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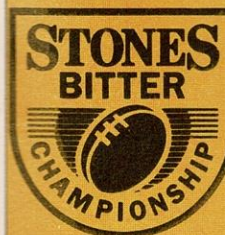
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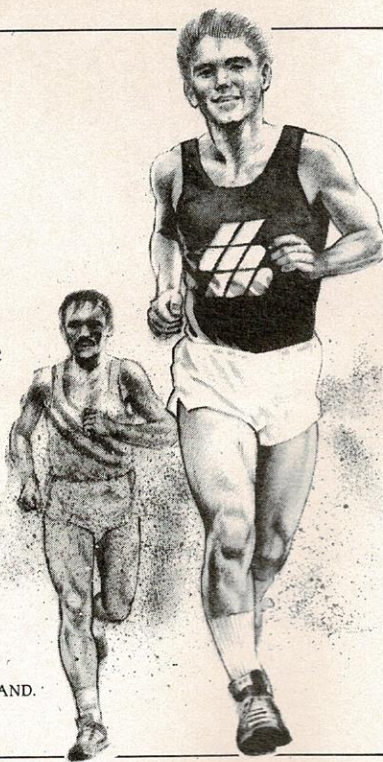
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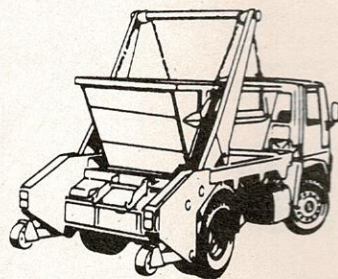
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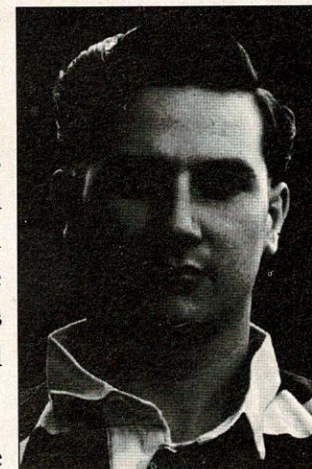
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# **SIMPLY THE BEST**

## **No. 5 - FRANK PITCHFORD**

Today the featured player in our "Simply the Best" spot, is the genial scrum half from the 1950's, namely, FRANK PITCHFORD.

Frank came to Oldham from the St. Joseph's amateur club in his home town of Leigh, with Salford and Swinton also interested, Oldham did well to secure his services and he signed in time for the start of the 1952-53 season making his debut in the senior side in the match at Liverpool on Boxing Day, 1952.



Although on the field Frank appeared to be quite a diminutive figure, what he lacked in height and weight, he more than made up for with pace and ingenuity.

Always alert to gaps in the defence of the opposition, he was most dangerous when taking the ball direct from the scrum close to the opponents' try-line, where any slackness would be punished by another Pitchford try for the "Roughyeds".

A County and International player, Frank toured Australia and New Zealand in 1958.

In all he gave Oldham 10 years outstanding service before moving on to Wigan in 1962. In his time at Watersheddings he notched up over 300 senior appearances, scoring over 100 tries along the way.

Always ready to acknowledge the part played in his Rugby development by the likes of Frank Stirrup and Bryn Goldswain, Frank Pitchford, who sadly died last year, remains one of the finest scrum halves ever to play for Oldham RLFC.

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**Record Goal Scorer:** Bernard Ganley,

224 goals, 1957-58 season

**Record Point Scorer:** Bernard Ganley, 28 points

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# FROM the BOARDROOM

by

**CHAIRMAN JAMES QUINN**



I THINK we can look forward to one of our best crowds of the season and one of the best matches too. There is always something special about a derby between Oldham and Rochdale Hornets on Boxing Day and today will be no exception, because both clubs are striving hard to win promotion to the First Division.

The eight-club Second Division is more competitive than ever and at this half-way stage of the season, we are not even sure whether two clubs, three clubs or even four clubs will be going up.

We think the most likely outcome of the crucial RL Council meeting next month will be a system of one down and three up, but we cannot rely on that. It could still be only two up and clubs like ourselves and Featherstone would ignore, at our peril, the challenge from Rochdale, Huddersfield or even London Crusaders.

It is going to be a crucial battle right to the end as we look forward to a New Year - a year that will be very important for Rugby League and for the Oldham club - I would like to remind all our fans how much we appreciate their support and how much we rely on their backing in so many ways.

We will need that support more than ever over the course of the next four or five months, as we bid for promotion, the aim for the championship and set out our style to finish off at Old Trafford in mid-May.

We haven't even included the Silk Cut Challenge Cup in that, so you can see there is a lot to look forward to and a lot of challenges in which the players will welcome your loyal support. I have said it before, but I want to stress again: big vocal support at any match can make a big difference to how the players feel and respond.

Weather and training facilities also make a difference. It is difficult to recall one training session since early Autumn, which has not been carried out in a downpour and eventually that sort of weather is bound to put something of a damper on things.

Our indoor facilities are very limited and we have been unable to use the centre of the dog track because it would have to be floodlit and it would be silly to invest money into a project like that when it is currently up for sale.

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The training pitch had to go to ease our difficult financial position, so it has not been an easy time for coaching staff and players these last few months.

To try and make things a little easier, we have made arrangements for the first team squad to use indoor facilities at a local school on Wednesday nights for the rest of the winter and we hope this will be of some benefit to coaching staff and players.

In short, a lot of people are working very hard at Watersheddings to keep the club afloat in a difficult period and I want to say what a tremendous lead is being set by members of the Supporters' Club.

They are doing an amazing job behind the scenes and at the time of writing, they had promised to make a contribution out of their funds to our cash-flow problem. We will also be meeting them soon to try and find a way of easing our overall money problem with a contribution from the Souvenir Shop.

Today's game, of course, is the last of 1992 at Watersheddings and as we look forward to '93, I hope we can look forward to better times for our club and the creation of a formula that will enable us to pull clear of our current cash difficulties and establish a base from which we can move on to bigger and better things.

Good luck to you all in '93 - and may Oldham R.L. Club enjoy the good fortune it deserves.

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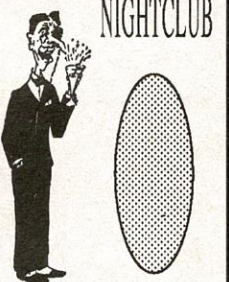
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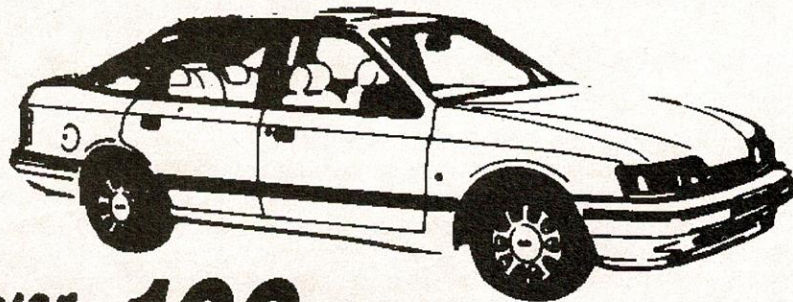
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# A WATERSHEDDINGS WELCOME TO ROCHDALE

**Coach: STAN GITTINS:** Grade One Coaching Certificate holder, who has served under some of the best Coaches in the game. Spells in charge at Blackpool Borough, Springfield Borough and Chorley were followed by a period as A-team coach at Leigh. Stan started his career as a player in 1967 with Batley before moving to Swinton in 1971. His playing days ended after two serious shoulder injuries in 1973. He gained Great Britain U-24 honours in 1969-70. A quiet man, one of the new generation of young coaches.

**MIKE KUITI:** Fresh from two substitute appearances for New Zealand against Great Britain on this year's Lions' Tour, Mike started this season as Assistant Coach and on-field boss. In his second stint at Hornets, Mike has a wealth of experience under his belt after coming over as a young unknown second row forward in 1985. He made his mark with some fierce tackling and devastating running in an all too brief stay. A period at Swinton was followed by International honours and a couple of seasons at Leeds. The last season saw him regain his International place and as such is our only current International player.

**BRETT CLARK:** Signed last season from near neighbours Oldham, this popular Aussie delighted the Hornets' fans with his style of play. Coach, Stan Gittins sees Brett as the man to make Hornets tick with his vision and passing skills. He has a wealth of experience having played with St. George in the Winfield Cup and with St. Helens before his time at Oldham.

**CAVILL HEUGH:** Hornets' recent signing from Leeds after a long chase, links up again with his former team mate Mike Kuiti. A powerful, classy second rower or prop who can also slot goals was seen as the ideal man to do a job at Hornets and so the negotiations were allowed to carry on for three months.

**DAVID WEBSTER:** The signing of the (then) current G.B. Amateur International full back caused a stir when David signed from Wigan St. Maries. Much sought after in his teens, David played for G.B. Students, and England Students in the Student World Cup. David combines strong tackling and a willingness to "hit the ball up" out of defence to make him one of the best young full backs in the Second Division.

**MIKE STEWART:** Signed from Blackpool Gladiators at the start of the season in a swop deal which also brought his team mate Paul Reynolds to Hornets. Mike is a tall powerfully built centre or winger with a good turn of speed and a strong defence.

**PAUL REYNOLDS:** Young, nippy centre from Warrington who

started his career at top Amateur club Crosfields before moving to Trafford Borough. A good pair of hands and a devastating side step make Paul a good acquisition.

**CLIFF ECCLES:** Young second rower bought from Trafford at the start of last season. Cliff has played most of his Hornets' career as a prop and has shown an appetite for the hard work associated with that position.

**MATT CALLAND:** Starting his second season following his signing from Oldham St. Annes, made the step up from A Team player to First Team player at the start of last season after some impressive displays for Kev Lowe's A team. Signed as a centre, Matt turned in some powerful performances on the wing where his no-nonsense approach brought him tries from unlikely situations.

**STEVE GARTLAND:** To start a first team career playing against two of the finest scrum halves in the world either makes a good player or destroys him. Steve came through this period and in two years has proved to a competent performer. A good defensive player who can also sniff out a try.

**BOB MARSDEN:** Player of the Season last year and a very popular choice, Bob played all season in the unfamiliar role of prop forward and turned in some sterling performances. A strong and powerful runner who plays well above his weight. In his third season after joining from Oldham.

**DARREN ABRAM:** Signed partway through the Division campaign from Trafford Borough, Darren quickly became a popular member of Hornets' team. A pacy player with a breath-taking side-step off either foot has seen him beat some of the best full-backs in the game. Hornets' top try scorer for the last two seasons, finishing with 24 last year.

**TONY HUMPHRIES:** A very popular player with the fans, who has turned in some superb performances. A former Lancashire player in his Warrington days, Tony powers his way through a great deal of work in a match both in attack and defence.

**SIMON BAMBER:** Has his best ever season in Hornets' colours last term. A strong runner and defender, Simon shows a good turn of pace when in the clear and is very difficult to stop close to the line.

**MARTIN KAY:** Signed from Oldham St. Annes U-19 team two seasons ago and features mainly in the A team.

**MARTIN HALL:** A busy little player with a surprising turn of speed, good in defence and around the ruck.

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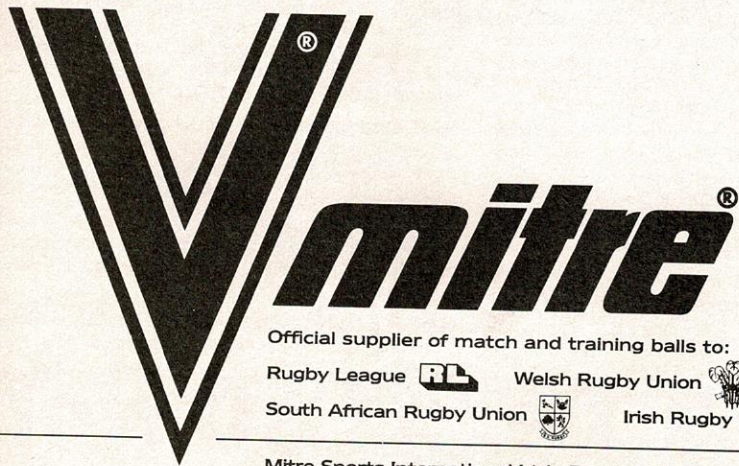
Neil comes from

Keighley.

He was born on 12th July, 1962.

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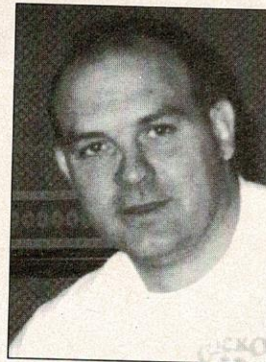


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# TUNKS' TALKBACK



A local derby, important League points at stake and a great game in prospect. Just the ticket for blowing away those Christmas hangover cobwebs for both sets of supporters in what should be a bumper holiday crowd. Rochdale Hornets come to Oldham today with the belief that in our last meeting at Spotland they were unlucky not to share the spoils as we ran out winners by just one point. I don't suppose the festive spirit will stretch to Hornets giving us an easy ride today as they, like us, have an eye firmly fixed on promotion.

One player Rochdale will miss today is their Kiwi captain and playmaker Mike Kuiti if he is still sidelined through injury.

Whatever happens today I can't see it being a dull affair and I know Oldham will be keen to produce entertaining, exciting rugby as 1992 draws to a close and we look forward eagerly to 1993 as we hopefully move onwards and upwards.

Happy New Year to you all.

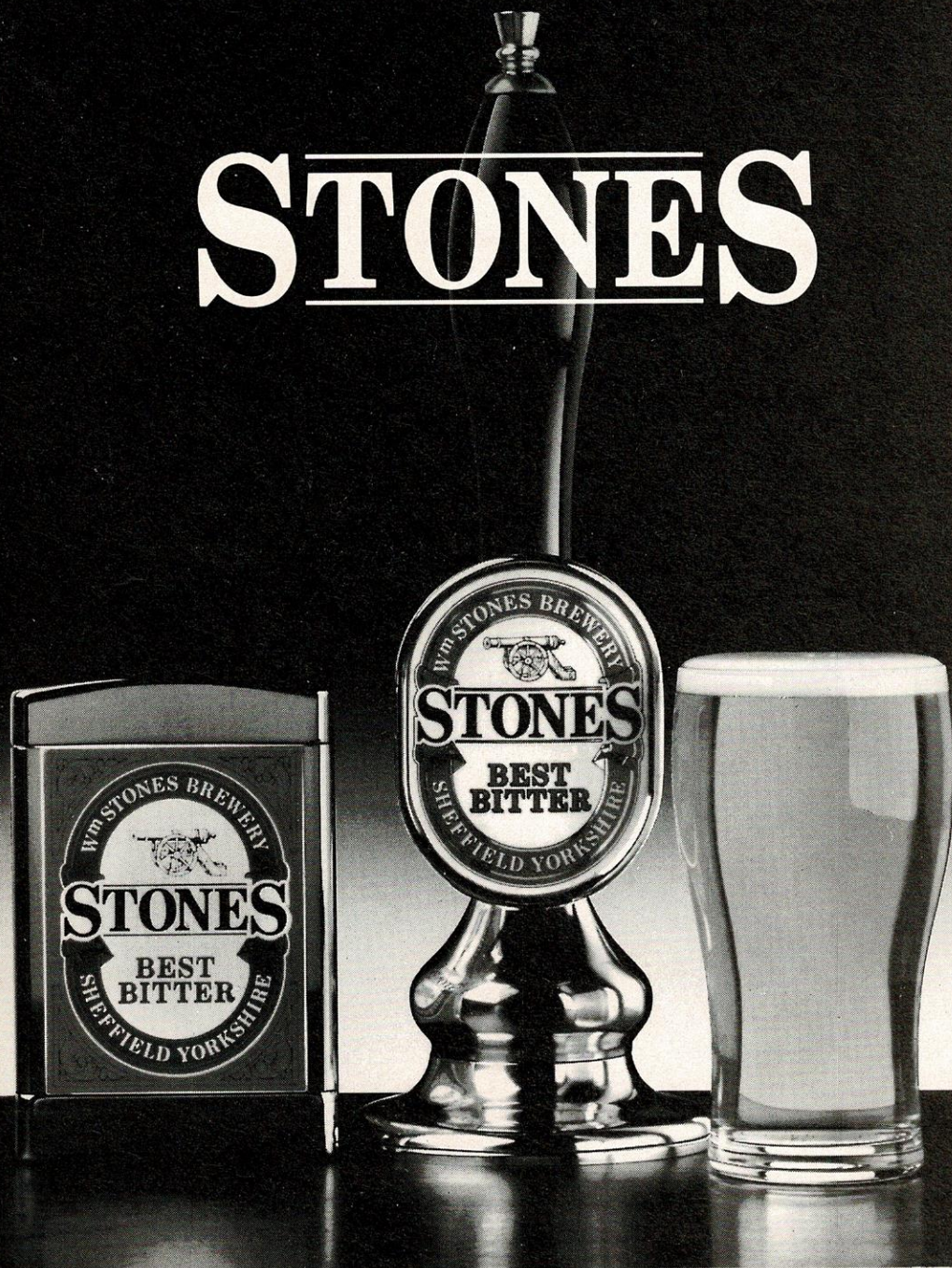
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## PLAYER PROFILE

### MARK SHEALS

**Full Name:** Mark Sheals.

**Date of Birth:** 26th November, 1966.

**Birthplace:** Salford.

**Height:** 5 ft. 11 in.

**Weight:** 16 stone.

**Favourite Drink:** Diet coke, lager.

**Favourite Food:** Pasta, steak.

**Favourite T.V. Show:** Only Fools and Horses, Rising Damp.

**Favourite Music:** Soul - Luther Vandross, Keith Sweat.

**Hobbies:** Weight training, listening to music.

**Previous Clubs:** Swinton, Chorley, Leigh.

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

**Favourite Player:** Iva Ropati.

**Favourite Ground:** Central Park, Wigan.

**Most Difficult Opponent:** Nippy half-backs.

**Most Memorable Match seen:** 1980 Wembley Final (I was a ball boy).

**Biggest Thrill:** Going to training in Dave Bradbury's car.

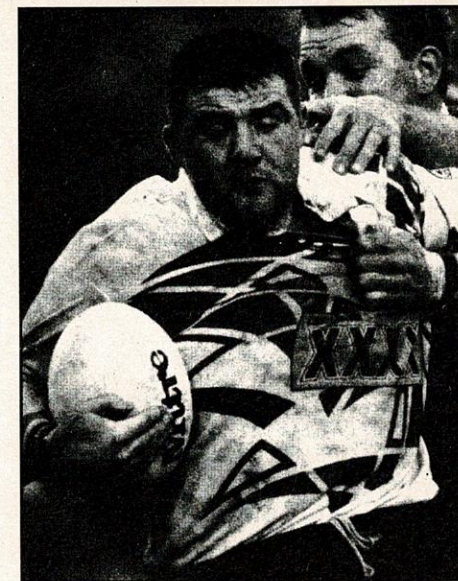
**Biggest Disappointment:** Not playing for Lancashire last season.

**Personal Ambition:** To appear on Coronation Street.

**Person you would most like to meet:** The person who brings the cheque from Littlewoods Pools.

**Have you ever been mistaken for anyone famous:** Kevin Costner, Tom Cruise, too many to mention.

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**A REAL CHRISTMAS CRACKER!**

Well now the turkey has been eaten, washed down doubtless with a few pints. We hope that you had an XXXX-ellent Christmas.

Now the real fun of Christmas is here: Oldham RLFC are playing against the Rochdale Hornets in their, now, traditional Boxing Day game. But who is going to get their ears 'boxed'?

An Oldham v. Rochdale game is always good to watch. Oldham won by the narrowest of margins at their last meeting, with a 21-20 victor. With both teams enjoying a good season so far, the heat is on to win. Will Coach Prince make his lads Kings?

The crowds today are promised a memorable match - what a Boxing Day treat! What more could you XXXX-pect from Oldham RLFC? Good luck lads in your match against the team from 'o'er the hill'.

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**SATURDAY, 26th DECEMBER 1992**

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2. SCOTT RANSON
3. GARY CHRISTIE
4. IVA ROPATI
5. STUART COCKER
6. TOMMY MARTYN
7. STEVE KERRY
8. TINY SOLOMONA
9. RICHARD RUSSELL
10. MARK SHEALS
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**ROCHDALE H. TEAM CHANGES**

1. DAVID WEBSTER
2. JASON GREEN
3. DARREN ABRAM
4. MATT CALLAND
5. ADRIAN BELLE
6. STEVE GARTLAND
7. DARREN O'BRIEN
8. BOB MARSDEN
9. MARTIN HALL
10. CLIFF ECCLES
11. TONY HUMPHRIES
12. COLIN WHITFIELD
13. CAVILL HEUGH
14. KARL MARRIOTT
15. MAL REDDICAN

**PENALTIES**

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**SCRUMS**

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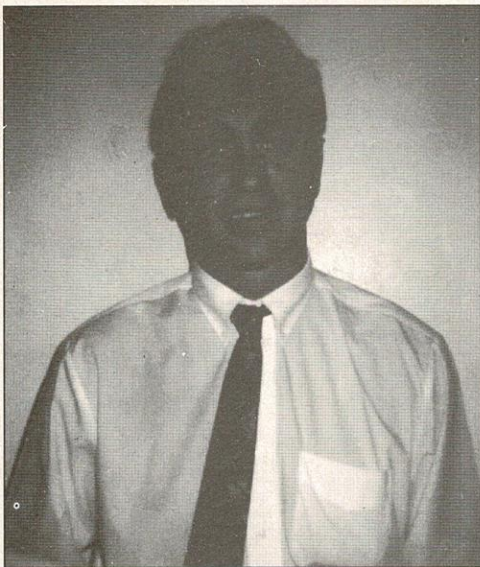
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## 'A' TEAM ROUND UP

with COACH JOHN PRINCE

At this stage of the season I suppose it is time to reflect back on 1992 and to look forward to 1993 and the future.

After a few short months involved with Oldham RLFC in a coaching capacity, I can only say they have been very enjoyable but also at times very frustrating.

**Enjoyable** because I have never before worked with so many hardworking background staff all working to the same aim to make Oldham RLFC the best in Rugby League with a special thanks to John Watkins who not only plays so many roles in the club, but is always at hand to have a constructive talk to.

**Frustrating** because like any coach I always want to field a winning side, and I can assure you that nobody likes losing more than me.

However, when I accepted this position of a team coach I knew that it was more of a role of supporting the 1st Team and building up side of young players who would make the very hard adjustment from amateur rugby to professional and more importantly progress from the 'A' Team to the 1st Team as quickly as possible and I suppose that, how many of these players we produce is more important than winning.

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What I can say is that I feel we are now in a much stronger position now than we were at the start of the season. Our young players have responded well to having to be thrown in at the deep end and have all gained from the experience. They should continue to improve and as we are now beginning to see some of our more experienced players returning from injury so this competition for places in the 'A' Team becomes harder.

Regarding 1993 I feel this year will be a very exciting year for the club all round, as we continue to build our playing strength.

Already we have two or three very exciting youngsters who have agreed to join Oldham in the near future and we are constantly on the outlook for the right kind of player we need to build a successful club.

Yes, I feel 1993 will be a very interesting one that we will go from strength to strength, and on that footnote I would like to wish everyone associated with the club a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

### 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, 16.1.93	Hunslet	H	1.00 p.m.
Thursday, 23.1.93	Leigh	A	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 6.2.93	Dewsbury	A	2.00 p.m.
Saturday, 13.2.93	Workington	H	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 20.2.93	Hemel Hempstead	A	2.30 p.m.
Saturday, 27.2.93	Doncaster	H	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 6.3.93	London Crusaders	H	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 20.3.93	Workington	A	2.30 p.m.
Saturday, 27.3.93	Huddersfield	H	1.00 p.m.

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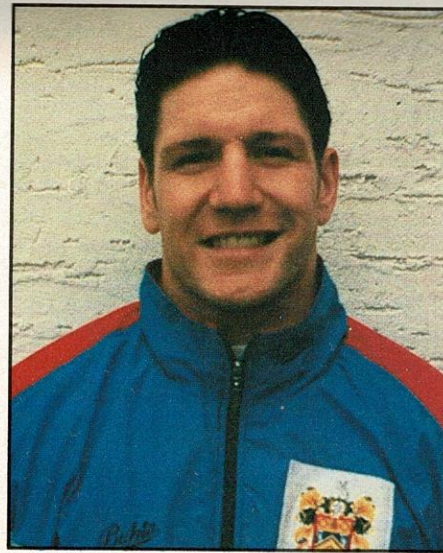
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Speaking of which, how did your Christmas Day go? I join with all the lads in hoping that you all had a terrific day and enjoy the rest of your holiday. We know that one present you would dearly love is for us to produce a winning performance today and we will be going all out to do just that.

The season has a long way to go but with your support we feel sure we can maintain our challenge for promotion.

From myself and all the players have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

See you in 1993

RICHARD RUSSELL

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**P L A Y E R S**

Opponents	Date	Ven.	Res.	F-A	Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
LONDON C.	30.9.92	H	W	27-12	2,428	Tyrer	Ranson	Cocker 2T	Ropati	Maxwell	Martyn 5C+1G	Devine T	Sheals	Bates	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Olsen*	Solomona*
CARLISLE	6.9.92	H	W	38-14	2,292	Tyrer	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Martyn	Devine	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Olsen*	Solomona*
WARRINGTON	13.9.92	H	W	33-20	4,041	Tyrer	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati 3T	Gumbs	Martyn 4G	Devine	Sheals	Pachnik	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	McDermott*	Jones*
HUDDESFIELD	20.9.92	A	W	28-24	2,886	Tyrer	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs 2T	Martyn 4G	Devine 3G	Sheals	Bradbury	Solomona	Olsen	Tupaea	Russell	McDermott*	Jones*
LEIGH	23.9.92	A	W	26-14	3,140	Martyn 2D/G	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Tyrer	Martyn 4G	Devine	Sheals	Bradbury	McDermott	Olsen	Tupaea	Bradbury	Jones*	Solomona*
SWINTON	27.9.92	H	W	16-8	3,246	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Warburton	Tyrer	Martyn 4G	Devine	Sheals	Bradbury	McDermott	Olsen	Tupaea	Russell	Olsen*	Sherratt*
FEATHERSTONE R.	2.10.92	H	L	4-24	3,352	Tyrer	Gumbs	Cocker	Gibson	Bradbury	Warburton	Kerry	Sheals	Sherratt	Solomona	Jones	Tupaea	Olsen	McDermott*	Sherratt*
WIGAN	6.10.92	A	L	8-48	9,020	Tyrer	Bradbury	Gibson	Cocker	Gumbs	Martyn	Kerry	Sheals	Sherratt	Solomona	McDermott	Meadows	Russell	McDermott*	Jones*
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ROCHDALE HORNETS	11.10.92	A	W	21-20	2,740	Tyrer	Cocker	Gibson	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry 4C+1G	Solomona	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury*	Meadows*
BRAMLEY	18.10.92	A	W	23-16	1,560	Tyrer	Cocker	Gibson	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry 5C+1G	Solomona	Stephenson	Sheals	Sherratt	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
SWINTON	1.11.92	H	W	56-6	2,721	Tyrer	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Gibson	Kerry 5C+1G	Solomona	Stephenson	Sheals	Sherratt	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows*
REGAL TROPHY RD. 1	8.11.92	H	L	22-40	4,383	Gibson	Higgins	Tyrer	Ropati	Gumbs	Warburton	Kerry 8G & T	Solomona	Russell	Sheals	Sherratt	Olsen	Bradbury	Tupaea*	Maxwell*
CARLISLE	15.11.92	A	W	25-20	1,300	Tyrer 3G	Bradbury	Gumbs	Ropati	Gumbs	Gibson	Kerry 3C+1G	Solomona	Russell	Sheals	Meadows	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Sherratt*
HUDDESFIELD	22.11.92	H	L	6-17	3,183	Tyrer	Ranson	Byrne	Ropati	Gumbs	Gibson	Kerry 3C+1G	Sherratt	Russell	Sheals	Olsen	Tupaea	Jones	Meadows*	Solomona*
SWINTON	29.11.92	A	W	18-12	1,650	Tyrer	Ranson	Tyrer	Ropati	Cocker	Martyn	Kerry 3C+1G	Solomona	Stephenson	Sheals	Sherratt	Bradbury	Russell	Christie*	Meadow*
FEATHERSTONE R.	5.12.92	A	L			Gibson	Ranson	Christie	Ropati 2T	Cocker	Martyn G	Kerry G	Solomona	Russell	Sheals	Sherratt	Maxwell	Bradbury	Tyrer	Graziano
FEATHERSTONE R.	13.12.92	A	L	20-24	3,286	Gibson	Ranson	Christie	Ropati 2T	Cocker	Martyn G	Kerry G	Solomona	Russell	Sheals	Sherratt	Maxwell	Bradbury	Tyrer	Graziano
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HUDDESFIELD	12.4.93	H																		
LONDON C.	18.4.93	A																		

**NEXT HOME GAME**

Sunday 10.1.93  
**OLDHAM**  
v.  
**BRAMLEY**  
K.O. 3.00 p.m.

**1992 APPEARANCES & SCORERS**  
AS AT 14th DECEMBER, 1992

Player	APP	SUB	TRIS	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 MARIYN	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**

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	PTS	PTS DIFF
FEATHERSTONE R.	12	10	2	0	328	152	20	+176
<b>OLDHAM</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>+85</b>
ROCHDALE H.	13	9	4	0	296	241	18	+55
HUDDESFIELD	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

Although Oldham's record score was achieved by way of the 67-6 victory over Liverpool City in April 1959, this also being the match when Bernard Ganley kicked his record 14 goals. In the 66-7 victory over Blackpool on March 28th, 1982, Oldham actually scored 16 tries, but the usually reliable Mick Parrish could only manage 9 goals.

Oldham played a French touring team from Villeneuve on September 17th, 1934. The result was a victory for Oldham by 26-25 thanks to a last minute drop goal from full back Tommy Rees.

For the first tour to Australia in 1910 Oldham had four players selected to go, however, Joe Ferguson and George Tyson declined the invitation for business reasons and Tom Helm was injured on the journey and didn't play in any of the games. The fourth player was A. E. (Bert) Avery who played in 11 of the matches scoring seven tries and proved to be one of the successes of the tour.

Today's photo shows an Oldham line up from January 1948 playing in uncharacteristic thin red and white hoops and white shorts for the visit of Wakefield Trinity.



Photo Feature Courtesy of the Oldham Chronicle.

**Back Row:** G. Woods, H. Ogden, N. Thompson, A. Givvons, W. Frost, N. Pugh, A. Tomlinson.  
**Front Row:** J. Rea, I. Barraclough, J. Mahoney, S. Inglesfield, N. Harris, S. Evans.

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. Who kicked the equalizing drop goal for Oldham in the 1964 Cup semi-final against Hull K.R. at Leeds?
2. Who were the first winners of the Lancashire Cup?
3. Who was the last player to win the Lance Todd Trophy while playing for the losing side at Wembley?
4. Which club has a fanzine called "Flag Edge Touch"?
5. Which team play at the Don Valley Stadium?
6. Who holds the record for most goals in British Rugby League?
7. In what season did Keighley reach the Wembley Final?
8. Which Australian team is nicknamed "The Panthers"?
9. Who captained the Oldham team in the 1955 Championship Final against Warrington?
10. Name the four Oldham players who toured Australia and New Zealand in 1924.

5.	Sheffield Eagles.	10.	A. Brough, E. Knapman, S. Rix and R. Sloman.
4.	Hull K.R.	9.	Alan Davies.
3.	David Topliss 1979 for Wakefield.	8.	Pentth.
2.	Wigan.	7.	1936-37.
1.	Len McNulty.	6.	Jim Sullivan.

**Answers:**

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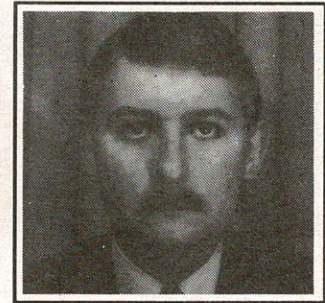
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So it's the last one of '92 and an early start (hope the hangover has cleared).

The last twelve months has seen its fair share of up's and down's. The disappointment of missing out on promotion last season and beaten at Old Trafford were the two major ones.

Progress though has been made both on and off the field. Tunksy has brought many new fans to Watersheddings and most people agree a much improved squad. The win over Warrington earlier this season showed the potential within the team.

Tiny Solomona summed up the many new faces in the team when he said "Players should wear name tags".

What will the future hold for the Rough'yeds, Mark Sheals thinks promotion is no problem, "We'll win promotion, it's the Championship and a trip to Old Trafford we aim for, anything else is second best".

1992 saw a new Chairman at the helm, John Chadwick stood down and Jim Quinn installed. As the new man, he was a very proud man, "Being chosen as Chairman meant a great deal to me it proved to me my fellow Directors had faith in me and I'm looking forward to a long and successful time as Chairman."

My own favourite quote of '92 came after the defeat by Huddersfield some five weeks ago. After the game 'I asked Wally Gibson what Peter Tunks had said to the team, "He said he was going to kick some ass at training on Monday night."

Swinton provide the first obstacle in 1993 at Gigg Lane on Friday as we look to complete a clean sweep over Swinton this season.

Coverage as always will be provided on Clubcall and all the way throughout the coming year until hopefully the final game of the season at Old Trafford.

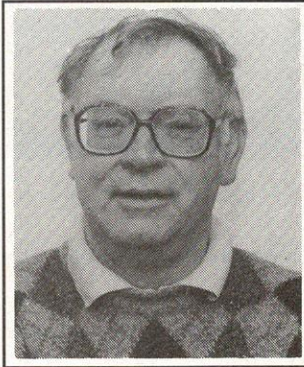
Have a Great New Year.

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# ROGER HALSTEAD looks at PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS



If today's game is half as thrilling and competitive as that when the teams met at Spotland on October 11th, Rugby League fans will be in for a Boxing Day treat.

The record book shows that Oldham won 21-20. There were only two minutes left when Steve Gartland scored the try that put Hornets only a goalkick away from victory, but Oldham fans certainly had a few anxious seconds to endure before the hooter brought them respite.

Indeed, it took a try-saving cover tackle by Steve Kerry on Dave Webster to stop Hornets snatching it, but Oldham had only themselves to blame for allowing the home side to come back into contention so ferociously because Stuart Cocker and Wally Gibson scored early tries to put the visitors firmly in control.

Hornets also suffered a blow when ace schemer Mike Kuiti had to leave the field early on with a recurrence of knee trouble, but they forced their way back into the game with a crash-over try by Mat Calland direct from a tap penalty.

This was awful defence by Oldham, who once more relied a lot on a Steve Kerry drop goal which, ultimately, proved the difference between the sides.

Kerry had a magnificent match in his third outing for his new club and had a lot to do with the fact that the backs probably produced their best display of free-range running of the season.

Two-try Gibson and his fellow centre Iva Ropati cut the Hornets defence to ribbons on numerous occasions, but Hornets refused to lie down and were unlucky just before half time when Webster came into the line from full-back and squeezed over in the corner only to ground the ball on the line in touch-in-goal.

Oldham did not breathe more easily until late in the game when Gibson scored his second try after superb work by Kerry and Ropati, but back came Hornets to set up that nerve-tingling last two minutes.

**OLDHAM:** Tyrer, Cocker, Gibson, Ropati, Gumbs, Russell, Kerry, Solomona, Stephenson, Sheals, McDermott, Tupaea, Olsen. Subs: Meadows, Bradbury.

Oldham also suffered an early injury blow when Barrie McDermott went off with a recurrence of elbow trouble - an injury that was to keep him out of action for more than two months.



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