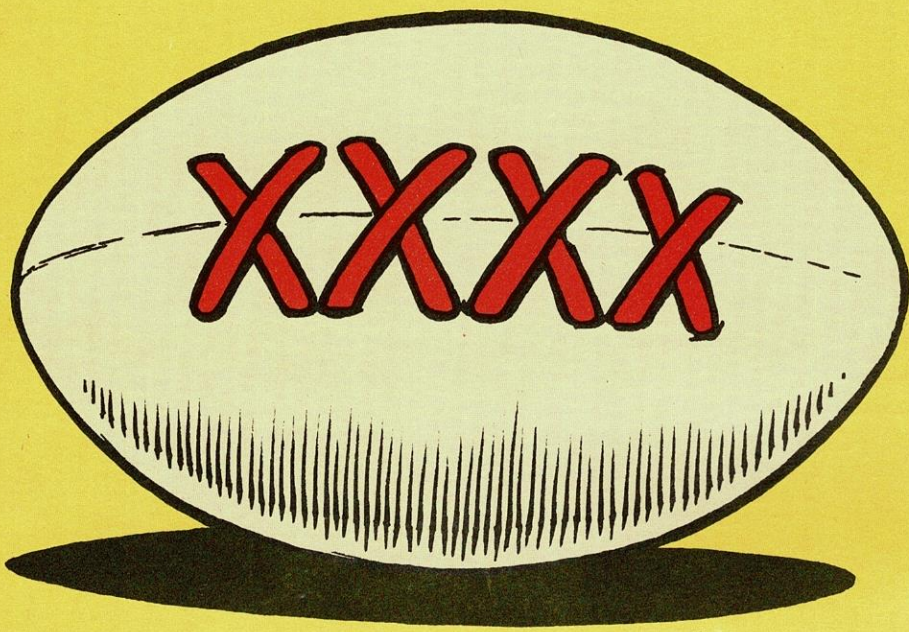


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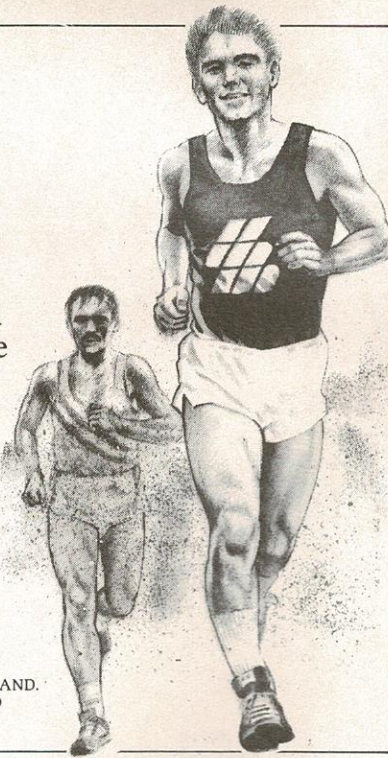
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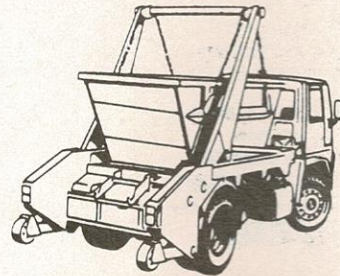
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SIMPLY THE BEST

No. 4 - PETER SMETHURST

Today the featured player in our "Simply the Best" series is one of the most popular players ever to pull on the red and white jersey of Oldham R.L.F.C.

I refer of course to PETER SMETHURST, who gave six years excellent service to the "Roughyeds" after joining the club from Swinton in September 1961.

Peter's first games for the club were in the centre position, although the majority of his appearances were in the second row.

Always in the thick of the action, Peter would give or ask no quarter on the field of play and yet was regarded as a fair but hard opponent by his fellow professionals. Often he would emerge from a crunching three-man tackle with the broadest of smiles on his face, much to the amusement of the Oldham supporters and to the irritation of the opposition.

Peter's record for Oldham saw him make just under 200 appearances, scoring 39 tries and kicking two goals. Leaving to join Salford in September 1967, he eventually went on to play for Leigh where, under the captaincy of Alex Murphy, he was an inspiration to the Holton Park forwards when they caused one of the biggest upsets in Challenge Cup history when they defeated the star-studded Leeds side in the 1971 final at Wembley.

Returning to the club as assistant coach to Frank Myler in the early 1980's, he had a brief spell as team coach in 1983 and later went on to assist the Rugby League commentary team on Radio Manchester.

Peter always made known the genuine affection he felt towards the Oldham club and the regret that he couldn't help them to that elusive Wembley Final.

It was with great sadness that Oldham supporters and indeed all R.L. folk learned of Peter's passing away a couple of years ago. When the true characters of Oldham R.L. are remembered, always high on the list . . . PETER SMETHURST.



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Runners-up:

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

First Game: 21st October, 1876 v Stalybridge

Highest Number of Points Scored: Bernard Ganley, 2,881

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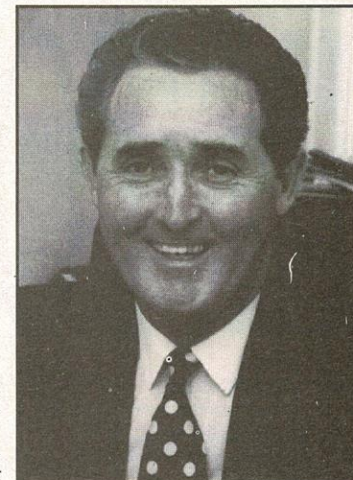
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FROM the BOARDROOM

by

CHAIRMAN JAMES QUINN



As the festive season draws ever closer I would like to take this opportunity, on the club's behalf, to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

These are difficult days for many people in all walks of life, from those who are out of work to those business people who have fallen victim of the recession, but if we can find - through sport - a common denominator from which we can draw some pleasure and fun amid the gloom and doom then we are some way to working a route through the bad days and into the light at the end of the tunnel.

I suppose the same philosophy can be applied to Rugby League in general and to the Oldham club in particular.

A lot of people actually seem to draw great strength from adversity and it is those who are supporting and backing us every inch of the way in a difficult time financially that I particularly want to thank at this Christmas time.

There are too many to mention individually, or even in groups, but thanks to you all for turning up today, best wished for Christmas and here's hoping you can all find time, amid your family celebrations next weekend to come along and support us in the derby clash with Rochdale Hornets on Boxing Day, which kicks off at noon.

In the meantime, if you are looking for Christmas presents for friends or family who are interested in Oldham RL Club might I recommend that you take a look in our souvenir shop, which is now run by the Supporters Club - and what a great job they are doing, too.

We are delighted to have entered into a three-year contract with the Glasgow-based sportswear manufacturers, Matchwinner Sports Ltd, who will supply the club with training kit, leisure wear and match kit, which the players will be wearing today for the first time.

The new kit is a return to the club's traditional red-and-white hoops and blue shorts, but in a modern design and with the XXXX logo of our chief sponsors, Castlemaine, on the front.

We hope you like what you see when the players peel off their new Matchwinner track-suit tops and, if so, you might be tempted to call in at the souvenir-shop and see if there is anything that really takes your fancy for Christmas.

The first delivery of adult replicas quickly sold out and proved extremely popular with our fans. A second delivery was quickly on sale and by the time you read these notes our replica juniors' shirts should also be available over the counter.

Matchwinner came to our aid when our previous supplier went out of business a few weeks ago and the Scottish firm has done an excellent job to get the match kit and replicas out so quickly in time for Christmas.

We are delighted to have signed up with a British manufacturer, because all too often this type of business for rugby and soccer clubs goes abroad, and we are pleased to join several other RL clubs, including Hull and Hull KR on the Matchwinner label.

The quality of the Matchwinner gear is excellent and I am sure you will find that our prices in the souvenir shop are extremely competitive when compared with those where the kit is on sale in other retail outlets.

All I say, the Supporters Club are now running our souvenir shop and if anyone wants to give the genuine Oldham supporters a good deal it is our own Supporters Club, who also like to have a quick turnover of all goods on sale in the shop.

Happy Christmas to you all.

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IN TOUCH



TOP TEN TRY SCORERS

1. Shaun Edwards (Wigan)	26
2. Greg Austin (Halifax)	18
3. Paul Newlove (Featherstone R.)	16
4. Alan Hunte (St. Helens)	15
Phil Ford (Salford)	15
Andy Mason (Wakefield T.)	15
7. David Plange (Sheffield E.)	14
8. Tea Ropati (St. Helens)	13
Steve McGowan (Bradford N.)	13
Owen Simpson (Featherstone R.)	13

The 1992-93 top try scorer will receive £30 a try from Stones Bitter.

TOP TEN GOAL SCORERS (Including drop goals)

1. Dean Marwood (Workington T.)	90
2. Frano Botica (Wigan)	74
3. John Wasyliv (Keighley C)	71
4. Lee Crooks (Castleford)	59
5. Gary Pearce (Ryedale-York)	54
Steve Gartland (Rochdale H.)	54
7. Paul Eastwood (Hull)	47
8. Martin Pearson (Featherstone R.)	46
9. Mark Aston (Sheffield E.)	45
10. Paul Bishop (Halifax)	40

The 1992-93 top goal scorer will receive £10 a goal from Stones Bitter.

TOP FIVE POINT SCORERS

	Tries		Drop	
	Goals	Goals	Points	Points
1. Dean Marwood (Workington T.)	10	90	0	220
2. John Wasyliv (Keighley C.)	9	71	0	178
3. Frano Botica (Wigan)	6	53	1	171
4. Steve Gartland (Rochdale H.)	12	53	1	155
5. Lee Crooks (Castleford)	1	59	0	122

PAUL NEWLOVE 100

Paul Newlove of Featherstone Rovers scored the 100th try of his club and representative career with the last of three touchdowns in the 24-20 Second Division home defeat of Oldham.

FASTEST CENTURY

Dean Marwood of Workington Town is on course to rattle up the quickest century of goals in a season after kicking 90 in 15 matches.

The record of 100 goals in 18 matches is shared by Bernard Ganley, David Watkins and Steve Quinn. Ganley reached the 100 goals on 16th November 1957 after playing 17 matches for Oldham and one for Great Britain. Watkins scored his 100th goal on 17th November 1972, all for Salford. Quinn scored his 100th goal on 16th December 1979, all for Featherstone Rovers.

POINT SCORING RUN

John Wasyliv of Keighley has the current longest point scoring run. The winger has scored in 26 successive matches, starting with three goals in an 18-16 Stones Bitter Third Division home defeat of Scarborough Pirates on 17th February 1992.

WINNING RUN

Workington Town have the current longest winning run of nine matches made up of seven Stones Bitter Third Division games and two Regal Trophy ties.

LOSING RUN

Highfield are the only team without a win this season after losing all twelve matches - ten in the Stones Bitter Third Division, one Greenalls Lancashire Cup and one Regal Trophy 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.

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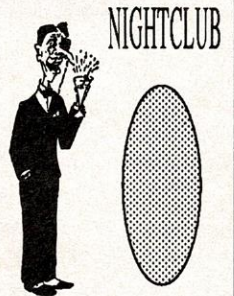
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SO THAT'S WHY THEY CALL HIM TINY!

Have you seen it then? The 1993 Men of Iron calendar. All those beefy men wearing very little in the way of clothing. Lots of sweaty bodies and rippling muscles. Take a look at the Month of May featuring our own Solomona and find out just why they call him Tiny, have a butchers at February featuring Michael Jackson - blimey all that plastic surgery has finally worked, cast a glance at July featuring Steve Hampson - blimey all that plastic surgery hasn't worked!

the 1993 Men of Iron calendars were photographed in glorious black and white by Jim Carter, produced by Premier Crew Sports Management and they make the perfect Christmas present for you girls.

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Well you can win one if you can answer this question:

Which of the following is not featured in the 1993 Men of Iron calendar

Is it:-

- A. Adam Fogarty wearing no clothes doing something with a snooker cue.
- B. Gary Connolly wearing some clothes doing something with a telephone.
- B. Donald Pilkington wearing a leather mini-skirt doing something with a poodle.

Answers to "I Love, I Love, I Love my Little Calendar Boys - Everyday - Everyday of the Year competition.

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No. 49 - HOW TO MAKE A CHRISTMAS LOG

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Prosperous New Year

A WATERSHEDDINGS WELCOME TO **BRAMLEY**

DAREN COEN. Ex-Castleford and Dewsbury. Former R.U. star. Hobbies include wine sampling and bondage sports. Age 34.

KEITH HARKER. Ex-York winger. Back after serious injury. Bilingual and sexual. Keith rates cutting his toe-nails as a major hobby. Age 19.

WAYNE FREEMAN. Junior from local club. Just 18 years old, he specialised in reading Arabic and spying through key-holes.

NORMAN FRANCIS. Ex-Leeds and Oldham. Talkative, nice young man who has recently renovated an old master. Hobbies: meeting people. Age 26.

EDDY RIDDLESSEN. Ex-Halifax. Liberian Javelin thrower turned winger, likes keeping on the move. Age 22.

DES DRUMMOND. On-loan from Warrington. International back with lots still in the tank. Hobbies; creeping about in the dark.

MICHAEL TWIGGS. "Aussie" from Bombala, Canberra Raiders. Likes lazing around and relaxing. Hobbies: line kicking, eating and watching Sonny Whakarah.

TIM SHARP. On-loan from Featherstone. Good footballer with vision. At home at half-back, stand-off or centre.

ANDY MARSON. Age 27. Consistent worker, horse trader and cattle breeder. Favourite film "The Deer Hunter". A good honest grafter.

CRAIG WHITEHEAD. Oldham lad, Joined from Dewsbury. Honest, old fashioned Son of a Gun.

GARY HALL. Ex-Fev. Rover with high work rate. Was Pathfinder for Sir Ronald Finnes on

his last expedition. Age 25.

DEAN BLANKLEY. Former Castleford RLFC. Christmas Pudding look-a-like. Cleans the windows down the pit in his native Normanton. Age 30.

SONNY WHAKARAU. "Kiwi" from Upper Huit. Loves finding things about people, then telling tales. Works on our ground as Pigeon "Shooter". Age 23.

KEITH RAYNE. Ex-Leeds, Wakefield Trinity, Doncaster. Former G.B. second rower. Very old, very wise player with a telling burst of speed. Age 29.

PADDY LYONS. Ex-Manchester City, Alloa Athletic and Cowdenbeath footballer. Became a R.L. player by chance when at school with Syd Little. Age unknown.

STEVE "SLIM" EDMONSON. Age 23. Blockbusting, knock-'em-down, rip-roaring, great-hearted, workaholic, tough forward whose hobbies include flower arranging. Ex-Morley R.U.

DAVID BUGG. Nickname "Buggy", has a son called Orson. On-loan from Fev. Rovers, David is the Featherstone and District Knur and Spell and Comb and Paper Champion.

KEVIN BELL. Brother of Trinity's Nigel. Artic-Driver with bags of pace. Kevin is rightfully in the Wakefield paper-hangers Hall of Fame. His matching of flowered papers is excellent. Age 24.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

(Especially for Des and Norman)

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TUNKS' TALKBACK



For anyone who wasn't at Post Office Road for our match against Featherstone Rovers let me just say what a super game of Rugby League it was. What we had were the two top teams producing a display of Rugby which was a credit to the Second Division.

After some mediocre displays we hit top form and we were desperately unlucky to come away with nothing after such a fine performance. I don't like to dwell too much on if's and maybe's but I was at a

loss to see what was wrong with at least two of our disallowed tries. What we need to do now is build on that performance and get some League points in the bank, starting today with our game against Bramley.

The Yorkshiremen got back on the winning trail last weekend after a string of poor results. With ex-Great Britain Coach Maurice Bamford at the helm Bramley are always likely to cause problems for their opponents, they are not short of pace and power, helped in no little way by the on-loan signing of Warrington's Des Drummond.

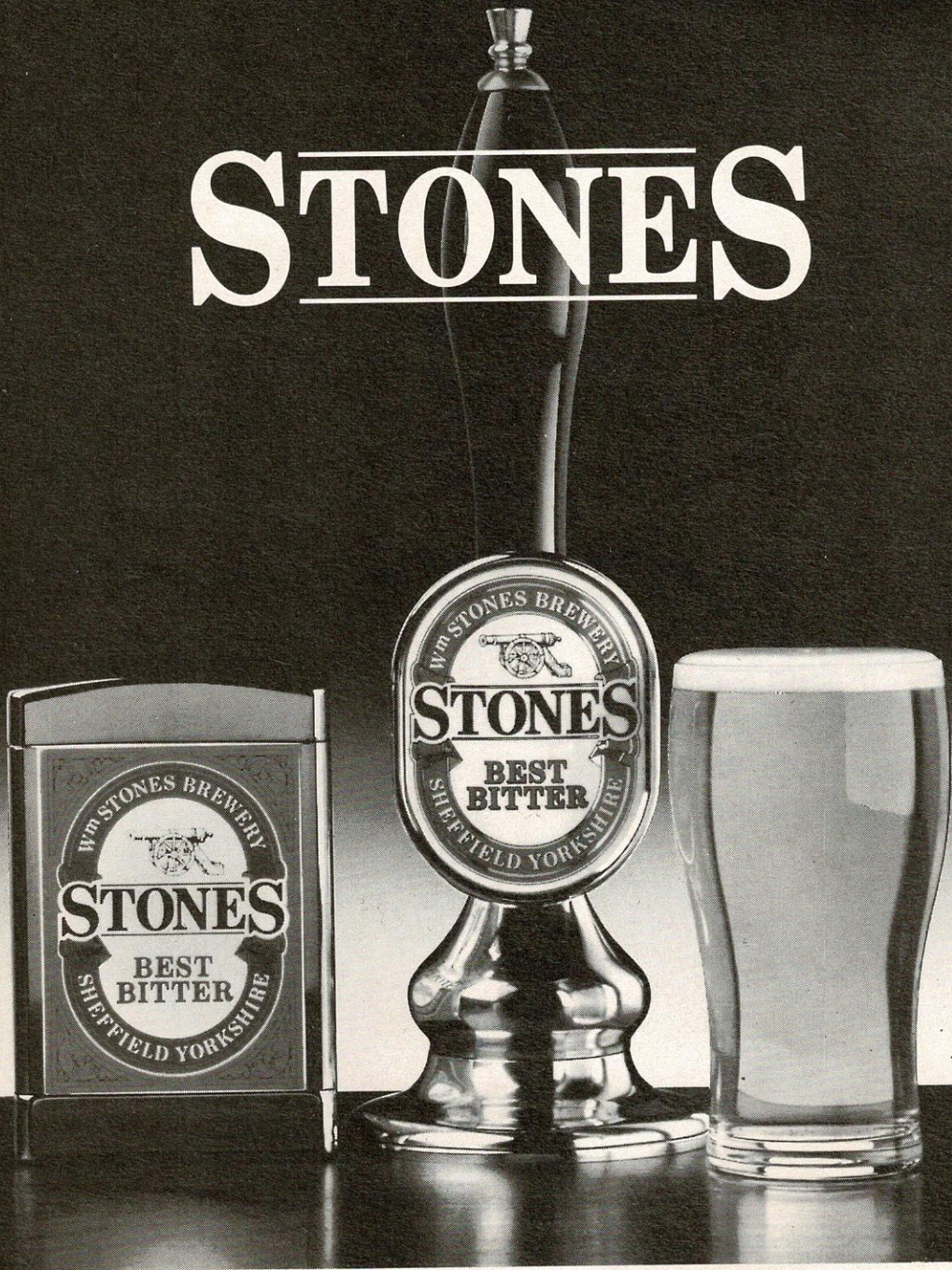
Let's hope today for a display of free-flowing, exciting Rugby to set all our supporters up for a very Happy Christmas.

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PLAYER PROFILE

DAVID BRADBURY



Full Name: David Bradbury.

Date of Birth: 16th March, 1972.

Birthplace: Farnworth.

Height: 5 ft. 11 in.

Weight: 14 st. 7 lb.

Favourite Drink: Southern Comfort.

Favourite Food: Italian.

Favourite T.V. Show: Coronation Street.

Favourite Music: Anything but Rave.

Hobbies: Relaxing.

Previous Clubs: Leigh Miners A.R.L.F.C.

Biggest Influence on Career so far: Family and Friends.

Favourite Player: Kevin Ward.

Favourite Ground: Hilton Park, Leigh.

Most Difficult Opponent: Kevin Ward.

Most Memorable Match: Leigh Miners v. Oldham St. Ann's, 1989 Lancs. Cup Final.

Biggest Thrill: Touring New Zealand with B.A.R.L.A.

Biggest Disappointment: Losing both Test Matches to New Zealand.

Personal Ambition: To play for G.B. and to play at Wembley.

Person you would most like to meet: Sharon Stone.

Have you ever been mistaken for anyone famous: No-one.

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TEAM CHECK

SUNDAY, 20th DECEMBER 1992

OLDHAM TEAM CHANGES

1. WALLY GIBSON
2. SCOTT RANSON
3. GARY CHRISTIE
4. IVA ROPATI
5. STUART COCKER
6. TOMMY MARTIN
7. STEVE KERRY
8. TINY SOLOMONA
9. RICHARD RUSSELL
10. MARK SHEALS
11. IAN SHERRATT
12. JOHN MAXWELL
13. DAVID BRADBURY
14. SEAN TYRER
15. JOE GRAZIANO

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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16	17	18	19	20

BRAMLEY TEAM CHANGES

1. DARREN COEN
2. KEITH HARKER
3. KEVIN BELL
4. DES DRUMMOND
5. NORMAN FRANCIS
6. TIM SHARP
7. MICHAEL TWIGG
8. ANDY MARSDEN
9. DEAN BLANKLEY
10. CHRIS WHITEHEAD
11. SONNY WHAKARAU
12. DAVE BUGG
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15. KEVIN RAYNE

PENALTIES

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SCRUMS

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Referee: S. NICHOLSON

Touch Judges: Mr. K. BIRKETT (Red Flag)
Mr. J. J. BEECH (Yellow Flag)

XXXX-MAS CHRISTMAS CHEER!
Are you ready for Christmas, with all its celebrations? Castlemaine XXXX would like to wish you all a merry Christmas - the XXXX way!
Oldham RLFC are running up to a good Christmas having enjoyed a notable season so far. With their match against Bramley today and Rochdale Hornets on Boxing Day, they won't have much time to munch at the turkey!

GETTING 'T' SHIRTY

How did you do with the quiz we set in the last magazine? The correct answers were:

1. The "ladies" drink featured in the XXXX ads is sherry.
2. Approximately 18 pints of XXXX are sold during opening hours in the UK every second.
3. The Castlemaine XXXX brewery is situated in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

Congratulations to Martin Harrison of Ripponden for getting the correct answers. As the winner of a Castlemaine XXXX 'T' shirt, Martin will now be an XXXX-ceptionally well dressed man!

XXXX-PECTING A GOOD CHRISTMAS

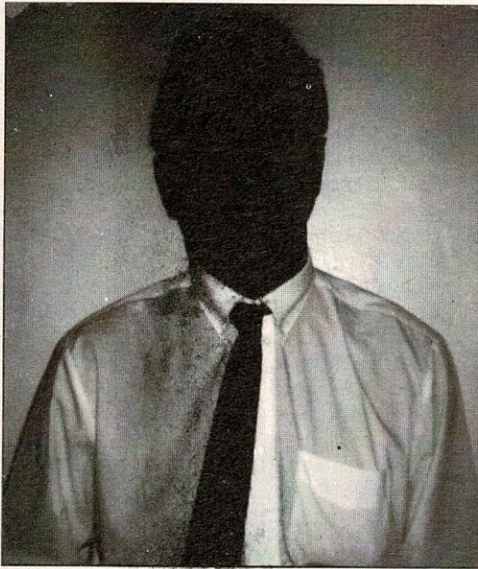
There is one player who doesn't need to worry about his supply of the Aussie's favourite brew over the Christmas period - and that is Mark Sheals, the Player of the Month for November. Our competition judge, Roger Halstead from the Oldham Evening Chronicle, chose the 25 year old prop forward, for his outstanding performance in his first season with Oldham. Prior to being signed up by Oldham, Mark played for Leigh.

Roger Halstead comments: "Mark played in all 5 games this month and was consistently good in the front row pack. He had a particularly good game against top class opposition when Oldham played Castlefield in the first

round of the Regal Trophy. Mark also enjoyed an outstanding game in a very hard fought match at Carlisle the following Sunday. Mark has shown consistency throughout the month and has won this award hands down. "If Mark continues to play to the same high standards he showed in November, he will help Oldham into the First Division." Roger believes that Mark could well attract the attention of the British selection committee if his playing form continues to such an excellent standard. It is Mark's great ambition to play for Britain, so we wish him the best of luck.



Mark Sheals is pictured here, courtesy of the Oldham Evening Chronicle



'A' TEAM ROUND UP

with COACH JOHN PRINCE

At long last we are beginning to make inroads to the Second Division Alliance table. Two more League victories see us move from the bottom four of the table into the top half of the table, eighth of 16 clubs, only six points behind. The club's in second place, which is not too bad if one considers that in 14 fixtures so far this season we have fielded over 50 players in "A" team fixtures - many of them young inexperienced players. Yet, in almost every fixture, they have given 100% to Oldham R.L. Club.

More importantly, if we had picked up victories in games against Sheffield, Ryedale-York and Leigh, all games we could have won, we would now be standing in second place.

However, although I have always wanted to be a winner, I accept that we are now in a stronger position than we were at the start of the season and the "A" team is there to support the first team, the most important team in the club.

I have not given up yet on the chance of promotion, as I still believe that we can slowly climb the League table and at last finish in the top four.

**Huddersfield "A" 18 pts. v. Oldham "A" 28 pts.
Friday, 20th November, 1992.**

A well-fought victory in which the goalkicking abilities of Mark Hudspith laid the base for victory. Our side built an 18-8 half-time lead, with tries from Mark Meadows, Michael Edwards and Gary Christie, plus three goals from Mark Hudspith. In the second half a Thomas Martyn try extended our lead and, despite playing the last 20 minutes with only 12 players, three more Hudspith goals saw us secure a good 28 to 18 points away victory.

**Quarter Final Second Division Cup
Workington "A" 26 pts. v. Oldham "A" 16 pts.**

If ever there was a game we should have won this season this was it, playing a very experienced and much older Workington side. With a 17-year-old and four 18-year-olds in our side, we were well led by Shane Tupaea and Ben Olsen who not only showed total professional commitment but also led our youngsters by excellent example.

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After 25 minutes play we were well in control and leading 6-0 with three well-struck goals from Mark Hudspith when the referee gave a knock-on decision that never was and Workington ended up scoring to level the score six all. Four more decisions at scrums when we had the head and the ball went against us and Workington used the advantage to build a 16-10 half-time lead. Our reply, a good try from Steve Warburton. A similar decision in the early stages of the second half saw Workington score again to increase their lead to 20-10, before we hit back with a Paul Jones try and a Martin Strett goal to make the score 20-16 to Workington. For the next 20 minutes we threw everything at Workington and had two tries disallowed and knocked on twice with the line open before Workington sealed their victory with a late try and goal.

**ALLIANCE SECOND DIVISION
Oldham "A" 58 v. Hemel Hempstead "A" 10
Saturday 5th December, 1992.**

Fielding our strongest "A" team side this season, against what appeared another nationalities side, including three players who played for us early in the season. Martin Strett, our recent signing from Orrell Rugby Union, made an impressive home debut, scoring three tries and three goals as we built a 32-0 half-time lead. Other tries being scored by Paul Jones, Joe Graziano and Gary Christie.

Nineteen minutes into the second half we lead 54-0, with further tries by Tommy Martyn, Peter Subritsky, Joe Graziano and Ian Sharratt, with two more goals from Martin Strett and one from Tommy Martyn. Before we started to go off the boil in the very cold, snowy, wintry conditions, Hemel to their credit never gave up and scored 10 points with two tries and a goal before Gary Christie completed the scoring to record a good 58 points to 10 victory, which had seen us score 206 points for and concede 72 against in our last five games.

Finally, to all our loyal fans, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas from myself and everyone associated with Oldham RLFC.

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, 25.9.92	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.
Friday, 6.11.92	Doncaster (Cup)	H 64-8 (W)	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 14.11.92	Carlisle	H 40-12 (W)	1.00 p.m.
Friday, 20.11.92	Huddersfield	A 28-18(W)	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 28.11.92	Workington (Cup2)	A 16-26(L)	
Saturday, 5.12.92	Hemel Hempstead	H 58-10(W)	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, 16.1.92	Hunslet	H	1.00 p.m.
Thursday, 23.1.92	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

Welcome back to Watersheddings this afternoon for a much-needed home game. Up until the Featherstone game the players have been somewhat disappointed in our overall performances.

The match against Huddersfield was the most disappointing, with the two points going to the opposition on a dismal day. The Fartowners capitalized on our lack of determination and appalling ball control and at the end of the day were the better team.

Our next outing at Gigg Lane against Swinton was another ordinary performance. After being in control for the first half an hour again our concentration slipped, allowing an enthusiastic Swinton to come back into the game and to grow in confidence. Fortunately we managed to take the two much-needed points.

After a good two week's preparation in the lead-up to the Featherstone match, which included a trip to see their Regal Trophy clash with St. Helens. The game unfairly ended in a 24-20 victory for Featherstone. Our performance on the day was superb, and showed what good football we as a team are capable of producing. If Lady Luck would have been on our side I'm certain we would have won the match.

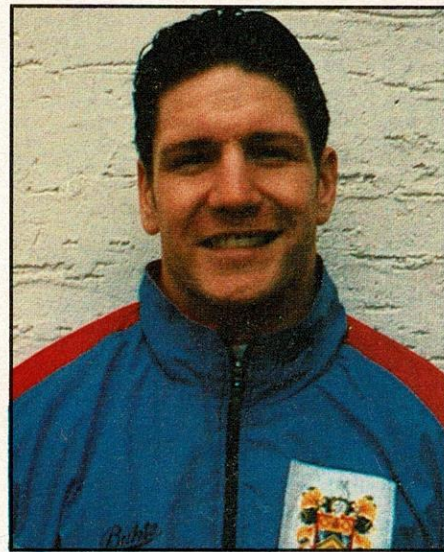
Our opponents today, Bramley will prove to be a tough fixture, with us only winning narrowly in our last encounter with them.

It will be a big game for Oldhamer Craig Whitehead and also Des Drummond on loan from Warrington. May I also take this opportunity on behalf of the playing and coaching staff in wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas.

Enjoy the game,

RICHARD RUSSELL

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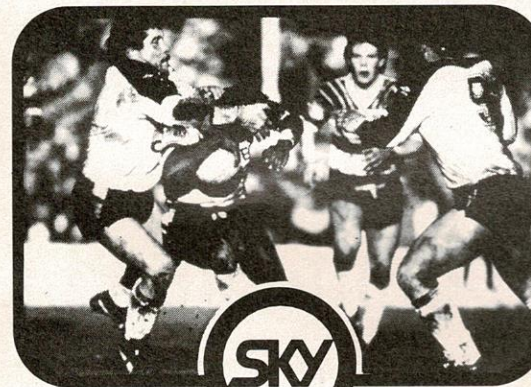
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NEXT HOME GAME

Saturday, 26.12.92

OLDHAM

v.

ROCHDALE HORNETS

K.O. 12 noon

1992 APPEARANCES & SCORERS

AS AT 14th DECEMBER, 1992

	APP	SUB	TRIES	GOALS	DROP GOALS	POINTS
SEAN TYRER	15	1	6	3	-	30
SCOTT RANSON	11	-	5	-	-	20
STUART COCKER	13	-	8	-	-	32
IVA ROPATI	13	-	8	-	-	32
JOHN MAXWELL	2	1	-	-	-	-
TOMMY MARTYN	9	-	1	24	3	55
SEAN DEVINE	6	-	4	3	1	23
MARK SHEALS	14	-	1	-	-	4
IAN BATES	1	-	-	-	-	-
BARRIE McDERMOTT	6	2	2	-	-	8
MARK MEADOWS	7	5	2	-	-	8
SHANE TUPAEA	9	2	-	-	-	-
RICHARD RUSSELL	14	-	3	-	-	12
BEN OLSEN	9	4	2	-	-	8
"TINY" SOLOMONA	11	4	1	-	-	4
HUGH GUMBS	11	-	4	-	-	16
RICHARD PACHNIUK	3	1	1	-	-	4
DAVID BRADBURY	10	3	2	-	-	8
PAUL JONES	3	4	-	-	-	-
WALLY GIBSON	11	-	6	-	-	24
STEVE WARBURTON	3	-	-	-	-	-
IAN SHERRATT	8	2	1	-	-	4
STEVE KERRY	10	-	2	32	3	75
DAVID STEPHENSON	6	-	-	-	-	-
GED BYRNE	1	1	-	-	-	-
JOHN HIGGINS	1	-	-	-	-	-
GARY CHRISTIE	1	1	-	-	-	-
JOE GRAZIANO	-	1	1	-	-	4

LEAGUE TABLE

STONES BITTER 2ND DIVISION 1992/93

	P	W	L	D	F	A	PTS	PTS DIFF
FEATHERSTONE R.	12	10	2	0	328	152	20	+176
OLDHAM	12	9	3	0	282	197	18	+85
ROCHDALE H.	13	9	4	0	296	241	18	+55
HUDDERSFIELD	12	6	6	0	211	260	12	-49
LONDON C.	13	4	8	1	246	254	9	-8
BRAMLEY	12	4	7	1	207	242	9	-35
CARLISLE	11	3	6	2	192	265	8	-73
SWINTON	11	1	10	0	104	255	2	-151

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BACK PAGES

by MICHAEL TURNER

One notable record of the Oldham Rugby League Club which, as yet, does not appear on the honours page at the front of the programme is that of "Most tries in a match".

This particular distinction is held by a certain JAMES B. MILLER, who scored seven tries in the league match at Barry (South Wales) on the 31st of October 1908.

What is even more remarkable is the fact that this was Miller's debut match for the club. He was a winger who had been signed from Morecambe in September of the same year and after impressing in the "A" team he was drafted into the team for the trip to Barry when the regular winger, the international George Tyson was injured. Oldham duly won the match 54-0 and Miller contributed his historic scoring feat.

However, the next week he was back in the reserves, such was Tyson's standing in the game at the time. The rest of Miller's season was hampered by injury and in all he made only 5 appearances in the first team and he only managed to score 2 more tries, ironically both of these were in the return match when Barry visited Watersheddings on New Year's Day 1909, this time suffering a 46-0 defeat.

The following season Miller drifted away from the club and so his full record reads just 5 appearances and 9 tries. Yet some 80 plus years later his tries in a match record still stands.

Unfortunately I have been unable, so far, to unearth as photograph of this enigmatic character and if anyone could help in this matter I would be most grateful.

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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QUIZ

HALF-TIME TEASERS

1. Which Australian team is nicknamed "The Eels"?
2. Which team play at Tattersfield?
3. Name the two Oldham players who toured Australia in 1988?
4. What year did Roger Halstead become the Rugby League writer for the Oldham Chronicle?
5. What were the three unlikely Test Match hosting cities on the Australians' first tour to Britain in 1908-9?
6. Name the two players who were joint winners of the Lance Todd Trophy in 1965?
7. Who holds the record for most tries in British Rugby League?
8. Which team were the first winners of the J. Player trophy?
9. Who is the youngest player to play in a Wembley final?
10. What was the last season that the R.L. consisted of just one division?

Answers:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Parramatta. | 6. Ray Ashby (Wigan), Brian Gabbitas (Hunslet) |
| 2. Doncaster. | 7. Brian Bevan. |
| 3. Hugh Waddell and Mike Ford. | 8. Halifax. |
| 4. 1964. | 9. Shaun Edwards age 17 years 6 months in 1984. |
| 5. London, Newcastle and Birmingham. | 10. 1972-73. |

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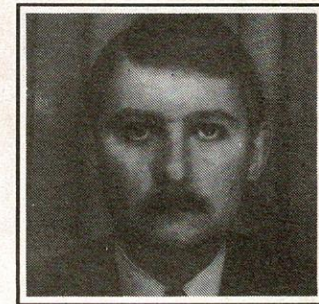


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QUOTE - UNQUOTE



with CLUBCALLS GED MASON

Last weekend's defeat at Post Office Road, Oldham's third league defeat of the season was a game that swung one way and then the other and was a credit to the Second Division.

It was a day when early and late decisions cost Oldham the chance to go top of the Second Division.

The players and coaching staff had mixed emotions, pleased with a much improved performance but disappointed at the defeat.

Assistant Coach Eric Fitzsimons summed up the feeling in the Oldham camp, "it was a quality performance, we had spluttered over recent weeks but today we put it together and played some good attacking rugby".

Before last Sunday's game with Featherstone we previewed the game with Peter Tunks. The week before Oldham had a blank Sunday because of the Regal Trophy and so Tunksy and the players took the opportunity to see for Featherstone in action against St. Helens, and so the Friday before the game I asked Peter if he had learned anything about Featherstone, "Yes, it rains just as heavily in Featherstone as it does in Oldham".

I then asked Peter about new signing Martin Strett. In only his second 'A' team game Martin scored a hat-trick of tries so I asked Peter if Martin had made a better start in League than he expected, "No, not really, I am pleased with what I have seen of him but I'm not going to rush him into the first team. When I think the time is right then that's when he'll pull on a first team shirt".

Final word today goes to Steve Kerry, talking about the two remaining games this year, "We've gotta take four points, it's as simple as that, we've beaten both Bramley and Rochdale away from home and we've only got ourselves to blame if we lose these two games."

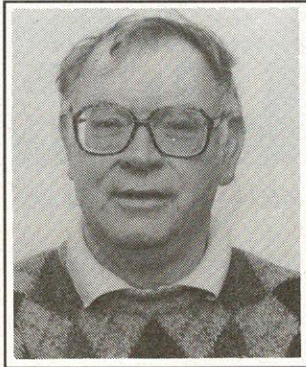
All that remains today is to wish everybody a great Christmas and see you back here for the last game of 1992 on Boxing Day against Hornets.

Yours in Sport,

GED MASON

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ROGER HALSTEAD looks at PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS



Bramley's visit to Watersheddings today for the first time this season revives memories of Oldham's 23-16 win at McLaren Field on October 18th when Maurice Bamford's men put up a determined fight to try and cause a major upset.

In the end there was only one try and a goal in it if you take away Steve Kerry's drop goal to add to his five placed goals. This was Kerry's fourth game for his new club and it was the one in which he found his goalkicking form.

It was as well he did because Oldham scored three tries to Bramley's two and in the end there was little room for error as Oldham built on their narrow 21-10 win at Rochdale seven days earlier.

Wakefield referee Charlie Tidball did not have one of his better games on this occasion and Oldham were still certain afterwards that they should have been allowed two tries that were disallowed for forward passes.

The game was only a few minutes old when Kerry plucked a high restart kick out of the air on his own line and fed Mark Sheals, whose powerful break out of defence gave Hugh Gumbs a running chance.

Gumbs drew the full-back and gave Iva Ropati a clear break up the touchline only to find that the final pass was judged to be forward.

There was a similar incident late on in the game when Stuart Cocker broke and threw a wide pass to Gumbs on the left flank. Again, the pass was ruled to be forward.

In a game dominated by the whistle, Bramley also felt they were hard done to. Oldham's tries were scored by Sean Tyrer, Ian Sherratt, who played in the second-row for the first time and had an outstanding match and Gumbs, while Kerry landed five goals and a drop goal. The crowd was 1,560 and Oldham lined up like this:

Tyrer; Cocker, Gibson, Ropati, Gumbs; Russell, Kerry; Solomona, Stephenson, Sheals, Sherratt, Tupaea, Meadows. Subs: Olsen, Bradbury.

On the day, Oldham's outstanding players were young hooker David Stephenson, playing against his father's former club, Mark Sheals and Ian Sherratt, who produced some dreadnought tackling and powerful running in his new role in the second-row.



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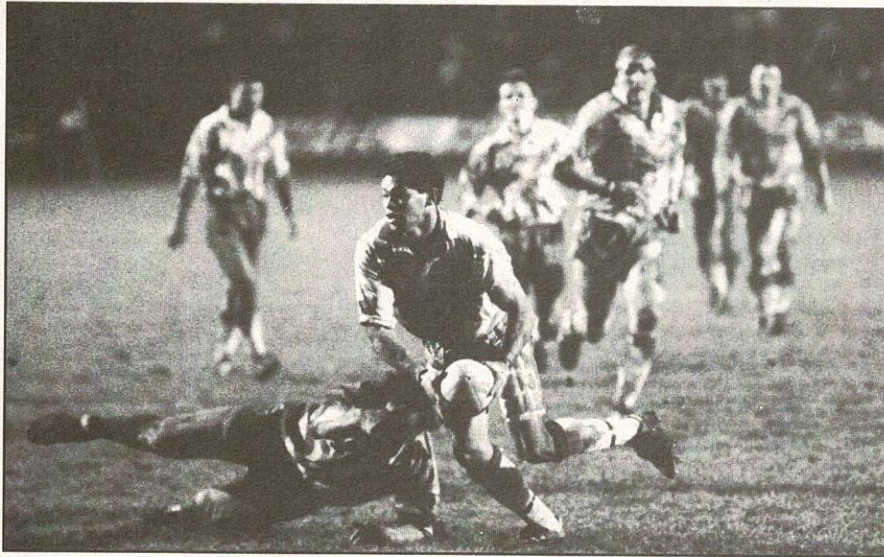
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ACTION



Wally Gibson at the scene of the Great Post Office Road Robbery



Tommy Martyn is tackled by Dick Turpin as the Kray Twins look on.

SUPPORTERS CLUB

Today we extend a warm welcome to all our friends and supporters from Bramley.

MEMBERSHIP

Supporters Club Membership is still open at just £2.00 for the season. All members enjoy a 5% discount in the Club Shop plus discounted travel on all Supporters Club Coaches to away games. Further information from the Club Shop or on **665 1832**.

CHRISTMAS EVE

The Supporters Club are again organising the popular Christmas Eve Family Disco, to be held in the Sheddings Club on the 24th December. Tickets are priced £3.00 for adults and £2.00 for children. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Anyone requiring tickets should contact **665 1832** or speak to the staff in the Club Shop.

JUNIOR REDS

Membership of the Junior Reds is still open at just £2.00 for the season, with the same discounts as adult membership.

The second Newsletter has now been distributed to all Junior Members and we have received many favourable comments from the first issue.

If you have any items of interest or require further information, contact Sue on **681 3397**.

CLUB SHOP

Now in stock - New Replica Shirts at £29.99 (adult sizes) plus Track Suits £53.99 and Matchday Jackets £44.99. We also have a supply of the old-style shirts at only £16.00.

Other various items from the Club Shop have been parcelled together as ideal presents.

Full details can be obtained from the staff in the Club Shop.

AWAY MATCH

Seats for the coaches to Swinton, on New Years Day, can be booked at the Club Shop during the day or by telephone on **665 1832**.

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