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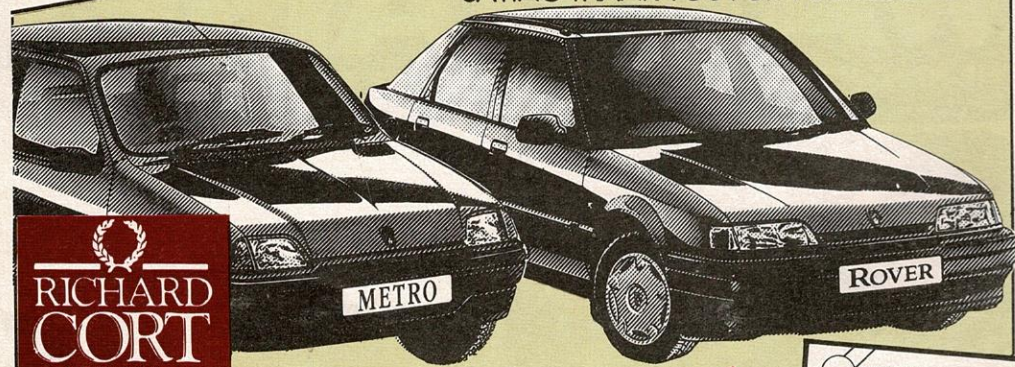
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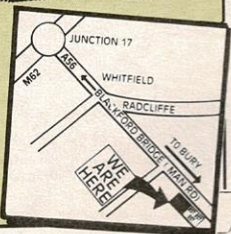
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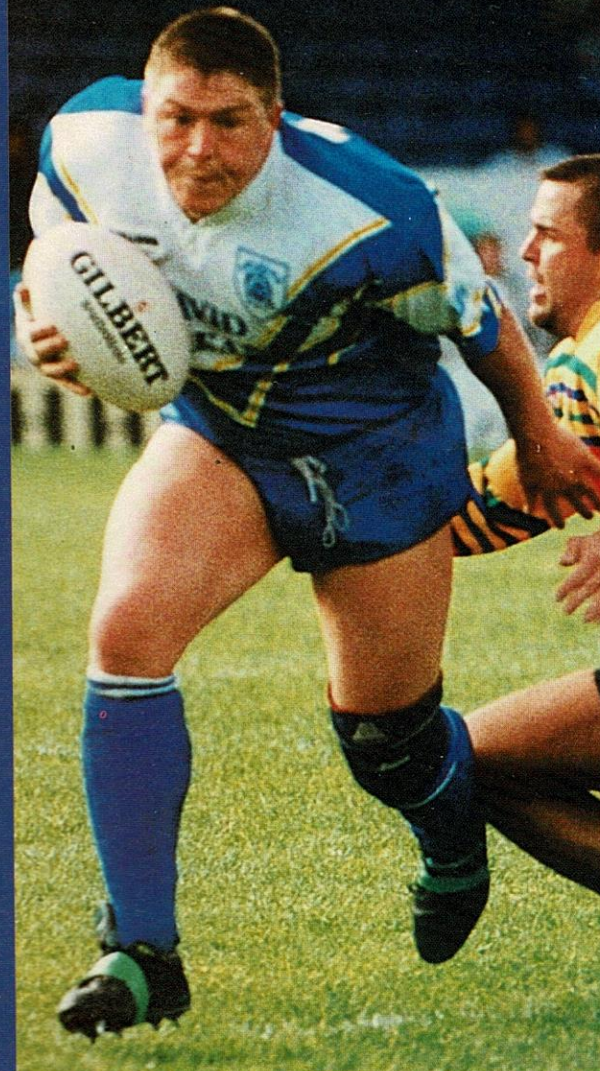
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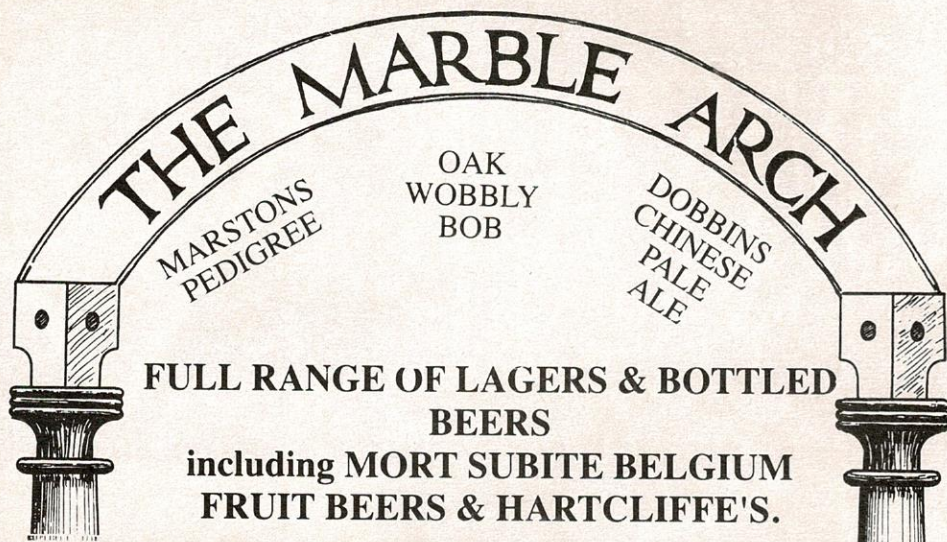
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**World record kick:** Martin Hodgson 773/4 yards (for Swinton) April 13th, 1940 at Rochdale.

**Goals in a game:** 12 K. Gowers v. Liverpool City 3/10/1959.

**Points in a game:** 29 B. McMahon v. Dewsbury 15/8/1959.

**Tries in a season:** 42 J. Stopford 1964/65.

**Goals in a season:** 128 A. Blan 1960/61.

**Points in a season:** 283 A. Blan 1960/61.

**Tries in a career:** 197 F. Evans 1921 to 1931.

**Goals in a career:** 970 K. Gowers 1954 to 1973.

**Points in a career:** 2105 K. Gowers 1954 to 1973.

**Appearances in a career:** 594 - 8 sub. K. Gowers 1954 to 1973.

**Consecutive Club appearances:** 150 R. Fleay, August 1972 to August 1976.

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Argument over two divisions raises its head again. Everybody seemed to be agreeing that two divisions was the better option and then came the frost. Then the top clubs and their internationals started to squeal about cramming matches into too little time. When the vote was taken the two divisions were kicked out and we were left with the status quo but I ask is this charade that we have in the Second Division good for Rugby League. I do not believe it is. The media believe that it is a competitive division. I do not think that anyone could argue over that but the top and bottom of it is if there are more teams in the Second Division it would still be as competitive if not more so when you look at the standard of play and the money being spent to strengthen sides like Dewsbury, Workington and Keighley in the Third Division. I believe that if the First Division want fourteen teams then we should also have the strongest fourteen in the Second Division. The Third Division could be made up of fourteen teams by bringing in, with the seven already there, the seven top 'A' teams from the Alliance League. That would then produce a one division league in the Alliance set up. The only proviso is that no Alliance team could move into the Second Division. For example if Wigan 'A' came first and Highfield second, St. Helens 'A' team third and Blackpool fourth then Highfield and Blackpool could go up and St.



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Helens and Wigan would stay where they were. At the bottom of the Third Division the two bottom Alliance teams would go down into the Alliance League. However if the bottom two teams in the Third Division were not Alliance teams i.e. Chorley and Nottingham they would still stay in the Third Division and the two lowest Alliance teams would go down, with the top two out of the Alliance Division coming up. If you look at the attendance in the Third Division of Highfield, Nottingham, Chorley and Blackpool and the other bottom clubs most are not making 400 spectators per week. However I do believe that if Highfield played St. Helens or Wigan 'A' team on the alternative Sunday that St. Helens played at Knowsley Road they would double or perhaps even treble the number watching them and this would then swell their funds and enable them to strengthen.

I would like to welcome our friends from Oldham for the final time this season and I hope our encounter today will be as competitive as two of the three we have already played.

Yours in Sport,

TONY BARROW

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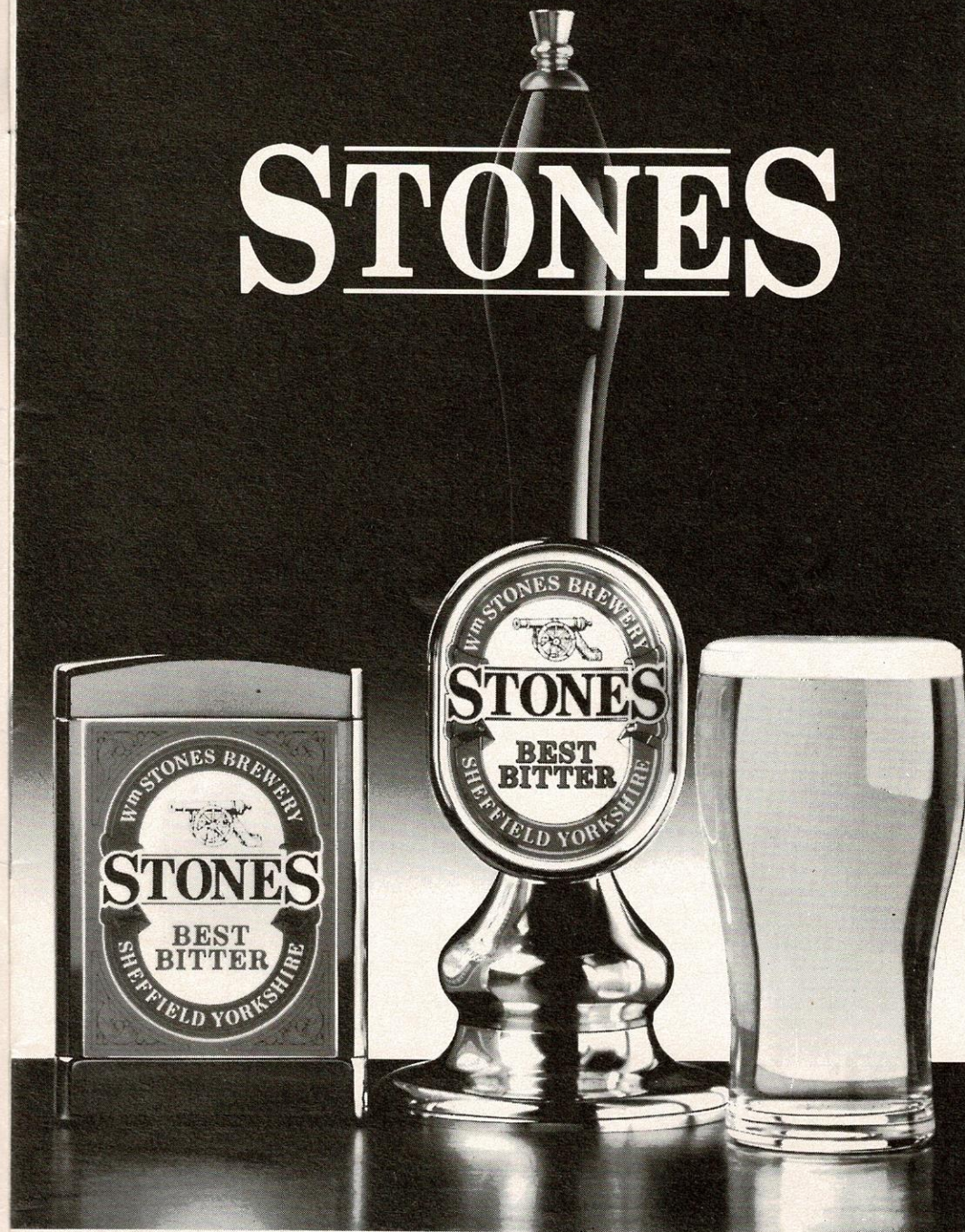
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## OLDHAM

**MARK SHEALS** Rugged, hard-wearing prop, who joined Oldham in a three-for-one exchange deal with Leigh in the summer of 1992. To Leigh went Tim Street, Keith Newton and Duncan Platt as Oldham boss Peter Tunks finally got the man he had been chasing for more than a year. Won a Lancashire Cup last season but missed his county debut due to suspension.

**SEAN DEVINE** A 22 year old scrum-half, whom Oldham boss Peter Tunks also recruited in an exchange deal. This time it was with St. Helens, Oldham receiving £50,000, Devine and back-row forward Paul Jones for Great Britain Under 21 forward Chris Joynt.

**MARK MEADOWS** A Second-row forward, who had seen service with Swinton and Trafford Borough when Tunks snapped him up on the eve of the 1992-93 season from the new Blackpool Gladiators Club, who took Sean Allen in a straight swap.

**HUGH GUMBS** A young winger from Yorkshire, who signed for Bradford Northern when David Hobbs was Boss. Had a spell with Batley and then signed for Oldham as a free agent in the summer of 1992. Went to Australia that summer in the Students World Cup.

**STUART COCKER** Yet another of Tunk's famous wheeler-dealer signings, Cocker joined Oldham in the deal that took Neil Flanagan and Des Foy to Fartown. A try poacher . . . well known for his scoring habits . . . Stuart scored twice in each of his first two games for Oldham against London Crusaders and Carlisle.

**PAUL JONES** At 6ft 3ins and 17 stone, Leigh based Jones had more than 60 senior appearances for St. Helens behind him, albeit many of them as substitute, when he signed for Oldham with Sean Devine in the Chris Joynt deal.

**BEN OLSEN** This Danish born forward made a name for himself with London Crusaders and signed for Oldham in the famous swap-swap summer of 1992 with winger, Richard Blackman, a Londoner returning "Home" to join the Crusaders at Crystal Palace.

**TINY SOLOMONA** A Kiwi of Western Samoan origin, "Tiny" signed for Oldham in early 1992 from Widnes, but did not make his debut until the start of the season because of groin trouble. Has had two groin operations since the turn of the year but is playing at the top of his form now and won the man-of-the-match award in Oldham's first round Lancashire Cup win against First Division Club, Warrington.

**STEVE KERRY** Former Preston Grass Hoppers R.U. half-back, turned professional for Salford for whom he was a prolific goal scorer and he topped the R.L. Points scoring list in 1990/91 when Salford won the 2nd Division Championship with 427 points. Can play equally well at stand-off or scrum-half and was long admired by Oldham Coach, Peter Tunks, before he finally got his man in September, 1992.

**SEAN TYRER** Son of Colin, the former Leigh and Wigan goal-kicking full-back, Sean followed in his father's footsteps when he signed at Wigan after winning many BARLA Youth Honours. Played several 1st Team matches at Central Park when Graham Lowe was Boss, eventually joined Oldham for a bargain £5k in 1991.

**DAVID BRADBURY** Signed from Leigh Miners after touring New Zealand with the BARLA Under 19 Squad. David is a strong running loose-forward, who impressed on Oldham's pre-season Tour of France.

**IVA ROPATI** A member of the famous New Zealand footballing Ropati family, Iva was the top try scorer in the country last year. A new signing for Oldham and an exciting prospect for the team.

**SCOTT RANSON** Twenty four year old St. Helen's player and the top try scorer from his former Club, Swinton. Signed for Oldham in March 1992.

**SHANE TUPAEA** Ex New Zealand player. Signed for Swinton then Rochdale. A hard tackling defensive second-row forward.

**IAN SHERRATT** Former Oldham and Lancashire schoolboy. Left Oldham for Salford and returned last season. A hard grafting prop-forward.

**RICHARD PACHNIUK** A 20 year old from Dewsbury with Polish grandparents, Richard starred in the "A" Team 1990-91 season. A clever, creative thinking type of hooker, he is expected to go a long way.

**RICHARD RUSSELL** A local lad who "arrived" home at Watersheddings via Wigan. Played for Wigan on the wing in the World Club Championship against Manly but is now regarded as stand-off or loose-forward. Creative player with an excellent pair of hands.

**STEVE WARBURTON** Steve was the BARLA Open Age International stand-off season 1990-92. He signed for Oldham from Warrington Amateur Club, Woolston and made his debut as a substitute against Hull in the last match of the 1990-91 season. Did well and enhanced his reputation further in France. A clever, attacking player with poise and class.

**BARRIE McDERMOTT** Strong and powerful despite his 20 years, local boy Barrie is yet another member of the BARLA Squad to throw in his lot with Oldham. He is a dedicated young professional and has quickly made enough impression to earn a place on the bench in Oldham's last season matches.

**TOMMY MARTYN** A player of exciting potential, Tommy is the son of former Leigh, Warrington and G.B. forward Tommy Martyn and the nephew of Mick Martyn, who set scoring records as a forward in the early 60's. He is a stand-off or centre, who can "Sniff" tries out of nothing . . . "Poacher" of the Rugby League variety who can turn a match on a stroke.

**GARY CHRISTIE** Fast winger and yet another member of the BARLA International Youth Squad. Oldham clearly believe in Youth Policy. Gary was top try scorer in New Zealand.

## SWINTON v. OLDHAM

3.9.02 **15-2** Traynor, Cooper(2T), Valentine, Wallwork, Barnett(T), Samuel, Morgan(G), Berry, Cheetham, Evans, Jones, Pomfret, Preston(2G), Tickle, Yates.

10.3.23 **6-0** Pearson(T), F. Evans, Halsall, J. Evans(T), Smith, Jenkins, B. Evans, Strong, Turner, Worsley, Blewer, Powell, Bulters.

3.4.53 **30-12** Blan(6GT), Norburn, Welsh, Stott(2T), Burn(2T), Parkinson(T), Thomas, Phillips, Osmond, Scott, Woods, Lea Holder.

8.11.79 **15-12** Watkins(2G2D), Graham, Gorton, O'Loughton, Hindley(T), McGovern(2T), Bruen, Grice, Clarke, Earl, Highton, Fletcher, Peters.

4.9.83 **8-6** O'Loughton, Jones(2GT), Connor, Ratcliffe, Bate, Bolton, Johnson, Walsh, Higgins, Ashcroft, Arrowsmith, Brown, Holliday.

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No around the leagues this week due to printing deadlines so I think this item will be of some interest to the older fans amongst you. The item has been taken from Open Rugby Magazine which is available from your newsagent or by subscription from: OPEN RUGBY MAGAZINE, Munro House, York Street, Leeds, LS 9 8AP. For a sample copy please send £2.30 inc. P&P.

### Charlton goes strong - at 50!

A major talking point recently in Alliance League circles has been the performances of two players at opposite ends of the age scale. 50-year-old former G.B. full-back Paul Charlton made a fleeting comeback for Carlisle's beleaguered Alliance team in a Second Division match against Oldham in September and did not let himself or his colleagues down.

Meanwhile, at St. Helens, two 15-year-olds with famous fathers have been grabbing all the headlines. Half-back John McAtae, son of a former Leigh half-back and winger/centre Gareth Cunningham, son of Eddie, have made an instant impression among the galaxy of stars at Knowsley Road.

As Great Britain's stars prepared for their death or glory Wembley World Cup Final clash with Australia, Charlton, a hero of our last triumph in 1972, was eagerly accepting the chance to make an obscure, one-off comeback.

One of British football's all-time greats, still holding the try-scoring record for a full-back, he operated at stand-off for the Border raiders in their home clash with Oldham. And, though finishing on the losing side, Charlton lasted the full eighty minutes and 'loved every minute of it'.

Paul Charlton is, and always has been, a fitness fanatic. His top-flight career commenced with a debut for Workington, some 31 years ago, and finished in 1981 with a try-scoring finale in Blackpool Borough's defeat at Wigan.

Retirement was always going to be the most painful moment of an outstanding career which incorporated more than 720 first-team appearances for Workington, Salford and, finally, Blackpool. And he continues to delay the inevitable, needing only the slightest encouragement to get his boots out.

"I've found it very hard to give the game away since playing at top-level," says Paul. "and have turned out more than once for Carlisle's Alliance team during an injury crisis.

"I played well beyond my 40th birthday when coaching on the Gold Coast in Australia and produced some of the best form of my career after the age of 30.

"In fact, I gained international recognition at a time when most players would have thought that fate was against them. So, my advice to any player is to keep going for as long as possible. There's no substitute for playing.

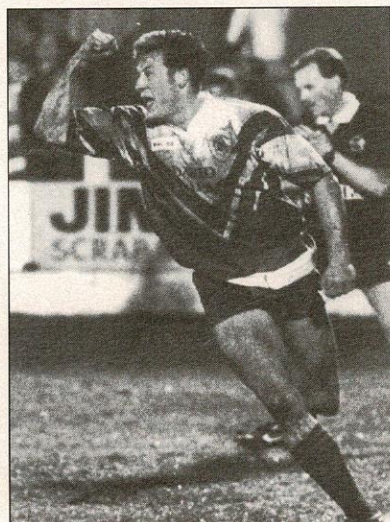
"I thought Castleford's Graham Steadman was going to overhaul my 33-try total last season, but he fell just short. Naturally, I'm very proud of that record.

"My playing career brought some marvellous moments. I played 19 times for Great Britain, including the 1972 World Cup series, faced the Kangaroos in 1973 and, the highlight of my career, went on tour Down-Under with the 1974 Lions.

"I was in two Salford teams which won the First Division Championship and the only blot on my career was missing out on a Wembley Cup Final appearance, although I turned out there in the First Test against Australia in 1973."

Charlton's surprising call to arms with the Border Raiders came when Carlisle were under-strength because of injuries and holiday absences. Absent because of holidays? Paul looked surprised that any League player could contemplate booking holidays in early September!

Recently pipped by Gordon Cottier for the post of Cumbria coach, for the match against Australia, Charlton continues to work alongside Cameron Bell and David Robley with the budding youngsters of Carlisle's Alliance team.



*Ian Pickavance after he scored his try.*

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AWAY HOME	Bramley	Carlisle	Featherstone R	Huddersfield	London C	Oldham	Rochdale H.	Swinton
	Bramley	18-18	4-22	34-10	30-8	16-23	12-10	22-16
Carlisle	18-10	14-38		14-46	20-25	24-12		
Featherstone R		30-10		18-25	40-10	24-20	18-6	14-8
Huddersfield	18-12	4-24	15-34		18-14	24-28	14-22	37-10
London C	20-0	18-18	8-30	46-10			30-10	20-6
Oldham	36-0	38-14	4-24	6-17	27-12		47-22	16-8
Rochdale H.	29-22	26-18	26-22		25-16	20-31		
Swinton	6-11		10-44		16-6	12-18	10-14	

### DIVISION TWO TABLE (Including 17.1.93)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff.	Pts
Featherstone	16	14	0	2	480	198	282	28
Oldham	16	3	0	3	437	242	195	26
Rochdale	16	9	0	7	342	318	24	18
Huddersfield	16	7	0	9	279	342	-63	14
London C.	16	6	1	9	286	290	-4	13
Bramley	16	5	1	0	231	354	-123	11
Carlisle	14	4	2	8	253	345	-92	10
SWINTON	15	2	0	13	146	365	-219	4



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	P	W	D	L	F	A
1930-31 1st	38	31	2	5	504	156 64

The Lions supporters hopes of success were dashed before the season commenced, when Hector Halsall, the International centre and captain, went as Coach to Barrow and second-row forward Dick Cracknell returned to Yorkshire. Although centre George Whittaker was signed from Featherstone Rovers to replace Halsall, the news that inspirational and brilliant centre Jack Evans would miss the entire season, through illness and injury, dispelled any hopes of the previous year's success, which were sorely missed last year.

Swinton opened the season in tremendous form, winning six and drawing one of their opening seven games and winning 10-2 away to Warrington, the Cup holders, in the First Round of the Lancashire Cup before being defeated 9-14 at Wigan, the defeated finalists, who they had already defeated 13-7 in the League. The wonderful League form continued with the Lions winning their next seven games - a run of 12 successive victories and the Lions did not suffer a defeat until their 16th League game, which was at Station Road, when Hunslet won 3-5. The first away defeat was not suffered until 17th January to St. Helens, last season's League leaders - reminiscent of 1900 - when the Lions first defeat wasn't suffered until 19th January - a remarkable coincidence. In the First Round of the Challenge Cup, Swinton won 7-2 at Featherstone, before being defeated 0-2 at home to Halifax, the eventual Cup winners.

The Lions returned to the League, continuing their magnificent form and finished the season with only one defeat, in the last game at Wigan Highfield, in their remaining 14 games including a 16-3



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Good Friday victory over Oldham before 17,500, which wasn't the highest crowd of the season. On New Years' Day, 18,000 saw Salford defeat the Lions 4-8.

Swinton finished the season as the League leaders, winning 31 of their 38 games. The 504 points scored was the highest ever obtained in a season, the 156 points being conceded being the least since 1902-03 and the 64 points obtained the highest ever in a season.

On 25th April, 13,662 saw Swinton defeat Oldham at Station Road 16-3 in the Premiership Semi-Final, so on 9th May, 31,000 were at Wigan to see Leeds defeated in their third successive Final 14-7. Team: Scott, Buckingham, Whittaker, H. Evans, Kenny, B. Evans, Rees, Wright, Blewer, Morris, Hodgson, Beswick, Bulter.

The leading try scorers were Frank Buckingham 23, Jack Kenny 19, George Whittaker 14, Fred Bulter 14 and Fred Beswick 10. Martin Hodgson kicked 56 goals, obtaining 115 points.

B. Evans and Fred Bulter played for Lancashire; Joe Wright, Miller Strong and Martin Hodgson for Cumberland; George Whittaker for Yorkshire; Bryn Evans and Billo Rees played in England v. Other Nationalities.

Station Road was honoured with the Lancashire Cup Final, when 16,710 saw St. Helens Recs. v. Wigan.

Another remarkable and record-breaking season for the Lions. With Halsall and Cracknell having left at the start of the season, wingers Frank Evans and Chris Brockbank, who had each scored over 100 tries and full-back Jack Pearson retiring, the great 1927-28 was breaking up. New stars were delighting Lions supporters and trophies were back in the Swinton trophy cabinet.

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**WINNING RUN**

Dewsbury and Whitehaven have the current longest winning run of six matches, all in the Third Division.

**LOSING RUN**

Highfield are the only team without a win this season after losing all 13 matches – 11 in the Stones Bitter Third Division, one Greenalls Lancashire Cup and one Regal Trophy tie. But Nottingham City have the longest losing run of 14 matches, covering 12 in the Third Division, one Regal Trophy and one Yorkshire Cup tie.

**MILESTONES**

Daryl Powell needs one try for a career century of touchdowns for Sheffield Eagles.

Vince Gribbin is two tries short of a career century for Whitehaven.

**YOUNGERS ALLIANCE CHALLENGE CUP – SECOND ROUND DRAW**

To be played on the weekend of 30th January, 1993:

Widnes v.	Rochdale/Wakefield	Leeds v.	Huddersfield
Doncaster v.	Ryedale-York	Sheffield v.	Dewsbury
Oldham v.	Wigan	Batley v.	Warrington
Hunslet v.	Leigh	Hull v.	Bradford Northern

**TOP 10 TRY SCORERS**

1. Shaun Edwards (Wigan).....	26
2. Alan Hunte (St. Helens).....	21
3. Greg Austin (Halifax).....	19
Paul Newlove (Featherstone R.).....	19
5. Ellery Hanley (Leeds).....	18
6. Phil Ford (Salford).....	16
Andy Mason (Wakefield T).....	16
Tony Smith (Castleford).....	16
9. David Plange (Sheffield E).....	15
Tea Ropati (St. Helens).....	15

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

**TOP 10 GOAL SCORERS (including Drop Goals)**

1. Dean Marwood (Workington T).....	99
2. Frano Botica (Wigan).....	85
3. John Wasylw (Keighley C).....	82
4. Gary Pearce (Ryedale-York).....	68
Lee Crooks (Castleford).....	68
6. Paul Eastwood (Hull).....	65
7. Steve Gartland (Rochdale H).....	58
Martin Pearson (Featherstone R).....	58
9. Steve Maguire (Whitehaven).....	46
10. Paul Bishop (Halifax).....	50

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

**TOP FIVE POINT SCORERS**

	Tries	Goals	Drop Goals	Points
1. Dean Marwood (Workington T)	10	99	0	238
2. John Wasylw (Keighley C)	10	82	0	204
3. Frano Botica (Wigan)	7	83	2	200
4. Steve Gartland (Rochdale H)	12	57	1	163
5. Paul Eastwood (Hull)	7	65	0	158

**TRY SCORING RUN**

Ellery Hanley has scored at least one try in Leed's last five matches, bringing him a total of eight touchdowns. The loose forward's sequence is as follows:

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☐ There must be a good argument for Summer Rugby! Once again bad weather has disrupted our domestic programme and we're having to play twice a week.

This puts a lot of strain on our small squad of players, and with the injury pile-up Tony Barrow is unable to field the same team two games on the run.

Financially it's been a disaster our two local derby games were frozen off. These games over the Xmas holidays would have provided us with our best crowds of the season and much needed cash injection.

☐ I would like to say hello to all my friends from Oldham and wish them all a 'Happy New Year' and Good Luck in their push for promotion into the First Division.

☐ There are still tickets available for our St. Valentine's Dinner Dance to be held at Bury F.C. Social Club on Saturday, 13th February, featuring live band "After Dark" and an excellent four-course dinner. Not to be missed. Tickets available at £15 each, please ring the Commercial Office on **794 6150** for more information.

☐ A special mention today for our Club Mascot "Vinnie the Lion". Vinnie has done a great job, cheering the team handing out sweets to the children and even crying when the other team scores a point (he's done a lot of crying this season). But Vinnie wasn't always a big lion, I have managed to get hold of a photograph of Vinnie when he was just starting his career as Club Mascot. He used to be a lovely baby.

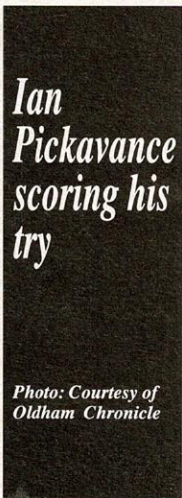


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*Craig Errington going through the gap*

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*Ian Pickavance scoring his try*

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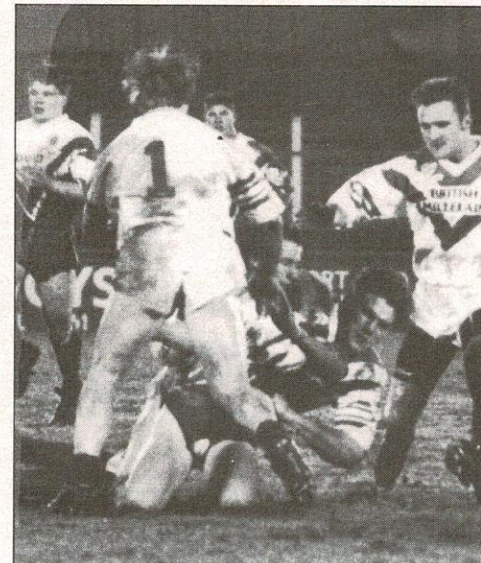
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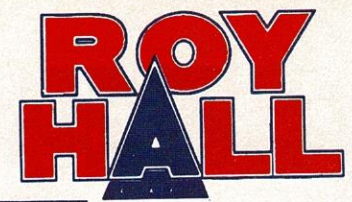
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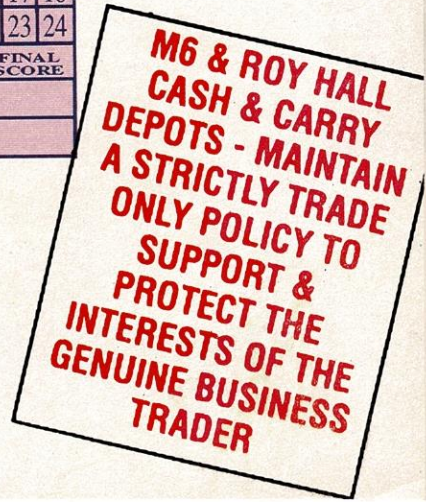
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Five loan deals are fixed up before the Challenge Cup transfer deadline; Lee Whiteley (Featherstone to Bramley), Ian McLean (Workington to Keighley), Bob Eccles (Blackpool to Barrow), Terry Smirk (Hull to Leeds), Tony Conroy (Oldham to Swinton).

Headingley will be the venue for this season's Great Britain versus France test match on 2nd April.

Hull K R lose their fifth overseas player of the season when Craig McKeough is forced to return home to Australia with a shoulder injury.

Want away Barrow hooker Paul Creary asks his club to cut his £20,000 transfer fee whilst Workington Town are showing an interest in him.

Mike McLennan is re-considering his decision to leave St. Helens at the end of the season, to return home to New Zealand.

Carlisle's request to extend the loan period of Willie Richardson from Whitehaven is turned down by the West Cumbrian club.

Keighley's offer to Barrow of Jeff Butterfield and Kevin Rose in exchange for Pat Trainor is turned down by the 'Shipbuilders'.

Meanwhile Barrow have released Australian prop Terry Bullen because, according to chairman Steve Johnson, "He didn't come up to scratch".

Huddersfield are being linked with Blackpool Gladiator Paul Flannery.

Nice comment from Barrow chairman Steve Johnson on Halifax's appointment of Malcolm Reilly. "I don't know why clubs don't appoint more English coaches, they are certainly cheaper. When Rod Reddy was here he was probably getting as much money as Margaret Thatcher... but, he didn't get his own way quite as often".

Leigh coach Steve Simms believes in giving youth its chance. He has just signed Leigh East scrum-half John Gunning but, has placed no less than ten older players on the transfer list including Neil McCulloch, Mark Moran, Duncan Platt, Barry Ledger and Tony Burke.

New Featherstone signing Neil Roebuck copped a six match ban from the Disciplinary Committee for being sent off in a reserve game whilst playing for his previous club, Castleford.

Warrington are heading for a showdown with the Rugby League hierarchy over their refusal to release Kevin Ellis for next month's Welsh squad for the Sydney Sevens.

The Commonwealth of Independent States are taking a full strength squad to the same World Sevens.

Australian Rugby League chairman Ken Arthurson is planning a fact finding mission to South Africa next month to look for ways of helping the game develop there.

Peter Fitzgerald of Ryedale-York scored four tries against Nottingham City last weekend, following on from hat-tricks in his previous two appearances.

Added to the list of players on offer at Leigh, see above, is winger David Hill who has been put on offer for £25,000 after demanding a transfer following being dropped after a heavy defeat at St. Helens.

Hull commercial manager John Fillingham, speaking on Sky's Boots 'n' All programme, makes a plea for the Rugby League to give member clubs more guidance on marketing activities.

Fillingham also advocates a common programme for each week's Second and Third Division games to save lower clubs the expense of printing a match day magazine.

Finally a plea: Any Swinton supporters attending home Alliance games which are now being played at Eccles A.R.L.F.C., please contribute to our hosts' funds by making use of their bar before and after the game... as if you needed any encouragement.



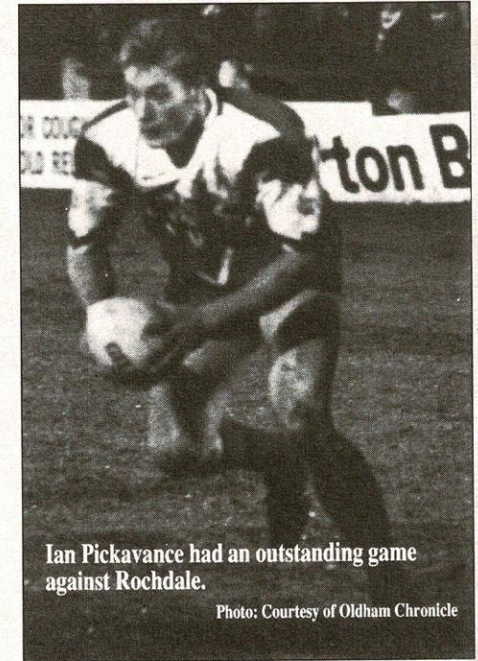
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Ian Pickavance had an outstanding game against Rochdale.

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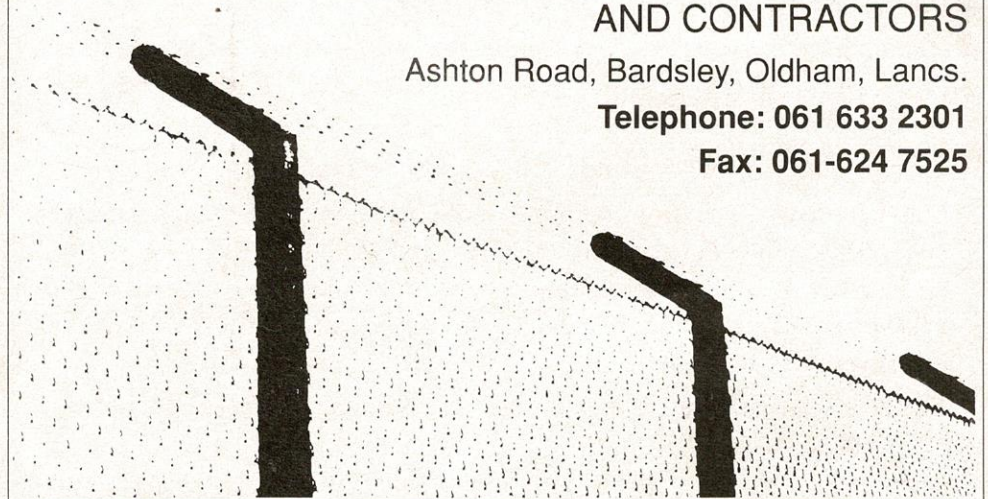
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**COMMENTATOR  
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**Did he jump or was he pushed?**

I refer of course to the recent announcement from Chapeltown Road that Great Britain Coach Malcolm Reilly is to continue in a 'part-time' capacity along with his new duties as Coach with Halifax.

The appointment throws up several questions" can one man do both jobs adequately? Should one man be asked to?

I don't personally place too much emphasis on a full-time Great Britain coach – we don't have sufficient fixtures to warrant one, and the temptation must be to get involved in other duties of a non-coaching nature which other people may be better qualified to carry out (development etc.).

Halifax have obviously done their research and they must be delighted with the arrangements and they do appear now to have a very strong coaching team at Thrum Hall.

So, everybody's happy, why do I still have my reservations?

I think, because I've always been convinced that the Great Britain job must be held by somebody independent – I do not doubt the integrity of Mr. Reilly – it's just my own personal opinion. I believe that decisions will have to be made one day that will put him in an embarrassing situation and we would all be better off facing up to this fact.

These, it has to be said, are my only reservations and whatever happens I wish him well.

MALCOLM LORD

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**by KEN ROBERTS**

Local sides had mixed fortunes in the 1st round of the national cup, but 5th division Pendlebury Cromwell take pride of place after they eliminated Keighley side Silsden Rangers 24-10 at home. Tries came from Jason Dulhanty 2, Paul Mulhoney and Stuart Flemming with John Church kicking 4 goals.

The other 5th division side in the competition Swinton Victoria were at home to Wigton (Cumbria) and scored tries through Nick Pyne and Swinton trialist Chris Bleakeley, but with the game evenly matched at 11-19 with 20 minutes to go, they ran out of steam and lost 11-37.

Folly Lane were the other local side to get through, winning 28-6 at New Richmond. Try scorer Tony Wright was the man of the match, but other try scorers were Jimmy Evans 3, Brian Horrocks and Gary Robinson.

Salford Juniors scored first at Keighley Albion through Mike Horton and were only trailing by a local at the break, but the Yorkshire side ran away with it in the 2nd period to win 34-13.

The 4th round of the NWCL cup brought success for the Manchester teams with Eccles defeating 1st division Fitton Hill 24-9 at home, and Langworthy disposing of 4th division Adlington (Chorley) also at home 30-0.

Irlam Hornets moved 6 points clear at the top of the NWCL premier division after 2 very hard fought victories despite scoring only 1 try. In the last game of 1992 they had 3 Neil Hughes penalties to thank for their 6-5 home victory over 2nd placed Blackbrook, then into the new year they won 9-4 at local rivals Eccles. Stuart Shovelton playing his first game after a broken arm kicked 2 goals and a drop goal while Lee Caffrey scored their try. Dean Pickup booted 2 penalties for Eccles whose form made a mockery of their mid table place.

Before their game against Hornets, Eccles made a 6-6 draw at much improved Wigan St. Judes, but the Manchester club were disappointed not to take both points. John Basson's try, converted by Dean Pickup gave Eccles a 6-4 lead, but the home side equalised with a harshly awarded late penalty.

Langworthy kept their 1st division title hopes alive at the expense of their struggling neighbours Salford Juniors. Despite having wingman Campbell sent off, Langworthy rattled up a 46-12 home victory with Mark Firth leading the way with 2 tries.

Prestwich held title favourites Leigh Victoria to a 18-18 half time score line with tries from Clayton, James and Lawson but Kevin Ashcroft's visiting side ran riot in the 2nd half and ran out winners by 50-30. Phew!

John Church kicked 2 goals and Steve Claire scored a try as Pendlebury Cromwell went to the top of division 5 after defeating the previous leaders Beech Tree (Wigan) 8-0 at home. Pendlebury held onto their number 1 spot with a 32-21 victory at Weaverham, and not many sides win there!

At the other end of division 5 there was also a welcome victory for Swinton Victoria at Kirkby Rangers. "Vics" made it a double over the Liverpool side with Ian Jackson's try and goals from Simon Meadows 2 and Warren Evans giving them a 12-8 win.

Accrington have gone off the boil recently and after looking promotion certainties for most of the season they now have a fight on their hands. Their latest set back was against Leigh Harriers 14-21 at home.

Eccles 'A' are bottom of the Alliance Division 1, but they gave a good account of themselves despite a 12-17 setback at title chasing Blackbrook (St. Helens).

Langworthy 'A' lost 10-14 at Haydock 'A' but moved up to 3rd in the Alliance Division 2 after beating Shaw 'A' 56-0 at home. They held on to that 3rd place with a 36-14 home win over Rylands Recreation 'A' (Warrington).

Irlam Hornets 'A' slipped behind Langworthy on points difference after they were held at home by 2nd placed Halton Simms Cross 'A' 16-16, and they were unable to regain their 3rd spot despite defeating Wigan St. Patrick's 'B' 12-4 at home.

In the Alliance Division 3, Folly Lane 'A' plunged deeper into trouble when they were hammered 2-70 at promotion chasing Latchford Albion 'A', but they recovered to beat neighbours Salford Juniors 'A' 52-8 at home.

## By **STEVE WILD** SWINTON v. OLDHAM 15th April 1967

Close on the last visit, and for what seems like the umpteenth time this season, we face Oldham this afternoon. Twenty-five years ago we faced "The Roughyeds" in the First Round of the Championship play-off. This was still the era of the one division and as such clubs did not play every other team in the League. The end of season play-off competition therefore decided the Championship (unlike the present Premiership tournament which is simply another Cup competition for Wigan players to moan about). Prior to Swinton's First Division Championship successes of 1963 and 1964 the title was decided on a top four play-off and from 1965 to the advent of two divisions it was decided on a top 16 play-off. So, back in 1967, the Lions (who had finished seventh) faced 10th-placed Oldham.

With Station Road already pencilled in for the Final itself, Swinton had plenty to play for. This meeting was, in fact, the third meeting between the clubs in the past 23 days (sounds familiar). The Lions had won both League games narrowly. It was 13-10 at Station Road on Good Friday and 10-9 at Watersheddings in the final League game of the season. The game itself, played before a crowd of 7,385, was dominated by the sheer determination of the Oldham pack (notably Peter Smethurst, playing against his old club). Smethurst, described by the papers as the coolest man in the ground, landed two goals and also scored a try as Oldham look set to win. However Swinton fought back towards the end and with the help of two tries from winger Gomersal and three goals from Derek Whitehead, they snatched a 12-12 draw from the jaws of defeat. The fifth meeting between the clubs (they had also met in the Lancashire Cup) was the replay at Oldham three days later. On this occasion Swinton were much better organised and won the game 15-7. It didn't do them much good however as in the Second Round, looking drained from the two tough ties with Oldham, they went down at Hull K.R. by 36-10.

The match programme (featured here) will be a familiar design to most Swinton fans. This particular design first appeared when Swinton entertained New Zealand in October, 1965 and was still in use part way through our promotion year of 1974/75. In all it was used on 186 occasions. Within the programme itself, mention is made of the clubs centenary, which was due to be achieved in October 1967. Several letters of congratulations appeared in the programme and reading them serves as a reminder as to why this club must not be allowed to fall by the wayside. Lord Derby, President of the Rugby League wrote, "I hope that the next 100 years will bring greater success to your team and that you will have the encouragement of an enthusiastic and numerous crowd of supporters. The club deserves this support and am sure it will make the whole difference to the success of the team in years to come". Harold Shaw, the Mayor of Swinton wrote, "One hundred years of Rugby is indeed a milestone in the history of our town for which we should be most grateful. A glance at the honours obtained during this period speaks for itself. At present we have a ground second to none, resulting in a regular supply of major matches at Station Road. However, at the moment we have too many armchair critics in Swinton and it will only be by more of us passing through the turnstiles regularly that the standards we demand can be provided and maintained. No club can run indefinitely with an increasing debt hanging over its head." Perhaps it is possible therefore to identify the late 60's as the time when the clubs finances hit the slippery slope that brought us to the terrible conclusions of 1992?

Finally, once again, can I appeal for photographs and pre-1960 programmes to assist with my history of the club. Many thanks. Steve Wild, 70 Swinton Hall Road, Swinton. Tel. 728-1068.



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by **IAN RIGG**

Owing to printers deadlines we are unable to print a match report today but instead I have for you a Trivia Quiz courtesy of Open Rugby Magazine. It is based on events during the 1980's just to test your memories.

The first correct entry opened on 13th February, 1993 will win an autographed rugby ball - so here goes:

1. Who was Fulham RL's first captain?
2. Which two clubs made their RL debut's in August 1981?
3. In 1984 who scored the first four point try at Wembley?
4. Name Sheffield Eagles first signing?
5. In April, 1985 a Second Division match attracted a crowd of only 85! Who were the opposing clubs?
6. In September, 1986 who scored 40 points in his club's 112-nil victory over Carlisle?
7. In 1987 what was the title Springfield Borough were denied permission to use by the RFL?
8. In 1988 which club captain had to publicly apologise for his teams home defeat by Swinton?
9. In 1989 which player invaded the crowd at Thrum Hall and was banned by his club for four games and fined £500?
10. Which two teams drew 24-24 in the Challenge Cup Semi-Final in March, 1986?

Please send your answers in an envelope marked 'Trivia Quiz' to Ian Rigg c/o Swinton RLFC Promotions, Station Road, Swinton, Manchester, M27 1DD. To arrive by last post 12th February, 1993. Good luck! Answers will appear in the Featherstone Programme 21/2/93. Once again thanks to Trevor Gibbons at Open Rugby Magazine for letting us use excerpt's from his publication.

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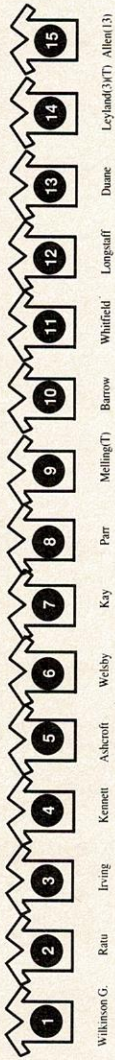
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Sun 13	Huddersfield L.C.	916	40-10	0	7
Sun 20	Widnes	3,026	8-16	0	7
Sun 27	Oldham	3,501	0-78	0	7
Tue 29	Wigan (L.C.)				
Sun 4	<b>OCTOBER</b> Huddersfield	1,510	10-37	0	8
Sun 11	Widnes	955	16-6	2	7
Sun 18	Carlisle				
Sun 24	<b>WORLD CUP FINAL</b> Hull K.R. (Regal Trophy)	582	12-32	0	8
Wed 28					
Sun 8	<b>NOVEMBER</b> Regal Trophy - Round 1	2,898	6-56	0	8
Sun 15	Featherstone R	1,370	10-44	0	8
Sun 22	London C	590	6-20	0	8
Sun 29	Oldham	1,654	12-18	0	8
Sat 5	<b>DECEMBER</b> Regal Trophy - Round 2	1,394	12-19	0	8
Sat 12	Huddersfield		16-22	0	8
Sun 19	Bramley				
Sun 27					
Sun 3	<b>1993</b> Rochdale H				
Wed 6	London C	14-12	2	8	
Sun 10	Widnes S.C.C.C.F.R.	6-12	0	8	
Wed 13	Featherstone R	2,154	14-62	0	8
Sun 17	London C	2,596	6-64	0	8
Sun 24	Oldham				
Wed 27	Silk Cut Challenge Cup				
Wed 30	Round 1				
Sun 7	<b>FEBRUARY</b> Rochdale H				
Sat 13	London C				
Sat 20	Silk Cut Challenge Cup				
Sun 27	Round 2				
Sun 27	Featherstone R				
Sat 27	Silk Cut Challenge Cup				
Sun 28	Round 3				
Sun 28	Bramley				
Sun 7	<b>MARCH</b> London C				
Sun 14	Carlisle				
Sun 21	Scarcliffe				
Sun 28	Huddersfield				
Fri 9	<b>APRIL</b> Carlisle				
Mon 12	Carlisle				
Sun 18	Huddersfield				



*Simon Ashcroft waiting for the ball*

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1992	10	1	1			4	10	5	1			4	4
1992	10	5	1			4	20	2	3			12	2
1991	7	1	1			16	74	11	21			84	18
1988	18	4	2			8	35	6	7	3		34	
1990	10	4	2				25	12	1				
1987	4	4	1			4	4	4	49	1	2	200	8
1992	4	4	1			6	213	3	1			6	11
1983	2						17	1	1			4	
1992	17	2	1	1			15	2	1				
1991	8	2					7	1	3	78	3		
1991	7	1		15		30	42	2	3			171	
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LEIGH	10	7	1	2	218	123	95	15
DEWSBURY	10	7	0	3	225	117	108	14
KEIGHLEY	13	5	3	5	287	309	-22	13
OLDHAM	11	6	0	5	298	237	59	12
BRAMLEY	9	4	0	5	184	182	2	8
HUNSLLET	11	4	0	7	205	264	-59	8
HUDDERSFIELD	13	4	0	9	159	303	-144	8
SWINTON	7	3	1	3	162	192	-30	7
LONDON C.	11	3	1	7	188	346	-158	7
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CARLISLE	12	1	2	9	192	411	-219	4

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JOHN ALLEN	2	1	-	-	4
BARRY ASHALL	7	5	6	-	32
DARREN BARKER	1	-	-	-	-
BRIAN BEST	7	4	-	-	16
CARL COOPER	2	-	-	-	-
ANDY CREHAN	9	2	-	-	8
IAN DAINTITH	3	-	7	-	14
ADRIAN EARNER	1	-	-	-	-
CRAIG ERRINGTON	2	2	6	-	20
STEVE GARNER	2	-	-	-	-
JOE GRAZIANO	6	3	-	-	12
CRAIG HIBBARD	1	1	-	-	4
PAUL KAY	1	-	-	-	-
MARTIN LEYLAND	3	-	-	-	-
JOHN MACHON	4	-	-	-	-
ALEX MELLING	5	1	-	-	4
CHRIS PARR	2	-	-	-	-
CARL PARTINGTON	1	-	-	-	-
GLEN PRINCE	3	1	-	-	4
EMON RATU	3	2	1	-	10
PAUL ROBERTS	9	3	-	-	12
IAN SKEECH	9	-	-	-	-
IAN SMITH	6	1	-	-	4
IAN SWEETMAN	8	1	-	-	4
DARREN WHITFIELD	3	3	-	-	12
DANNY WHITTLE	4	1	-	-	4
CHRIS WILKINSON	3	-	4	-	8
BARRY WILSON	8	2	-	-	8
TRIALISTS	-	4	-	-	16
DARYL ROGERS	1	-	-	-	-
STEVE ENTWISTLE	2	-	-	-	-
BARRY PETERS	2	-	-	-	-
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