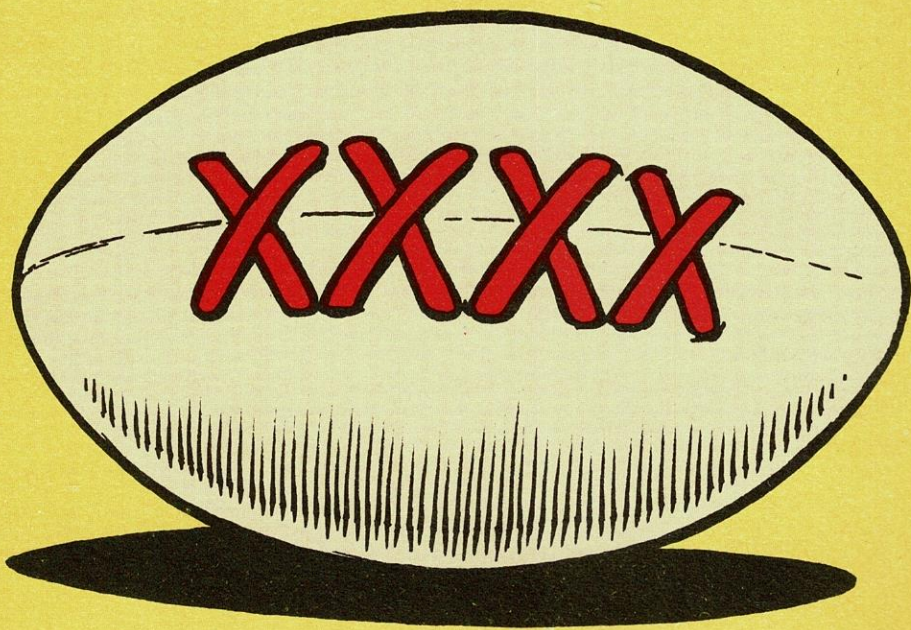


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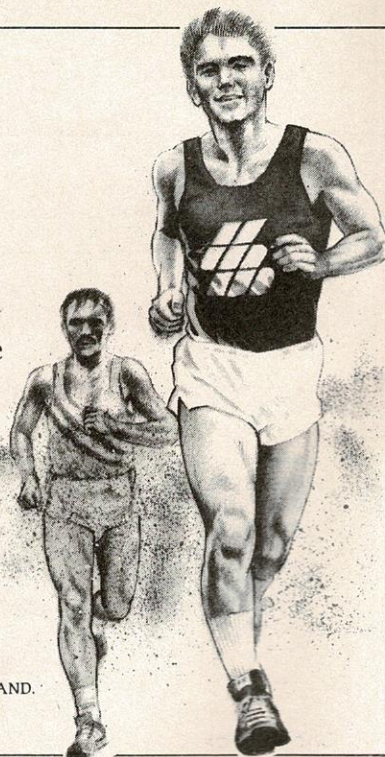
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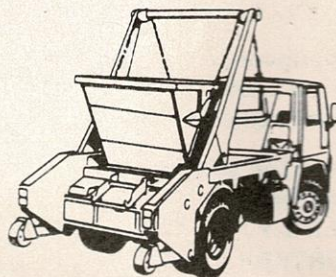
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# FROM the BOARDROOM

by

CHAIRMAN JAMES QUINN



It would be remiss of me at this time if, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I did not offer congratulations to all concerned in our First Round Lancashire Cup win over Warrington.

It was a tremendous performance by the players and it owed much to the preparation undertaken by Peter Tunks and Eric Fitzsimons.

Teamwork was the platform on which the win was built, but I think all the players would take off their hats for this one to three-try match-winner Iva Ropati and to the heavyweights of the front row, Mark Sheals and Tiny Solomona, both of whom had magnificent games.

It was a big night for the Oldham club and it must have been particularly pleasing to Peter, who has put in so much hard work in his first 18 months with us.

Did you also notice what a lot of national publicity we got from the tie, both in the following morning's papers, on television and during the week?

That sort of exposure is important for the club in terms of putting us in the public spotlight because it is only when you are in the BIG LEAGUE of national publicity that you are in a position to fulfil potential on sponsorship, marketing etc.

We got much more exposure from the Warrington game than we got in a full season of Second Division football last year and that underlines how important it is that we win promotion this time, so that we will be in the BIG LEAGUE every week next season.

Talking of sponsorship and commercial activities, we had a deputation from a marketing company at the Board Meeting last Monday.

At the time of writing, the outcome was unknown but it was expected that we would be taking the firm on board to spearhead our drive for more income from sponsorship and advertising, both national and local.

The firm would be working on a commission basis and would take a lot of pressure off Peter Young and John Watkins, who have done a tremendous job over recent months, in running Cashline and Lifeline without the back-up of a Commercial Manager.

It makes their job easier when we have the sort of win we enjoyed against the Wires and it is also some reward for the ever-growing band of voluntary workers, who are giving of their time and commitment to help the club through a patch when expenses have to be kept to a minimum.

A lot of people are helping voluntarily. I can't mention them all but a special word for ALEX GIVVONS and JOE BUCKLEY, who do such a wonderful job in the dressing rooms.

The Supporters' Club, too, are doing a magnificent job for no return but job satisfaction and the knowledge that they are working voluntarily for the club that means so much to them.

They man the Club Shop daily, run their own canteens on match days, organise refreshments for the players after training on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and put on a full cooked breakfast for them after their Saturday morning session.

They also provide after-match refreshments in the Boardroom and all the Club has to pay for is the actual cost to the Supporters' Club of the food involved.

We also have now the benefit of keen supporters who are doing jobs around the ground and can be seen, on most evenings, putting their talents to good use for the benefit of the club.

The contributors to the programme do it voluntarily and there are, literally, scores of keen helpers, either full-time or part-time, who provide the club with their time and talents.

Tom Patterson, our Ground Director, has assembled an excellent team of volunteer workers on match days and it may not be generally known that the Club's Safety Officer, retired Police Superintendent Roger Norris, also provides his skill, expertise and vast experience of these matters on a voluntary basis.

We are back to the grass roots, with people coming forward in numbers to help us out. That's terrific. Thank you all.

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# IN TOUCH

## LAW CHANGES FOR SEASON 1992-93

At its meeting on 28th May, 1992, the Rugby Football League International Board approved some amendments to the Laws of the Game and after discussions with RFL Referees and the International Rules Committee, they are as follows in layman's terms:

### 1. Field Markings

(a) 20 metre lines will be substituted for the 22 metre lines.

(b) The transverse lines marking the distance of 10 metres from the goal lines, 20 metre lines and half-way line must be marked across the full width of the field. (Previously this was optional.)

### 2. MARKS FOR SCRUMS

It has been agreed that all scrums will be awarded on the 10 metre line from the goal line for the "upright tackle" of an attacking player in possession or for an attacking player who cannot ground the ball in the in-goal area (tackles 1-5) and for all infringements (knock-ons etc.), which occur between the 10 metre line and the goal line.

### 3. MARKS FOR HANDOVERS

It has been agreed that the handover will be awarded on the 10 metre line from the goal line for the upright tackle of an attacking player in possession, or an attacking player who cannot ground the ball in the in-goal area, on the last tackle and for all other sixth completed tackles, the handover will be awarded at the point of tackle.

### 4. MARKS FOR PENALTIES

It was agreed that the penalty mark be awarded 10 metres from the goal line or touch line for the following offences:

(a) a kick through by an attacking player which goes over the dead ball line or hits the corner flag or goes over the touch in-goal line or bounces in the in-goal area and that player is subsequently obstructed.

(b) where an attacking player commits a penalizable offence, in his opponent's in-goal area.

(c) where a defending player commits a penalizable offence in his own in-goal area, unrelated to a try scoring movement.

(d) misconduct in touch.

In all other cases, penalty awards in the field of play, particularly between the goal line and the 10 metre line, will be made at the point of the offence.

### 5. MISCONDUCT

No contact will be allowed above the shoulders, when effecting a tackle unless contact is accidental or a player in possession ducks into the tackler or tacklers.

### 6. BLOOD BIN AND KICK FOR GOAL

It was agreed that a player can return from the Blood Bin to the field of play to specifically kick for goal, if that player so chooses, provided that player is no longer bleeding and his replacement has left the field of play.

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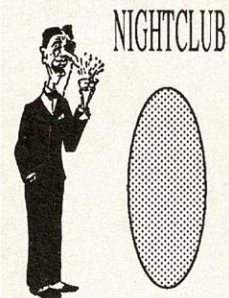
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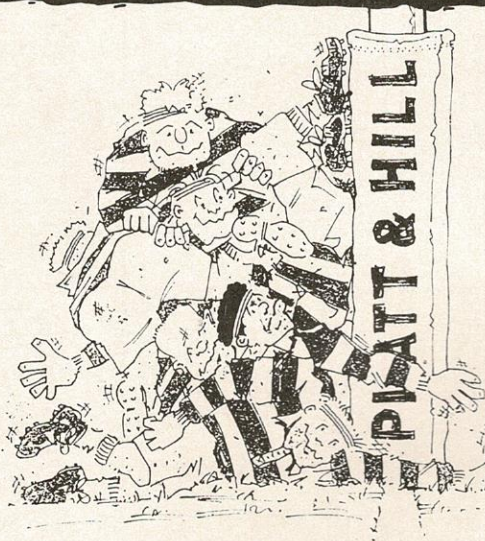
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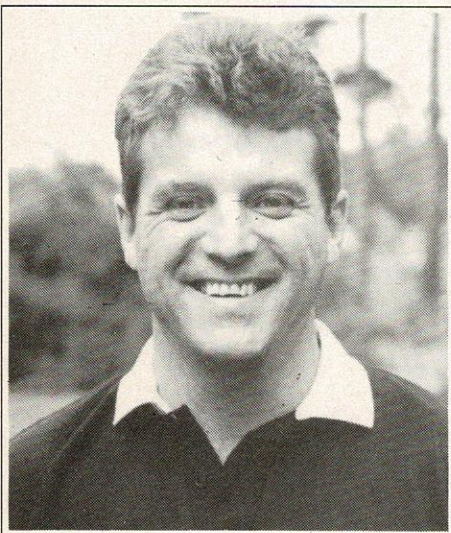
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- CHRIS WILKINSON.** Full Back. Chris, signed from Dewsbury 1991-92 season, has become one of Swinton's best-ever goal-kickers, kicking five goals in the win against Hull last week, kicking one from inside his own half.
- JOE GRAZIANO.** Hooker. Signed from amateur side Highfield. Last two seasons Player of the Year.
- STEVE SNAPE.** Centre. Signed from Folly Lane. 1988. Loyal clubman, well-respected player who has made over 200 appearances for Swinton. Steve needs two tries to reach his 50 in first class matches.
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- PAUL KAY.** Scrum-half. Signed from Batley, this promising new recruit to the Swinton ranks has a very big future ahead.
- IAN PICKAVANCE.** Centre. Debut 1988, strong running, fierce competitor. Great prospect. Ian has played 54 matches for Swinton, scoring 15 tries. Adapted well to the second row, after playing most of his career in the backs.
- PAUL KENNETT.** Full Back. Signed from Welsh Rugby Union, Taff has been picked for the last two Welsh squads. Has scored many tries since switching to the centre spot.
- DANNY GRIFFITHS.** Centre. Signed from amateur game. Very pacey intelligent player.
- RICHARD IRVING.** Winger. Strong, fast and signed from Oldham in the Scott Ranson deal.
- SIMON LONGSTAFF.** Loose Forward. Joined Swinton via Halifax and Oldham, very quick and good ball handler.
- CARL PARTINGTON.** Prop. Signed from amateur club Folly Lane. Giant of a man, just breaking into the first team.
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- STEVE GARNER.** Hooker. Signed from Trafford Borough. Eighty minutes player, good young prospect, always gives 101% effort.
- JASON CLARKE.** Front Row. Casper is an extremely promising ball playing prop, who is very quick around the play of the ball. Casper's side-step is something more akin to half-back.
- CARL COOPER.** Second Row. Roy, as he is known in the dressing room, is a strong-running hard-working team member.

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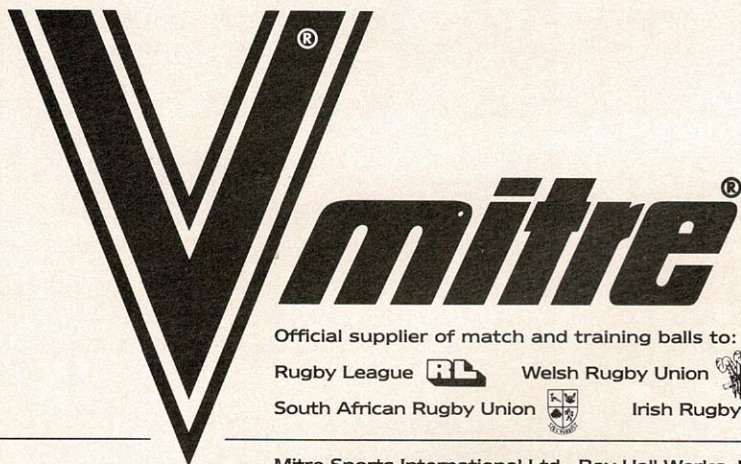
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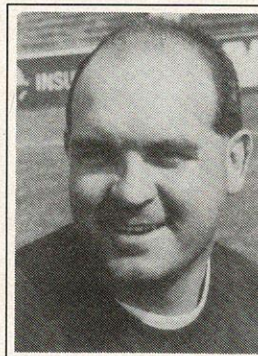


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# TUNKS' TALKBACK



At the time of writing these programme notes, the result of the Lancashire Cup tie at Leigh is unknown. One thing that is known to me is that we will have prepared for the game to the best of our capabilities.

I was concerned after the performance at Huddersfield that, maybe, some of the players were not tuned in totally or maybe not prepared mentally, for that afternoon's game. It was a classic case of "After the Lord Mayor's Parade" following our terrific victory over Warrington the week before. That game produced some great rugby, as we dominated play against a not-half-bad First Division outfit.

And so it was on to Leeds Road and maybe a little complacency crept in. In any event, we didn't play well enough and the game could have gone against us.

History will show that we left with the two points and they could prove all-important in the coming weeks.

Today we meet a Swinton team that has had a disappointing start to the season but, Tony Barrow will relish the chance to try to put one over his former club.

These "Reunion" encounters always have an extra dimension of added spice, which should make for an exciting 80 minutes.

Enjoy it to the full.

PETER TUNKS

## PUT THE BOOT IN

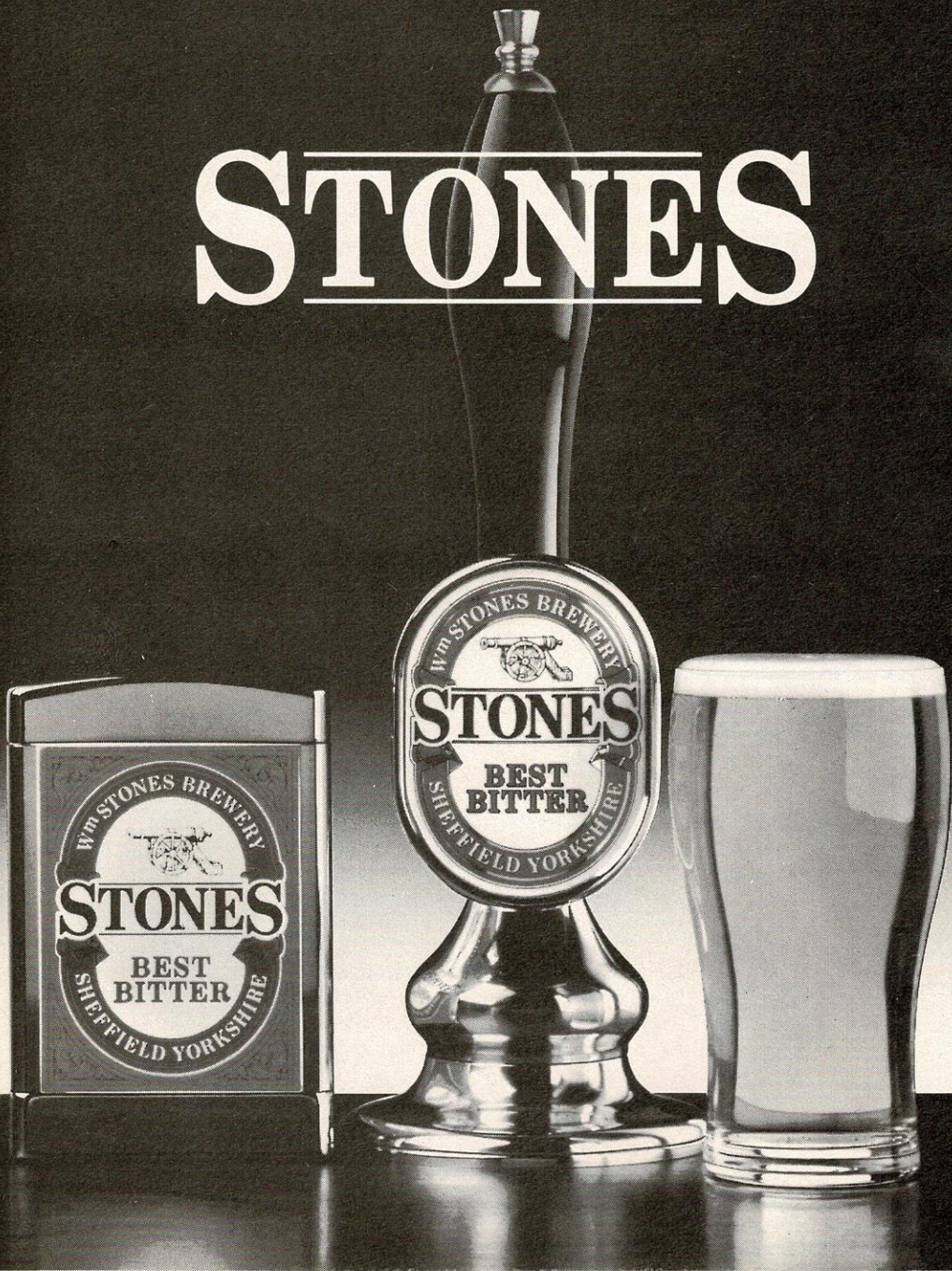
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## PLAYER PROFILE

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### SCOTT RANSON



**Full Name:** Scott James Ranson.

**Date of Birth:** 20.9.67.

**Birthplace:** St. Helens.

**Height:** 5 ft. 11 ins.

**Weight:** 12 3/4 stone.

**Favourite Drink:** Milk.

**Favourite Food:** The wife's chilli.

**Favourite TV Show:** One Foot in the Grave.

**Favourite Music:** Shane Tupaea on the coach.

**Hobbies:** Golf, Cricket.

**Previous Clubs:** Thatto Heath, Swinton.

**Biggest Influence on Career so far:** My Family, Frank Barrow, Peter Smethurst.

**Favourite Player:** Steve Warburton (on a good day).

**Favourite Ground:** Knowsley Road (St. Helens).

**Most Difficult Opponent:** Tina Ranson (wife).

**Most memorable Match Seen:** Two women mud wrestlers in Corfu.

**Biggest Thrill:** Representing my Country as an Amateur.

**Biggest Disappointment:** Losing twice in the Premiership Final to Sheffield.

**Personal Ambition:** Play for Lancashire and G.B. and win a Medal at Wembley.

**Person you would most like to meet:** Kim Basinger.

**Have you ever been mistaken for anyone famous:** John Merrick.

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**TEAM CHECK**

**SUNDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1992**

### OLDHAM TEAM CHANGES

1. TOMMY MARTYN
2. SCOTT RANSON
3. STUART COCKER
4. IVA ROPATI
5. SEAN TYRER
6. RICHARD RUSSELL
7. SEAN DEVINE
8. MARK SHEALS
9. RICHARD PACHNIUK
10. BARRIE McDERMOTT
11. SHANE TUPAEA
12. BEN OLSEN
13. DAVID BRADBURY
14. PAUL JONES
15. TINY SOLOMONA

#### 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

### SWINTON TEAM CHANGES

1. CHRIS WILKINSON
2. MARTIN LEYLAND
3. EMON RATU
4. IAN DAINITH
5. SIMON ASHCROFT
6. MARK WELSBY
7. PAUL KAY
8. CHRIS PARR
9. STEVE GARNER
10. TONY BARROW
11. IAN PICAKAVANCE
12. DARREN WHITFIELD
13. SIMON LONGSTAFF
14. PAUL KENNETT
15. JOHN ALLEN

#### PENALTIES

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#### SCRUMS

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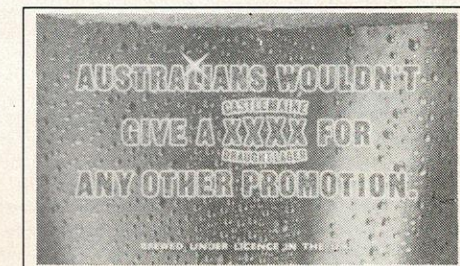
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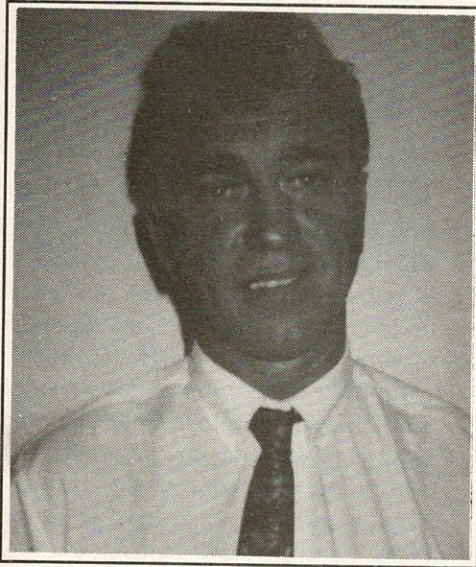
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# 'A' TEAM ROUND UP

with COACH JOHN PRINCE

We have now played four games, won two and lost two. Not too disappointing start to the season by a relatively young and inexperienced team, having an average age of 19 years. They have given 100% commitment to the Oldham R.L.F.C. and have worked hard in training. Their form and individual performances on the field have also improved week by week. All I ask is that you, as supporters, continue to be patient and support these young players as we build for the future.

### KEIGHLEY 'A' 24 v. OLDHAM 'A' 28

Away, Sunday, 20th September, 1992

After conceding 10 points in the opening eight minutes, our young side continued to make basic mistakes as we fell to 12 points to nil down in the next half hour or so. Then, in six magical minutes before half-time, the game plan finally came right and we swept into the lead with tries from B. McDermott, P. Hannigan and M. Hudspith, who converted two of the tries.

At the start of the second half, we continued where we left off and after four minutes, we extended our lead to 20 pts to 12 with a try from A. Phillips. We then started to make mistakes again and allowed Keighley to draw level at 20 pts each. A try from David Pye put us four points ahead, but again Keighley drew level. Unfortunately we then lost Abraham Phillips with a broken ankle, but we pulled the game back with a try from

B. McDonald to record a 28-24 victory, taking the Man of the Match Award. Good displays also came from D. Stephenson and J. Maxwell, who broke a finger during the game.

### OLDHAM 'A' 10 v. SALFORD 'A' 31

Home, Saturday, 19th September, 1992

With only one forward with any experience, namely David Stephenson and having to play new signings Stephen Heaton (18 years) at open side prop, Paul Norman (18 years) centre and David Pye (19 years) as sub., we more than matched a very experienced and mature Salford 'A' team, being unlucky to turn round at half-time in arrears.

In the second half, Salford's experience finally told, particularly in the final quarter. Our Man of the Match was David Stephenson, closely followed by Steve Warburton, with top tackler Ian Bates giving his usual 100% commitment. With two tries from the rapidly-improving Darrel Rogers and a goal from Paul Hannigan, I wasn't too disappointed from a coaching point of view, as I felt that all our young players gave a much-improved performance and the real aim of an Alliance team coach, is to produce first team players of the future.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, our 'A' Team Page Sponsors, whom I met for the first time on our long journey to Carlisle and all our other loyal fans I have met in the last few weeks. Your support is recognised and is very important to the future of our young players. Please introduce yourselves to me and continue your welcome support.

In the next programme I hope to introduce more of our young players to you in these notes.

### NEXT TWO ALLIANCE GAMES -

#### Lancs County Challenge Shield, Round One

Saturday, 3.10.92 Carlisle 'A' H 1.00 p.m.  
Friday, 9.10.92 Leigh 'A' H 7.30 p.m.

### ALLIANCE FIXTURES 1992\93

Saturday, 29.8.92	Sheffield Eagles	H 20-33 (L)	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 5.9.92	Carlisle	A 28-18 (W)	12.00 p.m.
Saturday, 12.9.92	Keighley	A 28-24 (W)	2.30 p.m.
Saturday, 19.9.92	Salford	H 10-31 (L)	1.00 p.m.
Friday, 2.9.92	Ryedale York	A	7.30 p.m.
Saturday 3.10.92	Carlisle (Lancs C.C. Shield)	H	1.00 p.m.
Friday 9.10.92	Leigh	H	7.30 p.m.
Friday, 30.10.92	Salford	A	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 14.11.92	Carlisle	H	1.00 p.m.
Friday, 20.11.92	Huddersfield	A	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 5.12.92	Hemel Hempstead	H	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 12.12.92	Swinton	H	1.00 p.m.
Friday, 18.12.92	Bramley	A	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 2.1.92	Swinton	H	1.30 p.m.
Saturday, 16.1.93	Hunslet	H	1.00 p.m.
Thursday, 23.1.93	Leigh	A	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 6.2.93	Dewsbury	A	2.00 p.m.
Saturday, 13.2.93	Workington	H	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 20.2.93	Hemel Hempstead	A	2.30 p.m.
Saturday, 27.2.93	Doncaster	H	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 6.3.93	London Crusaders	H	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 20.3.93	Workington	A	2.30 p.m.
Saturday, 27.3.93	Huddersfield	H	1.00 p.m.

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# SKIPPERS' SPOT

with OLDHAM CAPTAIN  
RICHARD RUSSELL

After two very different performances against Warrington and Huddersfield, we find ourselves still at the top of the Second Division, but with the added bonus of being two points clear.

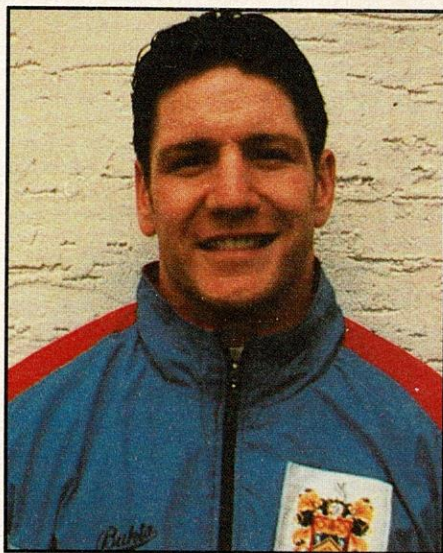
Our 33-20 win over Warrington was mainly due to our excellent team performance in the second half. I feel I must give special praise to the fantastic finishing of Ivo Ropati and also the strength and determination of our two props, Mark Sheals and Tiny Salomona. A tremendous thank you also goes to you, the fans, who were fantastic and gave us the extra lift we needed on the day.

After a somewhat disappointing performance against Huddersfield, the team was brought back down to earth, after the high of the Warrington game.

Today's opponents, Swinton, will be no push-over, even though they find themselves near the bottom of the Second Division. With a few ex-Oldham players and coach Tony Barrow inspiring them from the dug-out, I'm sure they'll want to settle a few old scores.

Enjoy the game,

RICHARD RUSSELL



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**P L A Y E R S**

Opponents	Date	Ven.	Res.	F-A	Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
LONDON C.	30.9.92	H	W	27-12	2,428	Tyrer	Ransom	Cocker	Ropati	Marwell	Marwell	Deane	Sheals	Bates	McDermott	Meadors	Tupaea	Russell	Olsen*	Solomona*
CARLISLE	6.9.92	H	W	38-14	2,292	Tyrer	Ransom	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbis	Marwell	Deane	Sheals	Pachniuk	McDermott	Meadors	Tupaea	Russell	Olsen*	Solomona*
WARRINGTON	13.9.92	H	W	33-20	4,041	Tyrer	Ransom	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbis	Marwell	Deane	Sheals	Pachniuk	McDermott	Meadors	Tupaea	Russell	Bradbury*	Jones*
HUDDERSFIELD	20.9.92	A	W	28-24	2,886	Tyrer	Ransom	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbis	Marwell	Deane	Sheals	Pachniuk	McDermott	Meadors	Tupaea	Russell	Bradbury*	Jones*
SWINTON	27.9.92	H																		
FEATHERSTONE R.	4.10.92	H																		
ROCHDALE HORNETS	11.10.92	A																		
BRAMLEY	18.10.92	A																		
SWINTON	1.11.92	H																		
REGAL TROPHY RD. 1	8.11.92	A																		
CARLISLE	15.11.92	A																		
HUDDERSFIELD	22.11.92	H																		
SWINTON	29.11.92	A																		
REGAL TROPHY RD. 2	5.12.92	A																		
FEATHERSTONE R.	13.12.92	A																		
BRAMLEY	20.12.92	H																		
ROCHDALE HORNETS	26.12.92	H																		
SWINTON	1.1.93	A																		
BRAMLEY	10.1.93	H																		
CARLISLE	17.1.93	A																		
ROCHDALE HORNETS	24.1.93	H																		
SILK CUT CHALL. CUP RD. 1	30.1.93	A																		
FEATHERSTONE R.	7.2.93	A																		
SILK CUT CHALL. CUP RD. 2		H																		
CARLISLE	21.2.93	H																		
SILK CUT CHALL. CUP RD. 3	27.2.93	A																		
LONDON C.	28.2.93	A																		
HUDDERSFIELD	7.3.93	A																		
FEATHERSTONE R.	14.3.93	H																		
LONDON C.	21.3.93	H																		
BRAMLEY	4.4.93	A																		
ROCHDALE HORNETS	9.4.93	A																		
HUDDERSFIELD	12.4.93	H																		
LONDON C.	18.4.93	A																		

**NEXT HOME GAME**

**OLDHAM**

**v.**

**FEATHERSTONE ROVERS**

**FRIDAY, 2nd OCTOBER, 1992**

**KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m.**

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# 1992 APPEARANCES & SCORERS

**AS AT 21st SEPTEMBER, 1992**

	APP	SUB	TRIES	GOALS	DROP GOALS	POINTS
SEAN TYRER	4	-	2	-	-	8
SCOTT RANSON	4	-	3	-	-	12
STUART COCKER	4	-	4	-	-	16
IVA ROPATI	4	-	3	-	-	12
JOHN MAXWELL	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOMMY MARTYN	4	-	1	15	1	35
SEAN DEVINE	4	-	3	3	1	19
MARK SHEALS	4	-	-	-	-	-
IAN BATES	1	-	-	-	-	-
BARRIE McDERMOTT	2	1	1	-	-	4
MARK MEADOWS	3	-	2	-	-	8
SHANE TUPAEA	3	-	-	-	-	-
RICHARD RUSSELL	4	-	-	-	-	-
BEN OLSEN	2	2	-	-	-	-
"TINY" SOLOMONA	2	2	1	-	-	4
HUGH GUMBS						
RICHARD PACHNIUK	2	-	-	-	-	-
DAVID BRADBURY	1	1	-	-	-	-
PAUL JONES	-	2	-	-	-	-

## LEAGUE TABLE

**STONES BITTER 2ND DIVISION 1992/93**

	P	W	L	D	F	A	PTS	PTS DIFF
OLDHAM	3	3	0	0	93	50	6	+43
LONDON C.	3	2	1	0	88	51	4	+37
BRAMLEY	3	2	1	0	55	34	4	+21
FEATHERSTONE R.	3	2	1	0	70	49	4	+21
ROCHDALE H.	3	2	1	0	50	62	4	-12
CARLISLE	3	1	2	0	46	94	2	-48
SWINTON	3	0	3	0	24	39	0	-15
HUDDERSFIELD	3	0	3	0	49	96	0	-47

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# BACK PAGES

by MICHAEL TURNER

First of all I'm sure that I speak for everyone connected with Oldham R.L.F.C., in wishing a warm welcome to all the ex-players who are attending this afternoon's Club Reunion.

This event was first organised three years ago, to coincide with the Centenary of the Opening of Watersheddings on 28th September, 1889 and has now become an Annual feature on the corresponding weekend to the original date.

The opposition for that first match, as today, were the "Lions" of Swinton and before a crowd of 7,000, they rather tempered the celebrations by inflicting defeat on the home team. This game was also the first time Oldham played in red and white shirts, having previously sported amber and black.

The honour of kicking off the first match on the new ground fell to the Oldham captain Bill McCutcheon, a Welshman, who was a member of the first-ever Wales team to win Rugby Union's coveted Triple Crown, however, even in those far off pre-Northern Union, non-professional days, the top players were still lured to the top Northern teams, usually by a guarantee of employment. After 10 years service on the playing staff, where he gained County Honours for his adopted Lancashire, Bill went on to become a leading referee, handling Cup Finals and test Matches and also served for many years on the Oldham Committee.

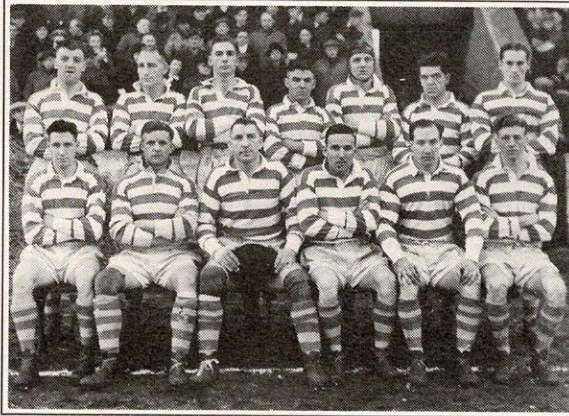
## PHOTO FEATURE (Courtesy of the Oldham Evening Chronicle)

Today's photo shows the Oldham team before the match against Cumbrian amateurs Broughton Moor in the Challenge Cup First Round, First Leg on 12th February, 1949; line-up as follows:

**Back Row:** Ogden, A. Tomlinson, Sugden, Barraclough, H. Tomlinson, Daley, Casey.

**Front Row:** Spencer, Leyland, Brooks, Jones, Mitchell, Ward.

Oldham won the match 30-0 and the following week in the Second Leg, played at Workington, another victory was secured by the margin of 35-2. Team changes from the First Leg saw Bob Batten, Larry Platt, Les Anthony and J. Doneghan come into the side for the trip to Cumberland.



I am currently researching for a book covering the complete playing records and history of OLDHAM RLFC. If anyone has any old material connected with the club (photos, programmes etc) I would be very interested in viewing such items. Please contact: Michael Turner, 158 Balfour Street, Oldham OL4 1NS. Tel: 061-620 6005

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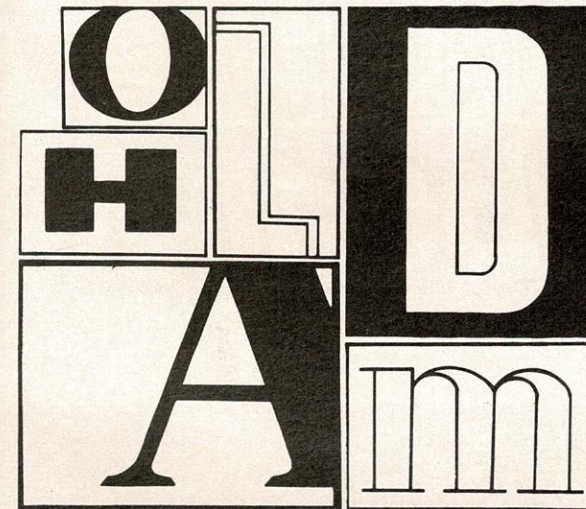
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# QUIZ

## HALF-TIME TEASERS

1. Who was the only Oldham player picked for the 1946 Tour to Australia and New Zealand?
2. What team are nicknamed "The Robins"?
3. In what year did Oldham last win the R.L. Challenge Cup?
4. What was unusual about the Oldham v. Featherstone match played on 18th January, 1987?
5. What was the last season that the Challenge Cup First Round was played on a two-leg basis?
6. Which Australian forward captained Oldham in the 1988 victory over Featherstone, in the Second Division Premiership Final?
7. Which team play at Lawkholme Lane?
8. What were the three venues for the twice-replayed Semi-Final of the Challenge Cup between Oldham and Hull K.R. in 1964?
9. In which season did Liverpool City change their name to Huyton?
10. Which now defunct club were the first winners of the R.L. (Northern Union) Championship in 1896?

**ANSWERS:**  
 1. Douglas Phillips  
 2. Hull K.R.  
 3. 1927  
 4. The match was played at Maine Road (Manchester City F.C.).  
 5. 1953-54  
 6. Mal Graham  
 7. Kelghey  
 8. 1968-69  
 9. 1968-69  
 10. Manningham

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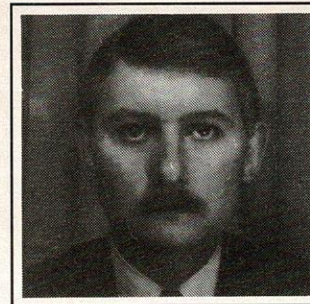
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# QUOTE - UNQUOTE



with CLUBCALLS GED MASON

"That was the worst performance I've seen from an Oldham side since I've been coach." That's what Peter Tunks said on Clubcall after last Sunday's narrow win at Huddersfield.

It does, of course, keep Oldham's 100% League record intact which, hopefully, can be maintained today in another local derby against Swinton who are still looking for their first points of the season, having lost all three League games to date.

Oldham again are in action next weekend here at Watersheddings but, please note, the game takes place next Friday and not Sunday. Coverage of the game will be provided on Clubcall throughout the evening as Oldham take on Featherstone Rovers.

Tiny Soloman was a featured guest on Clubcall last week and was very honest about the performance at Huddersfield. "The boys minds weren't on the job, we made too many mistakes coming out of our own twenty-five, we just had no respect for the ball and we nearly paid the price."

Turning away from the game against Huddersfield, I asked Tiny how he was enjoying his time at Oldham. "Yes, it's a great club, the fans have been very kind to me and I would like to repay that with some good performances. I was struggling with an injury in the build-up to last week's game and so Tunksy decided to take me off".

Stuart Cocker returned to Huddersfield with his new club last weekend and we asked him, prior to the fixture, what he expected. "I think there will be one or two welcoming committee's waiting for me on the pitch. One or two players have said they are looking forward to my return. One ex-player returned with his new club two weeks ago and got carried off".

Stuart did take some illegal challenges but, thankfully, came through the game not too worse for wear.

Enjoy today's game. Hopefully we can continue the 100% League start and don't forget Friday next week and not Sunday.

We'll be looking back at today's game and looking ahead to next Friday throughout the week on Oldham Rugby League Clubcall. Enjoy the game.

See you next Friday,

GED MASON

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# ROGER HALSTEAD looks at PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS



Swinton and Oldham have not met many times in recent seasons because the clubs have hopped through the divisions and have often missed each other en route.

Last season, for instance, the Lions finished in bottom place in the First Division while Oldham ended up third in the new, eight-club Second Division.

There was just one meeting between Swinton and Oldham last season and that was at Station Road in the first round of the Lancashire Cup on September 15th, 1991 when Oldham won a thriller 22-21.

The Oldham team was as follows: Nicklin, Irving, Martyn, McAlister, Henderson, Warburton, Flanagan, Donegan, Pachniuk, Street, Round, Newton, Russell. Subs: Longstaff, Tupaea.

There was a crowd of 3,285 and the Oldham scorers were as follows: Goals, Martyn (3); Tries, Pachniuk, Martyn, Nicklin, McAlister.

I recall that Richard Pachniuk was awarded a hotly-disputed try in the dying minutes, after Tim Street and Shane Tupaea, on his debut as substitute, led the Oldham victory charge against their former team.

Little did we know that this would be Oldham's last appearance on the famous Station Road Ground, which has been the scene of so many Oldham triumphs and disasters in Cup Semi-Finals and other big matches over the years.

It is interesting to note too, that of the Oldham team that bid its farewell to Station Road (since sold for housing development), only Martyn, Pachniuk, Russell and Tupaea are likely to be in today's line-up.

Scott Ranson scored a try for Swinton last September, little knowing at the time that he would be an Oldham player before the end of the season, moving here in an exchange for Tony Barrow Jnr., Richard Irving and Simon Longstaff.

Sadly, Richard was badly injured while playing for the Lions against Rochdale Hornets on the opening day of the season and he could be out of action for several months.

However, it will be a big day for Longstaff and Barrow, on their return to their former club and also for Swinton coach, Tony Barrow Snr., who was boss here for more than two years prior to the Peter Tunks era.

On the other side of the coin, Oldham's ex-Lions, Ranson, Tupaea, Mark Meadows and Mark Sheals, will be keen to come out of today's game with flying colours, although Meadows missed last week's game at Huddersfield with a calf muscle injury and he may be out of the reckoning.

The connections between the clubs do not end there. Former Oldham Chairman, Harvey Ashworth, joined the Swinton Board when he left here and another ex-Oldham Committee man, Jack Bowden, is still on the Board of a club which now plays its home games on the Bury soccer ground at Gigg Lane.

The clubs did not meet at all during 1990-91, when Oldham were relegated from the First Division and Swinton promoted from the second.

In 1989-90, when both clubs were in Division Two, Oldham won 29-14 at home and lost 15-12 away, before gaining revenge nine days later with a 32-10 win at Watersheddings in the First Round of the Second Division Premiership play-off.



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