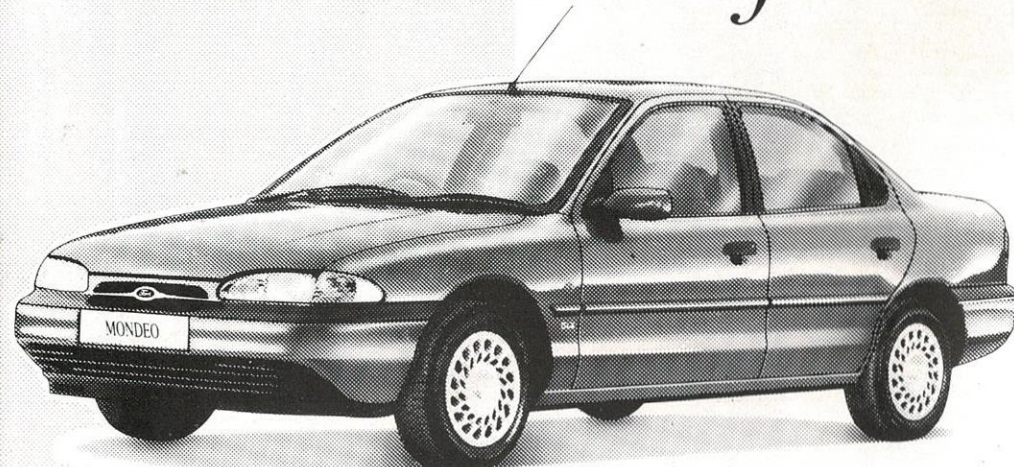


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I have got to happy over successes, but that does not stop me from being critical of our style of play when we make life unnecessarily hard for ourselves. We have developed an annoying habit of conceding early points to the opposition at a time when we should be building the foundations of a performance by settling into the game, holding possession and giving nothing away. To keep a game at high peak performance is asking a lot but we are still trying to achieve perfection in this game. It is easier and more confidence building to step up gear by gear to reach a peak rather than leap into one then have to climb down. Against Leeds we let them in in the seventh minute. That stung us into some scintillating play and at the break we had control of the game. After half time Leeds, in a five minute spell, pulled back from 26-6 to 26-18 and groans could be heard that it was "Headingley again". I hope to believe that we had learned a lesson at Headingley and leaving aside the game at Bradford we have finished our games strongly. Having beaten St. Helens twice this season when the opposition appeared, at least on paper, stronger, I am left to wonder if

complacency crept in. I don't want this, it should not happen but we know it does. Lack of composure, over eagerness, call it what you will but we threw away scoring chances and found ourselves in arrears by ten points with half time on the horizon. The six points we pulled back in the final minute of the half were invaluable and gave us the chance to re-assess what we were doing out there. Our second half performance was steadier but had we not given the home side that early encouragement, I am sure we could have been more impressive. All the best sides in the world are mean with the ball and are very good at defending in the opposition's half. We have improved this season but we can achieve more...that is the aim.

THE INJURY SITUATION IS IMPROVING.

We seem to have been losing players at the top of their form and it takes several matches at top level to reach that peak again. We have lost Paul Cullen but to see Bob Jackson, Phil Sumner and Gary Chambers back on the field of play at any level, with promise of others in the next couple of weeks, plus the ever increasing confidence of our youngsters gives me confidence that we can still improve.

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PLAYER NEWS

Bob Jackson and **Phil Sumner** have both put a couple of Alliance games under their belt to gain match fitness. **Gary Chambers** returned against Saints and played half a game each with Mark Hilton. **Kevin Ellis** picked up a shoulder injury in the same game. **Gary Sanderson**, **Chris Rudd** and **Tony Thorniley** are all expected back by the end of this month. **Paul Cullen** may require a month to recover from a knee injury. **Gary Tees**, now fit, missed an Alliance match v. Saints due to a stomach bug.

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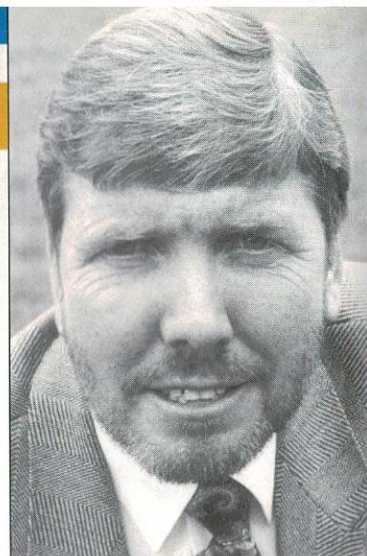
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OBITUARY

Regrettably, we learned of the death at



**CHAIRMAN
PETER HIGHAM**

Christmas of Johnnie Rothwell, an old player and local respected publican. John made his senior debut in October 1936 and it was to be almost ten years before he again appeared at Wilderspool in April 1946. He left Warrington to go to Rochdale, before joining Halifax and was in their side that lost to Bradford Northern at Wembley in 1949. Our belated sympathies go out to his family.

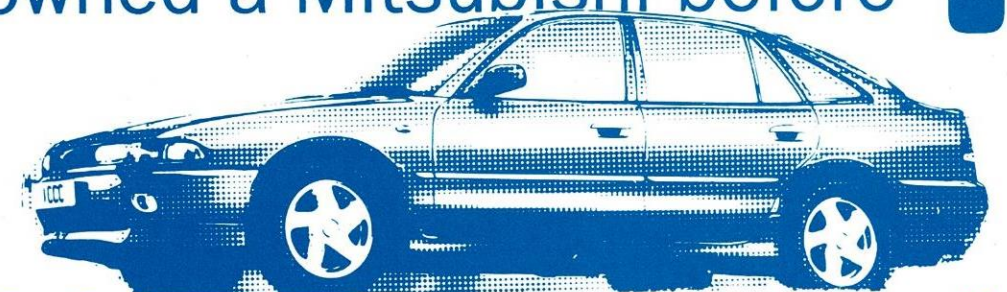
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Watching... Oldham

The job of rebuilding Oldham was handed to coach Peter Tunks in April 1991 and it has taken him just two seasons to achieve the first objective - a return to Division One of the Stones Bitter Championship.

Oldham began last season in confident fashion, their opening sequence of six successive victories featuring four Second Division Championship wins and the defeats of First Division sides Warrington (H) 33-20 and Leigh (A) 26-14 in the Lancashire Cup. The Roughyeds lost at Wigan in the semi-final (8-48) and were defeated by 22pts-40 at home by Castleford in the Regal Trophy first round. By the time the Challenge Cup came around Oldham were challenging with Featherstone for promotion. Victories in the Challenge Cup over London (H) 34-6 and Huddersfield (H) 20-17 led to a home quarter-final against Bradford, which they lost heavily (4-42). Left to concentrate on their main aim, Oldham easily clinched promotion in second place behind Featherstone with the following record:- played 28, won 20, drawn 1, lost 7, for 753, against 503, points 41. A surprise home draw against Dewsbury (14-14) in the Divisional Premiership was compounded when the replay was lost 18pts - 20 to end the season on a disappointing note.

Peter Tunks knew that a further rebuilding job was necessary in preparation for the top flight and he proved himself to be the ace wheeler dealer, securing the signatures of, amongst others, Steve Kerry, Tiny Solomona, Paul Groves, Mike Kuiti, Andy Goodway, Craig Richards and Martin Crompton. His most impressive capture was undoubtedly Aussie test star Bob Lindner who Tunks immediately installed as captain. Great enthusiasm on the terraces was partially dispelled by opening Championship defeats against Halifax (A) 12-26 and Bradford (H) 20-24 prior to a fine 28pts- 14 win at Hull KR. Oldham lost to Wire at Watersheddings (12-18) following a second half recovery from the visitors. A disappointing home defeat by Sheffield (15-22) was followed by an unlucky (12-14 reverse at Widnes, leaving Oldham desperate for a win. Leeds were the sacrificial lambs and provided a first time victory by 21pts-6. An impressive 35pts- 8 hammering of Hull at the Boulevard gave great cause for optimism. A narrow 21-22 loss at Wakefield signalled another fruitless run, encompassing defeats against Featherstone (A) 24-30, St. Helens (H) 2-12 and Wigan (H) 12-38. Oldham won at Highfield in round two of the Regal Trophy (26-8) but lost at home to Wigan in the snow in

round three by 8pts-16. A victory over Leigh at home in the Championship (42-6) briefly relieved the pressure at Watersheddings but since then, Oldham have lost league fixtures against Halifax (H) 11-28, Salford (H) 8-20, Bradford (A) 16-48, Castleford (A) 16-34 and Hull KR (H) 16-17.

The obvious target for Oldham in the second half of the season is to ensure First Division survival but with the talent available to him coach Peter Tunks will no doubt see a Premiership place as a realistic and attainable measure of improvement.

RESULTS SUMMARY WARRINGTON V OLDHAM

Season	Home	Away
1973/74	W 27-12	W 22-15
1975/76	W 18-3	W 19-10
1976/77	W 45-11	W 43-4
1980-81	W 30-2	W 22-2
1982/83	W 17-12	L 12-22
1983/84	D 22-22	W 14-11
1984/85	L 12-18	W 16-15
1985/86	W 8-4	L 20-26
1986/87	W 22-18	L 14-15
1988/89	W 32-30	L 2-16
1990/91	W 22-14	L 2-4
1993/94		W 18-12

WARRINGTON DIVISION ONE RECORD V OLDHAM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	11	9	1	1	255	146	19
Away	12	7	-	5	204	152	14
Totals	23	16	1	6	459	298	33

OLDHAM - RECORD IN LAST FIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Season	Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1984-85	5th	30	18	1	11	563	439	37
1985-86	9th	30	13	4	13	524	549	30
1986-87	13th	30	13	0	17	554	679	26
1988-89	12th	26	8	1	17	462	632	17
1990-91	12th	26	10	0	16	481	562	20

Oldham were in Division Two during 1987/88, 1989/90, 1991/92 ad 1992/93.



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PAUL FLETCHER

A first class player who has played successfully with Salford, Hull and Castleford. An excellent full-back and now willing to try to fill the roll of a hooker or scrum-half. An invaluable player to have on one's books.

MIKE KUITI

A New Zealand international of great repute. Played in Great Britain and France with the New Zealand Tourists in 1989. Selected for the Test team eight times, playing in Great Britain, France and New Guinea, but not Australia. A strong loose forward or second rower, at the pinnacle of his career. Has played for Rochdale, Swinton, Leeds and Rochdale again. Has a good eye for taking and making scoring opportunities.

DAVID JONES

A strong finishing winger signed from Wakefield. A Wigan born St.Pat's player and as an amateur gained county and international honours. Can quickly establish himself as a firm favourite at Oldham if he continues in his current form.

BOB LINDNER

One of Australia's all time greats. Played in 25 State of Origin games and in 23 Tests for Australia. One of the world's most feared loose forwards. Also a successful second row forward. Had previous spells with Castleford. Kangaroo's Man of the Tour in 1990, is looking forward to a successful season with Oldham and is helping to keep our rightful place in the First Division.

PAUL GROVES

Signed from St.Helens in the close season. A hooker of top quality. Played with Salford before going to St.Helens and toured in Australia and New Zealand in 1988. A strong and determined No.9 with a flair for being in the right place at the right time and finishing moves he has often started. Never gives up.

JASON FOGARTY

A massive 6ft 8in, 19 stone son of a former Oldham forward, Terry Fogarty. Signed from Huddersfield and has something to prove...i.e. he is as good or better than his father. Is learning the game quickly and may soon establish a firm place in the first team. Oldhamers wish him every success.

ANDY GOODWAY

A product of Oldham's early youth policy and established himself as a

firm favourite with the fans for his strong running and tackling in Oldham's first team in his teens. Chased for some time by Wigan and was finally transferred for a large fee. Soon recompensed Wigan and became an England international. Still capable of filling a first team place and is to assist in coaching the 'A' team. Welcome back.

SEAN DEVINE

A 23 year old scrum-half, whom Oldham boss Peter Tunks also recruited in an exchange. This time it was with St.Helens, Oldham receiving £50,000 for Devine and backrow forward Paul Jones for Great Britain Under 21 forward Chris Joynt.

MARK MEADOWS

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

HUGH GUMBS

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

PAUL JONES

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

BEN OLSEN

This Danish born forward made a name for himself with London Crusaders and signed for Oldham in the famous swap shop summer of 1992 with winger Richard Blackman, a Londoner returning 'home' to join the Crusaders at Crystal Palace.

TINY SOLOMONA

A Kiwi of Western Samoan origin, 'Tiny' signed for Oldham in early 1992 from Widnes, but did not make his debut until the start of the season because of groin trouble. Has had two groin operations since the turn of the year but is playing at the top of his form now and won the Man of the Match award in Oldham's First Round Lancashire Cup win against First Division club Warrington. Has been selected for international duty.

STEVE KERRY

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

DAVID BRADBURY

Signed from Leigh Miners after touring New Zealand with the BARLA Under 19 squad. David is a strong running loose-forward, who impressed on Oldham's pre-season tour of France. A most promising young player.

SCOTT RANSON

Twenty four year old St.Helens player and the top try scorer from his former club, Swinton. Signed for Oldham in March 1992.

SHANE TUPAEA

Ex-New Zealand player, signed for Swinton then Rochdale. A hard tackling defensive second row forward.

IAN SHERRATT

Former Oldham and Lancashire schoolboy. Left Oldham for Salford and returned season 1991/92. A hard grafting prop forward.

BARRIE McDERMOTT

Strong and powerful despite his 21 years, local boy Barrie is yet another member of the BARLA squad to throw in his lot with Oldham. He is a dedicated young professional and has quickly made enough impression to earn a place on the bench in Oldham's last season's matches.

NIGEL HESLOP

Former England R.U. winger who won 10 caps for his country. Signed for Oldham from Orrell R.U. Club in February '93 after losing his place in England's Five Nation Cup squad in 1993. Represented England in the World Cup '91 and was a member of two Grand Slam winning squads.

DARREN ABRAM

First professional club was Warrington, then moved to Trafford Borough from where he joined Rochdale for £40,000 in '91. Earned a reputation at Rochdale as a prolific try scorer and when listed for £70,000 was sought by several clubs including Salford, Featherstone and Wakefield before joining Oldham in Feb. '93.

Eddie Fuller at Watersheddings

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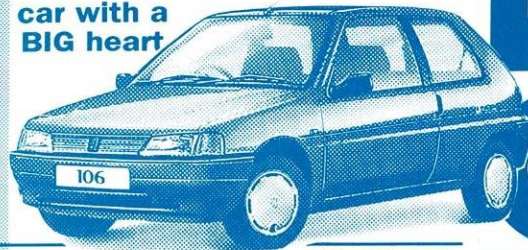
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Stones Bitter Championship, Sunday 7th April 1991

Warrington 22 Oldham 14

Teams & Scorers

Wire: Lyon (1G), Drummond, Bateman (2T), Rudd, Forster (1T), O'Sullivan, Ellis (1T), Harmon, Mann (1T), Chambers, Mercer, McGinty, Cullen. Subs: Tees, Duffy.
Oldham: Platt (2G), Longstaffe, Martyn, Foy (1T), Robinson, Clarke, Ford (1DG), Fieldhouse, Ruane (1DG), Atkinson, Round (1T), McAlister, Russell. Subs: Allen, Newton.

Half time: 8-8 Attendance: 6,849 Referee: J. Holdsworth (Kippax)
Progressive score: 0-1, 0-7, 0-8, 4-8, 8-8, (Half-time) 14, 8, 18-8, 18-14, 22-14.

Only two points separated the clubs near the foot of the table, with the losers possibly doomed to relegation with only one fixture each left following this game. Wire made a disastrous start to their most crucial match of the season, with Oldham desperate for a victory to have any chance of retaining their Division One status, looking the hungrier side. A Mike FORD drop goal increased the tension in the home ranks, reaching panic level when Paul ROUND scored next to the posts, giving PLATT a simple conversion. RUANE added a further point with a drop goal before Wire finally acknowledged the task at hand. A Forster interception gave ELLIS a try in the corner and FORSTER scored one himself to give Wire equality at the break.

Much to the locals delight, Duane MANN crashed over to give the now more composed Wire the lead. LYON converted. BATEMAN eased the nerves with a well taken

score but they were jangling again when FOY crossed for Oldham and PLATT converted. In the last minute BATEMAN collected his second try to ensure Division One rugby at Wilderspool for another season. Unfortunately it also consigned Oldham to the second division, despite a brave and spirited effort. Half backs, Ford and Clark were always dangerous for Oldham, with the home man of the match award going to scrum half Kevin Ellis. Forwards Mann, Harmon and Chambers also assisted in bringing all round relief to Wilderspool.

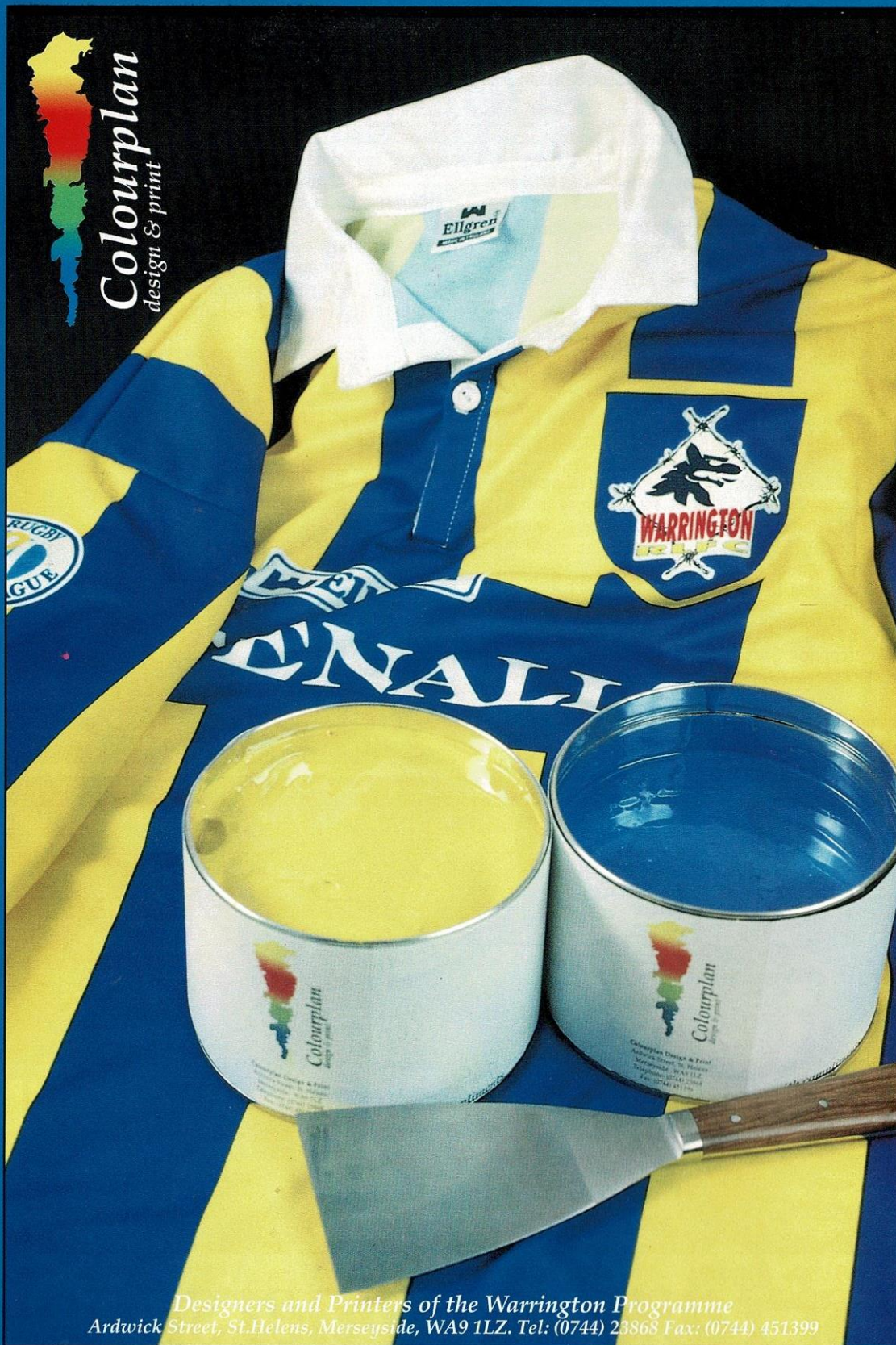


Mark Forster levelled the score before the interval



Kevin Ellis try put Wire back on course

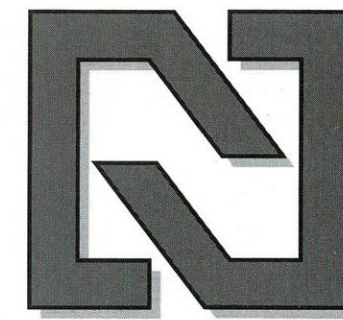
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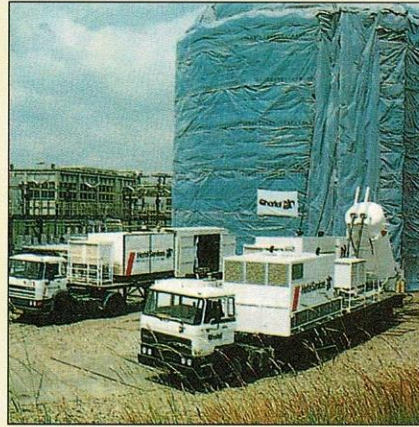
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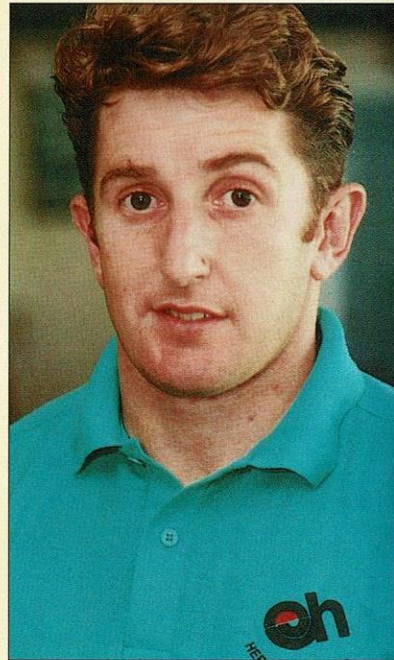
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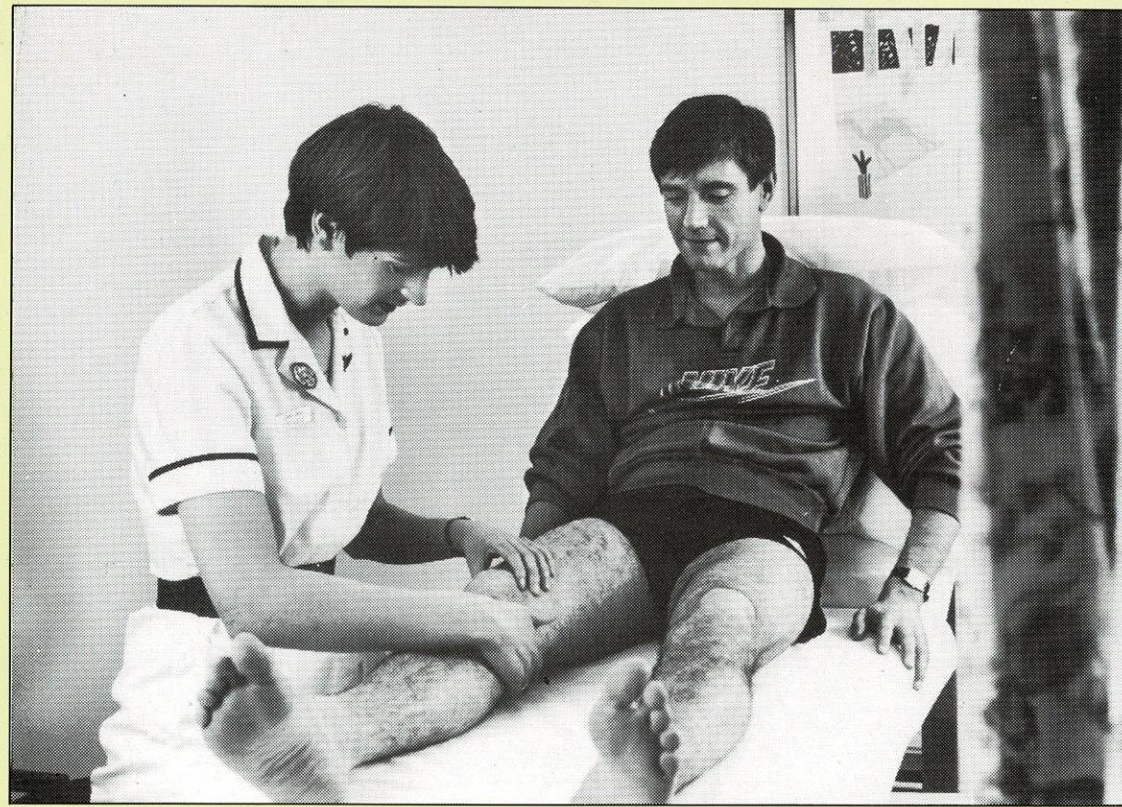
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AWAY	Bradford N.	Castleford	Featherstone	Halifax	Hull	Hull K.R.	Leeds	Leigh	Oldham	St. Helens	Salford	Sheffield	Wakefield	Warrington	Widnes	Wigan
HOME																
Bradford N.			31-16	26-18			36-28		48-16		44-24	36-26		47-16	32-18	
Castleford	6-13				12-4	50-18	12-21		34-16	18-35		20-18	34-10			46-0
Featherstone		18-28		20-16	21-10	30-20	22-20	36-0	30-24	16-37						35-22
Halifax		10-35	32-8		24-10		12-18	27-26	26-12		20-12				20-12	22-31
Hull	20-4	22-24		18-18					8-33	18-14	28-12		16-8	6-19	20-14	
Hull K.R.	16-12		10-14	18-28	14-6				14-28	16-10	6-10				10-32	
Leeds		8-4			22-22	42-6		27-18		18-21		31-8	20-16	21-19		14-26
Leigh	16-42	15-15	12-26		7-22	17-22					4-24	4-10			14-25	
Oldham	20-24			11-28		16-17	21-6	42-6		2-12	8-20	15-22		12-18		
St. Helens	54-3			18-18		23-22		34-16			22-14	12-19	36-10	11-21	24-16	
Salford		0-34	34-24				23-18	23-10		34-2		20-32	22-8	6-20	33-19	2-24
Sheffield	28-29	11-20	18-18	14-40	18-15	30-17					28-22		20-30	22-36		
Wakefield	8-13		10-24	2-12		24-34		18-10	22-21					12-10	0-10	16-40
Warrington		20-10	30-14	15-7		24-10	37-18	24-6		17-10			32-14			6-8
Widnes	8-28	12-37	24-12				8-6	34-10	14-12		30-22	32-28		10-18		
Wigan					16-8	54-16	32-18	38-12	38-12	40-8		40-10			42-2	

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Match Report 1

**Stones Bitter Championship at Wilderspool
Sunday 9th January, 1994**

FLOOD TIDE - TWENTY POINTS IN TEN MINUTES

A 7th minute try came in the Gym corner by TAIT when Hanley was not held in the tackle, was well increased by IRVING and maintains Wires annoying habit of starting off with a handicap. An early strike back as Bateman, following great passing, sent FORSTER in on 10. DAVIES from touch landed a beauty. Three minutes later a Shelford break was well supported and FORSTER returned the ball to the spot where he had left it. No goal this time but Wire were on the move. On 17 a skilful Shelford chip was well taken by Ellis and even better by MYLER who scored in the Railway corner, with Leeds now looking somewhat shallow. On 20 Davies changed the direction of attack to the right and FORSTER rounded the corner for his third in what I made ten minutes. DAVIES took the score to 20. On 33 a Mackey inspired move sent the ball winging out to the right and somehow PENNY popped up to complete in the Fossie corner. No goal but the fans happy (well, some of them).

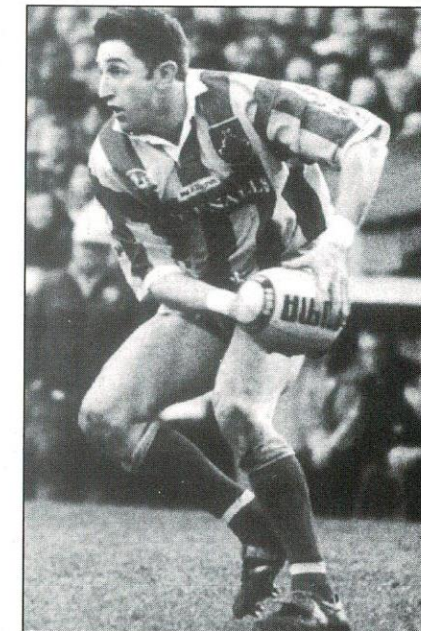
Three minutes after the restart Hanley looked on in disbelief as he was penalised for 'lying-on', someone had rumbled him at last. DAVIES helped the memory linger. This affront spurred Hanley on and he led a charge to the Wire line which saw CUMMINS run in a try to the Fossie spot and HOLROYD's conversion from touch went in like an exocet. Three minutes on and Hanley was at it again, putting the Wire back under pressure to see EYRES take up the cause with a very determined run which forced the ball through the cover. Easy for HOLROYD and at 26-18 the alarm bells were ringing, Headingley again? No said Shelford, astutely spotting the Leeds cover massed on the Wire line and booting the ball upfield to uncharted territory. The pressure relieved Wire resumed activities and Mackey pressured with a skier. Unlucky not to score himself, from the following play he saw DAVIES glide through courtesy of an Ellis pass. That was 70 minutes and the home fans breathed again. DAVIES followed up with a 45 yard drop goal and with four to go, again with the help of Ellis, sent MYLER, the most improved finisher around, in at the Gym corner. In the final minute Irving appeared to lose his bottle and accepted a red card for trying to remove Hilton's head. DAVIES helped him to remember this moment of madness.

Vassilakopoulos to the eternal gratitude of compere P. Robinson did not get on the score sheet. Eyres and Tait were best for Leeds.

Forster took the sponsor's MOM for his top class finishing. Darbyshire filling the Cullen boots had a superb game.



Three in the same spot



J.D. sparks another mpve.

WARRINGTON 37 LEEDS 18

Penny	1	Tait
Forster	2	Fallon
Bateman	3	Cummins
Davies	4	Irving
R.Myler	5	Scales
Ellis	6	Holroyd
Mackey	7	Stephens
Teitzel	8	Harmon
Thursfield	9	Lowe
Phillips	10	Howard
Elliot	11	O'Neill
Gregory	12	Eyres
Shelford	13	Hanley
Darbyshire	14	Vassilakopoulos
Hilton	15	Rose

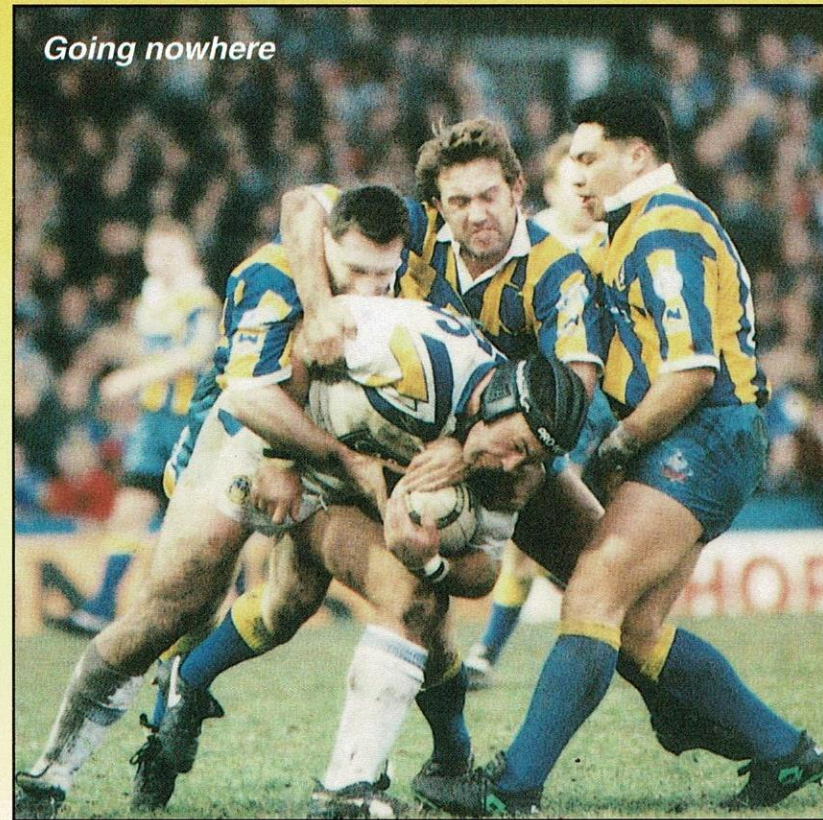
Scrums 8-13 Pens 6-5

Score Rate: 0-6, 6-6, 10-6, 14-6, 20-6, 24-6, (HT) 26-6, 26-12, 26-18, 30-18, 31-18, 35-18, 37-18.

Substitutions

Wire: Darbyshire/Elliott (8)
Hilton/Teitzel (19)
Ellioy/Gregory (69)
Leeds: Vassil/Harmon (32)
Rose/O'Neill (32)
Harmon/Howard (65)
O'Neill/Rose (65)

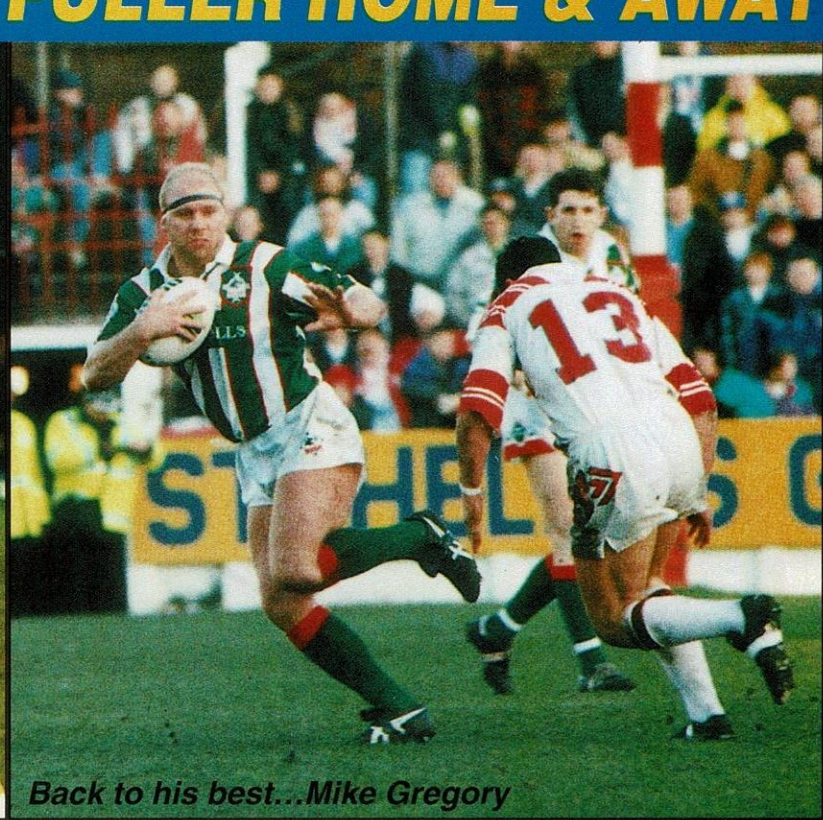
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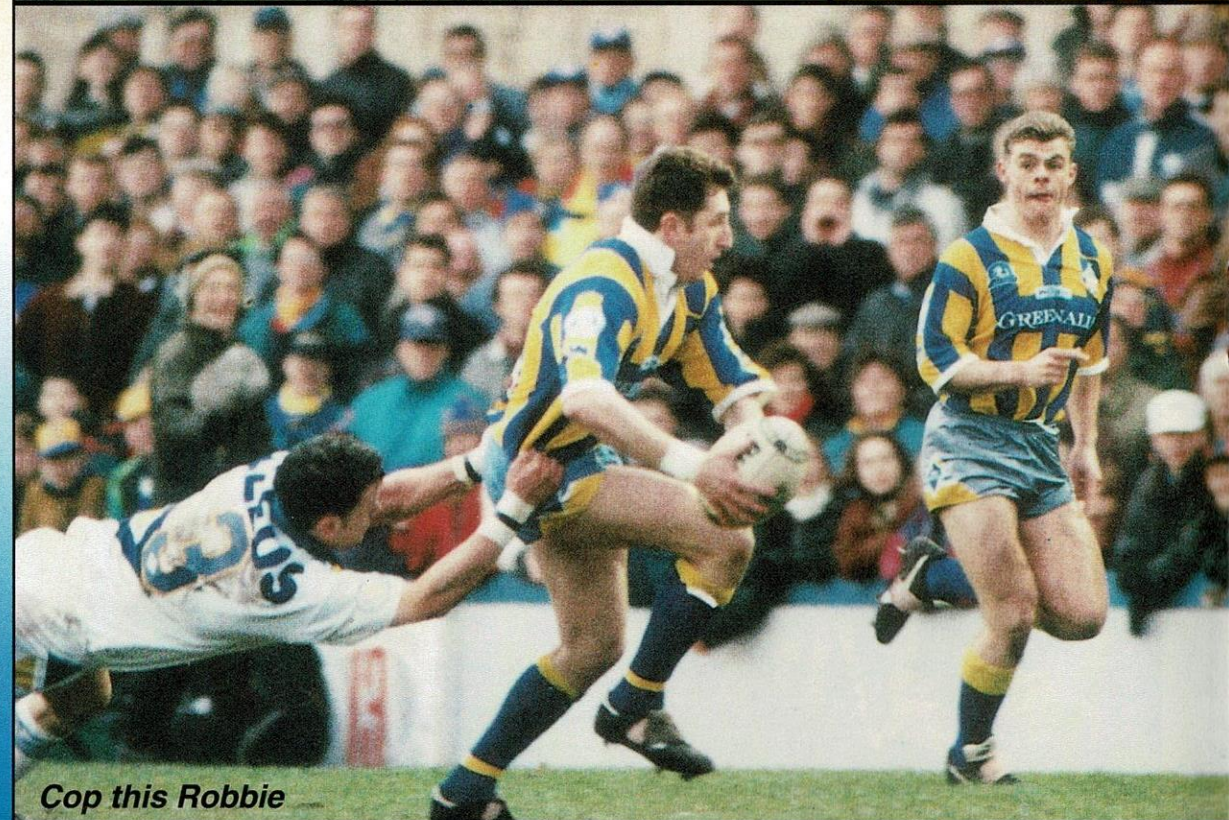
Going nowhere



Hat trick hero



Back to his best...Mike Gregory



Cop this Robbie



Prime mover...Kelly Shelford

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Match Report 2

Stones Bitter Championship at Knowsley Road
Sunday 16th January 1994

ROCKIN' ROWLAND SOFTENS THE SAINTS

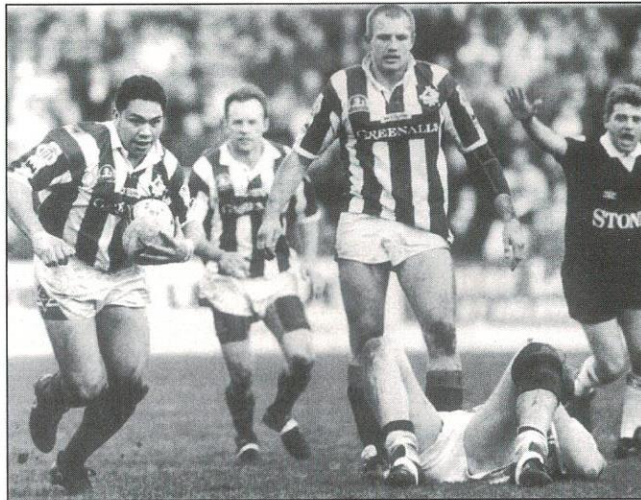
Wire began at 110 miles per hour without bothering with the gears but it was Saints on 7 minutes with an O'Donnell pass to CASEY who were first on the scoreboard as Wire failed to regather after a break on the right. More pressure from Wire with a little composure should have brought a score but it was Saints again on 20 when ex-Academy hooker Hodgkinson chipped through neatly for CASEY to regather and score, LOUGHLIN took the score to ten and despite most of the pressure coming from Wire, they were well in arrears.

Continuing the frantic play on 37 Wire won a scrum in the home 22. Mackey found Ellis who sent out a wide, accurate pass to Davies who found PENNY bursting through on his left. Eluding one tackle and taking Veivers with him the full back made the line, making up for earlier indiscretions. DAVIES narrowed the score to 10-6 and Wire were happier at the break. An earlier clash of heads with Darbyshire had earned big John Harrison a trip to the blood bin and sixteen stitches in a wound over the right eye. It seems a mere triviality in RL as the courageous lad returned after the break - despite it being his first outing of the season in Div. One and a full stint with the 'A' team at Wilderspool on Friday night.

Johnno's cryptic chat brought about a little reason as Wire now concentrated on the 'back to the basics' theme (or is that now a dirty word). On 45 a Nickle (Who - me boss?) thump brought a DAVIES penalty as Wire began to claw their way back. A penalty for a high tackle on near seven foot Harrison took some swallowing then on 57 Elliott replaced Ellis who had taken a shoulder knock. On 59 O'DONNELL landed a drop but on 63 the smouldering presence of Davies burst into ignition as with a skilful Mackey pass he glided between two attackers and kicked ahead of Veivers who took him out of play. Advantage allowed as MYLER and Penny challenged Prescott for the ball. The former took a generous bounce from Prescott's hands and enjoyed an unfettered try. Easy for DAVIES. Now warming to the theme on 69 Mackey and Shelford combined to send Phillips on a short burst with GREGORY looming on the left to go in at the corner. A beaut from DAVIES who celebrated three minutes later with a cool drop goal. Saints continued with their open plan rugby to produce fine entertainment in a fast if at times frantic game. Gregory is now looking something like the top class player he is but rocking, rolling, rumbustious Rowland gave the home side plenty of headaches.



What's come on in Welsb?



Mark Hilton...O.K. ref he's not one of ours!

ST. HELENS 11 WARRINGTON 21

Veivers	1	Penny
Prescott	2	Forster
Pickavance	3	Bateman
Loughlin	4	Davies
Haigh	5	R.Myler
Griffiths	6	Ellis
O'Donnell	7	Mackey
Dannatt	8	Chambers
Hodgkinson	9	Thursfield
Harrison	10	Phillips
Joynt	11	Darbyshire
Nickle	12	Gregory
Casey	13	Shelford
McAttee	14	Elliott
Riley	15	Hilton

Scrum 9-9 Pens 7-4

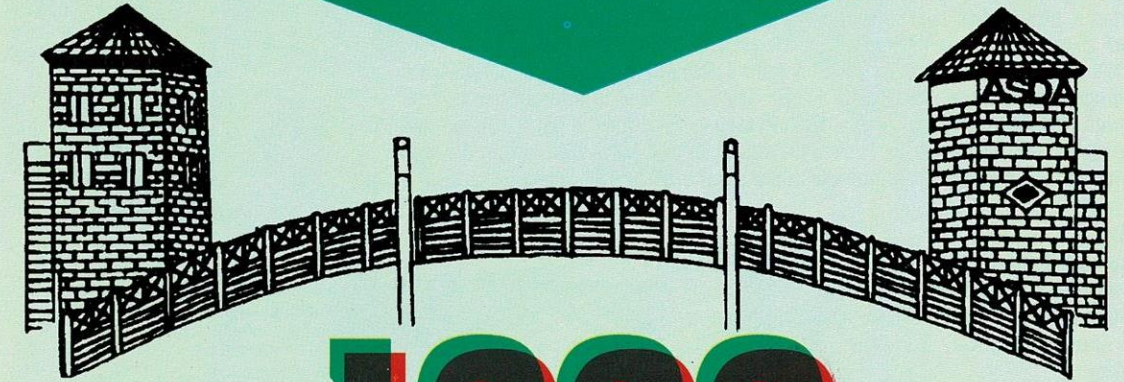
Score Rate: 4-0, 10-0, 10-6, (HT) 10-8, 11-8, 11-14, 11-20, 11-21.

Substitutions

Saints:	Riley/Harrison	BB(32)
	Harrison/Riley	BB(40)
	McAttee/Hodgkinson	(59)
Wire:	Hilton/Chambers	(25)
	Elliott/Ellis	(57)
	Chambers/Hilton	(72)

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CHALLENGE CUP ROUND ONE

Tuesday 11th January 1994 Rochdale 12 Warrington 34 (played at Wilderspool)

Warrington: Harris, Kenyon, ANO, Williamson, Bennett, Griffiths, Hough, Tees, Hodkinson, Jackson, Elliott, P. Myler, Wainwright. Subs Sumner, ANO.

A late switch to Wilderspool due to waterlogging gave Brian Johnson the opportunity to get some mileage into returning first teamers Tees, Jackson and Sumner. Although Wire ran out clear winners the game never really took off as a spectacle and it was the performance of Iestyn Harris which lifted the gloom. A typical HODKINSON try in the 4th minute gave Wire a fine start and on 26 minutes a fine Harris run was concluded with a KENYON try. The Rochdale winger Diggle replied with a try. HOUGH scored from a charge down straight after the resumption and seven minutes later Trialist centre No.3 benefitted from a flowing 50 yard move. HODKINSON and Trialist No.3 both added their second tries with HARRIS bringing his goal kicking tally to FIVE for the game. Cullen and Miller replied with late tries for Hornets. Paul Myler and Mike Wainwright did well up front and John Hough continued with his good form at higher level.

LEAGUE

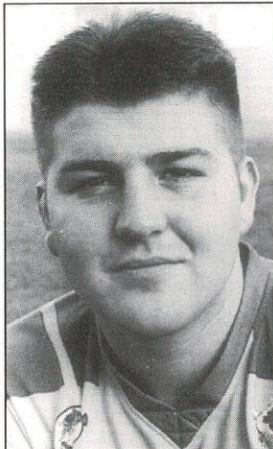
Friday 14th January 1994 Warrington 32 St. Helens 14

Warrington: Harris, Kenyon, Roper, Williamson, Bennett, Wainwright, Griffiths, ANO, Hodkinson, ANO, Jackson, ANO, P. Myler. Subs Hough, Sumner.

A good crowd welcomed table toppers Saints on a dry night for a change. With the opening exchanges out of the way two tries in the same Fossie corner by KENYON in the space of three minutes set Saints back on their heels with HARRIS superbly converting the second. In the 20th minute Saints hit back with two unconverted tries in eight minutes. The home side were giving themselves problems by constant failure to kill movement of the ball in the tackle. Saints' sides are always well equipped to take advantage of such generosity and big John Harrison was always prominent. Despite the very lively opposition Wire were still ahead 10-8 at the break. An early Bob Jackson surge got the home side on the move again quickly one minute after restart as ANO 11 ran determinedly to score. HARRIS made it 16-8. Nine minutes later another fine break from the second row saw GRIFFITHS under the posts with HARRIS again converting. A Williamson break and pass sent Griffiths away on a forty yards run, this time with HARRIS tidying up at the business end. No goal. With fifteen to go HOUGH came on as sub and celebrated in two minutes with a well taken try. HARRIS took the score to 32 but Saints had a consolation try near time, with the full back goaling. Once again Wire were very well served by the three AN Others, Wainwright and P. Myler. Bob Jackson gave himself a good workout and it is good to see Phil Sumner resume his highly promising career after a very long absence. Both players are due some good fortune.



Bob Jackson



Phil Sumner

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE FIXTURES

Fri Aug 27	Wakefield T	A	7.30	W	33-4
Fri Sep 3	FEATHERSTONE R	H	7.30	W	39-6
Fri Sep 10	St. Helens	A	7.30	L	27-28
Fri Sep 17	Halifax	A	7.30	W	50-28
Fri Sep 24	HULL	H	8.00	W	44-14
Fri Oct 1	Carlisle (LCCS) (1)	H		W	86-0
Fri Oct 8	BRADFORD N	H	7.30	W	23-6
Fri Oct 22	Salford (LCCS) (2)	H		W	31-22
Thu Oct 28	Batley	A	7.30	W	18-26
Wed Nov 3	Oldham (LCCS)	A	7.30	L	6-12
Mon Nov 8	SALFORD	H		W	31-16
Fri Nov 12	Hull	A	8.00	W	21-12
Fri Nov 26	WIGAN	H	7.30	L	24-28
Fri Dec 3	Featherstone R	A	7.30	W	36-16
Fri Dec 10	LEEDS	H	7.30	W	36-16
Fri Dec 17	WAKEFIELD T	H	7.30	PP	
Tue Dec 21	Castleford	A	7.30	L	12-10
Thu Dec 30	Wigan	A	7.30	L	21-10
Tue Jan 11	ROCHDALE Chall Cup (1)	H		W	34-12
Fri Jan 14	St. Helens	H	7.30	W	32-14
Mon Jan 24	Leeds	A	7.30		
Fri Jan 28	Chall Cup (2)				
Fri Feb 4	RYEDALE YORK	H	7.30		
Fri Feb 18	HALIFAX	H	7.30		
Fri Feb 25	CASTLEFORD	H	7.30		
Fri Mar 4	Widnes	A	7.30		
Fri Mar 11	Ryedale York	A	7.30		
Fri Mar 18	BATLEY	H	7.30		
Fri Mar 25	Salford	A	7.30		
Thu Mar 31	WIDNES	H	7.30		
Fri Apr 8	Bradford N	A	7.30		

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE FIRST DIVISION 1993/94

Results to 17th January 1994

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	15	12	0	3	425	254	24
St. Helens	15	12	0	3	478	321	24
Warrington	15	11	0	4	442	239	22
Castleford	15	11	0	4	379	211	22
Salford	11	8	0	3	392	166	16
Bradford N.	12	7	0	5	290	272	14
Wakefield T.	15	7	0	8	329	348	14
Hull	13	7	0	6	216	297	14
Ryedale York	13	5	0	8	309	314	10
Halifax	12	5	0	7	270	360	10
Leeds	14	3	0	11	264	388	6
Featherstone R.	13	3	0	10	193	385	6
Widnes	13	2	0	11	220	432	4
Batley	14	2	0	12	202	422	4

WARRINGTON ALLIANCE APPEARANCES

Results to 14th January 1994

Player	App	Sub	Tries	Goals	DG's
BATEMAN	2	-	1	-	-
BENNETT, A	15	2	6	-	2
DARBYSHIRE, P.	10	-	6	-	-
DUSHER, M.	6	-	-	-	-
ECKERSLEY, C.	8	1	6	-	-
ELLIOTT, D.	9	-	3	-	-
FORSTER, M.	3	-	4	-	-
FOSTER, P.	1	-	-	-	-
GREGORY, M.	6	-	2	-	-
GRIFFITHS, S.	7	2	3	-	1
HARRIS, I.	13	-	5	67	7
HARTILL, D.	3	-	-	-	-
HILTON, M.	6	-	-	-	-
HODKINSON, C.	15	-	18	-	-
HOLDEN, C.	-	2	-	-	-
HOUGH, J.	5	1	2	-	-
JACKSON, R.	2	-	-	-	-
KENYON, N.	8	-	5	1	-
MOXHAM, B.	-	1	-	-	-
MYLER, P.	19	-	3	-	-
MYLER, R.	4	-	3	-	-
PHILLIPS, R.	1	-	-	-	-
ROPER, J.	11	-	2	1	-
RUDD, C.	1	-	-	-	-
SUMNER, P.	-	2	-	-	-
TEES, G.	9	-	3	-	-
TEITZEL, C.	2	-	2	-	-
THORNLEY, A.	6	-	7	-	-
WAINWRIGHT, M.	13	3	5	10	1
WESTWOOD, L.	1	2	-	-	-
WILLIAMSON, P.	9	2	2	-	-
TRIALISTS	51	18	13	13	-

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WELCOME

A warm welcome to all supporters of the Roughyeds. Oldham have found life in the First Division tough and at the moment languish next to bottom. Should be two more points in the Wire's quest for the Championship.

VOTING

The New Year has brought the big boys together with some compelling matches. Man of the Match voting went as follows v Wigan Kelly Sheldford and Greg Mackey took the honours, v Leeds it was flying Winger Mark Forster and v St. Helens mighty prop Rowland Phillips (making it a nice weekend for the Welsh).

The top five for the Supporters Club awards are as follows
First team - Leading Kelly Sheldford
2nd Jonathan Davies
3rd Gary Chambers
4th Paul Cullen
5th

Rowland Phillips Wizards - Colin Hodgkinson leads followed by Iestyn Harris, Paul Darbyshire, Paul Myler and Mike Wainwright. Thanks to Caldwells Limited for their kind sponsorship of these awards.

CHANTS

Warrington has always been known for its vociferous crowd and its vocal backing especially the 'Fletcher Enders' Rugby League is a family sport don't forget it. Keep up the singing, keep up the chanting but keep any abusive or obscene language out.

THREE-NIL

Supporter Aiden Connelly (Padgate) enquired after last weeks game, when was the last time we had beaten St. Helens three times in a season. After

a quick look through the records I can now tell you it was 1953-54 season!

OVER 30's

This weeks teaser is not about 'old' players but about try scorers who have scored thirty or more tries in a season for Warrington, there are six, how many can you name?

NEWS AND VIEWS

If there is anything you want to put in this section, queries, special events, programmes you need, anything then write into us Warrington Supporters Club, c/o Warrington RLFC WA4 6PY.

TEASER ANSWERS

Brian Bevan (Numerous occasions), Bob Eccles (82-83), John Bevan (77-78), Bobby Greenough (60-61), Izzy Davies (38-39) and Steve Ray (32-33).

Wire Wolf Pack



MASCOT

Today's mascot is 10 year old Catherine Bryant. Catherine attends Old Hall C.P. School. Her hobbies are watching Wire, F1 Stock Car Racing and reading. Her favourite Players being Iestyn Harris and Kevin Ellis. Enjoy your day Catherine.

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Will Supporters who wish to travel on the coach to the away games please book early in the week if possible, to avoid being disappointed at the last minute, you can ring the Market Stall 235005 or 851859 evenings.

We are also hopeful of running, once again our cut-price trip to Wembley in October, when Great Britain take on the Aussies, watch this programme for details.

PARTY

Once again a big vote of thanks to all those who helped to make the Christmas Party a huge success. Thank you!

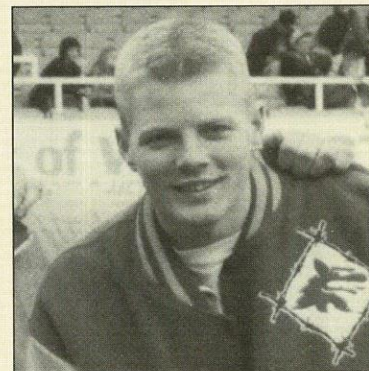
FACTS

Popular local lad Mark Forster now needs only 1 try for his 100th touch down for the Wire. If he manages it today give him a big Wolf-Pack cheer. Congratulations on your hat-trick v Leeds Mark, also congratulations to the Wire in achieving the League double over the Saints, the first time since the 1979-80 season.

TODAYS QUICKIE

What did the grape say when the Elephant stood on it.
Nothing - it just gave a little whine.
Sent in by Kirsty Renwick

Wolfman

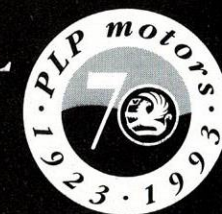


WOLFPACK AND THE ALLIANCE

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DISLIKES: Being Dropped
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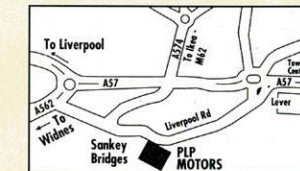
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DIVISION ONE

Tuesday 4th January 1994 Warrington 18 St. Helens 30

Warrington: McLoughlin, Leach, Wilde, Knott, Eckersley, L. Sculthorpe, Hough, Price, Appleby, Foster, Milligan, Heaton, Holden. Subs Close, Horsfield, Moxham, James.

A large crowd had gathered in anticipation of a closely fought game but the early stages looked very much like a return of the Junior KIWIS as Saints in wave after wave truly put the home side to the sword. Twenty points in eighteen minutes with Wires contribution little more than ensuring that the visitors had enough ball to keep the scoreboard ticking. Saints were well served by full back Poynton and clever prop Waring during this electric spell and although Wire recovered to a small degree the interval lead stretched to 26 nil and Saints appeared to be unchallengeable. A quick restart saw Saints away again as on 45 minutes the score reached 30 nil. In the last twenty Wire began to haul themselves back into the action. On 59 a superb short pass from Hough sent KNOTT in for a try which he also converted. Ten later the hard working FOSTER hacked forward from a play the ball and touched down and with just one minute to go a fine break from sub Close saw HEATON in. With KNOTT converting both at 18-30 the score at least looked more respectable. Saints are good value for their top of the table position.

NB Lee Sculthorpe, Oldham based and ex Halifax Academy made his debut for Wire. His younger brother Paul is one of the latest schoolboy stars to commit themselves to the Wire camp.

Damien Whitter sent off against Leigh collected a two match ban and missed out on the St. Helens (H) and Wakefield (A) games.

Saturday 15th January 1994 Warrington 54 Salford 10

Warrington: McLoughlin, Hicks, Horsfield, Knott, Leach, L. Sculthorpe, Close, Price, Appleby, Foster, James, Moxham, Holden. Subs Eckersley, Hough, Whitter, Heaton.

After the severe examination at the hands of unbeaten Saints and frustration at the postponement of the Wakefield game, Wire had to get back on course and Salford were the unlucky side. Despite the scoreline, it has to be said that the Reds made Wire work hard for every point. A remarkable feature of the game was the fact that IAN KNOTT converted each of the home side's nine tries, in addition to scoring one try himself. A 6th minute Close 'bomb' saw HICKS dive on the ball. On 15 a James break produced a SCULTHORPE try. Fine passing saw LEACH in on 21. Enjoying the experience LEACH followed up with a solo effort on 31. On 35 a Holden break set up another fine passing movement with KNOTT the beneficiary. 30-nil at the break. McLOUGHLIN scored three after the break when Wire were becalmed. Salford nipped in with two tries in five minutes, one of which by ex-Wire Academic Andy Charlton was converted. Suitably chastened Wire resumed life at the Salford end as a fine break by Close ended with a try for sub ECKERSLEY. CLOSE followed up himself with a try on 70 and with five to go McLOUGHLIN ran in his second with a fine solo effort.

J.J.B. SPORTS ACADEMY 1993/94

FIRST DIVISION

Results to 17 January 1994

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Warrington	12	10	0	2	328	221	20
St.Helens	9	9	0	0	346	127	18
Hull	10	7	1	2	199	90	15
Wigan	9	7	0	2	270	126	14
Leeds	10	5	0	5	232	212	10
Wakefield T.	9	4	0	5	236	212	8
Castleford	8	4	0	4	164	185	8
Hull K.R.	10	3	0	7	189	228	6
Halifax	9	2	1	6	165	237	5
Leigh	8	2	0	6	121	267	4
Bradford N.	9	1	0	8	127	286	2
Salford	7	0	0	7	72	258	0

ACADEMY APPEARANCES

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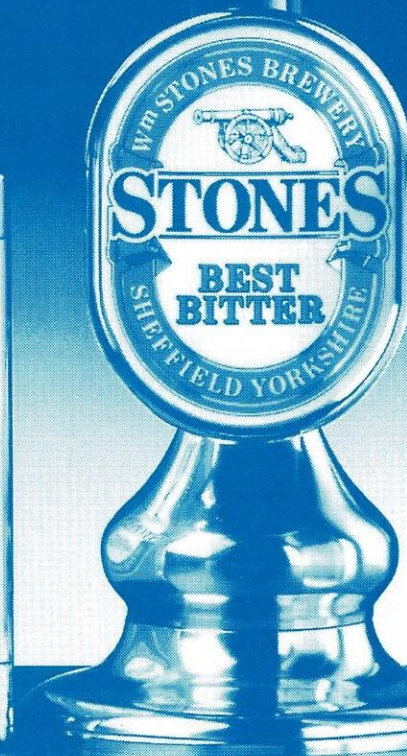
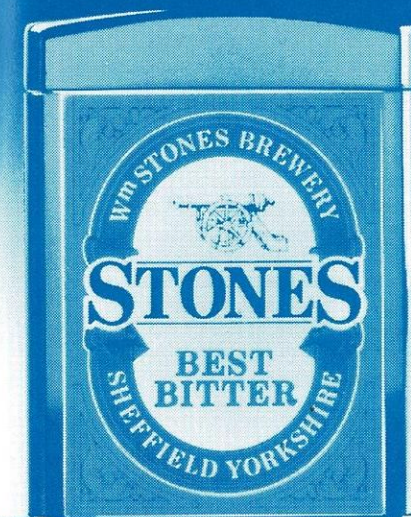
Player	Pld	Sub	Tries	Goals	DG's
APPLEBY, C.	14	1	1	-	-
BUSHELL, M.	15	-	5	-	-
CHARLTON, A.	3	3	-	-	-
CLOSE, G.	11	7	11	-	10
COWAN, J.	14	1	6	3	-
ECKERSLEY, C.	7	2	5	-	-
FOSTER, P.	10	1	3	-	1
HARRIS, I.	1	-	-	1	-
HEATON, S.	6	8	4	-	-
HICKS, N.	9	1	2	-	-
HOLDEN, C.	15	1	-	-	-
HORSFIELD, S.	2	3	-	-	-
HILTON, M.	1	-	1	-	-
HOUGH, J.	12	4	9	-	-
HUMPHRIES, G.	2	4	1	-	-
JAMES, A.	10	4	1	23	2
KNOTT, I.	17	2	14	60	-
LEACH, J.	13	3	6	-	-
McLOUGHLIN, P.	17	2	13	-	-
MILLIGAN, P.	12	4	2	-	-
MOXHAM, B.	13	4	10	-	-
MULLIN, I.	5	3	-	-	-
NESTOR, M.	2	1	-	-	-
PRICE, A.	10	1	6	-	-
ROPER, J.	1	-	-	-	-
SCULTHORPE, I.	2	-	1	-	-
WAINWRIGHT, M.	4	-	2	-	-
WHITTER, D.	10	5	1	-	-
WILDE, L.	4	-	1	-	-
WILLETTS, M.	4	1	-	-	-
WOOD, A.	1	5	-	-	-

Warrington RLFC

— Academy First Division Fixtures —

Sat 23 October 1993	Leeds	A	W32-30
Mon 1 November 1993	WAKEFIELD T	H	W 32-16
Sun 7 November 1993	Salford	A	W 29-12
Sat 13 November 1993	HULL	H	W 10-5
Sat 20 November 1993	Castleford	A	W 29-20
Sat 27 November 1993	WIGAN	H	W 27-24
Sat 4 December 1993	Bradford N	A	W 28-20
Mon 13 December 1993	Leigh	A	W 23-14
Sat 18 December 1993	Halifax	A	L 24-20
Tue 21 December 1993	HULL KR	H	W 24-16
Tues 4 January 1994	ST. HELENS	H	L 18-30
Sat 8 January 1994	Wakefield T	A	PP
Sat 15 January 1994	SALFORD	H	W 54-10
Sat 22 January 1994	Hull	A	2.30pm
Wed 26 January 1994	CASTLEFORD	H	7.30pm
Tues 8 February 1994	GB Academy v France	A	2.30pm
Sat 12 February 1994	Wigan	A	2.30pm
Sat 19 February 1994	Ac. Challenge Cup Rd 1		
Sat 26 February 1994	BRADFORD N	H	2.30pm
Sat 5 March 1994	Leigh	A	2.30pm
Sat 12 March 1994	HALIFAX	H	2.30pm
Sun 20 March 1994	France v GB Academy		
Sat 26 March 1994	Hull KR	A	2.30pm
Sat 2 April 1994	St. Helens	A	2.30pm
Sat 9 April 1994	LEEDS	H	2.30pm
Fri 29 April 1994	Last date for league games		
Sat 7 May 1994	Ac. Challenge Cup - 1st semi		
Sat 14 May 1994	Ac. Challenge Cup - 2nd semi		
Sun 22 May 1994	Ac. Challenge Cup - Final		

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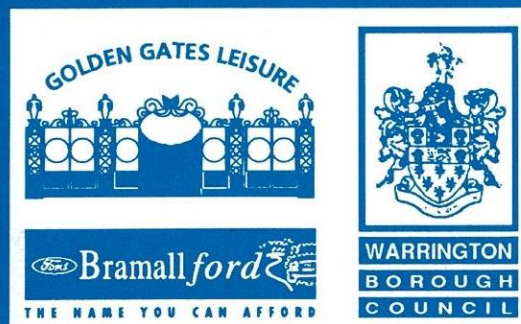


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The Wizard of Aus ...

PART 10

*"Tries – some you win,
some you lose"*

Also in the category of those tries that didn't count, was the thrilling try he scored in the Championship Final of 1954 against Halifax, when an astute diagonal kick by left winger Stan McCormick gave Bev the opportunity to streak away, gather the ball from a lovely bounce and scorch past the bemused Halifax defence to plant the ball under the sticks. The referee, who had his back to Bevan when the ball was kicked, ruled him offside, in the belief that no one could have covered the ground so quickly.

Dozens and dozens of similar hairline decisions throughout his career must have denied Brian scores of tries, but sometimes the decisions were in his favour, like the decisive try he was credited with in the Lancashire Cup Final of 1959 that won the trophy against St. Helens. Brian and his great rival Tom Van Vollenhoven, the South African flyer, both chased a rolling ball over the Saints' try line close to the touchline and corner flag. Vollenhoven stretched his leg to try and kick the ball dead as Bev, in a desperate outstretched dive, was adjudged to have made contact with his finger tips, and the try was awarded. Some you win and some, you lose.

Oldham players and supporters too, had numerous times to curse and yet applaud the man they loved to hate. During his career at Wilderspool, he scored 40 tries

against the Roughyeds, and none more dramatic than the one he got at Watersheddings in the 2nd Round of the R.L. Challenge Cup in 1954. Oldham, at the time had a great side with the talents of Bernard Ganley, Terry O'Grady, John Etty, Frank Pitchford, Alan Davies, Frank Stirrup, Ken Jackson, Syd Little, Charlie Winslade etc. On a mudheap of a pitch, after heavy snow, Oldham were leading 4pts-2pts. well into the second half of the game, from a scrum on the Warrington twenty five yard line, Pitchford got his backs moving and the ball quickly reached Roland Barrow, the Oldham left centre, who, with the try line in sight flung out a lovely pass to Terry O'Grady his winger. Then, before anyone, the players, the ref or any of the watching thousands realised what had happened, that great opportunist Bevan, had flashed between the attacking Roughyeds to intercept the ball and race upfield. Bernard Ganley, the Oldham full back, was a lone figure as Bev bore down on him, and although the condition of the pitch was deplorable, the majestic Bev with a swerve and supercharged acceleration left the hapless Ganley in his wake, to go on and score under the posts. ♦



The Brian Bevan Story researched and compiled by Ernie Day and Dedicated to the memory of Jack Hamblett.

The Wizard of Aus... continued

Harry Bath duly obliged with the conversion to give Warrington a 7pts-4pts victory, and another step on the road to Wembley which they eventually reached.

To the cynics that flash of brilliance could have been so costly to his side. They would argue that if he missed the ball, it would have been a certain try for Oldham, but he didn't miss it, and even after he had clutched that wet and slippery ball he still had to keep his feet on a skid pan of a surface to run 80 yards and beat Ganley into the bargain.

The try too, that he scored at Workington in another Challenge Cup tie will linger long in the memory of those who saw it. Bevan had broken through from his own 25 yard line, and with the Workington defence coming across to cover, he set off along the touchline with only inches to spare past attempted tackles, and with the Warrington Trainer Freddie Worrall running alongside, excitedly urging him on to yet another match clinching try.

There was a game at Wilderspool

against Hull K.R. and Brian Bevan scored three tries, all from interceptions. It was almost as if he hypnotised the opposition into doing exactly what he wished. To categorise some of his tries serves only to scratch the surface, the man was so gifted, determined and greedy, but one try he scored at Wilderspool against Rochdale Hornets in 1954, exemplified the sheer guts and courage of this superb performer.

He had scored one try which had been converted, but Rochdale had fought back to be leading 7pts-5pts. Brian had been off the field injured early in the second half, but with his side depleted and defeat being possible, he came back on. He had hurt his leg and was only able to hobble, but with time running out, the crowd's shouts of "Give it to Bev" seemed to be wistful thinking. Bev had other ideas though and in one last attack the ball reached him about 30 yards out from the Rochdale line. With his head thrown back, and his teethless gums clenched fast, he set off along the

touchline, virtually running on one leg and a swinger, to dive over in the corner. It was only against lowly Rochdale, but to Bev, it was a try to win the game and winning money for him and his team mates. Sometimes, when games seemed to be slipping away from the primrose and blues, and all the efforts of his side had been of no avail, it was only natural for them and their fans to think that their only chance of winning was to give Bev a half chance. Frustration could often defeat the objective, but more often than not, an optimistic kick would result in him pulling one out of the bag, or else a half chance would put him in the clear and another match winning try went up on the scoreboard.



Erratum

In Part 9 the photograph ascribed to be Jack Flemming was in fact Albert Johnson. Sorry, just testing - Ed.

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FULL CAREER RECORD AT WILDERSPOOL

Season	App	Sub App	Tries	Goals	Drop Goals	Points
1984-85	2	1	1	7	-	18
1985-86	21	3	13	63	13	191
1986-87	34	3	12	99	17	263
1988-89	19	2	6	-	2	26
1989-90	16	2	2	6	10	30
1990-91	10	-	4	8	-	32
Totals	102	11	38	183	42	560

MEMORABLE MATCH FROM THE 80's

1985/86 Premiership Trophy Semi Final

Wigan 12 Warrington 23

A first round victory over Widnes set up this mouth watering Semi-Final against the Championship Runners Up. Paul converted Mark Roberts early try and added a drop goal to give Wire a slender 7-6 lead at the break. In the second half Paul completely dominated affairs, scoring a try and taking his final goal tally to eight (3 goals, 5 drop goals). Wigan had no answer to the constant probing and scoring of Paul Bishop, as he gradually 'dropped' Wigan out of the competition. Wire went on to lift the Trophy at Elland Road following a 38 pts-10 victory over Champions Halifax.

Paul arrived at Wilderspool via Thatto Heath ARLFC and after a brief apprenticeship in Warrington's 'A' team, made a dream debut at Wilderspool on 21.10.84, scoring a try and seven goals to earn the man of the match award. Paul was only 17 but he quickly learned the hard way that Rugby League is the toughest of sports. In only his second game for the club, against Oldham, he swallowed his tongue following a robust tackle. Fortunately swift reactions from all present prevented a tragedy. Paul soon recovered and made an excellent contribution to the

1985/86 season, culminating in a Premiership winners medal following the 38 pts-10 victory over Halifax at Elland Road. Paul contributed a try and five goals. He earned the Wire young player of the season award and after a short close season spell in Australia, returned the following term for his finest season at the club. He linked superbly with Andy Gregory and when Andy left, took on increased responsibility. He missed the John Player Final due to suspension following his harsh sending off in the Semi-Final victory over Widnes, but played at scrum half in Warrington's 0-8 Premiership Trophy defeat against Wigan at Old Trafford. Great Britain Under 21 honours were almost inevitable, and Paul gained two caps against France. He then decided to try his luck in Australia but enjoyed little success, and returned to the club in 1988/9. He struggled to recapture his form that season and the following term was squeezed out by Aussie import Greg Mackey. When Greg moved to Hull, Paul stepped back in to the scrum half berth and finally regained his confidence and a place in the Challenge Cup Final. He kicked two goals in Warrington's disappointing 14-36 defeat but was forced to leave the field of play through injury. The arrival of Kevin Ellis at Wilderspool in season 1990/91 eventually led to Paul's departure from the club. He played his last game for Wire in the league at Oldham on 20th October 1990 and then moved on a free transfer to St. Helens, the club where his father, Tommy had made his name in the game.

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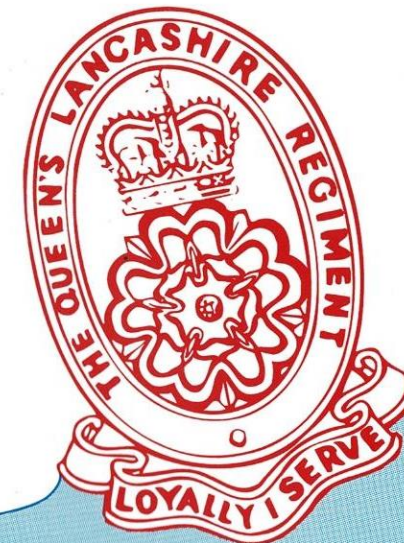


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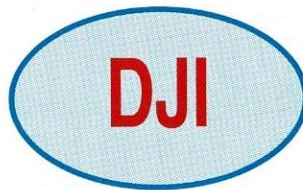
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SEASON 1993-94

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Player	SEASON 92/93					ALL SEASONS				
	App	Sub	Tries	Goals	Drop	App	Sub	Tries	Goals	Drop
BATEMAN, A	15	-	4	-	-	95	3	29	-	-
BENNETT, A	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-
CHAMBERS, G	12	2	2	-	-	52	17	5	-	-
CULLEN, P	19	-	2	-	-	264	20	46	-	-
DARBYSHIRE, P	3	7	1	-	-	35	33	6	12	-
DAVIES, J	19	-	12	68	6	19	-	12	68	6
DUSHER, M	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
ELLIOTT, D	9	3	1	-	-	10	5	1	-	-
ELLIS, K	18	3	3	-	-	91	11	31	-	2
FORSTER, M	17	-	5	-	-	249	15	99	3	-
GREGORY, M	8	5	2	-	-	218	24	45	-	-
HARRIS, I	4	-	3	9	-	4	-	3	9	-
HILTON	1	5	-	-	-	1	5	-	-	-
HODKINSON, C.	2	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
JACKSON, R	6	-	2	-	-	213	5	38	8	1
KENYON, N	-	-	-	-	-	44	2	28	-	-
MACKEY, G	21	-	1	-	-	63	-	7	4	9
MYLER, R	17	-	13	-	-	45	2	24	1	-
PENNY, L	20	-	6	-	-	41	-	12	-	-
PHILLIPS, R	9	5	3	-	-	19	19	5	-	-
RUDD, C	5	1	1	-	-	84	3	28	95	-
SANDERSON, G	9	-	1	-	-	163	25	14	-	-
SHELFORD, K	20	-	11	-	2	72	1	18	1	5
SUMNER, P	-	-	-	-	-	42	9	3	-	-
TEES, G	4	2	-	-	-	26	20	1	-	-
TEITZEL, C	10	4	2	-	-	10	4	2	-	-
THACKRAY, R	-	-	-	-	-	131	2	45	-	-
THORNILEY, A	2	-	1	-	-	111	14	49	26	-
THURSFIELD, J	17	-	-	-	-	29	2	-	-	-
WILLIAMSON, P	6	-	-	-	-	31	6	12	-	-

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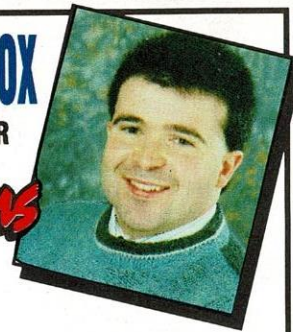


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WARRINGTON GUARDIAN VIEW FROM THE PRESS BOX
BY SPORTS EDITOR

Mike Parsons



Great expectations have not become reality at Watersheddings this season and now Oldham are staring relegation right in the face. The Roughyeds are looking to end a five-match losing run at Wilderspool this afternoon against the Stones Bitter Championship leaders. Second from bottom Oldham desperately need a win and are therefore highly likely to offer Wire a stiff challenge today. They were heartbroken after losing at home to Hull KR by a drop goal last week which is bound to make Peter Tunks' side all the more determined at Wilderspool. Oldham half back Martin Crompton always likes to make a big impression against his former club and he will be an obvious danger to Warrington. And with the likes of Bob Lindner and Mike Kuiti in the pack, there is plenty of power, pace and

skill to give Wire plenty of cause for concern. Compared to Oldham Warrington's fortunes were much rosier at St.Helens last Sunday. Despite not reaching anything like top form, Wire returned with a fine 21-11 success reflecting a solid second half performance. That victory completed a treble over St.Helens this season and put Brian Johnson's team back on top of the table on points difference to Bradford. Each win is as important as any other when you are fighting for the title. But victory today has extra spice for Wire because they can move four points clear of Wigan. The cherry and whites have no league game this weekend due to the Regal Trophy final with Castleford

yesterday. Wigan's backlog of league fixtures is building up and they now have four games to catch up on Wire. That could be a telling factor in the championship hunt. Warrington should feel much happier today if they pick up their third successive win, knowing they have the points in the bag. History is on the Wire's side. It is ten years since Warrington lost at home to Oldham in the league but the Roughyeds did manage a John Player Trophy success at Wilderspool in 1987. It will be a second double in two weeks for Wire if they win today. Warrington secured an 18-12 victory at Watersheddings when the two sides met in September.

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Sun Aug 29	WAKEFIELD TRINITY	H 3.00	W 32-14
Sun Sep 5	Leeds	A 3.00	L 19-21
Sun Sep 12	ST. HELENS	H 3.00	W 17-10
Sun Sep 19	Oldham	A 3.00	W 18-12
Sun Sep 26	Hull	A 3.15	W 19-6
Sun Oct 10	Bradford N.	A 3.00	L 16-47
Mon Oct 18	HALIFAX	H 8.00	W 15-7
Sun Oct 24	HULL K.R.	H 3.00	W 24-10
Fri Oct 29	LEIGH (BSKYB)	H 7.30	W 24-6
Fri Nov 5	Salford (BSKYB)	A 7.30	W 20-6
Sun Nov 14	HUNSLET Regal Trophy (2)	H 3.00	W 58-16
Sun Nov 21	CASTLEFORD	H 3.00	W 20-10
Sun Nov 28	Sheffield Eagles	A 3.15	W 36-22
Sun Dec 5	FEATHERSTONE R.	H 3.00	W 30-14
Sat Dec 11	St.Helens Regal Trophy (3)	A 3.00	W 16-8
Sat Dec 18	Wigan Regal Trophy (4)	H 3.00	L 10-27
Wed Dec 22	Wakefield Trinity	A 7.30	L 10-12
Tue Dec 28	Widnes	A 3.00	W 18-10
Sun Jan 2	WIGAN	H 3.00	L 6-8
Sun Jan 9	LEEDS	H 3.00	W 37-18
Sun Jan 16	St.Helens	A 3.00	W 21-11
Sun Jan 23	OLDHAM	H 3.00	
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Sun Mar 20	Leigh	A 3.00	
Sat Mar 26	Silk Cut C.C. - Semi final (2)		
Sun Mar 27	SALFORD	H 3.00	
Fri Apr 1	WIDNES	H 3.00	
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Sun Apr 10	Featherstone R	A 3.30	
Sun Apr 17	Castleford	A 3.30	
Sun Apr 24	SHEFFIELD E	H 3.00	
Sat Apr 30	Silk Cut C.C. Final - Wembley		
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Sun May 15	Premiership (semi finals)		
Sun May 22	Premiership - Final		

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP
Results to 17th January 1994

DIVISION ONE							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
WARRINGTON	18	14	0	4	382	244	28
BRADFORD N.	17	14	0	3	468	338	28
WIGAN	15	13	0	2	441	227	26
CASTLEFORD	18	12	1	5	443	251	25
HALIFAX	18	10	2	6	376	304	22
ST.HELENS	18	10	1	7	381	316	21
FEATHERSTONE R.	18	10	1	7	384	378	21
WIDNES	18	9	0	9	320	358	18
LEEDS	18	8	1	9	356	343	17
SALFORD	18	8	0	10	333	377	16
SHEFFIELD E.	18	7	1	10	376	447	15
HULL	17	6	2	9	253	280	14
HULL K.R.	18	6	0	12	286	454	12
WAKEFIELD T.	17	5	0	12	218	358	10
OLDHAM	18	4	0	14	321	387	8
LEIGH	18	0	1	17	213	489	1

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1. St.John Ellis (Castleford).....23
2. Stuart Cocker (Workington Town).....21
3. Greg Austin (Keighley Cougars).....19
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- Martin Offiah (Wigan).....16
- Paul Newlove (Bradford Northern).....16
- Jason Critchley (Keighley Cougars).....16

TOP TEN GOAL SCORERS (INCLUDING DROP GOALS)

1. Jonathan Davies (Warrington).....91
2. Frano Botica (Wigan).....87
3. Deryck Fox (Bradford Northern).....83
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5. John Gallagher (London Crusaders).....77
6. Lee Crooks (Castleford).....70
7. Robert Turner (Doncaster).....63
8. Willie Richardson (Carlisle).....60
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