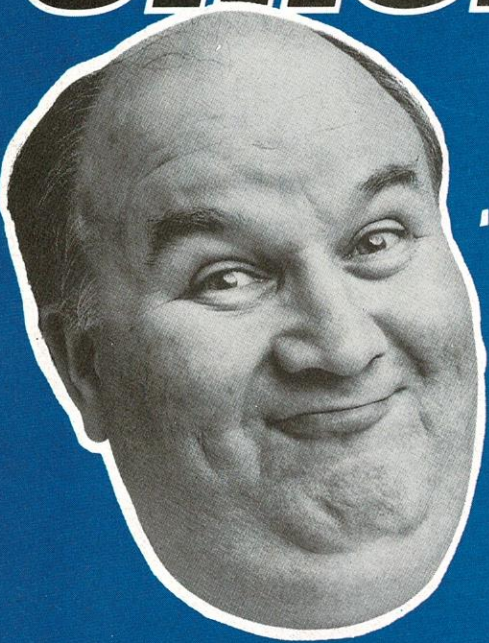


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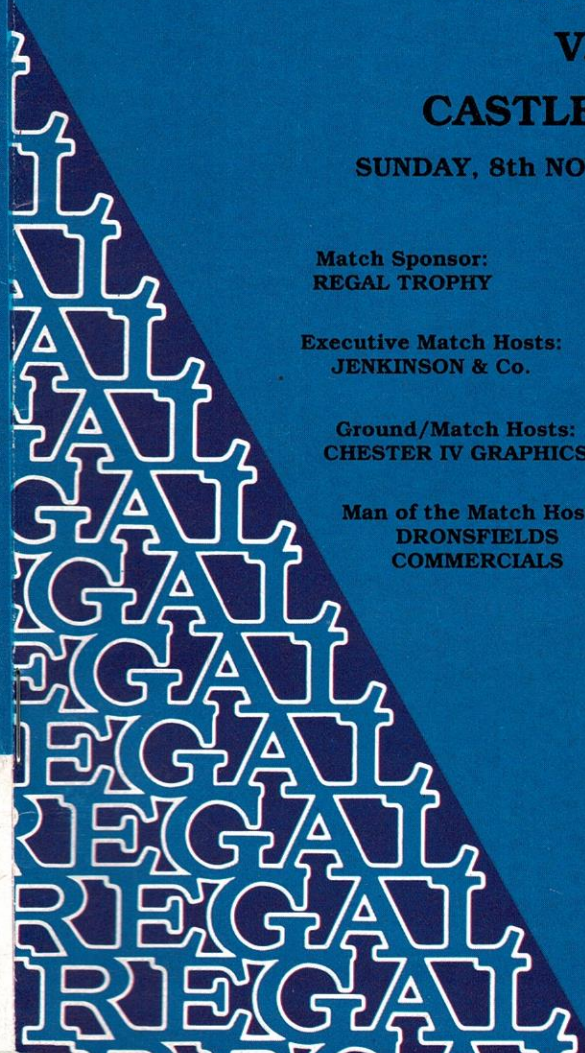
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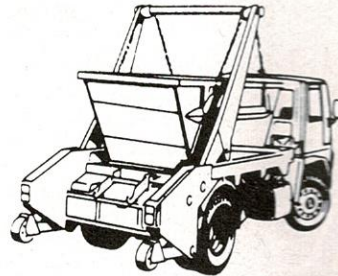
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# SIMPLY THE BEST

## No. 1 - R.L. THOMAS

For today's review of one of our former players we go right back to the early days of the "Northern Union" to feature one of the clubs esteemed figures from that era ..R.L. THOMAS.

Richard Llewellyn Thomas was as his name suggests a Welshman, who came to Oldham from the Newport Club in South Wales at the beginning of the 1897-98 season.



"Dicky", as he was commonly known came North with a fine reputation having already gained International Honours in the Union code. After playing as a threequarter in his first few matches, he soon settled down into his accustomed roll as full-back, quickly gaining county recognition by his adopted Lancashire.

His strengths were the possession of a safe pair of hands under the constant stream of high kicks that prevailed in those early days and being a resolute and brave defender whether in a one to one situation, or being faced by the forward "Rushes" that were a major part of the game in those 15-a-side times.

In all "Dicky" Thomas made 363 appearances for Oldham in first class matches making his debut against Morecambe on September 4th, 1897 and concluding his career in the first team against Salford on April 12th, 1909.

Undoubtably one of the highlights of his career was being a member of the Oldham team that was the first Lancashire side to win the R.L. Challenge Cup in 1899, when he kicked a goal in the 19-9 victory over Hunslet at Fallowfield, Manchester.

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**Record Transfer Fee Paid:** £70,000 to Halifax for Tony Anderson, March 1990

**Record Try Scorer:** Reg Farrar, 49 tries, 1921-22 season

**Record Goal Scorer:** Bernard Ganley, 224 goals, 1957-58 season

**Record Point Scorer:** Bernard Ganley, 28 points v Liverpool City, April 1959

**First Game:** 21st October, 1876 v Stalybridge

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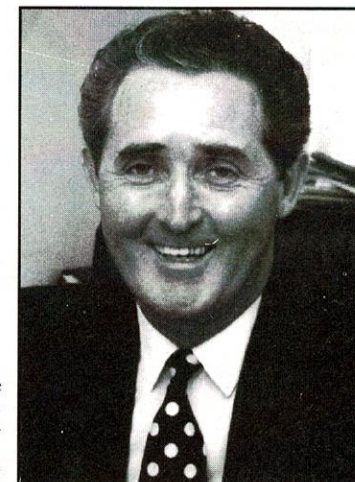
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# FROM the BOARDROOM

by

CHAIRMAN JAMES QUINN



We are in the entertainment business - and I feel that Rugby League sometimes needs to remind itself of that fact. Take the World Cup Final between Great Britain and Australia at Wembley. In many ways it was a truly absorbing contest in which the result might have gone either way. The genuine Rugby League supporter probably got a lot out of the match despite his disappointment at seeing the Aussies hold on to their world crown with a 10-6 victory.

But what of the casual customer? What of the millions who probably watched the match on television from Land's End to John O' Groats? What of those who are regular armchair sports fans and wanted to compare the entertainment value of Rugby League with the two previous Wembley events, namely the soccer international and the RU match between England and Canada?

In the main the game was dour. The tactics of both sides, and especially those of the British team, were based on safety first methods and kicking for territorial position.

Martin Offiah - potentially the most explosive winger and finisher in world rugby - was largely ignored. The Aussie defence was magnificent. It was difficult to give him a clear run with the ball, but we didn't even try to unleash him with a chip-kick.

What a difference in the World Cup Championship Final between Wigan and Brisbane Broncos. Unlike any Winfield Cup teams, the Broncos are noted for their style and adventure: for their willingness to play football even out of their own 22-metre zone if the opportunity arises.

They produced a brilliant performance at Central Park. They were resilient on defence, yet exciting on attack and produced the sort of game that should, perhaps, set the hallmark for others. If we all tried to emulate the Broncos I don't think we would go far wrong.

The contrast between the games at Wembley and Central Park was remarkable and it set me thinking that everyone associated with Rugby League in this country should take a good, long look at what Broncos have achieved - and why.

First of all we have to appreciate that supporters want to be entertained. The entertainment business is now a highly-competitive one and if our great game is to command the attention it deserves, we must provide the fare that spectators want and demand.

The Broncos have shown that a team can defend ruthlessly as well as attack with vision and our young coaches should take a leaf out of the book of the Australian club's coach, Wayne Bennett, always remembering that it is supporters through the turnstiles who pay the wages of coaches and players.

Maybe the administrators could also sit down and see what can be done, if anything, to make The League more expansive. We need to see more threequarter play and a little less emphasis on forward driving. One idea that came to my mind at Wembley - and this is purely a personal one - was to keep the forwards in the scrums longer than they have to, to give half-backs and threequarters more scope and more room to get moving before the back-rowers are out of the pack and taking up defensive positions.

Whatever rules are devised, however, coaches will always devise methods of using them to their own advantage so it is perhaps the attitude and outlook of coaches that we have to address most if we are to get the sort of play that Broncos seem to produce week in and week out.

Here at Oldham we have, in Peter Tunks, a coach who has always strived to get the best of both worlds into his Watersheddings teams - the Australian intensity and the old-fashioned and traditional British flair.

You have only to look at the players whom Peter has signed in recent months to acknowledge that he wants to make Oldham an exciting and potentially-explosive team as well as a defensively secure one. Iva Ropati, Wally Gibson, Steve Kerry, Scott Ranson and Stuart Cocker all come to Watersheddings with reputations as exciting try-scorers, while Hugh Gumbs, who is still only 22, has a lot to offer now that he is settling down and gaining in confidence.

At Oldham we are trying to give the fans what they want. We owe it to Rugby League, to the Oldham club and to the people of this town - and I know Peter feels the same way.

JIM QUINN.

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# IN TOUCH



## REGAL TROPHY - FIRST ROUND

St Helens and Wigan are defending the best successive run of Regal Trophy first round victories, neither having been knocked out at this stage since 1981-82.

Barrow inflicted the Saints last first round knockout when they drew 16-16 away and won the replay 17-0.

The last time Wigan lost in the first round was when they went down 19-10 at Leeds.

Wigan are at home to French champions Carcassonne on Saturday, while St Helens entertain Leeds.

London Crusaders have gone the longest without a first round win. They have not progressed since their first season of 1980-81 when, as Fulham, they won 9-3 before a home crowd of 12,583 at Craven Cottage.

Since then they have also been eliminated twice at the preliminary round stage. London are at home to Wakefield Trinity on Sunday.

## TOP TEN GOAL SCORER (Including drop goals)

1. John Wasyliv (Keighley C)..... 55
2. Dean Marwood (Workington T)..... 50
3. Gary Pearce (Ryedale-York)..... 37
4. Frano Botica (Wigan)..... 35
5. Mark Sims (Doncaster)..... 33
6. Martin Birkett (Salford)..... 30
- Jonathan Davies (Widnes)..... 30
- Martin Pearson (Featherstone R)..... 30
9. Steve Maguire (Whitehaven)..... 29
10. Paul Eastwood (Hull)..... 28
- Steve Gartland (Rochdale H)..... 28

## LEADING TRY SCORERS

Shaun Edwards of Wigan maintains a clear lead at the head of the try scoring chart with 20. The half-back is followed by Alan Hunte (St Helens) and Phil Ford (Salford)

with 13, and Greg Austin (Halifax), David Plange (Sheffield Eagles) and Andy Mason (Wakefield T) with ten.

## LEADING POINT SCORER

John Wasyliv of Keighley Cougars is this season's leading point scorer with 130. The winger has scored 55 goals and five tries.

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## LEAGUE TRY SCORING RUN

Alan Hunte has scored at least one try in all seven of St Helens Stones Bitter Championship matches this season. The Great Britain Test back has totalled eight League touchdowns as follows:

## POINT SCORING RUN

John Wasyliv of Keighley has the current longest scoring run covering 22 matches including all nine this season. The winger's sequence began with three goals in the 18-16 Third Division home defeat of Scarborough Pirates on 17 February 1992.

## LOSING RUN

Highfield are the only team without a win this season after losing all seven matches - six in the Third Division and one Greenalls Lancashire Cup tie.

## MILESTONES

Daryl Powell needs four tries for a career century of touchdowns for Sheffield Eagles and only two for 100 club and representative ties. Dean Bell, the Wigan and former Leeds and Carlisle centre, need two tries for a career century in English club Rugby. Andy Currier needs three tries for a career century with Widnes. Ian Thomas of Huddersfield needs one try for a career century of touchdowns with the club. Mark Aston is 16 points short of being the first Sheffield Eagles player to score 1000 for the club.

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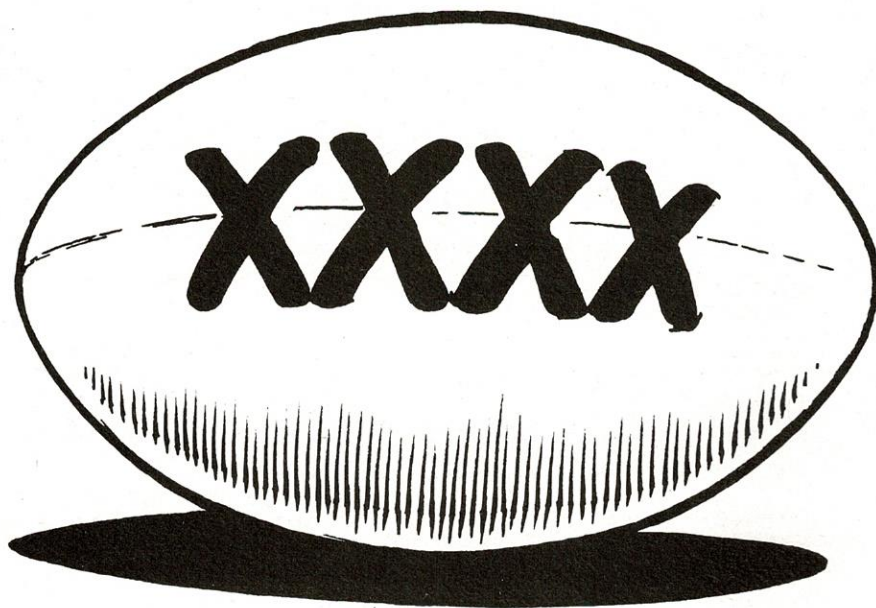
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## CASTLEFORD PEN PICTURES 1992-93

**GRAHAM STEADMAN (Full Back)** A club record signing who cost £175,000 from Featherstone. Last seasons Man of the Match in the Yorkshire Cup Final. Graham made his second tour with Great Britain in the summer. On tour he established himself as first choice full back during the test series with Australia and New Zealand. A prolific try scorer and goal kicker.

**ST JOHN ELLIS (Wing)** Another Great Britain international. 'Singe' has moved around that back division in his career at Cas. A £30,000 fee brought him from York and he has never been out of the first team squad since a debut against the 1989 New Zealand tourists.

**RICHARD BLACKMORE (Centre)** Very highly rated Kiwi in his second season at Cas. Richard has become a New Zealand test regular and back home this summer met with the Great Britain tourists. A strong, powerful runner who suffered from shoulder injuries last term, recovering to be a try scorer at Wembley.

**GILES BOOTHROYD (Centre)** Back in the first team squad after a couple of years of few opportunities. Giles seems determined to hold his place this time. An Under 21 international who signed from local amateurs Lock Lane.

**SIMON MIDDLETON (Wing)** A rare Rugby Union convert in the Castleford line up, signing from the Knottingley club. Simon adapted to the change very quickly and has been a regular try scorer for the club.

**TONY SMITH (Stand-off)** Signed from local junior football. Tony has lots of promise and already has Under 21 international honours. Although mainly a number 6 he has plenty of experience at scrum half and in the centre.

**PETER COYNE (Stand-off)** Peter signed up this season from the St. George team, who he represented in the Australian Grand Final. Lots of representative honours in Queensland before moving south to join the "Dragons". The "kicking game" is Peters' forte, a strength that St. George fought hard to keep down under.

**MIKE FORD (Scrum half)** A 1991 signing from Oldham. Mike moved for a £77,500 fee to solve the clubs scrum half problem. Previous experience at Wigan and Leigh was gained before joining his home-

town team at the Watersheddings in a career that has taken him on tour, in 1988, and two Wembley finals. In good try scoring form this term as well as his usual creativity.

**LEE CROOKS (Prop forward)** Club captain and regular goalkicker. Lee was a £150,000 buy from Leeds. Originally with his hometown club Hull, Lee won a string of club and international honours but financial problems saw Hull selling him to Leeds. He never fully settled at Headingley resurrecting his career at Cas and regaining an international place on the last tour.

**NEIL ROEBUCK (Hooker)** Signed from Bradford as a stand off or looseforward. Neil has made a successful transition to the hooking role. An Under 21 international. Neil started his career in local junior rugby but opted to turn pro with Northern.

**KEITH ENGLAND (Prop forward)** In his benefit season "Beefy" has given loyal service to his hometown team over ten years. A Great Britain international at Colts, Under 24 and full level, he never gives less than 100% effort. Two Wembley appearances for Cas in 1986 and last year.

**DEAN SAMPSON (Prop forward)** Very strong young prop who was called up last summer for the Gt Britain tour party on their last leg in New Zealand. Already one of the clubs many Under 21 internationals, the Stanley Rangers ARL product has a big future in the game.

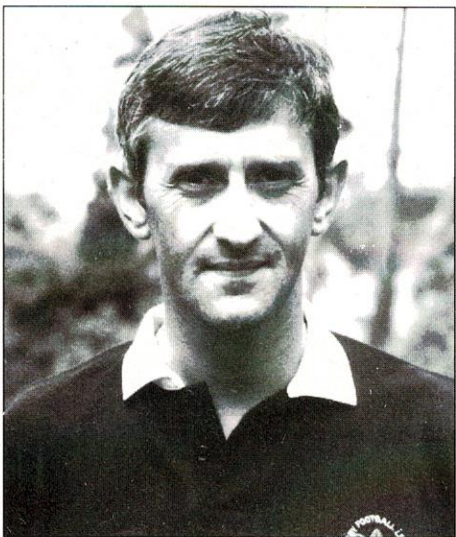
**TONY MORRISON (2nd row)** A 1992 summer signing from Swinton. Tony has made an immediate impact in the Cas park. The strong running back rower was captain at the Lions but wanted to stay at the higher level after their relegation last term. Started his career with Oldham.

**SHAWN IRWIN (2nd row)** Another player who has switched position at Cas. Shawn joined the club as a stand-off, moved to centre and then last year had his first run in the pack. Yet another Under 21 international, Shawn went on to win senior test caps but was unlucky when a dislocated shoulder caused him to miss last years Wembley trip.

**TAWARA NIKAU (Looseforward)** Outstanding Kiwi international who has represented his country at the highest level, in test series, at home and abroad. Previously had spells with Sheffield and York. Castleford beat off competition from England and Australia to secure his contract.

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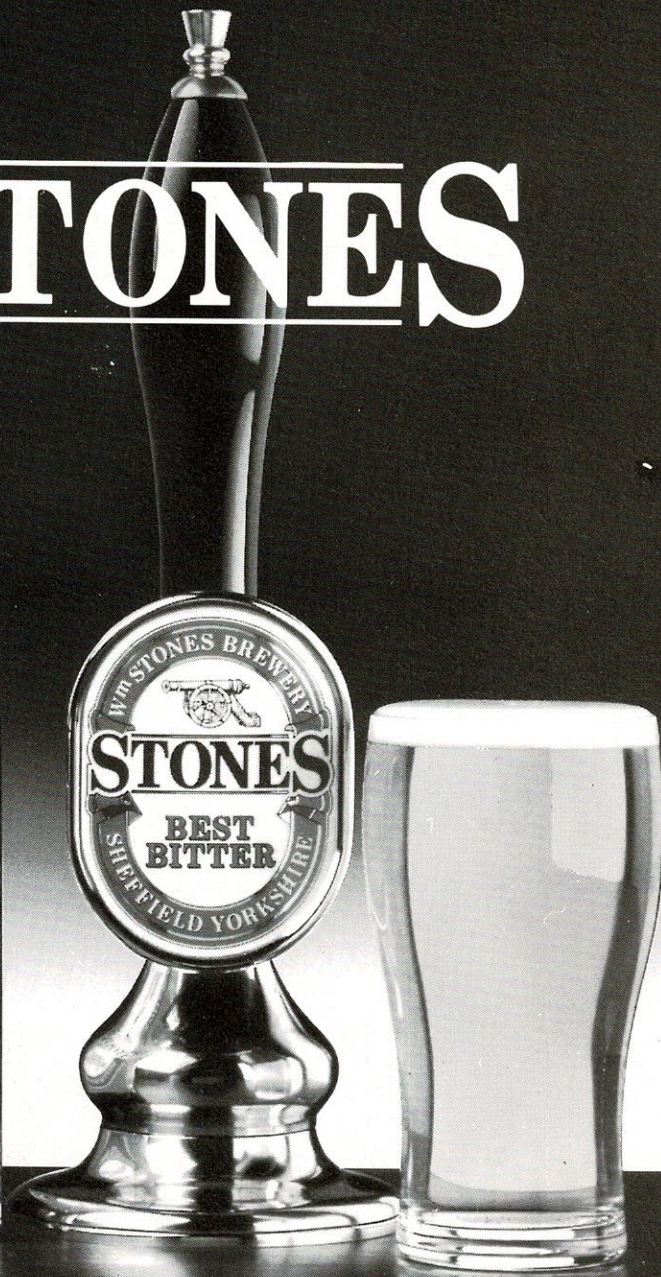
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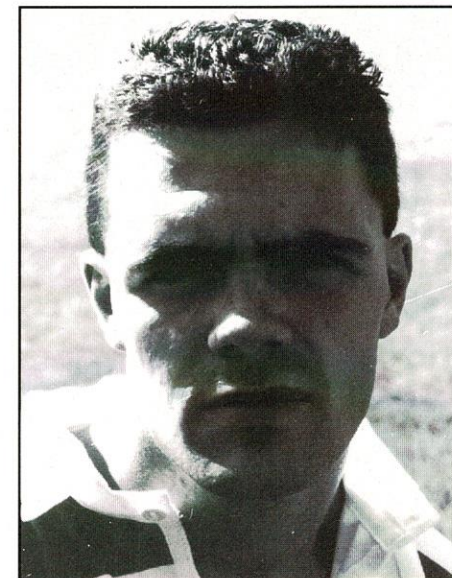


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## PLAYER PROFILE

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### TOMMY MARTIN



**Full Name:** Thomas Lee Martin

**Date of Birth:** 4.6.1971

**Birthplace:** Leigh.

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

**Weight:** 12 stone 7 pounds

**Favourite Drink:** Lemonade.

**Favourite Food:** Steak.

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

**Favourite Music:** Wet Wet Wet.

**Hobbies:** Golf and Road Running.

**Previous Clubs:** Leigh Miners Welfare.

**Biggest Influence on Career so far:** Parents.

**Favourite Player:** Hugh Gumbs (Black Pebble).

**Favourite Ground:** Headingley.

**Most Difficult Opponent:** Alarm clock on Monday mornings.

**Most memorable Match Seen:** Dave Bradburys Clio v. Renault 5GT Turbo.

**Biggest Thrill:** Getting a drink off Mark Sheals.

**Biggest Disappointment:** Crashing Car.

**Personal Ambition:** To go for an Indian with Sean Tyrer on Sundays.

**Person you would most like to meet:** Mike Tyson .

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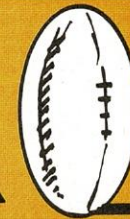
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## TEAM CHECK

SUNDAY, 8th NOVEMBER 1992

### OLDHAM

TEAM CHANGES

1. SEAN TYRER
2. SCOTT RANSON
3. STUART COCKER
4. IVA ROPATI
5. HUGH GUMBS
6. WALLY GIBSON
7. STEVE KERRY
8. TINY SOLOMONA
9. DAVID STEPHENSON
10. MARK SHEALS
11. IAN SHERRATT
12. BEN OLSEN
13. DAVID BRADBURY
14. SHANE TUPAEA
15. MARK MEADOWS

#### PENALTIES

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

#### SCRUMS

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11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

### CASTLEFORD

TEAM CHANGES

1. SIMON MIDDLETON
2. ST. JOHN ELLIS
3. RICHIE BLACKMORE
4. TONY SMITH
5. DAVID NELSON
6. PETER COYNE
7. MIKE FORD
8. LEE CROOKS
9. CHRIS WATSON
10. DEAN SAMPSON
11. TONY MORRISON
12. MARTIN KETTERIDGE
13. TAWERA NIKAU
14. GRANT ANDERSON
15. NATHAN SYKES

#### PENALTIES

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#### SCRUMS

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Referee: I. OLLERTON

Touch Judges: J. MOLYNEUX (Red Flag)  
A.J. BROWN (Yellow Flag)

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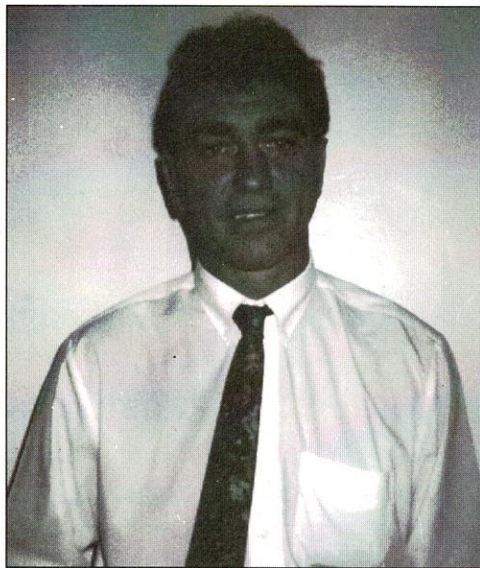
The Castlemaine XXXX "Prospecting" has now finished. There were more than 400,000 pints won during the competition, so someone must have been happy!

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friends can enjoy the match. Knowing you have played your part in building a great future for the club. If anyone is interested please ring, Peter Young or John Watkins on 061-652-5244 or 061-624-4865.

**ALLIANCE PLAYER PROFILE**

**Paul Norman** Age 18  
**Born:** Billinge, Nr. Wigan  
**Occupation:** Apprentice Engineer  
**Signed for Oldham:** August, 1992 from Golborns Parkside Un 19's/Wigan Academy  
**Proudest Moment to Date:** Playing for Andy Goodway in last years Wigan Academy  
**Likes:** Playing and watching rugby  
**Dislikes:** Losing & missing games  
**Honours Gained:** Lancs Schools, Wigan Schools, Lancs BARLA, Wigan BARLA  
**Ambition:** To play against Australia

**Stephen Heaton** Age 18  
**Born:** Billinge, Wigan  
**Occupation:** Student  
**Signed for Oldham:** August, 1992 from Golborne Parkside Un 19's  
**Likes:** Winning and going out  
**Dislikes:** Losing  
**Ambition:** To play for Great Britain

**Next Home 'A' Team Fixture**  
**Oldham 'A' V Carlisle 'A'**  
**Saturday, 14th November - K.O. 1pm**  
**YOUNGERS ALLIANCE FIXTURES**  
**SECOND DIVISION 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 14-22 (L)	7.30 p.m.
Saturday 3.10.92	Carlisle (Lancs C.C. Shield)	H 26-20 (W)	1.00 p.m.
Friday 9.10.92	Leigh	H 16-19 (L)	7.30 p.m.
Friday 16.10.92	Wigan (LS 2)	H 4-34 (L)	7.30 p.m.
Friday, 29.10.92	Salford	A 6-42 (L)	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.

# 'A' TEAM ROUND UP

with COACH JOHN PRINCE

**Salford 'A' 46 pts V Oldham 'A' 6pts,**  
**Thursday, 29th October, 1992**

Our side in this game was probably our weakest we have turned out and our lads got a real lesson on how hard we will have to work to compete and achieve our aim of being able to support the 1st team with a successful winning 'A' team. This Salford side contained many experienced players such as Sam Blease - club captain - and full back Gibson whose first team experience enabled them to destroy us. Moreover the nucleus of their side was youths who have been playing together for two years; something we are trying to do and build a passport to the future.

Despite the result, which in no way reflects on our players efforts, our young players once more gained valuable experience in this difficult period of rebuilding that we are going through, just as their first team did last season. I can only assure you that we will get there, so please be patient and continue to give us your full support.

Talking of support, by the time you read these notes, we will have played Doncaster 'A' in the first round of the Alliance Cup and hopefully we can produce the right result for our first 'A' team sponsors of the season, namely Bill and Brenda Rogers. Their support and that of other regular 'A' team followers is an invaluable contribution to the clubs future. I hope that more of you will come forward to take up 'A' team sponsorship in the near future. The cost is small - £50 per game or £25 for Match Ball Sponsorship, and you and your

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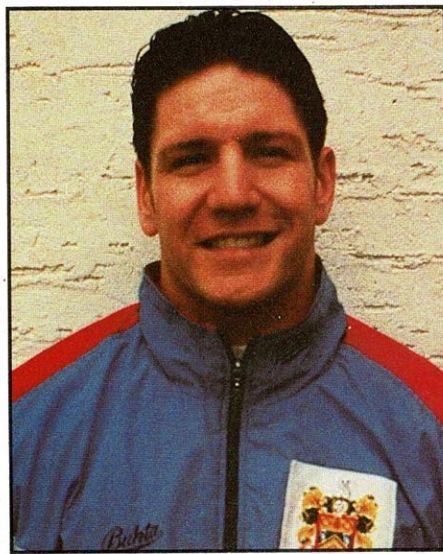
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# SKIPPERS' SPOT

with OLDHAM CAPTAIN  
RICHARD RUSSELL

After a convincing win over a somewhat demoralised and struggling Swinton we gained a good points difference plus the added bonus of being back at the top of the second division, after Featherstone were defeated by a now much stronger Huddersfield side.



Last Sunday's match was more of a case of seeing how many points we could put on the score board on the day. The team did this superbly with tries from Wally Gibson, Stuart Cocker, Tiny Solomona and many others. Also I feel I must give special praise to Wally Gibson who had a good strong game at stand-off. We must not let last Sunday's win go to our heads though, because this weeks opponents, Castleford, are a good strong team as they proved last year when they played their way into the Challenge Cup Final. Unfortunately on the day Wigan were the stronger side and beat Castleford.

At the helm of the Castleford attack is Mike Ford, once a firm favourite here at Watersheddings and he is in the sort of form that makes him one of the best scrum halves in the British game. He also has men around him of such calibre as Great Britain full back Graham Steadman, Lee Crooks, Tavara Nikau and another former Oldham player Tony Morrison to name but a few. So with your vocal support and the players giving 100%, let us see if we can get the right result.

Enjoy the game

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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	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Maxwell	Martin	Dejne	Sheals	Bates	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Olsen	Solomona*
CARLISLE	6.9.92	H	W	38-14	2,292	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Martin	Dejne	Sheals	Fachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Olsen	Solomona*
WARRINGTON	13.9.92	H	W	33-20	4,041	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Martin	Dejne	Sheals	Fachnik	Solomona	Meadows	Olsen	Russell	Bradbury	Jones*
HUDDERSFIELD	20.9.92	A	W	28-24	2,886	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Martin	Dejne	Sheals	Fachnik	Solomona	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Bradbury	Jones*
LEIGH	23.9.92	A	W	26-14	3,140	Martin	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Martin	Dejne	Sheals	Fachnik	McDermott	Olsen	Tupaea	Russell	Bradbury	Jones*
Lanes Cup 2	27.9.92	H	W	16-8	3,246	4G & 21G Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Warburton	Tyler	Martin	Dejne	Sheals	Bradbury	McDermott	Meadows	Jones	Russell	Bradbury	Jones*
FEATHERSTONE R.	2.10.92	H	L	4-24	3,352	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Warburton	Gibson	Warburton	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	McDermott	Jones	Tupaea	Russell	Olsen	Sherratt*
SWINTON	6.10.92	A	L	8-48	9,020	Tyler	Bradbury	Cocker	Cocker	Gibson	Warburton	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Solomona	Jones	Tupaea	Russell	Olsen	Sherratt*
WIGAN	11.10.92	A	W	21-20	2,740	Tyler	Bradbury	Cocker	Cocker	Gibson	Martin	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Solomona	McDermott	Meadows	Russell	Olsen	Sherratt*
ROCHDALE HORNETS	18.10.92	A	W	23-16	1,560	Tyler	Cocker	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
BRAMLEY	1.11.92	A	W	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
SWINTON	8.11.92	H	W	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
ROCHDALE HORNETS	15.11.92	A	W	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
CARLISLE	22.11.92	H	A	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
HUDDERSFIELD	29.11.92	A	A	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
SWINTON	5.12.92	A	A	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
REGAL TROPHY RD. 2	13.12.92	A	A	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
FEATHERSTONE R.	20.12.92	H	H	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
BRAMLEY	26.12.92	H	H	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
ROCHDALE HORNETS	1.1.93	A	A	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
SWINTON	10.1.93	H	A	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
BRAMLEY	17.1.93	A	A	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
CARLISLE	24.1.93	H	H	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
ROCHDALE HORNETS	30.1.93	A	A	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
SILK CUT CHALL. CUP RD. 1	7.2.93	A	A	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
FEATHERSTONE R.	21.2.93	H	H	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
SILK CUT CHALL. CUP RD. 2	27.2.93	A	A	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
CARLISLE	7.3.93	H	A	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
SILK CUT CHALL. CUP RD. 3	14.3.93	A	A	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
LONDON C.	21.3.93	H	H	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
HUDDERSFIELD	4.4.93	A	A	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
FEATHERSTONE R.	9.4.93	H	H	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
LONDON C.	12.4.93	H	H	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
BRAMLEY	18.4.93	A	A	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry	Sherratt	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*

**NEXT HOME GAME**  
**STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**OLDHAM**  
**V.**  
**HUDDERSFIELD**  
**SUNDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER, 1992**  
**KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.**

# 1992 APPEARANCES & SCORERS

## AS AT 2nd NOVEMBER, 1992

	APP	SUB	TRIES	GOALS	DROP GOALS	POINTS
SEAN TYRER	11	-	4	-	-	16
SCOTT RANSON	7	-	5	-	-	20
STUART COCKER	11	-	8	-	-	32
IVA ROPATI	8	-	4	-	-	16
JOHN MAXWELL	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOMMY MARTYN	7	-	1	23	3	53
SEAN DEVINE	6	-	4	3	1	23
MARK SHEALS	9	-	1	-	-	4
IAN BATES	1	-	-	-	-	-
BARRIE McDERMOTT	6	2	2	-	-	8
MARK MEADOWS	6	3	2	-	-	8
SHANE TUPAEA	7	1	-	-	-	-
RICHARD RUSSELL	9	-	1	-	-	4
BEN OLSEN	6	4	1	-	-	4
"TINY" SOLOMONA	7	3	1	-	-	4
HUGH GUMBS	8	-	3	-	-	12
RICHARD PACHNIUK	3	1	1	-	-	4
DAVID BRADBURY	6	3	1	-	-	4
PAUL JONES	2	4	-	-	-	-
WALLY GIBSON	6	-	5	-	-	20
STEVE WARBURTON	2	-	-	-	-	-
IAN SHERRATT	4	1	1	-	-	4
STEVE KERRY	5	-	1	19	-	44
DAVID STEPHENSON	5	-	-	-	-	-

# LEAGUE TABLE

## STONES BITTER 2ND DIVISION 1992/93

	P	W	L	D	F	A	PTS	PTS DIFF
OLDHAM	8	7	1	0	213	124	14	+89
FEATHERSTONE R.	8	6	2	0	204	102	12	+102
ROCHDALE H.	9	6	3	0	177	167	12	+10
LONDON C.	9	3	5	1	188	189	7	-1
CARLISLE	7	3	3	1	122	158	7	-36
BRAMLEY	8	3	5	0	139	136	6	+3
HUDDERSFIELD	8	2	6	0	139	216	4	-77
SWINTON	7	1	6	0	64	154	2	-90

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# BACK PAGES

by MICHAEL TURNER

It appears that the team will soon (if not already) be once again wearing our traditional red and white hooped shirts, possibly with some slight variation to give them a more up to date appearance.

I personally welcome this move as I consider it important that the club has a recognizable identity, hopefully the change will also incorporate our traditional navy blue shorts.

It does seem that the younger supporters prefer to have a change of shirt from time to time, so if we can come up with slight modifications on our established design from time to time, perhaps the traditionalists, the fashion conscious and most of all the club treasurer will all be kept happy.

I have mentioned before in this column that Oldham originally played in amber and black and switched to red and white upon moving to Watersheddings in 1889. The hoops in those days were somewhat thinner than what was to become our established kit from the early 1900's right up to the mid 1970s when an irregular hoop (like Hull) was used, also in this period we switched to white shorts, but we never looked right in this kit and by the early 80's the traditional shirts and shorts were once again the order of the day.

The second or "away" kit, as it is now called was usually blue and white hoops, however, as is illustrated in today's photo, all white shirts were also often used. Indeed the 3 successive Lancs Cup victories in the 1950's saw Oldham wearing the white shirts each time.

*Photo Feature (Courtesy of the Oldham Evening Chronicle) It is interesting to note that up until about 10 years ago in Rugby League the home team would always be the side to change strip if there was a colour clash.*

*This is the case in today's photo taken at Watersheddings on April 6th, 1963 during the 3rd round cup tie against Wigan. The Oldham players round the ball are Trevor Simms, Peter Smethurst and Johnny Noon. In the immediate background are Wigan legends, Eric Ashton and Billy Boston.*



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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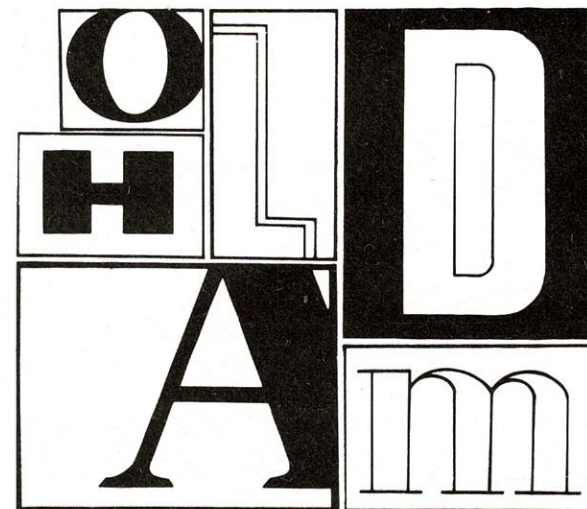
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# QUIZ

## HALF-TIME TEASERS

1. Which team play at the Recreation Ground?
2. Who was the first winner of the Lance Todd Trophy?
3. Who captained the first touring team to Australia in 1910?
4. Who are the current holders of the Regal Trophy?
5. In what year was the Challenge Cup Final first played at Wembley?
6. Which ground staged this years Yorkshire Cup Final?
7. Which team are nicknamed the "Loiners"?
8. Who are the current World Club Champions?
9. IN what season did Oldham last reach the Lancashire Cup Final?
10. IN what year did the Sydney Cricket Ground cease to be a venue for Anglo-Australian Test Matches?

- Answers:**
1. Whitehaven.
  2. Billy Stott of Wakefield Trinity in 1946.
  3. James Lomas of Salford.
  4. Widnes.
  5. 1929.
  6. Elland Road, Leeds.
  7. Leeds.
  8. Brisbane Broncos.
  9. 1989-90.
  10. 1984.

# OLDHAM

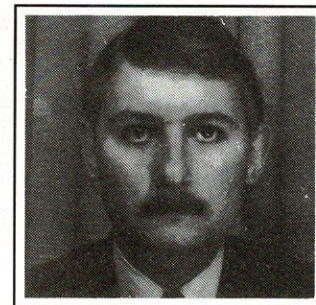
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# QUOTE - UNQUOTE



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Oldham, who last weekend went back to the top of the division after the biggest win so far this season and Featherstone's surprise defeat by Huddersfield, return to cup action today against first division Castleford with Mike Ford returning to Watersheddings. During the last few days we have been looking ahead to today's cup tie, Mark Meadows said "it's a game that Castleford will not be looking forward to, I would imagine they would probably rather play a first division side as we have nothing to lose".

Mark then went on to say "Castleford are a team that can run hot and cold, let's hope they are cold when they come to Watersheddings".

Iva Ropati is looking forward to coming up against first division Castleford, "the cup tie will prove to us how much progress we are making and how much we need to improve for next season".

"Oldham always seem to play better against better opposition". Next weekend sees Oldham back in League action at Gilford Park and the long journey to Cumbria, if you are not one of the Oldham supporters going to Carlisle then you can follow the game on Clubcall.

I'll be going to Gilford Park, there will be reports next Sunday thru-out the game every time the score changes we'll have a fresh update.

Final word today goes to Tunksy, the squad has been stretched to the limit over recent weeks, Peter has sympathy for Alliance Team coach John Prince "with all the injuries over the past few weeks, John's 'A' team has been weakened and so results have not been what we could have hoped for."

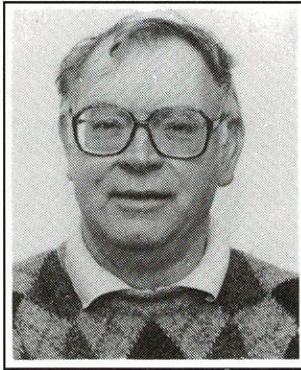
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# ROGER HALSTEAD looks at PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS



Castleford, today's visitors in the first round of the Regal Trophy, have not played at Watersheddings since they were beaten 28-22 in a First Division game on Wednesday evening, September 26, 1990. The Oldham captain that night, Mike Ford, will be wearing Cas colours today and the extent of the changes that have taken place at Watersheddings are reflected in the fact that, of the players on duty for Oldham that night, only Tommy Martyn and Richard Russell are still on the books. The teams lined up as follows:

**OLDHAM:** Platt, Francis, Martyn, Duane, Lord, Clark, Ford, Pyke, Russell, Fieldhouse, McAlister, Round, Barrow. Subs: Fairbank, Donegan.

**CASTLEFORD:** Larder, Ellis, Irwin, Anderson, Plange, Steadman, Roebuck, Crooks, Southernwood, Sampson, Battye, England, Hardy. Subs: Ketteridge and A N Other.

Platt landed four goals for Oldham, whose tries were scored by Round (2), Clark, Martyn and Francis, the latter making his debut and scoring the decisive try in the pavilion corner with only 12 minutes left.

For Castleford, Plange (2), Irwin and Larder scored tries and Crooks scored three goals.

Robin Whitfield was the referee and their was an attendance of 5, 101.

Oldham had a dreadful 20 minutes after half time when Castleford turned on the football to level at 22-22 after trailing 22-10 at half-time.

Skipper Ford, then of Oldham, now of Cas, remarked afterwards: "Cas moved up on us faster than any side I have ever played against. They also played the ball exceptionally quickly themselves and that caught us out a few times in defence."

Two months later, at Wheldon Road, Castleford extracted revenge when they beat Oldham 28-10 to inflict the Watersheddings team's third consecutive First Division defeat. "Down again - Oldham's slip is starting to show, screamed the Chronicle headline.

Cas had only 12 men from the 33rd minute when full-back Paul Fletcher was sent off for a high tackle on Tommy Martyn, but Oldham never looked like making the extra man count. They created chances, only to throw them away.

Gary Hyde and Paul Lord scored the Oldham tries and Charlie McAlister kicked a goal. For Cas, there were tries for Plange (3), Steadman and Anderson and goals for Crooks (4).

**CASTLEFORD:** Fletcher, Ellis, Irwin, Anderson, Plange, Steadman, French, Crooks, Beardmore, Sampson, England, Hardy, Joyner.

**OLDHAM:** Hyde, Francis, Martyn, Anderson, Lord, Clark, Ford, Fairbank, Russell, Round, Duane, McAlister, Cogger. Subs: Irving, Allen.

Referee: Mr J E Smith (Halifax), Att: 5,974.



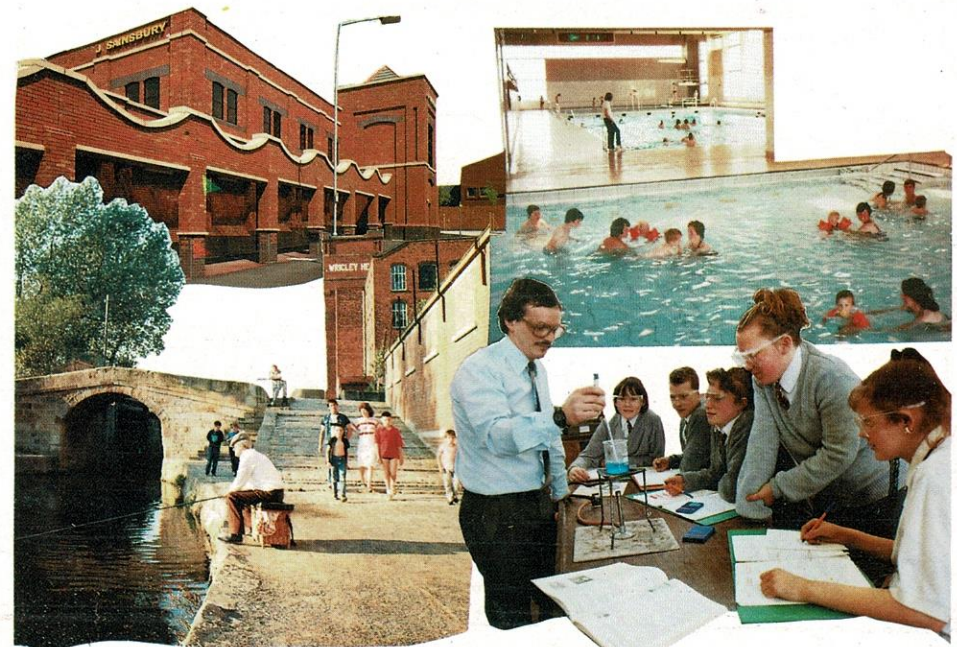
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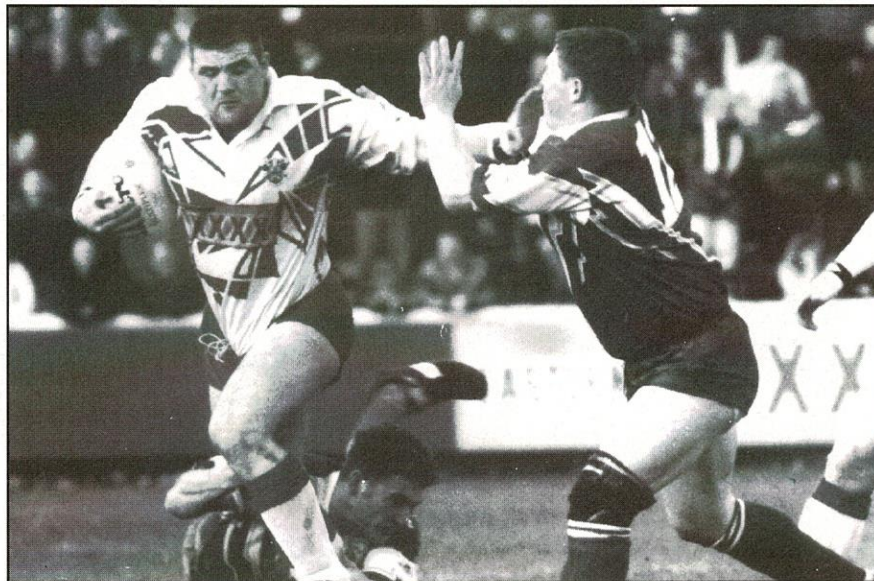
# ACTION



**OLDHAM v. SWINTON, 1ST NOVEMBER, 1992**

**Top:** Youngster David Bradbury showing skill and strong running.

**Bottom:** It's a pushover for Big Mark Sheals.



# SUPPORTERS CLUB

We extend a warm welcome to all our friends and supporters from Castleford with a special welcome to our former captain Mike Ford on his first visit back to Watersheddings.

## Membership

Membership of the Supporters Club is still open at just £2.00 for its season. join now and take advantage of the 5% discount on all items in the Club Shop. plus discounted travel on the Supporters Club coaches to all away matches. Membership forms and further information from the Club Shop.

## Away Matches

Seats for the coach to Carlisle on the 15th November can be booked at the Club Shop during the day or by telephone on 665 1832 any evening.

## Programme Fair

The Rugby League Collectors Federation are holding a programme and memorabilia fair at the "Sheddings" club on Saturday. 21st November 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 all proceeds going to the family of the late Joe Gallagher. the former Supporters Club Official and Junior Red organiser who died tragically last May.

## Xmas Eve

The Supporters Club are again organising the popular Xmas Eve Family Disco in the Sheddings Club on 24th December. with tickets priced at £3.00 for adults and £2.00 for children up to the age of 15. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Visit Father Christmas with gifts to all children up to the age of 11.

Orders for tickets to this very popular event can be booked at the Club Shop or by phoning 665 1832.

## Club Shop

In addition to the items detailed below we have linked together various items for xmas presents such as towel/soap toothbrush holders at £6.50. bobble hat/scarf at £6.94. Many other combinations available on request. Oldham R.L. Clocks at £9.95 each.

## Junior Reds

For the Junior Supporter why not join the Junior Reds at only £2.00 and receive the same discounts as the adults. The second Newsletter has now been sent to all current members and the winners of the quiz from the first newsletter were Andrew Warburton and Karen Cooper. Congratulations to those two Juniors so get your entries in for the second quiz and it could be you lucky day. For membership forms and further information contact Sue on 681 3397.

Congratulations to the 31 Junior Reds who completed the Sponsored walk round the pitch prior to the Swinton game. Thanks to Tommy Martyn for his support and presentation of the Medals and Certificates.

The trip to the Blackpool Illuminations was enjoyed by all who went including Iva Ropati and Tiny Solomma and Family.

## SHOP PRICE LIST

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