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8. Ian Sherratt
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10. Chris Parr
11. Paul Davidson
12. Gary Lord
13. Mike Kuiti
14. Nigel Heslop
15. Craig Richards

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1. Paul Atcheson
2. Jason Robinson
3. Va'aiga Tuigamala
4. Gary Connolly
5. Martin Offiah
6. Henry Paul
7. Shaun Edwards
8. Kelvin Skerrett
9. Martin Hall
10. Barrie McDermott
11. Dennis Betts
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13. Phil Clarke
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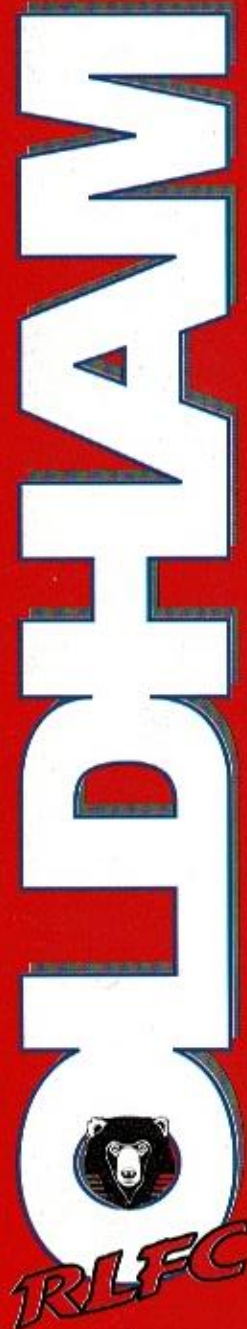
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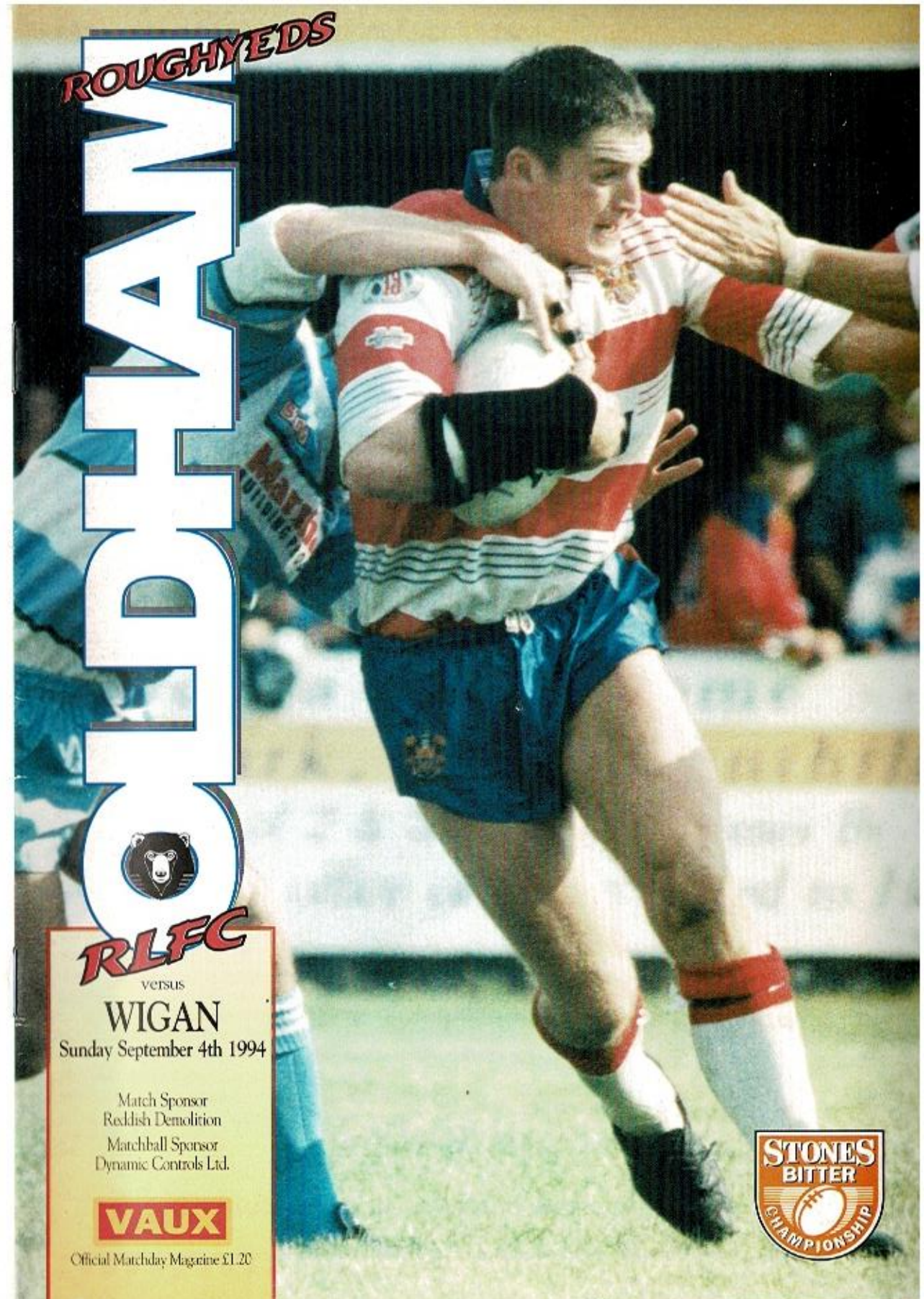
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1907-08, 1910-11, 1913-14,
1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-34,
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1921-22, 1954-55, 1966-67,
1968-69, 1986-87, 1989-90
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Record Defeat: 11-67 by Hull K.R.
September 1978
Record Attendance: 28,000 v Huddersfield
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Record Receipts: £37,505.50 v Wigan
5th October 1989
Record Transfer: £70,000 to Halifax for
Fee Paid 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

It seems like only yesterday that Wigan were gracing Watersheddings on the last day of the 1993-94 campaign and winning here under the floodlight and under the BSKyB television lights to clinch yet another Stones Bitter Championship.

Many changes have taken place at both clubs since last April and, on behalf of the Oldham club, I must take this opportunity of congratulating Wigan on their wonderful achievement in beating Brisbane Broncos in Queensland, Australia to lift the World Club Championship.

That wasn't merely a great tonic for everyone at Central Park: it was a fabulous boost for the game in England and I think it had all Rugby League men in this country walking on air for a while as we savoured what Wigan had done and looked forward to the forthcoming Test series against the Australians.

Of course, we all thought Mal Reilly would be fronting Great Britain's bid to win an Ashes series on home soil for the first time since 1959, but events of the past fortnight have decreed that Ellery Hanley will be in charge of the British team for what should be an absorbing series.

Ellery's is an interesting choice. He can take his place in the game's Hall of Fame as one of our best players of post-war Rugby League and probably **the** best player of the past decade, although an accolade like that is always subject to debate and personal opinion.

On behalf of everyone at Watersheddings, I congratulate Ellery on his appointment and wish him the very best of luck in his new role and, particularly, in his attempt to wrest the Ashes trophy from the Kangaroos in a matter of a few weeks' time.

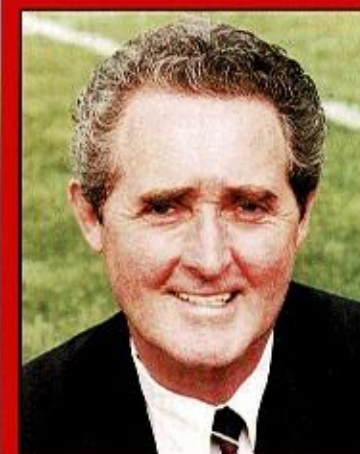
At local level, Oldham offer a big welcome today to the British game's top club side: to the Wigan players, chairman Jack Robinson and his board, the coaching staff now headed by Graeme West and to the Wigan spectators, whom we are always glad to welcome here in great numbers. For this game, of course, there is a young man who doesn't live a million miles from Watersheddings who will be keen to do particularly well in a Wigan jersey against the club that recruited him from the amateur game three years ago and gave him his big break in the professional code.

Yes, I'm referring to Barrie McDermott. We didn't want to lose Barrie and he knows that, but life goes on and Barrie is now setting out on what will hopefully be a big future not only with Wigan, but also at a higher, representative level.

It would be less than honest to say we want Barrie to do well today, for obvious reasons. But in general terms we wish him everything he would wish himself in this great game of ours. May he progress through the ranks and fulfil the potential we saw in him when he was playing across the park for Waterhead and for the BARLA national youth side.

I emphasise the word we because it appears to be the belief in some quarters that Barrie will make progress in the game now only because he has joined the biggest club in the game: that he could be destined for big things because he has signed for Wigan rather than the other way round, that Wigan signed him because they knew he had a big future in front of him.

It obviously helps to be part of the wonderful Wigan system, but the helping hand given to him by Oldham,



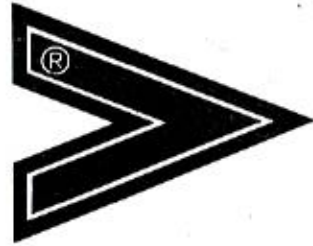
his home-town club should not be under-estimated. Oldham signed him from the amateurs and Oldham had a major part to play in his early development, particularly in the latter part of last season when Bob Lindner and Andy Goodway were in charge. Today will be a little bit special, too, for Andy, in charge of an Oldham side against a former club, Wigan, for the first time and also for Martin Crompton, who joined us from Central Park at the start of the season. Martin played a major role in keeping us in the First Division with a marvellous run towards the end of last season and Andy Goodway had no hesitation in naming him club captain when he sat down in the summer to assess his playing staff and how to make the best use of it. We expect him to have a similarly successful season in 1994-95 and play a big part in helping Oldham to establish themselves where they belong - in the First Division of the Stones Bitter Championship and in the higher echelons of the Rugby Football League.

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CLOSE UP ON WIGAN

Our visitors in detail

ANDREW FARRELL

Position Back Row Forward Height 6'4" Weight 18st
Signed from Amateur Rugby League Club Orrell St. James. An outstanding ex Schoolboy International with excellent prospects in the Great Britain squad. An all round ability player with a good kicking game.

GARY CONNOLLY

Position Utility Back Height 6'1" Weight 14st
Originally signed for St. Helens Rugby League from Amateur Rugby League Club Blackbrook (St. Helens). Another international prospect with a good turn of speed. Favourite position Centre. Signed from St. Helens for whom he played against Wigan in the Challenge Cup Final at the age of 17 years.

BARRIE JON MATHER

Position Back Row Forward Height 6'7" Weight 15.10
Signed from Fylde Rugby Union Club (Blackpool). A forward who has adapted successfully to Centre. Known as "B.J." he played Lock Forward in his Rugby Union days and is a possible future international at the difficult position of Centre.

JASON ROBINSON

Position winger Height 5'8" Weight 13st
Signed from Amateur Rugby League Club Yorks. In his amateur days an outstanding half back. Great Britain international nicknamed "Billy Whizz" who is difficult to tackle when coming "inside".

MARTIN HALL

Position Hooker Height 5'9" Weight 14.4
Strong running, hard tackling hooker, made a big impression when taking to the field as substitute for Martin Dermott in the World Club Challenge match against Brisbane Broncos earlier this year.

PHIL CLARKE

Position Backrow Forward Height 6ft Weight 14.8
Signed from Amateur Rugby League Club Wigan St. Patricks. Favourite position loose forward, another outstanding prospect for the International squad with exceptional pace and the ability to attack any defence out wide. He is the son of former Wigan hooker and Coach Colin Clarke.

SHAUN EDWARDS

Position Half Back Height 5'10" Weight 12st
Signed from Wigan St. Patricks. Favourite position scrum half. Captained England at both codes at schoolboy level and holds the most winners medals in the games history. Demands perfection from both himself and his colleagues. A player with vision and constant alertness.

HENRY PAUL

Position Back
Signed from New Zealand. Played for Wakefield in the 1993/94 season when he had an outstanding game against Wigan. A good all round Rugby League player on line with some of the great names from New Zealand who have played for the Wigan club. His ability to read a game reflects in his personal skill and commitment.

DENNIS BETTS

Position Backrow Forward Height 6'2" Weight 16.4

Signed from Amateur Rugby League Club Leigh Rangers. Favourite position second row. A powerful forward when attacking with a sound defensive quality. Leaves Wigan at the end of the season to play for New Zealand club Auckland Warriors.

MARTIN DERMOTT

Position Hooker Height 5'10" Weight 13.12
Signed from Amateur Rugby League club Wigan St. Patricks. The "Comedian" of the team he is an electric player when acting half back. One of the finest hookers in the game and a Great Britain International. He can change a game with his breaks through the oppositions defence.

FRANO BOTICA

Position Half back Height 5'11" Weight 12.8
Signed from New Zealand Rugby Union. An ex All Black Rugby Union star who is currently Wigans greatest points scorer. An impeccable goal kicker with outstanding rugby abilities. This his last season with Wigan when he returns to his home in New Zealand.

KELVIN SKERRETT

Position Prop Forward Height 5'11" Weight 17.8
Transferred to Wigan from Bradford Northern he is a Great Britain international and a powerfully strong running prop. A gifted player for this very demanding position on a rugby field.

MICHAEL CASSIDY

Position Forward Height 5'9" Weight 14st 6
Signed from Amateur Rugby League Club Wigan St. Judes. An all round adaptable forward with strong pace and determination making the opposing teams wary of him. A future outstanding prospect for the test squad.

VA'AIGA TUIGAMALA

Position Back Height 5'11" Weight 16.8
A famous ex All Black international who played his first game for Wigan on the wing. This season could see a transfer to centre. Gained his first Challenge Cup winners medal in April 1994 against Leeds at Wembley. A strong powerful runner who has adapted well to the game of Rugby League.

JOE LYDDON

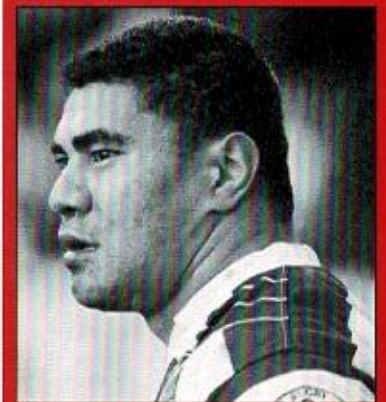
Position Back Height 6ft Weight 15.3
Signed originally from Amateur Rugby League club Wigan St. Patricks. An international player of outstanding abilities who has represented his country at every back line position. Transferred to Wigan from Widnes in 1986 and is one of only four players to win both the Lance Todd Trophy and the Harry Sunderland Award. At present assisting Graham West with the first team.

NIGEL WRIGHT

Position Half Back Height 6ft Weight 15.1
Transferred to Wigan from Wakefield. A classy player with good handling skills and neat sidestep. He has been very unlucky to sustain a number of long term injuries which impaired his performance.

TERRY O'CONNOR

Position Forward Height 6'3" Weight 18.6
Originally signed from Amateur Rugby League Club Widnes St. Maries. He transferred to Wigan from



VA'AIGA TUIGAMALA, Gained his first Challenge Cup winners medal in April 1994 against Leeds at Wembley.

Salford and is an ex BARLA tourist to New Zealand. He is looking forward to making his mark for his new club.

BARRY MCDERMOTT

Position Forward Height 5'11" Weight 17.2
Originally signed from Amateur Rugby League Club Waterhead (Oldham). A future young prospect who now has the chance to shine at top level. Signed from Oldham in the close season and played his first game for Wigan against Featherstone in the opening League game of the 1994/95 season.

NEIL COWIE

Position Prop Forward Height 6'2" Weight 16.10
Originally signed from Todmorden A.R.L.F.C. and transferred to Wigan from Rochdale in 1991. A powerful and strong running forward who must be a contender for the Great Britain position of prop.

PAUL ATCHESON

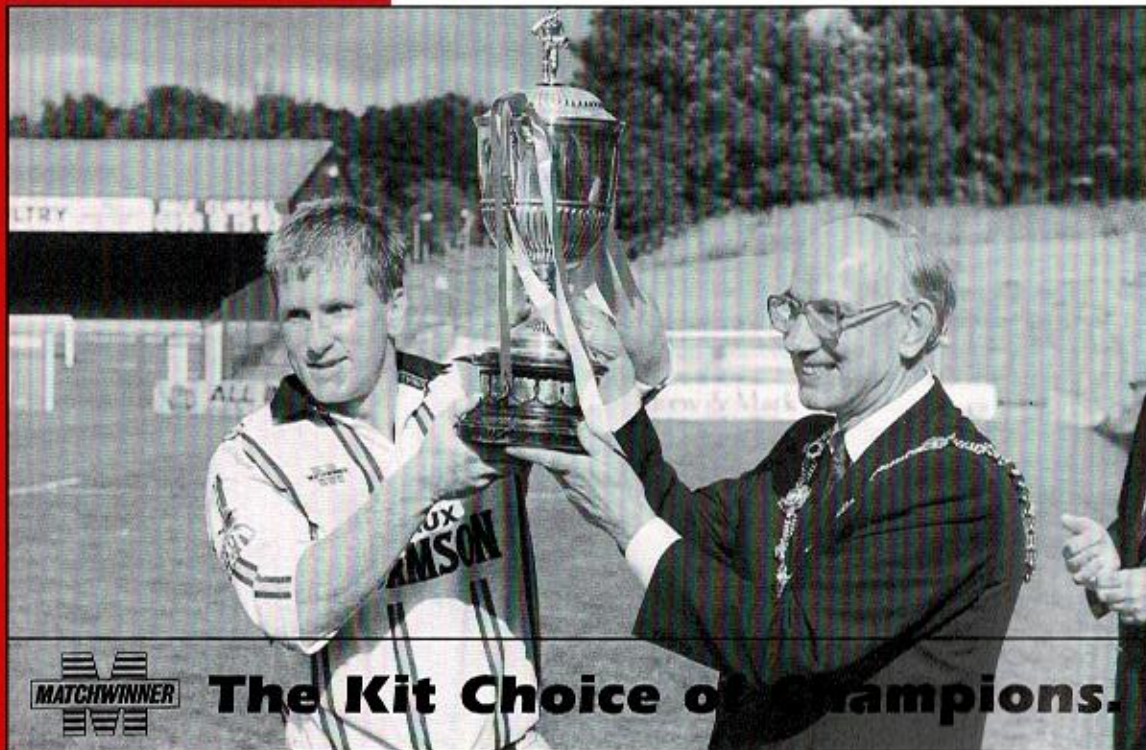
Position Back Height 6'2" Weight 15.9
Signed originally from Blackbrook Amateur Rugby League Club (St. Helens) transferred to Wigan from Widnes in 1992. A powerful tackler who will be pushing to make his mark in the Wigan squad.

MARTIN OFFIAN

Position Winger Height 6ft Weight 13.10
Originally signed from Rossly Park Rugby Union Club (London) and transferred to Wigan from Widnes for a record signing fee of £40,000. One of the all time greats of the game with an exceptional turn of speed.

GRAEME WEST

Senior Coach
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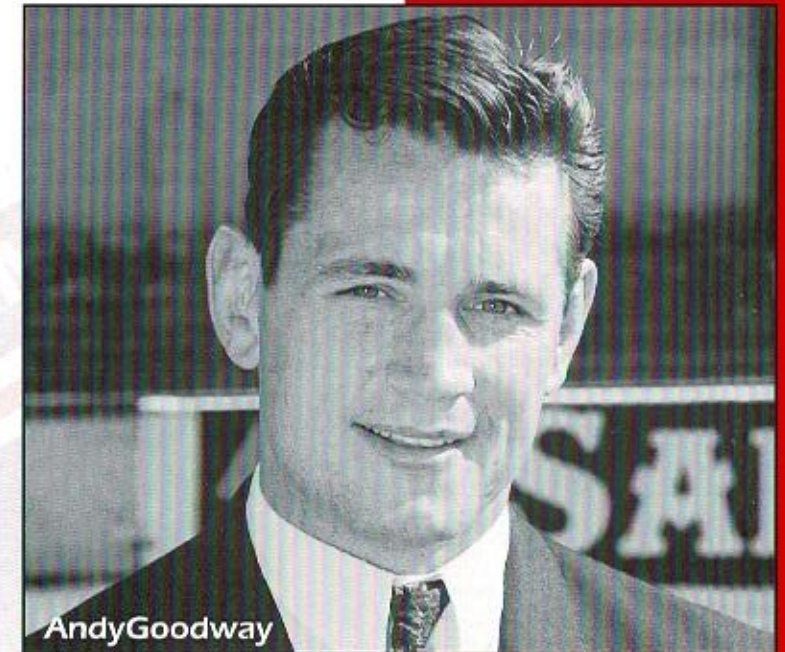
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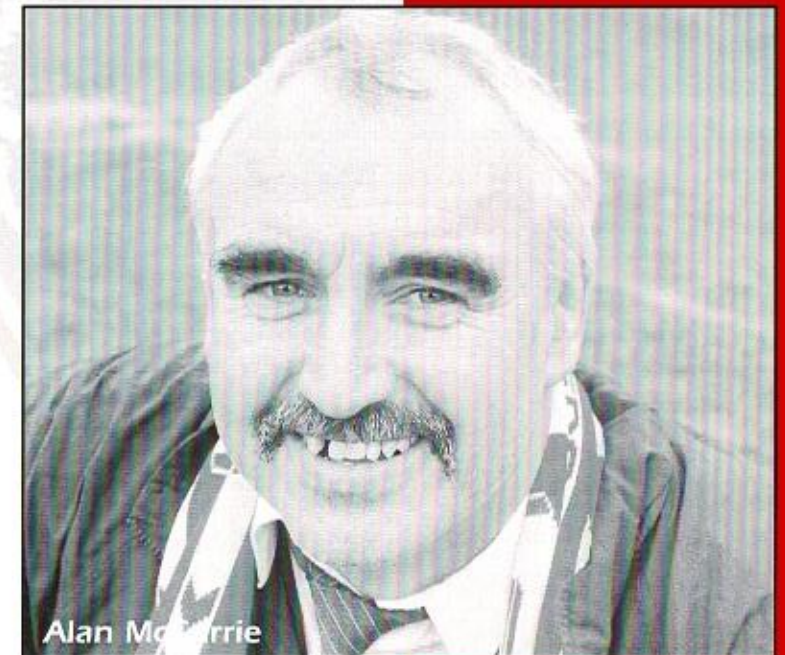
The coaching staff wish to express their delight with all the supporters during the first two matches of the season and with the impending arrival of three overseas players from New Zealand this can only add to the strength and depth of the squad.

With the appointment of our new Alliance coach, Dennis McHugh, the 'A' Team have got off to a tremendous start against stern opposition. The players are disappointed with the start to the season but realise that with such a "tough start", they were not going to be a top four side overnight, but with a massive improvement against Bradford, the patience of our supporters - come Christmas the work done during the summer period will certainly bear fruit.

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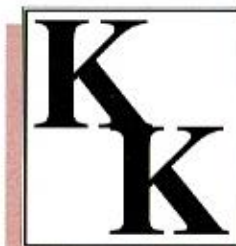
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A LOOK AT THE LOCAL AMATEUR RUGBY SCENE

Amateur Rugby League's representative season kicked off last Wednesday with the opening round of the Inter-League competition in which Oldham took on Rochdale at Hollinwood's Fields New Road ground. These notes were penned prior to that match being played but the winners are at home to the winners of the North Lancashire v Manchester clash which is being staged next Wednesday. That second round tie is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 14th September and followers of the amateur game should watch out in the local press for details of venue and kick off time. Players who decline to appear for their local league will not be considered for selection in the forthcoming County Championship or Great Britain fixtures. It is an ideal opportunity, therefore, for players to impress the County and International selectors. The draw for the tournament has been made through to the final

which is scheduled to take place in late October. Should Oldham win through to that final then they would have the advantage of staging the game at home. Both local clubs made successful starts to their Conference League campaigns. First Division St. Annes registered an 18-4 home win over Oulton with prop Mick Gill leading the way with a try and three goals. Notably, Saints are still unbeaten at home in Conference League football and next Saturday they defend that proud record when Walney Central visit Higginshaw Road. In the Premier League, Saddleworth Rangers won 25-10 up at Askham, the only away win in the opening day's fixtures. Next Saturday a large crowd is expected at Shaw Hall Bank Road where the visitors are triple cup winners Heworth. Last season these York based opponents rebuilt well during their First Division campaign. They won the Yorkshire Cup and

the National League Cup as well as the First Division Championship. However, they have conceded over thirty points on each of their past three visits to Saddleworth although expect a closer finish next weekend. On Saturday, 17th September both clubs travel across to Humberside. Saints visit Beverley whilst Rangers face West Hull. Next Friday evening, 9th September a Rugby League evening is being held at Oldham Cricket Club, Broadbent Road, Watersheddings. It features a comedian, potato pie supper, quiz and auction but the main attraction is a forum involving five former Oldham internationals. Andy Goodway, Mick Worrall, Des Foy, Ray Ashton and Terry Flanagan have agreed to answer questions from the floor. Tickets are available from Oldham Cricket Club (624 2694), Jake Ashworth (0457 874765) or Graham Williams (626 9506)

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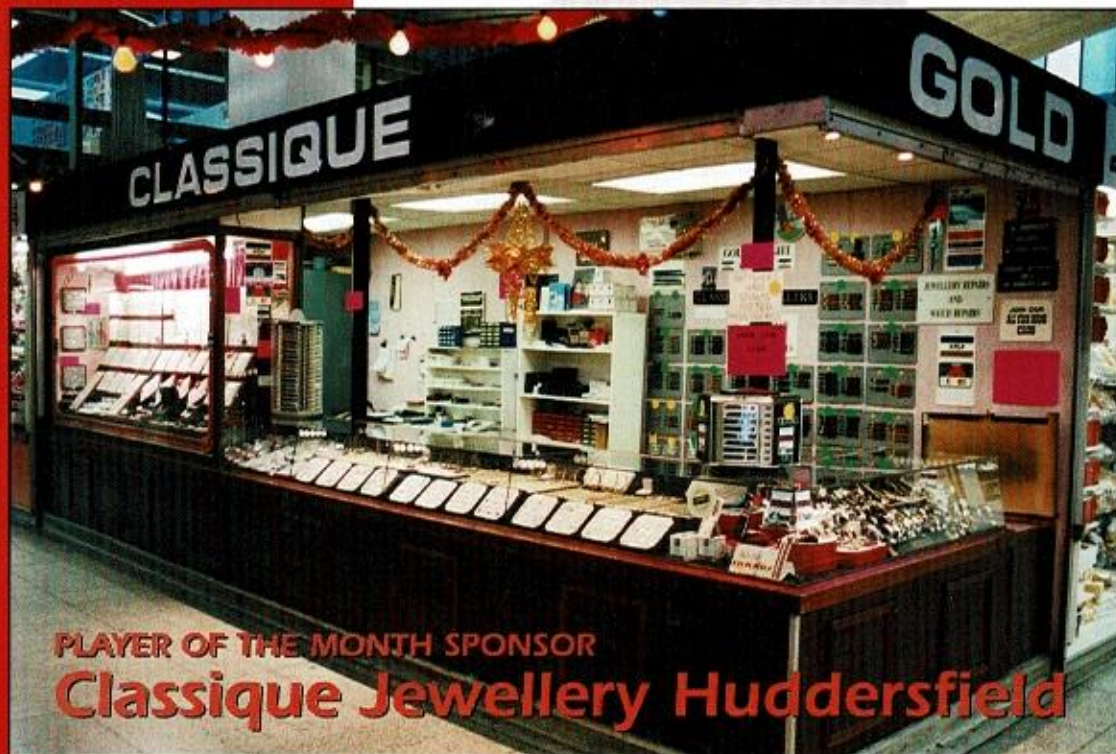
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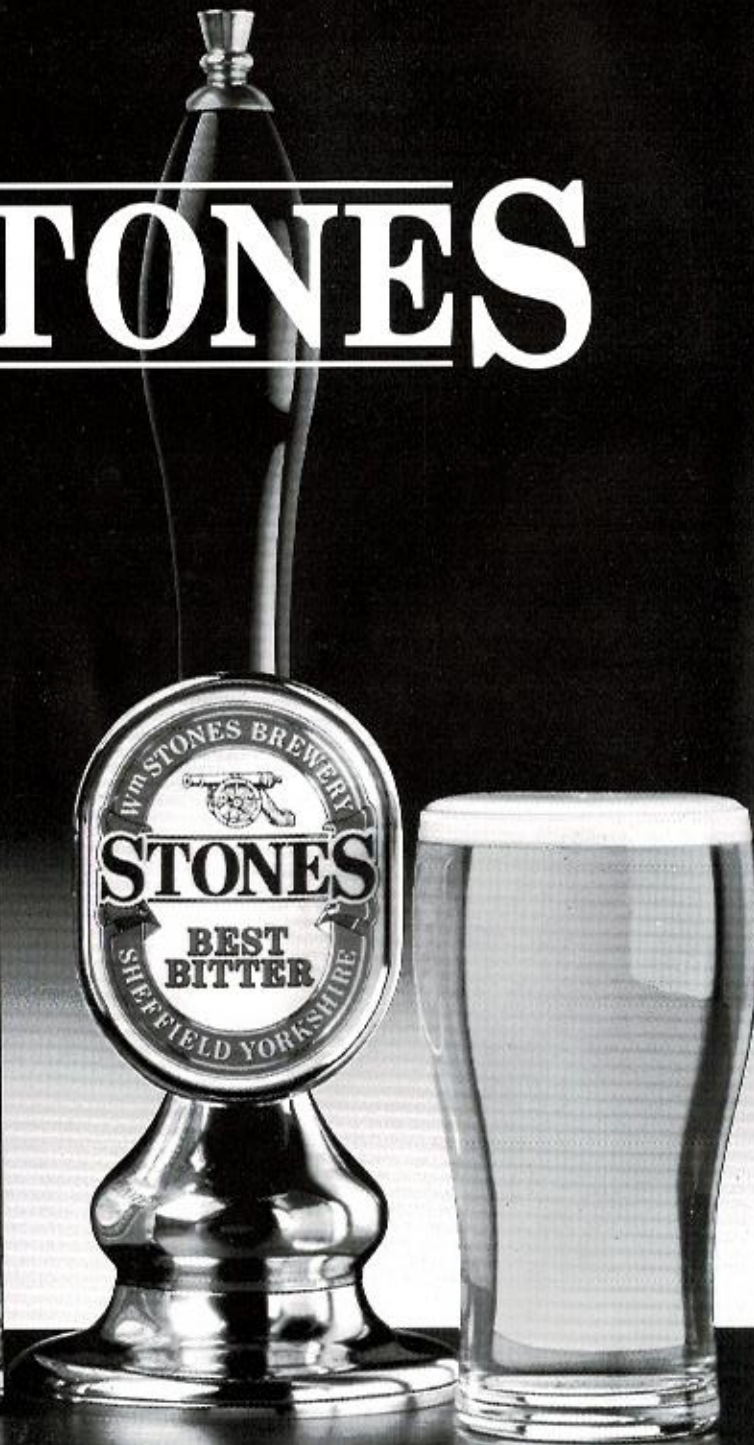
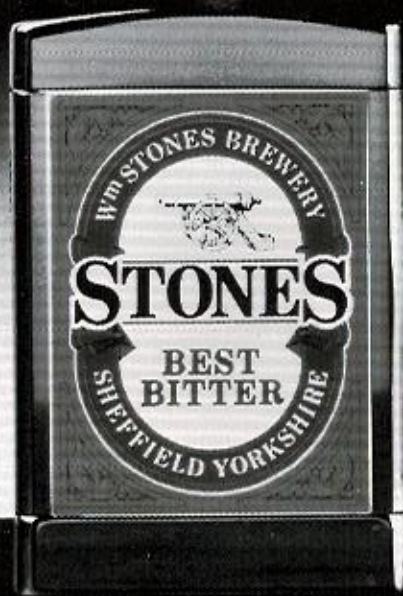
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This year for those who feel unable to attend the Sportsmans Dinners in the evenings, they will have the opportunity to 'socialise' with clients or colleagues over a lunch which also has a celebrity speaker. The ideal way to mix business and pleasure, combining the highest quality cuisine, celebrity speaker and an afternoons entertainment.

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TICKETS

During the season we accept that every game is not going to be a 'sell out'. So we have decided to sell these tickets to companies at greatly reduced prices. The tickets are only for standing areas and cannot be exchanged for seats.

The regular ticket prices are – Adult £6.00 – Child/OAP £3.00

These tickets can be used as prizes, or simply public relation exercises.

The tickets will be available for the following games:

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The tickets are available in 100's



**Martin Crompton
Receives the Law Cup**

1994/95 HOSPITALITY PRICE LIST

Type of Package	Match	Executive	Man of the Match	Match ball	
Number of Guests		20*1	10*2	4*3	4*3
Date	Versus	K. Off			
21/8	Halifax	3.00pm	£1,400	£750	£275
4/9	Wigan	3.00pm	£2,000	£1,000	£350
18/9	Doncaster	3.00pm	£1,100	£650	£275
2/10	St. Helens	3.00pm	£1,500	£800	£300
14/10	Widnes	7.30pm	£1,400	£750	£275
30/10	Featherstone	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275
22/11	Bradford	7.30pm	£1,500	£800	£300
11/12	Warrington	3.00pm	£1,400	£750	£300
1995					
1/1	Workington	3.00pm	£1,100	£650	£275
8/1	Leeds	3.00pm	£1,400	£750	£275
22/1	Sheffield E	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275
5/2	Hull	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275
5/3	Wakefield T	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275
26/3	Castleford	3.00pm	£1,500	£800	£300
14/4	Salford	7.30pm	£1,250	£700	£275

Prices Exclude VAT

Cost per head for extra guests – *1 £60 – *2 £60 – *3 £50

"THE WILL TO WIN IS NOT NEARLY AS IMPORTANT AS THE WILL TO PREPARE TO WIN"
- Bobby Knight

THE GROWING GAME

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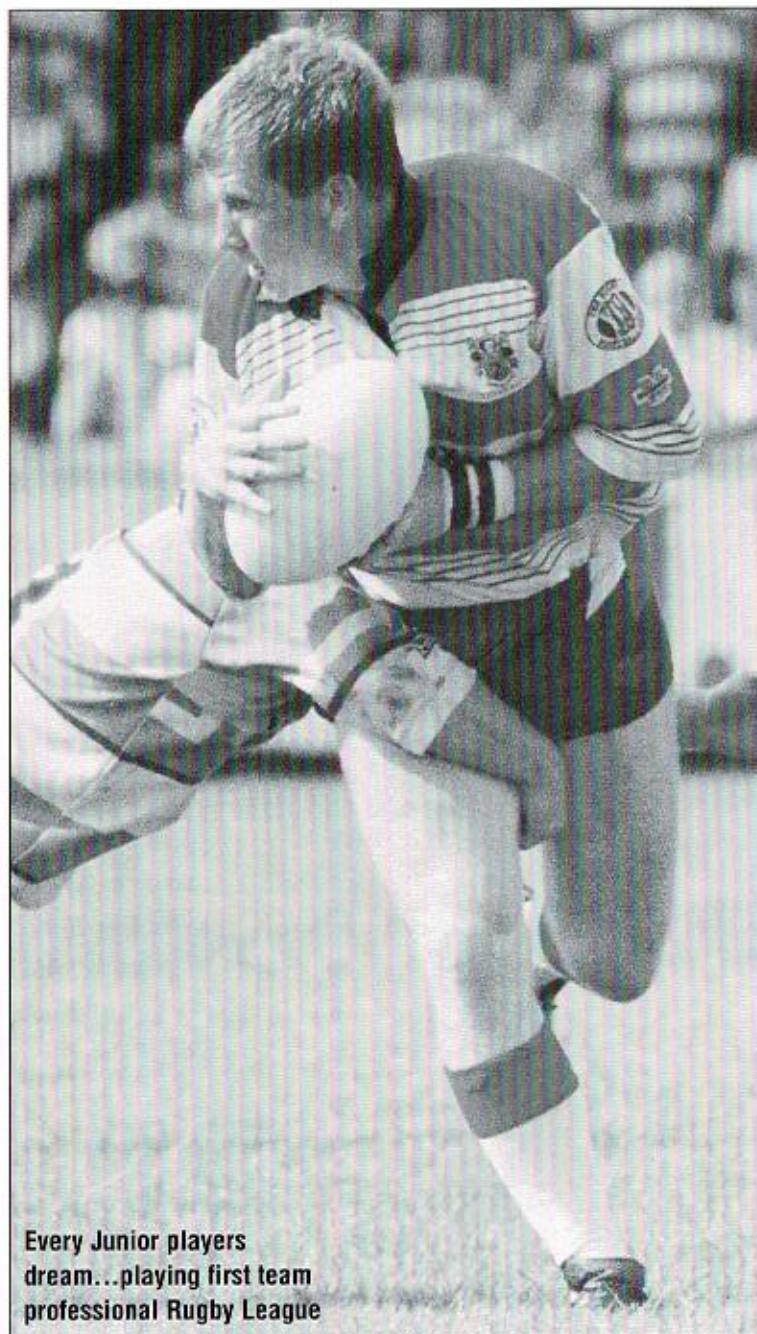
As you read this and prepare to enjoy the game, I am on my way back from holiday. I hope the season has started as we would hope.

To demoralise and distress our Junior Roughheads it's back to school this week. But to soften the blow there is a full season of exciting Rugby League action to look forward to.

The Town teams have been training long and hard now and should be beginning to take some shape. The new Development Squads will begin the week after next.

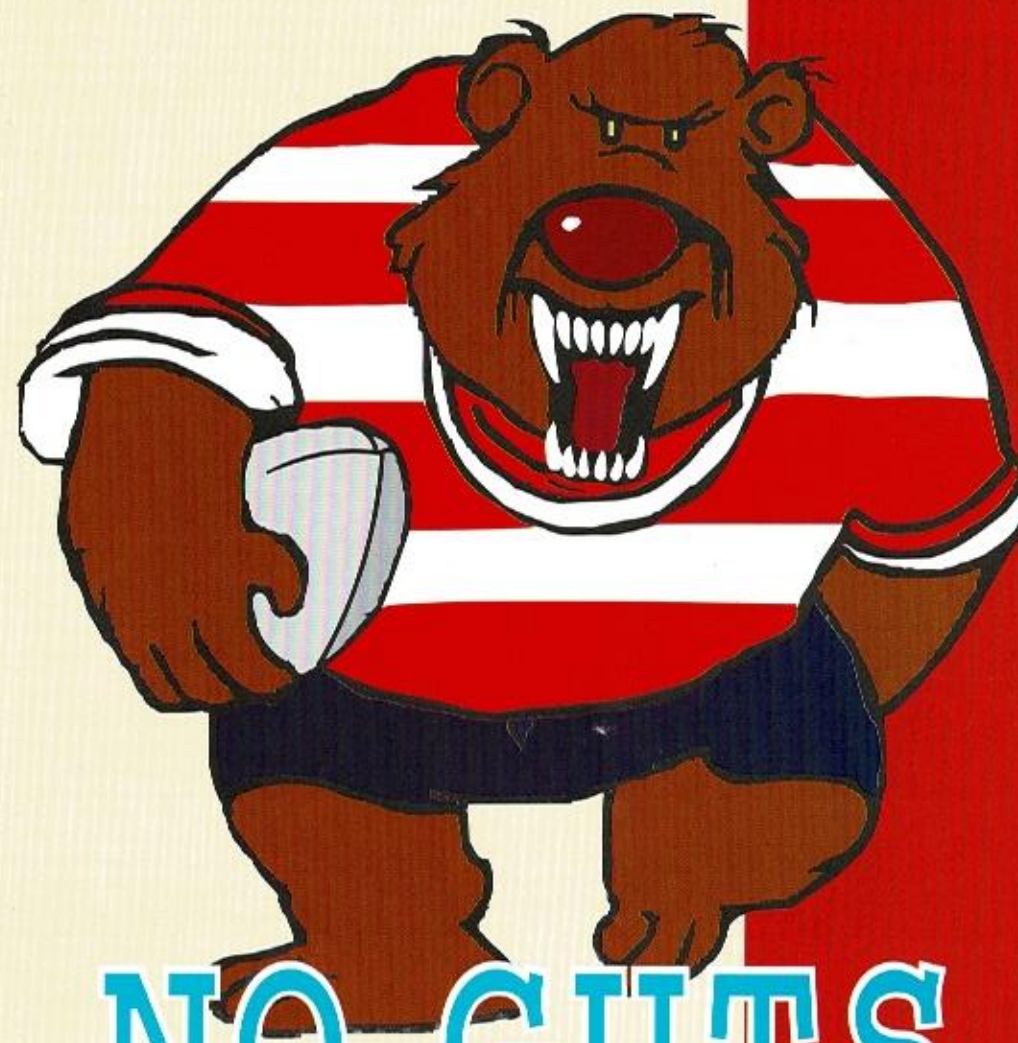
A date for your diary is Wednesday, September 28th at Clayton Playing Fields when all the Junior Schools are invited to take part in a Mini-League Festival. This will be followed by festivals in October and November.

Our Junior Club teams are very close to starting their season and anyone who wishes to join a club should contact the Development Office on 627 4497.



Every Junior players dream...playing first team professional Rugby League

"IF YOU TAKE TOO LONG IN DECIDING WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE YOU'LL FIND YOU'VE DONE IT." - Pam Shaw



NO GUTS NO GLORY

"IT IS ONLY EIGHTEEN INCHES BETWEEN A PAT ON THE BACK AND A KICK IN THE PANTS." - Joseph Crossman

MALCOLM LORD

The Face Behind the voice of BBC GMR's Rugby League.



Everybody
can do
it better!

Commentating on Rugby League and getting paid for it - what more could you want? Well I agree its a greet job, but it does have several drawbacks -

1) Nearly everybody can do it better - and even if they can't its amazing how people during an 80 minute commentary remember only the few seconds of cock ups.

2) I take the wife with me to as many games as possible - (well its better than having to kiss her goodbye)

3) I have to endure the 'expert' comments of my mate Kevin Ashcroft - 'all they have to do now is stick the ball up their jerseys get their heads down and it'll be San Fairyan, hey lads hey, Bobs your uncle and all over bar the shouting! All joking apart I wouldn't swap it for the world, and this is just to say that I'll be writing a few articles in your programme over the coming weeks.

I will try to be controversial and at the same time humorous and if there's anything you disagree with strongly then please let me

know. By the way many congratulations to Doncaster - for so long they've been the butt of many peoples jokes so I must admit I shared a little of Tony Fishers joy when they turned over St. Helens last week. From my history at Rochdale Hornets I know what it is like to struggle both on and off the field and in this particular instance I can tell you they thoroughly deserved it, I know I was there.

Malcolm Lord

(described once as having the perfect face for Radio)



"IF YOU HAVEN'T CHARITY IN YOUR HEART YOU HAVE THE WORST KIND OF HEART TROUBLE." - Bob Hope

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"A GREAT ACTOR CAN BRING TEARS TO YOUR EYES, BUT THEN SO CAN A MECHANIC"
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FROM SMALL 'A' CORNS GROW

A look at our Alliance and Academy teams

ALLIANCE FIRST DIVISION

DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	K.O.	RES
August				
17th	Ryedale Y	H	7.30	W36-12
19th	Halifax	A	7.30	W32-26
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			
18th	Wakefield T	H	7.30	
25th	Wigan	H	7.30	
30th	Leeds	A	7.30	
December				
9th	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	

'A' TEAM V BRADFORD

Going down 20 points to 6, 10 minutes before half-time things looked bleak but a try by Iyan Green just before the break converted by Martin Holden gave the side. A lifeline for a second half fightback which saw an half-time reversal of 12-20 turn into a hard fought 32-26 victory which gets Dennis McHugh's lads off to a promising start to the New Alliance season. Overall, it was a much better display than the previous week's victory at Halifax as Bradford where a much stronger side with people of the calibre of Paul Medley, Paul Grayshon, Neil Holden and promising young players like local lad Phil Russell, it was, therefore, a creditable performance with strong displays from Paul Norman and Dave Stephenson which earned them call-ups to the senior squad at Bradford on the Sunday.



Iyan Green... Two tries against Bradford 'A'

'A' TEAM V HALIFAX

After last season's astonishing run of results which left the side undefeated, a return to The Alliance First Division with a trip to Halifax was a testing fixture and with a much younger side and a new coach in the vastly experienced Dennis McHugh having taken the side over from the departed Shaun Tupea. A very good Oldham following was wondering what was in store. After

a very patchy first half display, it was a different game in the second-half with the side reducing its error rate dramatically and overturned a 10-4 half-time defeat into a convincing 36-12 victory. It was pleasing to witness the way young Howard Hill and Chris McKinney settled in to the side and with Paul Norman, Dave Stephenson and Iyan Green leading from the front and strong games in the backs by Paul Topping, Adrian Bell (until injured) tries by Alfie Goldbourne, Mickey Edwards (2), Dave Grimes and a sensational 100 yard try by Martin Holden. Dennis was off to a winning start after only a limited time spent with the lads during the week.

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RUFF E. HEAD

THE MAN IN THE KNOW

“ What exactly is the sin-bin for? Against Halifax, Round clearly held down in the tackle, to prevent a try scoring opportunity, fine. But Crompton? He threw a punch so did a player in a Sky match last week, in a virtually identical situation and context. The outcome was a finger-wagging and a penalty. As for Heslop, since when has a push been a sin-bin offence? Stupid yes, sin-bin, quite baffling, I for one can't wait for Greg McCallum to start working. He is bound to bring some movement towards greater consistency. ”



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

“ Did you ever wonder about the percentage of the fixture computer which gave Oldham 4 of last season's top 5 for the first 4 fixtures of the season? We could well be the only side without a league point by September 11th, but actually have played reasonably well. In fact it was not done by a machine at all, but by a young man in leafy Cheshire suburbia. To be fair to him, he has an impossible task to please everyone, with traditional derby dates, the alternate home and away objective, clashes with neighbouring clubs, ground-sharing arrangements and international fixtures to allow for. But he certainly hasn't done us any favours. ”

“ Mal out Ellery in. Just goes to show how far ahead our chairman was in appointing a young coach who achieved every honour in the game. Well done Jim. Well done uncle Maurice. ”

“ That man Jack 'The Stopwatch' has been moaning again. I hear on the grapevine he's been asking our Chief Executive for a new 'hooter'. Now there's a conversation I would have liked to have been in on. ”

“ For those who made the delightful trip to Tattersfield last February, including probably Peter Tunks, I suspect that Doncaster's start to the season will not come as too much of a shock. They play a simple game plan, and with a genuine team spirit and passion. But what a disappointing first match crowd against Widnes, and what an atrocious performance by the Chemics. A hotly contested relegation battle looks assured. ”

“ Two radio quotes from last Sunday: 'The way he took his two tries makes you wonder why Goodway only uses Craig Richards on the bench' (Radio Leeds - the report made no mention of sin-bins) 'Its a good job Horace Dove-Edwin of Sierra Leone has a Rugby League trial for Canberra lined up, there's certainly no future for him in athletics now' (Radio Five) ”



TRY AGAIN!

VAUX SAMSON - ITS STRENGTH IS ITS TASTE

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING 1994-95

POT POURRI

The management team for the 1994 Kangaroos touring party has been announced - a formidable nine-strong outfit. The managers for the 28-man party will be New South Wales's Jeff Carr and Queensland's Ron Wilkinson, while coach Bob Fulton will be assisted by Canberra Raiders' Sean McRae, the noted conditioning expert who worked with Phil Larder at Widnes in the aftermath of the 1992 Stones Bitter World Cup final. Doctor and physio will be Nathan Gibbs and Mark Bevan, and there will be three specialist trainers - Brian Hollis, Dave Ryan and Johnny Lewis. The Prime Minister, the Rt Hon John Major MP, will be hosting a reception at 10 Downing Street in September for up-and-coming young sportsmen, at which Rugby League will be represented by Leeds's Academy International and Silk Cut Challenge Cup final try-scorer Francis Cummins, and Wigan's Great Britain wingman Jason Robinson. The Rugby Football League have deferred the appointment of a development officer for Ireland following the visit of a delegation to Dublin last week. It was felt that several good candidates for the position had missed out on the initial trawl of applications, and also that, given the importance of the post and the size of the country, consideration ought to be given to making two appointments. The two transfer tribunerals scheduled for last week, for Jason Green's move from Rochdale to Widnes and Paul Myler from Warrington to Widnes, have been cancelled after agreements were reached between the clubs. The League are delighted that Chief Executive Maurice Lindsay's urgings to clubs to negotiate more effectively have been heeded.

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

DATE	OPPONENT	K.O.	Res
AUGUST			
21st	Halifax	3.00	L 20-40
28th	Bradford Northern	3.00	L 14-36
SEPTEMBER			
4th	Wigan	3.00	
11th	Warrington	3.00	
18th	Doncaster	3.00	
25th	Hull	3.15	
OCTOBER			
2nd	St. Helens	3.00	
9th	Wakefield Trinity	3.30	
14th	Widnes (BSKYB)	7.30	
30th	Featherstone Rovers	3.00	
NOVEMBER			
6th	Halifax	3.00	
22nd	Bradford Northern	7.30	
27th	Wigan	3.00	
DECEMBER			
4th	Regal Trophy (Round 2)		
11th	Warrington	3.00	
18th	Regal Trophy (Round 3)		
26th	Salford	3.00	
JANUARY			
1st	Workington Town	3.00	
8th	Leeds	3.00	
15th	Castleford	3.30	
22nd	Sheffield Eagles	3.00	
29th	Doncaster	3.00	
FEBRUARY			
5th	Hull	3.00	
11th	Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Round 4)		
19th	St. Helens	3.00	
25th	Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Round 5)		
MARCH			
5th	Wakefield Trinity	3.00	
11th	Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Round 6)		
19th	Widnes	3.00	
26th	Castleford	3.00	
APRIL			
2nd	Leeds	3.30	
9th	Sheffield Eagles	3.15	
14th	Salford	3.00	
17th	Workington Town	3.00	
23rd	Featherstone Rovers	3.30	

HOME FIXTURES ARE DENOTED IN BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS



MARTIN OFFIAH

Martin Offiah needs five tries for a career century of touchdowns with Wigan. The Test winger's total of 95 has come in 89 matches including one as substitute. He shares the club record of 10 tries in a match with Shaun Edwards. Offiah set the record with 10 against Leeds in a 74-6 Stones Bitter Premiership home semi-final victory on 10 May 1992. It was one of 10 times Offiah has scored three tries or more in a match for Wigan, including three five-try feats. Offiah was signed from Widnes for a world record £440,000 and made his debut in a 20-2 Division One home defeat of Wakefield Trinity on 5 January 1992.

The former Rosslyn Park rugby union winger scored 181 tries in 145 matches for Widnes and his total of club and representative touchdowns is 325. Offiah's season-by-season totals for Wigan are as follows:

	App	Tries
1991-92	15 + 1	30
1992-93	38	30
1993-94	34	35
1994-95	1	0
Totals	88 + 1	95



Gartland G. Crompton Sherratt Clarke Parr Davidson Lord Kuiti Richards T. Bishop
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JOHN BENTLEY

John Bentley of Halifax scored the 100th try of his career with one in the 40-20 Stones Bitter Championship win at Oldham.

POINT SCORING RUN

John Gallagher of London Broncos has the best point scoring run of 35 matches stretching back to last October.

WINNING RUNS

Wigan have the longest winning run of 10 matches, stretching back to last April. It consists of 5 Stones Bitter Championship matches, 3 Premiership ties, the Silk Cut Challenge Cup Final and the World

Club Challenge.

Bradford Northern were the last club to beat Wigan, 10-6 at Odsal on 12 April.

LOSING RUN

Highfield have gone 16 matches without a win - all in Division Two. The run began with a draw followed by 15 successive defeats. Their last win was 16-13 at home to Saddleworth Rangers amateurs in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup on 16 January. They have gone 26 Second Division matches without a win, with their last a 16-13 victory at Bramley on 26 September.

CLASSIQUE JEWELLERS PLAYER OF THE MONTH MERIT AWARDS

v Halifax

Crompton5
Kuiti3
Gartland1

v Bradford Northern

Clarke5
Sherratt3
Richards1

NEVER GO TO BED ANGRY, STAY UP AND FIGHT
Phyllis Dyer

JUNIOR ROUGHYEDS

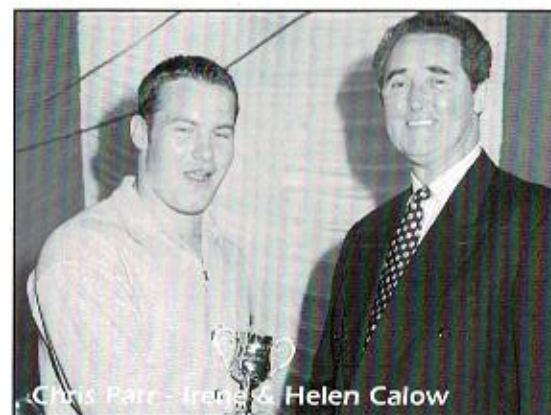
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Our Mascot for the season is 6 year old Sam Kershaw



Wally Gibson in action against Rochdale



Chris Parr - Irons & Helen Calow



Wally Gibson - Specsavers



Nigel Heslop - Alex Hammond



Ian Sherratt - Bill & Brenda Rogers

Thank you

A big thanks to all people who generously gave to our bucket collection on Sunday. The money raised went to our mascot of the day Chris Hand, who is badly disabled but a great boy. He needs a special computer that he can work with his nose and mouth. We raised £170 on Sunday, and had previously made £750 on a 60's night. Again thanks a lot All the best,

Lynton
Rochdale Hornets

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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