1992/93 season, from the new Blackpool Gladiators club.

**HUGH GUMBS** A young winger from Yorkshire, who signed for Bradford Northern when David Hobbs was boss. Had a spell with Batley and then signed for Oldham as a free agent in the summer of 1992. Went to Australia that summer in the Students World Cup.

**STUART COCKER** Yet another of Tunk's famous wheeler-dealer signings, Cocker joined Oldham in the deal that took Neil Flanagan and Des Foy to Fartown. A try poacher....well known for his scoring habits....Stuart scored twice in each of his first two games for Oldham against London Crusaders and Carlisle.

**PAUL JONES** 6ft 3ins and 17 stone, Leigh based Jones had more than 60 senior appearances for St. Helens behind him, albeit many of them as substitute, when he signed for Oldham with Sean Devine in the Chris Joynt deal.

**BEN OLSEN** This Danish born forward made a name for himself with London Crusaders and signed for Oldham in the famous swop-shop summer of 1992.

#### **OLDHAM IN 1991/92**

STONES BITTER DIVISION TWO PLACING: 3rd (1990/91, Division One: 12th). OVERALL LEAGUE PLAYING RECORD: P: 28 W: 18 D: 2 L: 10 FOR: 558 AGST: 421

HOME LEAGUE RECORD: Won 8, Lost 6.

AWAY LEAGUE RECORD: Won 10, Drew 2, Lost 2.

LEAGUE WIN/LOSE SEQUENCE: D, W, D, L, 3W, 3L, W, L, 2W, L, W, L, 10W, L. YOUNGERS ALLIANCE LEAGUE PLACING AND RECORD: 13th, Division One.

MOST TRIES IN A MATCH: 4 — S. Ranson v Workington T. (H).

MOST GOALS IN A MATCH: 6 — D. Platt v Dewsbury (H, Prem).

MOST POINTS IN A MATCH: 22 — T. Martyn v Workington T. (H).

**GREENALLS LANCASHIRE CUP:** Ist Round: Beat Swinton (A) 22-21; 2nd Round: Lost to St. Helens (A) 26-39.

**REGAL TROPHY:** Ist Round: Beat London C. (H) 16-10 (2163); 2nd Round Lost to St. Helens (A) 18-24.

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Ist Round: Lost to Warrington (H) 3-8 (4098).

**STONES BITTER DIVISIONAL PREMIERSHIP PLAY-OFFS:** Ist Round: Beat Dewsbury (H) 36-18 (2514); 2nd Round: Beat London C. (H) 22-14 (2893); Final: Lost to



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APPEARANCES (including subs) (MAX: 36): Nicklin 34; Pachniuk 29; Warburton 29; Flanagan 28; Street 28; Joynt 26; Martyn 26; Byrne 26; Sherratt 25; Russell 23; McAlister 22; Tyrer 20; Platt 20; Tupaea 20; Christie 19; Irving 16; Edwards 14; Newton 14; McDermott 13; Bates 13; Longstaff 9; Ranson 9; Ropati 8; Bradbury 7; Conroy 7; Donegan 6; Round 6; Henderson 6; Trailists 5; Atkinson 4; Allen 4; Holding 4; Lord 4; Grima 3; Barrow 2; Maxwell 2; Robinson 1; Faimalow 1; Bimson 1; Stephenson 1. (40 players).

**TRY-SCORERS:** Martyn 13; Pachniuk 12; Joynt 10; Nicklin 8; Ranson 8; Warburton 8; Tyrer 7; Christie 6; Bryne 6; Platt 6; Street 5; Edwards 5; Irving 4; McAlister 4; Flanagan 4; McDermott 3; Ropati 3; Newton 2; Sherratt 2; Lord 2; Round 2; Henderson 2; Longstaff I; Donegan I; Russell I.

GOAL SCORERS: Martyn 34; Tyrer 29; Platt 25; McAlister 10; Pachniuk 7; Holding 1.

DROP GOAL SCORERS: Martyn 5; Flanagan 2; Tyrer I; Bates I.

#### **RESULTS:**

	Home	(Att)	Away
Carlisle	Won 14-4	(2020)	Won 30-10
	Won 20-17	(2595)	Won 23-10
Leigh	Won 46-19	(3785)	Lost 4-20
	Lost 14-15	(4686)	Lost 12-13
London C.	Lost 0-10	(3144)	Won 23-20
	Won 16-4	(2829)	Won 12-8
Rochdale H.	Lost 18-26	(4106)	Won 20-10
	Won 26-18	(4091)	Won 21-10
Ryedale York	Won 51-18	(3034)	Won 22-16
	Won 30-6	(2794)	Won 26-18
Sheffield E.	Lost 12-38	(3384)	Drew 16-16
=	Lost 18-44	(3091)	Won 14-10
Workington T.	Lost 14-15	(2536)	Drew 6-6
	Won 44-10	(2618)	Won 5-0

#### **HUDDERSFIELD AND OLDHAM — HEAD TO HEAD**

Keen rivalry has always existed between Huddersfield and Oldham and at one time the games at Fartown took place on Honley Feast Monday. Later Easter Monday was the regular date.

It was at Watersheddings that the late Harold Wagstaff appeared for the last time in the Huddersfield first team (March 23, 1925).

Oldham's record home attendance is 28,000 who were present for Fartown's visit on February 24, 1912.

The two clubs last met in 1989/90 when Oldham won all four games (2 league, and encounters at Watersheddings in the Challenge Cup and Regal Trophy).

Our last victory was in January 1978 and since then Oldham have won on 12 successive occasions.







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LEAGUE							
	P	W	L	D	F	A	
Home	47	24	23	0	546	551	
Away	47	13	28	6	380	565	
All games	94	37	51	6	926	1116	
CHALLENGE CUP							
Home	4	3	1	0	23	15	
Away	4	0	4	0	24	54	
Neutral	2	1	I	0	22	9	
All games	10	4	6	0	69	78	
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Away	1	0	ı	0	5	13	
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Home	. 1	1	0	0	14	5	
REGAL TROPHY							
Home	1	- 1	0	0	21	14	
Away	2	0	2	0	8	35	
All games	3	I	2	0	29	46	
ALL MATCHES							
* Home	53	29	24	0	604	582	
Away	54	13	35	6	417	667	
Neutral	2	1	1	0	22	9	
All games	109	43	60	6	1043	1258	

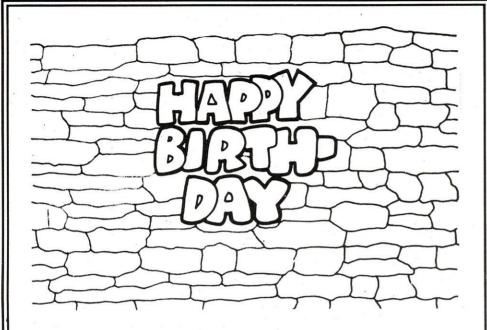
#### A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hopefully you will have seen my letter in the Examiner regarding the club and it may have cleared up some of the misunderstandings. I hope also to be calling a public meeting of all fans in the near future for a more personal response to several unfounded accusations levelled at myself so please watch the examiner for further details.

By the time you read this we may well have agreed terms with one or our 'Stop Away' players and swapped one player for 2 first division players which we hope will help in the rebuilding of the side for the future.

The main thing is we need your support now more than ever.

Finally keep your eyes open for our efforts in making the game against the Australians a night to remember.



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2 HUGH GUMBS

IAN THOMAS

3 STUART COCKER

CHRIS CHAPMAN
JOE NAIDOLE

4 IVA ROPATI 5 SCOTT RANSON

Half Backs

**BRIAN BLACKER** 

**6 TOMMY MARTIN** 

**NEIL FLANAGAN** 

7 SEAN DEVINE

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8 MARK SHEALS

LEE ST. HILAIRE

9 RICHARD PACHNIUK

**ANDY PURCILL** 

10 TINY SOLOMONA

SIMON KENWORTHY

11 BEN OLSEN

DAVID OATES

12 SHANE TUPAEA

**GARY SENIOR** 

13 RICHARD RUSSELL

#### Substitutes

14 DAVID BRADBURY

15 PAUL JONES

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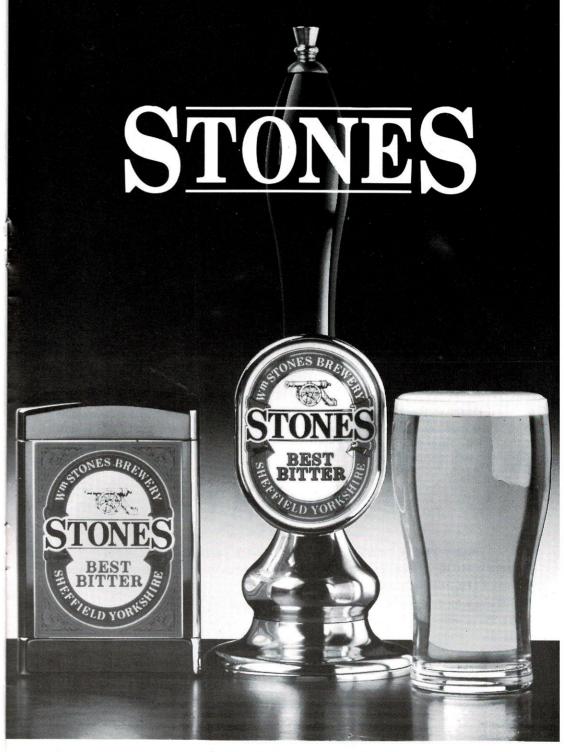
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#### **Direct Line From Alex Murphy**

It's always darkest before the dawn...or so they say. At the moment we are suffering our own dark patch, but it will end.

We are already in the process of building a totally new side. Rest assured we did not want to part with any of the team we had worked so hard to build last season but we just could not meet the demands of the players who insisted upon leaving.

Wally Gibson has been a classic example. His demands have been changing with the wind. We've talked to him. We've virtually begged him to see sense, but we can't make him play for the Club. In the end this Club is bigger than any player and anyone who isn't with us and wants to leave must do just that.

As for the other players who have stayed with the Club I want to record my personal thanks and appreciation. I know things are not to everyone's liking and we have problems. The team is not yet right and some strengthening is needed. We're working at it and it will be straightened out and we'll be back in contention for future honours.

The Club like all other organisations must try to balance the books. There is not a lot of money around in this recession and practically every club in the Rugby League are having similar problems but here at Huddersfield we're meeting them 'Head-on' with straight talking and commonsense!

It's times like these when we are more than ever reliant upon our supporters and lets face it here in Huddersfield we have the best and we really are trying to ensure that eventually we bring you First Division Rugby and a team to be proud of so stay with us and help in any way you can in fund raising and most important of all through the gates.

Playing at Leeds Road doesn't please everyone but it was about the only option available to us at the moment and I have to say that the way we have been treated by all the staff at the 'Town' has been superb so again I have to say a special "Thank you for having us — and the way you have helped".

**ALEX MURPHY** 

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#### WE TRAVEL TO FEATHERSTONE

Yes folks it's the tie we were all praying for, a visit to the tranquil, picturesque setting of Post Office Road!

Seriously we were better than the scoreline suggested when we met the Rovers here at Leeds Road three weeks ago and there is no reason why we can't turn them over in their own back yard on Wednesday night.

Coaches will leave Byram Street at 6.15pm and the fare will be £2.70. Tickets can be purchased until 5.00pm on Tuesday from Tony Iredale Travel of John William Street in Huddersfield or from Kenmargra Travel of Briggate in Brighouse.

#### THE CRUSADE GOES ON

Next Sunday we travel to Crystai Palace to meet Ross Whatshisnames' London Crusaders. For a balanced view of their setup see the boss's column in League Express dated September 7th.

Coaches for the game will leave Byram Street at 8.15am and the tickets, priced £12 are now available from the usual outlets.

#### THE FLYERS — ON THE MOVE WITH FARTOWN



#### New Laws for Season 1992-93

**Scrum and penalty positions** — No scrum will be formed within 10 metres of the touchlines or the goal lines.

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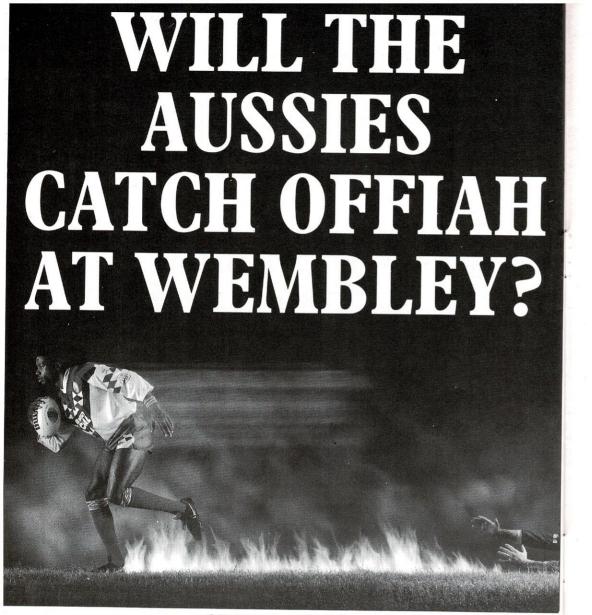
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#### IN TOUCH WITH RUGBY LEAGUE

#### **DARYL POWELL**

Daryl Powell of Sheffield Eagles needs four tries to become the first player to score a century of touchdowns for the club. And with two Test match tries for Great Britain he is only two off a career century in club and representative matches.

The former Redhill (Castleford) Under-19 amateur was the first player to sign for Sheffield when they were formed in 1984-85. He made his professional debut at centre in their first match when they beat Rochdale Hornets 29-10 on 2 September 1984.

Powell has remained a regular first team player at centre, stand-off and loose forward with a club record 244 appearances, including three as substitute.

He also holds the club record of most tries in a match with five against Mansfield Marksman on 2 January 1989. He has scored three other hat-tricks, including one in last season's Stones Bitter Divisional Premiership Final defeat of Oldham, which earned him the Man of the Match award.

Powell's best season's tally for Sheffield is 28 in 1988-89 which was a club record until broken by Iva Ropati's 30 last season.

#### **LEADING SCORERS**

Brimah Kebbie of Bradford Northern extended his early lead as this season's top try scorer by scoring two tries and taking his total to eight at the weekend. The winger has scored two tries in each of his four matches for Bradford since leaving Huddersfield in the close season.

Former Leeds player Phil Ford is another winger to have made a high scoring start for his new club and is second after his five for Salford against Whitehaven took his season's total to six.

Tea Ropati (St. Helens), Tommy Martyn (Leigh), and Dean Marwood (Workington T.) are the leading goal scorers with 15 each. Ropati and Marwood have also scored two tries to be joint top point scorers with 38.

#### LOSING RUN

Swinton ended their losing run of five with a 40-10 home defeat of Highfield in the first round of the Greenalls Lancashire Cup.

Castleford now have the longest losing run of five stretching back to last season.

#### POINT SCORING RUN

Mike Smith of Chorley Borough has the longest point scoring run of 17 matches stretching back to last Boxing Day.

#### **MILESTONES**

Paul Medley, the Bradford Northern and former Leeds and Halifax international forward, needs three tries for a career century of touchdowns.

Paul Eastwood of Hull needs one try for a career century of touchdowns with the club. Garry Schofield of Leeds needs three tries for a career century of touchdowns with the club.

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Aug. Sun	30	FEATHERSTONE R.	(H)		<b>F</b> 15	<b>A</b> 34
Sept Sun	6 20 27	Bramley OLDHAM London C.	(A) (H) (A)	3.30	10	34
Oct. Sun	4 11 18 24	SWINTON CARLISLE ROCHDALE H. WORLD CUP FINAL	(H) (H) (H)	3.30 3.30 3.30		
Nov. Sun	1 8 15 22 29	Featherstone R. Regal Trophy — Round BRAMLEY Oldham LONDON C.	(A) d 1 (H) (A) (H)	3.30 3.30 3.00 3.30		
Dec. Sat Sun	5 13 20 27	Regal Trophy — Round SWINTON Carlisle Featherstone R.	d 2 (H) (A) (A)	3.30 2.00 3.30		**
Sun	199 3 24 30	3 FEATHERSTONE R. CARLISLE Silk Cut Challenge Cup	(H) (H) (1)	3.30 3.30		
Sat Sun	7 13 21 27 28	Bramley Silk Cut Challenge Cup <b>ROCHDALE H.</b> Silk Cut Challenge Cup Rochdale H.	(H)	3.30 3.30 3.00		
Wed Sun	7 14 21 24 28	Carlisle	(H) (A) (A) (H) (A)	3.30 3.00 2.00 7.30 3.00		  
	4 9 12 18	Rochdale H. BRAMLEY Oldham Swinton	(A) (H) (A) (A)	3.00 7.30 3.30 3.00		

#### YOUNGERS ALLIANCE FIXTURES SECOND DIVISION



	1992 4 BRAMLEY 1 DEWSBURY 8 Ryedale-York 26 LONDON C.	(H) (H) (A) (H)	7.30 7.30 7.30 3.00	F	A
	2 Bramley (YSC1) 0 Carlisle 7 (YSC2)	(A) (A)	7.30 12.00		
	22 Hunslet 31 Workington	(A)	7.30 2.30	• •	
Fri 2	7 Alliance 2nd Div. ( 4 Dewsbury 6 OLDHAM 8 Alliance 2nd Div. (	(A) (H)	2.00 7.30		
	4 RYEDALE-YORK 1 Doncaster 9 Alliance 2nd Div. — Semi-Finals	(H) (A) Cup	7.30 7.30	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
Wed 3		(A)	7.30		
Fri 1 Sat 2	993 9 Alliance Challenge ( 5 <b>SALFORD</b> 3 Keighley C. 0 Alliance Challenge (	(H) (A)	7.30 2.30	*** *** ***	
1	5 SHEFFIELD E. 2 DONCASTER 0 London C. 7 WORKINGTON T.	(H) (H) (A) (H)	7.30 7.30 3.00 2.00		
Fri 1	6 Hemel Hempstead 2 <b>SWINTON C.</b> 3 Alliance Challenge — Semi-Finals	(H)	2.30 7.30		
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