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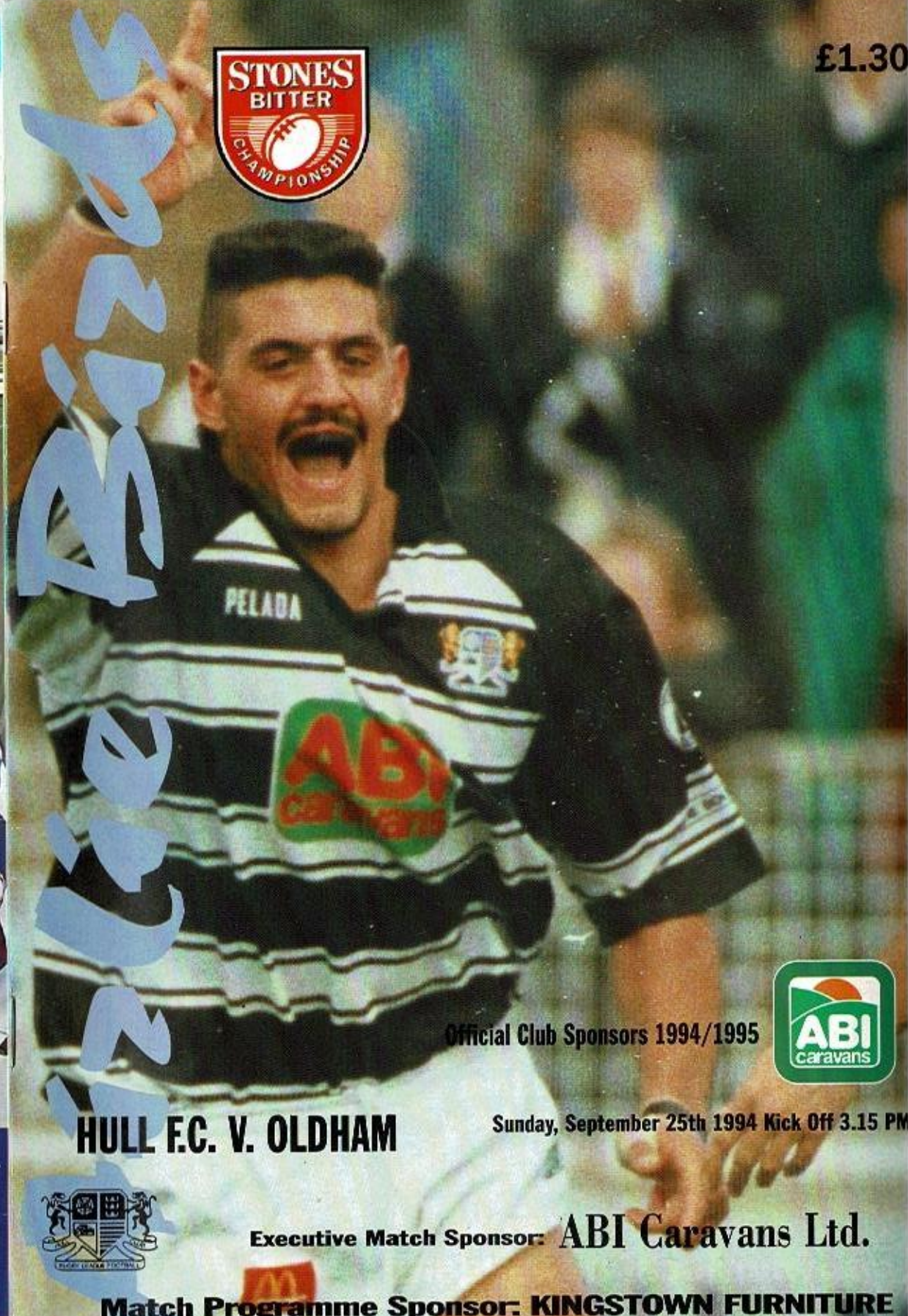


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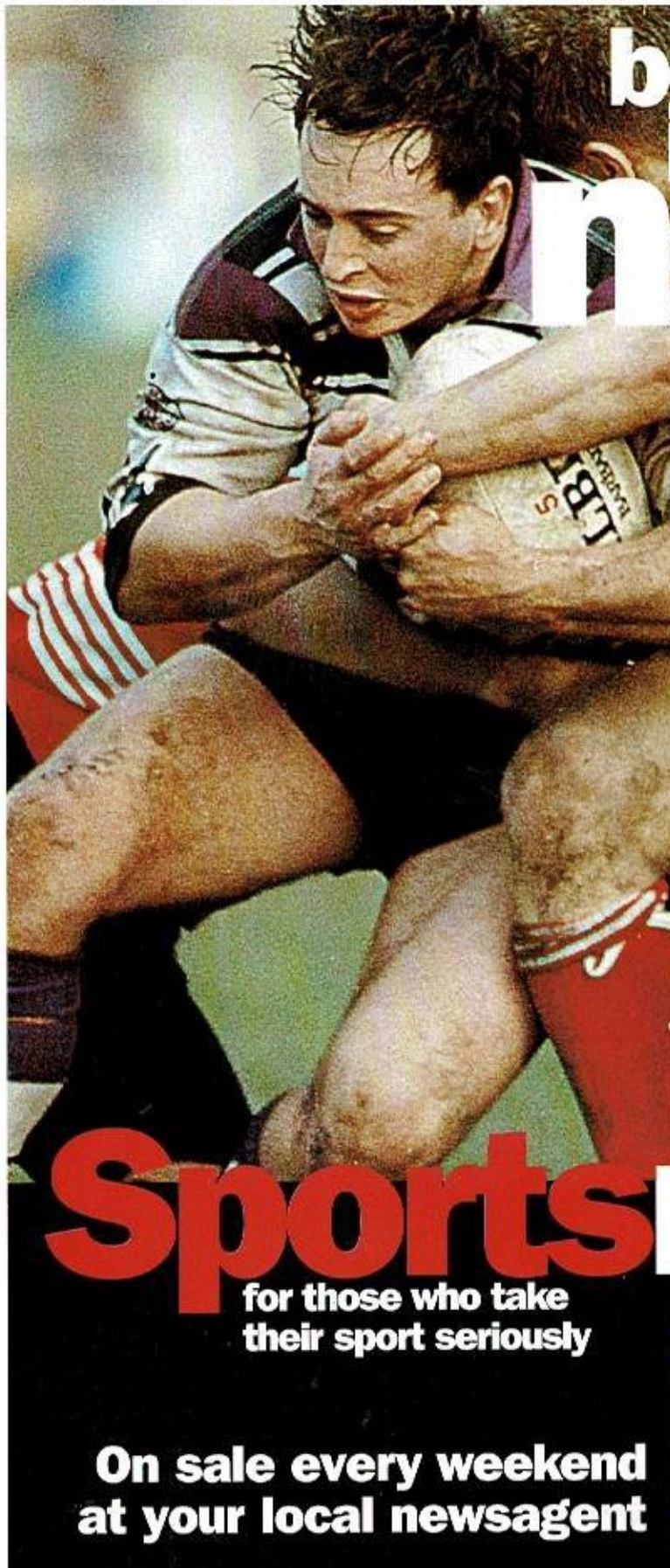
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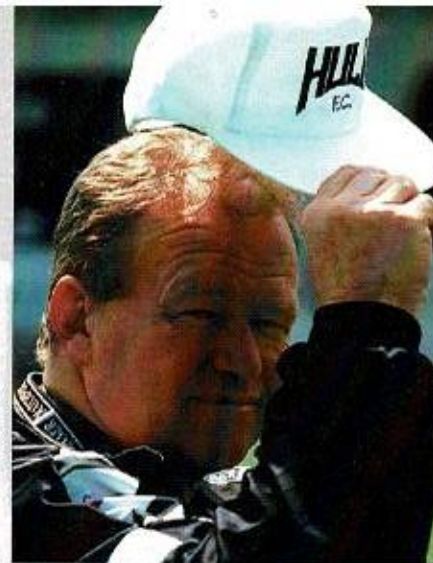
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At this level of football our players need to have the ability to concentrate for the full 80 minutes.

Last week saw us get off to the

best start of the season and we should have been up by 20 points in the first 16 minutes. We just basically make far too many basic errors and clearly it is basic football that's losing games. When you look at our wing three quarters, they have not scored a try in the last six games - that tells the story.

I certainly would like to welcome my fellow countrymen to today's game and I am sure the supporters will not be let down by their performance.

Shane Endacott gives us a good

organiser while Maea David and Tevita Vaikona give us strength and pace in the centres.

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Tony Gordon

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**Occupation:** Distribution clerk at Britvic  
**Previous Clubs:** Travellers Saints  
**If you were picked for the GB squad who else would be in your team:**  
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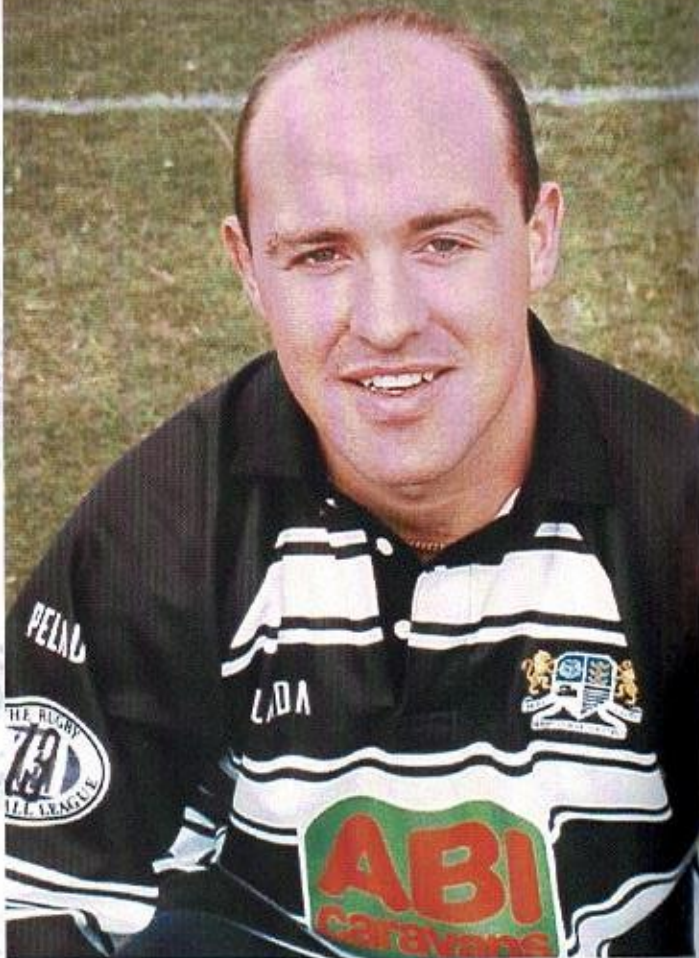
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**What is your nickname:** Razor

**At the age of 16, what did you hope to be:** A professional RL player.

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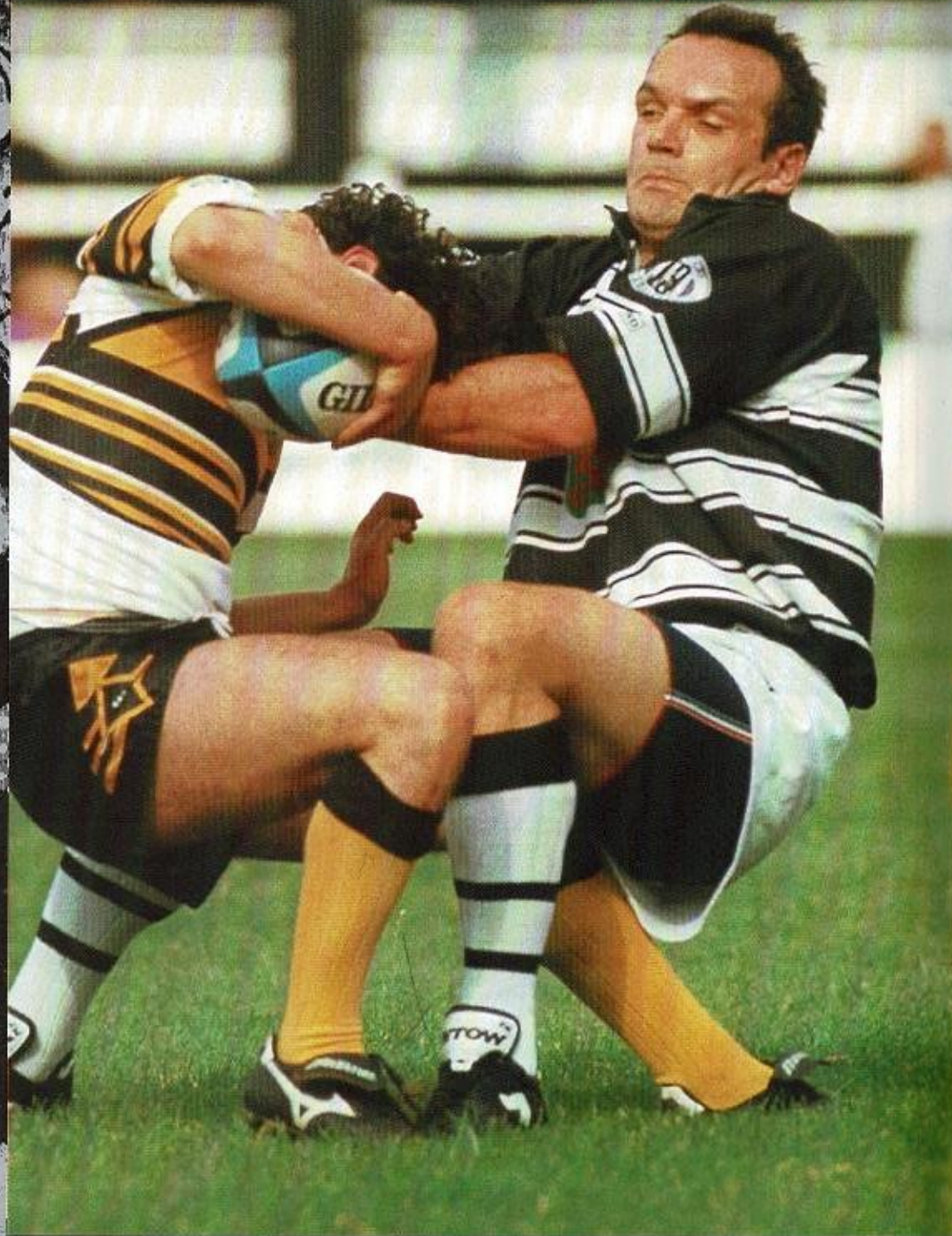
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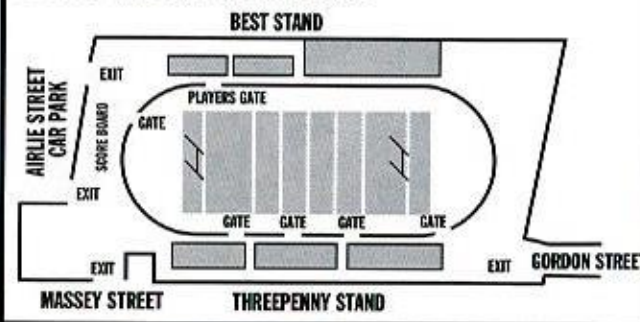
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# With the Academy

Young Ariele Birds definitely started with a tough one when they visited Central Park for their opening group match. It was a quiet changing room prior to the match and the "Wigan Presence" appeared to affect the younger members of the squad. Hull in fact had the first chance when stand-off Kitching intercepted but was hauled down five metres short but then Wigan broke and a long range raid should have brought the opening points but Barrow dropped the ball over the line. Two against the head by hooker Danville put Hull in a commanding position and with an overlap generated the referee gave Wigan offside and Harris kicked a simple goal. The Ariele Birds defended well and frustrated their opponents while Kitching once again broke away beating four defenders before losing the ball in the tackle ten metres from the line.

Wigan bounced straight back but it was a harsh penalty for holding down which saw Docherty level the scores with a straight penalty.

Wigan were now slightly on top and after holding out for half an hour the Hull defence was finally breached when loose-forward Hatton sailed through a gap and Docherty added the extras. Half time proved a turning point of the game when Prest was awarded a try. Hull failed to diffuse an extremely difficult

bomb which swirled in the wind dropping between two defenders but when the Wigan player hacked on he was clearly offside and then failed to ground the ball because of obstruction from the Hull defence.

The touch judge signalled a 20 metre tap while the referee awarded a try but not a penalty try as originally thought. Wigan finally increased their lead when a bout of fine handling with a man always in support saw Hammill cross under the posts for Docherty to goal.

Hull kept the pressure on knocking the bigger Wigan pack out of their stride and once again Aro went close. Hull then stretched the ball wide as Dunning and Danville worked a run round which saw Windass in at the corner. Although eventually losing 18-6 the performance was full of character.

The opening home game of this season saw the first ever visit to the Boulevard of an academy side from Keighley presumably a direct result of Cougar mania.

Hull dominated the opening quarter with Keighley failing to escape from their own half. Bone scored the first try when Gray stood up in the tackle to send the second rower over in the corner. The lead was increased when Sedman made good ground before Hull created the

overlap to send McCracken in at the corner.

On 25 minutes the Cougars at last made Hull territory and should have posted their opening points but Gibson sited his penalty wide from in front of the posts. This encouraged Hull to open out and Dunning scored an excellent try.

Then came the try of the half as Hull slipped the ball in the tackle and supported each other before Gray raced away to the line, Kitching supported and went under the posts for Gray to add his third goal for a 22-0 interval lead.

The Cougars had a better second period but Hull scrambled well and kept them at bay. Hull extended their lead when Sedman burst through to find Danville in support leaving an easy goal for Gray.

Danville, from a great ball by Beet scurried in from 40 metres with Gray again adding a goal. After a scrappy bout of play Gray made a direct thrust for the posts and Dunning would have scored but was tackled without the ball. From the resultant penalty Roberts completed the 38-0 victory as he plunged over from close range. Hull actually ended the match with ten 16 year olds on view and two league points toward their quest for first division rugby.

# Touchline View

Hull travelled across to Wheldon Road with high hopes of victory and fought out an even opening quarter trailing just 2-0 to a Tonk's penalty goal.

What happened next over the ensuing hour is not for the faint hearted as they struggled to a 20-0 interval deficit before finally going down 52-10, with the Tigers at one point scoring four tries in 6 minutes without Hull touching the ball. Hull did manage a couple of tries, their first being the opening score of the second period. Richardson made useful ground and then Chico sent Stevens into a gap and the stand-off engineered a try for Barnard to score in the corner while Stevens added a fine touchline conversion.

The second try was the last in the match as Castleford knocked on from the kick-off and from the scrum Stevens went blind feeding Gray with a long ball and the winger stood his marker up before racing 20 metres to the corner. Gray nearly added another when he took Steven's astute kick to the corner but Wray just managed to tackle him short.

An all round improvement was witnessed with the visit of York and Hull made the perfect start when Cassidy burst blind to send Barnard in at the corner.

York responded when the evergreen Mumby carved out an opening, but hooker Pallister dropped the ball over the line.

Hull increased the lead on ten minutes when Hewitt dummed his way over and added the goal, but York responded when Pallister made amends for his earlier mistake

to wriggle over when O'Donnell failed to cover a kick ahead and Mumby added the goal and a penalty as York narrowly trailed 10-8.

It proved end to end entertainment but there was only one further score in the opening half when Cassidy picked up from a scrum base before dragging three defenders over the line.

The second half opened with Windley scoring an excellent try, from a scrum, the young stand-off ran across field utilising angled runs from dummy runners before accelerating through a gap, while Hewitt's conversion opened up a 12 point lead.

York bounced back with O'Donnell having to be alert to put a ball ahead and then an ankle tap by Richardson prevented Kettlestring scoring in the corner, Rushton twice made surging breaks putting over the trialist centre and Richard Wilson but both efforts were controversially disallowed by referee Shaw for forward passes. Windley was then taken out during a kick and chase but the elusive next score came in the final minute when after a fine break, Hewitt stroled through a huge gap to put Smith under the posts. Hewitt's goal made it 26-8.

A chance to establish Hull's improvement came with the visit of Wigan. The crowd loved it, as they heckled Lydon and Cowie, a handful of sad Wigan supporters and saw Hewitt and Windley outplay former BARLA internationals Hatton and Murdock.

A Hewitt penalty opened up the scoring before Windley raced across field using his

contres as dummy runners to feed O'Donnell who immediately gave Donkin a half chance and the winger waltzed round his opposite number to score in the corner while Hewitt converted off the touchline.

Hull defended resolutely as Wigan opened up and when Murdock was sent away by Lydon, Donkin raced back to make an excellent cover tackle five metres from the corner. From the position Hull were found guilty of holding down and Murdock kicked an angled penalty.

Just before the interval, Hewitt took the right option to drop a goal for a 9-2 interval lead. Sterling, making a return from injury was just held by his shorts but when the ball was worked wide Hewitt's kick was fumbled and Donkin snapped up his second try.

Hull continued to stretch Wigan and Windley put a long pass out for Sterling to touch down in the corner. Hewitt missed a penalty and then had a bomb made dead as the pressure was maintained. Cassidy made a storming break from the dropout and as Windley stopped the defence continued sliding across, leaving a hole which O'Donnell stroled through and Hewitt's kick made it 23-2.

Even though Wigan had the wind and Lydon's boot they invariably kept Wigan penned in their own quarter.

Wigan scored their opening try on 70 minutes and deep into injury time they made the score respectable when Radlinski accepted a touchline pass. Murdock's goal made it 23-12.

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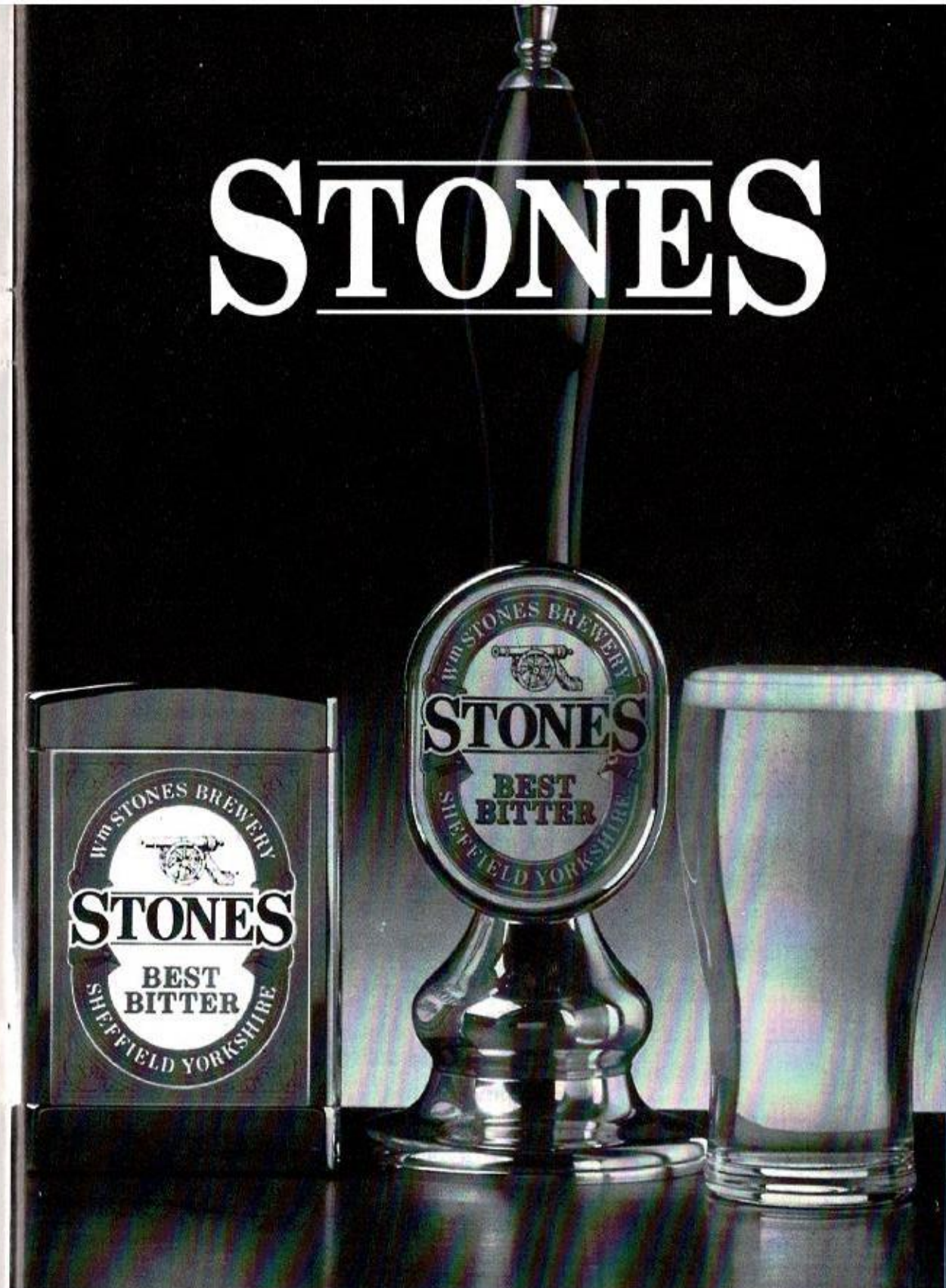
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Further distinction for the club came with the selection of Welsh international wing three-quarter Alf Francis on Britain's second tour of Australia in 1914. Unfortunately Alf did not make the Test side which won the series 2-1, all three Tests taking place in Sydney. This tour became famous for the 'Rorke's Drift' third Test decider, named

**In the 43 matches played the Airlie Birds accumulated 770 points, exceeding their previous best in 1898-99 of 616 and for the first time in the club's history an individual reached a century of goals;**

after the battle in which outnumbered British soldiers held off hordes of Zulus. The British team earned their glory by winning 14-6 after injuries reduced them to ten men for most of the second half. For a brief period they only had nine players. The drama began before the match. Already depleted by injuries, the tourists objected to playing a third Test match in eight days. A cable from headquarters in England urged them to go ahead, adding 'England expects every man to do his duty.' It brought a magnificent response and with the series level at 1-1, the tourists rose to the occasion at the Sydney Cricket Ground to regain the Ashes. The British crowned a most successful Tour with a 16-13 triumph over the Kiwis in Auckland.

In season 1914-15 Hull enjoyed more success finishing fifth in the League table behind Champions Huddersfield, Wigan, Leeds, and Rochdale Hornets and were beaten finalists in the Yorkshire Challenge Cup, going down heavily to the all conquering Huddersfield. Though Hull ended without any silverware their scoring prowess certainly came to the fore. In the 43 matches played the Airlie Birds accumulated 770 points, exceeding their previous best in 1898-99 of 616 and for the first time in the club's history an individual reached a century of goals; Ned Rogers who kicked exactly 100 goals. The club's try scoring record was also smashed in impressive style, Jack Harrison notching 52 touchdowns easily outdoing Alf Francis' tally of 27 in 1910-11 and that record still stands today.



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distinction to the Hull club and Northern Union by being awarded the Military Cross and the Victoria Cross.

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The Hull club continued with varying success during the war years, difficulty being encountered in raising teams owing to Service calls. With the cessation of hostilities in 1918, the club was able once more to field something like a representative side and the end of the season saw the Boulevarders in the proud possession of the Yorkshire League Cup. From 16 fixtures they achieved a 81.25% success rate finishing comfortably clear of Leeds and Bramley. Hull's neighbours Hull KR occupied seventh place in a League comprising eleven clubs with Bradford Northern at the wrong end of the ladder.

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Seen the latest letters from fans in the Sports Mail? Watch out, the Hull club will be giving their replies in this column. No punches pulled!!!!

**FIZZIO FILE**

**MARK JONES:** Mark has recovered well from his knee ligament injury. He has begun some light running and will hopefully be fit to play around the end of October.

**PAUL EASTWOOD:** Paul is almost doing full training, although he is still experiencing some pain, from his groin injury, when he is twisting and turning. This is the reason for his delayed return. Fingers crossed he should be fit for playing by the time you read this article.

**RICHARD GAY:** Richard's groin injury is still bothering him slightly although improving. He will visit the club surgeon this week as a

precaution, but will hopefully not be requiring the surgeon's skills.

**MATTHEW MURRAY:** Some of you may have seen Matt leave the field during the 'A' team game against York in considerable pain. The X-ray revealed only bruising. He should return in 2-3 weeks. Cheggers!!



**CHEGGRS!!** - Gary Nolan wondering where the blood has come from.

Brian Murphy  
 4 Linley Road, Pemberton  
 Wigan, WN5 9ES  
 Dear Sir

I am trying to trace a copy of the late Clive Sullivan's biography entitled 'Hard Road to the Top' by Joe Latus.

If anybody has a copy of this book to sell, in good condition, please contact me

Much Obligated, Brian Murphy

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

Many congratulations to  
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**WHAT ARE YOU WONDERING?**

\* Has Lance Sedman the academy fullback, been having secret training sessions. Has he worked out a game plan and training programme for his racing pigeons?

\* Who are Jon Sharp's boys. Has he taken certain members of the alliance squad under his wing - were they well looked after at Thrum Hall?

\* Does academy scrum-half Wayne Harris know his way to Blackpool. Does he know when to turn left or is it right. Should he get some tips from the first

team squad???

\* Will Mark Cassidy, younger brother of Jez make a similar impact on the club. Will he always "need a little help from his friends" especially Jon Aston!!

\* Was Jez Cassidy upset that Johan Windley got the credit in the Hull Daily Mail for setting up a first minute try for Marcus Barnard against York when it was the second rower himself. After complaining bitterly to Ohmsie was he surprised to find out that different people cover alliance home and away games??

\* Will Russ Walker make the Cumbrian side to take on the Aussies. How many people still think that Russ is a dustman thanks to the comment made by Crusher Cleal??

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That long term favourite of the Boulevard Faithful, Jon Sharp, commences a well deserved benefit with a Sportsman's Dinner on Sunday 2nd October. Fittingly the event is a sell out and those who have tickets for 'Darleys' on the night will enjoy the inimitable style of Peter Fox as after dinner speaker. Sharp has been a credit to his home town of Featherstone, to Hull FC and

to British Rugby League. He is a players player and one of the fairest and most dedicated professionals the game has seen. Typically, last season, he won the Players Player of the Season Award and will be going all out to have yet another high quality season for Hull FC this term. Good Luck to Jon on his Testimonial Season!!!



Jon Sharp as a young 'W' teamer

# Hull FC Hall of Fame

In March next year (see advert on page 23) Hull FC will honour the next six or seven most prominent players in the History of the Club. On the photograph below, we see the first six Hall of Fame players receiving their trophies before the

fans. Fittingly they were presented by fellow players who served the club so well over the years and here we see Tommy Harris, Alan McGlone, Johnny Whiteley, Keith Tindall, Chris Davidson, Arthur Keegan, Mrs Ros Sullivan, Flash Flanagan, Tony Dean, Knocker Norton,

David Topliss and Brian Hancock on the Boulevard pitch. The Hull FC Hall of Fame will be open to the public at the next Alliance team home fixture. Why not call in, watch the team who destroyed Wigan's 'A' team and wander round the Hall of Fame under the New Threepenny Stand to see the years of nostalgia and pride? The first Hull FC Hall of Fame was captured on video and is available from the club office for £14.99.



The stars of the 1st Hall of Fame receive their awards from former team mates.

## WHO NEXT?

Who should we honour next? Players from the pre-war era? Should we have special award categories or coaches and overseas players? What is Your View?

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Prop. Paul Basnett

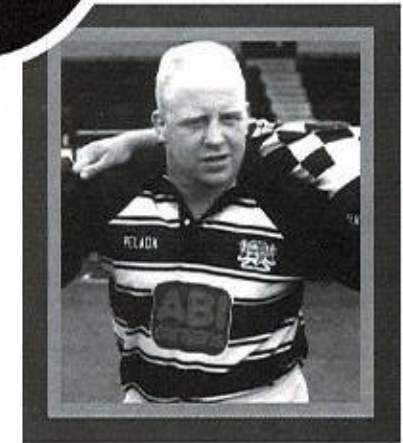
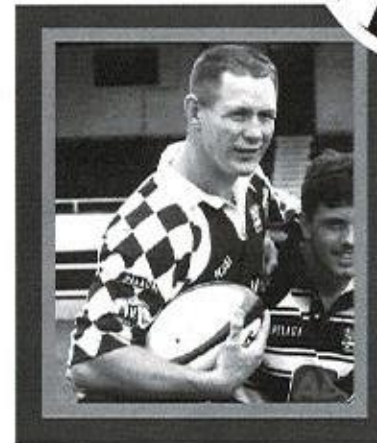
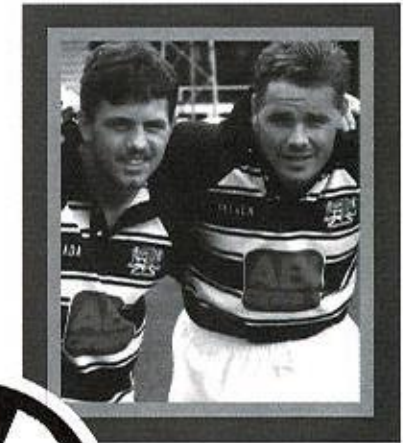
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Castleford	5	4	0	1	146	104	8
St Helens	6	4	0	2	171	149	8
Leeds	5	4	0	1	106	94	8
Warrington	7	3	1	3	161	113	7
Halifax	5	3	0	2	158	89	6
Doncaster	5	3	0	2	86	96	6
Sheffield	5	2	0	3	93	108	4
Widnes	6	2	0	4	79	171	4
Salford	6	1	1	4	131	149	3
Featherstone	5	1	1	3	104	148	3
Workington	5	1	0	4	79	117	2
Wakefield	5	1	0	4	55	147	2
Oldham	5	1	0	4	94	197	2
Hull	5	0	1	4	82	161	1

## DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt.
Hull KR	5	5	0	0	231	42	10
Keighley	5	4	1	0	162	60	9
Leigh	5	4	0	1	179	54	8
Batley	5	4	0	1	153	57	8
Ryedale-York	5	3	1	1	182	65	7
London B	5	3	0	2	108	89	6
Swinton	4	3	0	1	63	108	6
Huddersfield	5	2	0	3	128	83	4
Dewsbury	4	2	0	2	118	91	4
Rochdale	5	2	0	3	118	127	4
Whitehaven	5	2	0	3	68	108	4
Carlisle	5	2	0	3	105	158	4
Bramley	5	1	0	4	89	109	2
Hunslet	5	1	0	4	85	191	2
Barrow	5	0	0	5	66	235	0
Highfield	5	0	0	5	32	310	0

DATE	DAY	TEAM	H/A	K-OFF	SCORE	ATT.
21.9.94	SUN	WARRINGTON	H	3.15PM	016-16	5180
28.9.94	Sun	Salford	A	3.00pm	129-33	3750
4.9.94	SUN	CASTLEFORD	H	3.15PM	118-48	5371
11.9.94	Sun	Halifax	A	3.00pm	112-46	4500
18.9.94	Sun	Workington	A	3.00pm	18-18	3300
25.9.94	SUN	OLDHAM	H	3.15PM		
2.10.94	SUN	BRADFORD	H	3.15PM		
9.10.94	Sun	Sheffield	A	3.15pm		
16.10.94	Sun	Wakefield	A	3.30pm		
23.10.94	FRI	WIGAN	H	7.30PM		
6.11.94	Sun	Warrington	A	3.00pm		
13.11.94	SUN	SALFORD	H	2.15PM		
27.11.94	Sun	Castleford	A	3.30pm		
4.12.94	Sun	Regal Trophy (Round 2)				
11.12.94	SUN	HALIFAX	H	3.15PM		
17.12.94	Sat	Regal Trophy (Round 3)				
26.12.94	MON	LEEDS	H	3.15PM		
1.1.95	Sun	Doncaster	A	3.00pm		
7.1.95	Sat	Regal Trophy (Quarter Finals)				
8.1.95	Sun	Featherstone	A	3.30pm		
14.1.95	Sat	Regal Trophy (Semi Final 1)				
15.1.95	Sun	Regal Trophy (Semi Final 2)				
15.1.95	SUN	WIDNES	H	3.15PM		
22.1.95	Sun	St Helens	A	3.00pm		
28.1.95	Sat	Regal Trophy (Final)				
29.1.95	SUN	WARRINGTON	H	3.15PM		
5.2.95	Sun	Oldham	A	3.00pm		
11.2.95	Sat	Silk Cup CC (4th Round)				
18.2.95	Sun	Bradford	A	3.00pm		
25.2.95	Sat	Silk Cup CC (5th Round)				
3.3.95	FRI	SHEFFIELD	H	7.30PM		
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19.3.95	SUN	WAKEFIELD	H	3.15PM		
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## TODAY'S FIXTURES

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 Salford v Halifax  
 St Helens v Sheffield Eagles  
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# Oldham

## ORIGINS

One of the pioneer members of the Northern Union, Oldham were one of the game's first successful clubs, occupying a top four placing in the League Championship between 1905-06 and 1910-11. They also reached the play-off final in the first five years of its existence, winning two against local rivals Wigan and losing the others to Hunslet, Halifax and Wigan. They also became the first Lancashire club to win the Rugby League Challenge Cup in 1899, with a 19-9 defeat of Hunslet at Maine Road before a crowd of 15,763. Oldham's early games were played at Godwick Mill, with their first opponents being Stalybridge. They then moved, briefly, to Clarkville, and then, in 1889, to their present Watersheddings home, opening with a match against Swinton.

## COUNTY SUCCESS

Oldham dominated the early days of Lancashire Cup football, gaining four triumphs between 1907-19 over Broughton Rangers, Swinton, Wigan and Rochdale Hornets, their success being influenced by some outstanding players such as the long-serving Cumbrian forward Joe Ferguson, who appeared in no less than 634 matches, between 1899 and 1923, and Jim Lomas, the first Lions tour captain in 1910. The Roughyeds enjoyed consecutive County Cup successes in 1957, 1958 and 1959 but have not won the now defunct competition since, their last final appearances being in 1987 and 1990, going down to Wigan and Warrington respectively.

## CHALLENGE CUP DISAPPOINTMENT

Oldham added to their Challenge Cup triumph of 1899 with successes in 1925 and 1927 over Hull K.R. and Swinton but have yearned for such glory in the intervening years with a Wembley place continuing to elude them; they endured disappointing semi-final defeats in 1934, 1964, 1986, 1990 and 1991. Even Oldham's

outstanding post-war side of the late 1950s failed to reach Wembley. With the great goal-kicker Bernard Ganley (who landed a world-record of 219 goals in 1957-58), the brilliant Test centre Alan Davies, and forwards Derek Turner, Charlie Winslade, Syd Little and Keith Jackson, the Twin Towers still eluded them. The 1960s saw the break-up of that great side but, in 1964, after relegation from the first division, they went agonisingly close to a Wembley debut. In their semi-final against Hull K.R., Oldham were saved from defeat only by a last-minute Len McIntyre drop-goal at Headingley, but led the Robins 17-14 in the twelfth minute of extra-time in the Station Road replay, when light faded and the match was abandoned. They then lost the second replay at Fartown by 12 points to 2. The Roughyeds were just as close in 1990 going down 6-10 to Warrington but the following year were unfortunate to be paired with Cup Kings Wigan at Bolton Wanderers' football ground Burnden Park.

## TOP POINTSCORERS

One man in particular Bernard Ganley dominates Oldham's scoring records. He became the first goal-kicker to pass the 200-goal barrier, in 1957-58, and again led the field with 190 in 1958-59, creating Oldham records for goals in a match (fourteen v Liverpool City in 1958), in a season (200 in 1957-58) and in a career (1365). His career aggregate of 2775 points is another club record. A playing colleague of Ganley, Alan Davies holds the club record of 174 tries, also going onto become their most-capped footballer.

## COACHES

Oldham have never been able to enjoy consistency in their hierarchy, an incredible seventeen coaching appointments having been made in the last two decades. Only one man, Frank Myler has held the reins more than once and his period in charge between June 1984 and April 1987 is the

longest spell. Last season former Australian Test loose forward Bob Lindner guided the Roughyeds to First Division safety having taken over from fellow countryman Peter Tunks who lost his job after Oldham's nightmare start to the campaign. Unfortunately Lindner has returned to his homeland and Oldham's fortunes now lie in the hands of one of their own sons, Andy Goodway who made his name at the Watersheddings before moving onto Wigan where he enjoyed remarkable success and later Leeds. Goodway is obviously a novice in the coaching world but if he learns as rapidly as he did as a player then Oldham will be the beneficiaries.

## INTERNATIONALS

Oldham have always been big contributors to the international arena, over forty individuals having donned the Great Britain jersey. Their most capped player is the legendary Alan Davies who accumulated 20 caps between 1955-60 whilst Goodway himself represented his country on eleven occasions between 1983-85. Goodway was one of five outstanding products of Oldham's highly acclaimed youth policy of the late 1970s who accompanied their coach, Frank Myler on the Lions tour Down Under in 1984, giving the club its biggest tour representation. The other tourists were forwards Mick Worrall and Terry Flanagan and backs Ray Ashton and Des Foy.

## TRANSFERS AND PLAYING TALENT

Like so many other clubs, Oldham have had their financial problems but the more immediate concern is up front in the forwards. Coach Andy Goodway has stepped down as a player, former player coach Bob Lindner has moved onto Queensland Crushers and promising young prop Barrie McDermott has taken on a new challenge at all conquering Wigan. Former Castleford utility player Gary Lord has moved across the Pennines from Halifax and Cumbrian Paul Davidson has been

# in Focus

recruited from Widnes, but the Roughyeds are still down on power for top flight football as early results suggest and another relegation battle seems likely. Last season they beat the drop finishing fourth from bottom after a lengthy spell in the bottom two following a dreadful start. They'll also be without Australian stand-off Glen Liddiard who played such an important role in that climb to safety and they've brought Oldham-bom Steve Gartland up from second division rugby with Rochdale Hornets to fill the gap. But if they can't consolidate the pack then the talented back line is bound to suffer.

## A MOMENT TO REMEMBER

**"It was Wembley for Hull and despair for Oldham as full back Peter Bateson framed to drop a goal but then ran over for a try to clinch a semi-final victory for the black and whites."**



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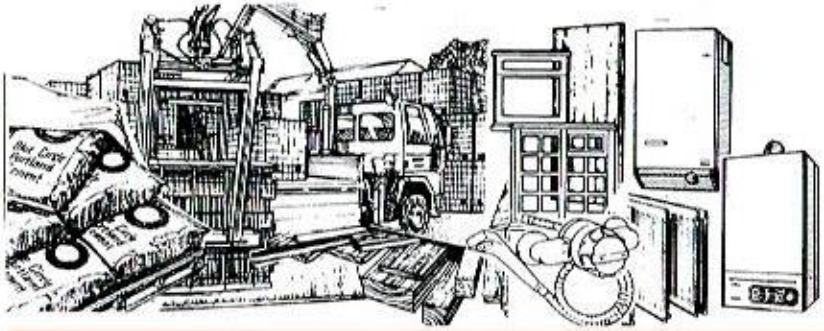
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It was their first match of a new season and Hull FC were due to open their fixtures against their old rivals from Oldham.

Despite the high class performances of Steve 'Knocker' Norton and Vince Farrar, the Airle

Birds had been relegated the previous season and now faced the task of bouncing back at the first attempt.

The shrewd buying skills of coach Arthur Bunting had added points machine Geoff 'Sammy' Lloyd and Iron Man Charlie Stone to his squad,

signed from Castelford and Featherstone respectively.

Those who turned up at The Boulevard for the Oldham match were to witness the start of an unprecedented unbeaten run and a new era in Hull FC's history.

Hull ran out 62-10 winners and a new hero was hailed at The Boulevard! Sammy Lloyd kicked 14 goals from 14 attempts - from all over the park, the man simply could not miss!

And so the Black and White army embarked upon a crusade of crushing victories and the songs of 'Oh Sammy, Sammy' and 'Old Faithful' echoed around not only the Boulevard but every defeated opponents ground as the triumphant procession of victories rolled on.

Hull played with flair and power, records tumbled until with 25 straight league victories they faced Hunslet at The Boulevard. The winner would take the Championship.

This was a close fought low-scoring finale to an incredible season for both clubs and how they fought for victory on that never to be forgotten night.

The tension and excitement was unbelievable and has probably only been matched when Hull ran the invincible 1982 Australians so close to defeat.

As the final whistle blew and the mud splattered heroes took their deserved applause from the adoring fans, a new page in Rugby League history was written.

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Keith Tindall and Keith Boxall celebrate the Floodlit Trophy success of 1979







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  - 24TH - MATTHEW THOMPSON (9)
  - 26TH - EMMA GREENING (11)
  - 30TH - ZAKY NASR (11)

**Hi Kids!!**

At the time of writing these notes we have not had our meeting on the 20th September but I hope that you all enjoyed yourselves. My thanks to all our special guests for attending, in particular to Flowstar UK Ltd for their generous sponsorship for this season.

Please remember that you must produce your membership card in order to have a seat in the family enclosure, otherwise you have to obtain permission from a member of the Boulevard Kids Committee. The stewards will be instructed about this system.

This next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th October 1994 in the Leagues Club Bar at 7.00pm when hopefully the new Kivis will be in attendance

Enjoy the match! John Taylor, Chairman

**Do you know why Tim Street has a dandelion in his hair on this cutout? (look carefully on the picture)**



We have been asked by many and the reason stems from the start of the season.

During a photographic session one lunchtime, when the kit manufacturers, club sponsors ABI Caravans, McDonalds and many more were present for the launch of our new strip, Timmy Street posed in the new tracksuits and put on a huge cheesy grin for the cameras.....only to find out later that a floaty dandelion had landed on his newly washed and spiked hairstyle!!!!. It's not every day that you see a tough rugby player wear flowers in his hair...although rumour has it that behind that aggressive exterior Tim's just an old softy.

**Today's Mascot**

**Name:** Laura Thompson

**Age:** 12

**School:** Perronet Thompson

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