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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
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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

ON behalf of everyone at Watersheddings I would like to extend a big welcome to the directors, players and supporters of the St Helens club. After an in auspicious start to the season, Saints are now in full cry and anyone who has seen them on television recently must have warmed to their exciting brand of rugby. Wingers Anthony Sullivan and Allan Hunte have been running in the tries, Steve Prescott has emerged as a young full-back of exciting attacking potential and the team as a whole has been producing the brand of football for which Saints are renowned. But it hasn't happened by accident. If anyone knows a good scrum-half and a good centre-threequarter it must surely be the Saints chairman Eric Ashton MBE. Eric was a wonderful centre with Wigan and Great Britain. I'm sure he must have a chuckle when he thinks back to the signing-on fee he got from Wigan and compares it with the contract Saints paid out to land Scott Gibbs from Welsh Rugby Union. Older fans who recall Eric's playing days won't find many similarities either in the modern games or in the style of centre play which tempted Saints to bring Scott up from the Valleys to Knowsley Road and follow in the footsteps of so many of his fellow countrymen. Nevertheless, the signing of the Welshman was a major coup. Strong with the ball in his hands, Gibbs can also tackle a bit. He has given the Saints back division a new dimension - truly a signing that rivalled Wigan's more recent

capture of Scott Quinnell from Llanelli for a reported £400,000. While Eric was in his pomp at Central Park, of course, there was a young man in a No 7 jersey at Knowsley Road who could also play a bit. Alex Murphy was the name and I wonder if Saints have got the "new Murphy" in Bobby Goulding. By all accounts, Bobby is the key man in the Saints set-up: the man who makes them tick. Formerly with Wigan, Leeds and Widnes, Goulding is playing at the top of his form and is pushing hard for a place in the Great Britain side for the first Test against the Kangaroos at Wembley on October 22. Many judges in the game reckon Goulding should wear the No 7 jersey for Britain with Shaun Edwards switching to stand-off, such has been the impact he has made since Saints hit the winning road after defeats by Doncaster and Warrington in their opening two games. The expensive signings of Gibbs and Goulding seem to be proving money well spent by Saints, who currently lie fourth in the table and will give our Oldham boys a tough test in a match which will be filmed by Sky Television and put out tonight. Former Oldham players Chris Joynt and Tommy Martyn are also in the Saints camp these days. Tommy is injured just at present and is out of the limelight, but good luck to Chris on his attempt to get into the Test team for the Wembley showdown. My congratulations from the boardroom also go to Andy Goodway, his coaching staff and

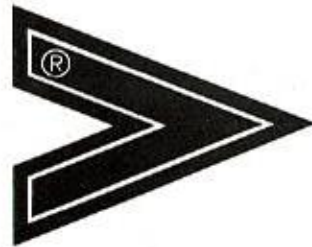


players for recent results which have seen us beat Doncaster and Hull in consecutive Stones Bitter Championship games and progress to the second round of the Lancashire Shield at the expense of Saints, who were beaten 46-22 here at Watersheddings. To beat Saints on the Friday night at Alliance level and then go to the Boulevard and win 21-17 in a first division clash on the Sunday gave everyone a big lift behind the scenes and was due reward for all the hard work that is being put in. Finally, it would be remiss if I did not give a big Watersheddings welcome to our new signings from New Zealand, Jason Temu and Wilson Marsh. They were expected to arrive on Friday and link up with their fellow countryman Joe Faimalo to complete our overseas quota for this season. These three young men are a long way from home and are here to do their best for Oldham RLFC. If you see them around make them feel welcome.

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Our visitors in detail

ANTHONY SULLIVAN: £80,000 signing from Hull KR, has already represented Great Britain at U21's level. This son of former Boulevard favourite (Clive Sullivan) seems destined for greatness if he continues to progress. Very quick and elusive.

SONNY NICKLE: Saint's £80,000 buy from Sheffield Eagles. Has really captured the imagination of the St. Helens public. Well built at 5'11" and 15 stone is one of the fastest forwards in the game.

JOHN HARRISON: Joined Saints in 1987 from local amateur side Haresfinch, standing 6'7", John is very awkward to tackle. He became a 1st team regular towards the end of the 1988/89 season and was unfortunate to miss out on the Wembley place due to an injury in 1989 but deservedly took a Wembley 'bow' in 1991.

PHIL VEIVERS: He made his Saints debut in October 1984 arriving from Brisbane Souths. Quickly established himself as a very safe and steady full-back. Phil has played in five finals with Saints and was 'Player of the Year' in 1988 and 1989. He moved to the centre and has also played loose forward and stand off.

BERNARD DWYER: Signed from local amateur side Hare & Hounds in 1984. Bernard has become a 1st team regular in the back row over the last couple of seasons. His game is based on a very solid defence and is very much in the 'Australian Mould'. Bernard has also converted to the No. 9 position with great success.

SHANE COOPER: Highly respected club captain who is regarded as being one of the best stand off/loose forwards in the world. New Zealand international who toured Great Britain in 1985. He made his Saints debut in October 1987 and led Saints to the 'John Player Trophy' in 1988. Shane scored 6 tries in a game against Hull in February 1988 to equal a club record.

CHRIS JOYNT: Back row signed from Oldham in September 1992 and has since represented Great Britain in the match in France. Chris, a Wiganer, has been really impressive since joining Saints and has good speed and an excellent work rate.

JONATHAN GRIFFITHS: Signed before 1989 'Premiership Trophy Final' in a blaze from Llanelli R.U.F.C. and scored a brace of tries on his Saints debut at Sheffield on the opening day of the 1989/90 season. Jonathan is a very strong, powerful runner who has bags of potential and should have a great future in the game.

PAUL LOUGHLIN: Joined Saints from local amateurs U.G.B. ARLFC and made his debut in March 1984 against Oldham at Knowsley Road. He toured Down Under with Great Britain in 1986 and has kicked over 100 goals in each of his last four seasons. Set up a club record in September 1986 when he kicked 16 goals and scored 40 points in a Lancashire Cup tie against Carlisle.

DAVID LYON: Full-back who joined Saints from Warrington in September 1992 after earlier success period with Widnes. He is a very dependable player and a shrewd tactician who excels in joining the three quarters to make the extra man in attacking positions.

AUGUSTINE O'DONNELL: A very successful utility player who can perform equally well at half-back or hooker. Augustine joined Saints from Wigan in a deal which cost the Knowsley Road Club £80,000. Another Wigan based player.

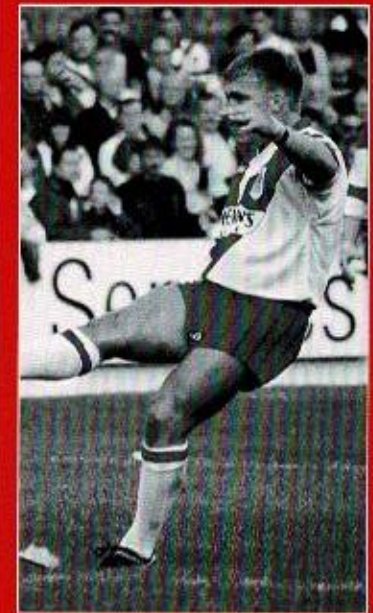
MIKE RILEY: From limited opportunity he has emerged as a top winger, winning medals in the 1991 Lancashire Cup Final and last season's 'Premiership Trophy' final when he looked more than a match for Martin Offiah.

ADAM FOGERTY: Joined Saints this season from Halifax. Son of Terry, former Wigan and Halifax favourite. Tall and powerful ex-boxer signed for Halifax January 1991. Arrived at Saints on 'Free'.

LES QUIRK: Signed from Barrow in October 1987. He finished as the club's leading try scorer in 1988 and 1989. During 1988/89 Les broke a 50 year club record by scoring tries in 10 consecutive matches and scored 2 vital tries which took Saints to Wembley in 1989.

ALAN HUNTE: In his first full season Alan finished up as Saints top try scorer with 21 tries in 35 appearances and scored a try in his Great Britain U21 debut in France. Saints signed him in February 1989 from East Moore A.R.L.F.C. He made his debut on 1st March 1989 against Oldham and scored a brace of tries. Toured Australia with BARLA's U19's side as Vice Captain 1989.

SIMON BOOTH: 22 year old Leigh based player who joined Saints in an exchange deal this summer which saw Saints young centre Paul Marsh joining the Leigh Club. Ideally built for the centre position at 6'3", 14 stones. Product of Leigh Miners.



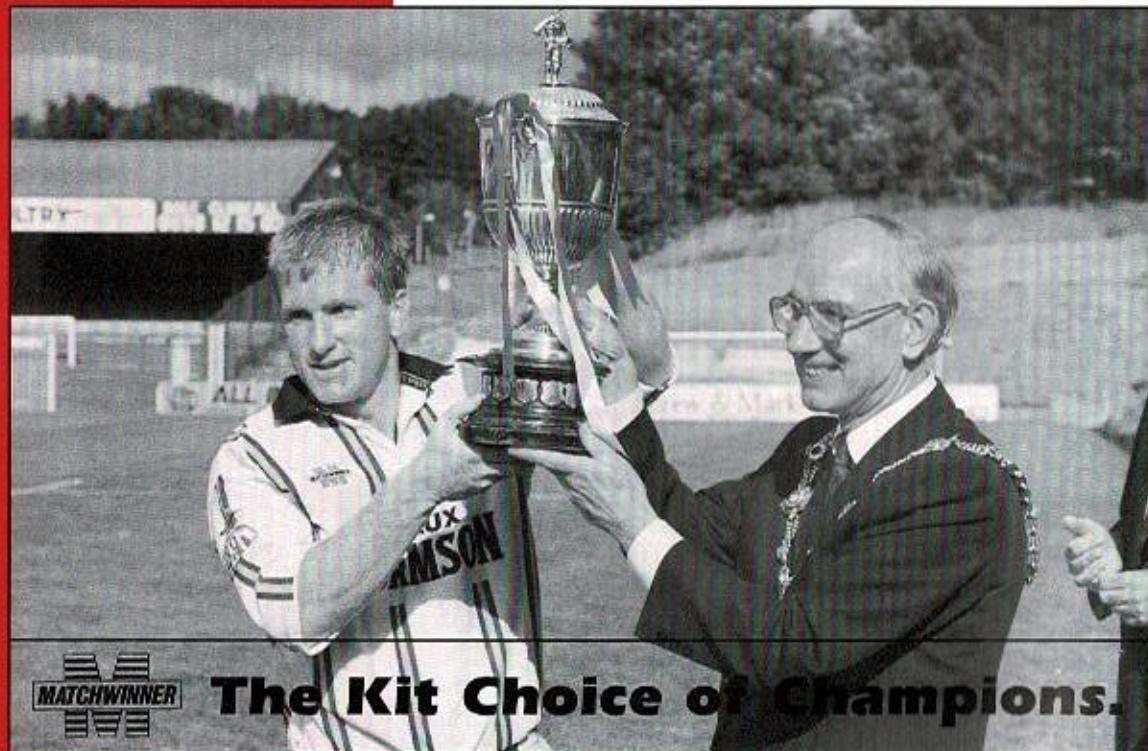
BOBBY GOULDING: An exciting, creative half back who can turn the game in the blink of an eye. Signed for Saints in the close season from Widnes. Vastly experienced for his age. Bobby has worn the colours of Widnes, Wigan, Leeds and Great Britain and could be in line for a test call up for the upcoming Ashes series against the touring Australians.

SCOTT GIBBS: 25 year old former Bridgend RUC centre who had gained all available honours at Union having represented Wales and British Lions. He's recently returned after a serious knee injury but judging by his initial two games for Saints he has made a full recovery.

JONATHAN NEILL: An impressive Cumbrian front row forward signed from the Kells amateur club in 1987, he learned his trade in reserve team football at Knowsley Road, appearing in the 1988 Alliance Cup Final defeat of Barrow before being pegged by injuries and missing a full season. Now back to full fitness, the strong running game of Jonathans is a feature of the Saints pack.

TOMMY MARTYN: Signed this season from Oldham. Son of Wires star Tommy. Plays stand off or centre. Good kicking game and goal striker. Great Britain U21 recognition.

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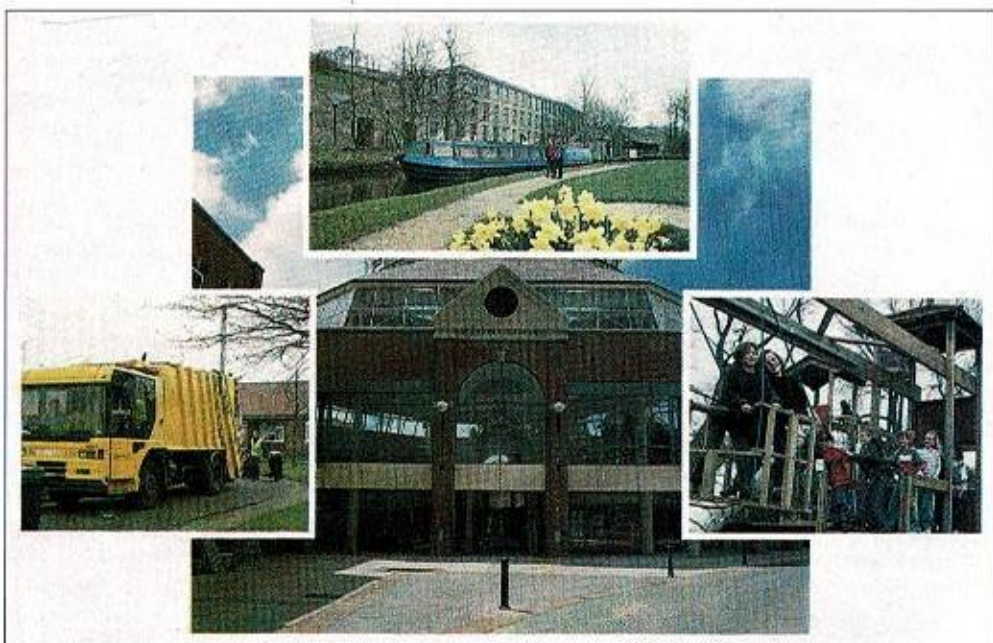
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As everyone knows we had a tough start to the season with difficult matches against Halifax, Bradford, Wigan and Warrington. Both coaching staff and players were extremely disappointed to take no points from these games although we were pleased to note an improvement in performance in each one.

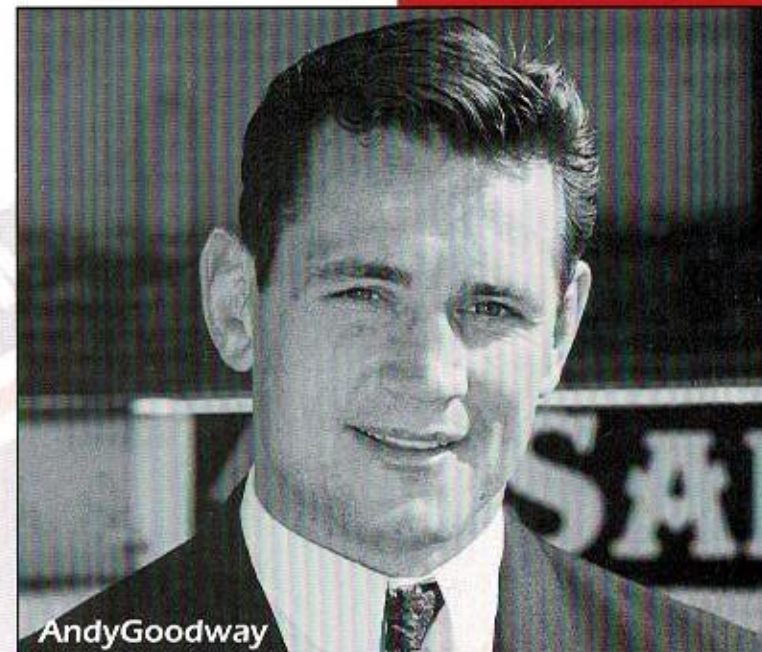
We were delighted in this trying time to receive so many letters of support and encouragement from Oldham supporters and we were very pleased to repay your faith in us by recording two wins in our last two games.

Patterns are emerging much as we expected as players come to terms with the new demands being made on them and after the early season traumas we feel quite confident in our ability to end this season in a much better position than last.

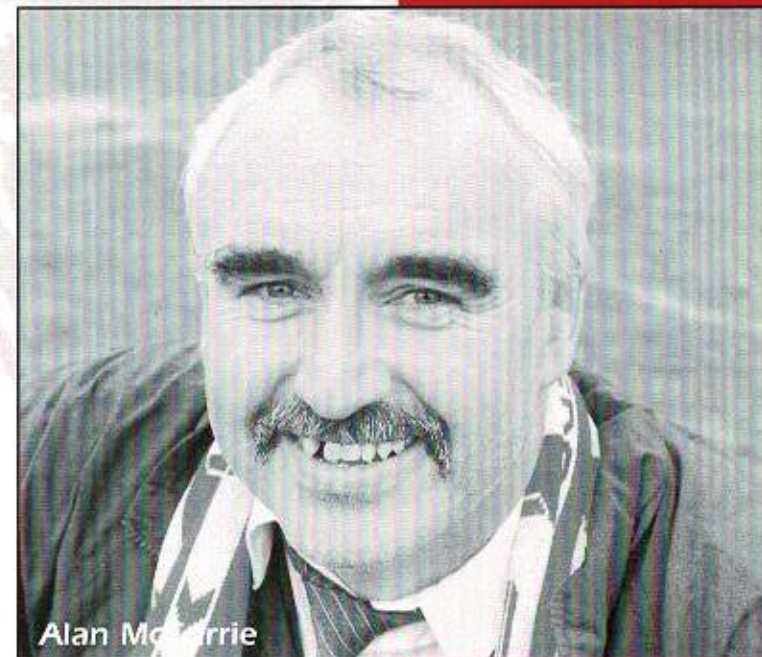
If players continue to make improvements and attain the standards being demanded by the coaching staff we can compete with the majority of the 1st Division teams.

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The comedian for the evening is Charlie Ale - who has appeared on T.V. in the 'New Comedians' when the show was relaunched in 1992.



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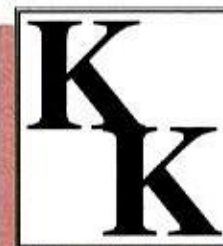
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Today should be the first game watched by our new Kiwi stars Jason Temu and Wilson Marsh. As of yet we are still unable to get them sponsored cars, if you are able to help in this please contact me for details.

One sad note is the death of former player David Goddard aged 52 - brother of Peter Goddard. Deepest condolences from all at the club.

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A LOOK AT THE LOCAL AMATEUR RUGBY SCENE

Next Saturday the big guns of the amateur rugby league scene enter the fray in the Burtonwood Brewery Lancashire Cup. Nine local clubs entered this seasons competition. Unfortunately four have already been eliminated. The first round saw Heyside Eagles lose 26-21 away to North Wales, Salem Hornets lose away at Parkside Golborne 46-30 and Shaw crash 30-17 at Spring View. Seddon Panthers won 20-19 at Adlington Rangers but the Panthers then suffered an injury crisis and were unable to raise a team for their second round tie at West Bank. Panthers therefore withdrew from the competition. There was better news from Fitton Hill and Higginshaw who both won home second round ties last Saturday. Fitton Hill disposed of Winwick 26-19 whilst Higginshaw beat Parr Hare & Hounds 30-21. Of the five remaining local teams, two are at home in next

Saturdays third round. St. Annes should prove to strong for Portico Panthers at Higginshaw Road. There should be a battle royal at Higginshaw where the visitors are Rylands. The Warrington side have already knocked out two useful sides in the shape of Haresfinch and then Latchford. The three local clubs who have to travel are Fitton Hill who visit Prestwich, Waterhead who face a tough trip to Crosfields and Saddleworth Rangers who travel to Spring View. After losing four players to the professional game last summer, Rangers have struggled somewhat this season. Prior to yesterday they had suffered four consecutive defeats but should halt that decline with victory at Spring View. The Oldham town team, in the meantime, have been enjoying success in the Inter-League Shield. After disposing of Rochdale 17-14 and Manchester 28-11 they travelled to Warrington last Wednesday

evening at the quarter-final stage. The result of that tie was not known as these notes went to press. However, if victory has been achieved then Oldham would be at home to either Widnes or Copeland in that semi-final. That tie will be staged on Wednesday week, 12th October. Local followers should watch out in the local press for details of match venue. Switching quickly from the rugby field to the stage... Crompton Stage Society are putting on a performance of 'Born in the Garden' at the Crompton Playhouse, Newton Street, Shaw a week tomorrow, Monday 10th October. Tickets, price £3.50 can be obtained from Steve Biffell (tel 678 6047) and all proceeds from that Monday evening performance go to the Royton Tigers amateur club. Surely an event well worth supporting.

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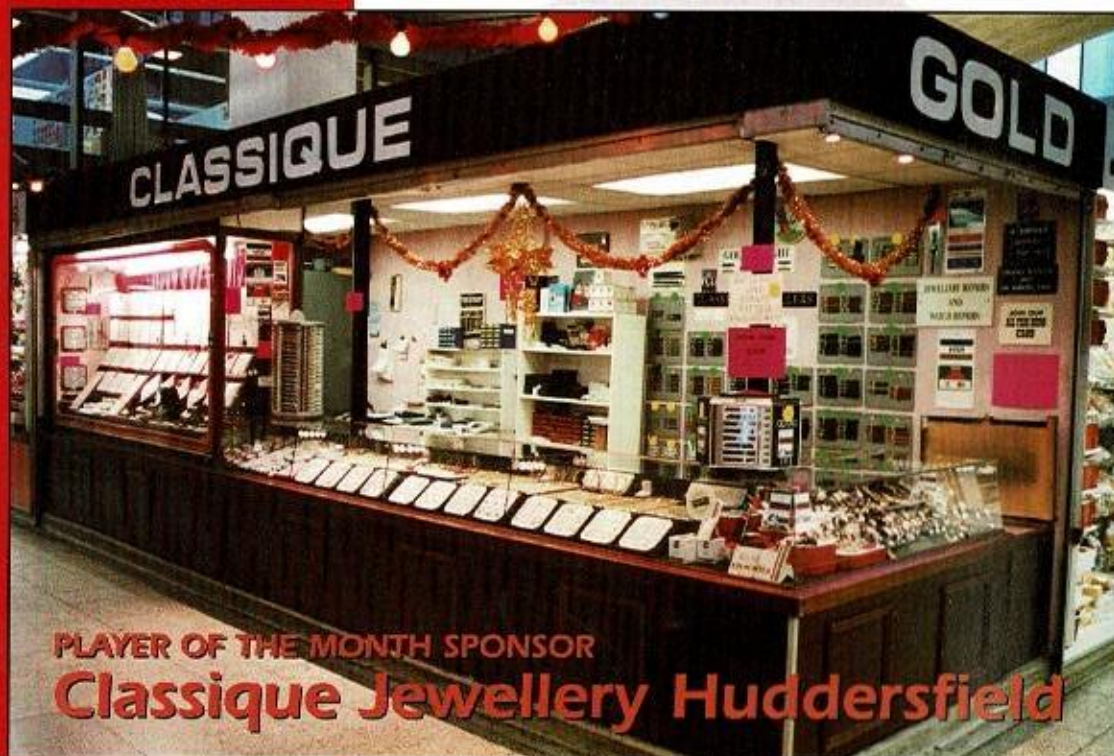
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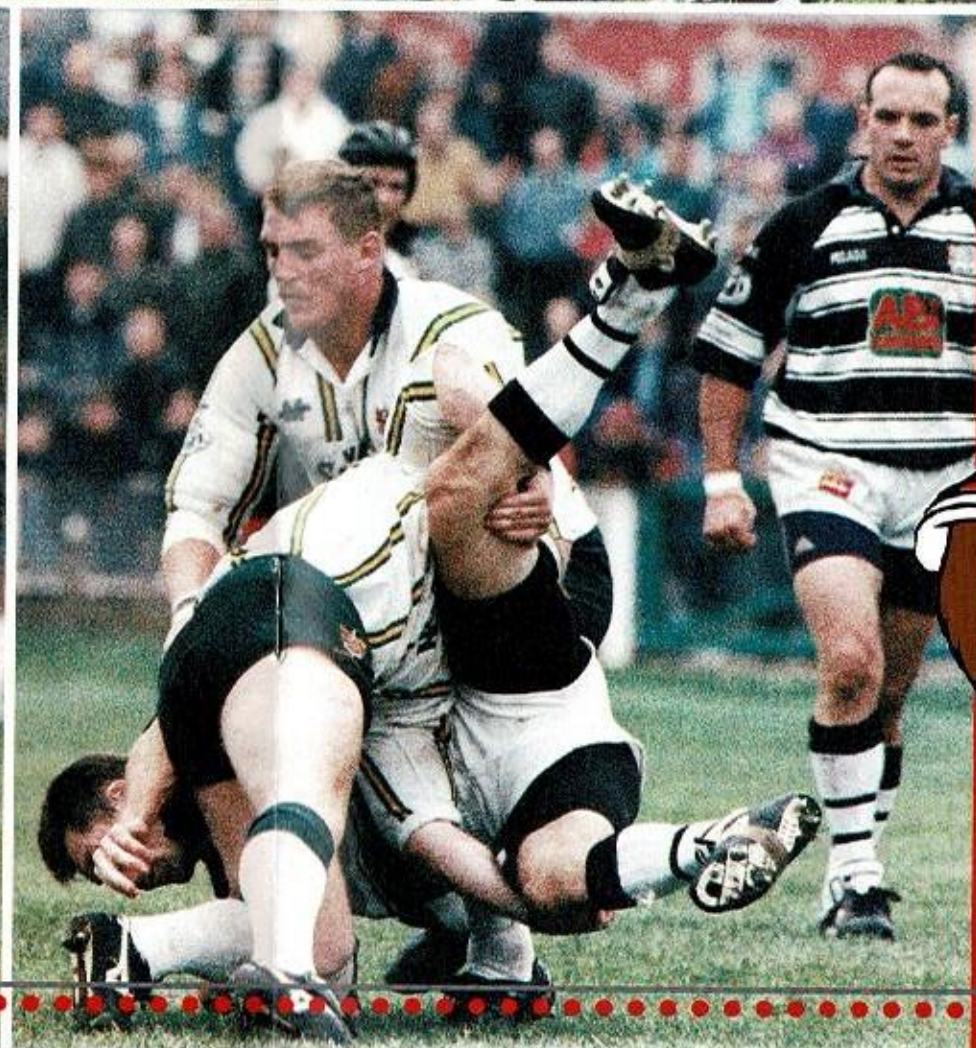
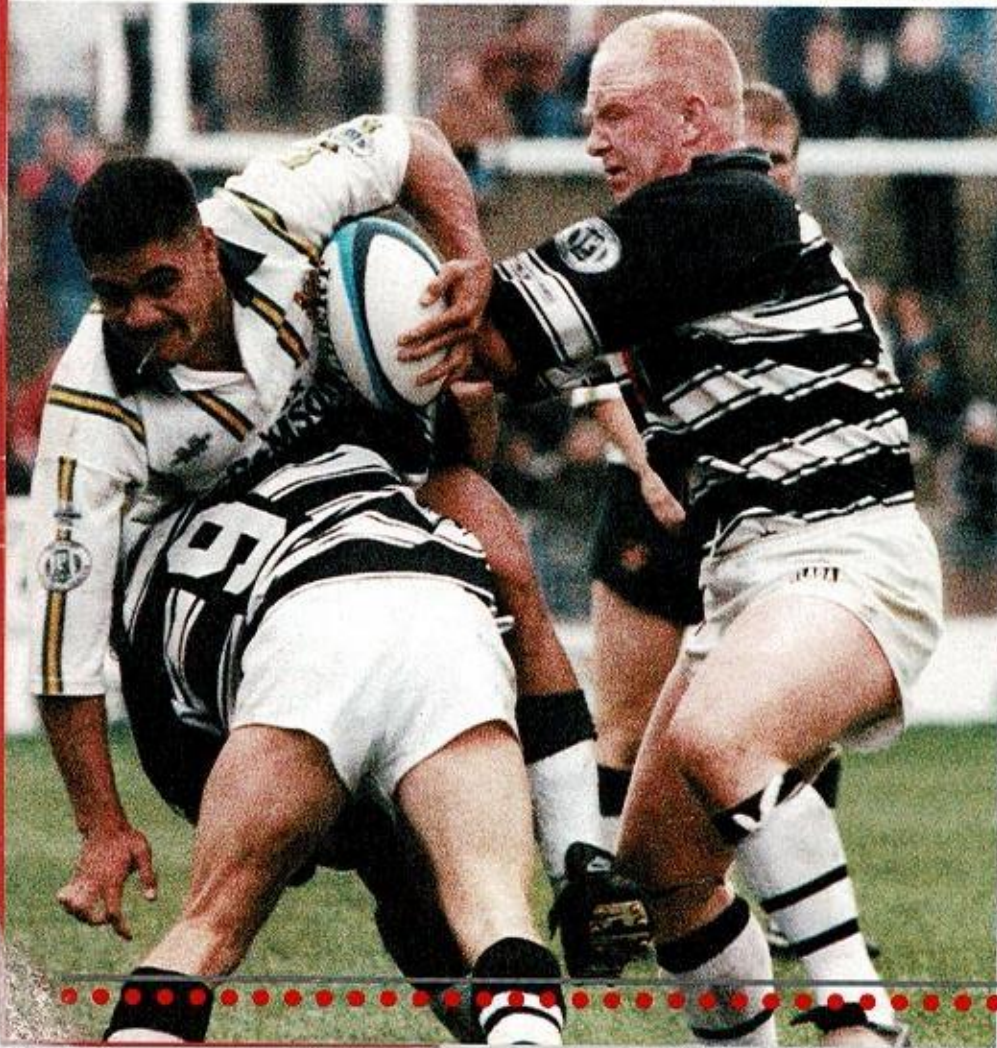
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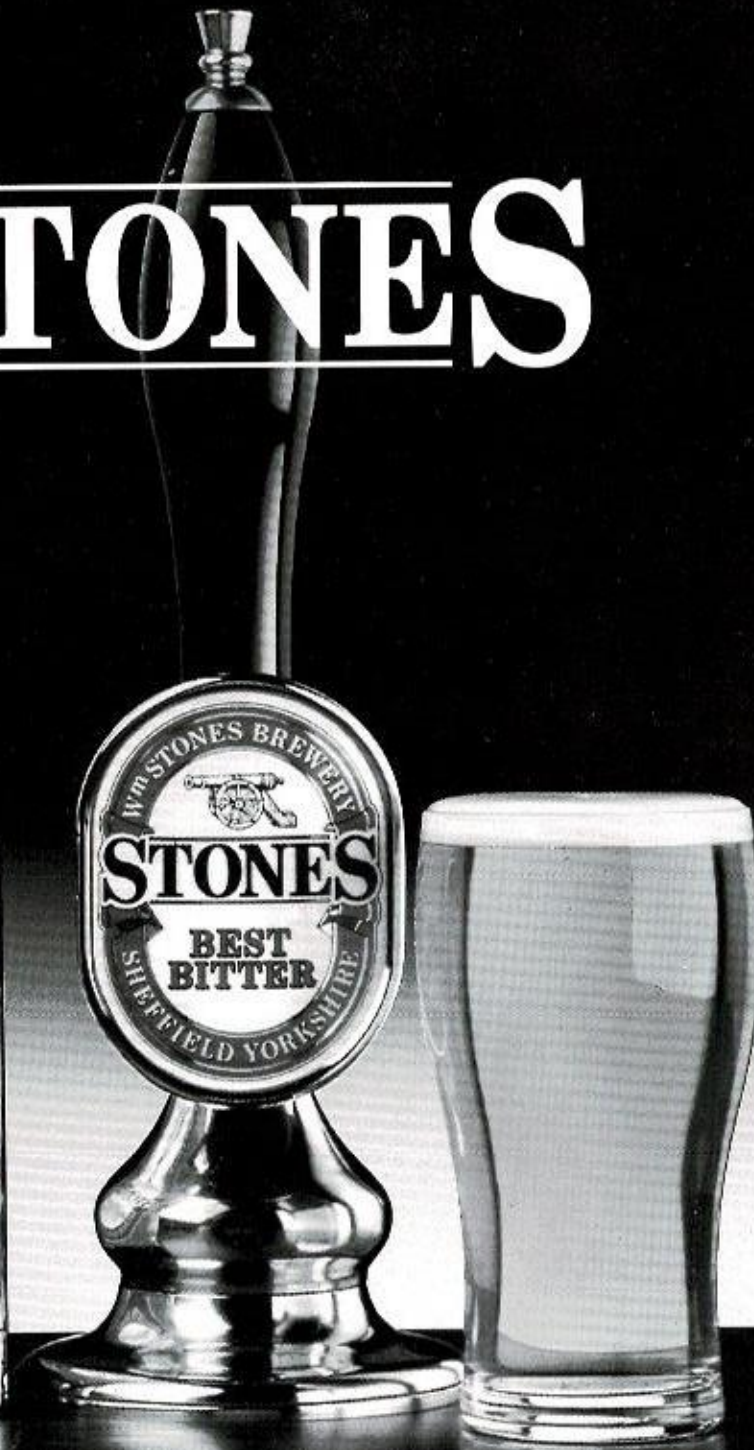
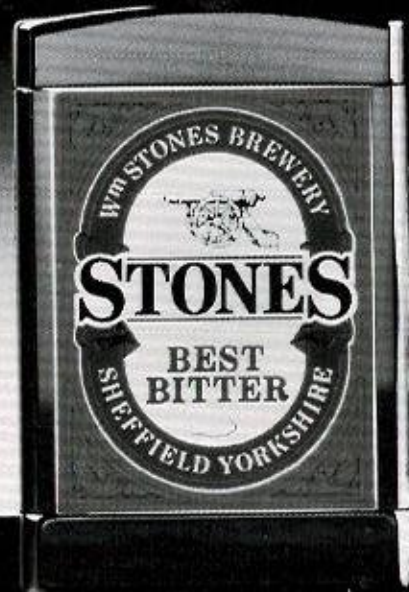


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TALENT IS A FLAME. GENIUS IS FIRE
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These items and games are advertised in advance and this will encourage children, adults and families to attend in the hope of getting a 'gift'.

The choice of gifts are endless these can range from pin badges or T-shirts to shaving kits or umbrellas.

TICKETS

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

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

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

The tickets will be available for the following games:

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The tickets are available in 100's



**Martin Crompton
Receives the Law Cup**

1994/95 HOSPITALITY PRICE LIST

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

Many of you will have seen the curtain raiser games played at Watersheddings over the past twelve months and wondered about the mini posts that we use. Well now I can reveal the secret. They are part of the Puma Little League kit which was launched last week.

Puma Little League is the way that Rugby League will be introduced to children in the future. Under 9 year olds will play mini league which is 9 a side and played to very basic rules designed to allow players the maximum in participation and enjoyment whilst learning to play Rugby League. Although most of the players who play before the games are actually under 11's they are playing mini league because many are

beginners and it allows two games to be played across the pitch.

After mini league the young players move on to play Modified Rules which is 11 a side and introduces scummaging, field kicking and marker defence. As you can see this is a progression along the route of the full rules. It does, however, allow new players to learn the basic skills of the game whilst being fully involved in playing.

When the players move to Under 12 they are more ready to play the full rules of the game. Each player has greater skill and understanding of the game and we hope to ensure more players trying Rugby League and sticking with it.

Puma Little League is good for

Rugby League. Anyone with an interest can start a team. The Puma Little League kit bags contain two sets of posts, marker cones, 2 match balls, whistle pump, video and booklets in fact all you need to supply are a dozen children and a piece of grass and your on your way to your own team.

I would like to see Puma Little League teams established at each Amateur club in Oldham plus other new clubs serving Failsworth, Chadderton, Hathershaw, and in fact, every area of the town. The only way this will happen, however, is for Rugby League people to volunteer to open up our great game to hundreds of new young players if you are one of that special breed please contact me on 627 4497.

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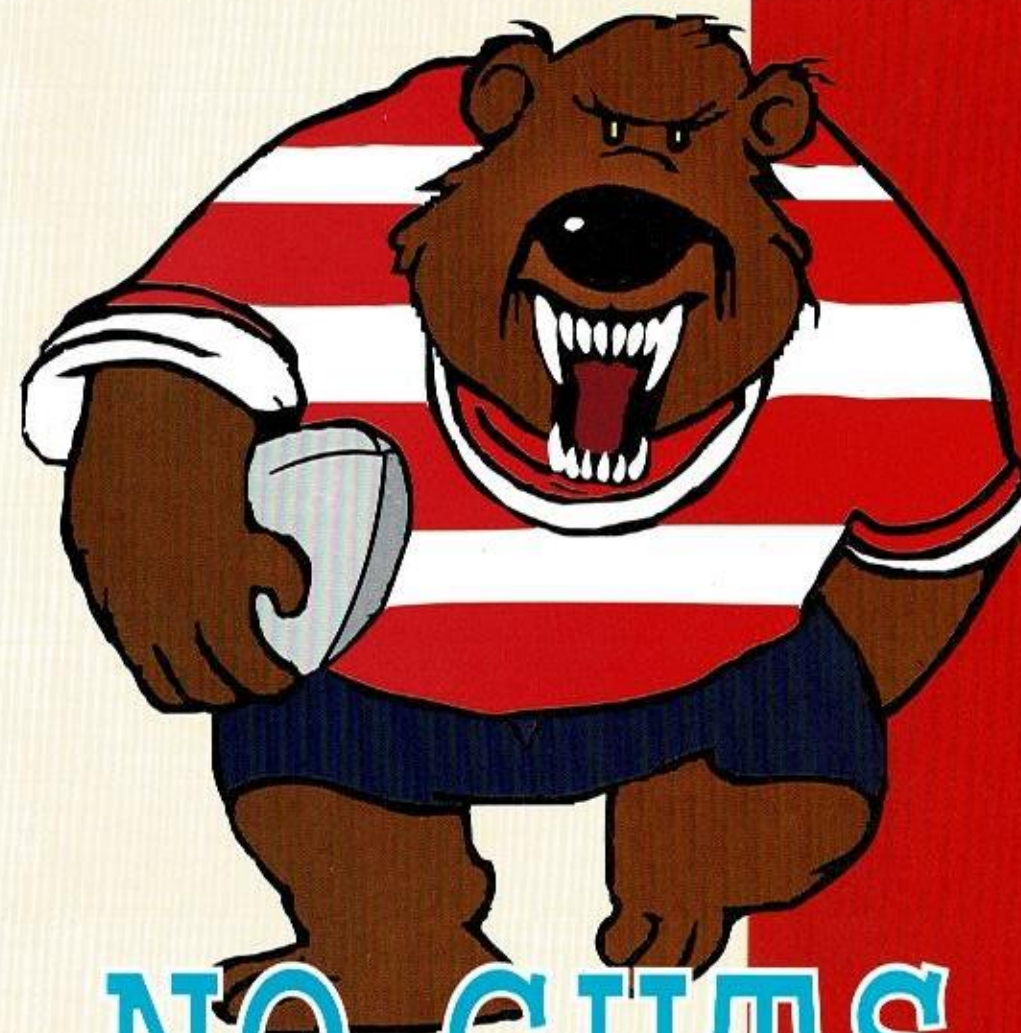
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"IF YOU TAKE TOO LONG IN DECIDING WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE YOU'LL FIND YOU'VE DONE IT." - Pam Shaw

MALCOLM LORD

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



Referees -
Are they
human
after all?

Tackling Kelvin Skerret or Lee Crooks?
Running the full length of the field (with Martin Offiah in chase)?
Commentating at Odsal Stadium on a cold winters day?

All the above are I'm sure extremely difficult things to do, but all pale into insignificance when compared to doing that dreaded of all jobs - becoming a referee!

They are ridiculed, blasphemed and in some cases actually hated from one end of the Rugby League world to the other, add to this the fact that according to most crowds I've listened to referees have a tendency to have one parent, and you could be excused for even feeling a bit sorry for them (written with tongue in cheek).

Rubbish! They're very capable of taking care of themselves, whether it be in the form of a quick retort, a secret gesticulation known only to them or a full blooded argument - they'll always come out on top, and why? Well in most cases their knowledge of the rules of the game would leave us mere mortals lagging behind.

The only time I've found them totally at a loss is when they make a real hash of things, a mistake, a cock-up - call it what you like, and you know in a funny kind of way the basic down to earth mistake is their

best form of defence - it proves they're human! You see unbelievable as it sounds just like us, coaches make bad substitutions, players miss easy chances, commentators shout out the wrong name and referees most certainly make mistakes. O.K. some make more than others - it's the same in all walks of life but whether we like it or not it must be the hardest job in the world! And the next time we call them or ridicule them perhaps we should think just a second - could we do it, would we want to do it, and then because we're human too we'll shrug of the doubts and carry on as before - isn't life grand!

MALCOLM LORD
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- 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	W20-12
24th	St. Helens LCC RD1		7.30	W46-22
30th	St. Helens	A	7.30	
October				
8th	YSC Cup & LCC Shield - Second Round			
14th	Ryedale Y	A	7.30	
22nd	Blank weekend - GB v Australia at Wembley			
28th	Featherstone R	A	7.30	
29th	YSC Cup & LCC Shield - Semi Finals			
November				
4th	Halifax	H	7.30	
10th	Dewsbury	A	7.30	
12th	YSC Cup & LCC Shield - Finals			
19th	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	
26th	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	

ACADEMY REPORT

On the teams behalf I would like to say a belated welcome to our supporters this season's. Firstly, I would like to introduce some new names in our team for season 94/95, forwards Dave Bond, Steven King, Paul Crook, Bonny Griffiths and Neil Lyons, backs Anthony Robinson, Ian Hannan, Geoff Kenyon, Darren Morgan, Graham Brown. These players replace the lads we lost last year who progress to the A team. Chris McKinney is another new player of the Academy age and has appeared for us on two occasions and is a very talented young lad. Our first game against Halifax was a disappointment as we never got into our stride and went down 26-16; the game against Bradford was a nail biter and we finally came out victors 8-4. Our trip to Warrington was a good learning experience for both me and the lads, it was a good tight game with a score which could have gone any way, due to some bad mistakes in the last quarter we eventually went down 28-38. A score which could have been reversed. The new lads have blended into the team well and it is also good to have the services of Ady Meade back after a bad neck injury sustained at Barrow last year. He and Simon Silcock have proved a good wing and centre pairing so far. Once again most of our players seem to be from far afield with Richard Braby being the only local lad in the squad. We would like to attract more local players but find it hard to lure them to the Watersheddings, I don't know why. We are again pooled with the big teams Leeds, Bradford, Warrington and Halifax from Division 1 last year with Barrow and Dewsbury making up the group. So we will have to work harder to achieve First Division status this year! We will try! Keep up the marking lads.

A. Robinson
Coach

G. Munro
Coach

ALLIANCE NOTES

Last week the Alliance team played some scintillating rugby against a strong St. Helens side in their 1st defence of the Lancashire Shield. With 20 minutes left for play the score was 46 points to 12 and the only poor aspect of the game from an Oldham point of view, was that we eased up and allowed St. Helens to make the score look respectable at 46 points to 22. Despite losing Iyan Green (on 1st team duty), Wally Gibson after 5 minutes (injured) and Paul Davidson at half time (1st team duty), the team well orchestrated by Steve Kerry, scored some excellent tries through Alfie Gouldbourne (2) Adrian Belle, Gary Burns, Steve Kerry, Paul Davidson, David Bradbury and Mickey Edwards. Martin Holden kicked 8 goals to take his tally to 33 in 6 matches. So far this season the Alliance side has been beaten only by Warrington, last year's First Division champions and have taken some notable scalps, including Wigan (away) and Bradford at home. The players are learning to cope with the increased demands of regular First Division football after their tremendous displays in the Second Division last season.

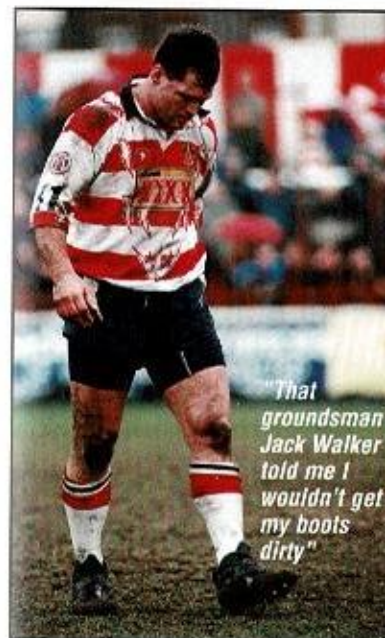
This year there are no easy matches but competition for places is very keen, which keeps everyone on their toes and we are hopeful of a very successful season. The average age of the Alliance squad has also dropped considerably with many of these youngsters facing a bright future in the game. Some of them are already knocking on the 1st team door and this can only be good for O.R.L.F.C. Next match is St. Helens away in the League on Friday, 30th September, kick-off 7.30 p.m.

We then face Thatto Heath in the 2nd round of the Lancashire Shield, Thatto Heath having beaten Barrow in the 1st round.

DENNIS MCHUGH



"What do you think fellas? I had my legs waxed the other day"



"That groundsman Jack Walker told me I wouldn't get my boots dirty"



"You put your right arm in, your right arm out..."

TONGUE IN CHEEK



"THE SAINT"



"Brian Clough" visits Watersheddings



"Stan Laurel" scores a try

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"IT IS ONLY EASY TO TAKE LIBERTY FOR GRANTED, WHEN YOU HAVE NEVER HAD IT TAKEN AWAY FROM YOU" - Dick Cheney

RUFF E. HEAD

THE MAN IN THE KNOW

“ This week will see the supposed historic meeting to discuss the Lindsay Blueprint for the future. As far as I am concerned, the whole thing stinks. Not the actual principles involved, I should add. Who could disagree with the objectives of improved stadia, the eventual end of massive hand-outs to keep clubs in existence, or better club management - and with greater financial accountability too, I hope.

No, what I object to is the way it has all been done. First, why pay a group of management consultants a small fortune for what most self-respecting and honest rugby league people could have produced for nothing? If they had, instead, undertaken genuine market research among supporters and non-supporters, perhaps they might actually have learned something useful.

Secondly, what atrocious timing! During a period when the media should have been full of the excitement of the new season, and the imminent arrival of the Aussies, the authorities have chosen to make certain that the talk is all of splits, non-viable clubs and breakaways. And presumably they actually chose the timing. Incompetence or malice?

Finally, the presentation of the whole affair has been catastrophically confrontational. The things that unite RL people are in fact far greater than the differences between them, but you would hardly guess that at the

moment. Instead, we have an image created of the 'premier clubs' against the rest. Add to this the almost unbelievable farce of suggesting that the rules of the competition yet again are changed part-way through a season, and I think you have a case of mismanagement of the most extreme kind. I very much hope that an agreement is cobbled together. But, whether or not, the game's authorities have an awful lot to answer for, in my view. ”

“ We haven't heard much from the summer rugby brigade recently, you may have noticed. I wonder if the reaction of those nice gentlemen at the BBC may have something to do with it. ”

“ That man John Watkins had been overdoing the 'apple juice' again. After over celebrating the win at Hull last week he was heard to offer trials to anybody who would listen. Only one problem it was in the 'LIGHT OF BENGAL' at around 1.30am. ”

“ The chief car-park attendant at Odsal is renowned for his lack of old-world charm, but I learned recently that he is not alone at that delightful venue. An official turnstile operator tried to refuse O.A.P. admission to two Waterhead Paddock regulars who have been following the Roughyeds since the 1930s! ”

“ The League Express Weekend paper introduced a 'champagne moment' feature last week in its League Talk column. How about Mike Kuiti's pass to Gary Lord, followed milliseconds later by Jamie Bloem's stiff-arm, as the Roughyeds champagne moment so far this season? Confidence is such a fragile thing, and you could see the benefits of that Bloem-assisted win in last week's battling performance at the Boulevard. As for the champagne moment there, I would go for the look on Abram's face as he hesitated momentarily after catching David's chip-kick, before going over for our crucial 3rd try. ”

“ Returning to our fixture pattern again, why should 4 of the final 5 games be away from Watersheddings, I wonder. It shouldn't be inevitable - and it certainly seems unfair. We may be desperately chasing points for a top 8 place by then, and last-month trips to Leeds, Sheffield, Workington and, delight of delights, Post Office Road seems rather less than equitable to me. Needless to say Wigan finish with 4 home games out of 5. ”

“ Apparently Paul Topping was seen at a Rave recently. Although nobody other than 'Toppo' can dance to this type of music, it does seem to be enhancing his footwork and ball skills. Keep it up 'Toppo'. ”

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



TRY AGAIN!

VAUX SAMSON - ITS STRENGTH IS ITS TASTE

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING 1994-95

POT POURRI

The Yorkshire and Humberside Schools Rugby League Association has finalised the format for its forthcoming U16 Premier League competition, which will comprise the seven strongest district schools associations and provide a showcase for the finest Rugby League talent in the country at this level. Premier League fixtures will there for be a prime hunting ground for all talent-spotting professional clubs, particularly those which run Academy sides, and officials are welcome at all matches. For further information, contact Ron England, the Associations U16 Fixture Secretary, on 0757 704828.

Details have been announced of the two "Test" matches to be played between the British Combined Services and the French Army. The first will take place at RAF Uxbridge on Friday 21 October, as part of the build-up to the first John Smiths Test between Great Britain and Australia at Wembley the following day. And the return fixture will take place in Paris on Thursday 24 November, as a curtain raiser to the senior France v Australia international. For further details, contact RFL Development Executive Tom O'Donovan.

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

DATE	OPPONENT	K.O	Res
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 Abram 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	W 44-8 Heslop T Jones Irwin T Abram T Ranson
25th	Hull	3.15	W 21-17 Heslop Jones T Irwin Abram T Ranson
OCTOBER			
2nd	St. Helens	3.00	
9th	Wakefield Trinity	3.30	
14th	Widnes (BSKYB)	7.30	
30th	Featherstone Rovers	3.00	
NOVEMBER			
6th	Halifax	3.00	
22nd	Bradford Northern	7.30	
27th	Wigan	3.00	
DECEMBER			
4th	Regal Trophy (Round 2)		
11th	Warrington	3.00	
18th	Regal Trophy (Round 3)		
26th	Salford	3.00	
JANUARY			
1st	Workington Town	3.00	
8th	Leeds	3.00	
15th	Castleford	3.30	
22nd	Sheffield Eagles	3.00	
29th	Doncaster	3.00	
FEBRUARY			
5th	Hull	3.00	
11th	Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Round 4)		
19th	St. Helens	3.00	
25th	Silk Cup Challenge Cup (Round 5)		
MARCH			
5th	Wakefield Trinity	3.00	
11th	Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Round 6)		
19th	Widnes	3.00	
26th	Castleford	3.00	
APRIL			
2nd	Leeds	3.30	
9th	Sheffield Eagles	3.15	
14th	Salford	3.00	
17th	Workington Town	3.00	
23rd	Featherstone Rovers	3.30	

HOME FIXTURES ARE DENOTED IN BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS



KARL FAIRBANK

Karl Fairbank of Bradford Northern is one try short of a career century for the club. The back row forward's tally of 99 tries has come in a total of 276 matches for Bradford, including 4 as a substitute.

Fairbank's most prolific try-scoring season was 1988-89 when he scored 20 tries, including the only two hat-tricks of his career.

A former Elland and Great Britain amateur international, Fairbank made his professional debut for Bradford in the second row when they beat Widnes 27-14 at home in a Stones Bitter Championship match on 31 August 1986.

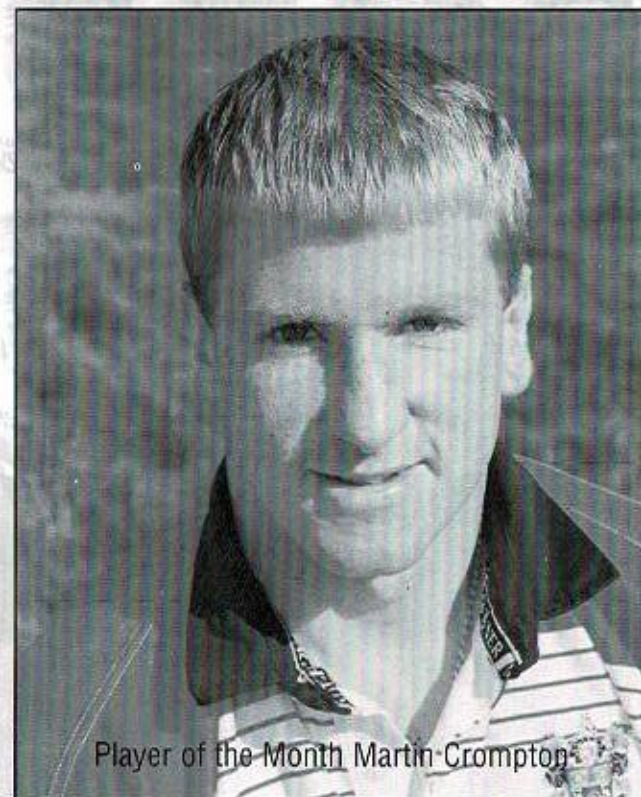
Fairbank has also scored 13 representative match tries, including one in a Test for Great Britain.

Born 1 June 1963.

His season by season totals for Bradford are as follows:

App	Tries
1986-87	32 7
1987-88	35 15
1988-89	34 20
1989-90	29+2 11
1990-91	35 7
1991-92	34 14
1992-93	33+2 9
1993-94	35 13
1994-95	5 3
Totals	272+4 99

Garland G	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord	Davidson	Kuiti	Richards T	Heslop
Garland G	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord	Davidson	Kuiti	Richards T2	Heslop
Garland G	Crompton T	Sherratt	Clarke	Richards	Lord	Davidson	Kuiti	Parr	Topping
Garland G	Crompton T	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord T	Davidson	Kuiti	Richards	Fairbank
Topping T	Crompton T	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord T	Fairbank T	Kuiti	Richards	Garland
Topping T	Crompton T	Sherratt	Clarke	Fairbank	Lord	Green	Kuiti	Garland	Davidson



Player of the Month Martin Crompton

LEADING TRY SCORERS

Abram	4
Crompton	4
Richards	3
Irwin	2
Gibson	2

CLASSIQUE JEWELLERS PLAYER OF THE MONTH MERIT AWARD

V DONCASTER	V HULL
5. Crompton	5. Topping
3. Clarke	3. Abram
1. Jones	1. Kuiti

WINNER FOR SEPTEMBER MARTIN CROMPTON

"After a poor start to the season results wise, Martin still showed consistency in his game and thoroughly deserves this first award"

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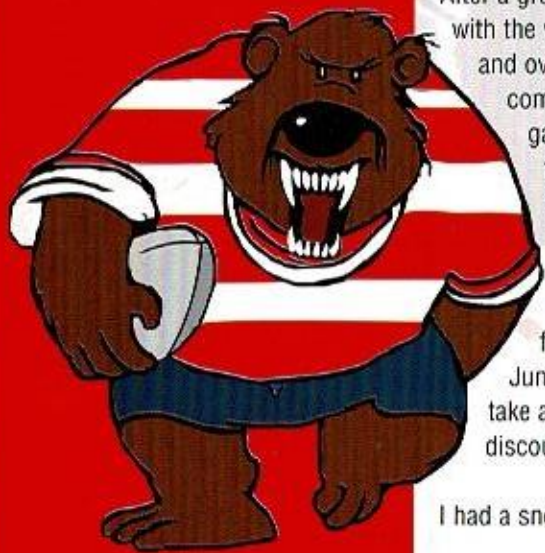
* The presentation will take place just before kick off today.

CLASSIQUE JEWELLERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Present Positions	
Crompton	16
Clarke	14
Kuiti	9

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

JUNIOR ROUGHYEDS



After a great day out last week with the win over Doncaster and over 400 children coming in free to the game, it was a pleasure to 'boogie on down' in the Sheddings club afterwards.

Remember - get your friends to join the Junior Roughyeds and take advantage of the discount in the Club Shop.

I had a sneak preview of the new

'No Guts, No Glory' T-shirts and they are brilliant. I also understand the Club Shop will soon be stocking baseball caps. Can't wait!

Ruff E. Head Junior

Dear Ruff E. Head Junior, I came and watched the game against Doncaster and had a 'Brill' time. Next game I am going to bring my brother. Claire, aged 8

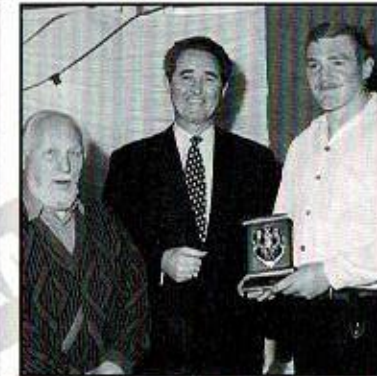
P. S. My favourite player is Darren Abram

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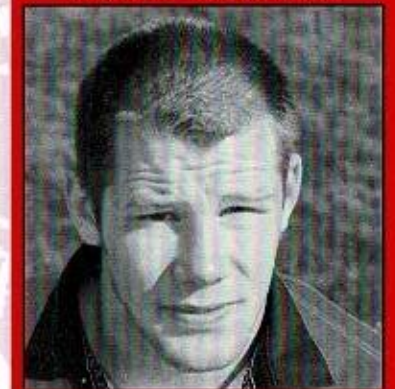
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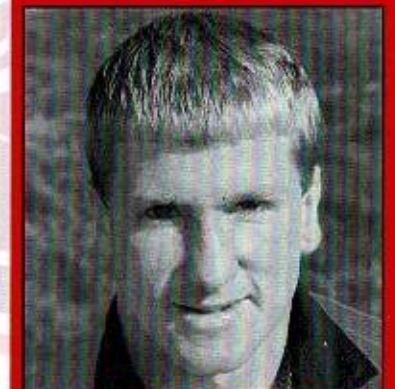
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Wally Gibson - Specsavers



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