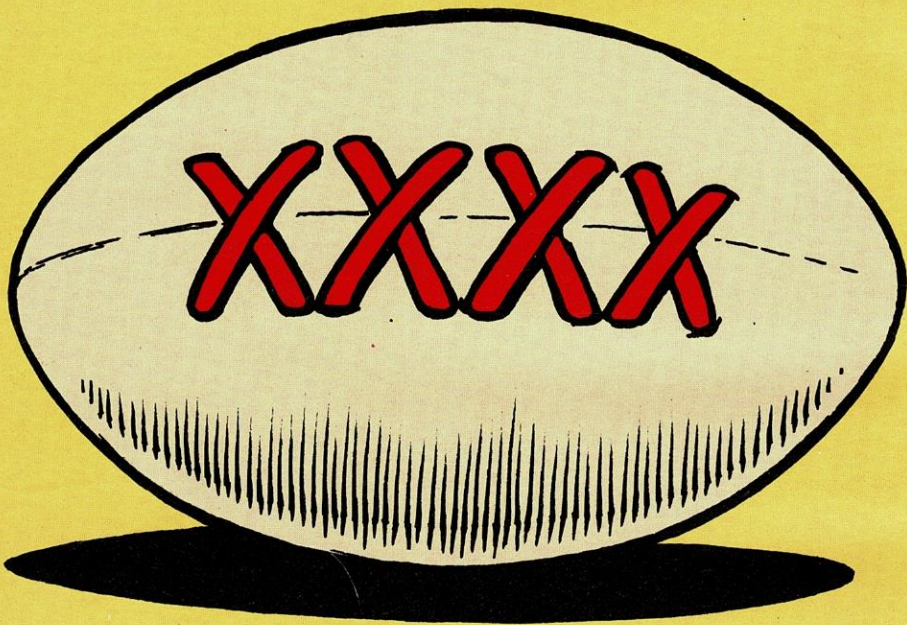


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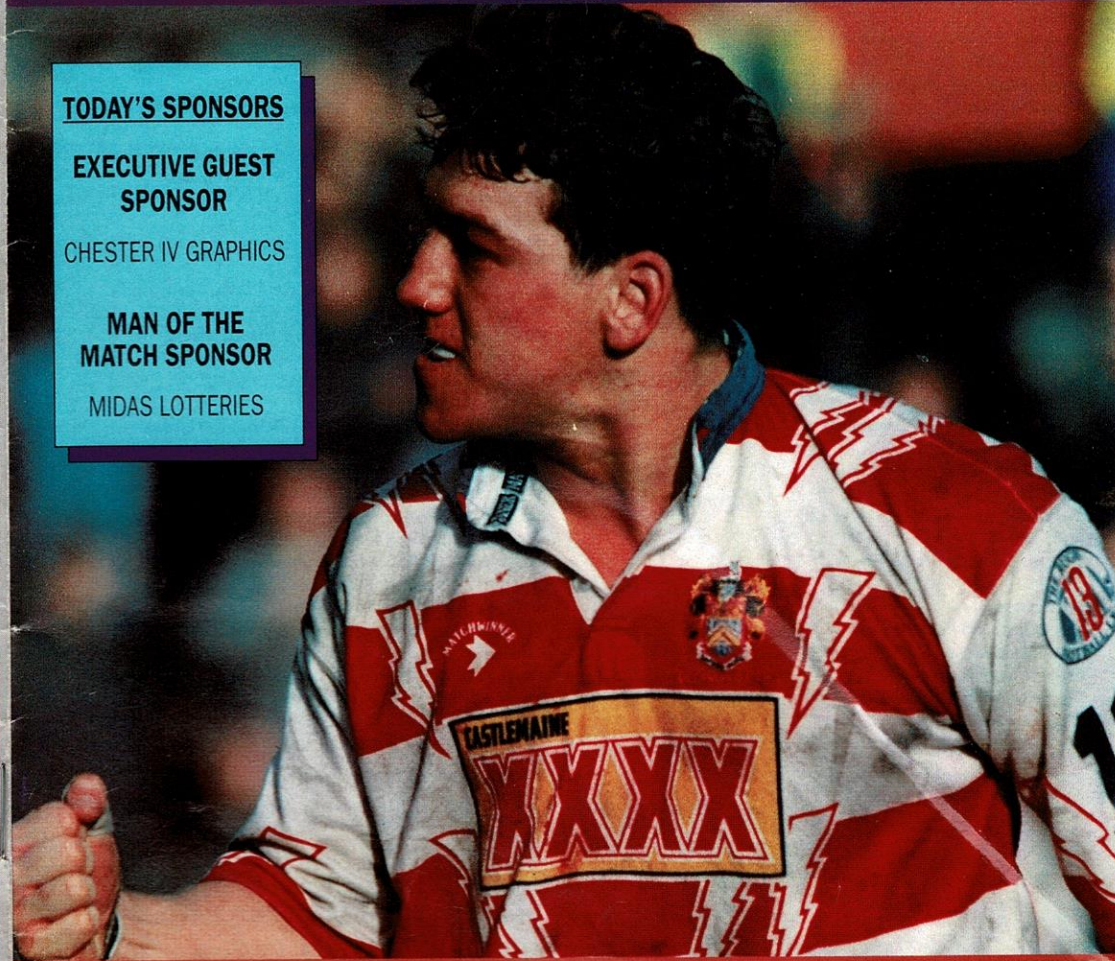
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**Record Try Scorer:** Ref Farrar, 49 tries,

1921-22 season

**Record Goal Scorer:** Bernard Ganley,

224 goals, 1957-58 season

**Record Point Scorer:** Bernard Ganley,

28 points v Liverpool City, April 1959

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

**Highest Number of Points Scored:** Bernard Ganley,

2,881

**Most Appearances:** Joe Ferguson, 685

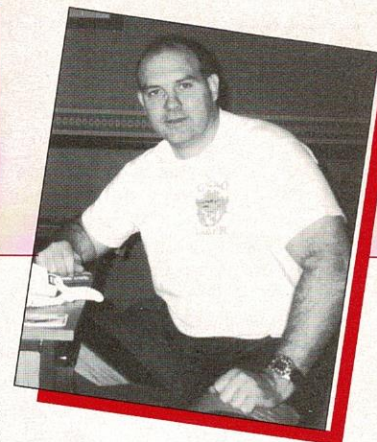
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# TUNKS' TALKBACK



First Division Football, live T.V. coverage, bigger crowds, loads of excitement – yes its good to be back in the Big League.

It has been a busy summer and there are plenty of new faces here at Watersheddings. I would like to welcome to the Club, Bobby Lindner, Paul Groves, Shaun Irwin, Paul Fletcher, Mike Kuiti, David Jones, Andy Goodway, Jason Fogerty, Iyan Green, John Clarke and Martin Holden.

These new players represent a mixture of youth and experience

which I feel will be needed to compete in a tough First Division. I am sure you will soon get to know these players and lets hear you cheering them on. Don't be surprised to see a couple more joining the list in the near future.

Tonight we welcome Bradford Northern for what should be a terrific game of Rugby League.

Peter Fox has added the talents of Paul Newlove and Paul Dixon to his already formidable squad and we know we will need to be at our best tonight if we are going to

secure our first points of the season.

A visit to Watersheddings can be a daunting prospect for visiting teams especially with a big Oldham crowd roaring the home team on.

So let's hear you tonight and remember you're on tele!

Enjoy the Game,

Peter Tunks.

## TUNKS' TEASERS

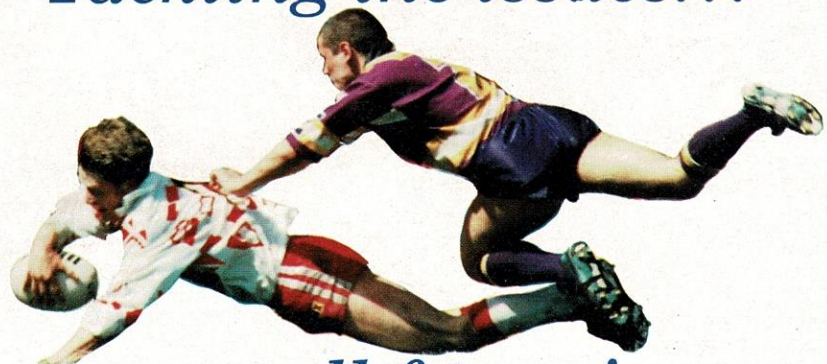
1. Which two players played on the wing in Oldham's first match of last season against London C.?
2. Which two teams contested the final of this years Wigan Sevens tournament?
3. Which team are nicknamed "The Robins"?
4. How many times have Oldham won the Rugby League Challenge Cup?
5. In which year did York reach the Challenge Cup Final at Wembley?
6. Name last season's Division Three Champions?
7. Who was the referee for the 1990 Great Britain v Australia test match at Wembley?
8. Which player holds the record for most test appearances for Great Britain?
9. Who was the only player to play and score in every match in the 1991/92 season?
10. Which two teams play for the "Locker Cup"?

## ANSWERS ON STATS PAGE

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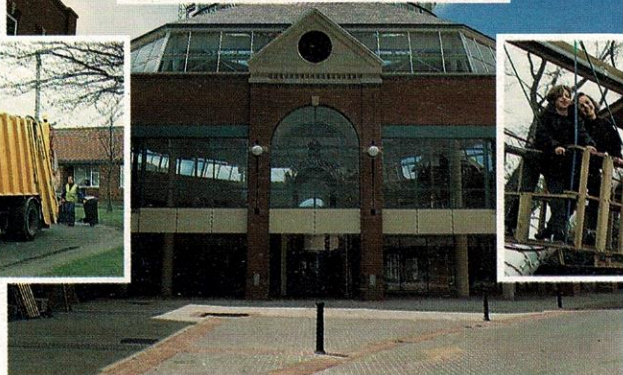
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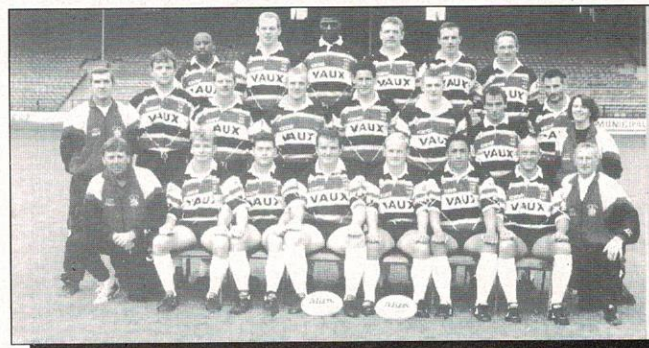
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# BRADFORD NORTHERN



**Gerald Cordle:** Winger. 6'2", 14st. 7lbs. Aged 32. Signed from Cardiff R.U.F.C. in 1989. Big strong and elusive runner. Difficult player to tackle. Occupation - Full Time Professional.

**Steve McGowan:** Centre. 6'3", 13 stone. Aged 29. Signed from Leeds Colts. Has had many great games with the Club and is currently in his testimonial year. Standing at 6'3" he is reminiscent to Eric Aston in his style. Occupation - Joiner.

**Tony Marchant:** Centre, age 29, 5'10", 13 stone. Signed from Castleford R.L.F.C. in December 1989. Former Great Britain Centre, Tony has always been a consistent try scorer, including one on each of his Yorkshire appearances. Occupation - Care Officer.

**Darrall Shelford:** Three-

quarter. 6'1", 14st. 21lbs. Age 31 years. Represented New Zealand Maoris in 1988, 1989 and 1990. Played in New Zealand trials in 1990. Regarded as a Rugby Union Centre of world class ability by most people in New Zealand. Outstanding defensive player with great attacking skills. Occupation - Full Time Professional.

**Brimah Kebbie:** Winger. Aged 28. 5'7", 10st. 12lbs. Signed for the Club at the beginning of last season from Huddersfield RLFC. Previously with Widnes and St. Helens. Exciting try scorer now looking to fulfil his potential at Bradford.

**Roger Simpson:** Stand Off/Utility Back. 5'6", 11 stone. Aged 26. From Moldgreen A.R.L. he can also play Centre or Wing.

A former Colts International, he joined Northern on his 17th birthday. Toured Papua New Guinea and New Zealand in 1990.

Occupation - Groundsman.  
**Dave Watson:** StandOff/Utility Back. Aged 26. 5'8" 12st. 8lbs. Signed for Bradford last season from Halifax RLFC. Formerly with Whitehaven and Hull K.R. Current New Zealand Test Player. Devastating runner from broken play.

**Deryck Fox:** Scrum Half. Aged 28. 5'5". Club Captain. World's costliest scrum half signed from Featherstone Rovers for £140,000. Excellent all round playmaker and tactical kicker. 1992 tourist of New Zealand and Australia.

Occupation: Roofer  
**Paul Medley:** Second Row Forward. Age 25. Signed from Halifax in 1989. Very fast explosive player, he was a Great Britain Tourist in 1988. Former Leeds player. Occupation - Financial Consultant.

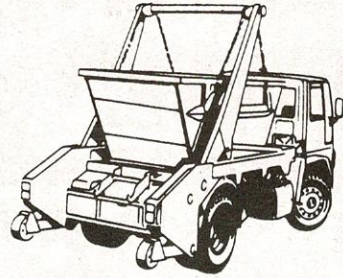
**David Heron:** Loose Forward. Aged 35. Signed last season after 16 years at Leeds and having played over 400 games for them. and captained the side under Peter Fox. He has long admired him, and considers him to be one of the most experienced, fastest, ball playing forwards in the game.

Occupation - Engineering Salesman.

**Paul Newlove:** Aged 22. Controversial record summer signing from Featherstone, Britains youngest test player will be under the spotlight this season, but his undisputed talent should make him one of the most exciting players to pull on a Northern shirt.

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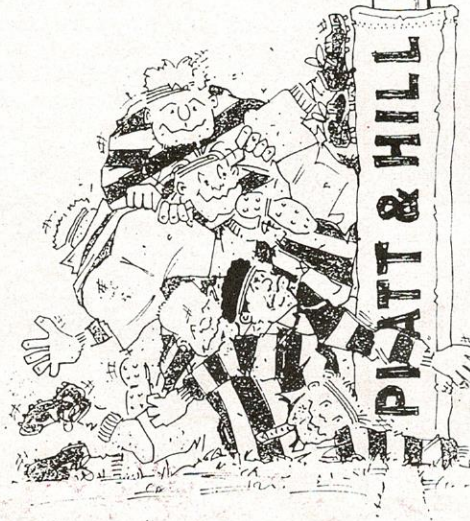
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# Roughy 'eds Recalled

## No. 1 DAVE PARKER

Following on from last season's popular "simply the Best" series, we have a new, similar feature that will appear in all our home match programmes for the 1993-94 season.

"Roughyed Recalled" as the name suggests will be looking back over the careers of some of the many players who have played for OLDHAM R.L.F.C. over the last 100 years.

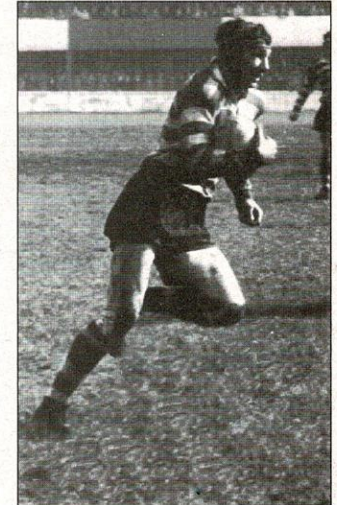
Since the breakaway from the Rugby Union in 1895 Oldham have had their fair share of internationals, some of whom are sure to be highlighted in this feature, but also there have been loyal club men who never managed to attain international or county honours, yet were vital to the successes and continuing existence of the club.

In fact as the season unfolds the Roughyeds recalled will include all the differing types of players to have worn the Oldham colours . . . "Big Signings" . . . "Local Heroes" . . . players with over 10, 15 and 20 year's service . . . one game wonders . . . ex Union internationals . . . imports from 'down under' . . . we hope to cover all aspects of the club's playing staff as the season progresses.

Due to the explanatory notes above this week there is only room to feature one player, however in subsequent programmes two or three former "Roughyeds" will be spotlighted.

If ever there has been such an entity as an elegant Rugby League forward, today's spotlighted player would probably be one of the few to merit such a description.

George David Parker signed for Oldham in August 1960 from Manchester Rugby Union Club, where he had been such a success that he had skipped the Lancashire County XV. He soon established himself as Oldham's regular loose forward, where his deceptive running and accurate ball distribution made him a firm favourite with the Watersheddings fans. Perhaps his greatest asset though, was his ability to tackle, whether taking on the forwards up front or covering across to snuff out the threequarters, Dave would always hit them hard and low and fair.



In all Dave Parker played 200 games for the club until the recurrence of a knee injury suffered in the match against Liverpool City on August 15th 1967 caused his career to come to an end, but not before he had gained County honours at Rugby League and also represented Great Britain in the two Test Matches against France in 1964, as well as becoming the Oldham Club captain.

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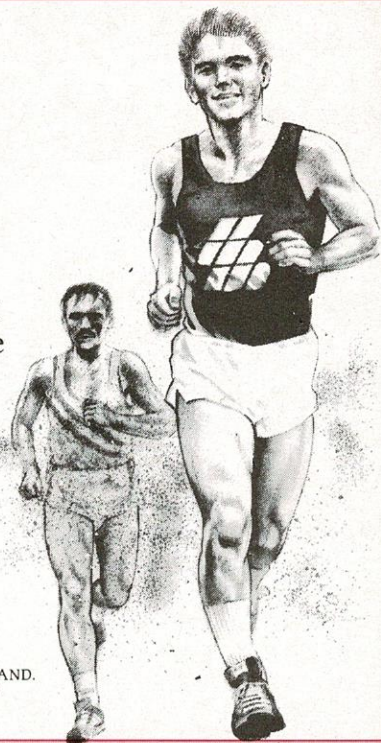
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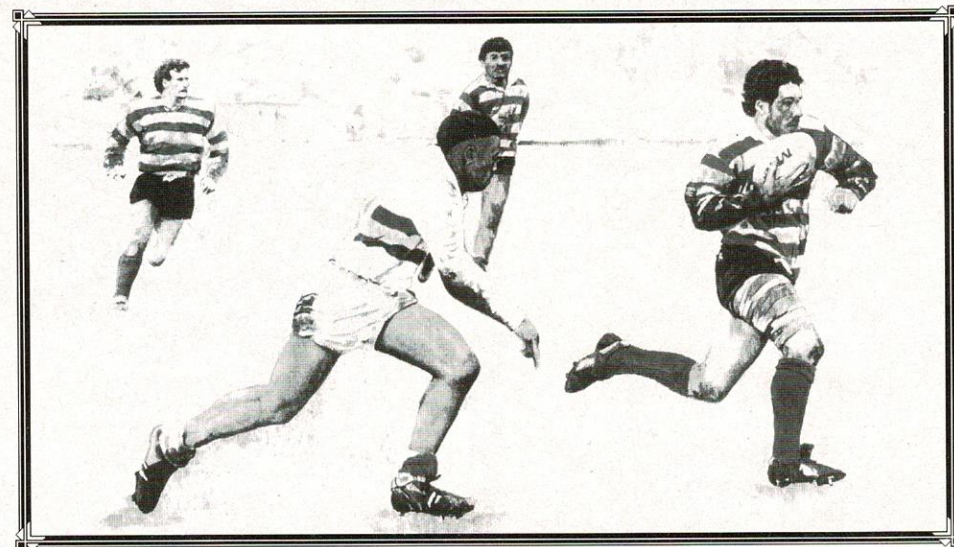
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# ACTION GALLERY



**ACTION GALLERY No. 1 DAVID LIDDIARD** – Oldham's Australian full back, DAVID LIDDIARD, races away from Bradford Northern winger Roger Simpson to score under the posts, at Watersheddings. This try came seven minutes from the end of a hard fought 3rd round Challenge Cup tie on March 16th 1986.

This was the decisive score, as the converted try gave Oldham victory by six points to one and passage to the semi-final for the first time in 22 years.

The two Oldham players in the background are Gary Warnecke (left) and Tom Nadiole. The original photograph appeared in the Oldham Evening Chronicle.

## Action Gallery

To coincide with their return to the First Division of the Rugby League, Oldham R.L.F.C. are introducing this special new feature into the matchday programme for the the 1993-94 season.

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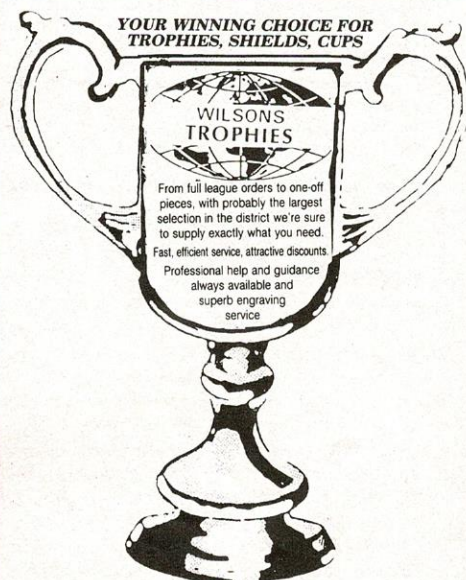
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# A-TEAM NEWS



## YOUNGERS ALLIANCE SECOND DIVISION FIXTURES SEASON 1993/94

AUGUST				
Saturday	28th	Workington	H (W)	44-16
SEPTEMBER				
Saturday	4th	Rochdale	A	
Thursday	9th	Hull K.R.	H	
Thursday	16th	Hunslet	A	
Saturday	25th	Doncaster	A	
OCTOBER				
Friday	1st	LCCS - Round 1		
Thursdays	7th	Leigh	H	
Friday	22nd	LCCS - Round 2		
Saturday	30th	Swinton	A	
Sunday	31st	Regal Trophy - Round 1		
NOVEMBER				
Saturday	6th	London	H	
Saturday	13th	Youngers ASDC - Round 1		
Thursday	18th	Huddersfield	H	
Saturday	27th	Youngers ASDC - Round 2		
DECEMBER				
Saturday	4th	Leigh	A	
Saturday	11th	Barrow	H	
Saturday	18th	Bramley	A	
Wednesday	22nd	Carlisle	H	
JANUARY				
Friday	7th	Youngers ACC - Round 1		
Friday	14th	Huddersfield	A	
Saturday	22nd	Barrow	A	
Friday	28th	Youngers ACC - Round 2		
FEBRUARY				
Thursday	3rd	Rochdale	H	
Thursday	10th	Keighley	H	
Friday	18th	Youngers ACC - Round 3		
Monday	21st	Sheffield	A	
Saturday	26th	Carlisle	A	
MARCH				
Saturday	5th	London	A	
Thursday	10th	Dewsbury	H	
Friday	11th	Youngers ACC - Semi-final		
Thursday	17th	Swinton	H	
APRIL				
Thursday	14th	Youngers ACC - Final		

### OLDHAM 'A' 36 v.

#### SADDLEWORTH RANGERS 22

The 'A' team got off to a winning start in a pre-season friendly against Saddleworth Rangers. Oldham fielded a young and experienced side against one of the game's top amateur teams. On the night Oldham proved to be too strong and too quick for the men from Greenfield.

Inspired by a tremendous performance from new boy John Clarke Oldham led 32-4 after 60 minutes. Clarke who looks a great prospect for the future helped himself to four tries. Richard Yeoman scored a hat-trick but had to leave the field when he damaged a shoulder whilst scoring his third try. To their credit Rangers rallied in the final quarter to score three tries to Oldham's one.

**Oldham 'A':** Hudspith, Gumbs, Yeoman, Trialist, N. Clarke, Mitchell, Badby, Pye, J. Clarke, Fogerty, Heaton, Norman, Edwards.

**Saddleworth:** Garratt, Wild, Cooper, Gallagher, Coates, Garforth, John, Dobb, Smith, Proctor, Fleming, Maudsley, Garrett. Subs: Mort, Guilfoyle, Greenwood, Fletcher, Wallace.

### OLDHAM 44 v. WORKINGTON 16

Oldham made a positive start to their Second Division campaign by beating a Workington side last Saturday.

John Clarke put in another Man of the Match performance and he set the ball rolling when he released Steve Heaton who put Mark Hudspith in for an early try.

It was good to see Charlie McAlister back in Oldham colours and he showed good skills to make a try for Paul Fletcher and helped himself to a try late in the game. The result was never in doubt as Oldham went on to score eight tries, including one length of the fielder from Paddy Mitchell.

Martin Strett kicked six goals and forward Paul Norman put in an impressive display which earned him a call up to the first team squad for Halifax.

**Oldham 'A':** Fletcher, Trialist, Trialist, Devine, Hudspith, Mitchell, Strett, Maxwell, Clarke, Pye, Norman, Heaton, Edwards, Trialist, McAlister.

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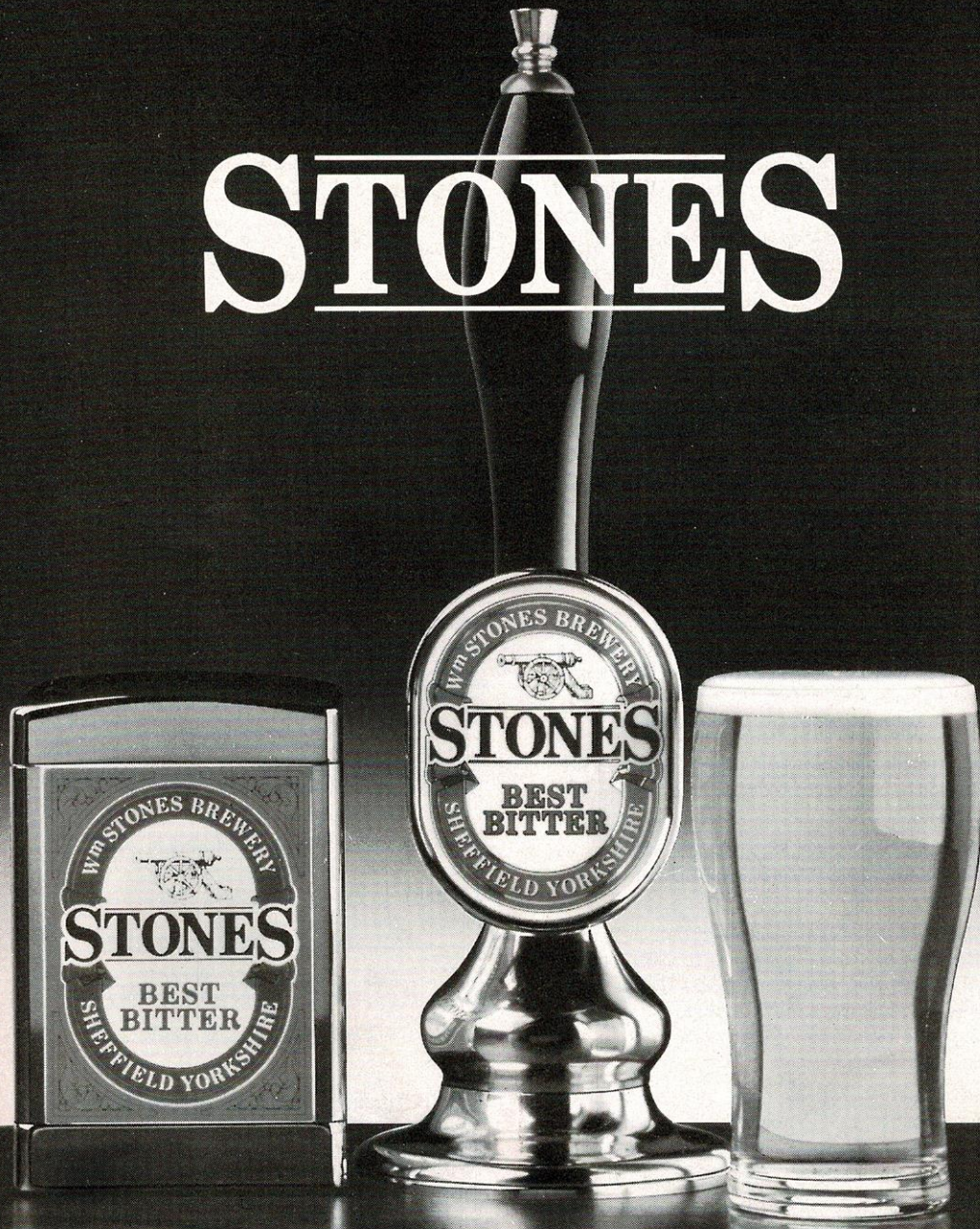


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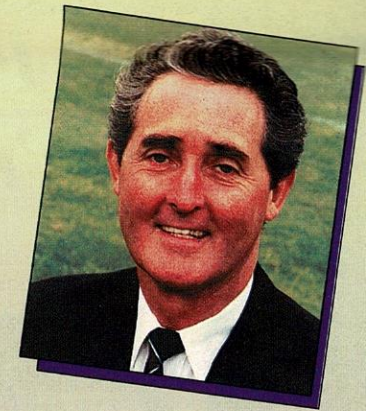
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## FROM the BOARDROOM

by **CHAIRMAN JAMES QUINN**



Tonight will hopefully see the start of a new era in the fortunes of Oldham Rugby League Club. We are back in the Big League after a two year absence and an indication of the much higher profile a club can obtain in the top flight is provided by the presence of the BSKyB cameras.

We are delighted to have the TV people with us and delighted, too, to give a big Watersheddings welcome to our new signing from Australia, Bob Lindner.

If everything has gone according to schedule, Bob and his wife and young family will be settled down now in their new surroundings and Bob will be ready to step out for the first time as a member of the Oldham team.

On behalf of the board I must congratulate our coach Peter Tunks for pulling off a coup when he convinced Bob that he had a future at Oldham and that the club was set fair to "go places".

The Lindner signing was Peter's first in a hectic close season and in many ways it ignited the fuse for all the other signings that followed.

It may take time for all the new boys to settle down into a combined fighting force – A TEAM – but Peter has done an outstanding job of recruitment despite financial worries that would have brought a lesser man to his knees.

I known from working alongside him, all the anxiety, tension, blood, sweat and toil that has gone into his non-stop work this summer.

The board supported him to the hilt and we must now hope that we possess the sort of squad that can enable us to consolidate in the First Division after winning promotion last time.

It will not be easy. A glance at the records shows that many promoted teams have fallen by the wayside first time out – and that is particularly true of Oldham.

Over recent years we have become the original yo-yo club, moving up and down between the divisions in six of the last seven years.

We failed to win promotion at the end of the 1991/92 season and that was the only year for several years that

have not moved either up or down.

This time we have invested in a lot of new players in the hope that they will do the trick. They have cost little in transfer fees, but they have to be 'kept', of course, and we have worked out our sums on average gates of 5,000, plus considerable increases in income on the commercial and sponsorship side by virtue of the fact that we are now in the Rugby Football League's front line.

We pitched our average gate estimation at a level which, with luck, should provide us with a bonus if we are doing enough to compete in the First Division.

If we can give value for money on the field I am sure we will win the support of our loyal fans, who have stuck with us through our two seasons in the Second Division.

It should be a fascinating season of Rugby League Football and we are glad to be back where we believe we belong – in the top flight. Hope you will come along with us.

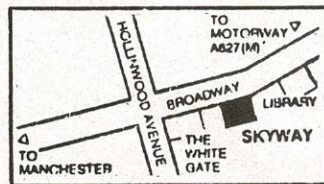
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### POINT SCORING SEQUENCE

John Wasyliw of Keighley Cougars opens the new campaign with the longest pointscoring sequence stretching back to 17th February 1992 when he scored three goals in the 18-16 Third Division home defeat of Scarborough Pirates.

The winger scored in every one of Keighley's matches last season and his scoring sequence now covers a total of 44 matches.

Paul Bishop seeks to continue his record of having scored in every match for Halifax since the former St. Helens half back made his debut for them in the first game of last season. His scoring run covers 33 matches.

### TRYSORING SEQUENCE

Ian Thomas of Huddersfield carries a tryscoring sequence covering five successive matches into the new season. The winger touched down in Huddersfield's last five matches of 1992-93 as follows:

1 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 1

### LOSING RUN

Bramley carry the worst losing run into the new campaign, having lost their last seven matches in the Second Division.

### JUNIOR KIWIS TOUR 1993

New Zealand's world-rated Junior Kiwis are to make the month-long tour of Britain this autumn highlighted by a first-ever appearances at Wembley Stadium.

The cream of New Zealand youth rugby will meet the Great Britain Academy side for the first time in a full length curtain raiser to the Great Britain v New Zealand First

**CASTLEMAINE**



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**TEAM CHECK**

**FRIDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER, 1993**

### OLDHAM Team Changes

1. Wally Gibson
2. Nigel Heslop
3. Shaun Irwin
4. Paul Topping
5. Scott Ranson
6. Darren Abram
7. Steve Kerry
8. Tiny Solomona
9. Paul Groves
10. Ian Serratt
11. Andy Goodway
12. David Bradbury
13. Mike Kuiti
14. David Jones
15. Iyan Green

#### PENALTIES

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

#### SCRUMS

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

### BRADFORD N. Team Changes

1. Dave Watson
2. Roger Simpson
3. Darrall Shelford
4. Paul Newlove
5. Brimah Kebbie
6. Neil Summers
7. Deryck Fox
8. David Hobbs
9. Trevor Clark
10. Roy Powell
11. Paul Medley
12. Paul Dixon
13. David Heron
14. Jon Hamer
15. Steve McGowan

#### PENALTIES

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
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#### SCRUMS

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

Referee: I. Ollerton

Touch Judges: R. G. Hayes (Red Flag)  
F. J. Hawley (Yellow Flag)

Test under the twin towers on Saturday 16th October.

The Wembley doubleheader is the centrepiece of a nine-match itinerary which opens in Hull on Thursday 23rd September and finishes at Wigan on Thursday 21st October with the staging of the second Academy International at Central Park.

Of the nine fixtures, seven will be against Academy opposition, the remaining two versus a BARLA International XIII and a BARLA Presidents XIII.

As well as the two Academy Internationals at Wembley and Wigan, the Junior Kiwis will meet Lancashire and Yorkshire Academy sides, plus the Trophy winners and runners-up in last season's Academy League and Challenge Cup competitions.

Chief Executive Maurice Lindsay said: "This is the most-demanding British fixture list produced for a visiting Junior Kiwi squad, meeting Academy opposition for the first time since its formation in 1991. Coupled with the two BARLA representative encounters, the nine-match visit assures that the renowned Junior Kiwis will meet the best of British youth during what promises to be a memorable tour.

"The Junior Kiwis will also provide the Great Britain Academy side with an indication of the strength of opposition to be expected on their inaugural tour Down Under next summer in another major landmark in the short, yet dynamic, history of the Academy."

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## Principal Dates

### PRINCIPAL DATES IN THE RUGBY LEAGUE CALENDAR FOR 1993-94

#### 1993

29th August	Stones Bitter Championship campaign opens	29/30th January	Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Rd 2)
3rd October	Wales v New Zealand at Swansea	8th February	Great Britain Academy v France Academy
16th October	Great Britain v New Zealand (1) at Wembley	12/13th February	Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Rd 3)
30th October	Great Britain v New Zealand (2) at Central Park	18th February	Wales v France
31st October	Regal Trophy (Rd 1)	26/27th February	Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Qtr Finals)
6th November	Great Britain v New Zealand (3) at Headingley	12th March	Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Semi Final 1)
13/14th Nov	Regal Trophy (Rd 2)	20th March	France v Great Britain
2nd December	Great Britain U21's v France U21's		France Academy v Great Britain Academy
11/12th Dec	Regal Trophy (Rd3)	26th March	Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Semi Final 2)
18/19th Dec	Regal Trophy (Qtr Finals)	30th April	Silk Cut Challenge Cup at Wembley
		8th May	Stones Bitter Premiership (Rd1)

#### 1994

1st January	Regal Trophy (Semi Final 1)	15th May	Stones Bitter Premiership (Semi Finals)
8th January	Regal Trophy (Semi Final 2)		Second Division Premiership (Semi Finals)
16th January	Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Rd 1)	22nd May	Stones Bitter Premiership Finals at Old Trafford
22nd January	Regal Trophy Final		



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(Wigan)

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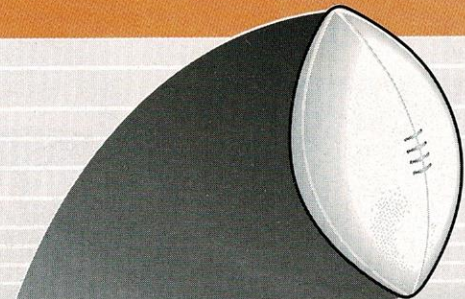
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# Last Time Out . . .

## with ROGER HALSTEAD

An extract from Roger Halstead's match report in the Oldham Evening Chronicle of March 4th, 1993



Oldham fans must have been shuddering at the thought of going up into the First Division as Bradford Northern cruised comfortably into the Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-finals at Watersheddings last night. Northern's 42-4 demolition job on Peter Tunk's promotion certainties came only a month after Featherstone's 52-14 hammering of their Second Division title rivals at Post Office Road.

Both games underlined the extent of the work that needs to be done on the Oldham squad before it is facing opposition like Bradford and Featherstone every Sunday next season.

Local fans hoped the black cat that strolled across the pitch shortly before kick-off would give their team some cup luck.

But Bradford's total domination of this one-sided tie had nothing to do with good fortune, and everything to do with extra pace, power, strength, individual ability and intensity of performance.

In Kiwi scrum-half Dave Watson, Bradford had the outstanding player on the field, and one who could ghost through Oldham's brittle defence as if it didn't exist. Bradford are lucky to have a player like this who can step into the shoes of the injured Deryck Fox, and who has the talent to play equally well at outside-half and full-back.

Watson was the overwhelming choice as the game's best player - hardly surprising when considering he played a major role in most of his side's eight tries.

Bradford are not the fastest of teams, but they possess in Paul Medley one of the quickest backrow forwards of any era.

Bradford led only 14-4 when coach Peter Fox pulled off prop David Hobbs after 50 minutes, introducing the searing pace of Medley to hammer Oldham into submission.

The centres and wings had given

Oldham little trouble, but it was a different story out wide when Medley opened the throttle to score two long range tries and set up another for full-back Roger Simpson.

Oldham were 24-4 down when Medley made a crunching tackle on Jamie Bloem with only a quarter of an hour left.

The tackle looked fierce, but fair. The South African stayed down with what seemed like a serious neck injury, and the game was held up for several minutes before he was carried off on a stretcher.

Already outclassed and outgunned, Oldham lost all appetite for the contest after that, and fell away alarmingly as Bradford ran in four tries in the last 10 minutes.

This did not flatter the Yorkshiremen, who would have scored a lot more points had they not lost their goalkicker when Hobbs was pulled off, and had it not been for some defensive heroics by Oldham full-back Wally Gibson.

Gibson rescued his side on numerous occasions as Watson, stand-off Neil Summers or loose-forward Dave Heron found gaps up the middle just wide of the play-the-ball.

Even Gibson was powerless to get across to his man when Medley took him on the outside to score the first of his two tries midway through the second half.

But at least Gibson gave his all. His tackling was generally sound, and he was the only Oldham player who looked capable of making a break at this level.

Bloem and Stuart Cocker, the wings, were enthusiastic enough to move inside looking for work, but Oldham were totally outplayed at half-back, and when that happens any team is in serious trouble.

Kerry had a miserable game from the moment he failed to find touch with a first minute penalty - a costly

error that set the pattern of the match

Martyn had to quit at half-time with a knee injury, after which Oldham went from bad to worse as they succumbed to Bradford's pressure and constantly dropped the ball in a nightmare 40 minutes.

And it was asking a lot of Martin Strett to slot into the No 6 job in only his second senior outing against this class of opposition.

Even before Martyn's departure, Summers and Watson controlled the midfield. They continued to do so afterwards, although Medley stole Watson's thunder in the last 20 minutes.

**Scorers:** Oldham Try: Martyn; Bradford Goals: Hobbs (3), Marchant (2); Tries, Anderson, Noble, Fairbank, Medley (2), Simpson, McGowan, Marchant.

**OLDHAM:** Gibson, Bloem, Tyrer, Ropati, Cocker, Martyn, Kerry, Solomona, Bates, Sheals, Sherratt, Olsen, Russell. Subs: Strett, Tupaea.

**BRADFORD:** Simpson, Marchant, McGowan, Shelford, Anderson, Summers, Watson, Hobbs, Noble, Hamer, Powell, Fairbank, Heron.

Subs: Clark, Medley.

**Referee:** Mr D. Campbell (Widnes).

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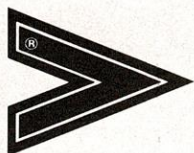
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## APPEARANCES & SCORERS

	APP	SUB	TRIES	GOALS	DROP GOALS	POINTS
WALLY GIBSON	1	-	-	-	-	-
NIGEL HESLOP	1	-	1	-	-	4
MARTIN HOLDEN	1	-	-	-	-	-
PAUL TOPPING	1	-	-	1	-	2
SCOTT RANSON	1	-	-	-	-	-
DARREN ABRAM	1	-	-	-	-	-
STEVE KERRY	1	-	-	1	-	2
"TINY" SOLOMONA	1	-	-	-	-	-
PAUL GROVES	1	-	1	-	-	4
IAN SHERRATT	1	-	-	-	-	-
IYAN GREEN	1	-	-	-	-	-
DAVID BRADBURY	1	-	-	-	-	-
MIKE KUITI	1	-	-	-	-	-
DAVID JONES	-	1	-	-	-	-
ANDY GOODWAY	-	1	-	-	-	-

## LEAGUE TABLE 1993/94

	P	W	L	D	F	A	PTS	PTS DIFF
WARRINGTON	1	1	0	0	32	14	2	+18
BRADFORD N.	1	1	0	0	32	18	2	+14
FEATHERSTONE R.	1	1	0	0	26	12	2	+14
HALIFAX	1	1	0	0	26	12	2	+14
SHEFFIELD E.	1	1	0	0	32	20	2	+12
LEEDS	1	1	0	0	21	12	2	+9
WIGAN	1	1	0	0	16	8	2	+8
HULL KR	1	1	0	0	16	10	2	+6
ST. HELENS	1	0	1	0	10	16	0	-6
HULL	1	0	1	0	8	16	0	-8
CASTLEFORD	1	0	1	0	12	21	0	-9
SALFORD	1	0	1	0	20	32	0	-12
LEIGH	1	0	1	0	12	26	0	-14
OLDHAM	1	0	1	0	12	26	0	-14
WIDNES	1	0	1	0	18	32	0	-14
WAKEFIELD	1	0	1	0	14	32	0	-18

# THE ACADEMY

with Manager  
**JACK BUCKLEY**

History was made at Watersheddings last week, when we staged our first Academy game. It is too early to judge the standard of our side, but supporters were rewarded with a sixteen try romp over Batley and some fine attacking football from the Oldham team. Young professional Richard Badby orchestrated the show from stand off and there were some excellent performances from hat trick

scorers Jody Moran and Lee Bradbury, whilst sixteen year old full back Damian Munro showed outstanding promise.

During the next few weeks we will introduce the Academy players to you on this page and hope that you will take the opportunity to

support the youngsters at our midweek home matches. Initially the Academy teams play in three mixed ability groups of eight or nine teams. At the end of this period, the top four teams in each group will form the Academy First Division and the rest of the teams the Second Division.

### Phase 1 - Fixtures

OPONENTS	DATE	VENUE	RESULT	F - A
Bately	24.8.93	H	W	76 - 2
Leeds	28.8.93	A	L	4 - 64
Featherstone	1.9.93	H		
Wakefield	11.9.93	A		
Hunslet	21.9.93	H		
Bradford	29.9.93	A		
Barrow	1.10.93	H		
Hull	9.10.93	A		

# DEVELOPING SCENE

with  
Development  
Officer  
**NIEL WOOD**

Welcome to a new season of Rugby League here at Oldham. This is my first full season as Rugby League Development Officer and I would like to thank the Club for giving me this space in each Matchday programme.

My first four months in this job were spent preparing a Development

Plan which all sections of the game could agree and work towards. That plan is now published and is available to anyone from from me at Hathenshaw Pool Schofield St, Oldham OL8 1QJ.

The Plan has one aim "To make Oldham the top Rugby League Town in the UK."

That aim is only going to be achieved if we all believe it is possible and we all work towards it. Regardless of being amateur or professionals, player or coach, referee or administrator, physio or spectator. We all have a role to play in achieving that aim.

For spectators at the game tonight that role may be to give your full support to the Oldham team and shout them to victory. It may be just to come back next game and bring a friend!

Before tonight's game and before several games this season there will be a four team-mini-League Festival. I hope you enjoy the entertainment tonight and have a good season.

Finally I would like to welcome the representatives of P. Casey & Company. Major sponsors of Oldham Rugby League Development Scheme.

# QUOTE - UNQUOTE

*"It's still early days, the players will have to get used to the intensity of the First Division, but there were some encouraging aspects to the performance"*

**(Peter Tunks speaking after last Sunday's game at Halifax)**

*"It was a big disappointment missing the first game of the season at Halifax, I just can't wait to get going with Oldham in the First Division. The last two seasons at Castleford were not the best for me and I'm now looking forward to the challenge at Watersheddings"*

**(Shaun Irwin)**

*"My coming to Oldham is a big surprise to a lot of people within the game but I and my family are looking forward to the next two seasons. I have always admired the way Peter Tunks used to play the game and I think he will put together a winning team at Oldham"*

**(Bob Lindner speaking to ClubCall listeners direct from Australia after signing for Oldham)**

*"At Huddersfield I was just playing at being a Rugby League player, I know that now I'm at Oldham I will have to give 100% because only that is good enough in the First Division."*

**(Jason Fogerty one of Peters many Summer signings)**

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# ACTION PHOTOS

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**Above: Still crazy after all these years! David Blackburn celebrates Martin Holden's winner.**



**Right: It's great to see Andy Goodway back in Oldham's colours.**

# BACK PAGES

by Michael Turner

*The format for the "Back Pages" column for the 1993-94 season, will be to look back at previous encounters between Oldham and the opposition of the day.*

In welcoming all our supporters back for what will no doubt prove to be a gruelling season back in the intense competitive atmosphere of First Division Rugby League, that welcome is also extended to all the players, officials and supporters of the Bradford Northern club, who are sure to provide our lads with a stern test this evening.

The old Bradford club was one of the original break-away teams that formed the "Northern Union" in August 1895. In that first season, of what was to become the Rugby League, the Yorkshiremen won at Watersheddings by 5 points to 3 on October 19th, 1895 with the "Roughyeds" also registering an away victory winning by 7 points to 5 in Bradford on February 18th 1896. An interesting point to note is that the first winners of the Championship in 1896 was another Bradford club called Manningham, who changed

to soccer in 1902-03 when their Valley Parade ground became the home of Bradford City AFC.

For the start of the 1907-08 season the surviving Bradford club also decided to switch to Association Football but there remained enough enthusiasts loyal to the Rugby code that the Bradford NORTHERN club was formed.

It would be true to say that Bradford have a reputation for spoiling the party as far as Oldham are concerned. The old Bradford club were Oldham's first ever opponents in the Challenge Cup in 1897 and "Northern" were the first team to visit



**Oldham scrum half Ray Ashton touches down beneath the posts in the match at Odsal in August 1983.**

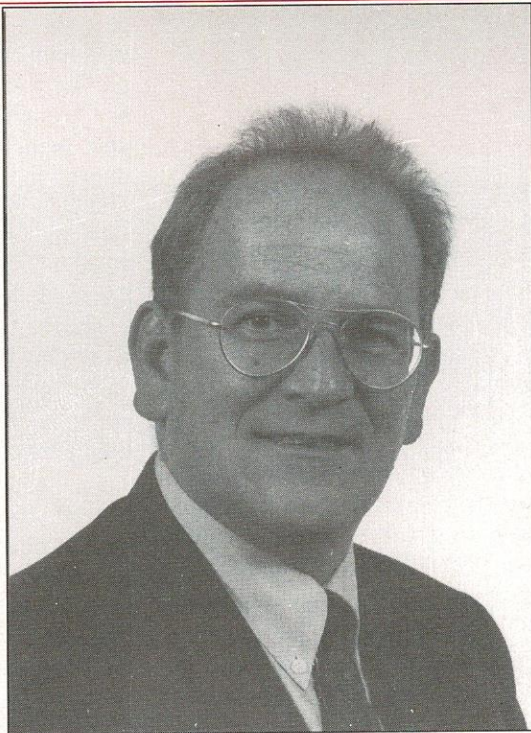
Watersheddings after the end of the 2nd World War on September 1st, 1945, and were also the opponents in our centenary match in 1976 and for the launch of the share issue in 1989. All these matches resulting in victory for the Yorkshire team. Let us hope that the trend can be reversed for this, our opening home encounter back in the First Division.

● I am currently researching a book covering the complete playing records and history 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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## SKIPPER'S SPOT

With Oldham Captain  
**BOBBY LINDNER**



*As this programme went to print skipper Bob Lindner was midway between here and Australia. By way of introduction here is a player profile of the man recently voted Best Rugby League Forward in the World.*

### **BOB LINDNER – A PLAYER PROFILE**

**Full Name:** Robert Francis (Bob said don't print that but we did anyway) Lindner.

**Date of Birth:** 10.11.62.

**Birthplace:** Brisbane.

**Height:** 185cm – 6' 1".

**Weight:** 105 kg – 16½ stone.

**Favourite Drink:** Castlemaine XXXX.

**Favourite Food:** Seafood.

**Favourite T.V. Show:** Any current affairs programme.

**Favourite Music:** Varied – from Bach to The Beatles.

**Hobbies:** Golf, Tennis, Computer Programming.

**Previous Clubs:** Parramatta, Gold Coast, Western Suburbs, Illawarra, Castleford.

**Biggest Influence on Career so far:** Warren Ryan (Coach at Wests).

**Favourite Player:** Mal Meninga

**Favourite Ground:** Lang Park, Brisbane.

**Most Difficult Opponent:** Alfie Langer

**Most Memorable Match Seen:** 2nd Test 1990, Kangaroo Tour, Old Trafford.

**Biggest Thrill:** To be named outstanding player on 1990 tour.

**Biggest Disappointment:** Not playing in a Winfield Cup Grand Final.

**Personal Ambition:** To broaden my involvement in the game of Rugby League to include coaching successfully to the highest level.

**Person you would most like to meet:** Greg Norman.

**Have you ever been mistaken for anyone famous:** Mel Cruise Van Damme.  
(O.K. Bob we'll let you know)

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# SUPPORTERS CLUB

The Supporters Club Committee would like to offer to the team our very best wishes on their reappearance in the top flight. Also the Supporters Club would like to say to all supporters a very good season to you all. We would like to welcome all the Directors, Players and Supporters to our first home match in the First Division, from Bradford Northern; (televised by BSkyB Television) we hope for a very good and entertaining game. To all the Supporters Club Members - your Membership is now due, forms may be obtained from the Club Shop or Canteen, or when going on away coaches, the Membership is still £2.00. Also Junior Members you may get your forms from the Club Shop or from Sue Collinge. Phone 681 - 3397 for details.

For our next away match at Hull K. R. seats on the coaches can be booked in the Club Shop or Phone 665 1832, for away coach details.

The Supporters Club is running a trip to Wembley for the Great Britain v New Zealand 1st Test. The price is £35 inc. of match seat ticket and coach. This is on Saturday, 16th October, 1993, to leave at 8 a.m. There is a limited number of seat tickets

available so please enquire soon at the Club Shop or phone 665 - 1832, 633 - 6780.

We held our Player of the Year in the Social Club on Wednesday, 18th August. The Player of the Year was Mark Sheals. Runner-up was Wally Gibson. Third place came Shane Tupaea. A Team Player of the Year went to Barrie McDermott. Runner-up was Mark Hudspith and Third place went to David Stephenson.

Junior Reds, 1st Team - Mark Sheals, A Team - Barrie McDermott, Top Try Scorer - Iva Ropati.

Supporters Club would like to thank our mascot for last season Jenny Turner for her attendance at all matches. She was presented with a trophy at our Player of the Year Social. As our thanks to her, we would like to welcome our new mascot, Ryan Pilkington to lead the team out in the First Division and wish him well.

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HALIFAX	28.8.0	A	L	12-29	7,445	Goodway
BRADFORD N	2.9.0	H	A			Jones
HULL K/R	13.9.0	A	A			Kut
WARRINGTON	19.9.0	H	H			Bradbury
SHEFFIELD E	26.9.0	A	A			Green
WIDNES	3.10.0	A	A			Sheratt
LEEDS	10.10.0	A	A			Greenes (T)
HULL	24.10.0	A	A			Solomon
WARRFIELD	31.10.0	A	A			Kerry (G)
FEARLESSSTONE D	7.11.0	A	A			Abrian
REGAL TROPHY (R)	14.11.0	A	A			Ranson
ST HELENS	21.11.0	A	A			Topping (G)
WIGAN	28.11.0	A	A			Hobbs
LEIGH	5.12.0	H	H			Hepp (T)
REGAL TROPHY (R)	12.12.0	A	A			Cotton
REGAL TROPHY (H)	19.12.0	H	H			
HALIFAX	19.12.0	H	H			
SALEFORD	26.12.0	H	H			
REGAL TROPHY (F)	1.1.94	A	A			
CASTLEFORD	2.1.94	A	A			
REGAL TROPHY (F)	8.1.94	A	A			
BRADFORD N	15.1.94	A	A			
REGAL TROPHY (F)	22.1.94	A	A			
WARRINGTON	23.1.94	A	A			
(SCC CUP - R)	30.1.94	A	A			
SHEFFIELD E	6.2.94	A	A			
(SCC CUP - R)	13.2.94	A	A			
WIDNES	20.2.94	H	H			
(SCC CUP - F)	27.2.94	A	A			
LEEDS	6.3.94	A	A			
(SCC CUP - F)	13.3.94	H	H			
WARRFIELD T	20.3.94	H	H			
(SCC CUP - F)	23.3.94	A	A			
FEARLESSSTONE R	27.3.94	H	H			
SALEFORD	14.4.94	A	A			
CASTLEFORD	4.4.94	H	H			
LEIGH	10.4.94	A	A			
ST HELENS	17.4.94	A	A			
WIGAN	24.4.94	H	H			
(SCC CUP - FINAL)	30.4.94					

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