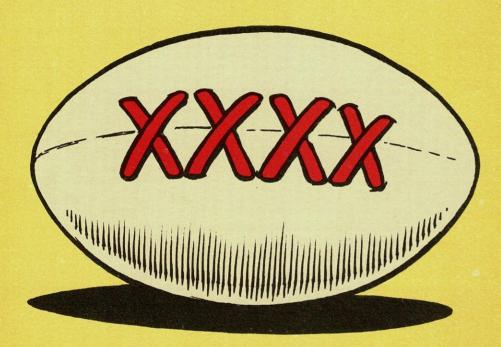
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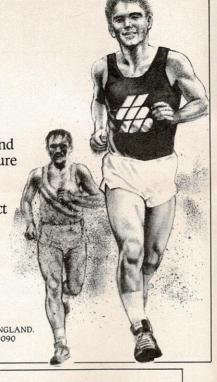
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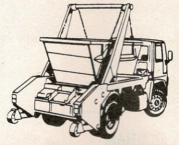


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224 goals, 1957-58 season

Record Point Scorer: Bernard Ganley, 28 points

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First Game: 21st October, 1876 v Stalybridge

Highest Number of Points Scored: Bernard

Ganley, 2,881

Most Appearances: Joe Ferguson, 685

Most Tries: Pre 1900, Jack Hirst, 233

Since 1900, Alan Davies, 182

FROM the **BOARDROOM**

CHAIRMAN JAMES QUINN

Everyone in Rugby League must have been upset to read of the plight facing Swinton and I think there are lessons to be learned from the sequence of events that have led the Lions to the brink of closure.

At the time of writing, Swinton had assured fans that they would fulfil their fixtures at Watersheddings last Sunday and against Wigan in the Greenalls Lancashire Cup last Tuesday.

Further than that, the future appeared to be unknown and the board had asked an independent firm of accountants to prepare a report by this weekend before the club decided whether to put the club into the hands of an

It is all very sad and we can speak with a lot of feeling because the Oldham Board has also been facing a fight for survival over the last two years or so.

With the benefit of hindsight there is one major difference and that is that Swinton have sold their Station Road ground, whereas Oldham have sold off only the training pitch. We still own Watersheddings ground, the greyhound track, the car park and the social club and, while that

state of affairs remains the same, we still have some roots, some assets, some "family silver" if you like. Once you have sold, it has gone for ever and Swinton are now faced with the problem that their only assets are

the players and that the fans appear to have turned their back on the move to Gigg Lane, Bury - a non-Rugby League area in the traditional sense.

At Oldham, of course, there has been considerable speculation that there may come a day when the club might want to sell Watersheddings and seek a new home, Boundary Park always being the obvious alternative.

Those who lean towards the view believe there would be enormous benefits for our club - good, modern facilities, no worries about ground safety, plenty of room to pack in the fans no matter how big the occasion, easy access just off the motorway system, as many seats as we would ever require, etc., etc.

All these are valid, sensible points and I would go along with them wholeheartedly . . . SO LONG AS THERE WAS A WATERTIGHT AGREEMENT WHICH ENSURED THE CLUB'S LONG-TERM FUTURE.

The danger with selling your home is that you can so easily become nomads, with nowhere to play, no assets to fall back on and very little substance with which to face up to financial problems.

The agreement that operates in Rochdale, for the combined use of Spotland by Rochdale A.F.C. and Rochdale Hornets, appears to be an excellent one. I am not sure of the exact figures, but it operates on the lines that both clubs have about 45% of the shares in the holding company and the remaining 10% are held by Rochdale

In other words, there is no landlord-tenant relationship, no one to wield the big stick. The clubs are equal partners and, in the event of a clash of interests, there is an independent and ready-made arbiter on hand in the shape of the local authority. It is my firm conviction that anything less than that would not be acceptable, because we would no longer own

our home and we would have a lot more problems than we have now. The Swinton case should be a warning to us all and it is my personal view that we should take heed of what has

happened there and consider a move from Watersheddings only on the lines I have outlined above. No one can foresee the long-term future in these uncertain times but it is my firm conviction that, if we ever do

more from Watersheddings, we will have to ensure that the club's future is stable and secure.

We are the Roughyeds not the WANDERERS!

Just to change the topic of conversation, didn't we do well at Leigh? We are now through to the County Cup Semi-Final and no matter what happens in the last four, congratulations have been earned for all concerned. The support at Hilton Park was tremendous and I know the players are looking forward to your great vocal backing again, not only in the Semi-Final but also in tonight's important League game against Featherstone, the bookmakers' favourites for the Second Division title.

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STONES BITTER TEAMS OF THE MONTH

Table-toppers St. Helens, Oldham and Ryedale-York are the first winners of the Stones Bitter Team of the Month titles for 1992-93.

The Saints are not only sitting at the top of the Stones Bitter Championship table, but are also the new holders of the CIS Insurance Charity Shield, having beaten rivals Wigan at Gateshead in August and are still making progress to retention of the Lancashire Cup.

Lancashire Cup Semi-Finalists Oldham are also unbeaten in the Stones Bitter Second Division, being clear leaders with their 100% success rate in the four fixtures during September.

Revitalised Ryedale-York have bounced back from relegation last season to head the Stones Bitter Third Division as the only team with an unbeaten record after the opening four fixtures. The Wasps are also the Division's top points scorers with an average of 42 per game.

Stones Bitter prize cheques will be presented to the September Award Winners to the value of £500 for St. Helens, £350 for Oldham and £250 for Ryedale-York.

LEADING SCORERS

Greg Austin, of Halifax, has taken over as this season's leading try scorer, with nine in five matches, having scored in all four Stones Bitter Championship matches.

Four players are now in second place with eight - Brimah Kebbie (Bradford Northern), Alan Hunte (St. Helens), Phil Ford (Salford) and David Plange (Sheffield E.).

John Wasyliw of Keighley heads the goal-kickers with 28, following by Martin Birkett (Salford) 27, Tommy Martyn (Oldham) 26, Dean Marwood (Workington T.) 25, Paul Eastwood (Hull) 22 and Mark Sims (Doncaster) 20. Birkett and Marwood are joint leading point scorers with 62 each

TRY SCORING SEQUENCE

Alan Hunte of St. Helens has the longest try-scoring sequence, covering matches as follows: 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2.

WINNING RUN

St. Helens and Oldham remain the only teams to have won all their matches this season, with six victories each. St. Helens have won four Stones Bitter Championship games, one Greenalls Lancashire Cup-tie and the CIS Insurance Charity Shield. Oldham's sequence is made up of four Second Division matches and two Greenalls Lancashire Cup-ties.

LOSING RUN

Chorley Borough ended their losing run at six, with an 18-15 win at Nottingham City.

Third Division Barrow and Highfield are the only clubs without a win this season, having each lost five matches. Barrow also lost their last match of last season.

POINT SCORING RUN

Mike Smith, of Chorley Borough, has the longest point-scoring run of 19 matches, stretching back to last Boxing Day.

MILESTONES

Paul Medley, the Bradford Northern and former Leeds and Halifax International forward, needs one try for a career century of touchdowns.

Garry Schofield of Leeds needs one try for a career century of touchdowns with the club.

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Dean Bell, the Wigan and former Leeds and Carlisle centre, needs four tries for a career century in English Club Rugby.

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IKRAM BUTT. Signed from Leeds A team to become a regular team member, to add pace and strength to the three-quarters. Production Inspector.

PAUL NEWLOVE. Great Britain's youngest International, appearing as a substitute in the First Test against New Zealand at Old Trafford, having scored two tries on his Yorkshire debut against Lancashire. Like Smales, Paul is one of the "finds", scoring 18 priceless tries and nine goals in 30 appearances for Rovers in his debut season. The son of ex-Rovers and Hull stand-off John, who captained the Rovers to their 1973 Wembley success over Bradford Northern. Paul signed professional forms in August 1988, on his 17th birthday, going immediately into First Division football. Toured Papua New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand this summer, played in four tests on tour.

TERRY MANNING. Terry joined Rovers from Keighley, where he had created a reputation as one of the best centres in Division Two, scoring 18 tries in 31 appearances. Rovers Player of the Year last season. Postman.

MARTIN PEARSON. At 20 years old, Martin is looking to establish himself as the regular choice at No. 6. Martin is strong and fast and this, allied to his goal-kicking skill, makes him an outstanding prospect. U21 International.

LEO CASEY. Leo signed from Oldham during the close season in 1990, in a record transfer deal for the club. Leo is now back to full fitness and showing the form which prompted Peter Fox to sign him on. Contractor.

CHRIS BURTON. A signing from Hull K.R. with Rovers, Yorkshire County forward Paul Lyman going in the opposite direction. A vastly-experienced back-row man, with nine Great Britain caps and three appearances for Yorkshire behind him. Toured Down Under in 1984, after making his test debut against Australia at Wigan in 1982. Began with Leeds, winning 1976 Yorkshire Cup honours, before joining Huddersfield and then starring with the "Robins". Was a try-scorer in the 1981 Wembley Final, one of nine major Final appearances, which include the 1984 and 1985 Yorkshire Cup Finals.

IAN SMALES. Son of former Rovers goal-kicking forward Tommy, he was signed from Lock Lane ARLFC in April 1987. A goal-kicking utility back. Toured Papua New Guinea and New Zealand. Warehouseman.

GARY ROSE. Signed from Keighley. Gary has settled in well at Post Office Road and become a firm favourite with the crowd through his rugged tackling and straight running. Building worker.

BRENDON TUUTA. A New Zealand International who has made a big impact in the team with his strong running and tackling and high work rate. Rugby League player. Played against Great Britain in the two New Zealand tests earlier this year.

ANDY FISHER. Joined Rovers in January 1989, from the Eastmoor ARLFC, serving a swift apprenticeship in Alliance football. Given a chance in preseason friendlies, where he showed great promise, this busy loose-forward was given a first team debut against Castleford. Production Manufacturing Operative.

GARY PRICE. Previously with York and Leeds, the hard-working back-rower originates from Castleford junior football and cost Rovers a £50,000 fee. A member of the York team which went within 80 minutes of a Wembley appearance in 1984, he gained a Yorkshire cap for the War of the Roses clash against Lancashire in 1986. Shortly afterwards, Peter Fox signed him for Leeds. Unable to secure a regular place at Headingley, he was resigned by Fox, making his debut against Keighley and scoring his first try. Fitter.

TIM SHARP. Brother of Jon Sharp, the Hull forward, he is another local junior signed by Featherstone of whom the club has high hopes. At 21 years of age, Tim is fast maturing into a very fine footballer. Production Operative.

OWEN SIMPSON. Signed from Keighley RLFC in a £50,000 deal. Ex-Army Rugby Union player, Owen has been a leading try-scorer in each of his two seasons in the Second Division. Contractor.

MARK WILSON. Utility-back signed from Bradford Northern to strengthen the squad. Mark is a rugged tackler and good ball distributor, looking to recapture the form which made him a top-rated junior when he signed with Leeds. Went to Odsal as part of the deal which took Phil Ford to Headingley. Self Employed.

BRETT DAUNT. Recently arrived scrum-half from the Brisbane Valleys RLC as a replacement for Deryck Fox, sold to Bradford Northern. Brett is a clever footballer with a good handling and kicking game.

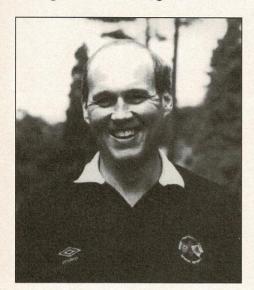
RICHARD GUNN. Another recent signing from the Leeds RLFC, following the transfer of Trevor Clark to Bradford Northern. Richard is a strong-tack-ling forward in the ruck. Collected a John Player Final medal with Leeds.

WAYNE TAEKATA. This former Western Suburbs forward was brought to England, on the recommendation of new Aussie coach Steve Martin, to add "steel" to the front row.

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On the home front, it has been disappointing to lose two of our best players in Mark Sheals and Iva Ropati through suspension, More so in fact when their send-

ings-off pale into insignificance beside some of the tackles that have gone unpunished in televised 1st Division fixtures recently.

The youngsters that have been given their chance recently have responded well, and although guilty at times of mistakes that we can do without, they will continue to get an opportunity here at Oldham as experience can only be gleaned by playing against the best quality opponents, and players such as Newlove, Smales, Tuuta and former Oldham man Casey, to name a few, will again be a good yardstick to measure the amount of improvement we will have to make if we hope to gain promotion this year and be able to survive in the cut and thrust of the 1st Division. Give our youngsters the support they need from the terraces tonight.

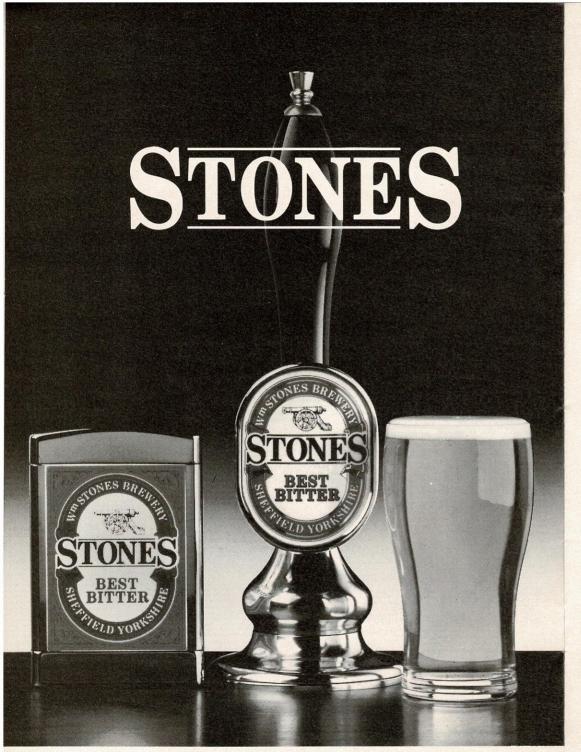
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PLAYER PROFILE

RICHARD PACHNIUK

Full Name: Richard Pachniuk

Date of Birth: 24.3.71.

Birthplace: Moorlands, Dewsbury.

Height: 5 ft. 8 ins.

Weight: 13 stone 6 lbs.

Favourite Drink: White wine and lemonade.

Favourite Food: Chicken a la creme. **Favourite TV Show:** Home and Away.

Favourite Music: Wet Wet Wet.

Hobbies: Weight training, keeping tropical fish. **Previous Clubs:** Dewsbury Moor A.R.L.F.C.

Biggest Influence on Career so far: George Burgess.

Favourite Player: Australian - Brad Fittler.
Favourite Ground: Old Trafford, Manchester.
Most Difficult Opponent: Des Drummond.

Most memorable Match Seen: 1991 State of Origin Series.

Biggest Thrill: Playing in Premiership Final.

Biggest Disappointment: Not getting G.B. Under 21 Cap.

Personal Ambition: To play at Wembley.

Person you would most like to meet: Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Have you ever been mistaken for anyone famous: No.

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- 12. IAN SMALES
- 13. BRENDON TUUTA
- 14. GARY PRICE
- 15. CHRIS BURTON

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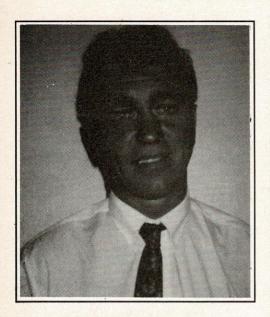
sion as Ropati faced stiff opposition for the award from both Stuart Cocker and Mark Sheals.

Over to Roger: "I've chosen Ropati, despite his dismissal at Huddersfield, on the strength of his hat-trick of tries against Warrington in the first match of the Lancashire Cup. It was this win which put Oldham in the spotlight - and Ropati's ability to score against top class opposition which makes him a worthy Player of the Month for September".

MORE AWARDS TO FOLLOW

Throughout the season XXXX will continue to recognise the players who make the most powerful influence Oldham's performance - and giving away quite a few cans of XXXX in the process. Oldham players just wouldn't give a XXXX or any other award . . . unless, of course, its the XXXX Player of the Year award. That's where we'll be enlisting the help of you, the supporters. More news over the next few months on these pages.





'A' TEAM ROUND UP

with COACH JOHN PRINCE

RYEDALE-YORK "A" 22 pts v. OLDHAM " A" 14 pts.

Away. Friday, 14th September, 1992.
For the first time since I joined Oldham, I was a little disappointed at this result. Once again we had to make last-minute changes and we were forced to field a young, inexperienced side. I could also make other excuses, such as bad luck, decisions which went the wrong way, but I believe that good players can overcome these problems. The simple facts are that we made too many mistakes arising from inexperience, both in attack and defence, which only experience can overcome at professional level. However, the mistakes have been discussed and analysed and our training methods will help our young players to bridge the gap between the amateur and professional games. We made a disastrous start to the match, conceding a

try in the first minute and after 20 minutes, we were trailing 14 pts to 2. However, despite our mistakes, we kept plugging away and following an excellent try by Richard Pachniuk and a goal by Mark Hudspith, we were behind at half time by 14 pts. to 8. In the second half we played with more control and at

three-quarter time, we had levelled the score at 14 all, following a good try by Craig Wright, goaled by Hudspith.

Again we put ourselves under pressure due to simple mistakes and York took the lead with two penalty goals - 18 pts -14 and just before the final whistle, York scored a further try to secure a 22-14 pts victory.

Our outstanding player was Ian Sherratt, who was

making a return to Rugby after suspension. He should make an early return to the first team. Richard Pachniuk was our Man of the Match. ALLIANCE TEAM PROFILES

As promised, today I introduce two more of our

young signings.

NATHAN CLARKE. Aged 19. Born in Bristol. Occupation roof slater and tiler. Signed for Oldham in May, 1992, from Bristol RUFC.

Honours: Bristol first team, County and South West Under 19's representative sides.

Proudest Moment: Playing for South West side.

Likes: Good food.

Dislikes: Losing.
Ambition: To play for Oldham first team.

DAVID PYE. Aged 19. Born in St. Helens. Occupation: Pipe Fitter.

Signed for Oldham this season from Parkside Golborne Under 19's.

Honours: Lancashire Schools and BARLA representative sides.

Proudest Moment: Signing for Oldham and playing for N.W.Counties v. France.

Likes: Good nights out, food, playing Rugby and

Saturday 29.8.92

Dislikes: Losing. **Ambition:** To play in Oldham first team and to play

Next Two Home Alliance fixtures:

Saturday, 2.10.92 Carlisle H 1.00 p.m. Friday, 9.10.92 Leigh 7.30 p.m.

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Friday, 18.12.92	Bramley	Α	7.30 p.m.
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Thursday, 23.1.93	Leigh	Α	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 6.2.93	Dewsbury	A	2.00 p.m.
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Saturday, 6.3.93	London Crusaders	Н	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 20.3.93	Workington	Α	2.30 p.m.
Saturday, 27.3.93	Huddersfield	Н	1.00 p.m.

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SKIPPERS' SPOT

with OLDHAM CAPTAIN RICHARD RUSSELL

After a good victory against Leigh, with only 12 men on the field, we once again find ourselves in the Lancashire Cup Semi-Final. The players would all like to thank you for your tremendous support, as many of you travelled the East



Lancs to help us to our away victory. We hope you give us the same support in the Semi-Final, as I'm sure you will.

The performance against Swinton was below the standard which we set against Warrington and Leigh. We must learn that if we are to gain promotion we should treat every team with the same respect. On the plus side of the performance, was the debut of Wally Gibson, on loan from Huddersfield, he had a good solid game at full-back. Unfortunately, due to a two-match suspension for a suspect head-high tackle, we missed the devastating running of Iva Ropati.

Tonight's opponents, Featherstone are going to be the toughest opposition we will meet in this season's Second Division, with players of such calibre as ex-Oldham player Leo Casey, Internationals Paul Newlove, Brendan Tuuta and Ian Smales, to name but a few.

Tonight's clash should be an exciting and entertaining match for all.

Enjoy the game,

RICHARD RUSSELL

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IAN BATES	1		-			
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HUGH GUMBS	3		2			8
RICHARD PACHNIUK	3		1			4
DAVID BRADBURY	3	1				
PAUL JONES	1	3			-	-
WALLY GIBSON	1					-
STEVE WARBURTON	1					
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LEAGUE TABLE

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FEATHERSTONE R.	4	3	1	0	100	59	6	+41
ROCHDALE H.	4	3	1	0	70	74	6	-4
BRAMLEY	4	2	2	0	67	54	4	+13
CARLISLE	4	1	3	0	56	124	2	-68
SWINTON	4	0	4	0	32	55	0	-23
HUDDERSFIELD	4	0	4	0	59	142	0	-83

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BACK PAGES

by MICHAEL TURNER

With the Australian National side once again visiting our shores for the World Cup Final at the end of this month, today we take a topical look at the performances of the "Green and Golds" in their games against Oldham over the years, since the teams first met on 26th December, 1908.

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It can be noticed that on two tours (21-22 and 33-34), Oldham had two games against the Aussies.

After initial success against the first two touring teams, Oldham not done too well over the years, however, the Championship winning side of 1956-67 gave the tourists a 21-2 thrashing.

PHOTO FEATURE

(Courtesy of the Oldham Evening Chronicle) In keeping with the above, this week's photo shows the 1952 teams entering the field at Watersheddings. The 1952 tourists lost only one club match, to St. Helens, so Oldham's effort of holding them to a draw was a most creditable performance.

Rival captains Frank Stirrup (Oldham) and Clive Churchill (Australia) can be seen leading out the teams. Stirrup being followed by his erstwhile partner, Frank Daley.



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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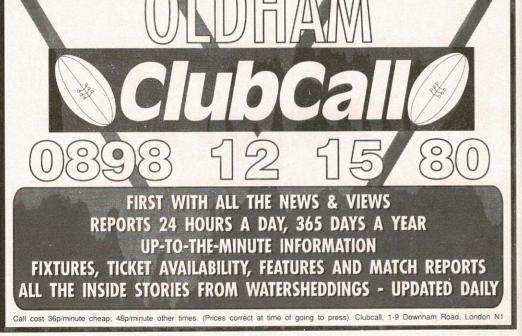


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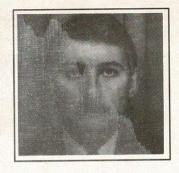
This week's quiz is based entirely on club colours. Which teams are/were renowned for the following colours?

- 1. Primrose and Blue.
- 2. Irregular Back and White Hoops.
- 3. Cerise and Fawn.
- 4. Claret and Gold.
- 5. White with Chocolate, Blue and Gold Band.
- 6. Emerald and Scarlet.
- 7. Myrtle, White and Flame.
- 8. Red and White Hoops with Navy Blue Shorts.
- 9. Tangerine, Black and White.
- 10. Cherry and White Hoops.





QUOTE -UNQUOTE



with CLUBCALLS GED MASON

The unbeaten start to the season continued last Sunday if not convincing against Swinton it was another welcome two points for Peter Tunks, "I had to rest one or two players because of the hectic start to the season. Although I certainly have not been happy with every performance it's fairly encouraging when we keep winning."

Last Sunday Wally Gibson made his Oldham debut - Clubcall spoke to him after the game, "I was a little disappointed with my first game for Oldham but I haven't played for around six weeks because of contract problems at Huddersfield I can assure the fans there is better to come."

I then asked Wally what can the fans expect over the next few games from himself, he replied "tries".

Does Wally hope he will become a permanent fixture here at the club, "that's my goal I just want to do my best for the rest of the loan spell and hope things can be sorted out at the end of the loan period. Oldham are a team that are going places and I want to be involved."

After the win at Hilton Park against Leigh, Shane Tupaea had this to say, "The pack are now really forming a solid unit and the backs have the ability to finish out wide, beating two First Division teams is very encouraging".

Final word tonight goes to Iva Ropati, "the season has started well both for myself and for the team, apart from my sending-off at Huddersfield, we will get better and all the team are relishing the remainder of the season."

Oldham are in action at Spotland a week on Sunday, we'll be there, will you?

If not, why not follow the game on Oldham's Clubcall service, the complete service for ALL Oldham fans.

Yours in Sport,

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ROGER HALSTEAD looks at

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

It will be a new-look Featherstone Rovers which comes to Watersheddings tonight. There was a time when all Rovers had to do, to recruit their coaching and playing staff, was to shout down the local pit. Not any more.

Like most clubs these days, Rovers have their share of overseas men and they have even gone to the other side of the world - like Oldham - to recruit their boss.

It was to have been John Dorahy, but the Aussie's commit-

ment with Newcastle Knights meant he could not get here in time, so Rovers signed a man, greatly-respected in Sydney for his labours with the North Sydney club, Steve Martin.

Perhaps the Aussie with the biggest task at Post Office Road, however, is scrum-half Brett Daunt of the Valleys Club in Brisbane.

It falls to Brett to fill the No. 7 boots, vacated by Great Britain International Deryck Fox, who recently moved to Bradford Northern for £140,000 - a record for a scrumhalf.

Rovers, the bookies favourites to win the Second Division title, gave Daunt his debut against Carlisle last Sunday, together with two more recruits, hooker Richard Gunn (signed from Leeds for an undisclosed sum) and Kiwi prop Wayne Taekata, signed from the Western Suburbs Club in Sydney.

A tit-bit for local fans, of course, will be the possible appearance of former Oldham prop, Leo Casey, who moved to Post Office Road two years ago for an Oldham record fee of £100,000.

The last time the two clubs met was in the 1990-91 season, when Oldham were relegated. Both games ended in victory for Rovers and took place shortly before and after the departure from Watersheddings of Tony Barrow and the appointment as caretaker-coach of John Fieldhouse.

Oldham lost 20-18 at Watersheddings on 6th January, 1991, in front of a crowd of 4,753. Round, Clark and Lord scored the Oldham tries, with Platt (2) and Atkinson kicking the goals.

Oldham: Platt, Francis, Martyn, Henderson, Lord, Clark, Ford, Donegan, Ruane, Fieldhouse, Round, Atkinson, Duane. Subs: McAlister, Cogger.

Oldham lost their next game 42-14 at Hull K.R., whereupon Barrow was sacked and Fieldhouse installed as player-coach.

Oldham beat Wakefield at home 26-22 in Fieldhouse's first match, but then lost 28-20 at Featherstone with the following team: Platt, Robinson, Henderson, Anderson, Irving, Clark, Ford, Donegan, Ruane, Fieldhouse, McAlister, Atkinson, Russell. Subs: Foy, Cogger.

Platt, Russell and Atkinson scored Oldham tries with Platt kicking four goals.

There have been excellent tussles between the teams in recent years, in both First and Second Divisions and also in the Second Division Premiership Final of 1988 at Old Trafford, when Oldham won 28-26, after leading 22-6 at half time.

That was a real thriller. If tonight's game is half as good everyone will get their money's worth.



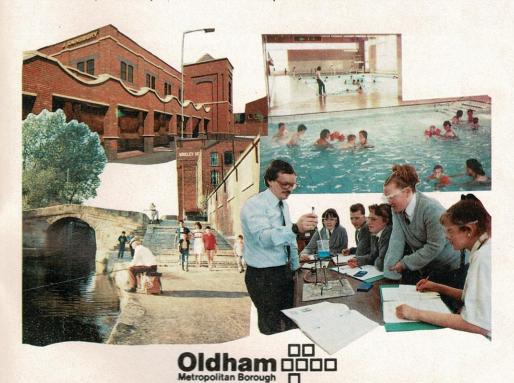


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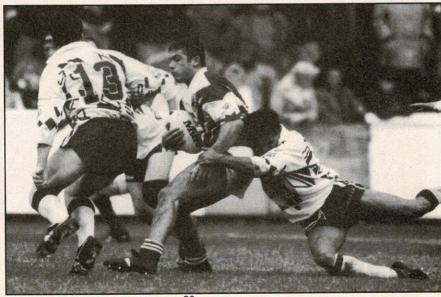
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PHOTOS

OLDHAM v. SWINTON, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1992 Top: A determined Richard Russell spots a gap in the Swinton defence.

Bottom: New boy Wally Gibson shows his defensive qualities.



SUPPORTERS CLUB

We extend a warm welcome to all our friends and supporters from Featherstone and I am sure our fans will give a special welcome to our former coach, Tony Barrow.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Supporters Club is now open at only £2.00 for the season, so why not join now and take advantage of the 5% discounted travel on the Supporters Club Coaches to all away matches. Membership Forms and further information can be obtained from the Club Shop.

For the younger supporter, why not join the Junior Reds at only £2.00 for the season and receive the same discounts as the adults. We are also introducing a Monthly Newsletter for the juniors and if you have any items of interest or comments, please contact Mrs. Sue Collinge on 681 3397 or call in the Club Shop. Membership Forms and further information can be obtained from the Club Shop or by phoning Sue.

A trip to the Blackpool Illuminations has been arranged for Tuesday, 27th October, leaving the Social Club at approximately 5.00 p.m. Further details can be obtained from the Club Shop or by phoning Sue on 681 3397. Junior Reds members can travel free if accompanied by a paying adult.

AWAY MATCHES

Seats for the coaches to the away games at Rochdale on the 11th October and Bramley on the 18th October, can be booked at the Club Shop or by phoning 665 1832 any evening.

In addition to the items detailed below, we now have Shell Suits available in the Club Shop at £49.99 each in sizes Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large and Alice.

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The Rugby League Collectors Federation will be holding a programme and memorabilia fair at the "Sheddings" club on Saturday, November 21st between 11.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

The Supporters Club will be having a stall to sell off some old programmes, with the proceeds going to the family of the later Mr. J. Gallagher, the former Supporters club official and Junior Reds organiser, who tragically died last May.

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