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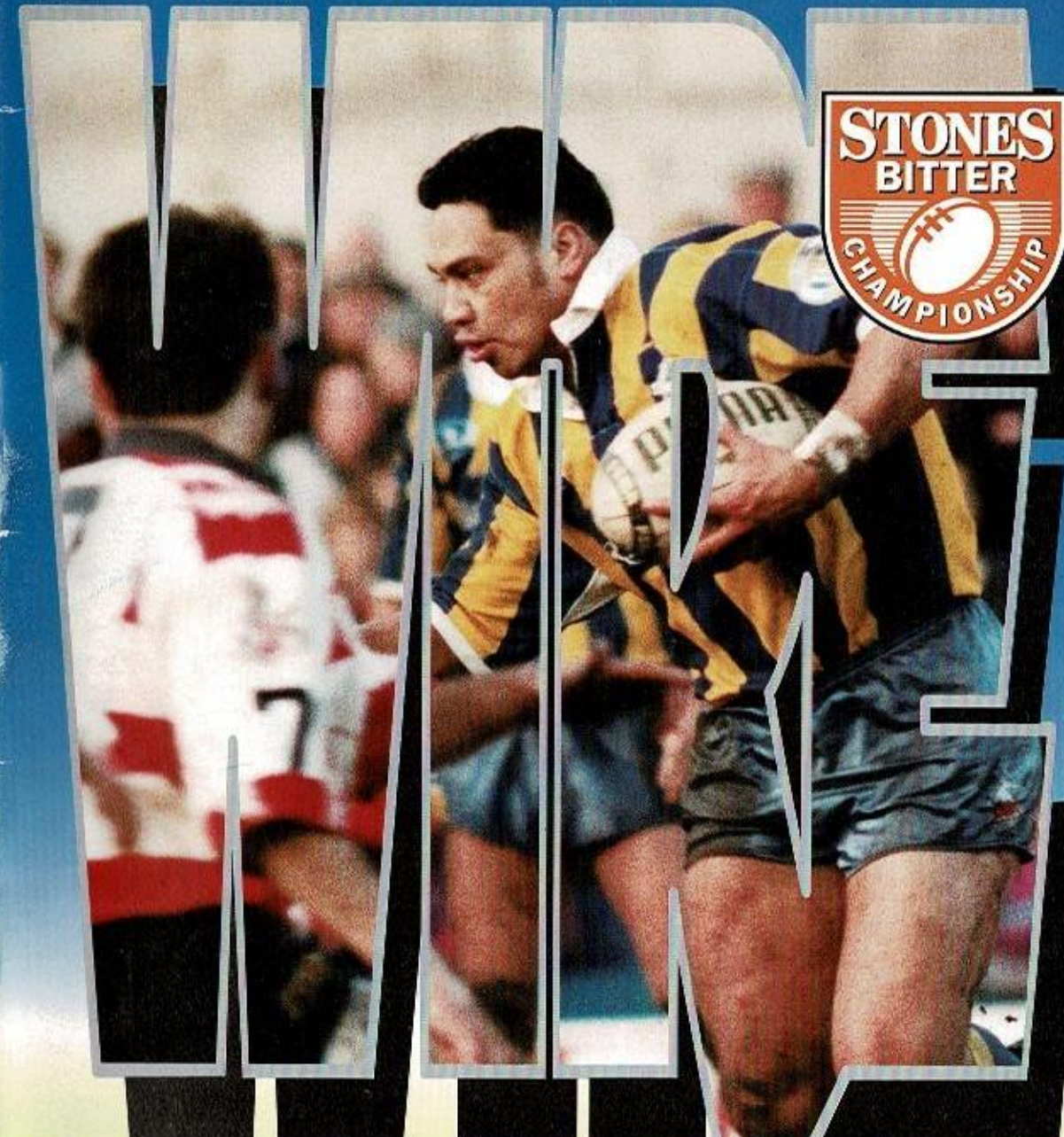
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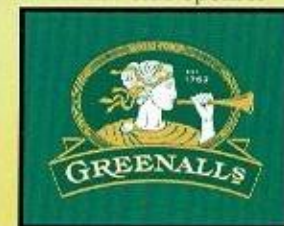
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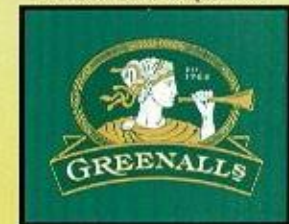
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At Hull, I felt that we could have won the opening game of the season but we did not take the game to Hull in a way we are capable. In the end I had to settle for being pleased with one point which in the closing minutes might have been a defeat.

I have expressed my views on three games in eight days on many occasions. With the intensity of the modern game, it simply is not on, yet here we are in the third week of a new season having to face a second dose of that medicine in a pre-planned League fixture list. There are of course many reasons advanced, the arrival of the Australian Tour Party, International Tests and Welsh Tests none of which have any bearing on what should be the game's Premier Competition, The Stones Bitter Championship. Today's home game against Oldham comes as an Oasis in the middle of five away trips to Yorkshire. Does it require so great an imagination to work out a consistent Home and Away pattern which helps supporters, players and club managers who often have to go cap in hand to the Bank Manager to pay the wages without the regular income from Home games.

Neither St. Helens nor Wakefield were easy games to contemplate. St. Helens in particular have a good record at Wilderspool. The results were good and I thought we were establishing some sort of pattern in our play on which to build. The luxury of a week's break was tempered by three more games in the following week. Featherstone, Bradford and Oldham. For whatever reason our game at Post Office Road was flat, the early season legs did not have the spring of the two home games and conceding two tries in the final seven minutes was not acceptable. With a strong following of our supporters boosting what otherwise would have been a meagre crowd, I was very disappointed. We now have to pick ourselves up in a couple of days to take on Bradford at Odsal Stadium as a warm up for this afternoon's encounter with Oldham. Our final five games of the season encompass Castleford, Leeds, Widnes, Wigan and St. Helens, a lot can happen before we reach that stage and whatever happens at Bradford, I am looking for a big improvement today. Thanks once again for your tremendous support.



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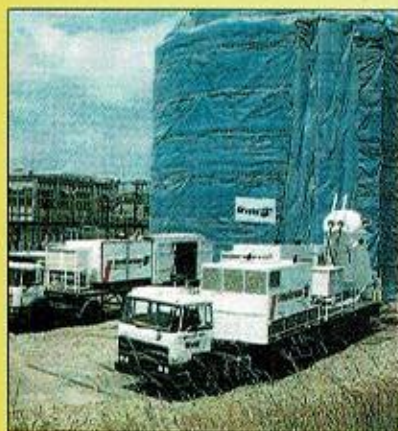
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PETER HIGHAM
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John Thursfield

Press Reports has not come off the transfer list. His fee has been reduced to £75,000.

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Players

Gary Tees is ready for a game after a Locker Cup ankle injury.

Phil Sumner injured in the same game had a good half against Featherstone 'A' on 2nd September. Chris Rudd looked sharp in the same game and made the first team at Post Office Road. His partnership with Jason Lee in the Alliance looked like something for the future.

It was John Thursfield's turn to take the No. 9 jersey against Wakefield with Andy Bennett at 14. The same format at Featherstone. Meantime Andy had a storming game for the Alliance side against Fev 'A'. Rowland Phillips despite earlier

Press Reports has not come off the transfer list. His fee has been reduced to £75,000. Mark Forster in top form with five tries is still without a contract but is playing on a match to match basis.

Kevin Ellis

Hitting his best form on the field this season, is also looking to his future after R.L. by qualifying in professional leisure management after a two year course at the Warrington Collegiate Institute. The non-stop Welshman is now contemplating a two year Teacher Training Course.

Visitors

Polishing off the South Africans in the delayed one dayer at Old Trafford enabled Lancashire and England Stars. Mike Atherton and Neil Fairbrother to join Welsh Manager Mike Nicholas at Wilderspool for the Wakefield game. Neil of course is a long time supporter.

Alliance

The Lancashire County Challenge Shield begins on Friday September 23rd when Wire 'A' meet Rochdale 'A' in Round One. Last season Wire went out at the semi-final stage at Watersheddings losing 12-6 after being down 8 nil at the break. Oldham in beating Wigan 'A' last week, have continued last season's form when they swept away all Second Division opposition to gain promotion by losing only one point from 22 games.

Academy

Apologies to anyone who turned up for the scheduled friendly against Widnes on Saturday morning, 27th August. Widnes pulled out late on Friday, unable to raise a team. Wire's first Academy home Phase One game is on Saturday 17th September at 2.30pm.

Aussie

Wire meet Australia on Wednesday 13th November kick off 7.30pm.

Game

The game is all ticket and ground tickets are already on sale at £8 and £5 concessionary. Stand tickets will be on general sale from Wednesday 14th September at £12 and £8 concessionary. Season ticket holders must have purchased their ticket before that date.

Dinners

The first in a series of Sportman's Dinners to be held in the Touchdown Club is on Tuesday 11th October, the speaker is John McGrath and the comedian Tony Jo. Enquiries to Harold Lynskey at Wilderspool.

Curtain Raiser

Weather permitting Warrington Under elevens meet Oldham Under elevens prior to the main match today.

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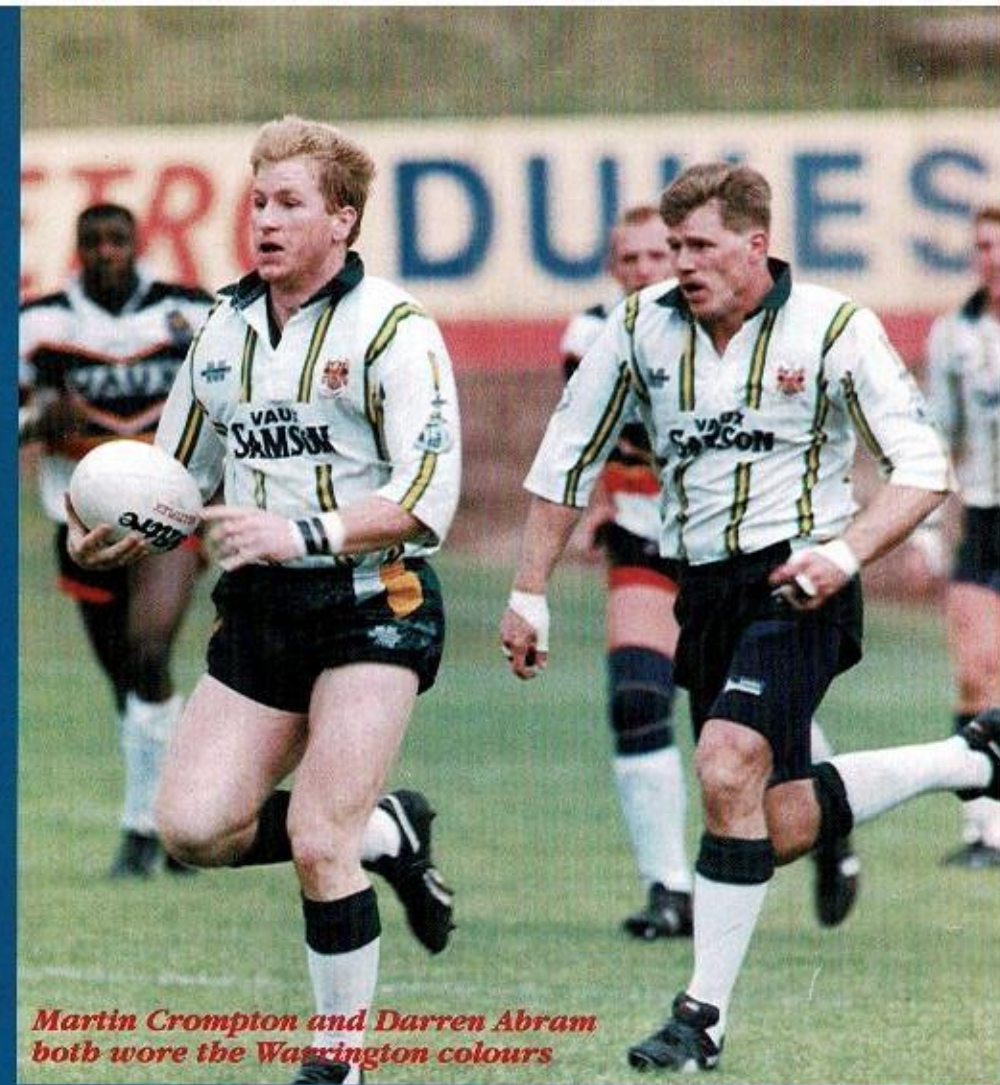
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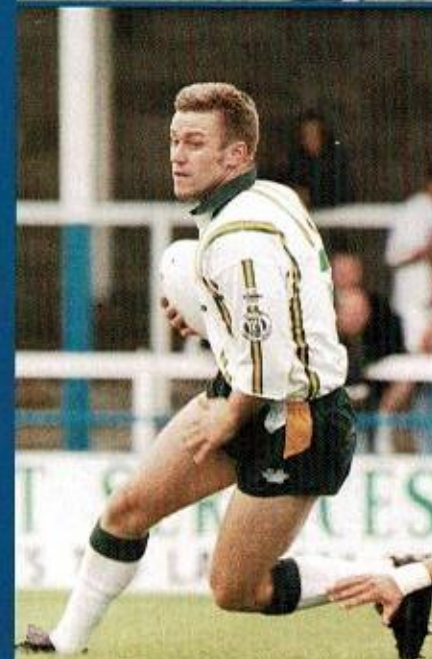
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Martin Crompton and Darren Abram both wore the Warrington colours



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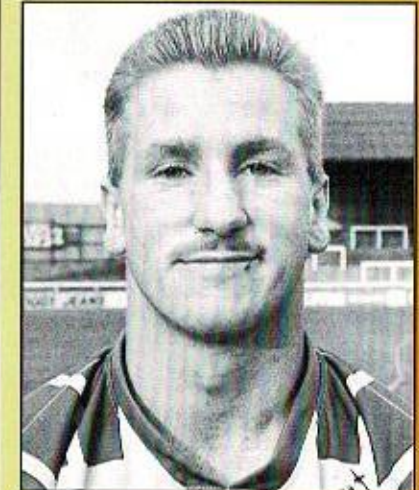
Oldham's first season back in Division One was full of incident as their new side took time to gel and they suffered the trauma of a mid-season change to the coaching set-up before finally retaining their position in the top flight. Considerable movements in the transfer market increased expectancy at Watersheddings before the commencement of the 93/94 season. Defeats at Halifax and home to Bradford brought the locals back down to earth, although Peter Tunks' team displayed a good deal of promise in the Sky televised 20-24 defeat by Northern. New signing Martin Crompton inspired Oldham's first victory of the season in a fine 28-14 success at Hull KR, but defeats followed against Warrington (H), Sheffield (H) and Widnes (A). Leeds were beaten by 21 pts - 6 to provide a first home victory and when Oldham followed up with a 35 pts - 8 hammering of Hull at the Boulevard, the season's prospects appeared much brighter. A narrow loss at Wakefield (21-22) was the beginning of a poor spell, including a Regal Trophy exit to Wigan in the Watersheddings snow. Leigh were easily dispensed with at home by 42 pts - 6 but it hardly papered over the cracks that were appearing. A disastrous six successive defeats left the club in the relegation zone and it must have been a relief to draw Hunslet in the fourth round of the cup. An unconvincing victory (30-20) led to a fifth round tie at Doncaster and a depressing 0-20 defeat. A 20 pts - 12 championship victory over Widnes offered renewed hope and Oldham displayed vastly improved form to record victories over Hull (H) 19-12, Featherstone (H) 22-8, Salford (A) 26-23, Leigh (A) 34-8 and St. Helens (A) 30-26. They also drew 20-20 at home to Wakefield. Bob Lindner had taken over from Peter Tunks as coach and he confidently completed the task of guiding the team to safety in Division One.

Pictured Right:

Martin Crompton is one of a number of players to wear both Wire and Oldham colours.

WARRINGTON R.L.F.C. V OLDHAM STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS SUMMARY

Season	Home	Away
1973-74	W 27-12	W22-15
1975-76	W 18-3	W 19-10
1976-77	W 45-11	W43-4
1980-81	W 30-2	W 22-2
1982-83	W 17-12	L 12-22
1983-84	D 22-22	W 14-11
1984-85	L 12-18	W 16-15
1985-86	W 8-4	L 20-26
1986-87	W 22-18	L 14-15
1988-89	W 32-30	L 2-16
1990-91	W 22-14	L 2-4
1993-94	W 23-6	W 18-12



Division One Record

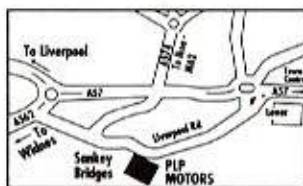
	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	12	10	1	1	278	152	21
Away	12	7	-	5	204	152	14
Total	24	17	1	6	482	304	35

Oldham 1993-94 Competition Record

Championship	Position	13th
<i>Record:- Pld 30, Won 10, Draws 1, Lost 19, For 552, Against 651, Pts 21.</i>		
Challenge Cup		
Rnd 4	Hunslet 20	Oldham 30
Rnd 5	Doncaster 20	Oldham 0
Regal Trophy		
Rnd 2	Highfield 8	Oldham 26
Rnd 3	Oldham 8	Wigan 16

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Oldham In Focus

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DARREN ABRAM

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

JOHN CLARKE

A sturdy little hooker who came straight out of BARLA Youth Rugby last season and made the Oldham No. 9 shirt his own in the first division of the Stones Bitter Championship. From Leeds, John is the only player ever to have won BARLA's 'Young Player of the Year' award more than once. He toured Australia with the BARLA Young Lions of 1993 and quickly signed for Oldham on his return from down under.

MARTIN CROMPTON

A £35,000 buy from Wigan early last season, Martin was troubled by injury in the early part of the campaign but came through magnificently last season to play a crucial roll in Oldham's team which saw off the Watersheddings via his home town club Wigan.

PAUL DAVIDSON

Joined Oldham this summer in a £17,000 deal with Widnes. A Cumbrian who formerly played with Hensingham, Paul signed for Widnes three years ago and has had considerable senior experience at Naughton Park. Can play either prop or second row with equal ability.

STEVE GARTLAND

Needs no introduction to League fans in the Oldham - Rochdale areas. A clever stand off aged 23, he signed for Rochdale from Oldham Amateur Club St. Annes in 1990 and established a Rochdale Club record of 276 points in a season in 1992/3. A useful goal kicker he is the son of Brian Gartland Oldham's town team coach and a former member of the Watersheddings coaching staff.

WALLY GIBSON

On his day one of the finest attacking full backs in Rugby League. Wally made his name with the Huddersfield club, ripping Second Division defences to shreds in his three years at Fartown. Joined Oldham two seasons ago and quickly became a firm favourite with the Watersheddings crowd thanks to his uncanny ability to turn defence into attack.

NIGEL HESLOP

Former England R.U. winger who won 10 caps for his country. Signed for Oldham from Orrell R.U. club in February '93 after losing his place in England's five nation cup squad for 1993. Represented England in the World Cup '91 and was a member of two grand slam winning squads.

SHAUN IRWIN

Shaun joined Oldham from Castleford in 1992 in the move that took Richard Russell to Wheldon Road. A former member of Mal Reilly's Great Britain squad, Shaun is a vastly experienced

inside back, sound on defence and with a deceptive turn of pace as he proved when scoring a long range try at Featherstone in the 1993/4 season.

DAVID JONES

A strong finishing winger signed from Wakefield. A Wigan born St. Pat's player and an amateur gained County & International honours. Can quickly establish himself as a firm favourite at Oldham if he continues his current form. Had a spell in Australia during the close season.

MIKE KUTI

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

GARY LORD

A newcomer to Oldham this year, Gary started his career with Castleford and moved to Leeds before Oldham signed him from Halifax for a £35,000 fee fixed by tribunal. The brother of former Oldham winger Paul Lord.

CHRIS PARR

A prop forward from the Wigan area, Chris began his professional career with Huddersfield where he gained G. B. under 21 honours. A move to Swinton did not work out for him but Swinton's loss was Oldham's gain when Parr moved to Watersheddings in exchange for John Maxwell.

CRAIG RICHARDS

Joined Oldham for £25,000 from Bradford Northern a year ago and produced a stunning debut to score two tries against his former club. Had spells on loan last season with Workington and Featherstone but has prepared extremely well under Andy Goodway's coaching this summer and big things are expected of him in 1994/5.

SCOTT RANSON

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

IAN SHERRATT

Former Oldham and Lancashire schoolboy. Left Oldham for Salford and returned season 1991/2. A hard grating prop-forward. Who won Oldham's 'Player of the Season' for 1993/4 and was also voted the 'Players Player of the Season'.

PAUL TOPPING

Paul joined Oldham from Leigh in the summer of 1993 after starting his career as a full back with Swinton. Oldham's top point scorer last season he is a useful goal kicker who can play equally well at full back centre or even loose forward. A groin injury caused him problems last season but he has recovered remarkably well after surgery and is raring to go into 1994/5.



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View from the Press Box
by **SPORTS EDITOR**

Mike Parsons



Oldham fans are going to have to be patient again this season if the start of the new campaign is anything to go by. The Roughyeds come to Wilderspool just seven days after a 58-10 Wigan hammering and still looking for their first points of the season.

Skipper Martin Crompton, a former Wire scrum half says "We knew we were going to have a difficult start to the season, Halifax, Bradford, Wigan and then Warrington." "On top of that we've lost the playing services of Bob Lindner and Andy Goodway." "We just wanted to put in good performances in our opening games and then improve as the season goes on."

"But Sunday's defeat against Wigan was dreadful for us and confidence is very low." And after his early taste of Offiah wizardry and the cherry and white power Wiganer Martin says "I can't see anyone touching them again this season. It was the same old

Wigan story on Sunday From one to 13 you couldn't afford to give them any chances and unfortunately we did."

But Martin was not surprised to see Wire lose at Featherstone last weekend and miss out on top spot in the table.

He's hoping the Oldham fans will continue to get behind the side despite their poor start.

Martin says "Nobody can expect us to become top eight challengers after just one close season. We only just avoided relegation last term and the club does not have money to spend so Andy Goodway has to do the best job he can with the players he has."

"He was a top quality player and he has the makings of a great coach too. I just think we need to reduce the amount of unforced errors we make and when the first win comes, so will the confidence."

Martin has been at

Watersheddings for just over 12 months after signing from Wigan, whom he joined on leaving Wilderspool in July 1992.

The 24 year old former Wigan St. Patricks amateur is relishing his return trip to Wilderspool for this afternoon's game.

"It's always nice to come back to Warrington, I have a lot of happy memories there but I've been treating the game the same as any other."

"It's going to be very difficult for us and I don't feel that we will have gained anything from the fact that Warrington played at Bradford on Wednesday. I believe players can play two games in a week."

"Personally, I've been trying as hard as ever this season but things have not been coming off for me quite the way I've wanted them too. But my head never goes down."

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WILDERSPOOL (23.1.94)

Wire 23, Oldham 6.

Teams & Scorers

Wire:- Penny, Forster, Bateman, Davies
(1T,2G,1DG), Myler (1T,1G), Ellis (1T), Mackey,
Teitzel (1T), Thursfield, Phillips, Darbyshire,
Gregory, Shelford
Subs:- Elliott, Hilton

Oldham:- Gibson, Heslop, Irwin, Abram (1T),
Ranson, Mitchell, Kerry (1G), Sherratt,
Stephenson, Tapaea, Lindner, Bradbury, Kuiti,
Subs:- Goodway, Green

Struggling Oldham were desperate for league
points, with only Leigh below them in the
Championship table. Wire, on the other hand,
would hit the top spot if they were to win and
score sufficient points.

Mistakes and generally sloppy play spoilt the
early moments, with offside offences and
persistent 'lying on' adding up to a 'poor
spectacle. A Davies interception brightened the
afternoon as he raced to the line from 75 yards
out. Ex-Wire Darren Abram responded in kind,
finding plenty of room to score by the posts.
Steve Kerry's conversion gave the visitors the
advantage, which they retained to the break,
largely thanks to numerous errors from Wire. 1T
4-6.

Desperate for the next score, Wire were relieved
when giant prop Craig Teitzel powered his way
over, and Jonathan Davies atoned for his failed
conversion attempt by kicking two penalties and
a drop goal. With composure restored, the points
were secured via a Myler try from an enterprising
Mackey break and an interception try from Kevin
Ellis. Jonathan Davies' Lennox Lewis impression
failed to impress the official and Rob Myler
kicked his first goal for the club whilst the
Welshman cooled off in the sin bin. Not a game
for the connoisseur but Wire at least returned to
the top of the league.

Att: 5,875

* STARMEN *

Wire:- Rowland Phillips
Oldham:- Ian Sherratt

WATERSHEDDINGS (19.9.93)

Oldham 12, Wire 18.

Teams & Scorers

Oldham:- Gibson, McAllister, Irwin, Abram,
Jones, Topping (4G), Crompton (1T), Solomona,
Groves, Sherratt, Lindner, Goodway, Kuiti.

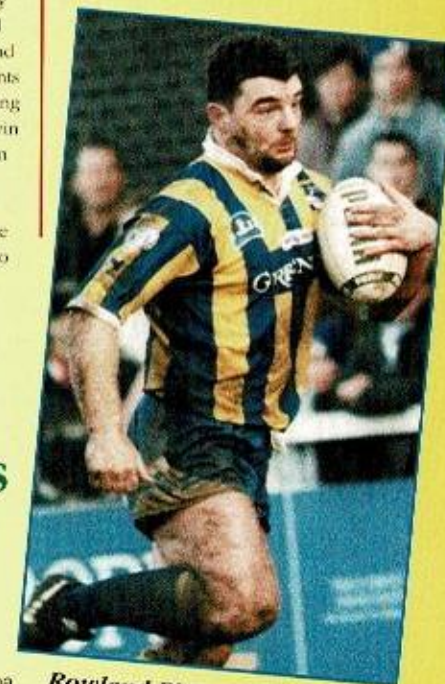
Subs:- Bradbury, Richards

Wire:- Penny, Forster, Bateman, Davies (2T,3G),
Williamson, Ellis, Mackey, Jackson, Thursfield,
Phillips, Cullen, Sanderson, Shelford (1T).
Subs:- Gregory, Chambers

Oldham with virtually a new team for the 93-94
season, were still searching for their first home
success of the new campaign and had installed
latest recruit Martin Crompton at scrum half.
Early pressure from Oldham upset Warrington's
rhythm as the home side dominated. Topping
and Davies swapped penalties but it was only a
matter of time before the visitors defence was
breached and it was ex-Wire Martin Crompton,
collecting his own chip through who celebrated
the score. Topping added the conversion and
two more penalties for a score at HT of 12-2.
The second half introduction of Mike Gregory
gave stability to the visitors and Jonathan Davies
stamped his class on the game via a penalty and
fine jinking try to close the gap. The game had
turned on its head and an impressive Phillips
break set the position for Mackey to chip through
and that man Davies to win the race for the
touchdown. Five minutes from the end. Loose
forward Kelly Shelford capped a fine game by
sending the Wire fans into raptures as he scored
a well taken try to seal the game.
Att:- 5,755

* STARMEN *

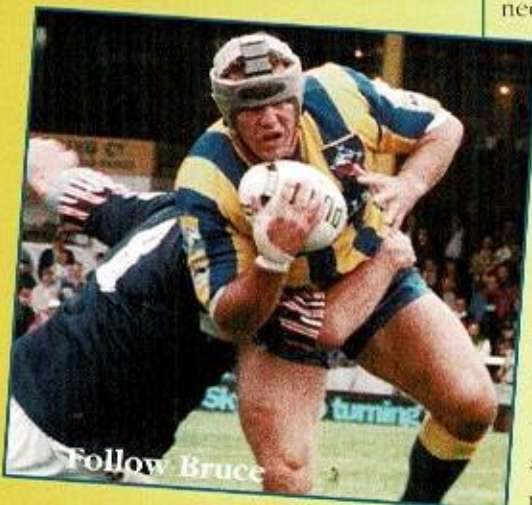
Oldham:- Bob Lindner
Wire:- Rowland Phillips



*Rowland Phillips...
outstanding in both games*

AT WILDERSPOOL

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Wire's third game in eight days saw Shelford return to the exclusion of injured Elliot (eye). An early set back for the visitors when on three minutes Thursfield, Mackey and Ellis contributed before a super Davies pass sent McGUIRE over the line with scant regard for the cover. DAVIES made it 6 nil then on 19 added a penalty for a high tackle. Trinity's restart went out on the full and DAVIES took the score to ten. On 25 MACKEY without pressure landed a drop. On 34 Trinity were delighted to be back in the game as Wire static, waiting for a penalty that did not arrive, allowed WHITTAKER space to score close in. WHITTAKER also converted.

With just two to the break a Hilton drive took Wire to the visitors line and from the ensuing play DAVIES, seeming to go through the eye of a needle, appeared behind the line with his hand on the ball. He added the two for a half time 17-6 and generous applause.

Great passing on 48 saw FORSTER run in his fifth in three games but Davies now confronted by a strong wind was wide with the kick. On 64 a surge by newly arrived Bennett set up play for Shelford to put BATEMAN over to give DAVIES an easier shot at goal. On 66 Trinity's FLYNN broke away in his own '22', kicked beyond Penny and won the touch. No goal but Trinity gained fresh heart. Wire closed the proceedings in the last minutes when an Ellis break was taken on by Davies and McGuire to serve BATEMAN for his second. No goal (31-10).

The sponsors singled out Shelford for their M.O.M. but no one would deny the influence on the Wire pack of Bruce McGuire whose bruising runs and fine handling complimented the silken skills and constant probing of Jonathan Davies. A good team effort

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Forster	2
Bateman	3
Davies	4
Harris	5
Ellis	6
Mackey	7
Chambers	8
Thursfield	9
McGuire	10
Cullen	11
Sanderson	12
Shellford	13
Bennett	14
Hilton	15
	Spencer
	Allen
	Christie
	Flynn
	Wilson
	Whitaker
	Harton
	Marlow
	Noble
	Sheals
	Gildart
	Durham
	Fosshaw
	Bell
	Piva

Pens 10-9 Scrums 9-6

Score Rate: 6-9, 8-0, 10-0, 11-0, 11-6, 17-6 (HT) 21-6, 27-6, 27-10, 31-10.

Substitutions

Wire Hilton/Chambers	(20)
Bennett/Thursfield	(58)
Chambers/Cullen	(74)
Wak. Bell/Sheals	(31)
Piva/Durham	(12)
Durham/Marlowe	(50)
Sheals/Noble	(65)

Ref: R.A. Smith
Atten: 5517
Climate: Dry, Windy



Lee Penny try

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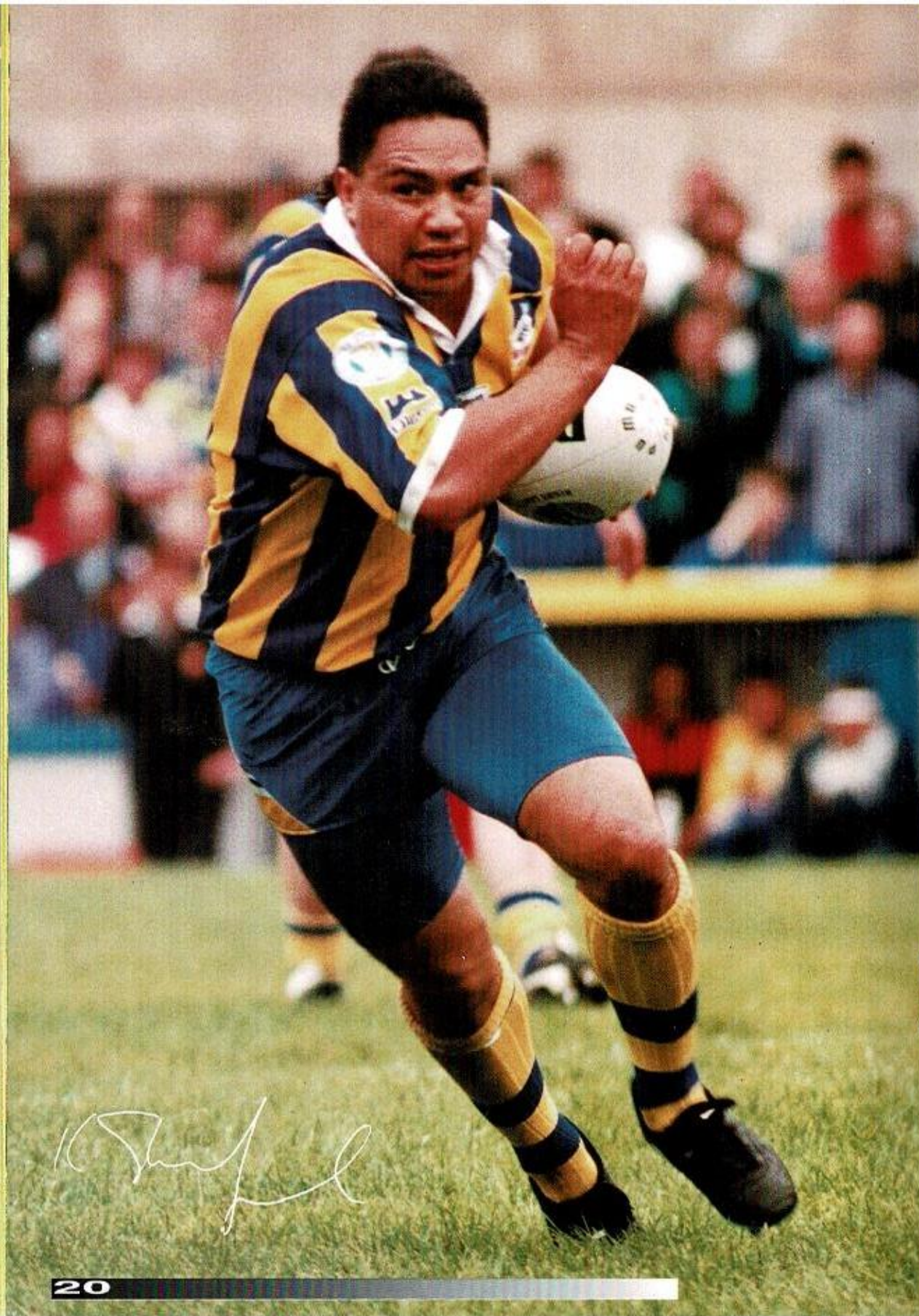
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Made his name originally in his native New Zealand as a junior Kiwis' and Auckland captain. Kelly scored two tries for Auckland in the impressive defeat of the 1988 British Lions. A short spell at Whitehaven during season 1987-88 produced four tries from seven appearances and Kelly then played on the 1989 Kiwis' tour to Gt. Britain. Despite competition from Bradford Northern, Wire gained his signature in 1991 and he made his debut for the club as a substitute in a Championship defeat at home to Wakefield. A full debut at stand-off followed in a marvellous 22-13 success at Leeds and appearances were to follow at loose forward and scrum half as Wire improved to fourth place in the final Championship table. 1992-93 was a difficult season at Wilderspool as injuries tended to predominate but Kelly displayed his vast array of handling skills to become one of the clubs most consistent performers. Last season Kelly began at stand off, scoring the opening try of the season for Wire against Wakefield but he soon switched to loose forward, contributing an excellent tally of thirteen tries as the club narrowly missed out on Championship glory. Unfortunately his outstanding displays at club level failed to impress the touring New Zealand bosses. Undoubtedly their loss, as the Kiwi's were comprehensively beaten in all three tests. Copying last season, Kelly again scored the opening try for Wire this term in the 16 pts - 16 draw against Hull at the Boulevard and if Wire are to challenge for honours in 194-94, then another fine season from the classy Kiwi will certainly point them in the right direction.

BORN: 4/5/66 of Auckland, New Zealand

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Auckland, Whitehaven

DEBUT FOR WIRE: v Wakefield Trinity at Wilderspool (S.B.C.) on 6/10/91

FULL CAREER RECORD TO DATE AT WILDERSPOOL:

SEASON	APP	SUB APP	TRIES	GOALS	DROP GOALS	PTS
1991-92	24	1	4	-	-	16
1992-93	28	-	3	1	3	17
1993-94	34	-	13	-	2	54
TOTALS	86	1	20	1	5	87



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FEV (+ France) Vingt-six, Wire-dix

With the advantage of the slope, Wire looked the more positive side early on and a Penny break put them in a good position. Mackey sent out a 30 yard pass which found DAVIES with unerring accuracy.

DAVIES converted and six minutes later added a penalty for a head tackle. The sun's shining, all's well with the world, 19 minutes gone leading 8 nil.

preventing Mackey from playing the ball, a fracas ensued. The ref consulted the T.J. despite his own better view and as so often happens in Yorkie the visitors lost the vote. PEARSON made it 14-8. Desperation signs were now present in the Wire camp, not helped when a Cullen chip, touched down by Ellis was adjudged offside. A double penalty against Fev for a thump plus ten for vocal explanation saw DAVIES give Wire ten minutes to put the record straight. With six to go pathetic tackling saw Banquet

make a feast of the opposition with a mazy run ending in DIVET raising his personal tally to deux tries and huit points. With Wire in shreds GARY H. PRICE found a gap a mile wide to end a miserable afternoon for Wire fans with PEARSON, deadly on his own patch, taking the score to 26-10. Inevitably on the



Ellis 'TRY' from Cullens chip 'NO' said Fev 'NO' said ref.

Conceding a penalty for obstruction in their own '22' when in possession was the first of a number of crass errors which proved Wire's undoing. Following up with a 'stealing' was the second. PEARSON goaled both and with only 26 minutes gone Featherstone were gnawing their way back into the game. Just on the break Pearson was wide with yet another offer in a kickable position. A break-time 4-8 was poor value as Wire with a little more application, one felt, could have sewn the game up with Rovers in a hesitant mood.

As the clouds gathered Aston became more and more dominant, constantly driving Wire back to their own '22' with raking touchline kicks and keeping Wire in their own territory. Wire assisted by giving up the ball and raising the penalty count from 6 at the break to 10-2 with three parts of the game gone. Six minutes into the half Rovers, no doubt told by their coach that Wire were not on song, went ahead as an Aston break and dummy set DIVET up. PEARSON goaled and quickly added a penalty for offside. On 58 Molloy was

Sunday 4th September 1994

Featherstone R 26 Warrington 10

Gibson	1	Perry
Banquet	2	Forster
Cumier	3	Bateman
Ropali	4	Davies
Butt	5	Rudd
Pearson	6	Ellis
Aston	7	Mackey
Molloy	8	Chambers
Gunn	9	Thursfield
Casey	10	McGure
Divet	11	Cullen
G. H. Price	12	Sanderson
Tuata	13	Shelford
Roebuck	14	Bennett
G. S. Price	15	Hilton

Scrums 8-10 Pens 10-5

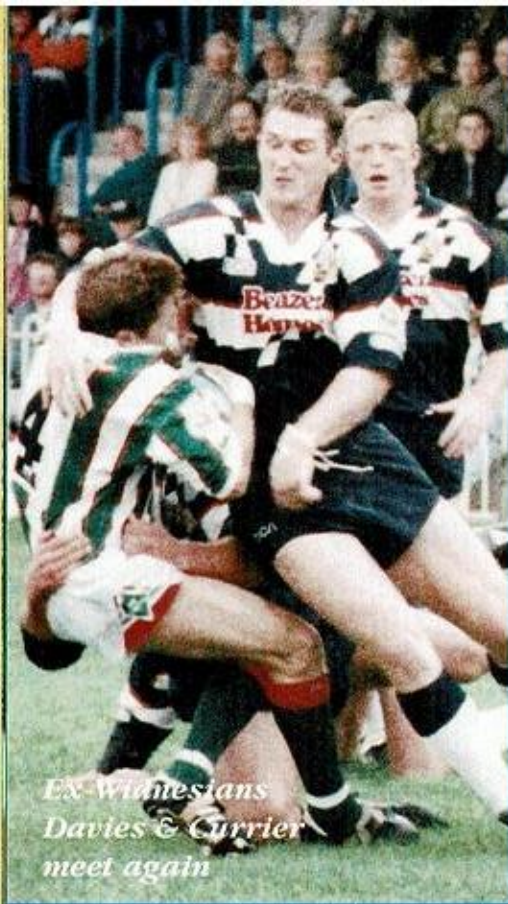
Score Rate 0-6, 0-8, 2-8, 4-8 (HT)
10-8, 12-6, 14-8, 14-10, 20-10, 26-10.

Substitutions

Fev	G. S. Price/Molloy	(58)
	Roebuck/Casey	(79)
Wire	Hilton/Chambers	(27)
	Bennett/Thursfield	(60)
	Chambers/Cullen	(66)
	Thursfield/Perry	(74)
Referee	F. Connolly Atten 3692	
Climate	Like Wire started fine finished dull.	

way home the storm clouds broke, like the Wire defence and the fair town of Warrington was lost in gloom.

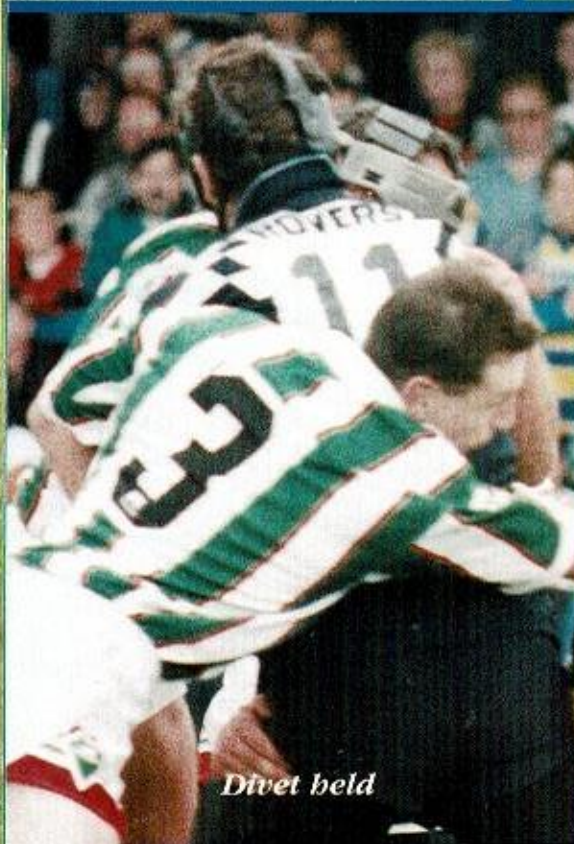
Aston with his astute reading of the game was my MOM. No one shone in the visitors camp but Davies alone supplied the points.



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Mackey kept probing



Divet held



Mackey's pass gave
Davies space

Wire at Featherstone

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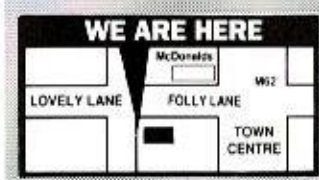
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PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Players are picking up points on our master scoreboard. Greg Mackey was the fans' choice in the stunning win over Saints. His half back colleague Kevin Ellis took the honours in the win against Wakefield.

Mackey was back trying his heart out in the teams lack lustre display at Featherstone. Greg being the supporters' man of the match.

Andy Bennett was tremendous in the Alliance win over Free - get down and watch these boys play, another good season is assured. Caldwell's Limited continue to sponsor this event.

KELLY SHELFORD

Kelly Shelford will today be presented with his 'Player of the Year' award and his First Division Lancashire Federation 'Player of the Year' awards for last season. This had to be postponed from our last home game. Committee member Sarah McDonough will make the presentation before today's game.

QUIZZER

Today's quizzer is about Oldham games over the last few years.

1. 1991-92 Wire won a Challenge Cup game 8-3 away. Who scored our try? Chris Rudd, Kevin Ellis or Alan Bateman.
2. 1992-93 Knocked out of the Lancashire Cup at Watersheddings - who was sent off for the Wire? Neil Harmon, Garry Chambers or Gary Tees.
3. 1993-94 Last years' home League game, who scored only his second goal for Warrington? Kelly Shelford, Mark Foster or Robert Myler.

Kevin Ellis, Neil Harmon and Robert Myler.

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Thursday 25th August 1994
Wakefield 34 Warrington 12

Warrington: Knott, Lee, Roper, Rudd, Williamson, Maloney, Griffiths, Phillips, Hodgkinson, Roy, Holden, Darbyshire, Wainwright. Subs: Westwood, Lester.

After that encouraging start against Hull, this was a big let down. Wire are League Champions. That counts for very little in a new season unless they think like Champions and play like Champions. Clive Griffiths will have made this point forcibly as too many players were ready to accept defeat.



Paul Darbyshire - relentless

An early Lee Penalty for a high tackle on Maloney was countered by two Trinity tries in four minutes plus one conversion. An ankle injury to Roper saw Darbyshire move to centre where his commitment did not waver. On 23 he was on hand to take Phillips pass and send Rudd in. Wakefield replied in four minutes with a converted try but Wire were put back into contention just before the break when Lee booted home with an 80 yard interception try before adding the two (16-12). Trinity took full charge in the second half with a penalty on 45 mins, followed by tries on 50, 53 and 78 plus two conversions. Hodgkinson collected a knee injury, a fact which only added to the gloom of the proceedings. Bad day at Belle Vue.

Friday 2nd September 1994
Warrington 54 Featherstone Rovers 4

Warrington: Knott, Lee, Rudd, Williamson, Echersley, Maloney, Griffiths, Sumner, Bennett, Moxham, Darbyshire, Wainwright. Subs: Roy, Philps.

WARRINGTON R.L.F.C. ALLIANCE APPEARANCES TO 19 / 8 / 94

PLAYER	APP	SUB	TRIES	GOALS	D/GLS
BUTMAN A.	1	-	1	-	-
BENNET A.	1	-	1	-	-
CHAMBERS G.	1	-	-	-	-
DARBYSHIRE P.	3	-	1	-	-
DISERLEY C.	2	-	-	-	-
ELLIOTT D.	2	-	-	-	-
GRIFFITHS S.	3	-	4	-	-
HODGKINSON G.	2	-	3	-	-
HODGKINSON C.	1	1	-	-	-
KNOTT I.	3	-	1	5	-
LEE J.	3	-	3	5	-
LESTER M.	-	1	-	-	-
MALONEY P.	3	-	1	-	-
MOSHAM D.	1	-	-	-	-
PHILPS R.	1	1	-	-	-
ROPER J.	1	-	-	-	-
ROY N.	2	1	-	-	-
RUDD I.	2	-	3	-	-
WAINWRIGHT P.	1	-	-	-	-
WILLIAMSON M.	3	-	-	-	-
WESTWOOD L.	-	2	-	-	-
WILLIAMSON P.	3	-	-	-	-

Whatever malady had afflicted the side at Belle Vue had quickly disappeared in time for the arrival of Featherstone. A fairly well contested first half opened with a fifth minute try for Lee, finishing off a Maloney/Rudd sweep. Knott goaled then added a penalty for illegal use of the boot. On 35 a Bennett pass put Wainwright through a gap to send Griffiths steaming home from half way. Knott made it 14 nil at the break.

In the space of seventeen minutes in the second half Wire ran Rovers ragged with some scintillating play inspired by substitute Phillips, who was proving too hot to handle.



Rowland Phillips - to good for the opposition

Darbyshire with a clever pass put Rudd away for a 40 yarder, Phillips with a superb break found Maloney in support, Phillips and Elliott paved the way for Griffiths, Lee scorched away from his own 22, then Roy interchanged with Rudd for the later to score. Five Knott conversions plus a penalty took his tally to 9. On 70 minutes a loose pass enabled the visiting No 5 to find daylight and the No 7 ready to touch down. Suitably chastened, Wire responded with the admirable Phillips again prominent to see Bennett scoot in from a play the ball. The big Welshman then found Darbyshire steaming up in support for a popular try. No more goals but 40 points in the second half provided brilliant entertainment for the growing band of Alliance supporters.

WARRINGTON RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

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Fri Sep 2	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	H	7:30
Fri Sep 9	Oldham	A	7:30
Fri Sep 16	Ryedale York	A	7:30
Sat Sep 24	LANCS SHIELD 1st Rnd	-	-
Fri Sep 30	HALIFAX	H	7:30
Sat Oct 8	LANCS SHIELD 2nd Rnd	-	-
Wed Oct 12	Leeds	A	7:30
Sat Oct 22	Black weekend - GB v Australia (Wembley)	-	-
Fri Oct 28	ST. HELENS	H	7:30
Sat Oct 29	LANCS SHIELD S.F.	-	-
Fri Nov 4	Hull	A	8:00
Fri Nov 11	WAKEFIELD T.	H	7:30
Sat Nov 12	LANCS SHIELD FINAL	-	-
Wed Nov 16	Bradford Northern	A	7:30
Fri Nov 25	Featherstone Rovers	A	7:30
Fri Dec 2	DEWSBURY	H	7:30
Fri Dec 9	OLDHAM	H	7:30
Fri Dec 16	S. Helens	A	7:30
Fri Dec 30	WIGAN	H	7:30
1995			
Sat Jan 7	ALLIANCE CUP 1st Rnd	-	-
Fri Jan 13	SALFORD	H	7:30
Fri Jan 20	LEEDS	H	7:30
Sat Jan 28	ALLIANCE CUP 2nd Rnd	-	-
Thu Feb 2	Castleford	A	7:30
Fri Feb 10	RYEDALE YORK	H	7:30
Fri Feb 17	Halifax	A	7:30
Sat Feb 18	ALLIANCE CUP 3rd Rnd	-	-
Fri Feb 25	Wigan	A	7:30
Fri Mar 3	BRADFORD NORTHERN	H	7:30
Fri Mar 10	Salford	A	8:00
Sat Mar 11	ALLIANCE CUP S.F.	-	-
Fri Mar 17	CASTLEFORD	H	7:30
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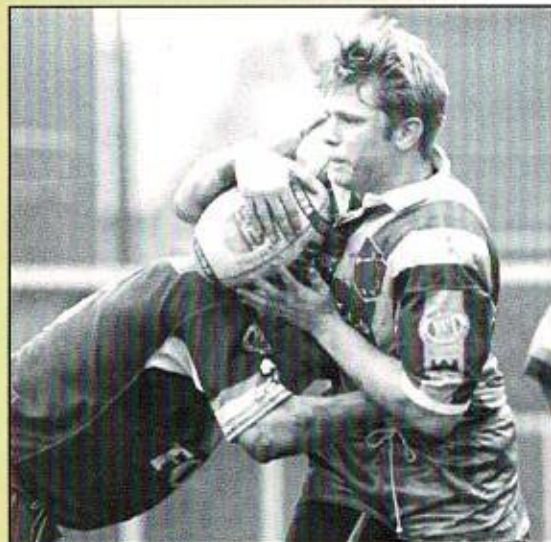
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Wire's Academy 1994/5 go into action on Monday with their opening PHASE ONE game away to Dewsbury. As players reach the nineteen age barrier or move up into the Alliance side there will be new faces on view as more of the region's youthful talent set out on the way to emulate the famous five who made the Tour Party to Australia (Messr, Penny, Hilton, Wainwright, Harris and Roper). Kevin Tamati's proteges have not been idle, however, as three 'friendlies' have sharpened them up for the competitive games. In the most recent warm up coaches K.T. and Roy Lester used twenty-three players at Cougar Park (31st August) as Keighley were disposed of to the tune of 60-18. Sound individual performances left a difficult task in selecting 13 plus 4 subs to launch the new Group Three mini-League.

For interest but not the record book tries at Cougar-land were collected by Graeme Close (3), Chris Highton, Anthony Price, Andrew James, Ian Wilcox, Anthony Murray, Aled Jones, Paul Wingfield and Paul Clegg. Goals came from Paul Wingfield (5), Paul Scunthorpe (2) and Phil Shaw.

Prior to this game Wire had opened with a friendly at Wigan against Amateur team St. Judes with a 36-14 win. This was followed up by a tough game at Oldham where Wire helped by tries from Paul Gardner, Rob McAvey, Paul O'Brien, Damien Whitter and Paul Milligan and 4 Paul Wingfield goals ran out winners by 28-18. Our target initially is to become one of the top three teams in GROUP THREE of PHASE ONE to ensure a First Division spot as the main Academy League takes shape for the rest of the season. In opposition in GROUP THREE are Dewsbury, Oldham, Barrow, Leeds, Halifax and Bradford. Leeds have already set the pace for the group with a resounding 72-nil win over Barrow Braves who last season were bottom team in Division Two with only one League win to their credit. Wire first home game will be at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday 17th against Oldham. See you there...



Academy Player of the year Ian Knott amassed 36 points in one game against Batley in February. This was part of his Seasons Academy tally of 26+2 games, 24 tries, 102 goals, a high standard to follow.

•Photo Dave Gillespie•

**J.J.B. SPORTS ACADEMY
APPEARANCES TO 13.5.94**

Player	Pld	Sub*	Tries	Goals	D/Gls
Appleby C.	23	3	1	-	-
Bushell M.	25	1	6	-	-
Charlton A.	3	3	-	-	-
Close G.	25	7	23	-	14
Conroy L.	4	2	3	-	-
Cowan J.	14	1	6	3	-
Eckersley C.	13	3	14	-	-
Foster P.	11	3	4	-	1
Harris I.	1	-	-	1	-
Heaton S.	13	10	8	-	-
Hicks N.	22	2	11	-	-
Holden C.	30	1	1	-	-
Horsfield S.	6	8	2	-	-
Hilton M.	1	-	1	-	-
Hough J.	19	4	11	-	-
Humphries G.	7	9	1	-	-
James A.	21	7	3	44	3
Knott I.	26	2	24	102	-
Leach J.	27	5	13	-	-
McLoughlin P.	28	3	21	-	-
Milligan P.	22	7	3	-	-
Moxham B.	23	8	14	-	-
Mullin I.	14	8	1	-	-
Nestor M.	3	1	-	-	-
Price A.	23	8	-	-	-
Roper J.	1	-	-	-	-
Scunthorpe L.	3	-	1	-	-
Wainwright M.	6	-	3	-	-
Whitter D.	18	11	2	1	-
Wilde L.	4	-	1	-	-
Willets M.	4	1	-	-	-
Wood A.	4	9	2	-	-

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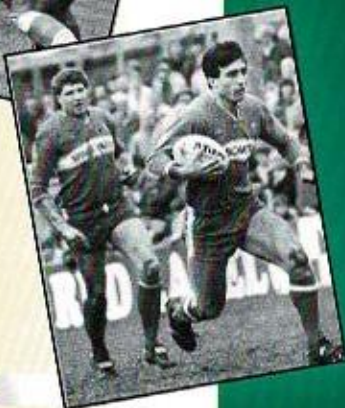
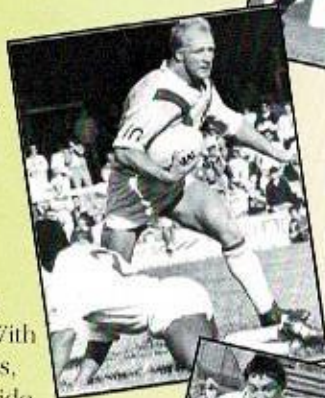
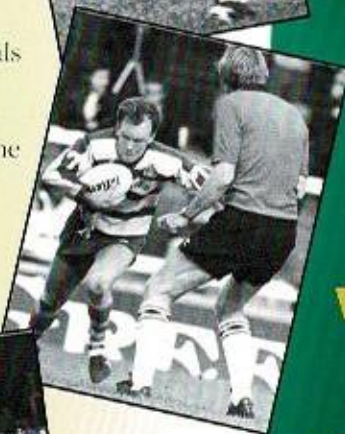
Bob Anderton, the Warrington Secretary who played a big part in securing the services of Shankland and Hardy pulled an even bigger rabbit out of the hat when in late 1936 it was announced that he had signed one of Australia's favourite sons, Dave Brown.

Dave was yet another Eastern suburbs player, who had hit the headlines in Sydney when as an 18 year old he represented New South Wales and went on to become a revelation with the Kangaroos when they toured Britain in 1933, scoring a record 285 pts.

He was called "The Don Bradman of Rugby League" in Australia where his phenomenal scoring of tries and goals broke record after record, and his aggregate of 38 tries from a 14 game season in 1935 is still an Aussie record. Dave had lost his hair through illness in his youth, and he wore a skull cap whilst playing rugby and it became synonymous with him at the same time becoming a favourite with the caricaturists of the day. Lots of forwards in his day wore skull caps but Dave was probably the only one of his time to wear one as a back.

Dave Brown made his debut on January 23rd, 1937 against Leigh when with Shankland injured Dave made his entrance with a try. Imagine then the anticipation of him joining up with his fellow Aussie when Shankland was declared fit to face the might of Lance Todd's Red Devils, Salford at Wilderspool the following week. With the like of Risman, Hudson, Watkins, Jenkins, Edwards etc. they were a side to be feared but in a great game Wire came out on top with Dave Brown getting a try in the 11pts.0pts victory. Two weeks later, they went one better when they went to Salford in the first round of the Challenge Cup and came away winning 10pts-4pts, with Bill Shankland getting a try this time. York were defeated 5pts-4pts. at Clarence Road in round two but in the third tie at Wakefield on a glue pot of a pitch and with Brown on the wing and Dingsdale in at centre Wire lost 0pts-5pts.

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In his 93 appearances for Wire, Dave scored 48 tries and 91 goals and although he was an international goal kicker he never took on the role of first choice kicker at Wilderspool with Billy Holding and then Billy Belshaw in contention, although some of his long range successes will be recalled with relish by some of our older fans.

His try scoring too was in the poacher class akin to Garry Schofield, and he had the knack of being in the right place at the right time.

Dave had received £1,000 and £6 a game on a four year contract initially, but he never quite came to terms with our climate and with the War clouds gathering over Europe he came to an agreement with the Warrington board to repay part of his signing on fee, thus allowing him to resume his career in his homeland.

So, after completing his career with a try at Wilderspool on April 29th, 1939 against

Oldham, his contract was terminated and later that summer he returned to Australia before the War started. His desire to carry on playing in Sydney was of course restricted by world wide events and he retired aged 28, to take up an important role in administration and coaching of young Aussies.



Dave Brown... Who led Australia to victory in the first Test of the 1936 ashes series, cuts an unmistakable figure in his scrum cap.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 1994/95

	Bradford N.	Castleford.	Doncaster.	Featherstone.	Halifax.	Hull.	Leeds.	Oldham.	St Helens.	Salford.	Sheffield.	Wakefield T.	WARRINGTON.	Widnes.	Wigan.	Workington T.
Bradford N.								36-14								
Castleford.																26-14
Doncaster.							8-16							21-6		
Featherstone.													26-10		24-36	
Halifax.								22-30								
Hull.	18-48												16-16			
Leeds.				36-14												
Oldham.					20-40											10-58
St Helens.			20-29							34-28						
Salford.						33-28										
Sheffield.	8-26															
Wakefield T.	12-44															
WARRINGTON.									38-10			38-10				
Widnes.		16-30								24-16						
Wigan.													40-16			
Workington T.							16-22									

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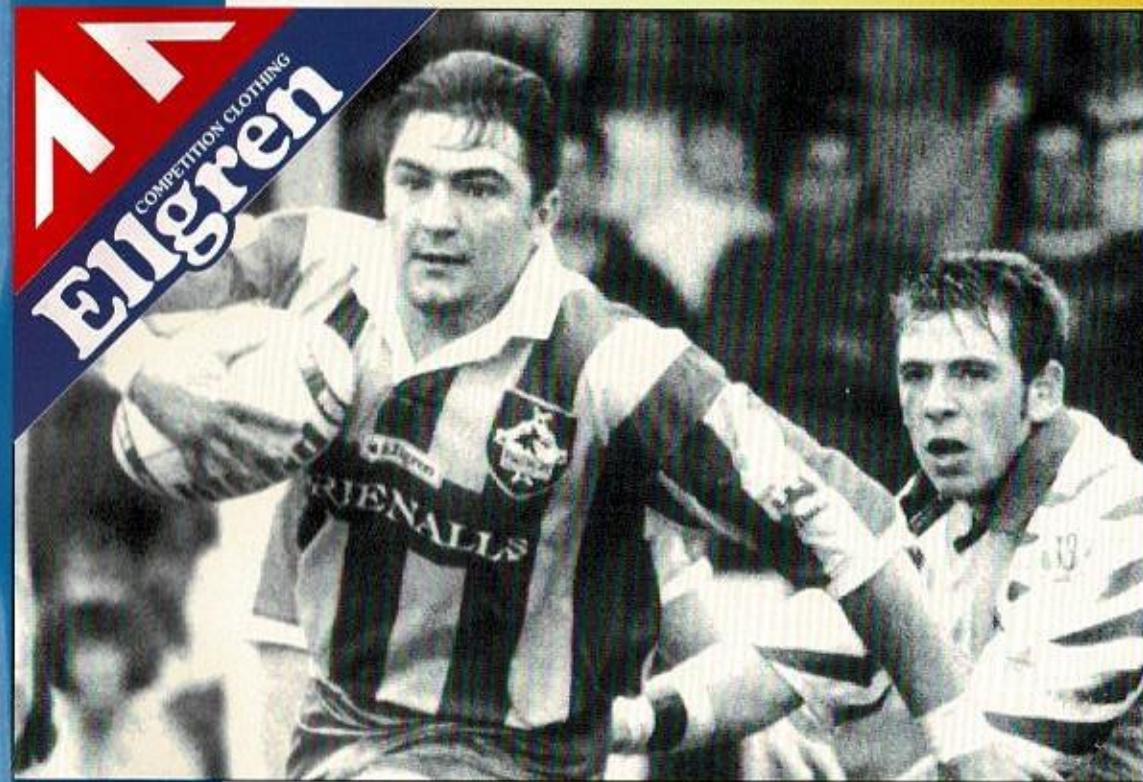
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21st Hull	A 3.15 16-16	1st Wigan	A 3.00
24th ST. HELENS	H 7.30 31-10	8th CASTLEFORD	H 3.00
28th WAKEFIELD T	H 3.00 31-10	13th Salford	A 7.30 ISKYB
SEPT		22nd Leeds	A 3.00
4th Featherstone R.	A 3.30 10-26	27th SHEFFIELD E.	H 7.30 ISKYB
7th Bradford N.	A 7.30 10-16	FEB	
11th OLDHAM	H 3.00	5th DONCASTER	H 3.00
18th Sheffield E.	A 3.15	12th Silk Cut Challenge Cup - 4th Round	
25th Doncaster	A 3.00	19th HALIFAX	H 3.00
OCT		25th Silk Cut Challenge Cup - Round 5	
2nd Halifax	A 3.30	MAR	
7th BRADFORD	H 7.30 ISKYB	12th Silk Cut Challenge Cup - Quarter Finals	
16th WORKINGTON	H 3.00	19th Workington	A 3.00
22nd Great Britain v Australia	Wembley	26th SALFORD	H 3.00
30th Wales v Australia		APR	
NOV		2nd Castleford	A 3.30
5th Great Britain v Australia	Old Trafford	9th LEEDS	H 3.00
6th HULL	H 3.00	16th Widnes	A 3.00
9th AUSTRALIA	H 7.30	17th WIGAN	H 3.00
13th Wakefield	A 3.30	23rd St. Helens	A 3.00
15th Great Britain U21s v Australia	Gateshead	MAY	
20th Great Britain v Australia	Elland Road	7th Stones Bitter Premiership - 1st Round	
27th FEATHERSTONE R.	H 3.00	14th Stones Bitter Premiership - Semi-Final	
DEC		21st Stones Bitter Premiership - Final	
4th Regal Trophy - 2nd Round			
11th Oldham	A 3.00		
17th Regal Trophy - Round 3			
26th WIDNES	H 3.00		

APPEARANCES TRIES AND SCORERS

Player	Season 1994/95					All Seasons				
	App	Sub*	Tries	Goals	D/Gls	App	Sub	Tries	Goals	D/Gls
Bateman A.	3	-	-	-	-	113	3	38	-	1
Bennett A.	1	3	-	-	-	2	14	2	-	-
Chambers G.	3	-	-	-	-	59	17	5	-	-
Cullen P.	4	-	-	-	-	268	20	46	-	-
Darbyshire P.	-	-	-	-	-	44	37	7	12	-
Davies J.	4	-	2	17	-	34	-	23	116	11
Dusher M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Elliott D.	1	-	-	-	-	13	8	1	-	-
Ellis K.	4	-	-	-	-	109	11	33	-	3
Forster M.	4	-	5	-	-	268	15	111	3	-
Harris I.	3	-	-	-	-	13	-	4	19	-
Hilton M.	1	3	-	-	-	2	16	1	-	-
Hodkinson C.	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
Jackson R.	-	-	-	-	-	222	6	41	8	1
Mackey G.	4	-	-	-	1	82	-	10	4	12
McGuire B.	4	-	1	-	-	4	-	1	-	-
Myler R.	-	-	-	-	-	54	2	28	2	-
Penny L.	4	-	1	-	-	58	-	16	-	-
Phillips R.	-	1	-	-	-	27	23	6	-	-
Roper J.	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	2	-	-
Rudd C.	2	-	-	-	-	88	3	28	95	-
Sanderson G.	4	-	-	-	-	175	28	14	-	-
Shelford K.	3	-	1	-	-	89	1	21	1	5
Sumner P.	-	-	-	-	-	42	9	3	-	-
Tees G.	-	-	-	-	-	32	21	1	-	-
Thursfield J.	3	1	-	-	-	47	3	-	-	-
Williamson P.	-	-	-	-	-	31	6	12	-	-

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