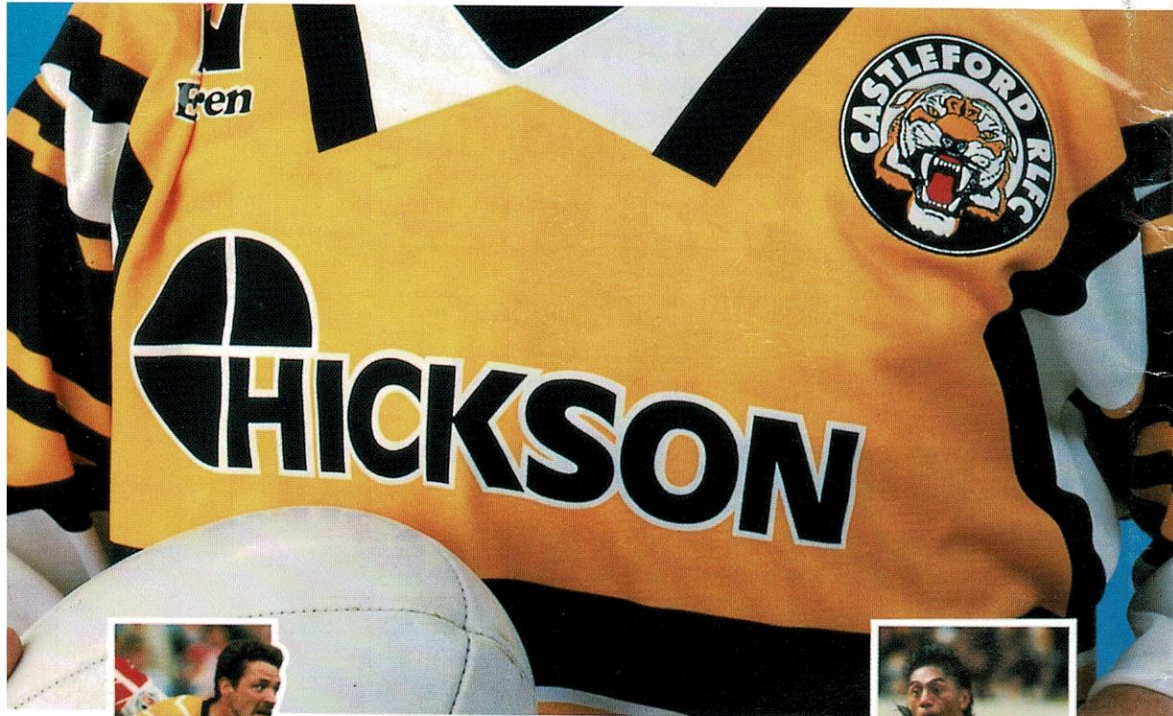
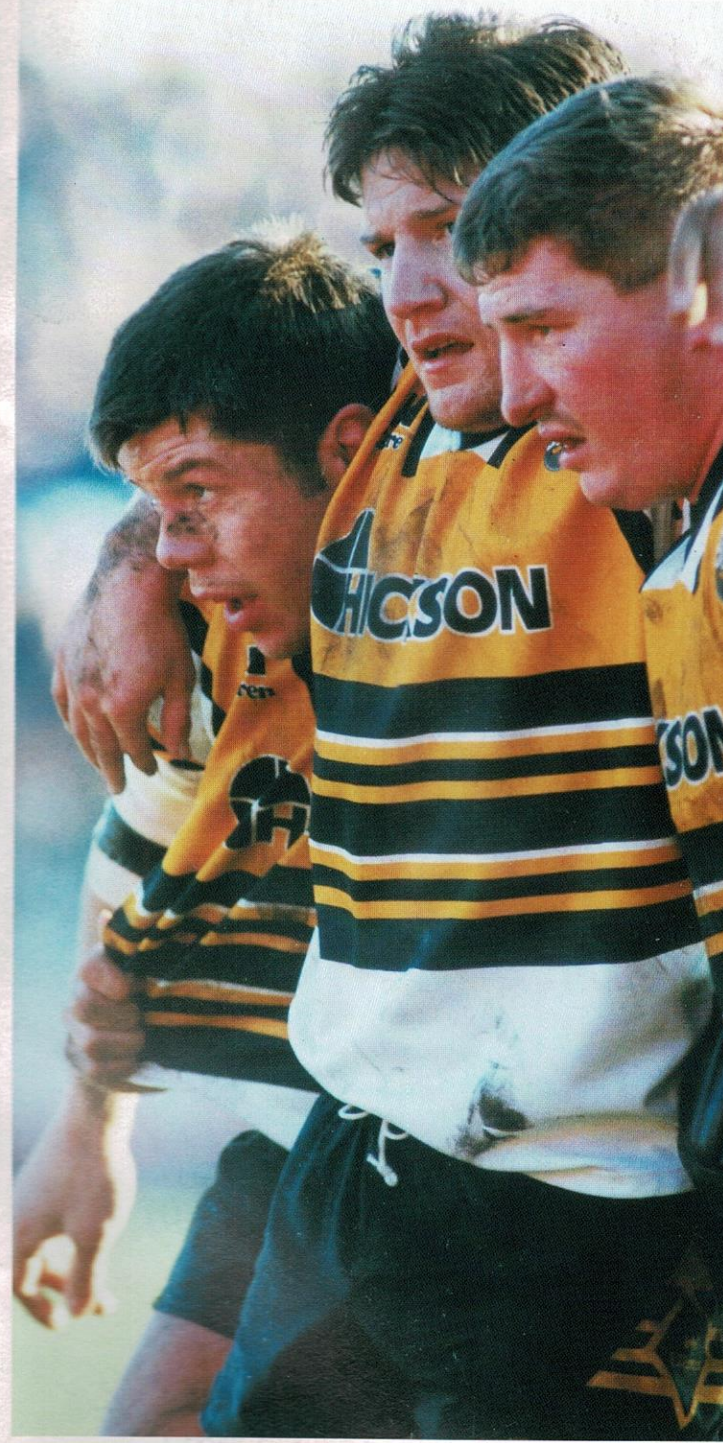


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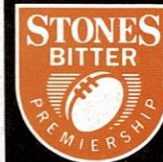
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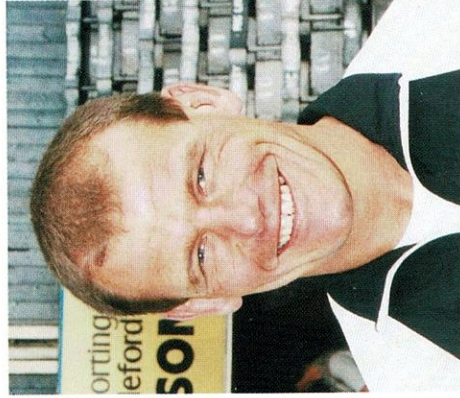
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DEFEAT at Leeds last week was a big blow to our league campaign and I know that many of you like myself left Headingley very disappointed. Unlike the previous two matches against Featherstone and Bradford, where we had stamped our authority on the game from the outset, we allowed Leeds to gain the initiative and thus confidence. Despite that I'm afraid that once again it came down to taking chances in a very tight match and we missed a number of golden opportunities throughout the game. Our defence withstood a tremendous Leeds barrage but even to the dying minutes we threw away clear cut chances to win the match and ultimately I viewed it as a game given to Leeds as much as one lost to them.



John Joyner

We didn't have too long to reflect upon that game though with Sheffield to be faced four days later and as ever the Eagles were, as we have come to expect, uncompromising opponents. Again I didn't feel that we played to the best of our ability but I felt that we showed bags of character to fight back from a 12 point deficit and then to hold on at the end. Whether we should have put ourselves in that position is of course another matter but Sheffield have been in good

Headingley for the Regal Trophy Final. Wigan's following is rightly renowned but the lads do appreciate it when you get behind them and we'll be doing our very best to give you something to cheer about.

Enjoy the game.....
John Joyner

form recently and midweek matches obviously take some toll, just look at Leeds' result at Warrington.






Nevertheless we face the same situation this week with a tough looking fixture at the Boulevard to follow tonight's match, when Oldham will I'm sure be looking to bounce back from Sunday's heavy defeat at Bradford. The league situation sees us with very little latitude however if we are to retain any hopes of top spot whilst competition for even a top four spot is remaining fierce.

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FORMER CT. BRITAIN scrum half, Tommy Smales had taken over as Coach from Derek Turner when Castleford opened the 1969/70 season with a Benefit Match for Alan Hardisty and Keith Hepworth versus Hull K.R. at Wheldon Road, Friday 25th July 1969, with a 32-10 home win before 2750 spectators. But a 30-4 home defeat by Hull on Saturday 9th August meant a First Round exit from The Yorkshire Cup. The team was more successful in The BBC2 Floodlit Competition with three wins, but defeat came in the semi-final when Leigh won 12-11 at Wheldon Road. There was more success in The R.L. Challenge Cup when wins over Hull (home) 15-nil; Barrow (away) 12-4; Salford (home) 15-nil; and a semi-final win 6-3 over St. Helens at Swinton (drop goals by Alan Hardisty, Bill Kirkbride and Malcolm Reilly) saw Castleford at Wembley for the second successive season. Their opponents were Wigan on Saturday 9th May 1970, Cas winning 7-2.

Castleford - Derek Edwards; Trevor Briggs, Tony Thomas, Ian Stenton, Alan Lowndes (t); Alan Hardisty (Capt) (Danny Hargrave), Keith Hepworth; Dennis Hartley, Clive Dickinson, Michael Redfean (2g), Bill Kirkbride, Brian Lockwood, Malcolm Reilly. Sub - Steve Norton. Wigan - Colin Tyrer (g) (Colin Hill); Karl Jones, Bill Francis, Peter Parr, Keith Ashcroft, Bob Burdell, Frank Hogan, Bill Ashurst, David Robinson, Doug Loughton (Capt), Sub - Colin Clarke. Score at half time 5-2. Referee - Mr. G.F. Lindop (Wakefield). Attendance - 95,255. Receipts - £89,262.

Lance Todd Trophy winner - Bill Kirkbride. Cup presented by The Earl of Derby.

13 players made their debut during the season - 10 of them being local Amateurs:- Terry Biscomb (sub) St. Helens (a) 16/8/1969 - Bill Kirkbride (2nd row) (t) Huddersfield (a)

20/9/1969 - Ian Guest (wing) Huddersfield (h) 8/10/1969 - Gary Stephens (scrum half) Bramley (h) 10/10/1969 - Phil Johnson (stand off) Hunslet (h) 31/10/1969 - Les Shaw (centre) Hull K.R. (h) 22/11/1969 - Glen Knight (sub) Leeds (a) 26/12/1969 - Gary Jordan (centre) Wigan (a) 10/1/1970 - Tony Dean (scrum half) and Alan Ackroyd (blind side prop) Hunslet (a) 31/1/1970 - Steve Norton (loose forward) Halifax (h) 13/3/1970 - Geoff (Sammy) Lloyd (sub) Featherstone R. (h) 30/3/1970 and Denis Ward (blind side prop) St. Helens (a) 4/5/1970.

The 1969/70 season was one of Castleford's best in the League - finishing second out of 30. Despite protests Castleford had to play St. Helens at home - one week before Wembley in the Championship semi-final - in a 9-9 draw. To the amazement and disbelief of the Club, the powers that be ordered the replay to be at St. Helens on Monday 4th May, five days before Wembley. Castleford's objections were over-ruled and 15 players were chosen by Castleford - none of them likely to play at Wembley. The team was - Howard Bibb, Ian Guest (t), Derek Foster, Lee Shaw, Michael Day; Phil Johnson, Glyn Jones; Denis Ward, Tony Miller, Alan Ackroyd (3g), Norman Bullen, Graham Blakeway, Robert Spurr. Non playing subs - Tony Dean, Glen Knight.

Leading 10-8 at half time against a full strength St. Helens team, Cas eventually lost 12-21. League games - played 34, won 25, lost 8, drawn 1 - Points for - 493; Against - 298.

Overall 49 games were played (Tony Thomas 45), Tries - 130; Goals - 129; Drop Goals - 15.

Playing for Yorkshire v Lancashire at Salford (3/9/1969) losing 12-14 were Keith Hepworth (scrum half), Dennis Hartley (field side prop), Clive Dickinson (hooker), Brian Lockwood (2nd row) and Derek Edwards (sub). Yorkshire v Cumberland at Hull K.R. (1/10/1969) winning 42-3 were Alan Lowndes (wing), John Ward (blind side prop), Derek Edwards (sub) with Bill Kirkbride in the 2nd row for Cumberland.

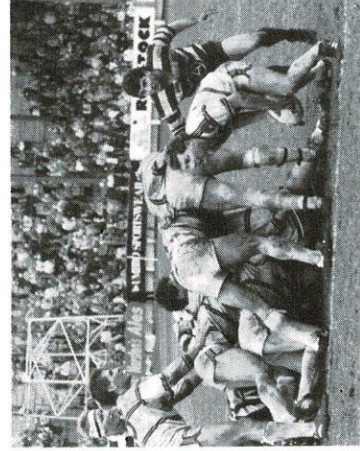
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OUR MOST memorable clash with Oldham in recent years was the one that took us to Wembley eight years ago. Having missed out at the semi final stage to Hull so many times in the previous years we entered the Oldham engagement as favourites and were determined not to miss the opportunity. Having said that Oldham were seeking their first ever trip to Wembley so it was a very tense occasion at Central Park. Nerves certainly were in evidence and the first half simply suggested that if one of the teams could settle themselves down then they could take the match. Our favourites tag hadn't really been justified in the opening 40 minutes but thankfully we were able to steady things in the second half and although it was never less than tight we were on the way to Wembley. Once again Mick Morgan had a foot in the opposition camp although not in the "fifteen" he was a squad member. Ian French, one of the best Australian signings, and Kevin Ward were stalwarts in our pack whilst Bob Beardmore shone in the backs. For Oldham full back David Liddiard gave a great display, although unfortunately a slip on his part led to one of our tries.

Ironically that season, although beating Oldham quite comfortably at home, in our away league fixture early

in the season we conceded 46 points in defeat at the Watersheddings. In fact our visitors finished above us in the league in a season when our Championship form didn't match cup form.

Just a season previously we had also met Oldham on the Wembley trail, on the way to one of those semi defeats at the hands of Hull. The match, in the first round, was played at Boundary Park, the home of Oldham Athletic FC, and the "home" team were fancied to progress. However we rose well to the occasion and with Bob Beardmore again shining, and importantly outplaying his opposite number Ray Ashton, we clinched a 14-8 win. Our pack tackled tenaciously throughout whilst Terry Flanagan could look back on a good display for his team.



• Scrum half rivals Bob Beardmore and Ray Ashton in opposition in the 1986 Challenge Cup semi.

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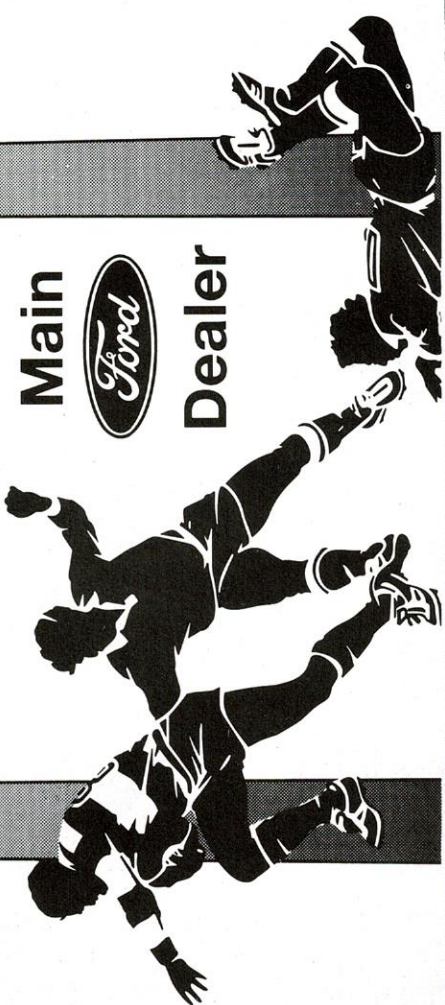


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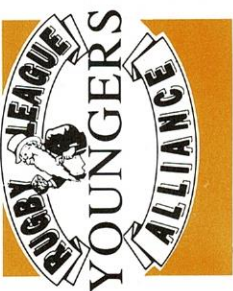


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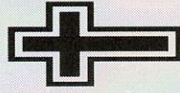
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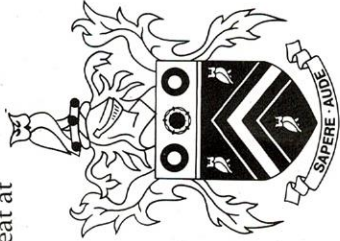
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WELCOME TO Oldham for this evening's Championship fixture. Our visitors will undoubtedly be keen to secure some league points to take them out of the relegation danger zone, although their form in some narrow defeats earlier in the season suggests that they can move up the table. They went out of the Regal Trophy at the hands of Wigan but again not without a brave fight at the Watersheddings yet defeat at home to Salford over Christmas must have been a big blow.

Oldham's Australian coach Peter Tunks has spent much of his time at the club wheeling and dealing in the transfer market. In the last close season we were involved in one of Tunks's deals when centre Shaun Irwin and full back Paul Fletcher moved in exchange for Richard Russell. Shaun had been in a good run of form for his new club, although missed a few recent games through injury before returning in his club's home defeat by Halifax just before the holiday period. At one point in his time at Cas Shaun looked as if he was destined to go to the very top but injury and what was perhaps an unwise positional switch have combined to hold him back.



a blow when injury problems affected his return to Castleford after he had really looked the part in his first short spell with us.

Turning back to the Oldham back line, their centre strength is illustrated in having such as blockbusting Charlie McAllister and former Rochdale star Darren Abram competing for places with Irwin and Topping. Lively Aussie Wally Gibson has proved his versatility since transferring from Huddersfield whilst

This may yet be only temporarily as he has a lot of natural ability.

Shaun's injury absence allowed Paul Topping to come in and he in turn has shown some good form. Paul was a player who we showed some interest in when he was at Leigh but Oldham have given him the chance to come in "from the wilderness". Another Cas connection is Australian back row forward Bob Lindner who guested with us a couple of times a few years back. Bob is one of the world's best packmen and Oldham pulled off quite a coup when they obtained his signature on a two year contract. He has proved himself at the highest level with Queensland and Australia and it was



OUR VISITORS



winger David Jones was another summer capture, this time from Wakefield. Their half back slots are likely to be filled by Scott Ranson and former Wigan and Warrington man Martin Crompton.

Prop "Tiny" Solomona is out injured, and reportedly is on his way to the Auckland Warriors, but the experienced Ian Sherratt will flank former BARLA international hooker John Clarke in the Oldham front row, with Barrie McDermott also in contention. Completing the back row with Bob Lindner are two strong running second rowers Kiwi, Mike Kuiti and the experienced Andy Goodway, both of whom number Leeds amongst their former clubs.

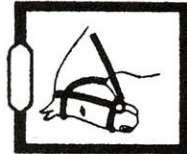
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I AM beginning to think that it is time the Rugby League took a fresh look at high tackles, writes the Yorkshire Evening Post's Man-down-the-Lane, Nigel Brookes.

Referees are doing a cracking job of spotting anything above collar level to keep the game safe, but the trouble is that there seems to me that there is little differentiation between the trivial and the dangerous.

Because of the blanket policy of penalising all such offences - even the clumsy and unintentional, it appears to me - the really guilty parties are getting away with murder.

It is a long time since I can remember anyone being sin-binned, let alone properly sent off, for a high

tackle and that leaves RL in the situation where the punishment for a deliberate high tackle has become meaningless, for it is no more severe than that imposed on the inept.

There can be no question at all about the potential for disaster involved in head-hunting.

And the players who are so cavalier about the health and careers of their fellow professionals by risking inflicting permanent injury upon them should be left in no doubt about how their actions are regarded.

If players are being penalised for high tackling an opponent who



ducks down to 4ft 6 to escape them then the bloke who loosens someone's fillings for the fun of it should be yellow-carded at least.

Rugby League does not become cleaner simply because players are not being sent off!

It does not feel like two minutes since I was belly-aching on these pages about Cas's run of away

matches following the Wigan win, yet, here we go again.

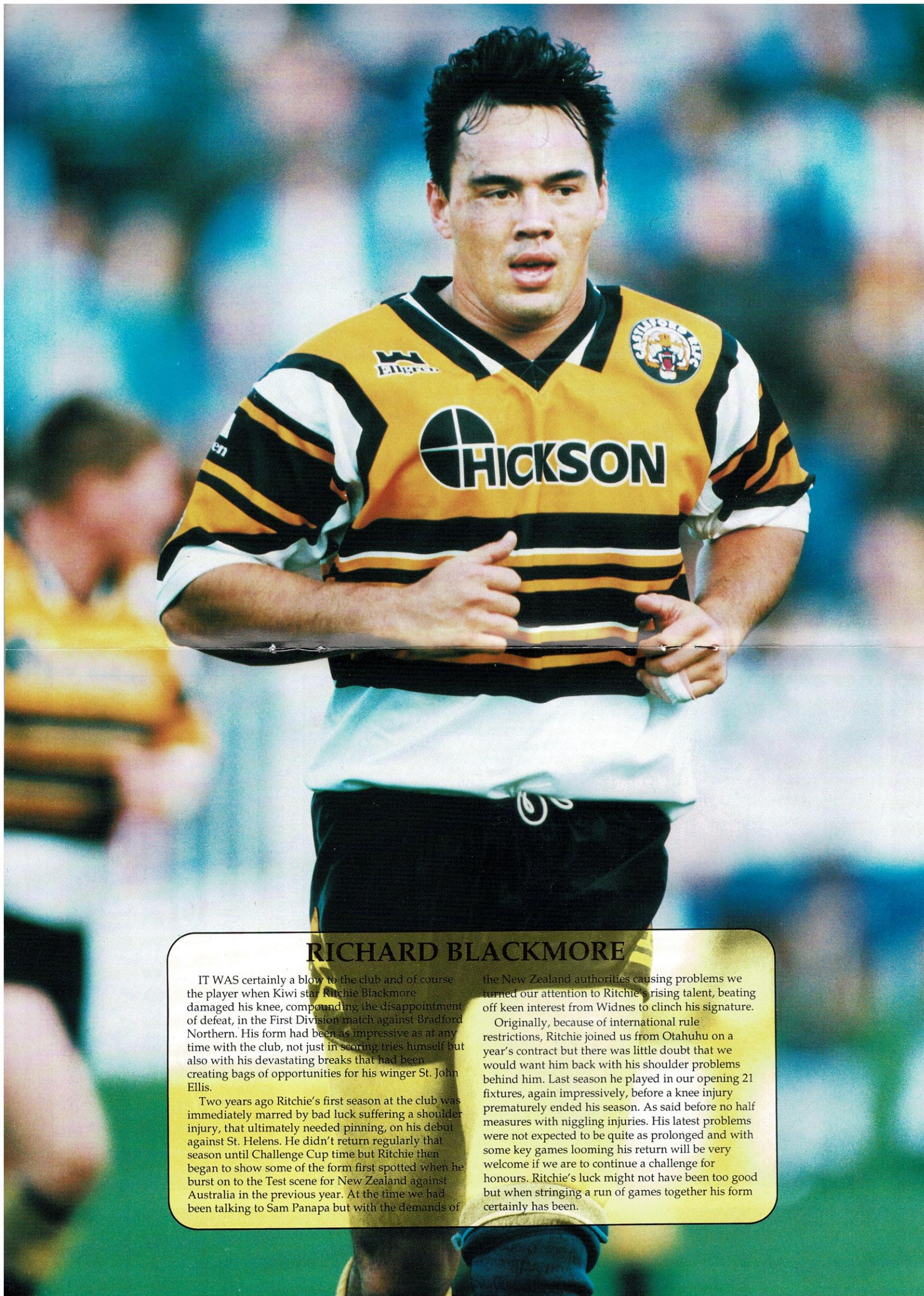
In the analysis, I don't suppose it is anyone's fault but Cas's own for playing so well in the Regal Trophy, but with a touch of bad luck there could be no first team football again at Wheldon Road until Leigh arrive on February 20th.

The game against Widnes scheduled for January 21 has fallen foul of the Regal Trophy Final and had not been re-arranged when we went to print and then it is rounds two and three of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup, punctuated only by a trek across the Pennines to Knowsley Road on February 6.

All we need is a bit of bad weather next month and to get our balls pulled out of the bag in the wrong order a couple of times and the turnstiles will have rusted up.

See you in time to exchange Easter eggs.





RICHARD BLACKMORE

IT WAS certainly a blow to the club and of course the player when Kiwi star Ritchie Blackmore damaged his knee, compounding the disappointment of defeat, in the First Division match against Bradford Northern. His form had been as impressive as at any time with the club, not just in scoring tries himself but also with his devastating breaks that had been creating bags of opportunities for his winger St. John Ellis.

Two years ago Ritchie's first season at the club was immediately marred by bad luck suffering a shoulder injury, that ultimately needed pinning, on his debut against St. Helens. He didn't return regularly that season until Challenge Cup time but Ritchie then began to show some of the form first spotted when he burst on to the Test scene for New Zealand against Australia in the previous year. At the time we had been talking to Sam Panapa but with the demands of

the New Zealand authorities causing problems we turned our attention to Ritchie's rising talent, beating off keen interest from Widnes to clinch his signature.

Originally, because of international rule restrictions, Ritchie joined us from Otahuhu on a year's contract but there was little doubt that we would want him back with his shoulder problems behind him. Last season he played in our opening 21 fixtures, again impressively, before a knee injury prematurely ended his season. As said before no half measures with niggling injuries. His latest problems were not expected to be quite as prolonged and with some key games looming his return will be very welcome if we are to continue a challenge for honours. Ritchie's luck might not have been too good but when stringing a run of games together his form certainly has been.



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Month	Date	Time	F-A	ATT	TRIES	GOALS
August	27	7.30	12-21	8,758	St. John Ellis, Anderson	Crooks 2
September	5	(A) 7.30	20-11	4,114	Fisher, Steadman, Smith, Smales	Crooks, Ketteridge, Crooks 4
	12	(H) 3.30	12-4	5,771	Ford	Crooks 6, Ford dg, Crooks 3
	17	(A) 7.30	37-12	3,057	Blackmore 2, St. John Ellis 2, Russell, Hay	
	26	(H) 3.30	18-35	6,303	Ford, Smith, Ellis	
October	3	(A) 3.00	15-15	3,025	Ford, Blackmore, Smith	Crooks 1, Ford dg, Crooks 7
	10	(H) 3.30	54-18	4,486	Blackmore 3, Ellis 3, Middleton 2, Nikau, Steadman	
	12	(H) 7.30	16-4	4,927	Middleton, Ellis 3	
	24	(A) 3.00	34-0	3,769	Ford, Smales, Wray, Blackmore, Kemp, Steadman	Crooks 5
	31	(H) 3.30	46-0	7,745	Anderson, Blackmore, Ellis 3, Ford, Middleton 2	Crooks 7
November	7	(A) 3.00	35-10	7,228	Anderson, Ellis 2, Kemp, Middleton, Steadman 2	Steadman 3
	15	(A) 7.30	16-12	2,905	Middleton, Morrison, Steadman	Crooks 2
	21	(A) 3.00	10-20	5,775	Ford	Crooks 3
	28	(H) 3.30	34-10	5,231	Ellis 2, Anderson, Blackmore, Flowers, Kemp, Smales	Crooks 3
December	5	(H) 3.30	6-13	6,919	Ford	Crooks
	12	(H) 3.30	54-14	2,125	Middleton 3, Ellis 2, Ford, Morrison, Smales, Smith, Steadman	Crooks 4, Ketteridge 2, Steadman
	19	(H) 3.30	44-4	2,624	Steadman 2, Sampson, Anderson, Kemp, Ellis, Hay, Smales	Ketteridge 6
	26	(A) 11.30	28-18		Ellis 2, Smith, Smales, Sampson	Crooks 4
January	1	(A) 3.30	23-10	8,318	Steadman, Smith, Ford, Russell	Crooks 3 Idg
	8	(H) 7.30	4-8	10,625	Ford 2, Hay	Crooks 2
	9	(H) 3.30	20-18	4,269		Crooks 4
	12	(H) 3.30				
	16	(A) 3.10				
	21	(H) P				
	22	(H) P				
	30	(A) 3.15				
February	6	(A) 3.00				
	13	(H) 3.30				
	20	(H) 3.30				
	27	(H) 3.30				
March	6	(A) 3.15				
	12	(H) 3.30				
	13	(H) 3.30				
	20	(A) 3.00				
	26	(H) 3.30				
	27	(H) 3.30				
April	1	(H) 7.30				
	4	(A) 3.00				
	10	(A) 3.00				
	17	(H) 3.30				
	24	(A) 3.30				
	30	(A) 3.30				
May	8					
	15					
	22					

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Halifax	17	10	2	5	360	284	22
Castleford	16	10	1	5	385	213	21
St. Helens	16	10	1	5	368	261	21
Featherstone	17	9	1	7	364	362	19
Leeds	17	8	1	8	342	317	17
Widnes	16	8	0	8	282	308	16
Sheffield E.	17	7	1	9	348	418	15
Hull	16	6	2	8	231	256	14
Salford	16	7	0	9	277	345	14
Hull KR	17	5	0	12	269	438	10
Oldham	16	4	0	12	289	336	8
Wakefield T.	16	4	0	12	200	348	8
Leigh	17	0	1	16	203	471	1



STATISTICS

APPEARANCES & SCORERS at 9th January, 1994

Player	SEASON 1993-94				CAREER					
	Apps	Sub.	Tries	DC.	Pts.	Apps	Sub.	Tries	DC.	Pts.
Anderson G.	19	2	5	-	20	182	16	69	-	1 277
Blackmore R.	14	1	9	-	36	51	3	29	-	116
Crooks L.	19	-	62	1	125	121	3	12	360	1 769
Ellis S.	20	-	22	-	88	152	2	79	13	- 346
England K.	-	5	-	-	-	308	28	33	-	- 130
Fisher A.	4	3	1	-	4	18	5	1	-	- 4
Flowers J.	1	1	1	-	4	1	1	1	-	- 4
Ford M.	21	-	11	-	2	46	94	-	40	- 2 162
Hay A.	3	9	3	-	12	3	17	4	-	- 16
Kemp T.	15	-	4	-	16	15	-	4	-	- 16
Ketteridge M.	17	3	-	9	-	18	231	35	11	386 - 816
McAlister T.	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	7	-	-
Middleton S.	20	-	10	-	40	76	6	43	4	- 180
Morrison T.	15	1	2	-	8	49	1	8	-	- 32
Nelson D.	1	1	-	-	-	48	3	14	-	- 56
Nikau T.	20	-	1	-	4	93	1	9	-	- 36
Russell R.	20	-	2	-	8	20	-	2	-	- 8
Sampson D.	7	8	2	-	8	134	64	24	-	- 96
Smales I.	20	-	6	-	24	20	-	6	-	- 24
Smith C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Smith T.	14	6	6	-	24	90	19	48	-	- 192
Southernwood G.	-	-	-	-	-	80	3	12	-	- 1 49
Steadman G.	20	-	10	4	1	49	137	3	88	148 6 654
Sykes N.	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	6	-	-
Watson C.	1	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	1	- 4
Whitehead P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Wray J.	2	-	1	-	4	38	-	10	-	- 40



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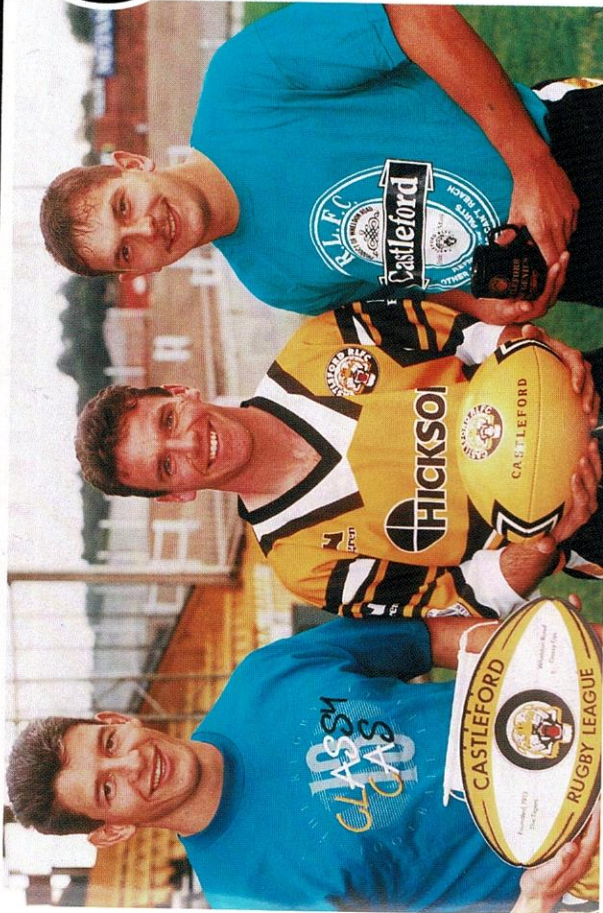
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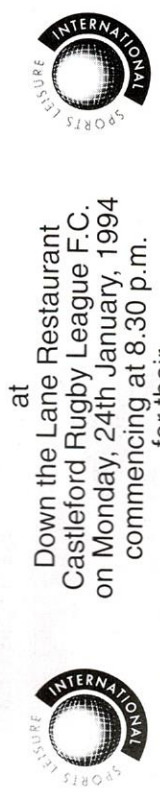
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