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2. A.J. Okiwe
3. Terry Manning
4. Audley Pennant
5. Max Tomlinson
6. Alex Green
7. Brendan Carlyle
8. Wayne Jackson
9. Sonny Whakaru
10. Glyn Linguard
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12. Vila Matautia
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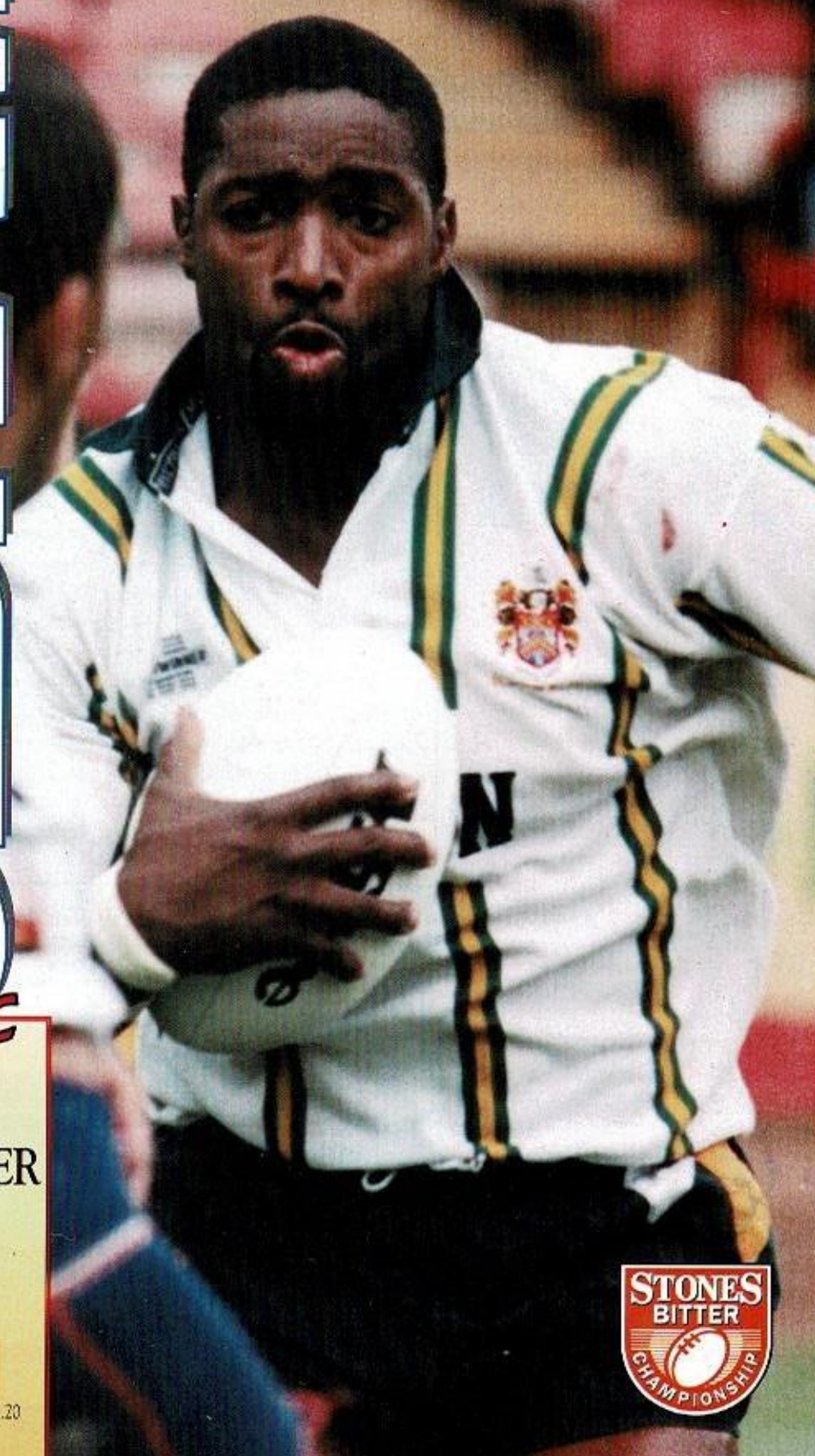
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1921-22, 1954-55
First Division Champions
1904-05
Second Division Champions
1963-64, 1981-82, 1987-88
Rugby League Challenge
Cup Winners
1898-99, 1924-25, 1926-27
Runners Up
1906-07, 1911-12, 1923-24,
1925-26
Lancashire Cup Winners
1907-08, 1910-11, 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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1991-92

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Club Records

Record Victory: 67-6 v Liverpool City
April 1959

Record Defeat: 11-67 by Hull K.R.
September 1978

Record Attendance: 28,000 v Huddersfield
24th February 1912

Record Receipts: £37,505.50 v Wigan
5th October 1989

Record Transfer:
Fee Paid: £70,000 to Halifax for
Tony Anderson
March 1990

Record Try:
Scorer: Ref Farrar, 49 Tries,
1921-22 season

Record Goal:
Scorer: Bernard Ganley,
224 goals, 1957-58
season

Club Records continued

Record Point:
Scorer: Bernard Ganley,
28 points v
Liverpool City,
April 1959

First Game:
21st October 1876
v Stalybridge

Highest Number:
of Points Scored: Bernard Ganley, 2,881

Most Appearances: Joe Ferguson, 685

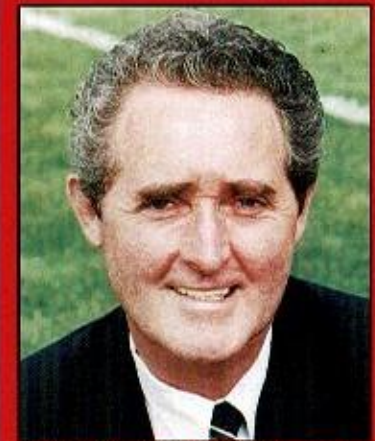
Most Tries:
Pre 1900 Jach Hirst 233,
Since 1900
Alan Davies 182

FROM THE BOARDROOM

BY CHAIRMAN JIM QUINN

In giving Doncaster's officials, board of directors, players and supporters a big Watersheddings welcome today, I would like to pay tribute to what everyone at Tattersfield has achieved over the course of the past two years or so. Promotion was an achievement in itself, but the Dons have perhaps surprised everyone but themselves by their record so far in the first division, three wins from four games and in the match they lost, against Leeds, they gave a good account of themselves, as we all saw on television. I would like to offer personal congratulations to my Doncaster counterpart, the chairman John Desmond. We both know all about financial hardship at our respective clubs. John has done a fine job for Doncaster, as has coach Tony Fisher, whom we all remember as the man who plotted our Silk Cut Challenge Cup downfall at Tattersfield last season. The Dons will almost certainly

have two former Oldham players in their team today Tony Miller in the forwards and Jamie Bloem at full back. I didn't know Tony personally because he was here before my time at Watersheddings, but Jamie was a player here not too long ago and most of our supporters will recall his spirited performances in our side. The last four games against Halifax, Bradford, Wigan and Warrington, have provided us with a difficult start to the season. The fixture planners did us no favours, putting us against the three teams which finished on equal points at the top of the table last season in the first month of this campaign. It provided Andy Goodway with a daunting task in his first coaching appointment at senior level. As a board we will give him support in every way possible and, hopefully, we will come out of this difficult period much the stronger for the disappointments.

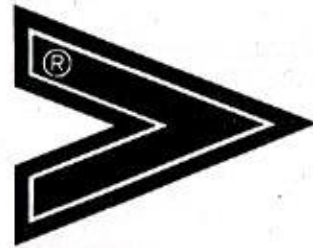


Today's game of course, could be just as tough as the previous ones. You have only to look at Doncaster's record to see that. You will also notice today that we have our ex-players here for their annual reunion. Give them a big welcome when they appear on the pitch. I am sure a lot of memories will come flooding back for many of you when you see your old favourites. They are an integral part of the club and are always welcome here, not merely on their reunion day. We hope they thoroughly enjoy the day and enjoy the match sufficiently to tempt them to come back and take another look at us.

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Kurt Lewin

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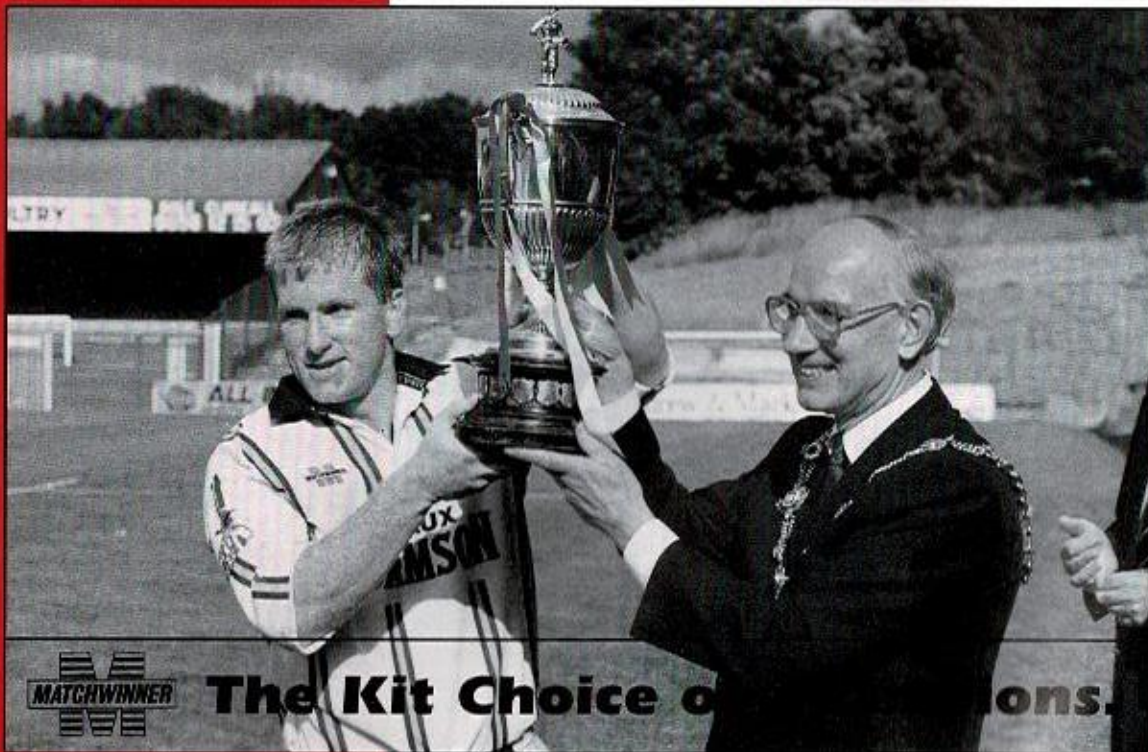
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Our visitors in detail

JAMIE BLOEM (23) (Full back)

Jamie started his career in South Africa with Cape Town Coasters and turned from Union to League. Played at Castleford and Oldham before settling with Doncaster. Represented South Africa against Russia and looks forward to playing for them in the World Cup.

DAVE EVANS (22) (Wing)

Dave started in Rugby League with Normanton ARL whilst studying at Staffordshire and Sheffield Universities. Whilst playing Student Rugby League Dave has represented England and Great Britain making the trip to Australia to appear in the 1992 Students World Cup. Dave has also coached and played for Lake Placid and made an appearance in the American national trials.

JOHN ELLIS (22) (Centre)

John began his rugby career playing Union eventually representing Lancashire. He then turned to League with Wigan St. Patricks and received many honours including representing Lancashire against Yorkshire. John joined the Dons from Warrington where he was a regular in their successful Alliance team.

VILA MATAUTIA (24) (Centre)

Vila is now enjoying his fourth spell at Tattersfield. He joined the club initially from Chorley Borough. Vila is a Junior Kiwi and was on standby for the last full New Zealand Tour. Played in New Zealand for Oahitohou and Auckland.

MAX TOMLINSON (25) (Wing)

Max joined the Dons last season after starting for Moortown Rugby Union Club in Leeds. His prolific scoring attracted other clubs but he has settled in quickly at Tattersfield and his regular scoring has made him a favourite with the Doncaster fans.

ALEX GREEN (23) (Stand off)

Alex was the first big money signing made by Coach Tony Fisher when he signed the player from Bradford Northern. Played for Dudley Hill ARLFC and Yorkshire Schools. Alternates between Stand off and Scrum half.

ROBERT (ROCKY) TURNER (25) (Stand off)

Rocky was another of Tony Fisher's big signings when he joined the Dons from Warrington. He started his career in Union in Lancaster moving to league at Blackbrook, he then played for Gt Britain before turning professional with Warrington. Rocky was in the Gt Britain Under 21 side which met France at Tattersfield to celebrate the new floodlights in 1990.

BRENDAN CARLYLE (28) (Scrum half)

Brendan joined the Dons last season from York Amateurs Heworth after leading them to the Yorkshire Cup. Brendan started his playing at York and then moved to Scarborough Pirates before a short period at Hull. Brendan's experience has proved a vital part of the Dons successful season.

RICHARD PELL (26) (Prop)

Richard started his career at Cutsyke ARLFC and then moved to Wakefield. He was signed for Doncaster by previous coach Dave Sampson but was languishing in the Alliance team. Tony Fisher has encouraged Richard and after several top class performances with the Dons successful Alliance team has now pushed himself into the 1st team.

SONNY WHAKARU (28) (Prop)

Sonny has played in England now for several seasons playing at Batley and Bramley before joining Doncaster last season. He has represented Wellington and was a New Zealand Maori player. Sonny is the powerhouse of the pack and has attracted several 1st Division clubs.

JOHN EVANS (32) (Hooker)

John is a long servant of the Club and has seen the ups and downs at Tattersfield. He will play any position asked of him with the same total commitment. John was an amateur with local club Yarborough before joining the Dons, his only professional Club.

GLYN LINGARD (24) (Prop)

Glyn started at Sharlestone ARLFC then moved to Wakefield Trinity Colts then to the 1st team from where he joined Scarborough Pirates. Glyn joined the Dons from Scarborough when the Pirates folded. Glyn suffered a broken leg at work at the start of last season. Since recovery he has been a 1st team regular.

AUDLEY PENNANT (31) (2nd Row)

Audley joined the Dons in 1986 after spells at Sheffield Eagles and Bradford Northern. Another Dons player who will play anywhere asked of him. A star turn with the Tattersfield crowd, and Doncasters longest serving player.

TONY MILLER (26) (2nd Row)

Tony joined Doncaster after a spell at Oldham. Tony's power play in the 2nd row led to the successful run last year. Tony's commitment is total and work effort is 2nd to none. His breaks led to many tries last season.

AJ OKIWE (28) (Winger)

Latest Dons signing. Played with Sheffield, Nottingham and has recently returned from American Football.

WAYNE JACKSON (26) (Forward)

Dons record signing at start of this season from Hull KR. Came through Robins Junior teams and last seasons form should see him on the edge of representative honours for the Dons.

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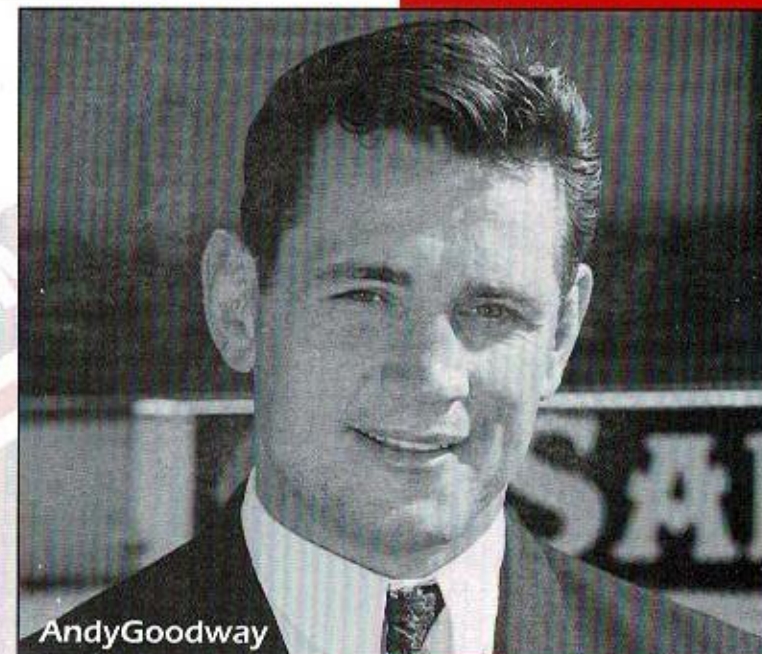
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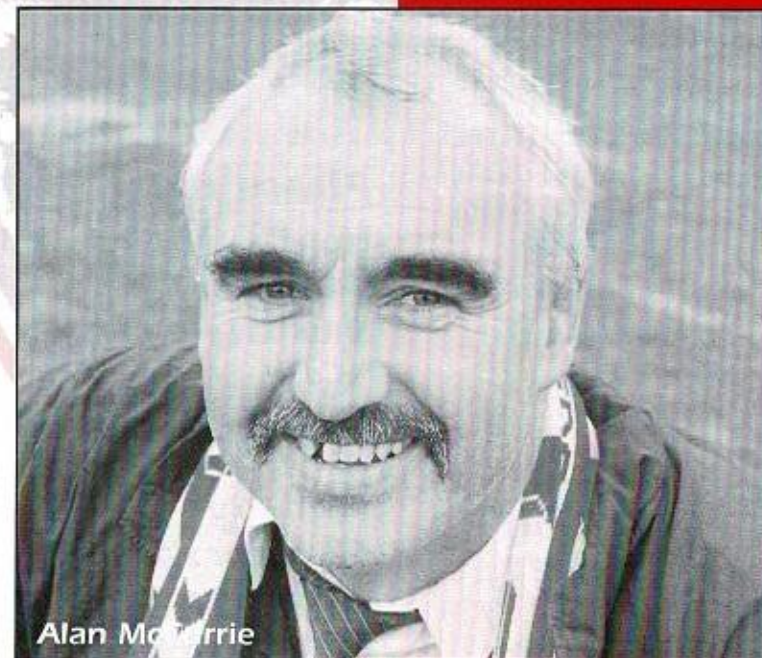
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At the end of our first month in charge Alan and I feel the team have not done as well as we expected. Sitting at the foot of the First Division, I know this may seem a bit obvious but to be fair it was a very difficult start and being optimistic the most we expected after four games was perhaps two points. The big disappointment in the manner of defeat, the amount of points we are conceding. We shall continue to work hard with the same enthusiasm and hope you will be patient and judge the boys a bit further down the line after the standard of opposition has eased somewhat. Looking to a much improved performance today.



Andy Goodway



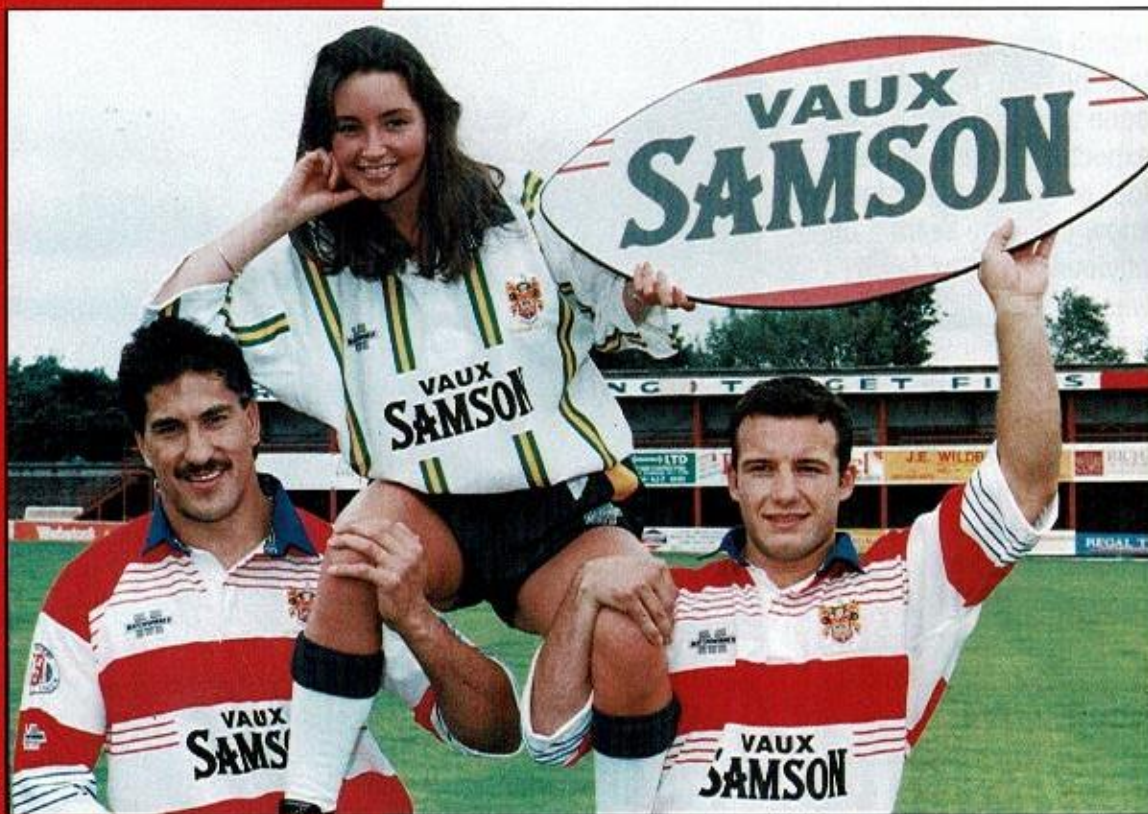
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Clarke.....	3
Crompton.....	1

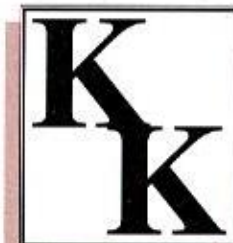
v Warrington

Crompton.....	5
Clarke.....	3
Kuiti.....	1

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Crompton.....	11
Clarke.....	11
Kuiti.....	8

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A LOOK AT THE LOCAL AMATEUR RUGBY SCENE

The biggest day on the local amateur calendar is the Standard Cup Final, the big Good Friday showdown which has been attracting huge crowds to Watersheddings since 1904. During the past seven years this prestigious competition has been dominated by Conference League giants St. Annes and Saddleworth Rangers. However, last season it was Higginshaw who lifted the trophy for a record 13th time. Readers of this page will be able to follow the progress of this seasons competition right the way through to Easters final. Holders Higginshaw, incidentally, run four teams, two open age, an under-16 and an under-12 side. The club are currently looking for a coach to work with their under-16 side. Anyone who feels they are capable of filling the vacancy should forward their application, outlining their coaching experience and qualifications to

secretary Alf Howarth at Higginshaw's Henshaw Street ground or 'phone him on 620-6027. Last weekend St. Annes maintained their unbeaten home record in the National Conference with an impressive 18-17 win over Walney Central. A late penalty from hooker Dean Hamilton snatched victory against a side who, at that time, led the First Division table. Next Saturday Saints travel to Dewsbury Celtic but return home on Saturday, 1st October when the visitors are Nottingham City. It will be the first ever meeting between these two clubs and one which should see Saints maintain that unbeaten home record. After a fine opening to the campaign, Saddleworth Rangers stumbled to a 12-9 home defeat last weekend against Heworth. Rangers will be hoping to return to winning ways next Saturday when Dudley Hill visit Shaw Hall Bank Road. Last season Dudley

Hill completed a League double over Rangers, winning 19-14 in Bradford and 14-8 at Greenfield. On 1st October Rangers travel to Wigan St. Patricks. So far this season, St. Pats have been playing away whilst their Clarington Park ground has been under renovation. Let us hope that Rangers are able to put a slight dampener on the St. Pats homecoming. Saddleworth have a celebration of their own next Wednesday, 21st September when the club's new floodlights will be used for the very first time. The Oldham Town team, who beat Rochdale 17-14 in the opening round of the Inter League Shield, take on Manchester in the second round at Shaw Hall Bank Road. Kick-off is at 7.30 p.m. for this tie which should see Oldham win through to a difficult quarter-final clash away at either Warrington or Wigan. Don Yates

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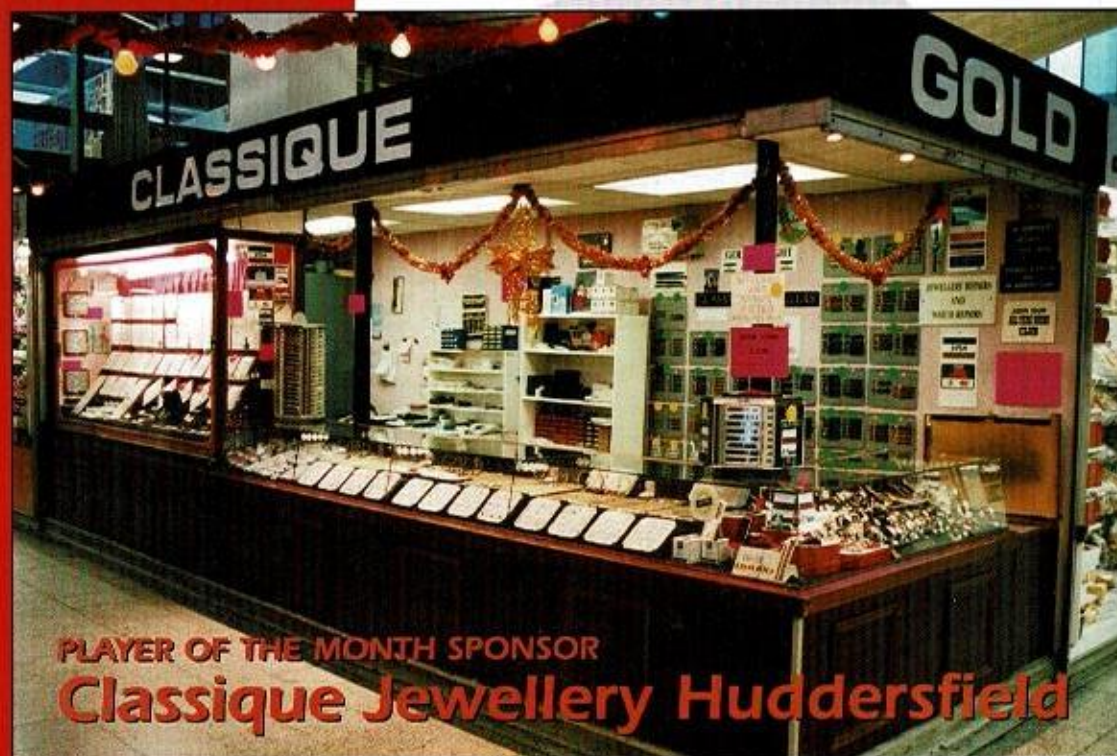
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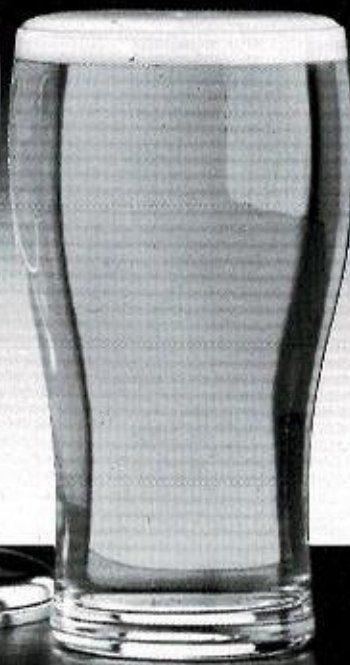
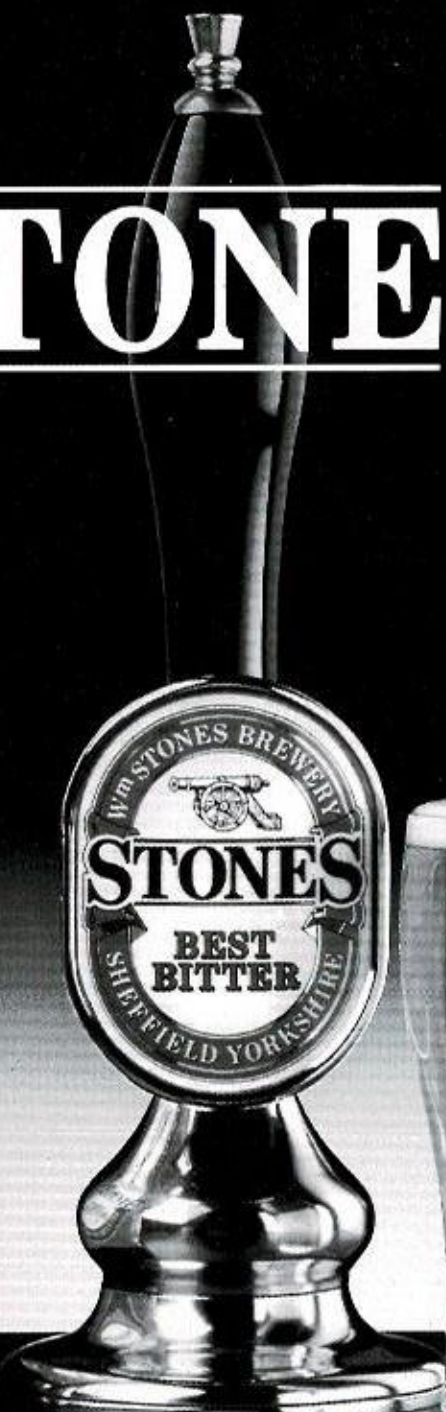
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2/10	St. Helens	3.00pm	£1,500	£800	£300	£300
14/10	Widnes	7.30pm	£1,400	£750	£275	£275
30/10	Featherstone	3.00pm	£1,250	£700	£275	£275
22/11	Bradford	7.30pm	£1,500	£800	£300	£300
11/12	Warrington	3.00pm	£1,400	£750	£300	£300
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8/1	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
14/4	Salford	7.30pm	£1,250	£700	£275	£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

Development News Supported by P.Casey and Co and Sportsmatch

Today's crowd for this visit of Doncaster is boosted by some special guests. First there are the members of the Oldham-Wembley party going to the first test against Australia on October 22nd. They are here today as guests of the club and will be in the club after the game for a pre-Wembley disco. Hopefully some of the Oldham players will drop in and meet them.

Second guests today are some of the local companies who have made the trip possible with pieces of sponsorship. So welcome and thankyou to:-
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Finally today welcome back to the Junior Curtain Raisers. Each home game teams from four Junior Schools play "Mini League" on the main pitch prior to the BIG GAME. Today our teams are from St. Edwards, Watersheddings, Littlemoor and St. Josephs.



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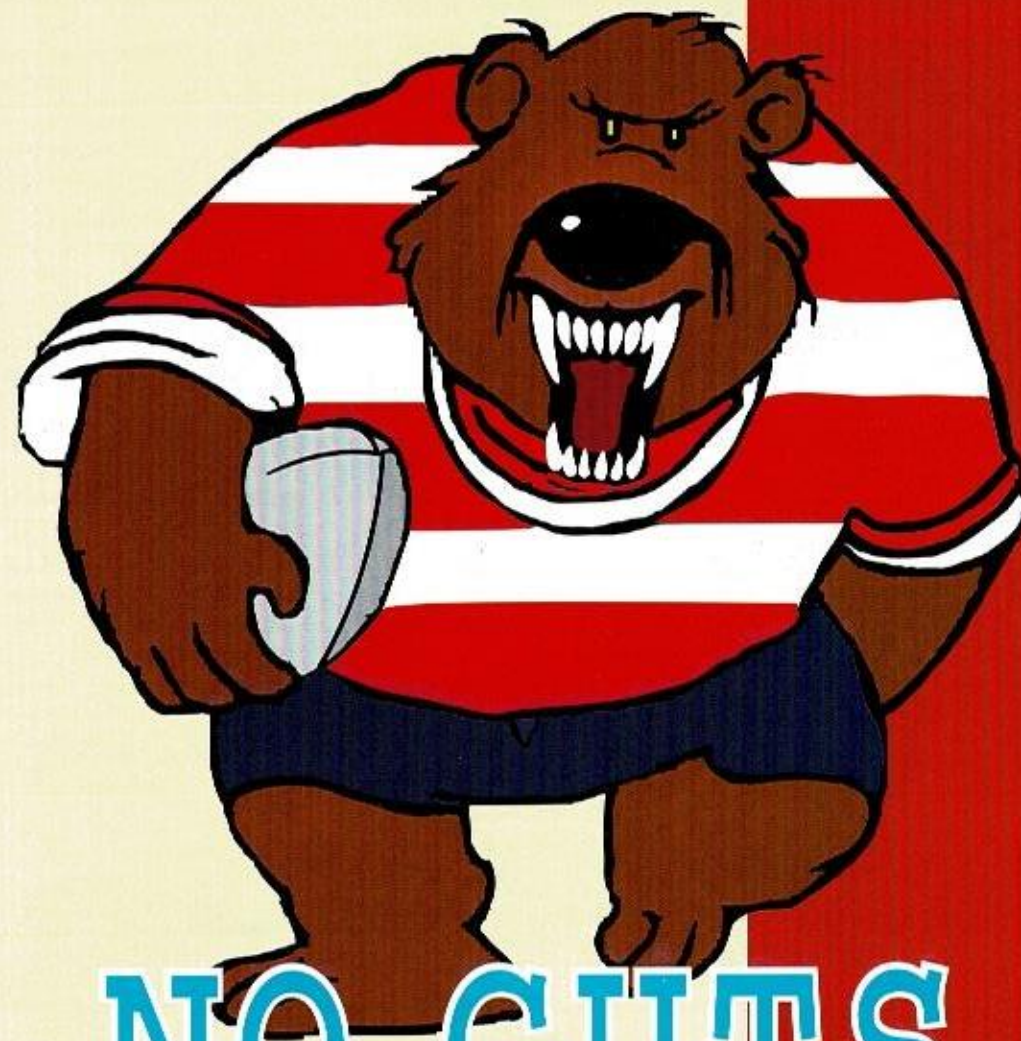
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MALCOLM LORD

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



Doncaster
leave big
guns in
tatters

Doncaster having started their first ever season in the First Division with that splendid and well deserved success against St. Helens saw the spotlight change to Tattersfield and their next opponents Widnes. Further success took the Dons briefly to the top of the League, but it was the action off the field that caused most consternation! Having negotiated the 'Border' check point they call the main gate at Tattersfield the first thing one noticed was the JCB's and industrial tractors still busily working away - only later did we find out that with 30 mins to kick-off and a couple of thousand fans queueing outside, the club had not been granted a safety certificate.

The panic came and went, we enquired where the press box entrance was (having already visited a mobile toilet which really did move whilst in use) to be told "Hey there's no Press Box laddie".

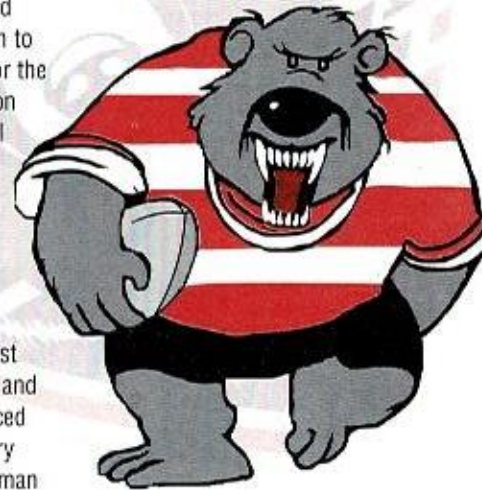
Stage 2 of the panic set in - and with good cause, we were soon to discover that our work place for the night was a wooden bench upon which we sat with the electrical cable hanging from a wooden beam in the stand (The Directors by the way had the same seats but with a cushion).

The scenario was - we were packed in tight - nowhere to rest our papers, stopwatches etc. - and with ever item delicately balanced we then discovered that at every exciting juncture in play - to a man

the crowd stood up - pens went one way notes the other and commentary was nigh on impossible. Somehow though we managed - We were later to discover that unbeknown to us there had been severe problems with sound as well - but to be fair the evening flew by. Doncaster had won a very good game of Rugby and all the preparatory work by the ground staff and inmates from the local prison had been worthwhile. We left to drive home, risked another visit to the mobile toilet and said Goodnight.

P.S. If you visit Tattersfield and I recommend you do, don't forget your flippers - they won't help in the stand but they'll certainly make visiting the loo easier.

Malcolm Lord (B.B.C.GMR)



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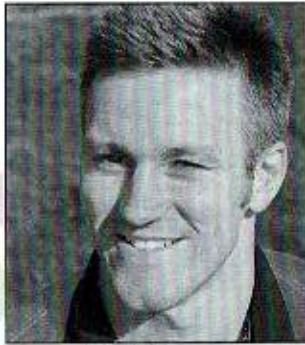
"A GREAT ACTOR CAN BRING TEARS TO YOUR EYES, BUT THEN SO CAN A MECHANIC"
- Donald Reber

FROM SMALL 'A' CORNS GROW

A look at our Alliance and Academy teams

ALLIANCE FIRST DIVISION

DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	K.O.	RES
August				
19th	Halifax	A	7.30	W36-12
26th	Bradford N	H	7.30	W32-26
September				
1st	Blank weekend			
2nd	Wigan	A	7.30	W26-21
10th	Warrington	H	7.30	L10-32
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 Wombey			
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	

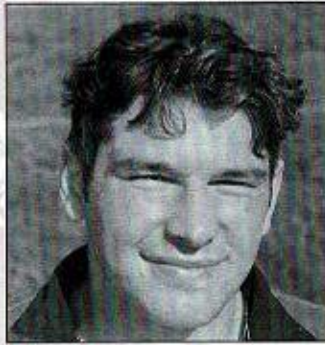


*Nigel Heslop.....
his last minute try maintained the 'A'
teams impressive start to the season*

Wigan A 21 Oldham A 26

A last minute try by Nigel Heslop maintained the A teams impressive start to the season making it 3 wins on the trot in this hard fought thriller at Central Park. The match seemed to have ebbed away from Oldham midway through the second half as Wigan went into a 21-14 lead but a determined fight back brought Oldham to within 1 point of Wigan, but with the seconds ticking away it didn't look enough to overtake a talented Wigan outfit but then a brilliantly weighted kicked through the Wigan defence by Steve Kerry was seized on by the alert Heslop. In a good all round team performance David Crimes and Paul Norman caught the eye with outstanding games.

Team:- Ainge, Goldbourne, Heslop, Mitchell, Holden, Burns, Kerry, Norman, Stephenson, Eaton, Green, Crimes, Hill. Subs: Edwards, McKinney.



*David Stephenson.....
working hard in marshalling the 'A' team*

vs Warrington 'A'

As they say all good things come to an end. After an amazing 18 month run unbeaten last years 1st Division Alliance winners Warrington came to Watersheddings determined to show that they are not going to hand over their crown without a battle. Both teams provided glimpses of exciting rugby but with Rowland

Phillips and Gary Tees in the forwards for Warrington they always had the edge.

Martin Holden collected a try and three goals, Joe Faimalo had a good debut in the pack and David Chrimen battled hard in an unaccustomed centre role. This should not be seen as a set back but another step on the learning ladder for some 'A' teamers who have never tasted defeat in a 'Roughyed' shirt.

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THE MAN IN THE KNOW

“ In spite of a rather sneering ‘Do they have fantasy Rugby League yet?’ in a recent Sunday newspaper, there is no doubt that the ‘League Express’ Fantasy League has generated an awful lot of interest. At each of the 5 games I have watched so far this season, there has been talk of it in my vicinity on the terraces. Not much joy, of course, for those who used their quota of Oldham (or, indeed Featherstone, Hull or Wakefield) players. But, I did meet one smiling lady, who had selected a side mainly of ex-Roughyeds, including Jamie Bloem, John Fieldhouse, Paul Round and Chris Joynt. ”



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

“ What a marvellous run by the Alliance side. Now that it has come to an end, it would be wrong not to pay tribute to all involved. And it has not just been the victories, but often the way they have been achieved. At least we can't complain about there being no pressure for first team places. ”

“ My spy at the Bradford-Warrington clash the other week tells me that it was not for the faint-hearted. Perhaps the average neutral would not have been too shocked to learn that Paul Cullen had been sent off -though, strangely, for a tripping offence when Warrington were in possession. But there was an incident when Davies was felled by a Watson high tackle when in full flight for the line and no red card. And the claret ran heavily, I believe. The two sides meet again, on Sky, on October 7th - could be interesting! ”

“ Talking about Peter Tunks, he may have temporarily disappeared off the R.L. coaching scene, but he is not short of appearances in the media when it comes to the 15-a-side code. Quoted last week as having guested in the centre (with Phil Larder) for the local vets side, he was also seen on T.V. coaching Sale R.U.F.C.'s pack! I understand that he was asked to concentrate particularly on the psychological aspects of forward play. ”

“ Andy Goodway's radio comments after the Wigan trouncing made interesting listening. ‘It didn't rain’, when asked if anything positive had come out of the afternoon, at least showed a sardonic sense of humour. But he also made clear, in no uncertain terms, that he would not tolerate the second-best standards. I have to say, though, that I for one applaud his attempt at consistent team selections. And our full Kiwi complement will be here soon, with both Marsh and Temu given a top write up by Aaron Whittaker in R.L. Weekend recently. ”

“ I felt that referee Stuart Cummings got the 8-point try, and sin-bin, exactly right at Wilderspool last week. But how often do you see exactly the same offence go unpunished? ”

“ Our real season starts today. Compared with the same 4 fixtures in '93-94, we have the same number of League points, and a 29 point worse scoring difference. How about a target of 4 wins by the end of October? ”



TRY AGAIN!

VAUX SAMSON - ITS STRENGTH IS ITS TASTE

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING 1994-95

POT POURRI

Hot on the heels of the announcement of the USA's inclusion in the subsidiary tournament to next year's Centenary World Cup comes news of a return fixture between John Morgan's men and Canada, to take place in Otario on Saturday 1 October, with a curtain-raiser between USA 'B' and Canada 'B'. The USA won the encounter between the two countries in Atlantic City in June by 22-0, and will be looking to maintain their 100 per cent record in inter-American fixtures, they narrowly lost to Russia in San Francisco on 20 August.

"FRIENDS COME AND GO BUT ENEMIES ACCUMULATE"
Thomas E. Jones Jr.



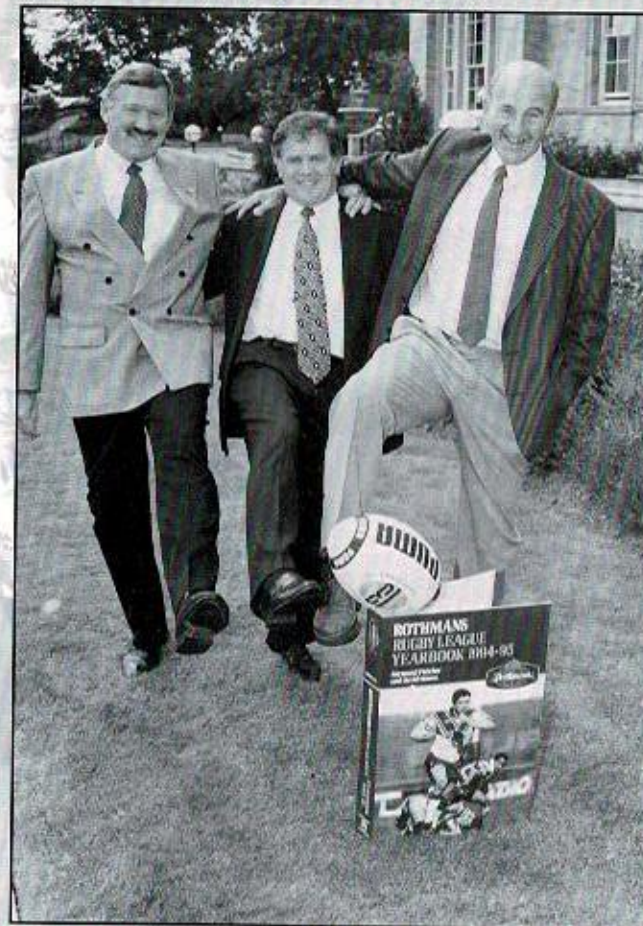
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AUGUST			
21st	Halifax	3.00	L 20-40 Gibson Jones Irwin Abram T Ranson
28th	Bradford Northern	3.00	L 14-36 Gibson T Jones Irwin Acram Ranson
SEPTEMBER			
4th	Wigan	3.00	L 58-10 Gibson T Jones Irwin T Abram Ranson
SEPTEMBER			
11th	Warrington	3.00	L 55-6 Heslop Jones Irwin Abram Ranson
18th	Doncaster	3.00	
25th	Hull	3.15	
OCTOBER			
2nd	St Helens	3.00	
9th	Wakefield Trinity	3.30	
14th	Widnes [BKYB]	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)		
25th	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	
12th	Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Round 4)		
19th	St. Helens	3.00	
25th	Silk Cup Challenge Cup (Round 5)		
MARCH			
5th	Wakefield Trinity	3.00	
12th	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	

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SHAUN EDWARDS

Shaun Edwards of Wigan needs 13 points for a career total of 1,000 for the club. The half-backs total of 987 points is made up of 236 tries and 22 goals including one drop goal. He has played in 390 matches for Wigan, including 10 substitute appearances. His best match tally is 40 points from a club record away win against Swinton on 29 September 1992. They were both County Cup records and, playing at scrum half, his 10 tries were the most by a non-winger in any match. In addition, Edwards has thrice scored four tries in a match for Wigan plus six other hat-tricks. He was the game's top try scorer 1991-92 with 40, second in 1992-93 with 46, including three for Great Britain, and has finished in the top ten on three other occasions. The former schoolboy international signed for Wigan on his 17th birthday - 17th October 1983 - and made his debut at stand-off in a 30-13 John Player Special Trophy first round home defeat of York on 6th November 1983. Edwards has also scored 88 points in representative matches including 15 Test tries for Great Britain.

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Garland G1	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord	Davidson	Kubi	Richards	Falmale



Rugby League's three surviving all-time records - Neil Fox (left), David Watkins and Lewis Jones - kick off the Rothmans Rugby League Yearbook 1994-95.

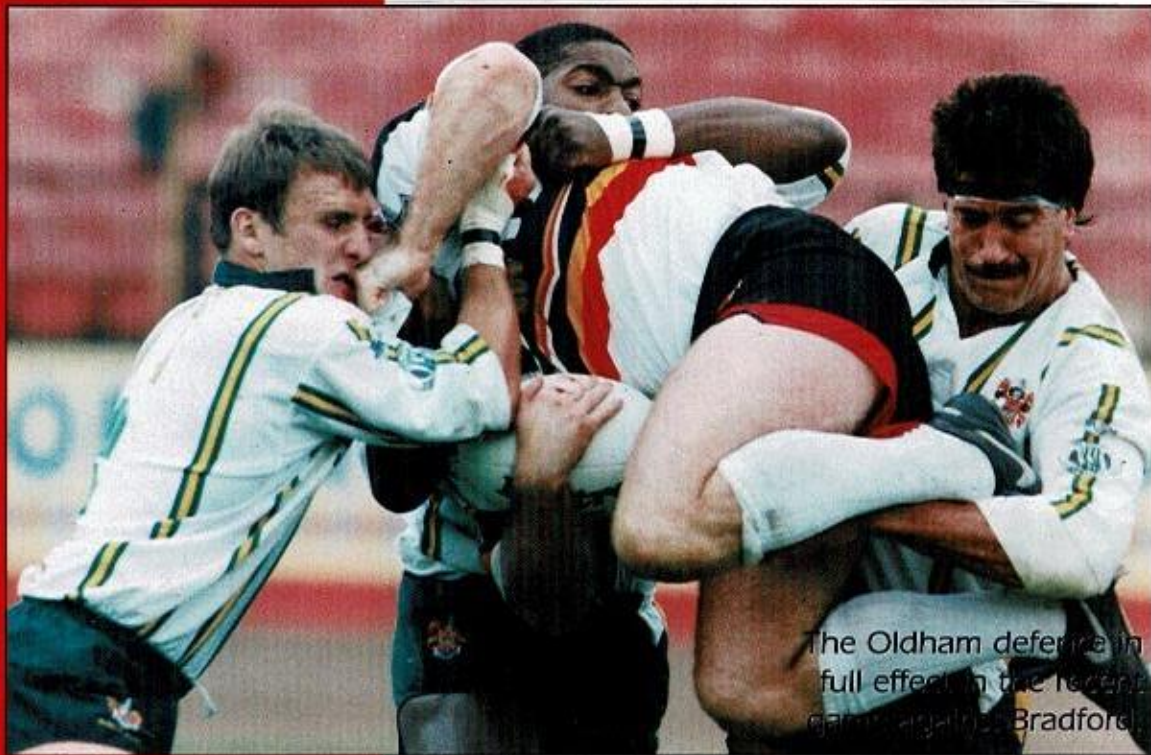
The legendary scoring trio feature in a special new feature in the game's best selling annual, the definitive listing of the all-time top scorers in a match, season and career.

Fox holds the record for the most points scored in a career, Watkins for most goals in a season and Lewis for most points in a season.

The 448-page Rothmans Rugby League Yearbook is available from bookshops priced £15.99 or by post from David Howes & Associates, 76 Town Street, Horsforth, Leeds LS18 4AP, enclosing a cheque or postal order for £18.50 (including postage and packing) made payable to David Howes and Associates.

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

JUNIOR ROUGHYEDS



The Oldham defence in full effect in the recent game against Bradford.

After a good response everything (except for the results) is going well. Today we are hoping to have over 400 children in the 'Penny Rush' enclosure.

Remember if you wish to join call in the shop for details.

If you have any comments or news please write and let us know.

We are very close to a major sponsorship deal, details will follow in the next programme.

yours

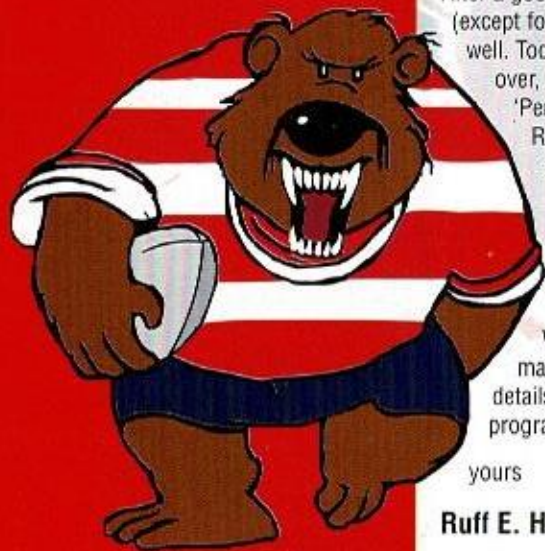
Ruff E. Head Junior

The Supporters Club extended a warm welcome to our friends from Yorkshire this afternoon. Membership fees of £2 are now due, and forms can be obtained from the canteen.

On Tuesday 20th September at 8.30pm we are holding an open meeting in the Pavillion, there will be a pie and pea supper. Everyone welcome.

There will be a raffle and the bar will be open.

Coaches to Hull next week will leave the Club at 12 o'clock (midday). Please phone 6651832 for bookings.



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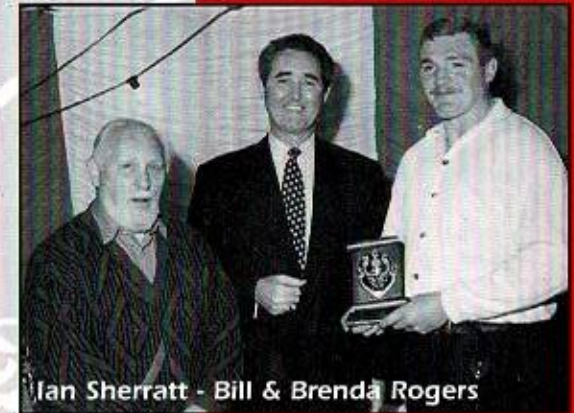
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