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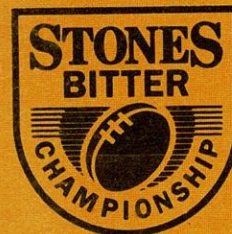
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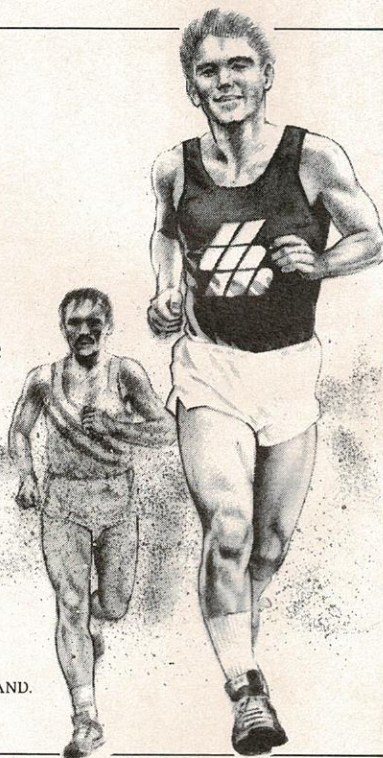
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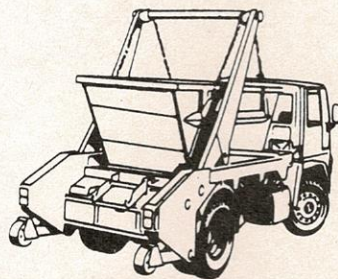
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Today's featured player is the Cumbrian forward **FRED (F.W.) ASHWORTH**.

Fred Ashworth was born in Aspatria in Cumberland and first played rugby with the local union team, this being in season 1924-25. The impact he made on the local rugby scene was quite startling and his rapid progress was noted by Oldham who moved quickly and signed Fred on September 26th 1926, while he was still only a teenager.

A second-row prop forward, who was equally at home playing as a prop, Fred immediately broke into the first team and was a regular member right up until 1939.

After his retirement from first class football, Fred was a prominent member of the Oldham committee for many years.

On the field of play Fred was renowned as a tough-running second-row or prop and although Test honours eluded him he was capped 17 times by Cumberland County and went on to become club captain at Oldham.

Fred played well over 400 games for Oldham and was rewarded with a benefit match in April 1938, when Oldham played an invitation XIII organised by the Oldham club President Mr. G. F. Hutchins.

When recalling his career in the programme for the above mentioned benefit match, Fred stated that the most thrilling game in which he took part was the 1927 Challenge Cup Final victory over Swinton at Wigan and that the "hardest" game was the 1929 encounter with the Australian tourists, when the "Kangaroos" recorded a win by 18 points to 10.

Also at this time Fred gave much credit to Oldham's other great Cumbrian forward Joe Ferguson, who he explained gave much useful advice in the early stages of his career.

Another photograph of Fred can be found in the "Back Pages" feature elsewhere in this programme.



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

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# FROM the BOARDROOM

by

CHAIRMAN JAMES QUINN



As we bring down the curtain today on our home League games and look forward to the start of the Divisional play-off, I would like to take this opportunity to offer sincere congratulations, on behalf of the Board, to the coaching staff and players, for achieving promotion and returning us to the First Division next season.

Our priority target, when the 28-match Second Division programme started last September, was to go up. That was absolutely vital for the future of the club. The players knew that. They have been playing under considerable pressure all season, but they have absorbed it and have won promotion by a landslide. Nobody gives you promotion. You earn it.

The Oldham players have earned it and congratulations are due to Peter Tunks, Eric Fitzsimons, skipper Richard Russell and the entire playing staff.

The "A" team has had a difficult season, due to our enormous injury problems and the vast number of players whom coach John Prince has had to use, but out of it has come a situation in which we genuinely believe we can be pushing next season for promotion to the First Division of the Youngers Alliance.

The first team is already through to the Big League, as it has become known and I am confident we will do favourably and hold our own with some squad strengthening. The Board is aware of that and is endeavouring, with Peter, to address the situation.

Over the course of the last two seasons in the Second Division, we have had a hardcore support of around 2,500. These are the fans who would follow us through thick and thin. They are the heart-beat of our club and the Board would like me to express its gratitude to you all. Believe me, your loyal and trusted support has not gone unnoticed. You are the fans who have given us a lifeline to keep the club in business; who have given us hope and inspiration when things have looked bleak.

You all know whom we are talking about, the 2,500 who wouldn't miss a match at Watersheddings for the world, those who follow us to away games, those who are in Lifeline and Cashline and help us in any number of ways, those who travelled with us during the season on our longer trips (to London, a week last Wednesday night, for instance), those who even appeared on the touchline in red and white, when we played in France two summers ago, those who turn up at "A" team matches at places like Hemel Hempstead and Workington.

These are the people who give the Board the desire to restructure the club to make a successful future and we would love to reward all 2,500 to 3,000 of you by establishing ourselves in the First Division, despite adversity and the much-publicised financial problem.

We want to give you something to shout about next season and no stone will be left unturned in our efforts to achieve that goal.

In the meantime, we have the Premiership play-offs to come and we know we can rely on your support. Hopefully, we will have two home ties and we would like to think as many of you as possible will pack Watersheddings to the seams, to provide the lads with vocal support.

Finally, I would like to say that Peter Tunks has pledged his loyalty to the club, despite interest from other clubs and has assured us that he will be with us to guide our fortunes next season in the First Division. That is very encouraging indeed.

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# LET'S GET EVEN!

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Now we are about to get our own back. We are going to send Australia a couple even more horrible than Kylie and Jason, a couple even more diabolical than Dame Edna, a couple even smellier than Skippy the Bush Kangaroo. Yes folks, we are sending Australia Barrie and Stevo.

The Deadly Duo are off this summer to play club rugby in New South Wales and it promises to be an experience that neither the lads or Australia will forget.

If you want to play your part in this historic occasion we are looking for sponsors to help fund the cost of travel. We need to raise £1,500 for the return flights and we want hear from anyone interested in contributing to the cause. Barrie and David are smashing lads and they have all the attributes to become great players. This trip will be of enormous benefit



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The event takes place to enable Friends of Oldham R.L.F.C. to celebrate with us our successful season, culminating in promotion to the "The Big League".

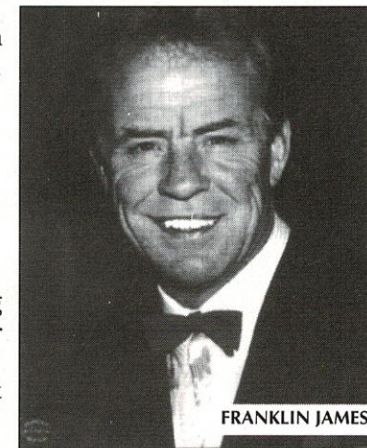
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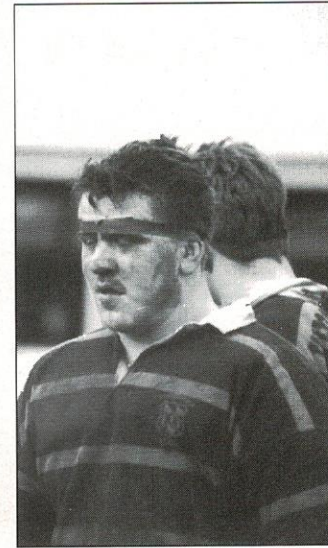
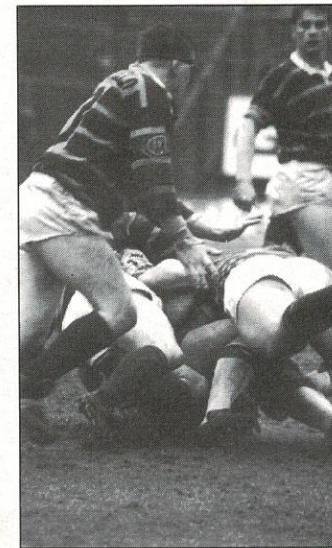
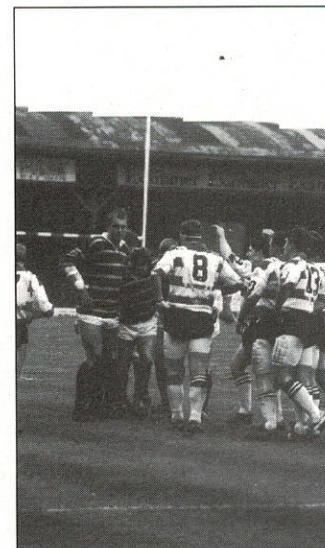
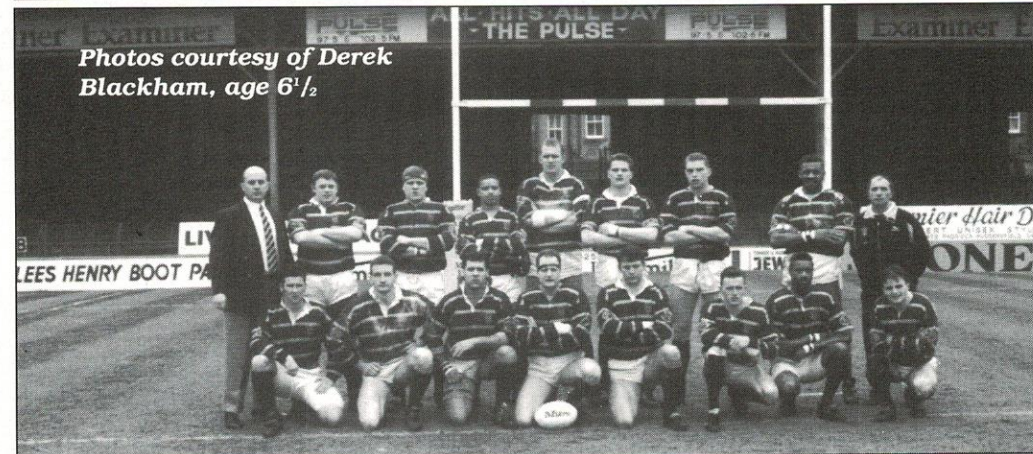


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# TODAY'S MAN in the MIDDLE

**NEIL WOOD**

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# TUNKS' TALKBACK



Today we play our last home league fixture of an eventful season. It hasn't been plain sailing but we have achieved promotion and the next league games played here at Watersheddings will see us up against the big boys of the First Division.

Before that though we have a little matter of Huddersfield to contend with. This is the fifth meeting with Alex Murphy's men this season and the score stands at two all. We will be looking for a convincing performance today to take us into the Divisional Premiership Play-offs. Last season we were fortunate enough to reach the finals at Old Trafford and I wouldn't mind a bit more, thank you very much.

When we found ourselves a few matches back in the position of not being able to win the Second Divisional Title and yet certain of promotion, I was able to try one or two things team wise and have a look at some players in different positions.

Its great to be afforded that kind of luxury but Premiership matches require a different approach and I see today's game as ideal preparation. Who knows it may be that we have to face these Yorkshiremen yet again on May 9th.

Enjoy your Rugby.

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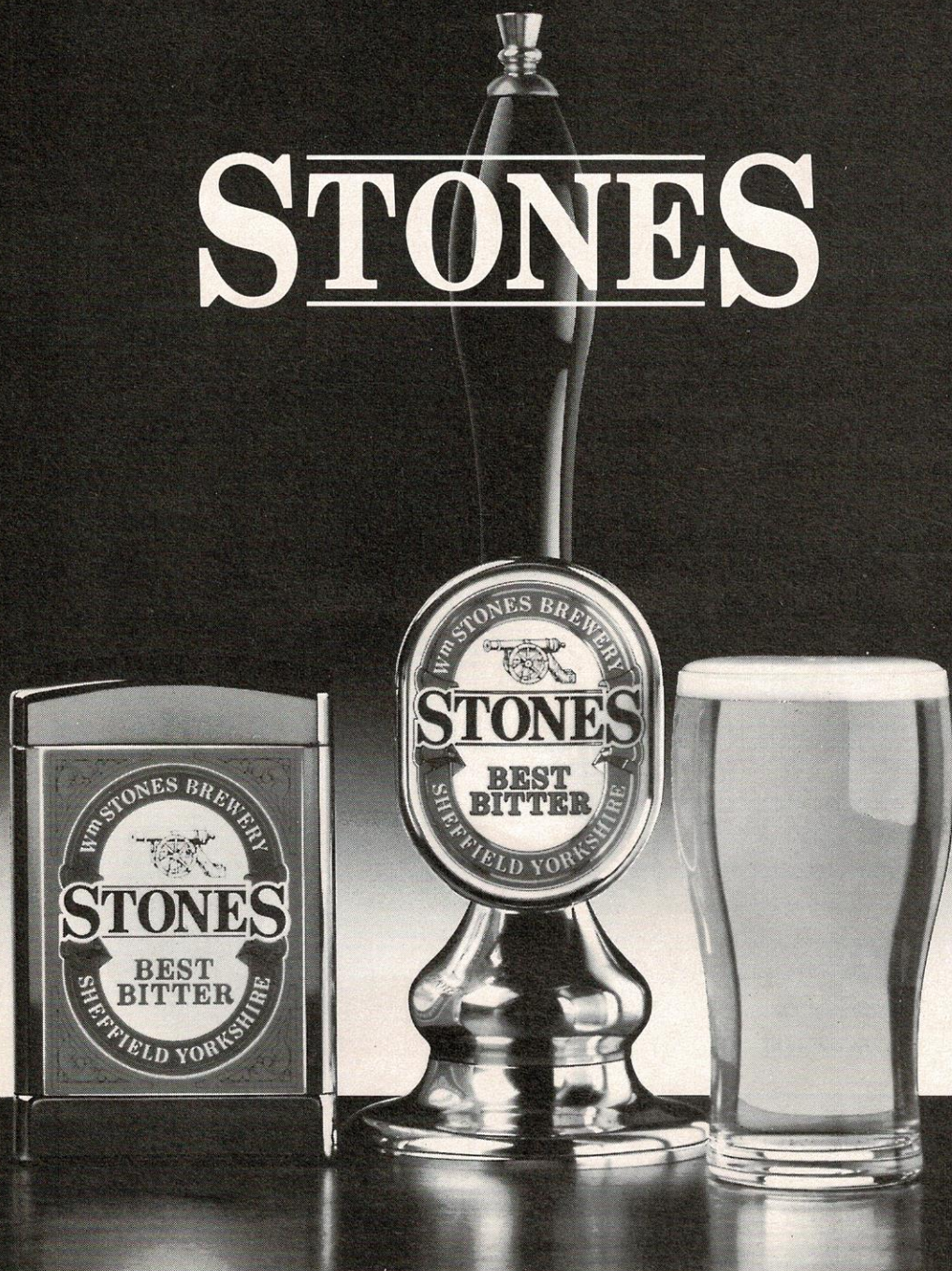
1. Which team play at Thrum Hall?
2. Who holds the goals in a season record for Warrington?
3. In which season did Leigh last win the Lancashire Cup?
4. Who is the oldest player to represent Great Britain?
5. Which team are nicknamed the "Wasps"?
6. In which season did Rochdale reach the final of the JOHN PLAYER (Regal) Trophy?
7. Who was the Australian centre who scored a try for Oldham in the 1986 Lancashire Cup Final against Wigan?
8. Who were the first winners of the Yorkshire Cup?
9. In which season did Sheffield Eagles join the Rugby League?
10. Who is the only South African to win the Lance Todd trophy?

## ANSWERS

1. Halifax 2. Steve Hesford, 170 in 1978-79 3. 1981-82 4. Jeff Grayshon then of Leeds was 36yrs 8mths when he played against New Zealand in Nov 1985 5. Ryedale-YORK 6. 1973-74 7. Gary Bridge 8. Hunstlet 9. 1984-85 10. Len Kileen in St Helens in 1966

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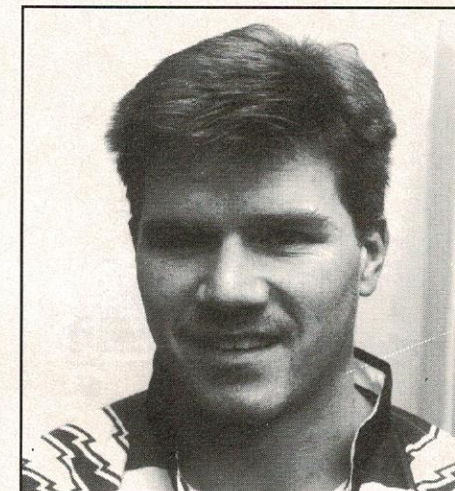


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## PLAYER PROFILE

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### *DARREN ABRAM*



**Full Name:** Darren Abram.

**Date of Birth:** 23rd September, 1967.

**Birthplace:** St. Helens.

**Height:** 6ft.

**Weight:** 13 stone 2lbs.

**Favourite Drink:** Fresh orange juice.

**Favourite Food:** Chinese.

**Favourite T.V. Show:** Casualty

**Favourite Music:** Any.

**Hobbies:** No time.

**Previous clubs:** Rochdale, Trafford Borough, Chorley.

**Biggest Influence on Career so far:** Alan Agar, Mike Pearce.

**Favourite Player:** Wayne Pearce.

**Favourite Ground:** Elland Road.

**Most Difficult Opponent:** Kevin Iro.

**Most memorable match seen:** Wigan v. Hull, Silk Cut.

**Biggest Thrill:** Man of the Match, Regal Trophy Rochdale v. Bradford semi-final.

**Biggest Disappointment:** Losing in Lancashire Cup, Rochdale v. St. Helens.

**Personal Ambition:** To enjoy my career, to play First Division rugby.

**Person you would most like to meet:** Whitney Houston.

**Have you ever been mistaken for anyone famous:** Nobody.

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**XXXX MAN OF THE MONTH**

Player of the month for March and the "Man with the Can" is New Zealand 2nd row forward Shane Tupaea.

Shane, considered to be the team's main tackling machine, receives the award for the first time this season, in view of his "hard work and honest endeavour" which, according to competition judge Roger Halstead, "has never waned".

In Roger's opinion Shane has had more work to do than normal as the side has not been playing to its full potential recently. Despite this Shane has never failed to contribute maximum effort and therefore fully deserves a rare touch of the limelight.

In today's game Oldham meets Huddersfield for the 4th time this season.

With the score currently standing at two games all both teams will undoubtedly be in fighting form in this, the deciding match.

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**TEAM CHECK**

**MONDAY, 12th APRIL, 1993**

**OLDHAM TEAM CHANGES**

1. WALLY GIBSON
2. GARY CHRISTIE
3. IVA ROPATI
4. DARREN ABRAM
5. SCOT RANSOM
6. TOMMY MARTIN
7. STEVE KERRY
8. TINY SOLOMONA
9. RICHARD RUSSELL
10. MARK SHEALS
11. IAN SHERRATT
12. BEN OLSEN
13. SHANE TUPAEA
14. SEAN TYRER
15. BARRIE McDERMOTT

**PENALTIES**

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**SCRUMS**

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**HUDDERSFIELD TEAM CHANGES**

1. JASON LAURENCE
2. IAN THOMAS
3. KEN KERR
4. PHIL HELLEWELL
5. CHRIS CHAPMAN
6. BRAD DAVIS
7. NEIL FLANAGAN
8. JASON FOGERTY
9. STEVE BARNETT
10. ANDY PUCILL
11. MARTIN MADERS
12. ANDY KELLY
13. GARY COULTER
14. DAVE NEEDHAM
15. BRIAN BLACKER

**PENALTIES**

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**SCRUMS**

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**Referee:** NEIL WOOD

**Touch Judges:** Mr. C. Pheysey (Red Flag)  
Mr. D. Booth (Yellow Flag)

**XXXX MEETS MALCOLM**

Did you manage to spot the latest XXXX press ad' featuring Merv and the rest of the lads down under?



The latest XXXX offering is a witty spoof of the recently released cult movie Malcolm X.

The ad', which makes reference to the single 'X' incorporated in the film's title, is given the full XXXX treatment.

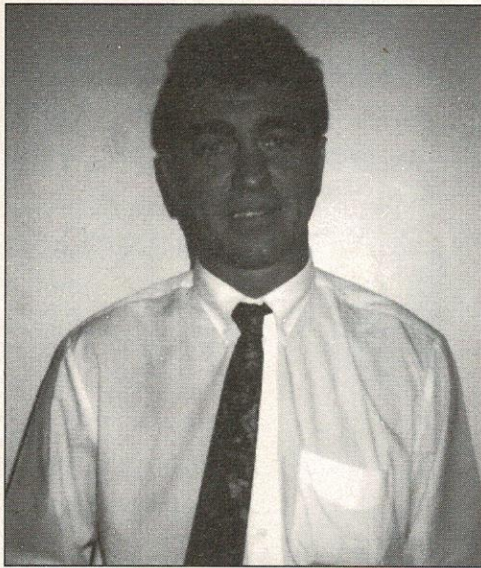
So, instead of Malcolm X we are introduced to the Aussie equivalents: MERV X, CRAIG X, BRUCE X and last but not least NORM X. The familiar Castlemaine XXXX caption was also revised to read:- "Australians wouldn't give a Malcolm for anything else.

Just to take the joke that little bit further, the ad' appeared in the "What's On" section of the Independent and amongst the film reviews in the Sunday Mirror's "Extra".



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# 'A' TEAM ROUND UP

with COACH JOHN PRINCE

## OLDHAM 'A' 50 v. SWINTON 'A' 16 24.3.1993. Second Division Alliance

With no first team games at the weekend we fielded one of our strongest 'A' teams of the season containing quite a few players with 1st team experience returning after injury. Swinton also had quite a few players with first team experience and fans present witnessed a fast, hard game of Rugby League. Our outstanding player was Barrie McDermott, taking his fourth consecutive Man of the Match award and Martin Strett giving an excellent display of goal-kicking landing nine out of nine.

## OLDHAM 'A' 70 v. HUDDERSFIELD 'A' 16 26.3.1993. Second Division Alliance

The side continued where we left off against Swinton, building a 34-6 half-time lead with Martin Strett landing seven kicks out of seven to achieve a remarkable performance over the two games of 100% success out of 16 goal kicks - not all of them easy. When we scored early in the second half he finally missed one. But as we piled on the points in the second half he still managed to kick another six goals to make a personal tally over the two games of 22 goals out of 24 attempts.

Jamie Bloem took the Man of the Match award, closely followed by Ian Sherratt who gave a powerful forward display.

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## SWINTON 'A' 41 v. OLDHAM 'A' 10 3.4.93. Second Division Alliance

Playing our final League fixture of the season Swinton gained sweet revenge for the hiding we gave them 10 days earlier as we gave a very poor performance. I could make excuses about playing on an amateur field with a much changed side, but the simple facts are they wanted to win more than we did and I was very disappointed in our team's performance and commitment, however. 18 year-old Paul Norman took the Man of the Match award with his very hard tackling.

So for us the season is over as far as the Second Division Alliance is concerned and, we will probably finish in seventh position out of 16, when in reality if we had shown some consistency away from home where we have not lost since early October last, we could well have been in the running for promotion.

We will be trying to arrange a few friendlies in the next few weeks so keep you eyes on the local press.

In the next programme I will give the players' records for the season.

Yours in Oldham R. L.

J. Prince

## 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, 15.1.93	Hunslet	H 50-10(W)	1.00 p.m.
Thursday, 21.1.93	Leigh	A 20-30(L)	7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 29.1.93	Wigan (YA Cup 2)	H 22-22(D)	7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 4.2.93	Wigan (YA Cup 2 Rply)	A 14-32(L)	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 6.2.93	Dewsbury	A 10-34(L)	2.00 p.m.
Saturday, 13.2.93	Workington	H 42-16(W)	1.00 p.m.
Wednesday 17.2.93	Bramley	A 13-30(L)	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 20.2.93	Hemel Hempstead	A 14-25(L)	2.30 p.m.
Saturday, 27.2.93	Doncaster	H 30-20(W)	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 6.3.93	London Crusaders	H 36-14(W)	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 20.3.93	Workington	A 24-29(L)	2.30 p.m.
Wednesday 24.3.93	Swinton	H 50-16(W)	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 27.3.93	Huddersfield	H 70-16(W)	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 3.4.93	Swinton	A 10-41(L)	2.30 p.m.

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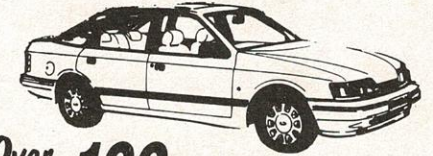
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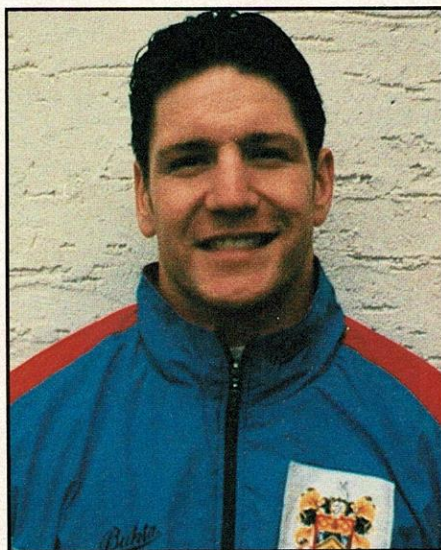
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# SKIPPERS' SPOT

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Just one game to go after today and it will be the end of my first season as skipper of my home town team. Time seems to have flown by and, injuries apart, I have enjoyed myself immensely.

We have had several changes in personnel throughout the season but there have always been a tremendous team spirit amongst the lads and a good relationship with our coaching staff and the gaffer Peter Tunks.

Maybe once or twice we haven't performed to the best of our abilities but next season sees us in Division One and that has always been our main aim.

In a couple of weeks we turn our attention towards the Premiership Play-offs and we are all keyed up to do well and return this season to Old Trafford for the finals.

On behalf of myself and all the lads may I thank each and everyone of you for your tremendous support throughout this season and I promise we will be going all out to give you plenty to cheer about in the Big League next season.

Get behind us today and in the Play-offs and maybe we will be ending this campaign on a high.

Thanks a million. Enjoy the game.

Richard Russell.

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# BACK PAGES

by MICHAEL TURNER

This week the "Back Pages" column is reviewing the Wigan versus Oldham match of 19th November, 1955, at the request of local supporter Mr. D. Blackburn, of Werneth.

Up until this game, Oldham had produced quite indifferent form throughout the season, having won six and lost five of the League matches played and also losing at home to Leigh in the Second Round of the Lancashire Cup and being defeated by Rochdale in the Law Cup and New Zealand in the Tour Match.

However, 19th November was the day Oldham got it right. The attendance at Central Park that day was 16,450 and it is unlikely that anyone amongst the crowd could have predicted the events that were to follow.

At the time, Wigan had won nine of their 12 League matches and were looking to secure another victory against mid-table Oldham, but come the day, came the men and Oldham simply blew the "Riversiders" away with a devastating display of open, attacking rugby.

The final score of Wigan 23 Oldham 48, does not give quite an accurate reflection of the "Roughyeds" total dominance of the match, but when you consider that, on the day, Oldham were without goalkicking maestro Bernard Ganley and only six goals were recorded compared to the 12 tries scored, then a more realistic picture is brought to mind.

The Oldham team that day was: Stirrup, Cracknell, Noon, Davies, Ety, Daley, Pitchford, Ogden, Keith, Little, Rogers, Goldswain, Turner.

The scorers were: Tries - Cracknell 2, Davies 2, Daley 2, Ety, Keith, Pitchford, Noon, Rogers and Turner one each.

Goals: Rogers 3 and Goldswain 3.

Oldham's form continued to be up and down for the rest of the season, but none of our supporters who were at Wigan that day could ever forget that extraordinary performance.

**PHOTO FEATURE:** Today's photo shows a formidable front row partnership from the 1930's. Taken at pre-season training in August, 1938, we have a classic formation of a Welshman, a local and a Cumbrian: i.e. Billy Moore, Edgar Brooks and Fred Ashworth.



I am currently researching for a book covering the complete playing records and history of OLDHAM RLFC. If anyone has any old material connected with the club (photos, programmes etc) I would be very interested in viewing such items. Please contact: Michael Turner, 158 Balfour Street, Oldham OL4 1NS. Tel: 061-620 6005

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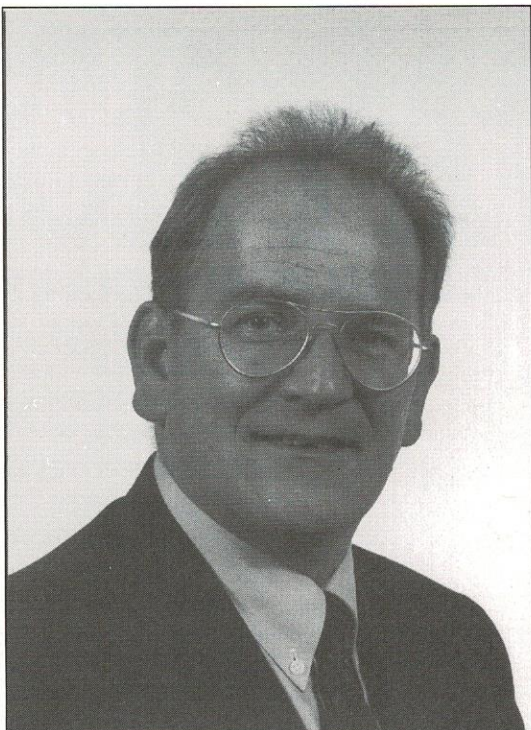
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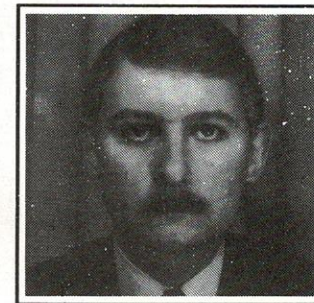
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# QUOTE - UNQUOTE



with CLUBCALLS GED MASON

Today sees Oldham's final home League game of the season, although there should be two more home games in the Divisional Premierihsips before finishing the season in front of a packed house at Old Trafford.

The "goal" of First Division rugby was achieved some two weeks ago and even though it has been a virtual certainty for several weeks, Peter Tunks' side deserves everybody's congratulations on reaching the new sixteen team First Division.

Mark Sheals who has taken over the captain's armband in the absence of Richard Russell is hoping that Oldham can meet Featherstone at Old Trafford "it would be great to finish the season at Old Trafford with a win over Featherstone, it's a superb place to play rugby and a Premiership medal would go some way to make up for missing out on the Second Division Championship.

Tommy Martyn has had a mixed season, injuries have meant he has missed a large chunk of the season. Tommy came on as a substitute in the game at Bramley and was delighted to be back in the thick of the action "with missing four weeks it was great to get back playing, I felt a twinge in my back but there was no way I wanted to come off, I just hope now that I can complete the season and come running out at Old Trafford in May."

Young forward Barrie McDermott was a guest on Clubcall last week and was talking about his trip down under in the close season "the team I am going playing with play a good standard of rugby league, with my bad luck this season it will give me the chance to keep fit in readiness for next season."

After today just one League game remains and that is this coming Sunday at Crystal Palace against London Crusaders, as always Clubcall will be at the game to bring coverage from the game.

Oldham's next game here at Watersheddings comes against Third Division opposition, until then.

Enjoy your rugby,

GED MASON

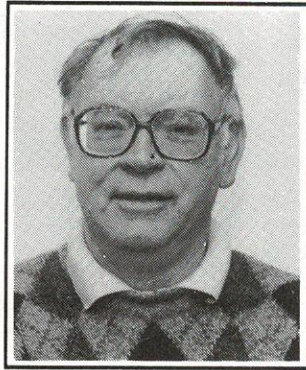
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# ROGER HALSTEAD looks at PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS



This is the fifth meeting of Oldham and Huddersfield this season and the Yorkshiremen can lay claim to be described as Oldham's bogey team, as they have twice beaten Peter Tunk's men - 17-6 at Watersheddings on 22nd November and 14-8 at Leeds Road on 7th March.

Oldham won the first clash at Leeds Road 28-24, on 20th September and followed up with a 20-17 win at Watersheddings, in the Second Round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup on 14th February.

Today's game, therefore, is the season's decider . . . 2-2 so far, with Huddersfield having scored 10 points more than Oldham over the previous four matches.

In the last match, Simpson, Laurence and Pucill scored tries for Huddersfield, with Hellewell landing a goal. Tyrer scored Oldham's try and Strett kicked two goals.

**HUDDERSFIELD:** Laurence; Thomas, Kerr, Hellewell, Nadiola; Simpson, Flanagan; Fogerty, St. Hilaire, Pucil, Maders, Coulter, Senior. Subs: Burns, Royston.

**OLDHAM:** Gibson; Heslop Tyrer, Abram, Gumbs; Strett, Bates; Sherratt, Russell, Sheals, Meadows, Tupaea, Bradbury. Subs: Stephenson, Solomona.

The referee was Brian Galtress of Bradford and the attendance was 2,413.

Oldham dominated the first 20 minutes, when Sherratt and Bradbury were setting the pace up front, but they failed to turn chances into points.

The visitors lost Mark Meadows with a broken wrist after five minutes and worse was to follow, when Sherratt had to quit with concussion after half an hour. Until then, Sherratt had done much to counter the threat of big Jason Fogerty, who went on to take the Man of the Match Award.

A half in which both teams could have scored two or three tries with better finishing, ended with Huddersfield 4-2 ahead, but the game was won and lost in the last 25 minutes, when Oldham made every mistake in the book.

Huddersfield fed off these mistakes, controlled the ball and advanced their attack through the strong running of their forwards.

Fogerty, St. Hilaire, Pucill, Royston, Coulter and Senior, ran hard and straight against a defence which gave them yards of room in which to get up a full head of steam.



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# ACTION



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**Wally on his way - almost!**



**Iva wraps it up at Bramley**

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