



Youngers Alliance Challenge Cup

1994 FINAL



Youngers Alliance Challenge Cup Final LINE UP



OLDHAM SALFORD

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| Damien AINGE | 1 | Steve WYNNE |
| Alfie GOULBORNE | 2 | Paul O'NEILL |
| Martin HOLDEN | 3 | Nathan McAVOY |
| Charlie McALISTER | 4 | John GILFILLIN |
| David JONES | 5 | Phil COUSSONS |
| Paddy MITCHELL | 6 | Wayne REID |
| Michael EDWARDS | 7 | Johnathan QUIGLEY (C) |
| Craig RICHARDS | 8 | Paul SOUTHERN |
| David STEPHENSON | 9 | Keri BOOKFIELD |
| Chris PARR | 10 | Darren BETTS |
| Ben OLSEN | 11 | Craig RANDALL |
| Iyan GREEN | 12 | Ian POTTS |
| David BRADBURY | 13 | Paul SMITH |
| Gary BURNS | 14 | |
| David CHRIMES | 15 | |

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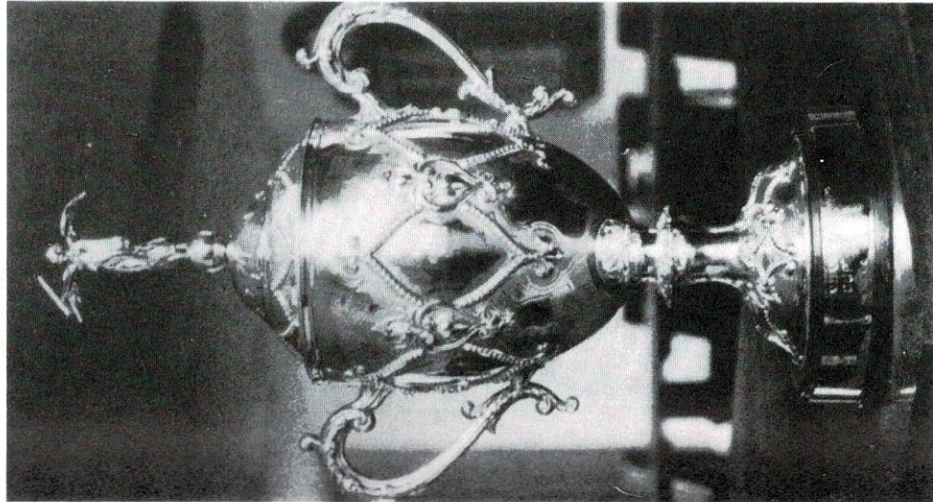
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Referee
NICK ODDY
(HALIFAX)

Touch Judges
Mr. D. BEATTIE
(St. Helens) **Mr. R. STOKES**
(Castleford)

Red Flag Yellow Flag

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OLDHAM ^A
versus
SALFORD ^A

AT WATERSHEDDINGS
OLDHAM

ON THURSDAY 14th APRIL 1994

KICK-OFF 7.30 pm

Souvenir
Programme

80p

Youngers Alliance

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PRESENTATION

The presentation of the Youngers Alliance Challenge Cup to the winning team will be made by

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YOUNGERS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

DIV ONE

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| 1984/5 | HULL KR |
| 1985/6 | HULL |
| 1986/7 | WIGAN |
| 1987/8 | LEEDS |
| 1988/9 | WIGAN |
| 1989/90 | HULL |
| 1990/91 | HULL |
| 1991/92 | WIGAN |

DIV TWO

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| SWINTON | Whitehaven |
| WHITEHAVEN | Featherstone |
| FEATHERSTONE | Wakefield T |
| WAKEFIELD T | Bradford N |
| BRADFORD N | Rochdale (West) |
| ROCHDALE (West) | Batley (East) |
| BATLEY (East) | |

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE CHALLENGE CUP FINALS

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|---------|------------|----|------------|----|
| 1984/5 | WIDNES | 30 | Salford | 12 |
| 1985/6 | Leeds | 16 | SWINTON | 18 |
| 1986/7 | Hull KR | 0 | HULL | 12 |
| 1987/8 | ST. HELENS | 16 | Barrow | 14 |
| 1988/9 | LEEDS | 24 | St. Helens | 12 |
| 1989/90 | Bradford | 10 | HULL | 23 |
| 1990/91 | BRADFORD | 25 | Castleford | 4 |
| 1991/92 | WIGAN | 38 | Widnes | 14 |
| 1992/93 | Leeds | 8 | WIGAN | 32 |

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE CUP FINAL - MAN OF THE MATCH AWARD WINNERS

| | | |
|---------|----------------|--------------|
| 1987/9 | PAUL DOHERTY | (ST HELENS) |
| 1988/9 | PAUL GILL | (LEEDS) |
| 1989/90 | STEVE McNAMARA | (HULL) |
| 1990/91 | PAUL RHODES | (BRADFORD N) |
| 1991/92 | STEVE BLAKELEY | (WIGAN) |
| 1992/93 | ANDREW FARRELL | (WIGAN) |

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

| | | |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1985/6 | STEVE GILL | (CASTLEFORD) |
| 1986/7 | SHAUN FAIRHURST | (LEIGH) |
| 1987/8 | MICHAEL O'HARA | (BLACKPOOL) |
| 1988/9 | ALAN MOSES | (BARROW) |
| 1989/90 | TIM LUMB | (HUNSLLET) |
| 1990/1 | SHAUN BROWN | (SALFORD) |
| 1991/2 | ROBERT MOULES | (SCARBOROUGH) |
| 1992/3 | CHRIS KELLY | (WIDNES) |

YOUNGERS YORKSHIRE SENIOR CUP FINALS

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|---------|------------|----|------------|----|
| 1984/5 | CASTLEFORD | 20 | Hull KR | 8 |
| 1985/6 | WAKEFIELD | 20 | Hull | 0 |
| 1986/7 | Hunslet | 8 | CASTLEFORD | 18 |
| 1987/8 | Halifax | 2 | HULL KR | 5 |
| 1988/9 | LEEDS | 22 | Castleford | 20 |
| 1989/90 | Castleford | 6 | HULL KR | 29 |
| 1990/91 | BRADFORD N | 6 | HULL | 4 |
| 1991/92 | Dewsbury | 2 | HULL | 10 |
| 1992/93 | HULL | 30 | WAKEFIELD | 4 |
| 1993/4 | York | 4 | CASTLEFORD | 24 |

YOUNGERS LANCASHIRE SENIOR CUP FINALS

| | | | | |
|---------|------------|----|------------|----|
| 1984/5 | SWINTON | 13 | Warrington | 6 |
| 1985/6 | WIDNES | 50 | Whitehaven | 0 |
| 1986/7 | St. Helens | 16 | WIDNES | 20 |
| 1987/8 | WARRINGTON | 21 | Swinton | 19 |
| 1988/9 | WIGAN | 22 | Widnes | 16 |
| 1989/90 | SALFORD | 14 | St. Helens | 11 |
| 1990/91 | WIGAN | 22 | Widnes | 10 |
| 1991/92 | WARRINGTON | 32 | Whitehaven | 8 |
| 1992/93 | Warrington | 13 | SALFORD | 30 |
| 1993/4 | Rochdale | 20 | OLDHAM | 32 |

YOUNGERS SECOND DIVISION CUP FINALS

| | | | | |
|--------|-----------|----|--------------|----|
| 1991/2 | Batley | 18 | RYEDALE-YORK | 20 |
| 1992/3 | SALFORD | 56 | Leigh | 12 |
| 1993/4 | Doncaster | 14 | OLDHAM | 20 |

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE PRIZES

- The 1994 Youngers Alliance Challenge Cup winners will receive a cheque for £1,500 and the runners-up will receive a cheque for £750.
 - The 1994 Youngers Alliance First Division Champions will receive a cheque for £1,500.
 - The 1994 Youngers Alliance Second Division Champions will receive a cheque for £750.
 - The 1994 Youngers Alliance Second Division Cup Winners will receive a cheque for £500 and the runners-up will receive a cheque for £250.
 - For the ninth year there will be a Player of the Year Award for the Alliance. The 1994 winner of the Youngers Alliance Player of the Year will receive a cheque for £250, a permanent memento valued at £50 and £100 worth of Youngers.
- The inaugural winner was Castleford's Steve Gill in 1986, with Leigh's Shaun Fairhurst taking the 1987 award and Michael O'Hara from Blackpool springfield in 1988. Alan Moses of Barrow in 1989 and Tim Lumb in 1990 and Shawn Brown of Salford in 1991. In 1992 it was Robert Moules, Scarborough, and last year Chris Kelly, Widnes, won the coveted award.
- 5 Representatives of the Youngers Alliance Divisional Champions and the Youngers Alliance Challenge Cup winners will be invited to an end of season Youngers Celebration Dinner where the cheques will be presented.

ELEGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

Challenge Cup Rule 6 regarding the eligibility of players is shown below.

"Any two bona fide registered players are eligible to play in a Cup-Tie irrespective of how many first team games they have played in."

"Other bona fide registered players are eligible to play in a Cup-Tie provided they have played six or more reserve team games during the season and have not played twelve or more first team games (excluding friendlies). A player who has played twelve or more first team games is eligible to play in a Cup Tie provided he has played more reserve team games than first team games (excluding friendlies). A player who has not played in six reserve team games during the season is eligible to play in a Cup Tie provided he has not played more first team games (excluding friendlies) than reserve games."

Tonight's Finalists

Pen Pictures courtesy Darrell Platt

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.

MICHAEL EDWARDS:

Signed from Parkside Colbourne at the age of 17 after receiving honours from Lancashire and England Schoolboys. Now at the age of 19 deservedly retains his place consistently in our Alliance Team.

ABRAHAM PHILIPS:

Signed from Moldgreen ARLFC and played for the Under 18 Great Britain BARLA squad in New Zealand. Strong running Winger.

ALFIE GOULDBORNE:

Signed (1993) from Top Under 19 side, Isberg Celtic. Gained Great Britain Under 19 honours with BARLA, touring Australia and coming out the top try scorer.

DAVID CHRIMES:

One of Oldham's most recent signings from Rochdale (1993), highly rated by former coach, Peter Regan. Previously played for local amateur side, Mayfield and was ever-present in the side, helping Hornet's run in the play-off's semi-final last year. Played for Hornets seven times last season.

ADRIAN BELLE:

Yet another recent signing from Rochdale Hornets, signing for them in the summer of 1990 from local amateur side St. Annes. Played for Rochdale 16 times last season, scoring two tries.

STEPHEN HEATON:

Aged 20, student at Wigan College. Signed for Oldham RLFC in August 1992 from Parkside Colborne. Played for Lancashire County sides and Wigan schools. Won Lancashire and 2nd Division Cup Medals with Oldham in 1993/4. Position Prop.

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.

SEAN DEVINE:

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

HUGH GUMBS:

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

PAUL NORMAN:

Aged 20. Position Second Row. Played for Wigan St. Judes, Wigan Schools, Colbourne Under 19's, Leigh BARLA, Wigan Academy, Oldham RLFC 1992.

MARTIN HOLDEN:

Aged 24. Position Centre/Winger. Previous clubs, Wigan St. Patricks. Honours BARLA Great Britain v France 1992, 1993. Lancashire 1991, 1992, 1993.

GARY BURNS:

Position Stand-off/Scrum Half. Previous club Widnes Tigers. Honours, Lancashire Under 11's, Under 12's, 16's and 19's. Great Britain Under 19's. Tourist to New Zealand. Student signed May 1991.

CHRIS PARR:

Age 22, Front Row/Second row. Previous clubs St. Patricks, Huddersfield, Swinton. Honours Lancashire Schoolboy Rep. BARLA Under 19's v France, Great Britain Under 21's v P.N.C. 3rd Division title winner with Huddersfield.

OLDHAM



Photograph courtesy Kieren Platt

Youngers Alliance Challenge Cup

This evening's Watersheddings clash between Oldham and Salford is the tenth Youngers Challenge Cup Final. Ian Proctor reflects on previous finals.

1985 - WIDNES 30, SALFORD 12

Widnes became inaugural winners of the Alliance Challenge Cup with a well-deserved 30 - 12 Naughton Park victory over gallant Salford, who had suffered a heavy league defeat by the Chemics just a few weeks previously.

With the Ruane brothers, Andy and David, well to the fore, a bundle of energy named Paul Hulme just beginning to make people sit up and take notice, and such as Ian Gormley and Barry Dowd controlling things Mal Aspey's Widnes shrugged off their indifferent league form to take the Cup.

1986 - LEEDS 16, SWINTON 18

Swinton led from start to finish, but Leeds hooker Colin Maskill narrowly failed with a touchline conversion which would have taken the game into extra-time. The game was an end-to-end thriller and the men from Station Road deservedly put their name on the trophy with some quality football.

With Les and Michael Holliday calling the shots in a pack which also contained Bill Lomax, the Lions side also contained impressive full-back Mark Viller, half-back Martin Lee, Tex Evans and try-scoring winger Andy Rippon.

Leeds, as pre-match favourites, disappointed the home fans with their first-half showing (they trailed 4 - 11), although tries from Richard Gunn, Andy Staniland and substitute Martyn Smithson threatened to save the day. It would have been a travesty if the Lions had been denied.

1987 - HULL KR 0, HULL 12

David Elliott's Airhe Birds scored three tries to nil to take the spoils in a tense, thrilling encounter in a Craven Park mudbath. But the Robins were unlucky with injuries.

Cornerstones of the Hull side all season were Steve Hick and Paul Welham, and impressive on the night were prop Mick Sutton, former Robins star Tracy Lazenby, a crucial try-scorer, Stuart Vass, Billy Mallinson and a young Lee Jackson.

An early hip injury restricted Mike Fletcher's effectiveness for the Robins and with a side containing legendary former Australian Test star Kerry Boustead (at stand-off), Des Harrison and Paul Speckman, a chronic lack of possession cost them any chance of victory.

1988 - ST. HELENS 16, BARROW 14

With Paul Doherty in superb form, taking the first Man of the Match award in an Alliance Cup Final, Saints just had too much all-round ability for a

never-say-die Barrow side which almost saved the day with a storming late rally.

The hard-running of South African Nick du Toit and determination of Pat Trainor and Brian Blacker were impressive features of a gallant effort from the Furness men.

But a poor first-half left them with too much to do, Graham Liprot leading the home side well, and a front-row of Phil Southward, Mark Lee and John Harrison paving the way for Doherty, Mark Bailey and Sean Devine to take control behind them.

1989 - LEEDS 24, ST. HELENS 12

Supremely led by skipper and Man of the Match Paul Gill, Leeds deservedly denied Saints the honour of becoming the first side to retain the trophy in a gripping contest at Headingley.

The former GB Amateur full-back was outstanding in his new front-row berth in a pack which contained Richard Gunn, Vince Fawcett, try-scorer Gary Price and evergreen John Holmes. Oldham-produced Mark Lord scored two tries for a Leeds side coached by Norman Smith, while international halves David Creasser and Paul Delaney always had the measure of opponents David Fairclough and Mark Bailey.

Saints, skippered by Chris Arkwright (who was sin-binned early in the final), had outstanding figures in try-scorer John Harrison and ever-dangerous Alan Hunte, but the night belonged to Leeds.

1990 - BRADFORD 10, HULL 23

Hull completed a Championship/Cup double with a clinical demolition of host club Bradford Northern and their fine blend of youth and experience paved the way to success.

It was ex-Kiwi winger Dane O'Hara who turned the clock back with a scintillating hat-trick of tries in a 23 - 10 victory, and, skipper Steve Crooks and veteran Tim Wilby also set a fine lead. Man of the Match Steve McNamara, Lee Hanlan and Paul Welham were impressive throughout for the well-supported Hull side.

Hull duly became the first side to win the Youngers Alliance Challenge Cup for a second time, but Second Division Northern, coached by John Simpson and including such as Darren Moxon, Craig Richards and Richard Francis in their line-up, were far from disgraced.

Previous Finals

1991 - BRADFORD 25, CASTLEFORD 4

More than 3,000 braved the Odsal elements to see Bradford atone for their previous season's defeat. And they were full value for this comprehensive victory over Mick Morgan's side in the first all-West Yorkshire final.

With rampaging back-rower Paul Rhodes in irresistible form and the support of Paul Grayshon, Mark Wilson, Darren Moxon and Alex Green always evident, Bradford rarely looked like losing a one-sided contest.

Castleford, appearing in their first final, having won the Yorkshire Senior Cup on numerous occasions, were a big disappointment and only rising star Andy Hay enhanced his reputation in a pack which was completely out-muscled.

1992 - WIGAN 28, WIDNES 14

Wigan finally claimed the Alliance Challenge Cup for the first time to emulate Hull's 1989/90 double-winning achievement. And, led by ageless player-coach Graeme West, they were at their very best against George Nicholls' Widnes, who simply refused to throw in the towel.

Steve Blakeley led the way for the home side with two tries and five goals and there were memorable efforts from Andre Stoop and Sam Panapa in a Wigan team in which teenage back-rowers Mather, Farrell and Cassidy all gave a hint of glory days to come.

Widnes front-rower Harvey Howard had a mighty game and, after trailing 24 - 2 at the break, the Chemics, whose side contained Christian Tyrer, Jason Critchley and Karle Hammond, deserved credit for battling through to the end.

1993 - LEEDS 8, WIGAN 32

Wigan became the first club to retain the Youngers Alliance Challenge Cup with an almost contemptuous six-tries-to-one defeat of Leeds before a crowd of nearly 4,000 at Headingley. And the star of the show was a 17 year-old who would return to the Leeds ground to make his Test debut against the Kiwis before the year was completed.

Andrew Farrell was magnificent in a Wigan pack containing the likes of Martin Hall, Graeme West, BJ Mather and Ian Gildart, with Mike Forshaw and Mick Cassidy on the bench. No wonder they won the forward battle to set their side on the way to victory.

Paul Stevens scored two tries for Wigan and there were impressive performances from Martin Crompton, Paul Atcheson and Scott Naylor. For the vanquished home side, 17 year-old Graham Holroyd never stopped trying, landing a monster of a touchline conversion to Matt Shaw's try which gave them a short-lived lead. But they were never going to keep the cherry-and-white tidal wave at bay.



WIDNES 'A' TEAM 1984-85

First Winners of the Alliance Challenge Cup.

Round by Round

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE CHALLENGE CUP 1994

FIRST ROUND

| | | | |
|--------------|----|--------------|----|
| Batley | 12 | Leeds | 23 |
| Huddersfield | 0 | Castleford | 32 |
| Wigan | 84 | Swinton | 6 |
| Barrow | 8 | Featherstone | 44 |
| Leigh | 14 | Ryedale-York | 24 |
| St Helens | 96 | Carlisle | 14 |
| Dewsbury | 0 | SALFORD | 52 |
| Hunslet | 18 | Hull KR | 26 |
| Rochdale H | 12 | Warrington | 34 |
| Wakefield T | 12 | Halifax | 26 |
| Widnes | 16 | Keighley | 22 |
| Bradford N | 28 | Workington T | 8 |
| London C | 18 | Sheffield E | 10 |
| Bramley | 0 | Doncaster | 32 |

BYES: Hull an OLDHAM

SECOND ROUND

| | | | |
|--------------|----|--------------|----|
| Bradford N | 25 | OLDHAM | 27 |
| Hull | 14 | SALFORD | 18 |
| Ryedale-York | 30 | Hull KR | 40 |
| Warrington | 48 | London C | 6 |
| Castleford | 34 | St Helens | 10 |
| Leeds | 60 | Keighley | 14 |
| Doncaster | 16 | Halifax | 0 |
| Wigan | 12 | Featherstone | 12 |

REPLAY: Featherstone 18 Wigan 14

QUARTER FINALS

| | | | |
|-----------|----|--------------|----|
| Hull KR | 14 | Castleford | 10 |
| OLDHAM | 46 | Featherstone | 4 |
| SALFORD | 54 | LEEDS | 14 |
| Doncaster | 12 | Warrington | 25 |

SEMI FINALS

| | | | |
|---------|----|------------|----|
| OLDHAM | 44 | Hull KR | 6 |
| SALFORD | 14 | Warrington | 10 |

Youngers Alliance Challenge Cup Yearly Progress Chart

| SEASON | 85/86 | 86/87 | 87/88 | 88/89 | 89/90 | 90/91 | 91/92 | 92/93 | 93/94 |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| BARROW | 2 | 2 | F | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 |
| BATLEY | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | - | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| BRADFORD N | QF | 2 | 2 | 2 | F | N | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| BRAMLEY | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| CARLISLE | SF | 2 | SF | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| CASTLEFORD | - | QF | 2 | 1 | 2 | F | 1 | 1 | QF |
| CHORLEY | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| DEWSBURY | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | QF | 1 |
| DONCASTER | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | QF | P | 2 | QF |
| FEATHERSTONE | 1 | SF | 2 | QF | 1 | SF | 2 | 1 | QF |
| LONDON | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| HALIFAX | 2 | 1 | 1 | SF | SF | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| HEMEL HEMPSTEAD | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | - |
| HUDDERSFIELD | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | QF | 2 | 1 |
| HULL | 2 | W | QF | 2 | W | SF | 2 | SF | 2 |
| HULL KR | 2 | F | QF | QF | QF | 2 | QF | 1 | SF |
| HUNSLT | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| KEIGHLEY | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| LEEDS | F | QF | SF | W | 2 | QF | SF | F | QF |
| LEIGH | QF | QF | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | QF | 1 |
| NOTTINGHAM | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| OLDHAM | 2 | 1 | QF | 2 | 1 | QF | 1 | 2 | ? |
| ROCHDALE | - | - | 2 | - | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| RUNCORN | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| RYEDALE YORK | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | QF | 2 |
| ST HELENS | SF | 2 | W | F | 1 | 2 | SF | 1 | 2 |
| SALFORD | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | QF | QF | 2 | 1 | ? |
| SCARBOROUGH | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | - | - |
| SHEFFIELD | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| SWINTON | W | SF | 1 | QF | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| TRAFFORD | - | - | *2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | - | - |
| WAKEFIELD T | QF | QF | 1 | 2 | QF | 2 | QF | QF | SF |
| WARRINGTON | 2 | 2 | QF | 1 | 1 | 2 | QF | QF | - |
| WHITEHAVEN | QF | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| WIDNES | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | QF | 1 | F | SF | 1 |
| WIGAN | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | QF | 1 | W | W | 2 |
| WORKINGTON T | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

(* as Blackpool)

Tonight's Finalists

GARY TYRER:

Full back, goal kicking full back who turned professional with Salford from the Orrell RU club in December 1992, signing up on a 3 year contract. Represented the North of England Under 21 side at RU. Still awaiting his first team debut at the Willows.

STEVE WYNNE:

Full back. Came through Leigh Easts and Colborne before turning pro with Widnes in August 1990. Moved to the Willows with Jason Critchley in the deal that took Adrian Hadley to Naughton Park. Injury problems have held his promising career up but he recently made his first team debut on the wing against Wigan at Central Park.

PAUL O'NEILL:

Winger. 23 year old former Leigh Miners player who has been at the Willows for over four years in which time he has registered ten tries in nineteen appearances for the first team. Originally made his senior debut as substitute against Barrow on October 14th 1990, when he notched a brace of tries.

JOHN GILFILLAN:

Centre. Ex-Wigan player who was a £30,000 signing for the Reds in September 1990. The former Orrell and Lancashire RU representative originally signed a 3 year contract at the Willows and was virtually an ever-present during 1990/91. This season he has played seven games for the first team, three of them as sub.

MARTIN BIRKETT:

Centre. Cumbria County RL representative who originally turned pro with Salford in December 1989 after impressing in an Alliance trial. Martin has the distinction of representing Cumbria at three levels - Rugby Union, Amateur RL and professional RL. Gained Division Two Cap and league medals whilst at the Willows. Good all-round scoring ability.

PHIL COUSSONS:

Winger. Local lad who turned professional in February 1992. Gained 2 caps at GB Academy level and became Salford's first professional signing from their Academy side. Prolific try scoring winger who has so far made 3 appearances for the first team and scored 1 try.

PHILIP SWIFT:

Winger. 22 year old former Saddleworth Rangers ARL player who joined Salford in October 1990. Played against Swinton in the 1992 pre-season friendly but is still awaiting his official first-team debut.

NATHAN McAVOY:

Centre. Salford beat off the challenge of all the top clubs to secure the signing of the former BARLA youth captain. The 17 year old ex-Eccles ARL centre stands 6' 4" and weighs 14 stone. Big things are predicted for the lad who was the amateur codes hottest property prior to him joining Salford.

WAYNE REID:

Stand off. 24 year old former Wigan player who was a £5,000 signing for Salford during the 1991 close season. Originally from the Wigan St. Patrick's ARL club, he turned professional for the Central Park club in 1986 but never played for their first team. Given his chance at the Willows he has since made 61 appearances for the Reds and scored 14 tries but has only made seven appearances this season.

JONATHAN QUIGLEY:

Scrum half. Ex-Leigh Miners ARL player who turned professional in May 1991 having previously made his Salford first team debut whilst still an amateur. To date he has played 3 times for the first team.

RICHARD WEBSTER:

Prop. Former Wales, British Lions and Swansea RU flanker who joined Salford in October 1993. The 25 year old forward gained 13 Welsh Caps at RU level and only last month covered himself in glory by scoring a debut try for the Welsh RL side against France. So far though, he has only played 5 games for Salford, four of them as sub.

KERI BROOKFIELD:

Hooker. 21 year old who originally joined Salford from the Wigan St. Patrick's ARL side in June 1992. BARLA GB representative prior to signing pro and made his first team debut against Workington Town in September 1992. So far, the nephew of former player Keiron O'Loughlin, has made 3 appearances for the first team.

SALFORD

DAREN BETTS:

Prop. Younger brother of Wigan's Denis Betts, the former Langworthy ARL player signed pro for Salford in April 1990, making his first team debut as sub v Leigh in January 1991.

IAN POTTS:

Second row. 25 year old powerful second row forward signed from Irlam Hornets. Made a try scoring debut against Wigan in April 1988 and after a lengthy absence he has returned to play for the club, notching up a lot of tries for the Alliance side this season. Played 3 games for the first team in the current season.

GED STAZICKER:

Second Row. A £30,000 signing from Wigan in June 1991. Originally turned pro with home town Wigan

from the Wigan St. Patrick's side on his 17th birthday. Represented GB and Lancs at Colts level. Unable to gain a regular place in the first team this season.

CRAIG RANDALL:

Loose Forward. Former Leigh Miners ARL player who turned pro with Salford in May 1991, on a 4 year contract. Made his first team debut as sub v Leeds at Headingley on January 1st 1992.

PAUL SMITH:

Loose Forward. Ex. Eccles ARL utility player who was recently selected for the Lancashire Academy squad to play Yorkshire. Made a handful of appearances for the Alliance side and is a good prospect.



In Focus

Oldham entertain Salford in the tenth final of the Youngers Alliance Challenge Cup at Watersheddings. And while the Roughyeds may be from the Second Division of the Alliance league, it is unlikely that double-chasing Salford will be taking them lightly.

Oldham are on course for an unprecedented 'clean sweep' of the major trophies in Alliance football, heading the Second Division table by eight clear points from Dewsbury, and having won the Lancashire Shield and the Second Division Cup.

Shane Tupaea's men come into this final with an unbeaten record during a season in which they have played some sparring football. They have amassed almost 700 points in a 19-game unbeaten sequence in the Second Division.

Salford, coached by the highly-respected Steve O'Neill, have performed impressively all season and the feeling at the Willows is that the club have some of the best youngsters in the game on their books.

Both teams warmed up for the final with comprehensive victories last weekend.

Oldham were 30 - 6 winners at home to Carlisle, with Charlie McAlister scoring two

of their tries and Alfie Coulbourne also on the try-sheet. Coulbourne scored a hat-trick in Oldham's 32 - 20 Lancashire Shield Final victory over neighbouring Rochdale Hornets.

They did it much tougher in the Second Division Cup final against Ian Brooke's Doncaster, before winning 20 - 14.

Steve O'Neill has created a reputation as one of the best young coaches in the game and it was no surprise when former Widnes colleague Eric Hughes tried to tempt him with the assistant-coach's job at St. Helens. O'Neill declined because he is enjoying life at the Willows so much.

Six points behind First Division leaders St Helens with two games in hand, the Red Devils can still complete a Championship/Cup double. But their minds will be concentrated only on cup glory this evening as they attempt to stop the Oldham juggernaut.

Whoever emerges triumphant however, a new name will go onto the trophy for the first time. Oldham are appearing in their first final and Salford are looking to atone for a 30 - 12 defeat at Widnes in the inaugural decider, nine years ago.



YOUNGERS ALLIANCE LEAGUE TABLES

| DIVISION I | FOR | | | | | AGAINST | | | | |
|---------------|-----|----|---|----|-----|---------|----|---|----|-----|
| | P | W | D | L | PTS | P | W | D | L | PTS |
| ST. HELENS | 25 | 19 | 0 | 6 | 789 | 25 | 19 | 0 | 6 | 504 |
| WIGAN | 23 | 17 | 0 | 6 | 657 | 23 | 17 | 0 | 6 | 388 |
| WARRINGTON | 21 | 16 | 0 | 5 | 662 | 21 | 16 | 0 | 5 | 315 |
| CASTLEFORD | 22 | 15 | 0 | 7 | 517 | 22 | 15 | 0 | 7 | 341 |
| BRADFORD N | 23 | 15 | 0 | 8 | 524 | 23 | 15 | 0 | 8 | 445 |
| SALFORD | 21 | 14 | 0 | 7 | 656 | 21 | 14 | 0 | 7 | 351 |
| HALIFAX | 21 | 11 | 0 | 10 | 488 | 21 | 11 | 0 | 10 | 524 |
| WAKEFIELD T | 23 | 10 | 0 | 13 | 514 | 23 | 10 | 0 | 13 | 561 |
| HULL | 21 | 10 | 0 | 11 | 360 | 21 | 10 | 0 | 11 | 490 |
| RYEDALE Y | 22 | 8 | 0 | 14 | 472 | 22 | 8 | 0 | 14 | 577 |
| FEATHERSTONER | 20 | 8 | 0 | 12 | 327 | 20 | 8 | 0 | 12 | 508 |
| LEEDS | 22 | 5 | 0 | 17 | 449 | 22 | 5 | 0 | 17 | 574 |
| WIDNES | 23 | 4 | 0 | 19 | 358 | 23 | 4 | 0 | 19 | 721 |
| BATLEY | 23 | 3 | 0 | 20 | 300 | 23 | 3 | 0 | 20 | 774 |

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| | P | W | D | L | PTS | P | W | D | L | PTS |
| OLDHAM | 17 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 640 | 17 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 240 |
| HULL KR | 18 | 14 | 0 | 4 | 532 | 18 | 14 | 0 | 4 | 243 |
| DEWSBURY | 17 | 14 | 0 | 3 | 439 | 17 | 14 | 0 | 3 | 240 |
| KEIGHLEY C | 19 | 12 | 1 | 6 | 516 | 19 | 12 | 1 | 6 | 309 |
| ROCHDALE H | 18 | 12 | 0 | 6 | 511 | 18 | 12 | 0 | 6 | 346 |
| WORKINGTON T | 20 | 11 | 1 | 8 | 548 | 20 | 11 | 1 | 8 | 357 |
| DONCASTER | 16 | 10 | 0 | 6 | 387 | 16 | 10 | 0 | 6 | 268 |
| LEIGH | 20 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 468 | 20 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 374 |
| SWINTON | 18 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 370 | 18 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 501 |
| SHEFFIELD E | 21 | 8 | 0 | 13 | 414 | 21 | 8 | 0 | 13 | 381 |
| BRAMLEY | 17 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 388 | 17 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 409 |
| HUDDERSFIELD | 19 | 7 | 1 | 11 | 335 | 19 | 7 | 1 | 11 | 424 |
| HUNSLET | 18 | 7 | 0 | 11 | 420 | 18 | 7 | 0 | 11 | 519 |
| CARLISLE | 20 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 369 | 20 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 696 |
| LONDON C | 19 | 2 | 0 | 17 | 253 | 19 | 2 | 0 | 17 | 785 |
| BARROW | 17 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 231 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 729 |

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