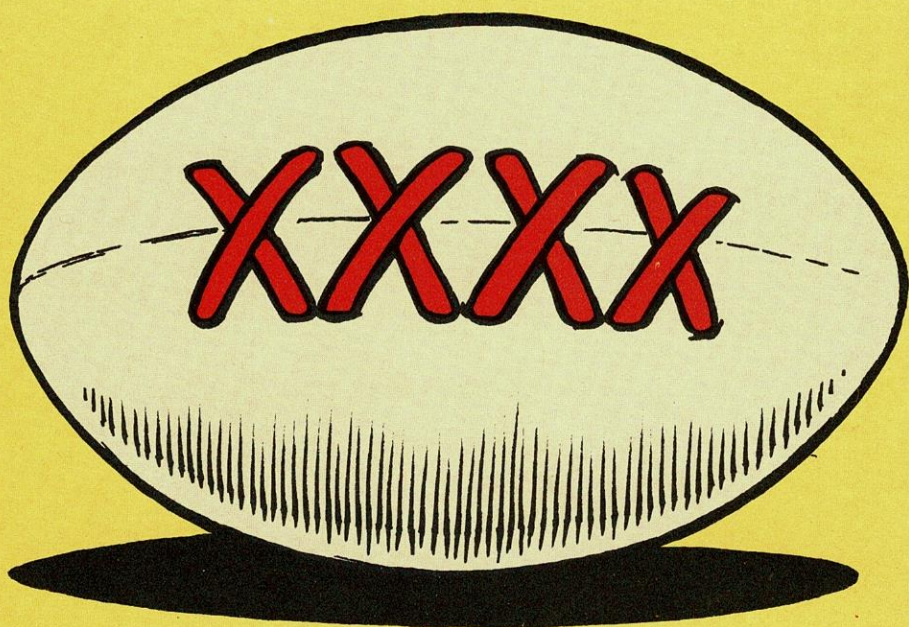


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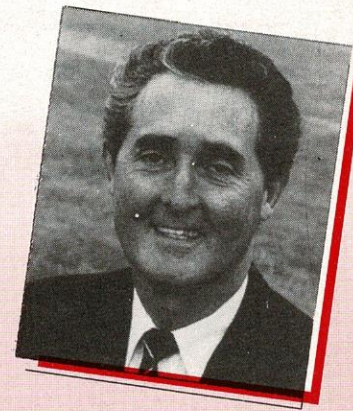
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FROM the BOARDROOM

by **CHAIRMAN JAMES QUINN**



Since our last home game against St. Helens we have had to come to terms with the fact that the Foundation for Sport and Arts have rejected our application for financial assistance towards redeveloping the Watersheddings ground.

We have a decaying ground which costs money to keep open in merely a limited form. It could do with a complete redevelopment programme, but to be frank and honest we don't know where we can turn to next, now that the Foundation has knocked us back.

As a board we are trying hard to cope with the Club's debt and chip away at it, but from time to time a major creditor will bring things to a head and then all hell is let loose until we find a formula with which to address the problem.

This was the background behind our recent appeal for help to Oldham Council and I must say that the Council responded positively within 24 hours, showing a great commitment to Oldham RLFC and the sport of Rugby League within the town.

It was a source of great encouragement to the board of directors to know that we had the backing and sympathy of the local authority despite the

authority's tight budgets and financial restrictions.

The Council has to spend its money wisely and consider its priorities in these difficult financial times. We understand that. Who knows? If the day ever dawns when the recession eases and money becomes more easily available, the Council may take the view that the east side of town would benefit from the provision of leisure facilities for the community and would then look at Watersheddings as a possible site for redevelopment.

In the meantime, the club takes great encouragement from the Council's backing and support and it would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity of publicly expressing the board's appreciation.

We now await with interest talks that are currently taking place between the RFL and the Sports Minister, Iain Sprouat, regarding possible assistance from central funds for Rugby League clubs battling to meet current ground-safety standards.

The directors have also been greatly encouraged by the number of gestures made by individual fans, some of them coming up with money-raising ideas.

Only the other day one fan handed me

an envelope containing £20. She had raised the money on a football card in her local pub. It was a terrific gesture.

There are many ways fans can help... by coming to the matches, joining our commercial department's fund-raising schemes or by calling the office and volunteering to sell Christmas Draw tickets, which are now available.

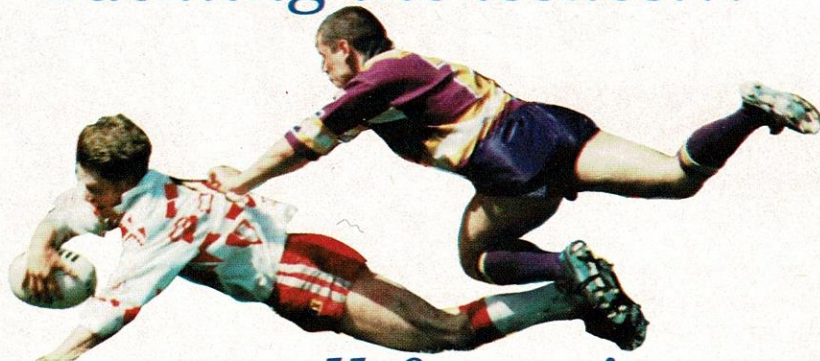
The lady in question did her own thing in her local pub. Perhaps some of you might fancy doing something similar.

With Christmas coming, the souvenir shop is also worth a visit. There is strength in numbers when it comes to raising money. If we all pull together, like the players and coaching staff are doing on the field, we will defeat this cash crisis and be all the stronger as a result.

Finally, come and back us to the hilt against Wigan at Watersheddings next Sunday in the third round of the Regal Trophy.

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DEAN HANGER

Since his arrival at Hilton Park midway through last season, Dean Hanger has become one of the most popular players with the Leigh faithful. Australian Dean has missed the majority of this season through an injury sustained at St. Helens but he remains a real crowd pleaser. Last season Dean played most of his football at centre, but has started this at full back, making the number jersey his after some excellent performances.

So has Dean settled here in Leigh? "Yes, Leigh is a good town and the people are really friendly and I enjoy myself, it's just the weather, it's a bit too cool that's the only thing. I live on the beach at home and surf nearly every day, so that is a real problem, there's no beach and there's no surf!" he grins.

When asked about his heroes, there is no hesitation "Laurie Daley and Brett Kenny, those are who I look up to", and

certainly when Dean is on the offensive, one can see such influences. But when asked about Britain's top player, it isn't a back who makes the grade, "I'd have to say that Andy Platt is just about the best player in Great Britain at the moment", and he concedes that the gap between G.B. and Australia is closing all the time.

How about Leigh, who does Dean see as the star performers? "Definitely the three Academy kids (Scott Martin, Simon Baldwin and Paul Rowley), and Timmy Street is always improving and I think when John Pendlebury retires, I'll miss him greatly because he is one of the best defenders in the game."

Leigh's winless start to the season fails to worry Dean. "It's just the bounce of the ball, we'll turn it around. We are fairly confident about every game we go in to and hopefully we can start with Hull KR." At this point Dean spots John Gunning pulling faces at him from the stand,

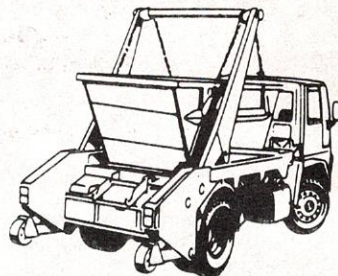
and tells me: "John Gunning is probably the worst player we've got!" whilst trying to pull a funnier face than his team mate.

Dean's spare time (of which he assures me he has very little) is spent in the gym training or swimming with John Gunning. Musically, Guns 'N' Roses and AC/DC are Dean's favourites, confessing "I don't have much time for that dance stuff." Dean is especially looking forward to Christmas time, when his mother and father will be visiting for a few weeks whilst on a tour of Europe. "So my mum can look after me!" he explains.

The Leigh fans, what does he think of them? "Our fans that travel, they are just fantastic. They're still supporting us after we are losing, you don't expect people to keep following a losing team but they do. They stick by us, and it's great, and we really notice them, week in week out." He pays special tribute to the thousands of fans who were at Central Park, praising them as "absolutely fantastic". Dean is planning to stay in England with his short term ambition to see Leigh in to the top eight, and his shorter term ambition for more wet weather; "We seem to win when it gets wet!" he explains.

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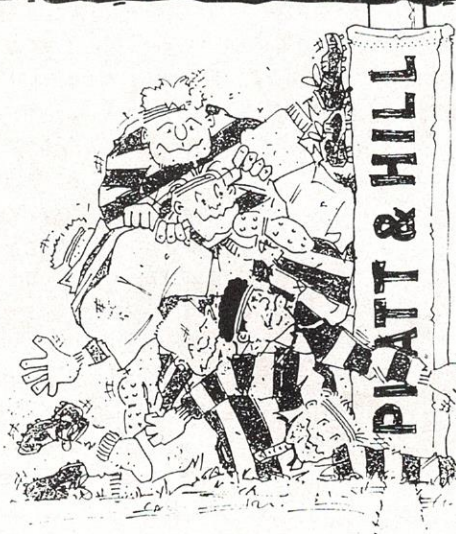
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Roughy 'eds Recalled

No. 9 JOHN BLAIR



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Local lad Johnny Blair made his senior debut for Oldham in the 24-8 victory over Bramley on September 12th 1970. His position that day was stand-off half and although John played in all the back positions for the club, it was in the number six shirt that he will be best remembered.

John played local amateur rugby and had represented England Under 19's when he turned professional by signing for his hometown club.

There is no doubt that his main asset was kicking. Whether it was chipping over a defence, popping over drop goals or gaining 50 or 60 yards with a thundering touch-finder, John certainly had a talent when it came to putting boot to ball.

This is not to say that John wasn't also a useful player

in open play and I will remember his magnificent try against the 1973 Australian touring team. John played 120 games for Oldham before he joined Halifax, where he once held the Rugby League record for drop goals in a match, this occurring in a third round Challenge Cup tie against Wakefield in 1980,

when he hit the target four times to help the "Thrum Hallers" into the semi-final. For Oldham fans however, John's most famous drop goal was the one he scored in the last minute at Knowsley Road on February 8th, 1976 to give the "Roughy'eds" a rare victory away to St. Helens by 8 points to 7.

No. 10

ROTHWELL

MARLOR



"Rod" Marlor was a rugged no-nonsense prop forward, whose career with Oldham started before the first World War and endured until October 1927 when he played his last match away to Pontypridd.

Renowned as a fierce tackler and grafting scrummager, Rod played 264 first class

games for the club scoring 32 tries and kicking two goals. Strangely enough 13 of Rod's tries came in the 1920-21 season, no mean feat for a prop and only the emerging Reg Farrar registered more touch-downs.

Rod played in three consecutive Cup Finals for Oldham in 1925-26-27.

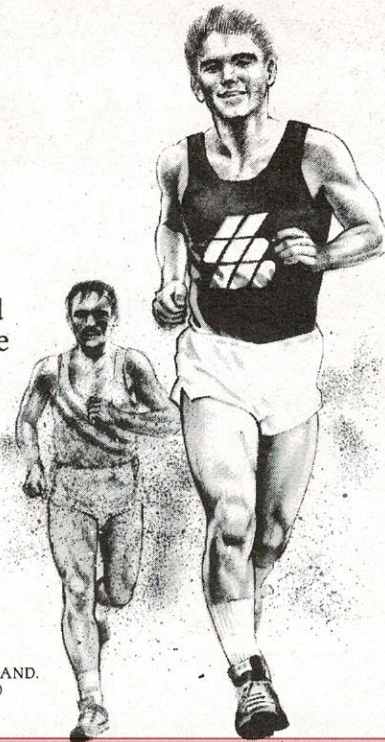
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A-TEAM NEWS

Our hard-fought victory in the final of the Lancashire Shield against Rochdale Hornets at Spotland puts the first piece of silverware on offer firmly on the Watersheddings shelf.

The lads are determined it will not be the last of the season as was shown at Hunslet last Saturday, when after a shaky start and some very dubious refereeing decisions, we finally moved into the semi-final of the Youngers Second Division Trophy, with a 36-10 victory.

Going back to the Rochdale match, it was great to hear the support for the team. I am sure the hundreds that made the trip across to Spotland enjoyed the evening and hopefully will carry on giving us their tremendous support.

Yours in sport

Shane Tupaea

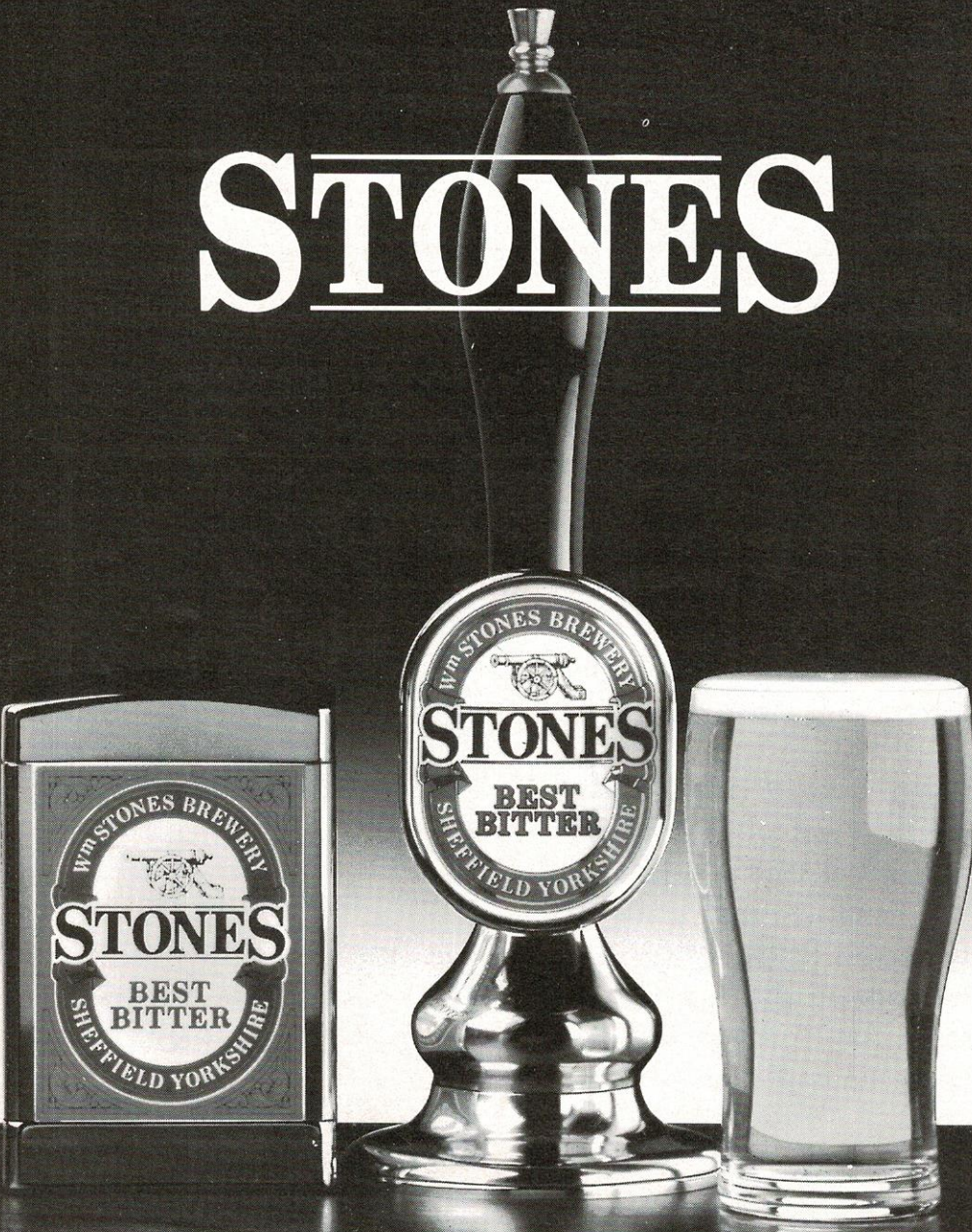


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AUGUST					
Saturday	28th	Workington	H (W)		44-16
SEPTEMBER					
Saturday	4th	Rochdale	A (W)		30-18
Thursday	9th	Hull K.R.	H (W)		32-12
Thursday	16th	Hunslet	A (W)		29-18
Saturday	25th	Doncaster	A (W)		36-16
OCTOBER					
Saturday	2nd	LCCS - Round 1 Workington	H (W)		38-10
Thursday	7th	Leigh	H (W)		26-24
Saturday	23rd	LCCS - Round 2 Wigan	A (W)		26-22
Saturday	30th	Swinton	A (W)		28-2
NOVEMBER					
Wednesday	3rd	LCCS-Semi Warrington	H (W)		12-6
Saturday	6th	London	H (W)		64-30
Saturday	13th	Youngers ASDC Round 1 - London	A (W)		16-6
Thursday	18th	LCCS Final Rochdale	A (W)		32-20
Saturday	27th	Youngers ASDC Round 2 - Hunslet	(W)		36-10
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			

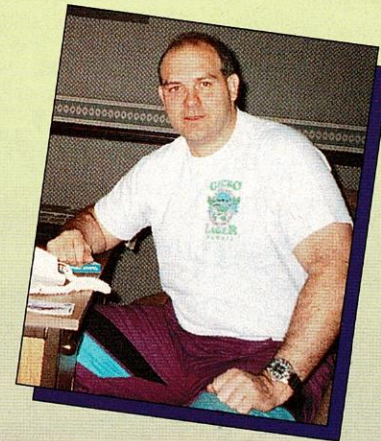
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TUNKS' TALKBACK



Today we welcome Leigh to Watersheddings and although the Hilton Park side are struggling at the wrong end of the table, we have no intention of underestimating them.

They have a good coach in Steve Simms and some up and coming young players, together with experienced players such as John Pendlebury, they will be keen to get a win

under their belts.

It is also important that we ourselves start to pick up points with three home fixtures before the New Year.

Our last home game against St. Helens was a game we could have won, had we turned our territorial advantage position into points.

However, we failed to

take the right options on a number of occasions and a well organised defence made us pay dearly.

Enjoy the game

PETER TUNKS

TUNKS TEASERS

1. In what year was the first Australian State of Origin match played?
2. What is the name of the trophy awarded to the man of the match in the Second/Divisional Premiership Final?
3. Which team play at the Willows?
4. Which player scored a try in each of the 1990 G.B. v Australian Tests?
5. In what season did Warrington last win the R.L. Challenge Cup?
6. Who captained the 1962 G.B. tour to Australia and New Zealand?
7. Which Whitehaven player played for Great Britain in 1985?
8. Which teams were the losing semi-finalists in last seasons Challenge Cup?
9. Who holds the tries in a season record for Barrow?
10. Which Australian side are nicknamed the "Panthers"?

ANSWERS ON STATS PAGE

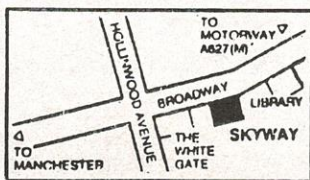
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Please come along to support the lads and Oldham R.L.F.C.

High Point Hotel

Just a reminder that after today's match there will be a fund raising event on behalf of Oldham R.L.F.C., which is to be held at the High Point Hotel, Napier Street West with a 7.30 p.m. start.

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"Of all the players in the team, Bob has played consistently well," said XXXX spokesman Jim Saddler.

"Bad luck and injury have dogged the team throughout the season - matches have been lost by as little as one point," said Oldham spokesman John Watkins. "Although relatively minor in rugby terms, injuries have persistently affected players' performances."

All is not bleak however for the club; after all it's a long time to the end of the season and the team will have plenty of opportunities to show off their XXXXpertise!

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IN TOUCH with H.O.

JOHN SMITH'S INTERNATIONAL GREAT BRITAIN UNDER 21'S v FRANCE

This marks the 10th season of Under 21 International Rugby since it replaced the Under 24 format which lasted from 1976 to 1983.

Lee Crooks led Britain's first Under 21 team to a 24-8 win over France, at Castleford on 25th November, 1984. In fact, France retained the age limit at Under 24 and did not change it until a season or two later.

Coached by Maurice Bamford, the young British team was:

Shaun Edwards (Wigan), Garry Clark (Hull KR), Garry Schofield (Hull), Shaun Allen (St. Helens), Andy Currier (Widnes), David Creasser (Leeds), Mark Conway (Leeds), Lee Crooks (Hull, capt), Paul Groves (Salford), Andy Dannatt (Hull), Paul Round (St. Helens), Roy Powell (Leeds), Gary Divorty (Hull). Playing substitutes: Wayne Proctor (Hull), Vince Gribbin (Whitehaven).

Britain's try scorers were Clark, Conway and Currier with Creasser kicking six goals. The attendance was 1,754.

This was the first of Great Britain's 12 victories at this level with France winning five, the last in February 1991 when they won 16-6 at Wigan.

Great Britain Under 21 Records against France

Highest score: (Also widest margin) 56-2 at Halifax, 6th March, 1992.

Highest against: (Also widest margin) 6-19 at St Esteve, 19th January, 1986.

Most tries in a match: Three by Neil Puckering (Hull) at St Helens, 21st March, 1987; David Myers (Wigan) at Halifax, 6th March, 1992; David Myers (Wigan) at Albi, 20th March, 1992; Martin Pearson (Featherstone Rovers) at Halifax, 6th March, 1992.

Most goals in a match: 8 by Chris Rudd (Warrington) at Limoux, 26th January, 1991.

Most points in a match: 24 by Martin Pearson (Featherstone Rovers) at Halifax, 6th March, 1992.

Biggest attendance: 4,596 at Doncaster, 16th February, 1990.

MARTIN OFFIAH

Martin Offiah of Wigan needs two tries for a career

total of 300 since leaving Rugby Union over six years ago.

The winger's total is made up of 68 for Wigan, 181 for Widnes and 49 in representative matches including 26 in Test and World Cup matches for Great Britain.

His 298 tries have come in a total of only 248 club and representative matches including three substitute appearances.

Offiah holds the Widnes record for most tries in a season with 58 in 1988-89, having set the record with 42 in the previous term - his first in Rugby League.

He is the joint holder of the Widnes match record with five against Warrington on 15th March, 1989.

Offiah also shares the Wigan match record of 10 tries in a Stones Bitter Premiership semi-final against Leeds on 10th May, 1992.

He holds the Great Britain Test match record with five tries against France at Headingley on 16th February, 1991.

The Test winger raced to the fastest century of Division One tries, reaching the milestone in his 70th match. No other player has scored a century in fewer than 100 matches.

He was the top try scorer in each of his first four seasons and has never finished outside the top ten.

His total 32 hat-tricks includes 10 in a match, five on four occasions plus eight four-try feats.

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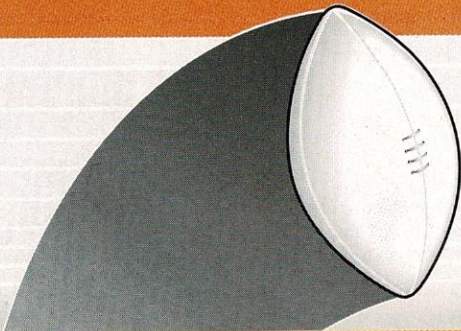


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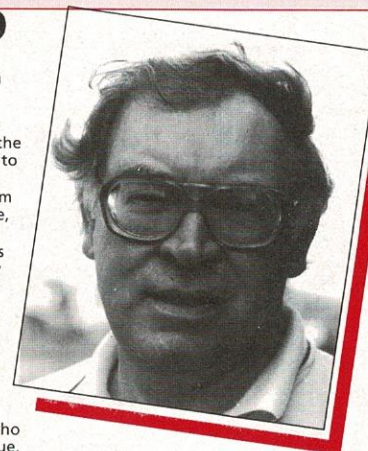
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Last Time Out . . .

with **ROGER HALSTEAD**

An extract from Roger Halstead's match report in the *Oldham Evening Chronicle* of Thursday, September 24th, 1992.



The new high-tackle laws claimed another victim at Leigh last night as Oldham reached the semi-final of the Lancashire Cup despite playing a man short for all the second half.

Iva Ropati was sent off at Huddersfield last Sunday and will make a personal appearance before the disciplinary committee tonight.

At Hilton Park last night, Mark Sheals was dismissed five minutes before half time for going in high on his former Leigh team mate and ex-Oldham player Andy Ruane.

The Sheals case will not be heard until next week, so the big front-row man will be free to play against another of his former clubs, Swinton, at Watersheddings on Sunday.

Both players could be in danger of missing the county cup semi-final on Wednesday, October 7th unless the referees in their reports and the judiciary in their deliberations acknowledge that players are still coming to terms with the extreme demands of new legislation.

In the main, this was a clean, incident free cup tie.

We wondered how rival props Tim Street and Barrie McDermott would cope with each other. Well, they were as a good as gold, highly disciplined and it was handshakes all round afterwards.

The Sheals incident was totally isolated and the player was quick to discuss it afterwards with Widnes referee David Campbell.

Campbell confirmed for me that the Oldham forward was sent off for a high challenge, but would comment no further.

Sheals said: "Andy Ruane is a good friend of mine. There is no way I would have gone out to deliberately foul him. I set him up for a big hit with my shoulder.

"I agree I caught him high, but it wasn't done deliberately. The referee agreed with me, but said he had to send me off to comply with the new rules."

Oldham led 12-8 at that stage and it says much for the sides fitness and commitment that they overcame the numerical handicap to win 26-14 and claim their second First Division scalp in this knock-out tournament.

Not that anyone would have believed that Leigh were in the First Division on this showing.

In the 45 minutes that Sheals was off the field, Oldham scored 14 points to

Leigh's six without ever finding the consistency of a side that is playing to its upper limit.

There is better to come from Oldham, of that I am sure. Where, then, does that leave Leigh?

John Pendlebury and John Woods are old stagers, who could probably do an excellent job in the Second Division, but hardly in the First.

Street tried hard to battle his way through the Oldham pack and John Costello ran well from the second-row to score both Leigh tries, augmented by three goals from Woods.

Scrum half Stuart Pugsley, who pushed put star-man Jason Donohue, gave Oldham most trouble until he quit with a knee injury midway through the second half.

Oldham's midfield defence opened up with surprising ease for Pugsley to cut through and send in Costello for his first try in the 34th minute.

I say surprising because the visitor's defence was generally sound and well marshalled by a hard-working set of forwards. Ben Olsen like Shane Tupaea, will rarely attract the spotlight that beams in like radar on McDermott, Sheals or Tiny Solomon, but I thought this was Olsen's finest hour.

Coach Peter Tunks rang the changes but Olsen, Richard Pachniuk and young David Bradbury played the full 80 minutes.

Pachniuk squeezed home from dummy half, after Solomon had taken play to the Leigh line, for the all-important first try of the second half.

Bradbury confirmed the promise he displayed at Huddersfield and Olsen had his best game yet in Oldham colours, gaining in confidence in the second half when he did a mountain of work to compensate for the man short.

Ropati, better known for running and scoring, did an equally-sound defensive job out wide as Oldham restricted Leigh to one try while they had the extra man.

Both teams made a lot of handling mistakes and Oldham passed through a stage early in the match when there appeared to be a lack of communication as passes went astray or were directed at players who were on dummy runs and not expecting them.

Winger Scott Ranson again proved himself as a lethal finisher, however,

and Oldham went 12-2 up courtesy of the flying Scott.

Two chances, two tries - first when he sped under a towering, crossfield kick by Tommy Martyn to score in the corner (how many wingers collect kicks as cleanly as this man?) and then when he pounced on a wretched Woods pass in his own half to control the ball soccer fashion with three kicks to the line and a dive for the touchdown.

Martyn had a sound game at full-back and excelled with his kicking game when Oldham turned the screw in the first 20 minutes of the second half.

Leigh needed to come out for the second half and dominate, making the most of their extra man and getting the ball wide, but it was all Oldham until the last ten minutes when they started to tire.

The tackling was excellent and the forwards drove strongly for the posts to set up position for Martyn to land two drop goals.

Pachniuk's try was well goaled on the angle by Martyn, Bradbury knocked-on in the tackle over the Leigh line and Ranson flew clear in search of his hat-trick only to be recalled for a forward pass.

Oldham stretched their lead to 20-8 before Leigh pulled back to 20-14 with six minutes left.

It set up a thrilling ending, but Oldham underlined their superiority when Martyn paved the way for Stuart Cocker to send in Sean Tyrer for a fourth try in the dying seconds.

True to form, Martyn goaled from wide out to take his match tally to ten points from four place goals and two drop goals.

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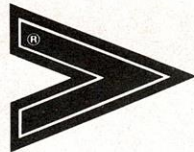
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	APP	SUB	TRIES	GOALS	DROP GOALS	POINTS
WALLY GIBSON	12	-	2	-	-	8
NIGEL HESLOP	9	-	2	-	-	8
MARTIN HOLDEN	1	1	-	-	-	-
PAUL TOPPING	10	2	1	33	-	70
SCOTT RANSON	9	-	3	-	-	12
DARREN ABRAM	10	-	4	-	-	16
STEVE KERRY	8	-	2	2	-	15
"TINY" SOLOMONA	9	3	1	-	-	4
PAUL GROVES	6	-	2	-	-	8
IAN SHERRATT	11	-	-	-	-	-
IYAN GREEN	2	3	-	-	-	-
DAVID BRADBURY	2	3	-	-	-	-
MIKE KUITI	13	-	2	-	-	8
DAVID JONES	9	2	-	-	-	-
ANDY GOODWAY	11	1	1	-	-	4
CHARLIE McALISTER	5	1	2	-	-	8
MARTIN STRETT	5	1	1	8	-	20
SHANE TUPAEA	2	2	-	-	-	-
CRAIG RICHARDS	1	5	2	-	-	8
SHAUN IRWIN	9	-	4	-	-	16
MARTIN CROMPTON	3	1	2	-	1	9
BOB LINDNER	10	-	4	-	-	16
JOHN CLARKE	6	-	2	-	-	8
DAVID STEPHENSON	1	-	-	-	-	-
MARK MEADOWS	2	-	-	-	-	-
BARRIE McDERMOTT	1	-	-	-	-	-
ALF GOULDBOURNE	1	-	-	-	-	-
BEN OLSEN	1	-	-	-	-	-
CHRIS PARR	-	1	-	-	-	-

LEAGUE TABLE 1993/94

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
WARRINGTON	12	10	0	2	260	171	20
WIGAN	11	9	0	2	315	187	18
BRADFORD N.	11	9	0	2	324	244	18
CASTLEFORD	12	8	1	3	327	156	17
ST. HELENS	12	8	1	3	299	165	17
HALIFAX	12	7	2	3	258	207	16
FEATHERSTONE	12	6	1	5	258	284	13
WIDNES	11	6	0	5	211	226	12
HULL	12	4	2	6	177	200	10
LEEDS	11	4	1	6	241	232	9
SHEFFIELD E.	12	4	1	7	240	314	9
SALFORD	12	4	0	8	190	291	8
HULL KR	12	4	0	8	190	311	8
OLDHAM	12	3	0	9	212	234	6
WAKEFIELD T.	12	3	0	9	154	272	6
LEIGH	12	0	1	11	159	321	1

THE ACADEMY

with Manager
JACK BUCKLEY

Unfortunately our top of the table clash with Widnes at Watersheddings fell victim to the recent cold spell and is now scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 1st February 1994 (Kick-off 7.30 pm).

However, we have managed to despatch Whitehaven in the mean time and remain on course for a championship challenge.

Apart from our splendid comeback in Cumbria to win

38-14 after trailing 4-14 after twenty minutes, we were delighted with the support we got from Oldham fans who made the long trek to Whitehaven on such a bleak day. Many thanks from the players and officials.

This past week has seen the return from injury of Aidie Meade and John Hollows and the end of suspension for Michael Twist and Wayne Riding. The fight for team places then is really hotting up and the situation should stimulate the players to perform with extra zest.

Last weekend, three academy players again performed with credit in the Alliance team which won at Hunslet 36-10. Damien Munro played the whole game on the wing, whilst Lee Bradbury and Richard

Badby were second half substitutes.

During the next couple of weeks the Academy team hope to take delivery of a set of track suits which have been sponsored by Mr Keith Broadbent and Medlock Building Co. Ltd. The morale and image of the Academy team will be much enhanced by this generous gesture and we would like to offer Keith and his company our sincere thanks.

Next Tuesday (December 7th) at 7.30 pm, we entertain Keighley at Watersheddings, when we hope to continue our winning ways.

Please give the Academy team your support, it is very much appreciated.

DEVELOPING SCENE

with
Development
Officer
NIEL WOOD

As the Christmas holidays approach I thought I would update you on the state of the in-school coaching going on currently. Mike Ford, Richard Hearne and Simon Winnard are working in Mayfield, Bealvale, Blackshaw Lane, Rushcroft

and Bucktones Junior Schools and Radclyffe Senior School. All interested players from these schools are automatically directed towards their local Amateur club. All the children who complete the coaching course receive the BFL/Cub Award Level 1 and will be invited to take the BFL Bronze Award at Watersheddings on Tuesday, 21st December, 1993. Anyone else interested in taking their Bronze Award should contact me at the Rugby League Development Office 627 4497.

During the past six weeks the

top Under 14's in the Town have been having coaching sessions with Mike Ford at Oldham Sports Centre. During the course Peter Tunks has taken part of the session as has Bob Lindner.

After Christmas our Under 15's Development Squad will run for eight weeks. 31 nominations have been received and invitations are due out soon.

Today's curtain raiser schools are Failsworth, Radclyffe, Kaskenmoor and Hathershaw High Schools.

Welcome and enjoy the day.

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QUOTE - UNQUOTE

(Peter Tunks had this to say after last weekends game)

"Wigan had to much class for us, but we competed for long periods despite having to field a reshuffled side. I thought the home crowd had a bearing on how the game was refereed and that was perhaps reflected in a 12-3 penalty count to Wigan. I'm sure we'll make life a little more uncomfortable for them at our place in the cup-tie"

(Darren Abram)

"In the last two games against Wigan and St. Helens we have played some good rugby but when you look at the league table you see we have nothing to show for those performances. The Leigh game is a vital game, they are still looking for their first league win of the season and we don't want to be the team to give it to them"

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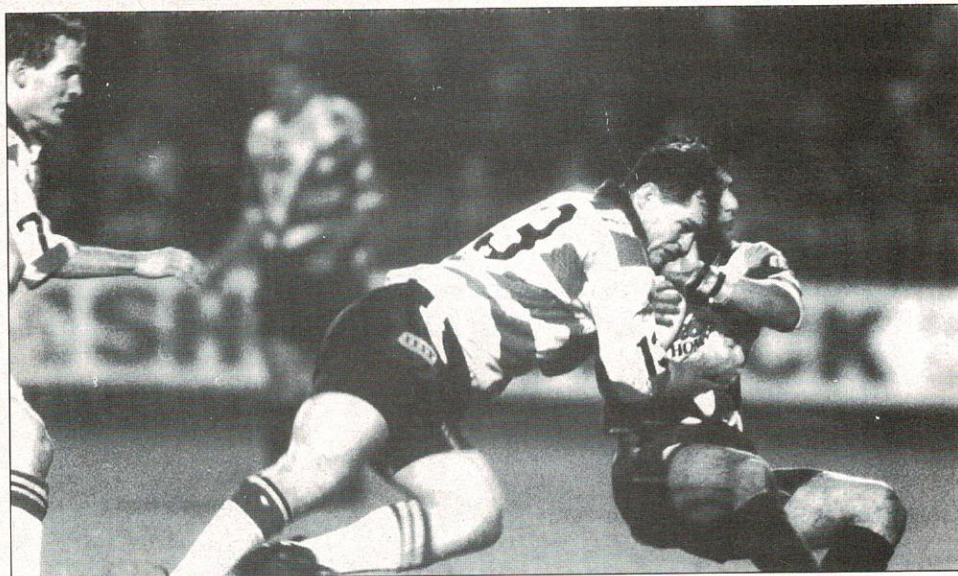
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BARRIE McDERMOTT MAKES A DETERMINED BREAK



BOB LINDNER'S DETERMINATION GROUNDS HIS OPPONENTS

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BACK PAGES

by Michael Turner

Like Oldham, today's visitors Leigh were founder members of the Northern Union back in 1895. In that first 1895-96 season honours were even, with Leigh winning at home by 6-0 and Oldham claiming victory at Watersheddings by 23-4.

The two clubs have never played each other in a major final, but Leigh provided the semi-final opposition when Oldham first won the Challenge Cup in 1899. The match was played at Wheaters Field, Broughton with Oldham winning through to the final by 16-2.

After the Rugby League abandoned its first experiment with two divisions in the early part of this century, Leigh became the winners of the overall Rugby League championship in 1905-06. At this time, over the course of a season, some clubs would play more matches than others and although three teams (including Oldham)

finished up with more points than Leigh, the "Cherrys" took the Championship on a percentage basis.

Although the clubs have never met in a major final, there have been many dramatic encounters between Oldham and Leigh over the years. Our older supporters will need no reminding that on two occasions it was the men from Hilton Park who ended the Wembley dream for the great Oldham team of the 1950's. The first occasion

was in 1955, when Leigh won 5-3 in the second round, but it was in 1957 when, again in the second round, Oldham were defeated by 5-0, that was the biggest disappointment for the "Rough'eds". This defeat in the freezing Hilton Park mud, prevented Oldham from making a clean sweep of all the R.L. trophies in the 1956-57 season.

In recent times there was the notorious match abandoned for fighting in January 1984, when the general view was that the referee over-reacted and perhaps a couple of dismissals would have been more appropriate.



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Oldham's Bob Mordell looks for support in the Leigh v Oldham match on March 29th, 1981.



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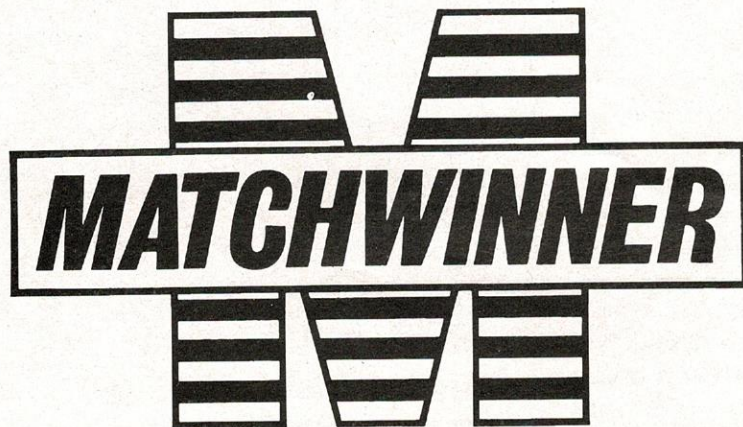
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With Oldham Captain
BOBBY LINDNER



Welcome along to today's vital game against Leigh. We all recognise that today is the day for us to come of age in the top flight and we are determined to do just that. The St. Helens game was, I believe, a real Oldham winter game and I must pay tribute to the ground staff for producing the pitch in such excellent condition. I'm sure that all those who saw the game will agree that there were some excellent performances from some Oldham players and that,

given some luck we can beat any of the "big" teams.

Last weekend's game at Wigan was disappointing as far as the result was concerned but just brought home to everyone at the club that we are competitive, so watch out next week!

During the week I met some youngsters from Littlemoor Primary School who had achieved their BFL/Cub Awards. Thanks to the school for making

me so welcome and I believe we may be seeing them play here next week.

Leigh have an excellent coach in Steve Simms and I am sure that he will have his team prepared for a titanic struggle today. We are ready for them and with your support together we'll come good.

Enjoy the game!

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● If you have any other enquiries phone 633-6780 or 665-1832.

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Opponents	Date	Ven.	Res.	F.A.	A.L.
HALFAX	26.8.93	A	L	19/24	7/45
WARRINGTON	29.8.93	A	L	20/24	4/64
WIDNES	12.9.93	H	W	26/14	3/48
SHEFFIELD	26.9.93	H	L	15/22	5/15
WIDNES	3.10.93	A	L	10/14	3/10
LEEDS	10.10.93	A	W	21/6	4/10
HULL	24.10.93	A	W	33/4	5/19
WARRINGTON	31.10.93	A	L	21/22	3/29
FEARHSTONE	7.11.93	A	L	24/30	3/19
HIGHFIELD (RT 40)	14.11.93	A	W	26/4	6/3
ST HELENS	21.11.93	H	L	2/12	5/21
WIDNES	28.11.93	A	L	12/38	11/19
LEIGH	5.12.93	H	H		
WARRINGTON	12.12.93	H	H		
REGAL TROPHY - SF	19.12.93	H	H		
HALFAX	19.12.93	H	H		
SALFORD	26.12.93	H	H		
REGAL TROPHY - SF	11.1.94	A	A		
CASTLEFORD	21.1.94	A	A		
REGAL TROPHY - SF	8.1.94	A	A		
BRADFORD	9.1.94	A	A		
HULL KR	16.1.94	A	A		
REGAL TROPHY - F	22.1.94	A	A		
WARRINGTON	29.1.94	A	A		
(SCC CUP - F)	30.1.94	A	A		
SHEFFIELD	8.2.94	A	A		
(SCC CUP - F)	13.2.94	H	H		
WIDNES	20.2.94	H	H		
(SCC CUP - F)	27.2.94	H	H		
LEEDS	6.3.94	A	A		
(SCC CUP - SF)	12.3.94	A	A		
HULL	13.3.94	H	H		
WARRINGTON	20.3.94	H	H		
(SCC CUP - SF)	26.3.94	H	H		
FEARHSTONE R	27.3.94	H	H		
SALFORD	1.4.94	A	A		
CASTLEFORD	4.4.94	A	A		
LEIGH	11.4.94	A	A		
SHEFFIELD	17.4.94	A	A		
WIDNES	24.4.94	A	A		
(SCC CUP - FINAL)	30.4.94	A	A		

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SUNDAY, 12th DECEMBER

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