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6. Steve Gartland
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13. Mike Kuiti

14. Craig Richards
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6. Michael Hagan
7. Wayne Parker
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10. John Fieldhouse
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12. Paul Round
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1921-22, 1954-55
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1904-05
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1963-64, 1981-82, 1987-88
Rugby League Challenge
Cup Winners
1898-99, 1924-25, 1926-27
Runners Up
1906-07, 1911-12, 1923-24,
1925-26
Lancashire Cup Winners
1907-08, 1910-11, 1913-14,
1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-34,
1956-57, 1957-58, 1958-59
Runners Up
1908-09, 1911-12, 1918-19,
1921-22, 1954-55, 1966-67,
1968-69, 1986-87, 1989-90
Lancashire Championship Winners
1907-08, 1909-10, 1921-22,
1956-57, 1957-58
Runners Up
1908-09, 1910-11, 1911-12,
1919-20, 1923-34, 1954-55
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Club Records

Record Victory: 67-6 v Liverpool City
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September 1978
Record Attendance: 28,000 v Huddersfield
24th February 1912
Record Receipts: £37,505.50 v Wigan
5th October 1989
Record Transfer: £70,000 to Halifax for
Tony Anderson
March 1990
Record Try: Ref Farrar, 49 Tries,
Scorer
1921-22 season
Record Goal: Bernard Ganley,
Scorer
224 goals, 1957-58
season

Club Records continued

Record Point: Bernard Ganley,
Scorer
28 points v
Liverpool City,
April 1959
First Game: 21st October 1876
v Stalybridge
Highest Number: Bernard Ganley, 2,881
of Points Scored
Most Appearances: Joe Ferguson, 685
Most Tries: Pre 1900 Jach Hirst 233,
Since 1900
Alan Davies 182

FROM THE BOARDROOM

BY CHAIRMAN JIM QUINN

Welcome to the start of a brand new season at Watersheddings. It seems like only yesterday that we pulled off that glorious win at St.Helens to clinch our First Division survival and our presence today in the opening matches of the Stones Bitter First Division Championship.

We had a wonderful run at the end of last season, but much Watersheddings water has passed under the bridge since then, producing changes in the boardroom, in the coaches rooms and in the dressing room.

In the boardroom, we have said farewell to Tom Patterson and hello to Roger Norris. We were sorry to see Tom go for business reasons. He had been a great asset to the board, a tremendous worker for the club and a man who had been side by side with me in all the negotiations we had undertaken on the club's behalf over the past two years.

Happily, we have been able to co-opt a man of comparative substance in Roger Norris. A retired superintendent of police, Roger was no stranger to the club, not only having been a supporter all his life but, in the past two years, having acted as honorary ground-safety officer.

We are delighted to have Roger on board - and delighted also to record the fact that Ian McMahon, our commercial manager, has now been elevated to the position of chief executive. At 29, Ian must be one of the youngest men in the game to hold such an office. His brief is to run the club on business lines. It is no longer what I would call a fun club. It is big business and it has to be run that way. On the coaching side, of course, we lost Bob Lindner at the end of last season and Shane Tupaea, who had

charge of the 'A' team, has moved on to Keighley. But we had no hesitation, as a board, in unanimously appointing Andy Goodway as senior coach and, in turn, Andy went for another Watersheddings player, Alan McCurrie, as his right hand man.

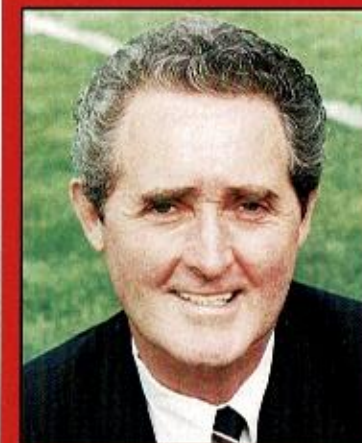
Andy was Bob Lindner's assistant over the last third of last season, so he was not entirely new to the job, although I am sure he will have had his eyes opened a bit over the course of the past three months.

As a club, I know you will all welcome Andy and Alan in their new roles. Both have proved very popular appointments and if hard work and dedication counts for anything they should be able to enjoy some success over the course of the next few months.

We hope to be able to compete successfully in the Big League rather than spend most of the season fighting desperately for points to avoid relegation. It would be nice to earn a position in which we become established members of the first division.

To that end, Andy has appointed a very experienced first division player as his new captain - Martin Crompton. From the boardroom go congratulations to Martin on his appointment and all good wishes for the season ahead. I know the supporters will express similar sentiments.

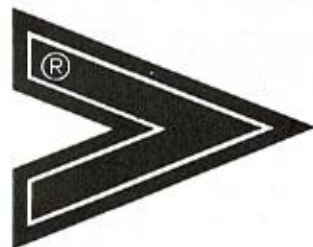
Finally, welcome to the new boys. I hope I don't miss anyone out, but here goes. To Steve Gartland, Gary Lord, Paul Davidson, Neil Battye and the overseas lads from New Zealand, Jason Temu, Wilson Marsh and Joe Faimalo we say: Glad to have you - and best wishes for 1994-95.



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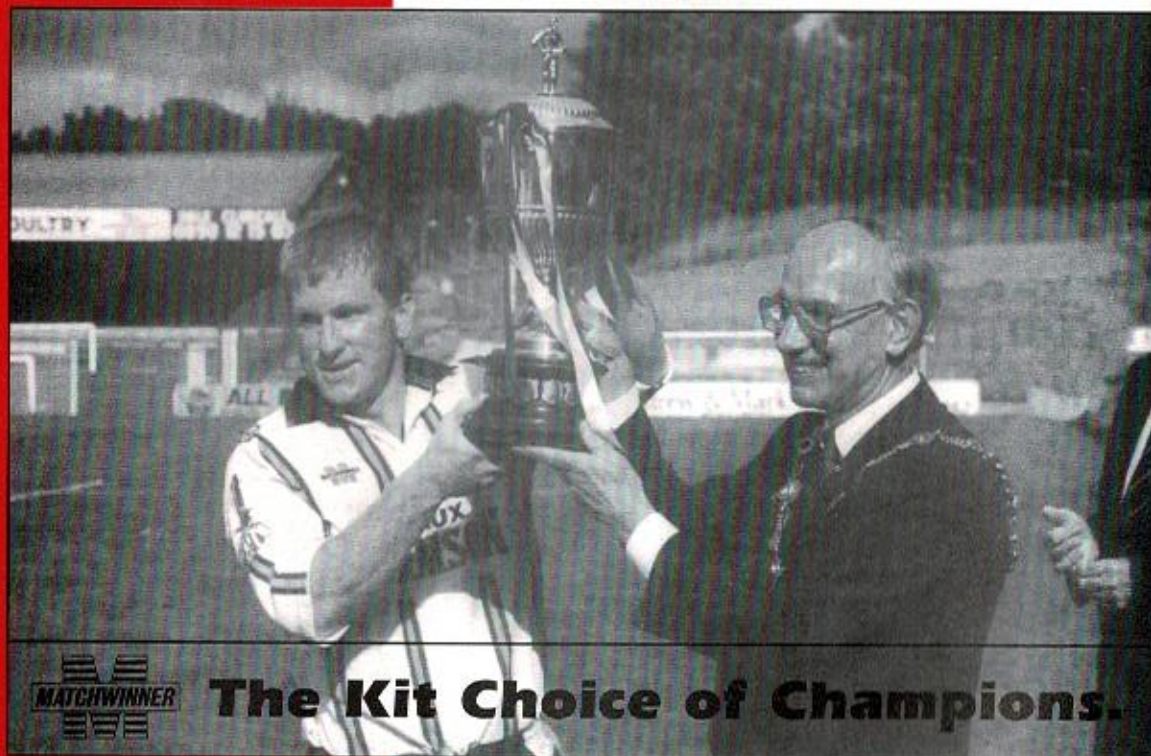
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CLOSE UP ON HALIFAX

STEVE HAMPSON (Fullback)

Summer signing from Wigan, on a free transfer after a career which included winners medals from every major competition. Numerous Great Britain appearances. Early appearances were limited by groin and ankle injuries, but he regained his spot and began to rediscover his previous form, with some fine displays towards the end of last term.

STEVE LAY (Fullback)

26 year old who signed from Hunslet in October 1993 after an impressive loan spell during which he took the Man of the Match award in a televised game v Salford. Following Steve Hampson's return to fitness, he featured at Sub and in the centre, showing his usefulness to the squad.

JOHN BENTLEY (Wing)

Elusive running former England rugby union player, capped for Great Britain v France in 1991 and last season, after impressing as part of the GB team which took part in the Sydney Sevens during February. Signed from Leeds RLFC in the 1992 close season. John is capable of scoring devastating long range tries, none moreso than last season's Sky Sports. Just returned from a close season stint with Salmain Tigers.

JOHN SCHUSTER (Centre)

Former All Black in his second year at Halifax who signed on a two year contract during summer 93 from the Newcastle Knights. Strong and powerful with pace and a tremendous side step, John is also a tremendous kicker, and has shown tremendous form in the pre-season warm-ups.

MARK PRESTON (Wing)

Lancashire based former Fylde RUFC and Wigan RLFC speed merchant, with whom he won Challenge Cup and Championship Winners Medals. The former 'Wigan flyer' has scored over 50 tries for Halifax so far, and heads most lists of best uncapped players!

JOHN FIELDHOUSE (Prop or second Row)

Vastly experienced forward who joined Halifax in 1991 from Oldham where he was player/coach. Previously with Widnes, Warrington and St.Helens, and with 7 GB caps to his name, John is keeping out some of the up and coming talent at the Club with his tremendous enthusiasm and work rate.

PAUL ANDERSON (Prop)

GB Under 21 international signed in September 1993 from Leeds whom he joined from Castleford amateurs Redhill, after returning from the BARLA youth tour of Australasia in 1991.

MICHAEL JACKSON (Second-row)

Former Hunslet and Wakefield Trinity star signed in the 1993 close season, who has not had the best of luck with injuries. Played for Great Britain v Papua New Guinea in '91 and France in '92, touring the same year, and he may have gone onto greater things had it not been for a groin injury which kept him out for most of the following season. Returned to the GB fold last term for the 2nd and 3rd Kiwi Test Matches.

MARK PERRETT (Second-row)

Powerful and pacy local product signed from Ovenden ARLFC in 1991. Mark has made his debut for the Great Britain U21s this term after missing out through injury twice last season, and he gained a full Welsh cap playing at loose forward v France last month.

LEE HARLAND (Second-row)

Enthusiastic and determined runner, signed in August 1993 after rejecting terms at Headingley. Made his GB debut for the under 21s versus the Kiwis at Workington last October.

GARY DIVORTY (Loose-forward)

Firm favourite with the Thrum Hall crowds, this York born hard working back row or loose forward signed from Leeds along with John Bentley in 1992.

Previously with Hull FC and Heworth ARLFC, Gary was BARLA youth international tourist in '83, made a Challenge Cup final appearance in '85, and was capped for Great Britain in '86.

Grant Anderson (Centre or stand off)

Close season capture from Castleford, who should add strength in depth to an already pacy back line. Under 21 International.

Grant Moriarty (2nd row)

Welsh international snapped up from Widnes in July. Big and strong, he is sure to be a big influence in the pack.

Wayne Parker (Scrum Half)

3rd close season signing who joined from Hull KR 2 weeks ago. A fine tactical kicker with a good pair of hands, Wayne should benefit from having quality players around him.

MICHAEL HAGAN (Half-Back)

Another summer 93 signing from the Newcastle Knights who was previously with Halifax in 1985. State of Origin player now back at the club after returning to Australia and starring in two Sydney Grand Finals with Canterbury before moving to Newcastle.

KARL HARRISON (Prop)

Team captain. Club record signing when moving from Hull to Thrum Hall in 1991, formerly with Featherstone Rovers, Bramley and Leeds amateur outfit B.R.K. Has 13 GB caps, including 2 against the Kiwis last Autumn, and was called out as a replacement on the Australasian tour in '92.

ROY SOUTHERNWOOD (Hooker)

Redhill amateur and former Castleford scrum half, who has captained both England Schoolboys and Great Britain U21's. Joined Halifax during the summer of 1990. Moved to the hookers berth following the arrival of Roger Millward to the club in 1991, and has kept that position ever since. Roy is a very underrated player who consistently tops the tackle count.

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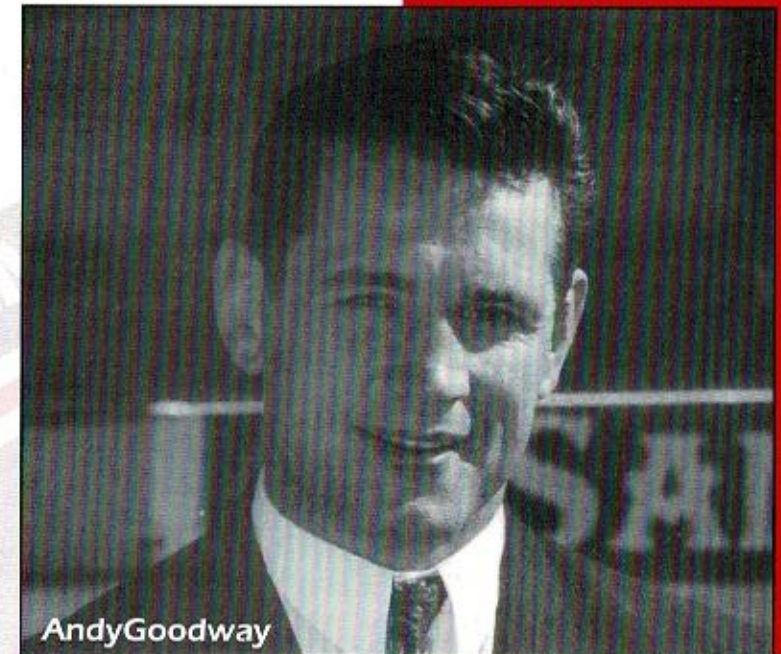
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Today on behalf of the players we would like to welcome the supporters for the start of a new season which promises to be one of the most competitive seen in years.

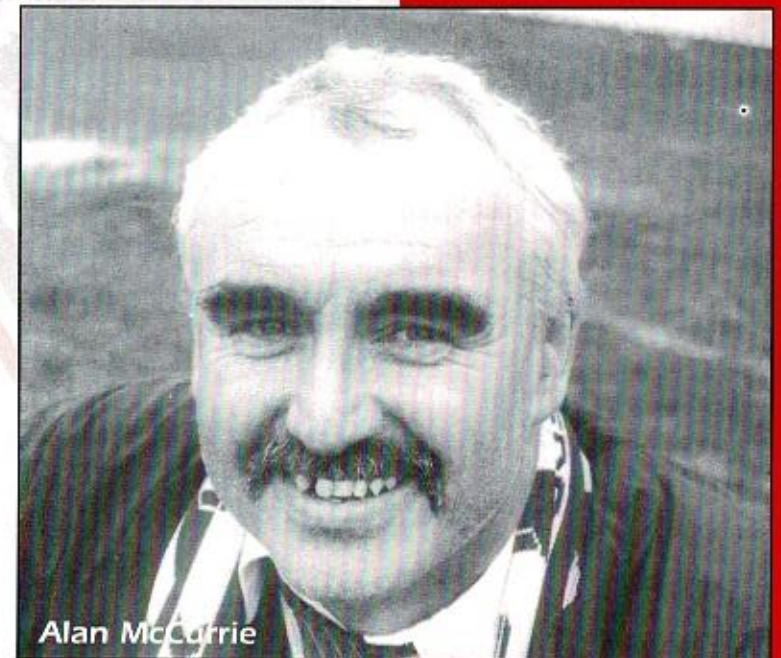
We have been busy during the off season in trying to recruit new players and we feel we are assembling a squad which should keep all players on their toes and fighting for positions in the team.

Hopefully we can start the season on a winning note and build on it from week to week.

Both Alan and I are winners and we will accept nothing less than 100%. Enjoy the season.



Andy Goodway



Alan McCurrie

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BUSINESS TALK

with Ian McMahon

The 1994/95 season begins and who knows what the next nine months will bring.

One thing is certain though, we have not been idle during the last few months.

The "Big Cash Bonanza" has probably been the most common words spoken recently in the Oldham area.

The draw has certainly captured everyone's imagination. With a first prize of £1,000 and five other prizes of £100 several winners have already booked next year's holidays with their winnings. Its success has been achieved by hard work put in by our agents, collectors, canvassers etc. Over the next few months you will be able to see the "Bonanza" grow even more towards helping our club's future.

As you are aware we held a



competition to give Oldham a 'new' name. Fromr over 300 entries and after great deliberations and conversations with the public we decided to call the club by the old name the 'Roughyeds'. But, what we have done is created new logos and designed a character for advertising and merchandising purposes. Over the next few months we will have a different range of 'Roughyed' wear from T-shirts to sweaters. We will still be getting more traditional clothing. Best thing, call in and have a look for yourselves.



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A LOOK AT THE LOCAL AMATEUR RUGBY SCENE

The past 12 months have been both exciting and rewarding for the players, officials and followers of BARLA, the amateur wing of our game. During this time they have been heavily involved in the overseas development of the game whilst continuing the amateur expansion in the United Kingdom.

The BARLA Lions toured the South Pacific during June and, although the results were disappointing from a British point of view, the British party gained valuable experience on what for most of the tourists was the trip of a lifetime. All four internationals ended in defeat for the Lions but the development shown by the Cook Islands (who beat BARLA 28-12), Western Samoa (44-20), Tonga (27-14) and Fiji (40-8) indicates that those latter three countries will be no pushover when they compete in the professional World Cup competition in 14 months time.

Back in Britain, the National

Conference League has been expanded to cover three divisions each of 12 clubs. Four new clubs were elected into the Second Division, these being Eccles, Thornhill, New Earswick All Blacks and Northampton Knights. Local followers would have been disappointed to hear that the Waterhead application failed but there are still two local clubs involved. National Cup winners Saddleworth Rangers maintained their position in the Premier League whilst St. Annes enjoyed a magnificent inaugural season by lifting the Second Division title and so next Saturday will kick-off their campaign in Division One. Their opening match is at home to Oulton of Wakefield who looked favourites for promotion for much of last season before being pipped at the post. Kick-off next Saturday at Higginshaw Road is 2.30pm. On 3rd September Saints travel to Castleford for a tough match against Lock Lane.

Saddleworth Rangers travel up to Askam next Saturday when they will be confident of success. Rangers won 40-6 at Askam last season before beating the luckless Cumbrians 52-4 at home. On 3rd September Rangers will be at home to Chorley Borough who are determined to regain their professional status. They were always thereabouts last season before ending the campaign in runners-up spot some eight points behind Woolston Rovers. Last September they beat Rangers 24-19 at Shaw Hall Bank Road in a tremendous match. During the summer Rangers lost two of their more influential forwards to the professional ranks as well as coach Mick Coates who retired. New man in charge is former Roughyed Chris Willis. It should be another interesting season for the Greenfield outfit.

by Don Yates

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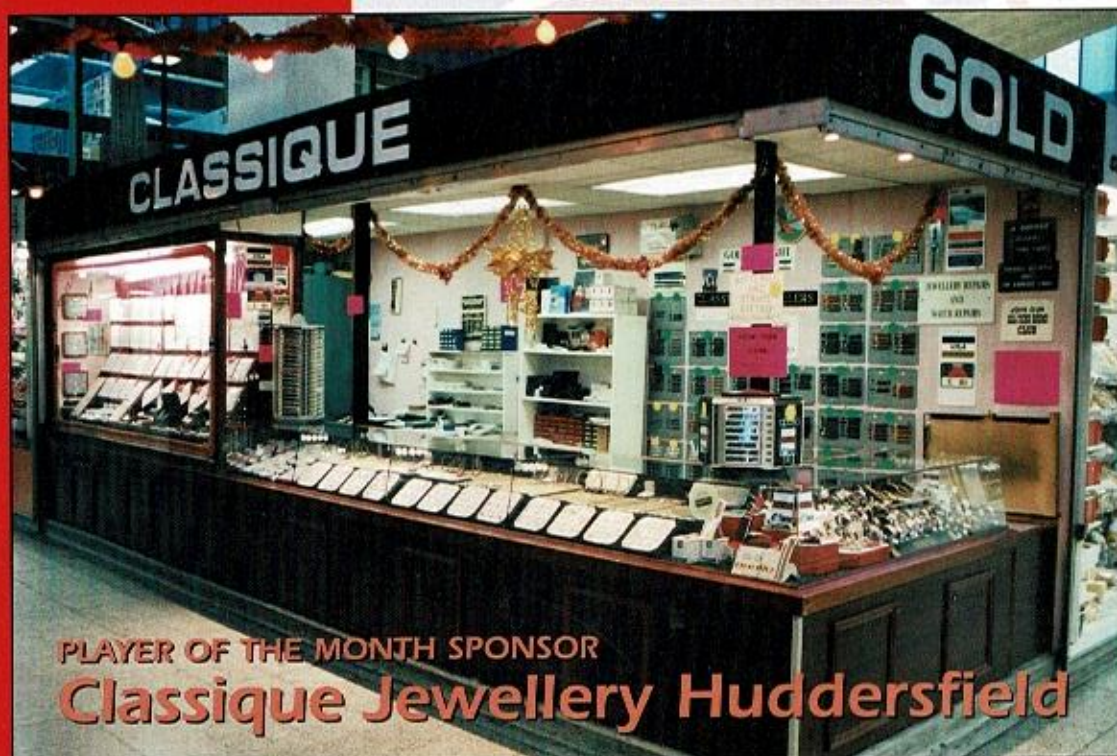
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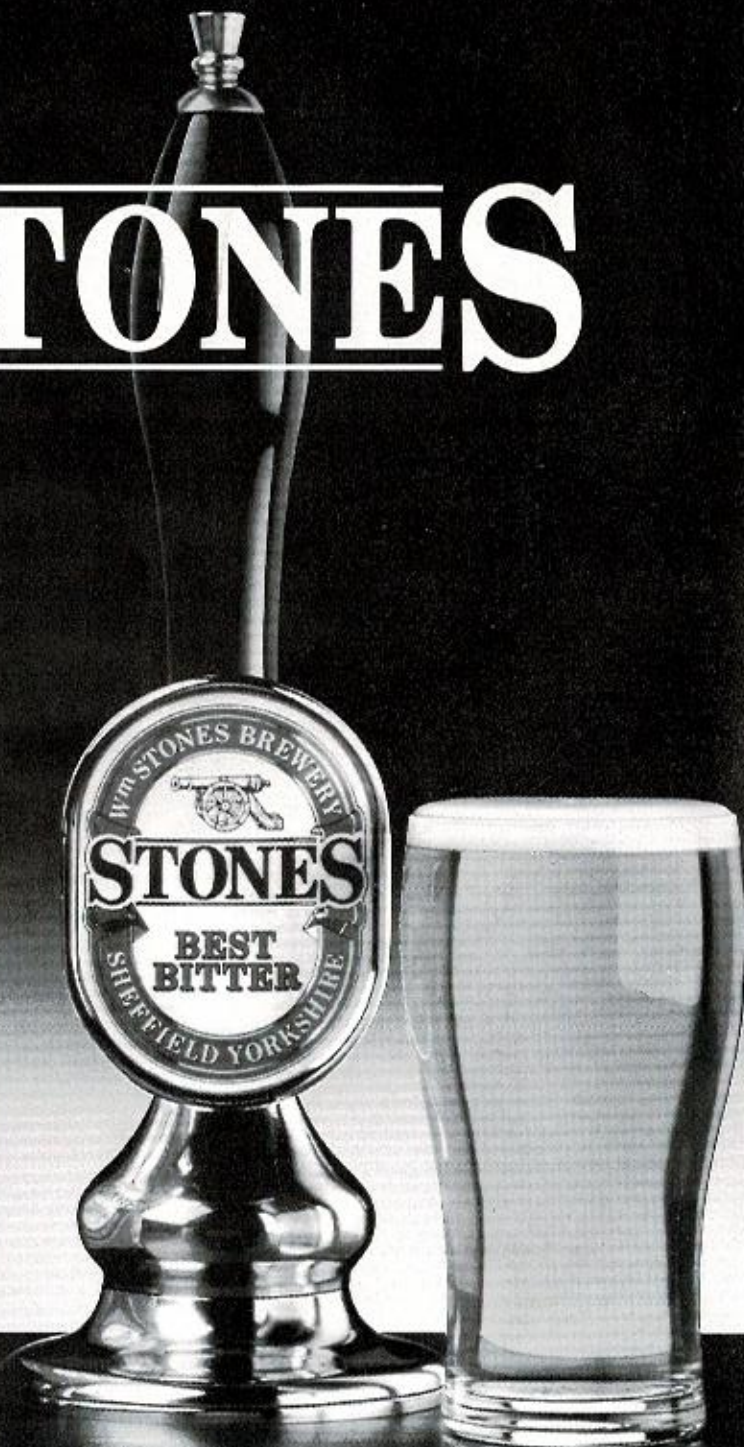
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18/9	Doncaster	3.00pm	£1,100	£650	£275	£275
2/10	St. Helens	3.00pm	£1,500	£800	£300	£300
14/10	Widnes	7.30pm	£1,400	£750	£275	£275
30/10	Featherstone	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275	£275
22/11	Bradford	7.30pm	£1,500	£800	£300	£300
11/12	Warrington	3.00pm	£1,400	£750	£300	£300
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1/1	Workington	3.00pm	£1,100	£650	£275	£275
8/1	Leeds	3.00pm	£1,400	£750	£275	£275
22/1	Sheffield E	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275	£275
5/2	Hull	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275	£275
5/3	Wakefield T	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275	£275
26/3	Castleford	3.00pm	£1,500	£800	£300	£300
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- Bobby Knight

THE GROWING GAME

Development News Supported by P.Casey and Co and Sportsmatch

Welcome back to a new season, I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer break and feels bright and optimistic about the coming year.

In terms of the Rugby League Development Scheme Summer is actually a very busy time.

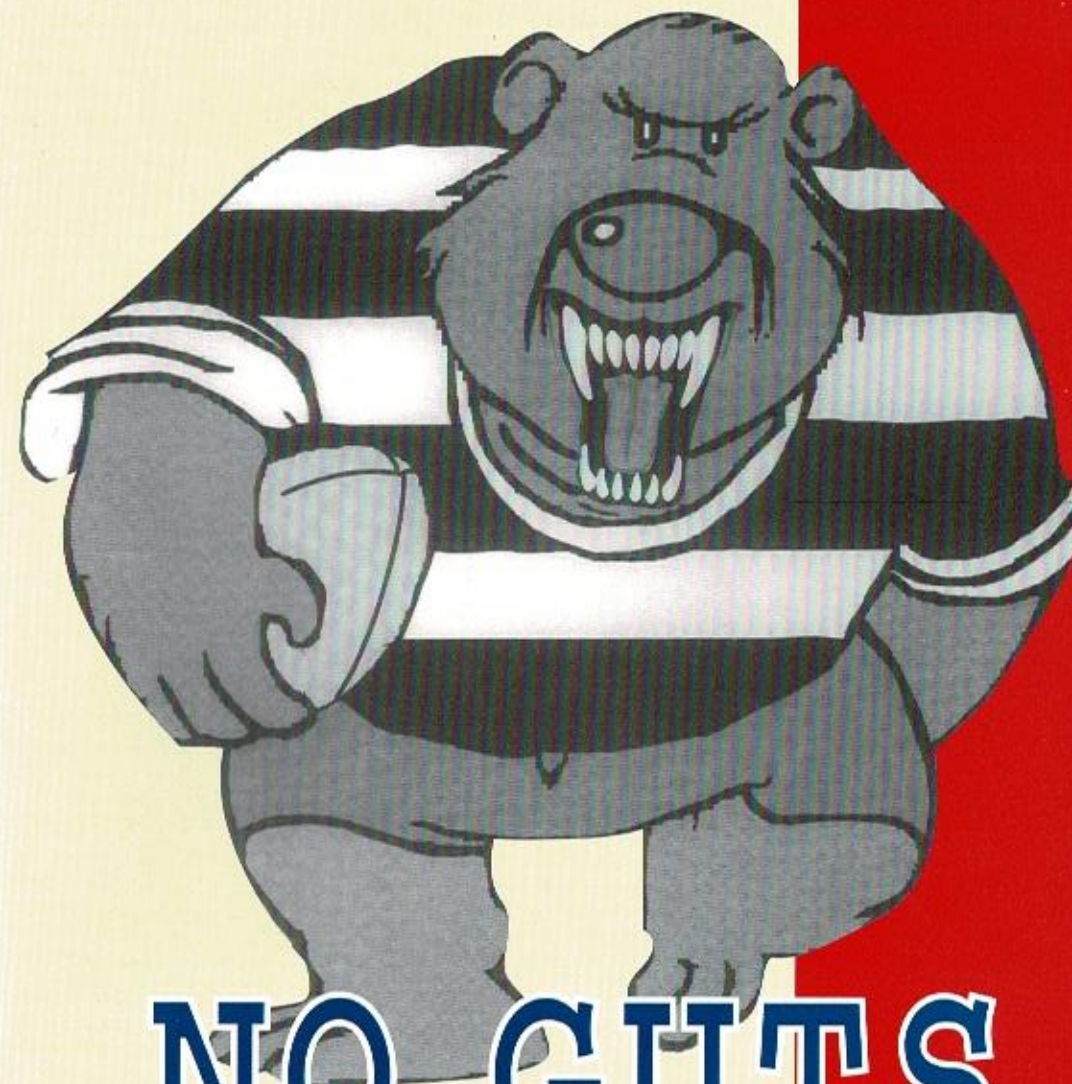
The Touch Rugby Competition was bigger than ever this season and was won in the last week by Mike Ford's Crushers Team.

There were 4 Level 1 Coaching Courses, 2 Level II courses, 1 Level III Course, a Referees Course plus a complete Summer Programme with 40 players gaining the BFL Gold Award.

Probably the most significant activity of the summer was the increase in mini-league. Mini-League is not new

but finally the Rugby League and BARLA have got together and they are working very constructively on producing a standard game for all Under 9's. Next year they will move onto "Mod" League which is again a Junior version of Rugby League for Under 11s. The aim of "Little League" is to get more Young People playing Rugby League and enjoying the game. That surely is an aim we should all support.

Today's curtain raiser is the Under 13 National Cup Challenge held over from last season. Waterhead take on Stanningley Rangers for the Mica Trophy. Good luck to both teams.



NO GUTS NO GLORY

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FROM SMALL ACORNS GROW



Oldham 'A' team



Chris Parr 'A' team player of the year



Barrie McDermott now with Wigan R.L.

DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	K.O.
August			
17th	Ryedale Y	H	7.30
19th	Halifax	A	7.30
26th	Bradford N	H	7.30
September			
1st	Blank weekend		
2nd	Wigan	A	7.30
10th	Warrington	H	7.30
16th	Dewsbury	H	7.30
24th	YSC Cup & LCC Shield - First Round		
30th	St.Helens	A	7.30
October			
8th	YSC Cup & LCC Shield - Second Round		
14th	Ryedale Y	A	7.30
22nd	Blank weekend - GB v Australia at Wembley		
28th	Featherstone R	A	7.30
29th	YSC Cup & LCC Shield - Semi Finals		
November			
4th	Halifax	H	7.30
10th	Dewsbury	A	7.30
12th	YSC Cup & LCC Shield - Finals		
13th	Wakefield T	H	7.30
25th	Wigan	H	7.30
30th	Leeds	A	7.30
December			
8th	Warrington	A	7.30
16th	Salford	H	7.30
24th	Blank weekend		
30th	Hull		
January			
7th	Alliance Challenge Cup - First Round		
13th	Castleford	H	7.30
20th	Featherstone R	H	7.30
28th	Alliance Challenge Cup - Second Round		
February			
1st	Bradford N	A	7.30
10th	Salford	A	8.00
17th	St.Helens	H	7.30
18th	Alliance Challenge Cup - Third Round		
24th	Hull	H	8.00
March			
2nd	Wakefield T	A	7.30
10th	Leeds	H	7.30
11th	Alliance Challenge Cup - Semi Finals		
17th	Ryedale Y	H	7.30
23rd	Castleford	A	7.30

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RUFF E. HEAD

THE MAN IN THE KNOW

It's great to be back! Somehow it doesn't feel quite right to be watching the first match at Watersheddings whilst the Oval is staging a Test Match - but the close season withdrawal symptoms have lasted long enough. I shall be as eager as ever as the team runs out today; eager, and both hopeful and apprehensive.

What hopes for the season ahead? It is not as simple as at this time last year, certainly. Then, the objective was clear - after the yo-yo years, survival in Division One was all. And, after the highs on Humberside early on, the steadily more depressing lows of the deep Winter months, and then the rising hopes of the early Lindner era, growing to that marvellous crescendo at Knowsley Road, we made it.

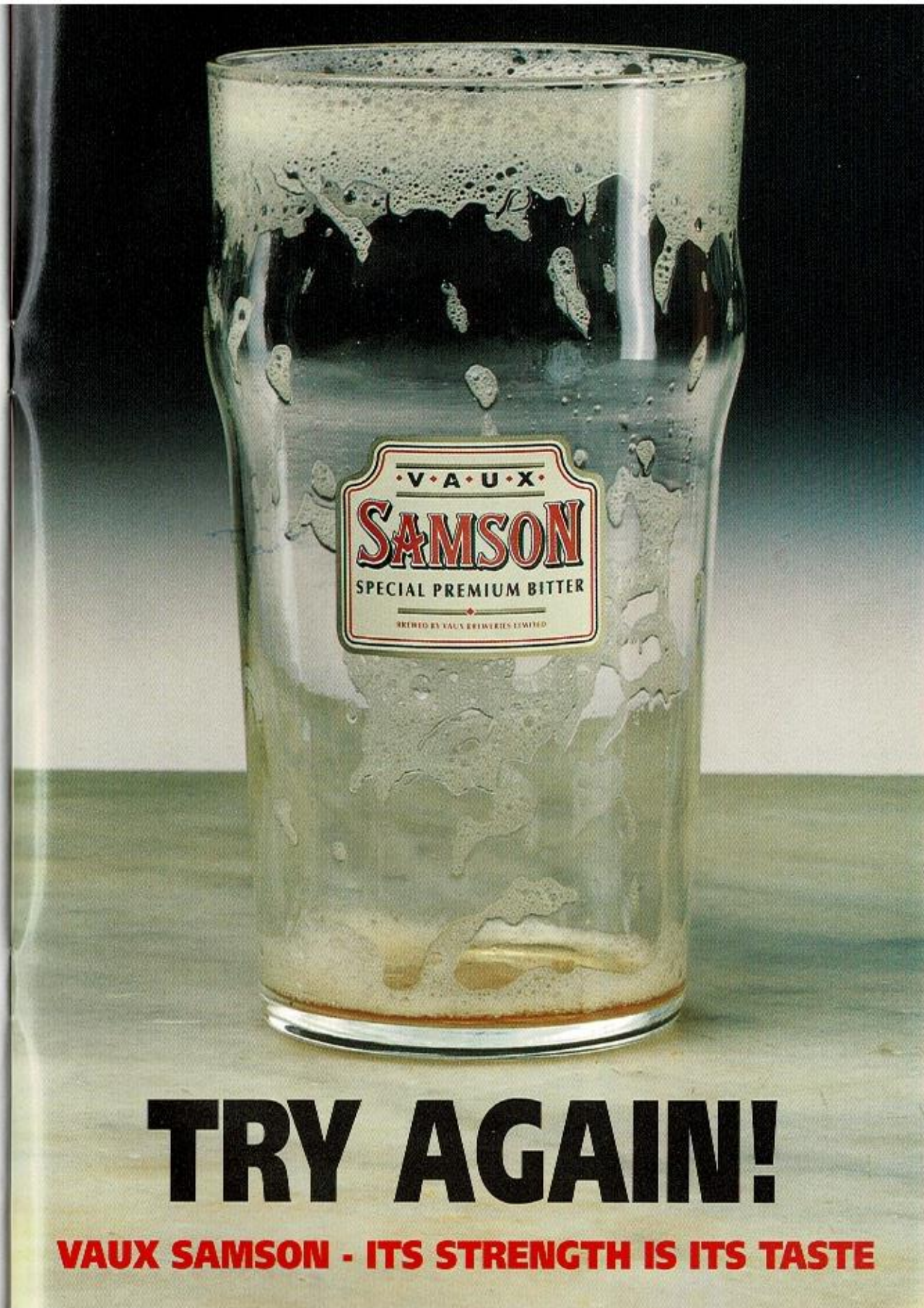
But for 1994-95, will mere survival suffice? To the pessimists - and there are plenty of them around,

I know - it certainly will. I can hear them already: "the pack's been decimated", "we've no chance without an experienced stand-off", "we've still a small back line" etc etc. And, obviously, they have a point. To take Solomona, Tupaea, Lindner, McDermott, Goodway out of the pack, and to remove Liddiard from the No.6 jersey, leaves some very large holes.

However, I would hate to think of myself as one of the moaners. Certainly, the apprehensive part of me says that survival is the bottom line objective. The minimum target must be 14th place, and so a third consecutive Big League season for the first time since 1982-87 era. But what about the hopeful side? First Division security established early, and then a genuine top 8 challenge, and a decent cup run? Hope springs eternal!



"GETTING PEOPLE TO LIKE YOU IS ONLY THE OTHER SIDE OF LIKING THEM."
Norman Vincent Peale



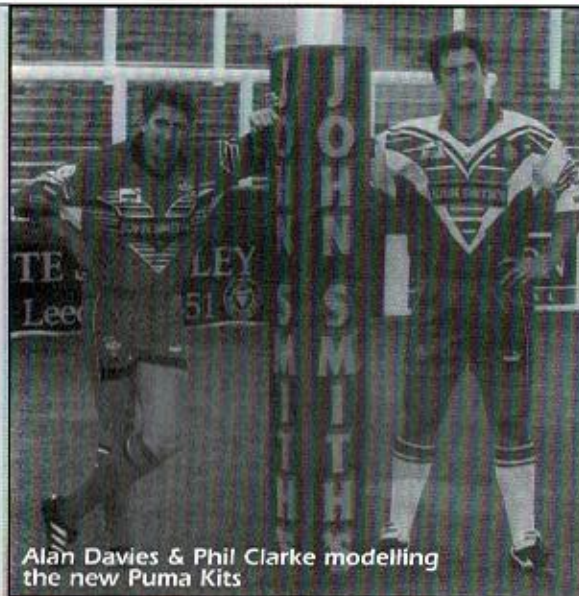
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VAUX SAMSON - ITS STRENGTH IS ITS TASTE

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING



DATE	OPPONENT	Venue	K.O.
AUGUST			
21st	Halifax	H	3.00
28th	Bradford Northern	A	3.00
SEPTEMBER			
4th	Wigan	H	3.00
11th	Warrington	A	3.00
18th	Doncaster	H	3.00
25th	Hull	A	3.15
OCTOBER			
2nd	St. Helens	H	3.00
9th	Wakefield Trinity	A	3.30
14th	Widnes (BSKYB)	H	7.30
30th	Featherstone Rovers	H	3.00
NOVEMBER			
6th	Halifax	A	3.00
22nd	Bradford Northern	H	7.30
27th	Wigan	A	3.00
DECEMBER			
4th	Regal Trophy (Round 2)		
11th	Warrington	H	3.00
18th	Regal Trophy (Round 3)		
26th	Salford	A	3.00
JANUARY			
1st	Workington Town	H	3.00
8th	Leeds	H	3.00
15th	Castleford	A	3.30
22nd	Sheffield Eagles	H	3.00
29th	Doncaster	A	3.00
FEBRUARY			
5th	Hull	H	3.00
11th	Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Round 4)		
19th	St. Helens A		3.00
25th	Silk Cup Challenge Cup (Round 5)		
MARCH			
5th	Wakefield Trinity	H	3.00
11th	Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Round 6)		
19th	Widnes	A	3.00
26th	Castleford	H	3.00
APRIL			
2nd	Leeds	A	3.30
9th	Sheffield Eagles	A	3.15
14th	Salford	H	3.00
17th	Workington Town	A	3.00
23rd	Featherstone Rovers	A	3.30



Alan Davies & Phil Clarke modelling the new Puma Kits

New Puma Strips for GB and Wales

New designs for Great Britain and Wales playing kit were launched by the Rugby Football League and Puma UK today when a new three year contract was announced for the supply of official playing and training wear for all teams representing the Rugby Football League. Puma has given a new look to GB and Wales strips though both retain the traditional national colours. The GB kit will be worn for the first time versus Australia in the first John Smith's series at Wembley on October 22nd which will be celebrated by a spectacular pre-match show, and the debut of the Wales kit will take place against the same opposition at Ninian Park on October 30th. The Great Britain strip is white and blue with red featuring an inverted Puma form-stripe design across the chest - adorned with instantly recognisable Lion head crest and Puma King Logo - and on each sleeve accompanied by the Rugby League

XIII logo. The 'John Smith's' logo of sponsor Courage is a central feature across the centre of the shirt. The lower section of the shirt is blue with an underlying jacquard-print of the GB Lion head. Shorts are blue with a red trim and socks white with blue and red tops. The Welsh strip is predominantly red with collar and cuffs in green and inverted Puma form-stripe design drawn in green and white. The Fleur de Lys and Puma King logo also adorn the shirt and 'John Smith's' logo is a central feature. Red shorts have a green trim and socks are red with white and green tops. Both strips are being manufactured in the United Kingdom. The new agreement covers supply of kit to England for representative matches prior to and during the World Cup and for the representative matches prior to and during the World Cup and for the duration of the contract. New designs for the England strip will be launched next year, Referees of the Stones Bitter

Championships will wear Puma match clothing. Puma has also become the main sponsor for a major new initiative for the development of junior Rugby League, called Puma Little League. Combined with grant received from the Government's 'Sportsmatch' Scheme, the sponsorship will be worth £90,000 over three years. Rugby Football Chief Executive Maurice Lindsay said: 'This is an exceptionally exciting time for International Rugby League in this country, with this Autumn's John Smith's test series likely to be played out before sell-out crowds, the revived European Championship to take place next Spring and, of course, the eagerly awaited Centenary World Cup in October 1995. There could not be a better time, then, to launch our new agreement with Puma UK - an agreement which can only be good for Rugby League, covering as it does not only the international game, but also our referees, and schools and junior rugby at grassroots level through the Puma Little League. It is always a pleasure to develop a partnership with a company who have such an obvious commitment to the game of Rugby League'. 'Puma has established a terrific relationship with Rugby League and its officiating body over the last decade,' said Martin Keech, Textiles Director of Puma UK. 'Our boots have considerable success at all levels of the game; we are Official Ball Supplier to the World Cup, the Rugby Football League and thirteen top club sides. Next season we will supply Wigan and the London Broncos with playing and training kit. Together with this new supply agreement with the Rugby Football League and our sponsorship of the Puma Little League initiative we will make Puma the Rugby League sports brand.' Replica product will be available to Rugby League supporters through sports stores from mid-September, with adult shirts retailing at £37.99 and junior shirts at £29.99. A range of GB leisure clothing adapted from the Puma King range will also be available through sports stores together with matching sports accessories including bags, hats and socks. For further information please contact the Puma Press Office on 0372 360255 and ask for Dave Williams. Puma UK, Challenge Court, Barnett Wood Lane, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 7LW.

"FRIENDS COME AND GO BUT ENEMIES ACCUMULATE"
Thomas F. Jones Jnr.

"NEVER GO TO BED ANGRY, STAY UP AND FIGHT"
Phyllis Diller

JUNIOR ROUGHYEDS



Neil Battye

This season promises to be a very exciting one for the Junior Roughyeds with the advent of the 'penny rush'. To join this scheme you need to join Junior Roughyeds and then you will be entitled to go in to watch all league games from the Hutchins End (*Note parents are allowed into the Hutchins enclosure with their children) for only a penny. To join simply ask for a form in the club shop. It only costs £3.00 per year and you will need two passport photographs. All Junior Members have to be

under 16 on 1st September 1994. You will also receive a 5% discount in the shop, you just simply show your membership card. We welcome your thoughts and comments so come on write to me and let's see how much fun we can have this season.

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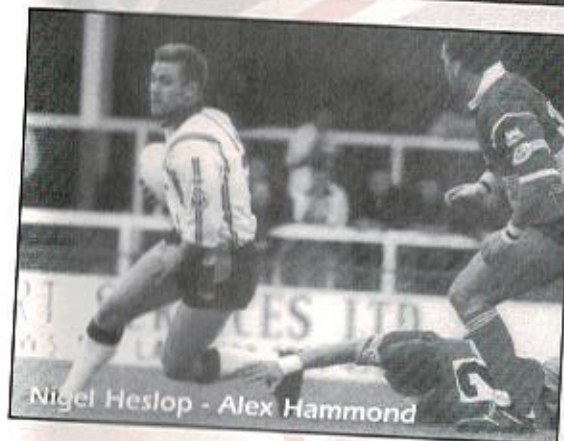
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