

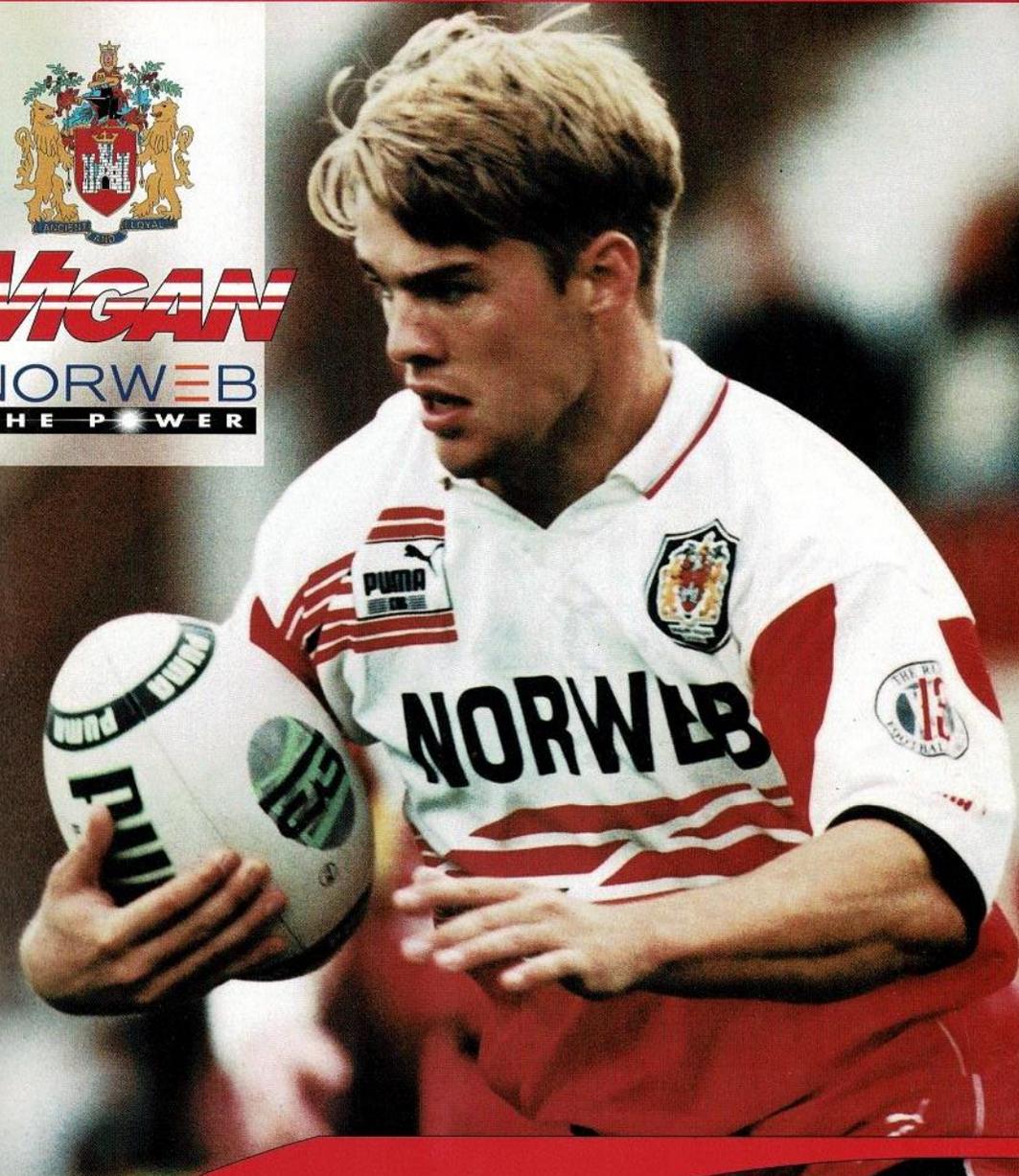
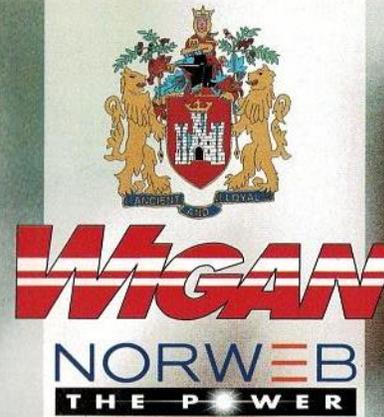
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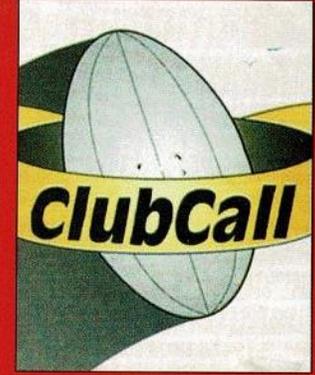
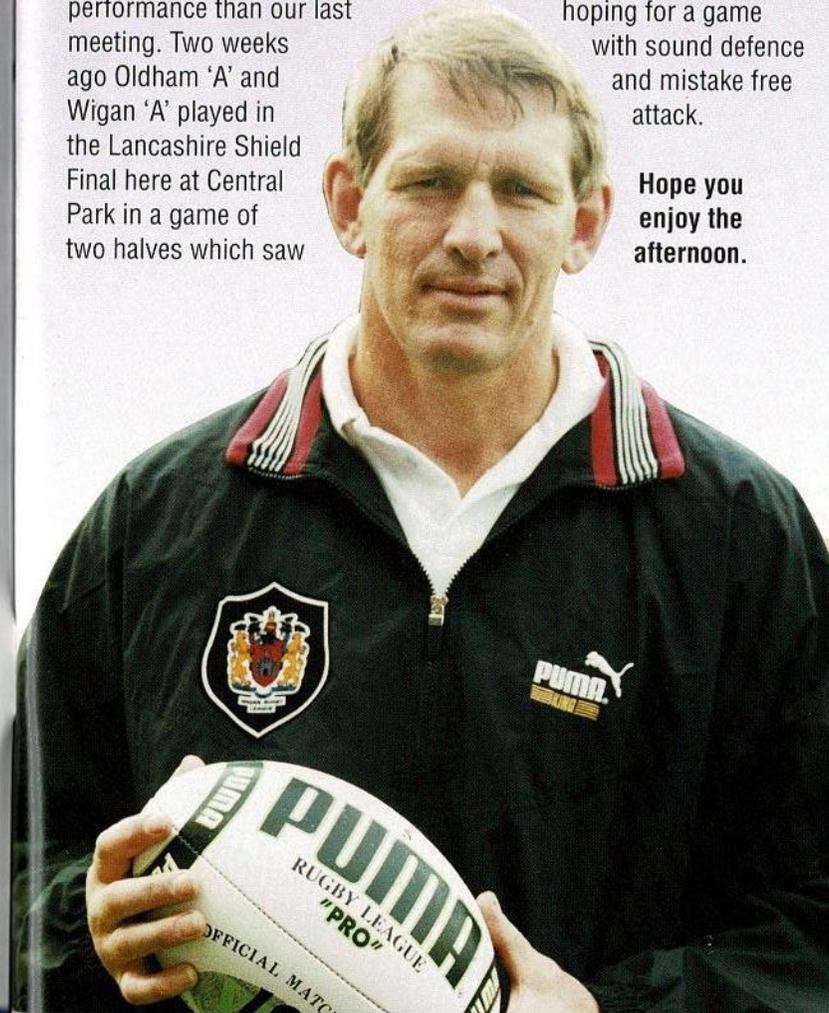
with Graeme West

Once again we welcome Oldham to Central Park. Since our last game at Watersheddings they have had some good performances and moved up in the table to a good position. Andy Goodway will be looking for a far better performance than our last meeting. Two weeks ago Oldham 'A' and Wigan 'A' played in the Lancashire Shield Final here at Central Park in a game of two halves which saw

Oldham with a 10 points lead then Wigan rally to end a very entertaining game 24-10 in front. The game was a credit to both coaches, John Pendlebury and Dennis McHugh.

This will be our second game of the week, so we will be hoping for a game with sound defence and mistake free attack.

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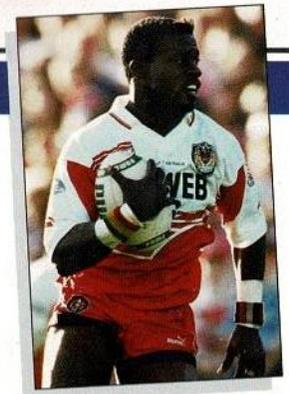
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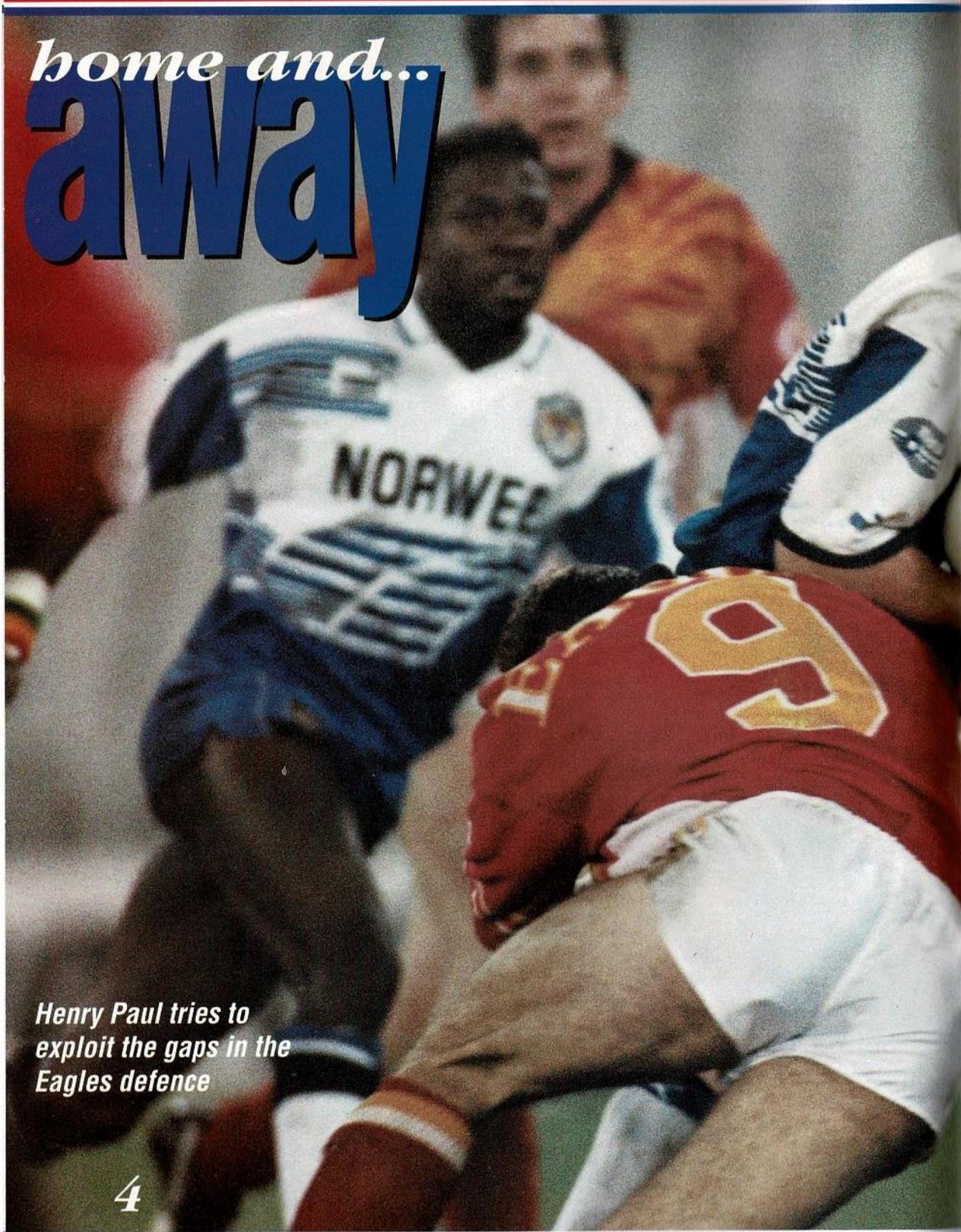
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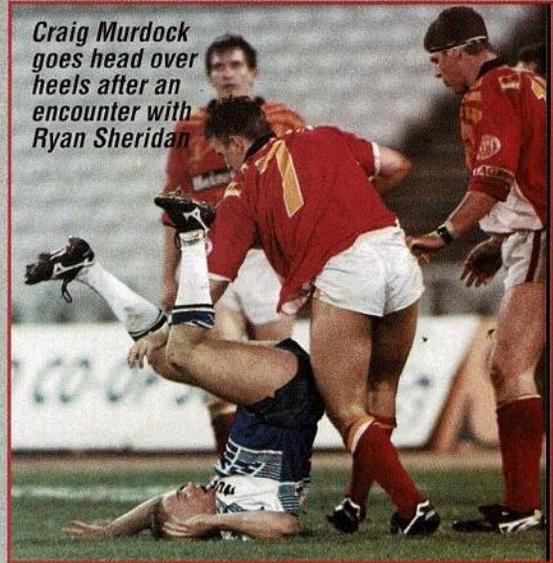
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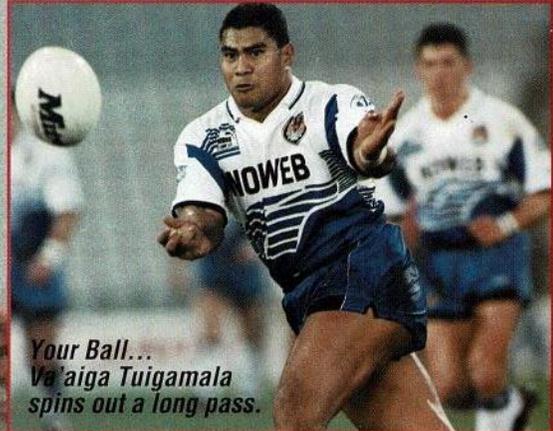


Henry Paul tries to exploit the gaps in the Eagles defence

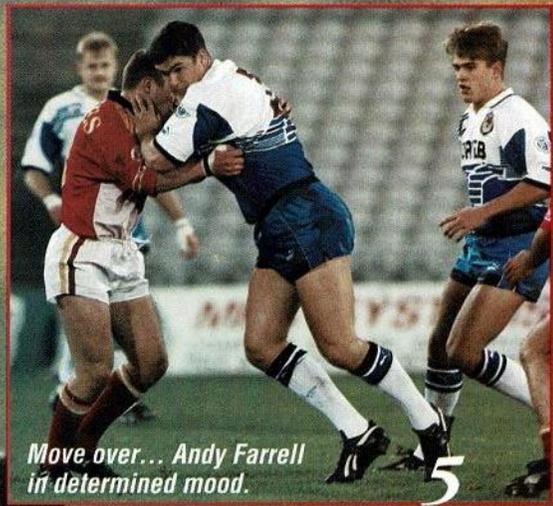
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Craig Murdock goes head over heels after an encounter with Ryan Sheridan



Your Ball... Va'aiga Tuigamala spins out a long pass.



Move over... Andy Farrell in determined mood.

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Wilson's world



Bobby Goulding and St. Helens have a difficult trip to Salford.

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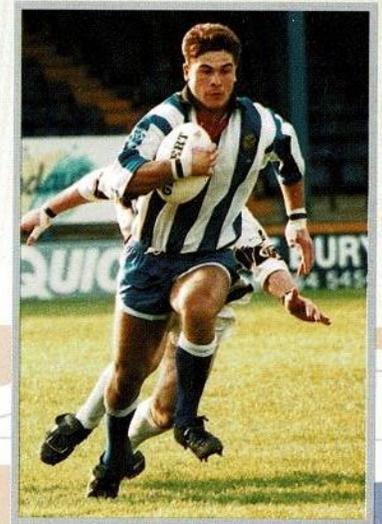
This weekend's menu features a full portion of First Division fixtures with a tasty side order of Regal Trophy First Round ties. With Halifax having taken on Widnes on Friday night, today's action centres on the clubs chasing Wigan at the top of the table. Leeds are in second place and they defend their unbeaten home record against Doncaster who are the ideal team to put anyone's Championship aspirations into perspective as The Dons have upset both St. Helens and Castleford in a Division One debut that just goes on surprising while the Loiners have collected over a hundred points in their last three games. Saints have a difficult task of a trip to Salford where they have had mixed success in the past. However, leading scorer Alan Hunte picked up an injury last weekend, while Goulding, Nickle and Joynt should be available to attempt to continue the club's fine run. Salford have a different kind of worry coming into the match and that is whether they can reproduce the form that saw them thrash Wakefield in their last game at The Willows. Last week, The Red Devils went down at Hull, conceding some late points and with a week's break ought to be good and ready for Eric Hughes' men. Bradford take on a Wakefield side capable of delighting and infuriating in equal measure. Their last match saw them throw away a good lead but come

back to within a score of Warrington at the final hooter. At Belle Vue in August Trinity were torn apart by Northern as the visitors stormed away at the top of the table. Having survived a mini-crisis, Peter Fox's men will be looking for a league double over the side coached by former Northern players Hobbs and Noble. Meanwhile, Wigan face Oldham at Central Park knowing that victory would keep them nicely on course to retain the Championship trophy. Following last week's Test and a midweek fixture with Featherstone, Graeme West may be faced with the type of selection headache he has not had so far this season. McDermott, Robinson and Clarke all failed to finish the Elland Road battle and may not have recovered for either the Featherstone game or today's fixture. The Roughyeds also faced a tough midweek game at home to Bradford on Tuesday which followed a fortnight's break between fixtures. Coach Andy Goodway is less than enamoured with that situation, coming as it did so soon after a two week break for the first Test. Players and coaches like to get into a routine of a match every weekend and breaks only disturb that rhythm allowing things to stew on over a bad defeat or to get carried away by a good victory. The 29pts-0 win over Widnes has been arguably the highlight of the season so far for Goodway's side but that was followed by defeats by Featherstone and Halifax before the match with Northern. Oldham's coach has a growing

reputation in the game. He cut his teeth at Central Park while in charge of Wigan's Academy side before moving on to Oldham. An injury crisis will be a real testing time for the new man but he has made all the right noises so far. A good run for his side could sneak them into the top eight at the end of the campaign. Goodway was a big and enthusiastic trainer while at Wigan and is friends with Bob Lanigan who has worked at Central Park and Headingley concentrating on the power aspect of the game where the Australians are undeniably ahead. In the summer, the Academy tourists found their Australian contemporaries physically better prepared. From the age of 16 or 17, they are groomed in the right training habits which is much easier when the game is more high profile than it is in this country. The game in England is slowly coming round to this way of thinking although the results are still a few years down the track. There is plenty of good material to work with at Watersheddings as the Oldham 'A' team is leading the First Division having lost just twice this season. They also contested the Lancashire Shield Final here at Central Park recently and were sunk only by a late scoring burst by Wigan's youngsters. Shane Tupaea guided the side to a cup and league double last term and the good run is continuing thanks to the on-field expertise of Charles McAllister. The clubs overseas players, Joe Faimalo and Jason Temu have settled in well having to drive a pack shorn of Lindner, Solomona, McDermott and Goodway himself. Their other recruit is Wilson Marsh a goalkicking stand off or full back from Manukau in New Zealand. Marsh has struggled with injury since his arrival and was recently given an ultimatum to prove his fitness. If he is not in the side this afternoon then he is likely to be cut from the club's register. Oldham, like Wigan, have been linked recently with a move to a new stadium this one to be built near Oldham Athletic's Boundary Park ground. Recent developments indicate that the

Watersheddings site is still in the running for redevelopment but a decision will not be made by the Council, who own the site, until the end of the year. In the rest of the weekend's programme, Castleford clash with Hull at Wheldon Road. The Airlie Birds scored only their second win of the season over Salford last time out and look to be finding their feet since the match with Wigan. Their long term injury list is shortening and the home side will need to improve on their showing in the Derwent Park mudheap to secure the points. That draw with Castleford saw Workington slip to the foot of the table following Hull's success and today they travel to Sheffield in the hope of their first away win of the season. The Eagles looked good in patches against Wigan in their last game but will need to respect possession more if they want to collect the points. The other fixture is at Wilderspool where Warrington will be looking to continue their chase at the top against Featherstone. Rovers inflicted Warrington's first defeat of the season back in September but since then nothing much has gone right for the Colliers while the Wire have continued to shadow the top four thanks to a 100% home record. Rovers will need to be on top form to overturn that record today. The road to Huddersfield's McAlpine stadium begins this afternoon for the majority of the clubs contesting the Regal Trophy. The two ties involving the French sides were played last weekend and a surprise was created at McLaren Field where Hunslet were beaten 18pts-14 by St. Esteve who thus became the first French club to progress to the second round of the competition. At a waterlogged Owl Lane, Dewsbury took on XIII Catalan and were convincing victors by 22pts-4 thanks to an Eddie Rombo hat-trick. The highlights this afternoon include a local derby at Hilton Park. Denis Ramsdale quit as Leigh coach after just nine weeks in the wake of some unwarranted crowd abuse and the side he left behind, shorn of their Academy internationals by Halifax and Sheffield

could be ripe for plucking by Leigh Miners Welfare who are no strangers to this type of match. Elsewhere, there is the equivalent of a southern derby as London Broncos host Hemel Hempstead. Hemel are once more challenging for the Conference title this season and beat the Londoners in a pre-season match. However, as both sides were nowhere near full strength, that result will not be much of an indication as to today's events. The Conference leaders and reigning Champions Woolston travel to Rochdale while Highfield entertain Pennine League leaders Ovenden who only recently lost their 100% record. The former league clubs all have difficult matches. Blackpool are at Huddersfield, Nottingham are at Barrow while Chorley travel to the Cougars' den. Batley host Queens who were beaten 64pts-1 by the same club at the same stage last season while at Bury, there is a good game in the offing as Swinton take on Saddleworth Rangers.



Tony Barrow's Swinton face Saddleworth Rangers

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Welcome to the roughyeds



DARREN ABRAM

First professional club was Warrington and then moved to Trafford Borough from where he joined Rochdale in 1991. Earned a reputation at Rochdale as a prolific try scorer and when listed for £70,000 was sought by several clubs including Salford, Featherstone and Wakefield before joining Oldham in February 1993.

DAMIEN AINGE

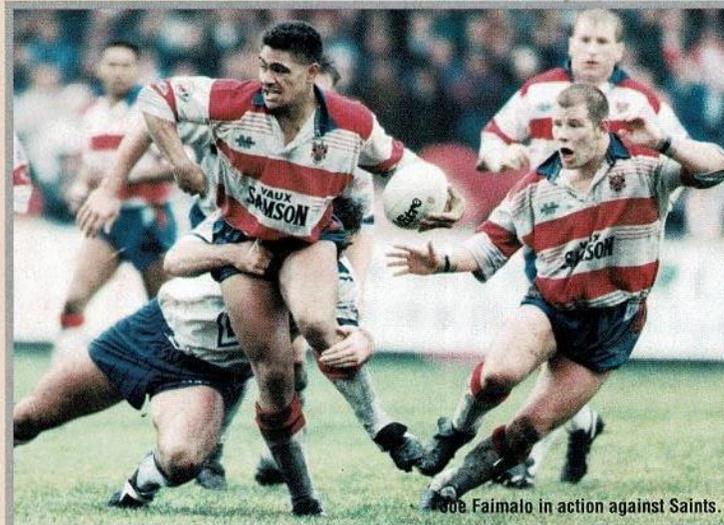
Signed after trials from Rugby Union in the Fylde area. A former England student international who also played for Leeds Polytechnic, Damien is a goalkicking full back who has also had experience of Rugby League in Australia.

CRAIG BOOTH

Classy goal kicker from Featherstone Rovers who has the distinction of moving to Oldham by paying his own transfer fee. Not many people know that Craig is the nephew of Oldham boss Andy Goodway. He played a major roll in the Alliance teams four trophy success last season and is keen to push for a senior place this time.



Martin Crompton
Photo by Nigel French



Joe Faimalo in action against Saints.

DAVID BRADBURY

Signed from Leigh Miners after touring New Zealand with the BARLA under 19 squad. David is a strong running loose-forward. A most promising young player.

DAVID CHRIMES

One of Oldham's signings from Rochdale Hornets, highly rated by former coach Peter Regan. Previously played for local amateur side Mayfield and was ever present in the side, helping Hornet's run in the play-off's semi-final in his last year at Hornets.

JOHN CLARKE

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

MARTIN CROMPTON

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

PAUL DAVIDSON

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

MICHAEL EDWARDS

Signed from Parkside Goldbourne at the age of 17 after receiving honours from Lancashire and England schoolboys. Now at the age of 20 deservedly retains his place consistently in our Alliance team and will push this season for a first team appearance.

STEVE GARTLAND

Needs no introduction to League fans in the

Oldham Rochdale areas. A clever stand off aged 23, he signed for Rochdale from Oldham amateur club St Annes in 1990 and established a Rochdale club record of 276 points in a season in 1992/93. A useful goal kicker he is the son of Brian Gartland Oldham's Town team coach and a former member of the Watersheddings coaching staff.

WALLY GIBSON

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

ALFIE GOUDBORNE

Signed (1993) from top under 19 side Iceberg Celtice, gained Great Britain Under 19 honours with BARLA touring Australia and coming out the top try scorer. Alfie was another consistent member of our successful Alliance team last season.

IYAN GREEN

A Wiganer formerly on St Helens books, Iyan came to Oldham as a free agent in the summer of 1993 and became a useful member of the squad, often showing his worth at senior level as a tough tackling hard grafting second row forward who also played a major roll in the Alliance teams remarkable unbeaten record throughout the season.

NIGEL HESLOP

Former England R.U. winger who won 10 caps for his country. Signed for Oldham from Orrell R.U. club in February 1993 after losing his place in England's Five Nations Cup squad for 1993. Represented England in the World Cup 1991 and was a member of two Grand Slam winning squads.

MARTIN HOLDEN

Joined Oldham from Wigan St Pats in 1993. Can play wing or centre with equal ability. A strong runner he won BARLA open age International honours before taking the professional ticket with Oldham.

SHAUN IRWIN

Shaun joined Oldham from Castleford in 1992 in the move that took Richard Russell to Wheldon Road. A former member of Mal Reillys Great Britain squad. Shaun is a vastly experienced inside back, sound on defence and with a deceptive turn of pace as he proved when scoring a long range try at Featherstone in the 1993/94 season.

DAVID JONES

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

close season.

STEVE KERRY

Former Preston Grasshoppers R.U. half-back, turned professional for Salford for whom he was a prolific goal scorer and he topped the R.L. points scoring list in 1990/91 when Salford won the Second Division Championship with 427 points. Can play equally well at stand-off or scrum-half and was long admired by Oldham coach, Peter Tunks, before he finally signed him in September 1992.

MIKE KUITI

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

GARY LORD

A newcomer to Oldham this year, Gary started his career with Castleford and moved to Leeds before Oldham signed him from Halifax for a £35,000 fee fixed by tribunal. The brother of former Oldham winger Paul Lord Gary began his life as a full back but now plays in the pack mainly at second row.

PAUL TOPPING

Paul joined Oldham from Leigh in the summer of 1993 after starting his career as a full back with Swinton, Oldham's top point scorer last season he is a useful goal kicker who can play equally well at full back centre or even loose forward. A groin injury caused him problems last season but he has recovered remarkably well after surgery and is raring to go into 1994/95.

PADDY MITCHELL

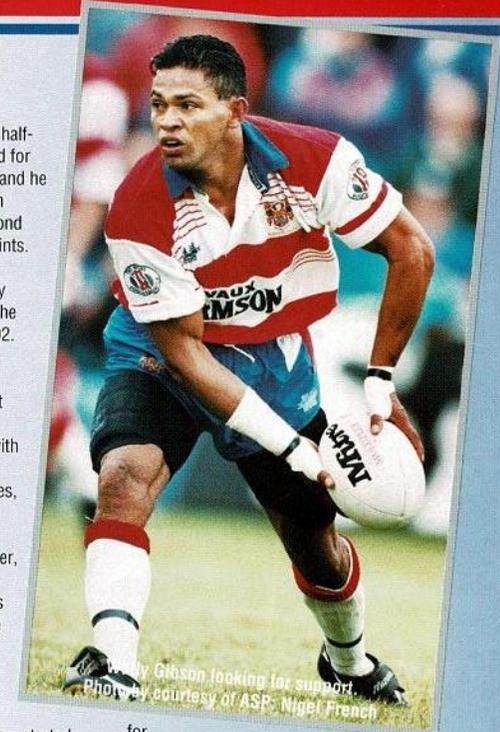
A local boy who joined Oldham three years ago from Saddleworth Rangers at stand off or centre made a big impression in the successful Alliance team last season and is keen to advance his career at senior level after making a handful of 1st team appearances last season.

BEN OLSEN

This Danish born forward made a name for himself with London Crusaders and signed for Oldham in the famous swap-shop summer of 1992 with winger Richard Blackman. Ben is the only known Dane to be currently playing professional Rugby League in Great Britain.

CHRIS PARR

A prop forward from the Wigan area Chris began his professional career with Huddersfield where he gained GB under 21 honours. A move to Swinton did not work out



Wally Gibson looking for support.
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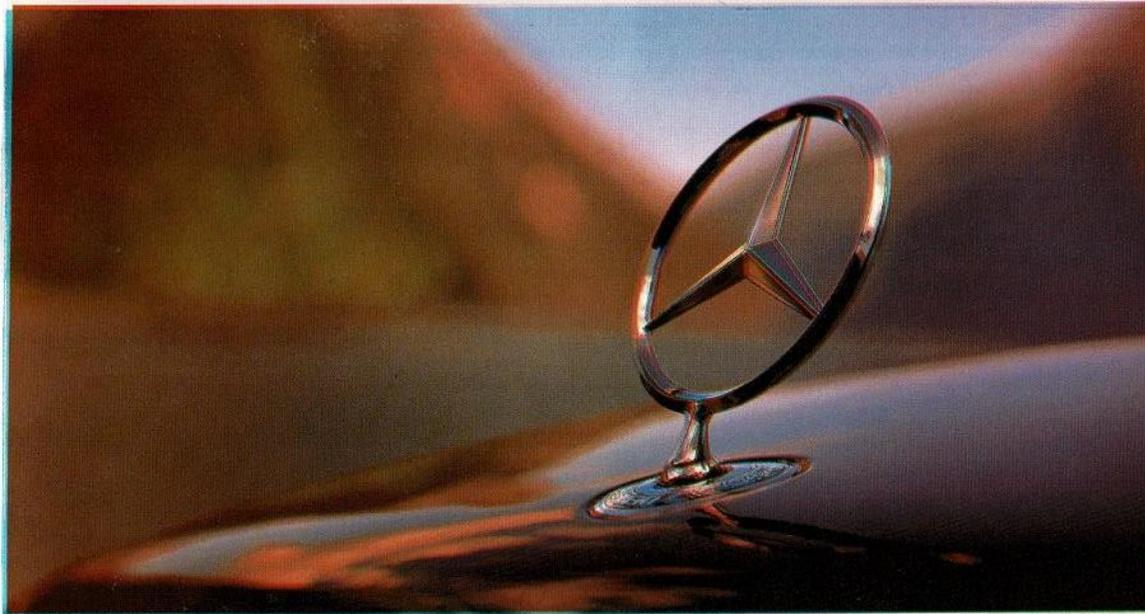
for him but Swinton's loss was Oldham's gain when Parr moved to Watersheddings in exchange for John Maxwell.

CRAIG RICHARDS
Joined Oldham for £25,000 from Bradford Northern a year ago and produced a stunning debut to score two tries against his former club. Had spells on loan last season with Workington and Featherstone but has prepared extremely well under Andy Goodways coaching this summer and big things are expected of him in 1994/95.

SCOTT RANSON
Twenty four year old St. Helens player and the top try scorer from his former club, Swinton. Signed for Oldham in March 1992.

IAN SHERRATT
Former Oldham and Lancashire schoolboy. Left Oldham for Salford and returned season 1991/92. A hard grafting prop-forward who won Oldham's Player of the Season for 1993/94 and was also voted the Players Player of the Season.

DAVID STEPHENSON
Like his fellow hooker from the Leeds area John Clark, David learned his Rugby League in the Yorkshire City and also won BARLA youth honours. A good hooker and a clever play maker in the loose, Stephenson is highly regarded at Watersheddings, Oldham are fortunate to have two young hookers with the ability of Stephenson and Clark.



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Hello, and welcome to all **Heinz Junior Riversiders** for this afternoons "Big League" match against Oldham.

So, it was not to be. The Ashes return with the Aussies and we shall have to wait until 1996 to see once again if the courageous Lions can wrest the trophy from the Kangaroo's grasp - or should that be pouch! But let us take nothing from the fine display by the Great Britain team at Elland Road last weekend. They battled and tackled for all they were worth, and gave a display which we can all be proud of. The simple fact was, the Aussies were just that bit better in most departments. And of course, Ellery's game plan was not helped by both Alan Hunte and our very own Phil Clarke having to limp off injured early in the first half. So, can I take this opportunity to say, on behalf of the **Heinz Junior Riversiders**,

Barrie McDermott, Henry Paul and Martin Hall for giving up their time to attend the last **Heinz Junior Riversiders** meeting, earlier this month. Appearances by the players are greatly appreciated by the members, and I hope that you all managed to get their autographs or have a word or two with them.

The next meeting of the **Heinz Junior Riversiders** is on Tuesday, 13th December and will be held, as usual, in the Riverside club. The meeting opens at 7.00pm and will run until 9.30pm, and I am told that there will be lots of surprise guests. That means we don't know who yet! However, one person who will be there is Martin Dermott, who as you know, is celebrating 10 years at the club. He will be announcing a special competition, so don't miss it. **And**, as the meeting is the Christmas meeting, as previous years it will be **FANCY DRESS** with prizes for the best

Junior **Heinz** riversiders

well done to each and every one of the Lions for a great series. The battle may not have been won, but you can hold your heads up proud and high. So it's back to league action this afternoon. Hopefully the lads were successful mid-week against Featherstone and the 100% record still continues. Let's trust that it will be more of the same today. Time now for a few "thank-you's". Special thanks go to Craig Murdock,

and most original costumes. So get out the crepe paper, and start creating your outfits. There is no theme - just come dressed up as whatever you like. (How many Super-Kel outfits will there be, I wonder!). That's it for now - don't forget the date of the next meeting, 13th December. Enjoy the game.

Dougie Stand.

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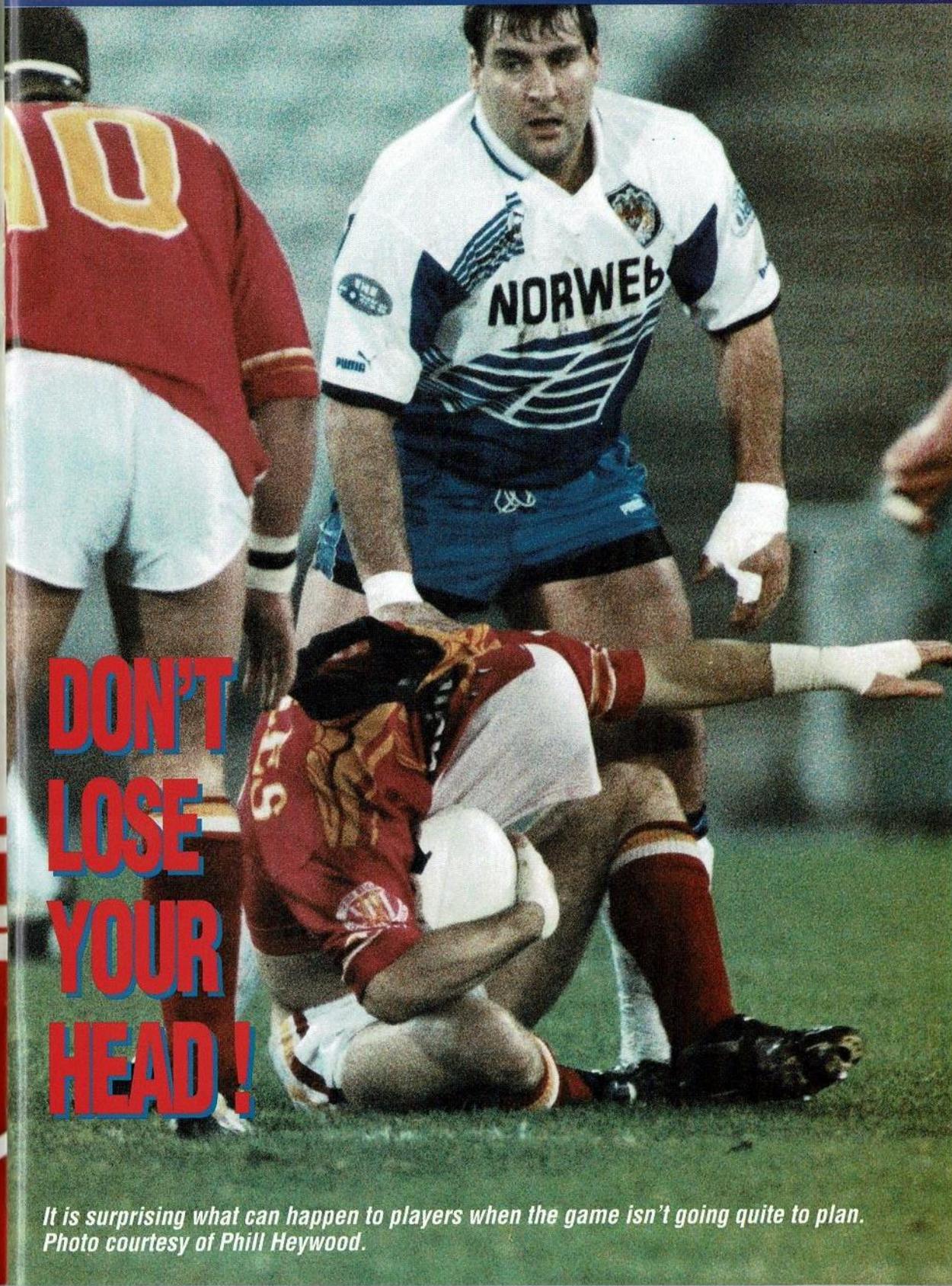
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*It is surprising what can happen to players when the game isn't going quite to plan.
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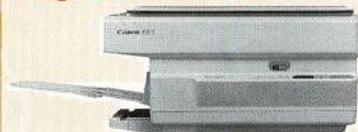
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B.E.E.S. Benidorm's European Entertainers Society, a body of artistes, gave up their time to perform for holiday makers at a recent fundraiser.

A rugby jersey supplied by Wigan RLFC raised a fabulous 30,000 pesetas in the charity auction. We understand that the purchaser could be a Wiganer.

National A Non-Runner For Some

In the run up to the first National Lottery draw BBC TV current affairs programme 'Here and Now' highlighted that some beneficiaries from the lottery could draw the short straw.

Charitable organisations claim they will be the lottery losers and not the lottery winners after discovering they will be awarded a 6% grant, but not until 1996. They could lose out by as much as £270 million a year, it is feared.

The Council for the protection of Rural England has launched a new fund raising scheme in response to the threat posed by the National Lottery.

At chances of 14,000,000 to 1 of hitting the jackpot it would appear that the lottery advertising companies, the organising consortium, Camelot and the Government are the only guaranteed winners.

£1000 Winner In Wigan

Hey girls, who's looking for a self employed bachelor with a grand in the 'sky rocket'. Let us introduce you to Jimmy Martindale, a painter and decorator by trade who found his luck in Strangeways, the pub that is!

Jimmy who lives at Platt Bridge called in for the odd one or two at the bar and finished up clutching

three bars, thanks to Wigan's new lottery ticket, that's the Jackpot formula.

His initial flutter produced four winners before scooping the lottery's first £1000 windfall. He said, "I won a fiver, then £1, missed then hit £1000. It must have been a good batch." Luck can change with the next purchase.

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Reflecting on his lucky moment Jimmy added, "I said I don't believe this, but I should have kept it quiet because it will now cost me a fortune."

But seriously he's thinking of spending a slice of his mum and dad for a holiday.

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Draw For Regal Trophy

The draw for the second round of the Regal Trophy will take place on Monday 28th November and will be broadcast live at 12.30pm on Radio 5 (909am).

The games will be played over the weekend of 3rd and 4th December.

Away Game

Our next away league game is against Leeds on Sunday 11th December, kicking off at 3.00pm. Seat tickets can be purchased in advance at a cost of £11.50 for adults and £10.00 for juniors/oap.

The ticket office number at Leeds is 0532 786181.

Ground admission on the day of the game is £6.50 for adults and £5.00 for juniors/oaps. However if you book in advance an adult and one child can gain admission at a cost of £8.00, but this must be booked before the day of the game.

Brendan King

On behalf of everyone at

Central Park we would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of Brendan King, a very great and loyal supporter who recently died.

Alliance Games

Would all supporters of the alliance team please note the following amendments to some future games:

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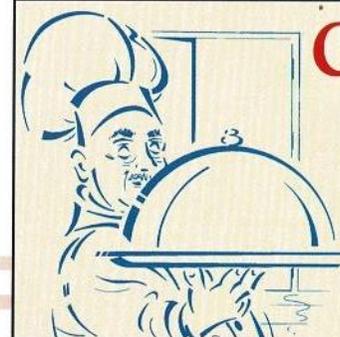
Thursday 15th December
v Ryedale
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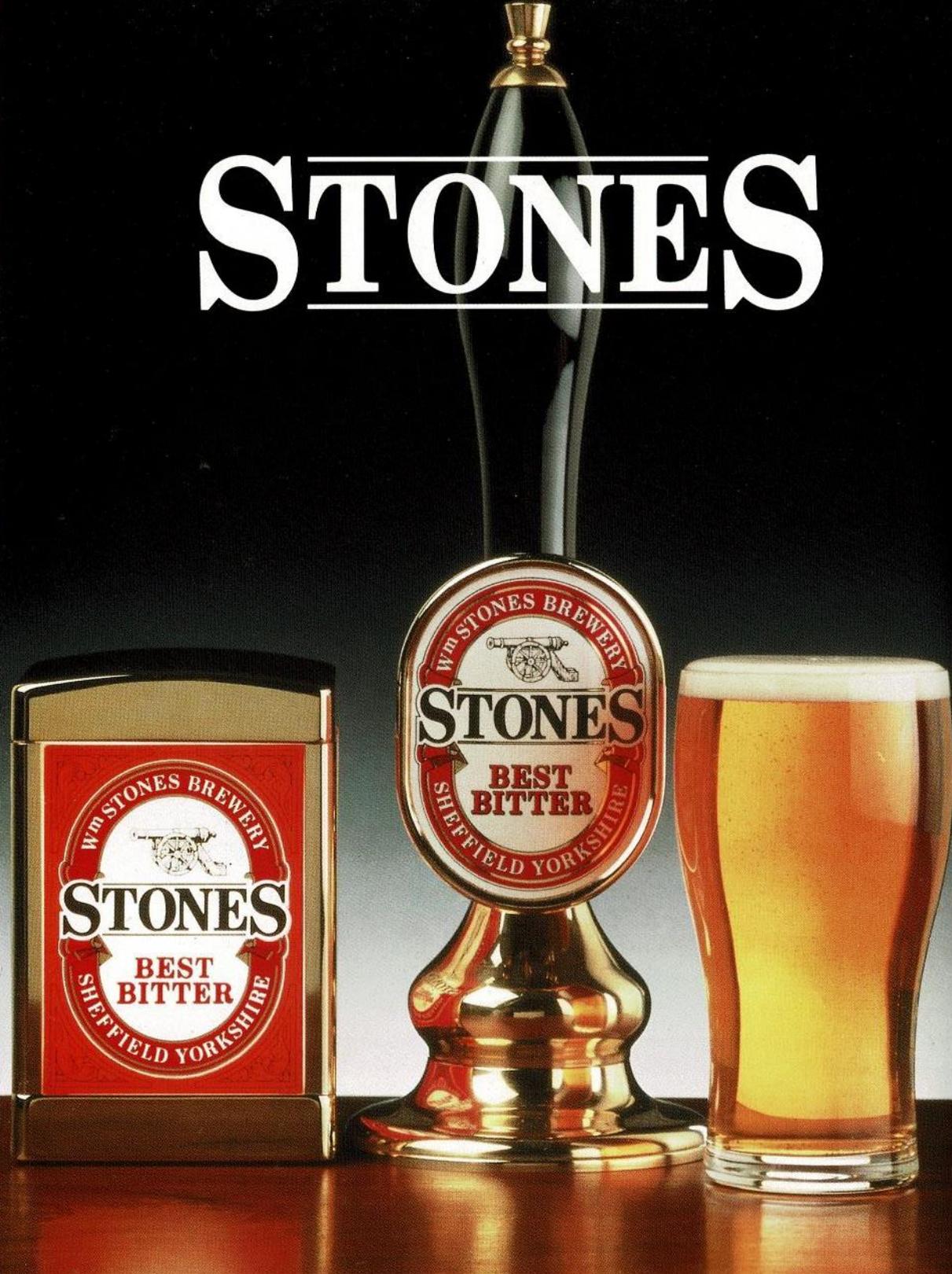
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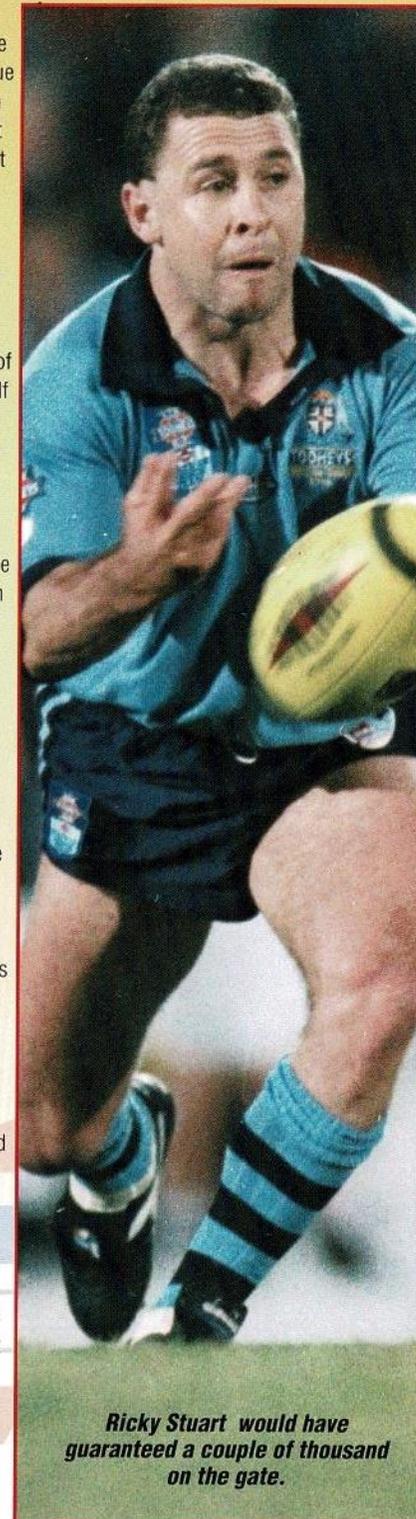
A couple of midweek results have changed the complexion of the League table. Bradford Northern who many of us thought would be the main threat to Wigan this season

were comprehensively beaten on Tuesday night by today's visitors Oldham and in a memorable match on Wednesday evening Wigan beat somebody or other by so many points to six. One good thing that came out of Wednesdays game was the second half introduction of a replacement for Gary Connolly. A young centre called Lydon came on and looked very promising especially when he kicked ahead, re gathered and put Martin Offiah in for a try. We will be seeing a lot of him in the future! It shows the expectations when a 30 points to 6 win over Featherstone Rovers was watched in almost total silence and the referee could be heard calling the tackles by everyone of the almost 11,000 in the crowd.

Perhaps it was a case of a certain amount of an anti climax. The Australian tour finished and a warmish Wednesday night was probably not the best time to bring League Rugby back to Central Park. The Central Park machine does however march relentlessly on and December brings us Regal Trophy games as well as Stones Bitter Championship clashes away at Headingley and Knowsley Road.

The winning run that St. Helens are on will ensure that the Boxing Day fixture will have all the spice expected of it and tickets will be at a premium. Wigan on 24 league points are five points ahead of both St. Helens and Leeds who are on 19 points. We need to have a full complement of players, including that young lad Lydon, for the trips to Leeds and St. Helens as both games are what the press like to call four pointers.

Leeds will be attempting to avenge the 38-6 defeat at Central Park in September but will no doubt be quaking in their shoes at the prospect



Ricky Stuart would have guaranteed a couple of thousand on the gate.

of another drubbing. Our greatest rivals St. Helens will not want to let the points gap widen to seven points and are playing really well at the moment. Can they, however cope, with a Wigan pack firing on all cylinders. On Wednesday, Featherstone could not cope with the pack in need of a little bit of fine tuning! One of the Featherstone side, Daniel Divet is one of two French players, the other is Patrick Entat of Leeds, whose clubs are refusing to release them to play for their country against the Australians. One can understand an initial knee jerk reaction of clubs to refuse France the opportunity of turning out their strongest side but from a World Rugby point of view it is rather short sighted. Divet having been brought up in Australia could have acted as an interpreter to help the French to know what the Aussies might do next - not that that would have had much bearing on the result. It is alright knowing what the opposition is going to do but if you cannot stop them doing it then the game is not likely to go your way.

I know that there was never any likelihood of Wigan signing any of the Australian tourists on a short term contract but it was reported last week that Ricky Stuart was available if a club was willing to pay £2,500 a match for him. It was thought, however, that that sort of money was beyond the reach of the vast majority of British clubs. Surely this is an example of the short sightedness that we find in the British game. Any club that signed Stuart would have guaranteed a couple of thousand on the gate of its next two or three home games before the novelty wore off. Two thousand multiplied by £6 would have paid Stuart for at least five games. Four thousand multiplied by £6 would have kept him in XXXX for his short stay and generated a profit. If St. Helens had been able to persuade Mighty Mal to return to Knowsley Road they would have been richer than the Chairman of British Gas!

current affairs...

SECOND ROUND DRAW

The draw for the second round of the record breaking £410,000 Regal Trophy will take place at Headingley, Leeds RLFC ground on Monday, 28th November 1994 and will be broadcast live on BBC Radio Five Sports programme at 12.30pm.

The draw will be made by Kevin Riley, the Regional Sales Manager of Imperial Tobacco Limited accompanied by Rodney Walker, the Chairman of the Rugby Football League and Maurice Lindsay, the Chief Executive of the League.

Into the draw for the first time this season will be the 16 First Division clubs who have been seeded through to the second round. They will join the winners of the 16 First Round.

This is the 28th season of Imperial Tobaccos' support of the Rugby League - the longest running sponsorship in the sport - and the 24th consecutive year of this particular competition.

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JOHN SMITH'S TOUR

Andrew Ettingshausen finished

as the Kangaroos top try scorer with 12 touchdowns in 10 appearances including one as substitute.

Rod Wishart headed the other two scoring charts with 52 goals and 132 points including seven tries.

Wendell Sailor and David Fairleigh played in most matches with each making 11 appearances. Sailor's total included three as substitute and Fairleigh seven.

Most full appearances were made by Ettingshausen, Brad Fittler and Brett Mullins who were in the starting line-up nine times.

WIGAN CHASE RECORD

Wigan are two wins short of equalling the Division One record of 13 successive victories at the start of a season.

The record was set by Widnes in 1981-82 when they won their first 13 league matches before drawing 10-10 at Hull Kingston Rovers and then losing 6-3 at Bradford Northern. It was the start of a three-match losing sequence and Widnes finished third to champions Leigh.

Wigan's opening run of 11 Stones Bitter Championship victories is made up five at home and six away.

They also won their final three league matches of last season to put them over halfway to beating the overall Division One record of 25 held by St.Helens. The Saints won their last 13 matches of 1985-86 and the first 12 of the following season.

Wigan's last league defeat was 10-6 at Bradford Northern on 12

April.

Their opening sequence this season is as follows:

Featherstone R.	(A)	36-24
Sheffield E.	(H)	40-16
Oldham	(A)	58-10
Leeds	(H)	38-6
Widnes	(H)	46-12
Castleford	(A)	31-28
Wakefield T.	(H)	46-0
Workington T.	(A)	30-6
Salford	(H)	52-22
Hull	(A)	19-12
Sheffield E.	(A)	36-20

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LEADING TRYSCORERS

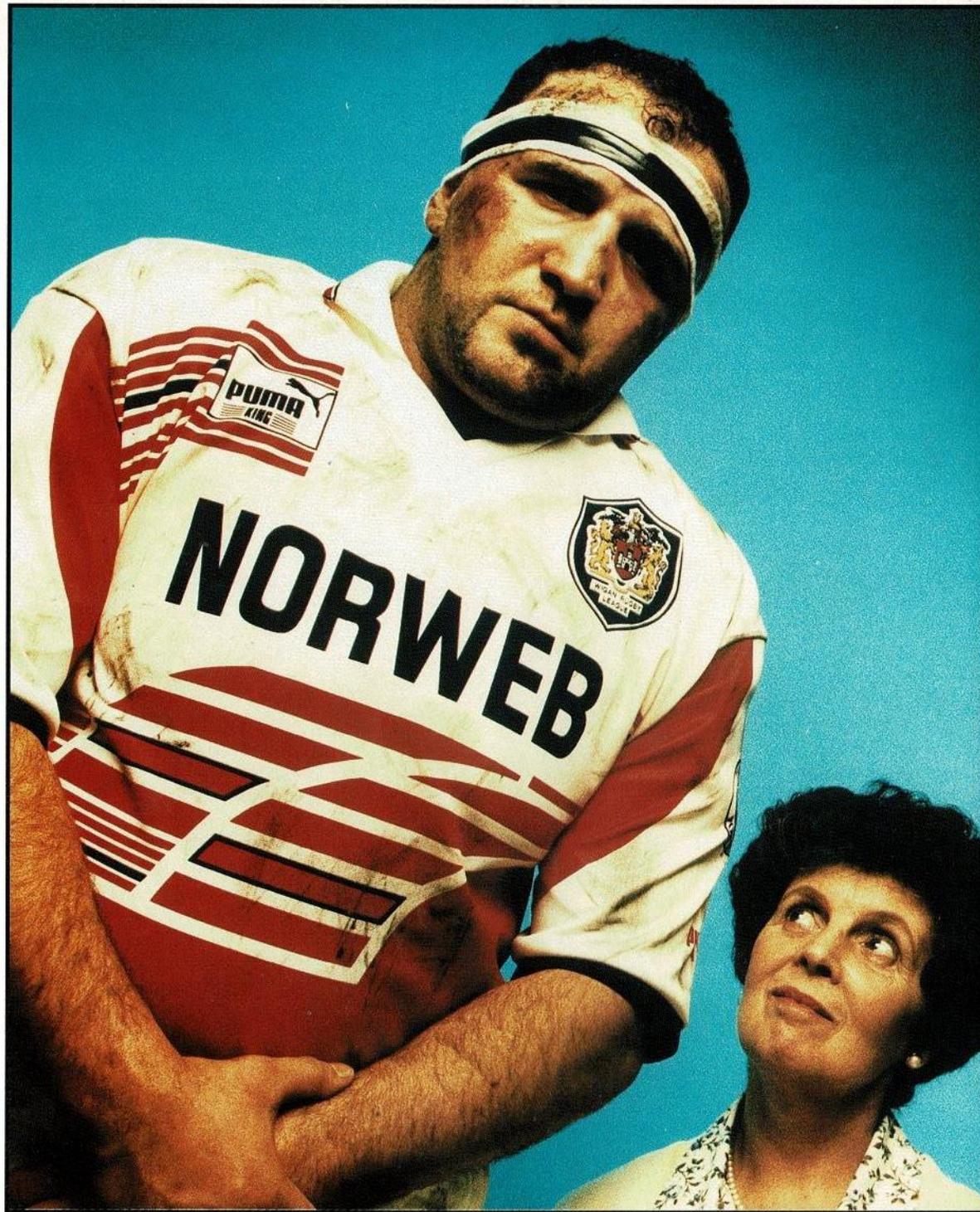
1. Martin Offiah (Wigan)	19
Nick Pinkney (Keighley C)	19
David Plange (Hull KR)	19
4. Greg Austin (Huddersfield)	16
5. Alan Hunte (St.Helens)	15
Mark Forster (Warrington)	15
7. Mike Crane (Hull KR)	12
Leigh Deakin (Ryedale-York)	12
9. Jason Robinson (Wigan)	11
Mike Pechey (Whitehaven)	11
John Bentley (Halifax)	11
John Schuster (Halifax)	11

TOP TEN GOALSCORERS (Including drop goals)

1. John Schuster (Halifax)	54
2. Martin Strett (Rochdale H.)	53
Simon Irving (Keighley C.)	53
4. Mike Fletcher (Hull KR)	51
5. Bobby Goulding (St. Helens)	47
Greg Pearce (Huddersfield)	47
7. Jonathan Davies (Warrington)	46
Deryck Fox (Bradford N.)	46
9. Mike Blakeley (Leigh)	42
10. Willy Richardson (Carlisle)	37

LEADING POINTSCORER

John Schuster of Halifax has taken over as the leading point scorer with 152 from 54 goals and 11 tries. He is followed by Simon Irving of Keighley Cougars with 138 from eight tries and 58 goals



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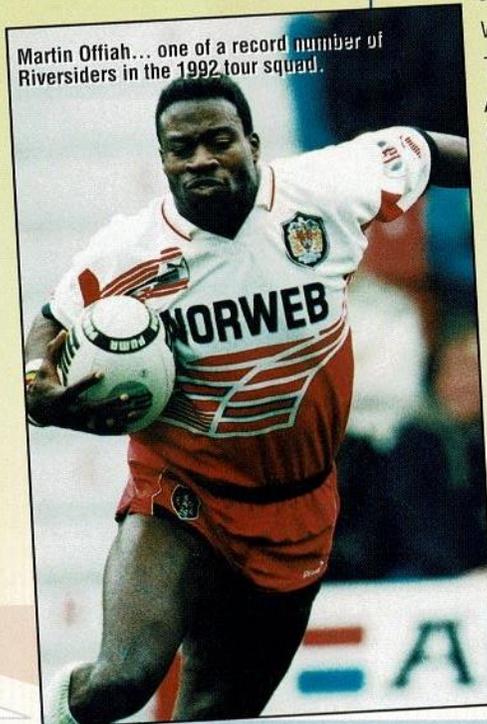


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■ Wigan have provided more Great Britain tourists than any other club and are the only club to have had at least one player on all twenty Lions' tours down under. No less than seventy-eight tour places have been filled by Wigan players, the next best being fifty from Leeds. In 1992 a record thirteen Riversiders were in the squad

to visit Papua New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand. Betts, Clarke, Cowie, Dermott, Edwards, Gregory, Hampson, Lucas, Lydon, McGinty, Offiah, Platt and Skerrett were selected whilst Myers, unlucky to miss out at first, joined his team mates in mid-tour as a replacement. The 1992 tourists broke the previous record of eight from one club, also Wigan players, which had stood since 1950. On that occasion Ashcroft, Bradshaw, Cunliffe, Egan, Gee, Hilton, Ratcliffe and Ryan were chosen. Incidentally, ten Wigan players were in the original squad for the Lions' tour of Papua New Guinea and New Zealand in 1990. Unfortunately injuries and withdrawals reduced the final Wigan contingent to six.



Martin Offiah... one of a record number of Riversiders in the 1992 tour squad.

Record breakers

On the air

with Malcolm Lord



■ I was present recently at the Rugby League Writers Association Annual Dinner, when Mel Meninga received their Special Merit Award. He's the first ever overseas recipient and whether you love or indeed hate the Aussies I'm sure you'll agree that Mel's contribution to the game has been immeasurable and most people involved in the media seemed to concide that not only

had he graced the game with his many attributes down the years but he had also been a truly great ambassador for Rugby League and indeed his native Australia. To move on I hear that

within the next few weeks the Olympic movement are to confirm their policy of crowd participation by announcing that Rugby Union is to become an Olympic Event. Why crowd participation? Well everyone knows that in Rugby Union the crowd handles the ball more than the players! Will you get up at 2.30am in the morning to watch the possibility of China playing Western Samoa (all of a sudden Doncaster verses Workington sounds a cracking game).

Mal's contribution to the game has been immeasurable

By the way the new national lottery is now underway and I'm sure that whilst the bumper first prize may well pass most of us by Rugby League could still benefit from the distribution of some of the monies raised you may not be eligible but you certainly will not get anything if you don't ask, so come on all you secretary's, treasures and chairman, whether you be professional or amateur find out the possibilities and lets make sure that if Sport is to benefit that Rugby League gets it share.

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TRAVEL

There may be an away match next weekend depending on the draw for the Regal Trophy Second Round. If so coach bookings will have to be made by telephone on 46371 (evenings) or 866726 (daytime), and details of cost and departure time will be given when you call.

Following this the next trip is on Sunday 11th December to Leeds. Coaches will leave for Headingley at 12.15pm. You may think this is somewhat early, but after the chaos on the roads near Leeds at the Third Test last Sunday and the fact that Headingley is not one of the best grounds for access it is better to be safe than sorry!! Adults £6, Juniors £4.

ALLIANCE

Congratulations to the Alliance team on their superb victory over league leaders Oldham in the Lancashire Shield Final. With 24 points being scored in the last sixteen minutes it was an incredible result against a much bigger and more experienced side which has been together for a considerable time and had plenty of success last season.

TESTIMONIAL

There will be a concert organised by the Leyland Branch at their headquarters, Leyland British Legion Club, on behalf of Martin Dermott's Testimonial on **Wednesday 14th December.**

Starts at 7.30pm and it's pay on the door.
Martin's

Testimonial Committee thought for a long time about producing a souvenir which would be popular for Christmas and a top class calendar featuring twelve Great Britain players has been produced and should be on sale very soon. The photographs were taken at the Nissan Garage and are much more unusual than normal calendar poses. The calendars will be on sale at the Supporters' Association shops, the Theme Shop and the new souvenir shop in the centre of town, just as soon as they have been printed, hopefully the first week in December.

CHALLENGE CUP PRINT

You may have seen in the Wigan Evening Post last week an advertisement for a specially

commissioned 1994 Challenge Cup framed colour print, 20 x 16. We have been approached to sell some of these and if you order through the Supporters' Association there will be a special price of £12 and no postage and packing costs as supporters will collect them from us. Cheques or postal orders, payable to Wigan R.L.S.A., need to be handed in or sent in with your order.

PLAYER OF THE MONTH

The voting slip for November's Player Of The Month Award can be found below. It is quite possible that we could go through December without a home game, depending on the Regal Trophy draws, so if this happens November's result will appear in the New Year's Day programme.



My nomination for the Supporters Association Player of the Month for November 1994, sponsored by Goldsmiths Jewellers, is

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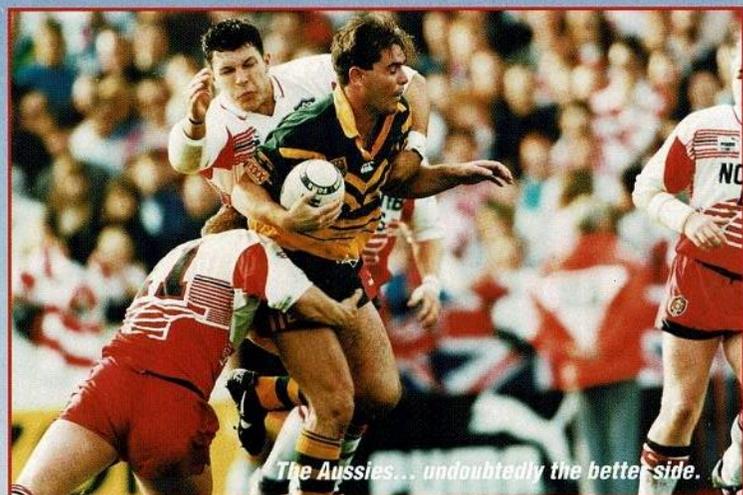
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We hate Wigan, we hate Wigan. How many grounds have you been at and heard that chanted? Naturally this occurs when the home team are playing against Wigan, which normally means that they are losing. Nevertheless it is a really stupid and pathetic collective response from those that sing and chant. Recently, however, I heard it being chanted at a televised game between two other teams. Now that really is pathetic. Was the match so bad that the fans could not be bothered supporting their own team? Or are we to assume that their own dislike of Wigan is greater than their liking for their own club? This is certainly a very sad state of affairs if it is true. Not so much for us at Wigan because, in their own thick way, they are paying Wigan a compliment, but rather for the poor unfortunate souls whose horizons are so limited. Also, it seems to me, this is a shame for the whole of British Rugby League.

We have just come through another torrid Australian visit and let's be honest with ourselves, the Aussies were undoubtedly the



The Aussies... undoubtedly the better side.

better side. This does not deny the inadequacy of the refereeing in the third test when there were some really bizarre decisions. It was especially annoying to see that whereas Shaun was sent off for an admittedly bad foul, although an instinctive one done in an attempted tackle, while Dean Pay got away with a premeditated, off the ball attack, designed to injure. However, this cannot disguise the fact that they were the superior Rugby League team, and if we go on too much about it we face the danger of turning out like the typical whinging Oz. Did you notice how, in the T.V. commentary, Steve Simms, having started out all

knowledge and reasonableness, slowly turned into a whinger as the script did not take its predicted course for so long. Eventually he wanted Australia awarded penalties when they had committed the offence, thank goodness he was not refereeing. Sadly, it is also worth remembering that in the three match series, we managed to score just two tries, while they managed eleven. And this does not count the absolute sinner that Steve Renouf dropped last Sunday. In this country we ache to win back the Ashes, but deep down even more than that we want to give them a series of right stuffings. At the moment though

that seems as far away as a fortune on the Lottery. Hope, nevertheless, springs eternal, and just as people go on buying lottery tickets, despite the odds, we go on hoping for the great day.

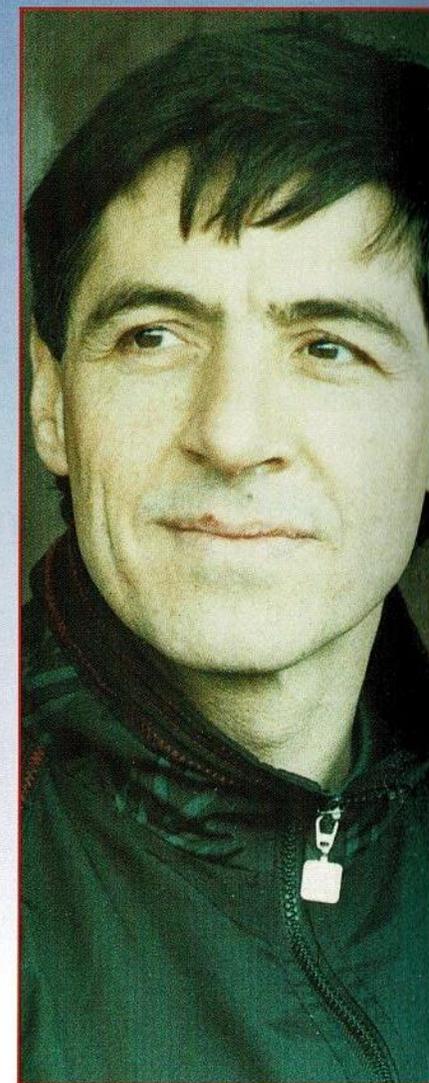
For just those three test matches British fans were united, but within days it was back to "We hate Wigan" again. It is ironic that those who chant this the loudest are among those who so desperately want to beat the Aussies. Have they not made the simple connection yet? Great strides have been made by British Rugby league since the embarrassing romps that the men in green and gold were having over us ten or so years ago. The sad thing that so many fans around the country seem not to realise is that, were it not for the standards that Wigan have set and achieved in that time, there would not be a Great Britain side that was capable of even getting near the Aussies. Wigan remain the only club in Britain that could confidently expect to cope and do well in the Winfield Cup. The parochial attitude of so many British fans was on show at the time of the World Cup Championship. So many fans of other clubs were saying things like "I really hope Wigan get

hammered". Did they not realise what they were really saying? This was that they wanted our best club side to be much worse than that of the Aussies. Only when we can beat them all levels (and remember that they stuffed our Academy side as well) will we really be able to set them whinging. Even from their own self interest these British fans should want Wigan to win, because that means that the next match for this title must try. Thus if their club were to win the championship they would then get a home game against the Aussie top dogs. I actually heard the Saints coach, Eric Hughes, say that he had wanted Wigan to win it. Here is a British Rugby League man with enough sense to see that any win over the Aussies, at any level, is good for our game.

(Incidentally, now that Hughes has settled in, I bet that it is from Knowsley Road that the greatest challenge for the championship comes this year) Perhaps, while I am being nice to St. Helens for once, we could leave their fans out of this criticism to some extent. After all they have always hated Wigan, even when we were in the Second Division they hated Wigan for spoiling Boxing Day and Good Friday. This is not just based on jealousy of success, but deep tradition, so we can allow them to hate us, after all we are not too keen on them.

The rest, though, do not have this excuse. Their stupid chanting is allied to those who say Wigan's domination is bad for the game. The answer to them is, do something about it. It could be argued that it is bad for the international game that we cannot beat the Aussies, but it is no good moaning and saying that we hate them. I have met several Aussie fans during the last few weeks, and they were anything but people I wanted to hate. What I hate is the fact that they keep beating us. It should be the same for other clubs and their fans in the Big League. They are right to hate losing to Wigan, but the only way out of that is to get better

and beat them fair and square. It is only when many of the top clubs can reasonably expect, rather than just vaguely hope, to win at Central Park, without Wigan lowering their standards, that we will have the depth to really shake them in Sydney, Brisbane and Canberra. So raise your horizons British fans, learn to appreciate quality and try to emulate it, not mindlessly bellow that you hate it.



Eric Hughes... wanted Wigan to win

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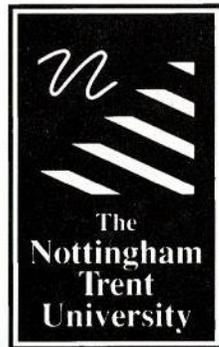
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Featherstone 24 Wigan 14
(4.11.94)

After six straight wins it was disappointing to lose ground in the Championship race with defeat in the pouring rain at Post Office Road. The first half was a struggle, playing up the slope, and the position was made more difficult by a number of handling errors, two of which led to Featherstone tries by Matt Calland and Richard O'Brien. However between the two scores Andy Johnson got some points on the board, going over in the right corner after the ball moved quickly along the line on the sixth tackle. With Lee Senior converting one of the home sides' scores and kicking a penalty the half time score stood at 12-4. The start of the second half was much more promising and Johnson raced fifty yards for his second touchdown, this time in the left corner but unfortunately just before this try Scott Quinnell landed awkwardly on his shoulder and had to be substituted. Calland eased the pressure for Featherstone with his second try, converted by Senior, but Sean Long kept the game alive with an excellent try, which he also converted to close the gap to 18-14. The game could have gone either way with numerous mistakes in the wet conditions, but the strength of Calland

'a' is for Alliance

enabled him to force his way over for his hat trick and Senior's fourth goal finished the match.

Team:- Craig, Hope, Stevens, Radlinski, Williams, Hatton, Long, Quinnell, Dermott, Knowles, Talec, Haughton, Johnson. Subs:- Barrow, Prest.

Wigan 24 Oldham 10 (12.11.94)
Lancashire Shield Final

An amazing final sixteen minutes, when we scored all twenty four of our points, made sure that the Alliance Lancashire Shield returned to Central Park. Once again the match was played in continuous rain and both sides deserve praise for the quality of rugby produced in such conditions.

Oldham the holders, applied some early pressure, but they had only an eleventh minute drop goal to show for their efforts as we defended well, at one stage keeping them out for eighteen consecutive tackles after we had had to drop out from under the posts twice. It was Oldham's turn to

defend when Sean Long went close on two occasions, being unable to hold on to passes from Anthony Hatton and Andrew Johnson in the slippery conditions. When Oldham did get a try on the board it was from an interception by lively scrum half Gary Burns in the 30th minute, and Craig Booth converted to make the half time score 7-0 to the visitors.

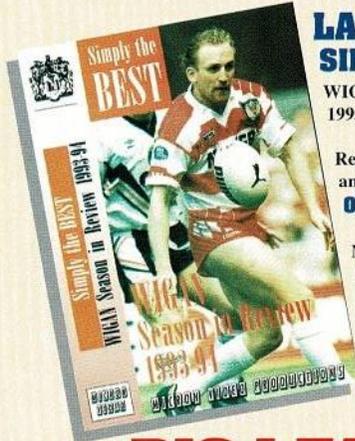
Early in the second half Oldham took the chance to drop another goal, but we had another near miss when Darren Williams just failed to get in at the left corner after another sweeping move. After this Booth kicked another goal for Oldham and the match seemed to be slipping away at 10-0, but at last in the 64th minute the breakthrough came and Johnson sent Andy Craig racing over. Long added the conversion. Soon after Williams made a weaving run, Martin Hope carried on the move and then chipped the ball forward for Craig to fling himself onto it just ahead of Kris Radlinski as it rolled over the line. Long converted to make the score 12-10 with ten minutes remaining.

Rather than holding on we took the game to our more experienced opponents and a great run by Simon Haughton set up the chance for Radlinski to go sliding under the posts, almost finishing up under the Whitbread stand after touching down. Long kicked his third goal. Straight from the kick off Craig fielded the ball and burst through a demoralised Oldham defence to send Radlinski away again. Radlinski powered away down the left touchline to dive over in the corner and just to rub it in Long kicked a superb goal. Eclipse Wallcoverings gave their home man of the match award to Long, whilst the Lancashire Federation sponsors chose Burns.

Team:- Craig, Hope, Stevens, Radlinski, Williams, Hatton, Long, O'Connor, Dermott, Knowles, Talec, Haughton, Johnson. Subs:- Barrow, Prest.

DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	KO	RES	TRIES	GOALS	DROP GOALS	MAN OF MATCH
Fri 14th OCT	Salford	A	8.00	36-16	Murdock(2), Long, Smyth, Craig, Haughton, Hope	Lydon (4)		
Thurs 20th OCT	Hull	H	8.00	28-27	Williams(2), Long(2), Murdock, Long, Knowles, Murdock			Craig Murdock
Sat 29th OCT	Swinton Lancs Shield Semi	A	2.30	34-6	Craig, Smyth, Knowles, Long, Johnson, Radlinski, Hatton	Long (3)		
Fri 4 NOV	Featherstone	A	7.30	14-24	Johnson (2), Long	Long		
Sat 12th NOV	Oldham Lancs Shield FINAL	H	3.00	24-10	Craig (2), Radlinski(2), Long (4)			Sean Long
Thurs 17th NOV	Dewsbury	A	7.30					
Fri 25th NOV	Oldham	A	7.30					

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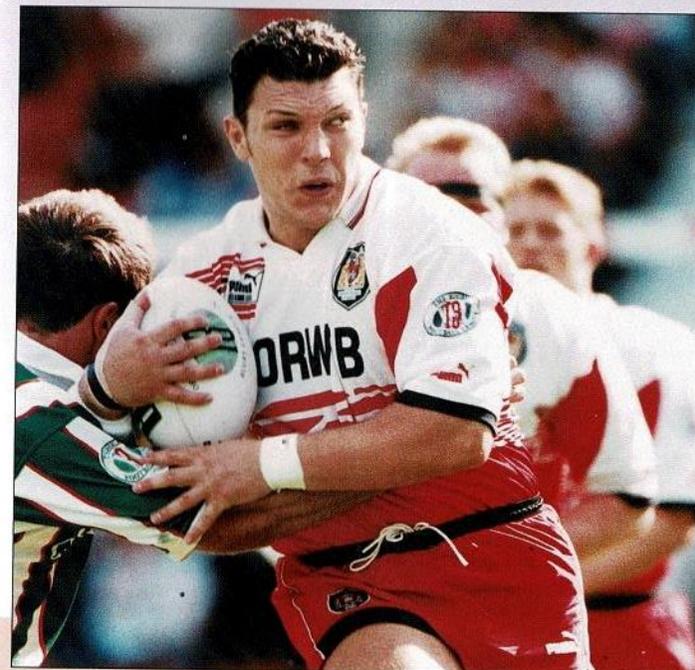


1. What is Oldham's nickname?
2. For which Australian club did Andy Goodway play in 1985?
3. For which amateur club did Barrie McDermott (pictured below) play prior to joining Oldham in 1991?
4. Which player, later to join Oldham, won the man of the match award when playing for Wigan against Oldham in the Lancashire Cup Final in 1986-87?
5. Which player, who joined Oldham from Wigan in 1989, was transferred to Castleford in 1993?
6. Which former Wigan St. Patricks player was transferred from Oldham to St. Helens in 1992?
7. From which English club did Oldham sign Australian full-back Wally Gibson in 1992?
8. What was the score when Wigan beat Oldham at the Watersheddings to clinch the First Division Championship in 1994?
9. Which player left Oldham to join Auckland Warriors in 1994?
10. In 1958 which Oldham full-back became the first player to kick 200 goals in a season?

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- ..Born in Sydney in 1959....
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- ..5 test appearances for Australia....
- ..guested for Leeds in 1987-88....
- ..arrived at Salford in 1990....
- ..but soon joined Sheffield Eagles' coaching staff....
- ..commentator on Granada's "R.L. Live"....
- ..coached Oldham from 1991 to 1994....

Peter Tunks



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1. The Roughyeds
2. Manly
3. Waterhead
4. Mick Ford
5. Richard Russell
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8. 50-6
9. Tiny Solomon
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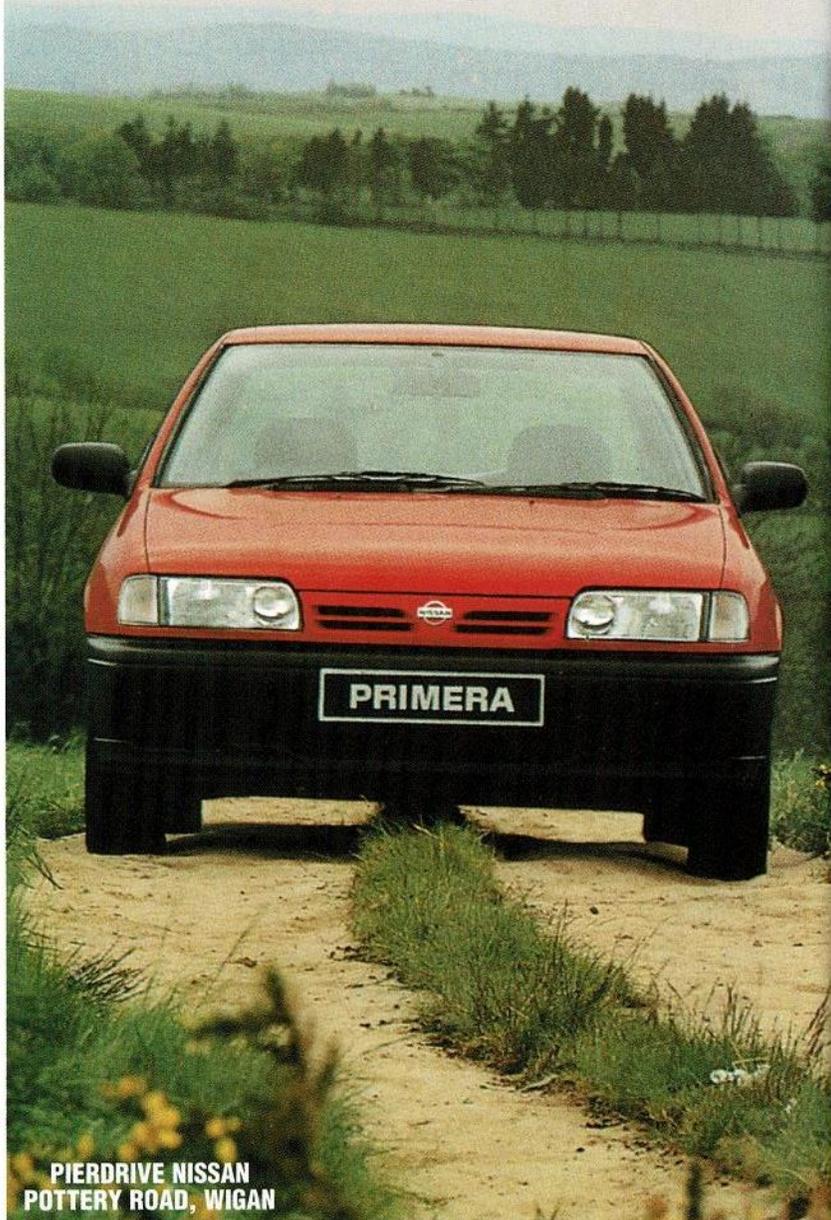
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After the end of the Great War came a necessary period of rebuilding for both team and ground. During the four years of conflict Central Park's wooden stands had become dilapidated and dangerous due to dry rot. With no funds available during the war virtually all repair work had been deferred with the result that a great deal of money had to be spent during the 1919-20 season. Two of the goal posts were broken but thanks, once again, to the generosity of timber merchants John Heaton & sons new posts were provided. Erected in August 1919 the posts were reputedly sixty feet high and, according to secretary George Taylor, were "the finest in the country". The resumption of normal Northern Union activities that season saw the game enter something of a boom period. On 3rd March 1920 Wigan entertained Huddersfield in a league fixture. The visit of the Fartowners for the first time since before the war drew a new ground record attendance to Central Park. Wigan's 12-8 victory was seen by 33,347 people who paid £1,716-7s.-4d for the privilege. In anticipation of a large crowd two mounted policemen were on hand to regulate the crowd outside the turnstiles whilst sixteen uniformed officers kept an eye on matters inside the ground. It was reported that at one or two points the wooden railing around the pitch broke as the crowd pressed forward.

although quick repairs were carried out some

of the spectators were finally allowed inside the rails for their own safety. By the end of the season Wigan, despite the ongoing outlay on ground repairs, reported a healthy profit. In the 1920 close season further repairs were carried out, the stands and rails painted and the pitch treated to provide a better playing surface. The Wigan Observer commented "no other ground in the Northern Union can possibly be in better order." Despite this praise Central Park did not have any concreted standing areas, most of the terracing was still pit dirt held in place by timber. The pavilion end was simply an un terraced embankment. Crush barriers, which consisted of timber cross-pieces on top of upright railway sleepers set into the ground, were scattered haphazardly about the terraces. The Great Central Railway Company, the lessors of the site on which Central Park stood, had planned that eventually the land would be used for a railway line through to Swinley and on to Blackpool. By 1921 the company had realised that this line could not be completed and sought to dispose of the land. The Wigan club was informed that although the railway company was not prepared to extend the lease on its expiry in 1923 it would be willing to sell the site outright for £2,000. After considerable negotiation the selling price was reduced to £500 subject to Wigan taking over the liability for the chief rent which amounted to £516-10s.-2d. per annum. On 16th March 1921 the club committee's proposals were put to the members at a special general

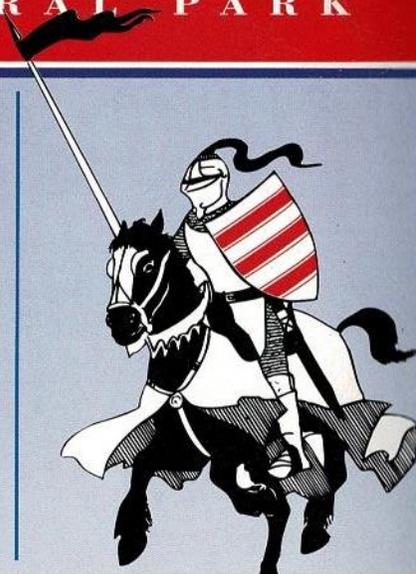
meeting at the Queen's Hall in Market Street. Club president Alderman Dickinson asked those present to consider what was probably the most important event in the history of the club. The committee felt that Central Park was the best ground in the country and that they should endeavour to secure it for the good of the club. The matter had been discussed with the club's legal advisor who suggested that the question of the formation of a limited company should be put before the members. In view of the large sum of money involved it was felt that no other course of action was open to them. Members responded in a positive fashion and the motion to form a limited company was carried unanimously. Wigan Football Club Ltd. was registered on 12th May 1921. the capital being £16,000. At the annual general meeting on 8th June 1921 members heard that the club had returned a profit in excess of £3,500, a Northern Union record. Votes were taken and the new company's first board was elected. Although the purchase of the new ground was duly completed at a cost of £500 the club felt that the cost of buying out the chief rent was too high and this matter was left in abeyance. When the Australian tourists arrived in Britain in the Autumn of 1921 the failure of the Northern Union to allocate a test match to "the best ground in Lancashire" met with criticism in the press. The arrangements for Wigan's game against the Kangaroos also aroused controversy. The minimum adult admission charge was raised to 2 shillings (10p) with the best stand seats available for 7s.-6d. (37.5p). Although the huge increases led to threats that striking workers might cause some disruption at the entrances to the ground the Wigan Observer reported that the match was completed without any trouble. Australia won the game 10-4 with a crowd of 24,308 paying, not surprisingly, ground record receipts of £2,625-6s.-11d.

Fellow Knights,
A near miss, almost, if only. I am not talking about the "National Lottery," what was all the fuss about? I am talking about the lads great effort against the "94 Roos". I think the Wigan lads can hold up their heads with pride for representing our club so magnificently. Westy finds himself with the problem of getting fifteen players fit and ready to take on at the time of going to press, both Featherstone and the "Roughyeds" from Oldham. Two wins from these games will make things easier later in the year. We are still paying



with
Ray Unsworth

out £2,000 in prizes per week to people of our area, plus £2000 Golden Gamble and we are still awaiting the first £1,000 winner in the new scratch off tickets. Your treasured membership helps to keep the club on the top where it belongs. A Christmas Pantomime has been arranged for January 4th 1995 at the Riverside club for children of Knights members. Please indicate in the office if you need tickets. The show is **free** of course so please make a request as soon as possible.
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academicallyspeaking

No action on the field to report, we are pending our next fixture against Wakefield (A) on Monday 28th November, so, no more ado I'll introduce you to three more of our young Academy players.

Andrew Grundy
(6.0', 15st 7lbs, Prop)
Former Wigan Schoolboy captain. Already toured Australia with North West Counties, also represented Lancashire and England Schoolboys.

Chris Webber
(Full back - Wing)
Signed from famous Blackbrook club, 5'11", 12st 4lbs. Represented St. Helens as a Schoolboy at Rugby League and also Lancashire Colts at Rugby Union.

Mike Whitehead
(Second row - Centre)
6'3", 14st 7lbs signed whilst playing his rugby for Rose Bridge, a native of Barrow, having represented his home town as a Schoolboy and also a County player for Cumbria.

around and about

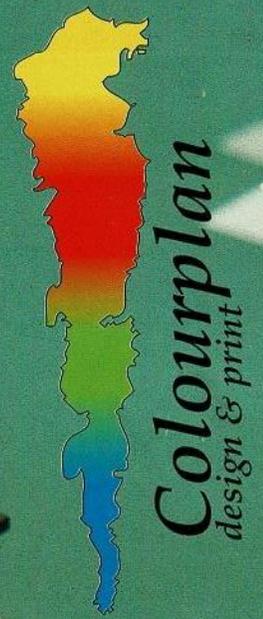
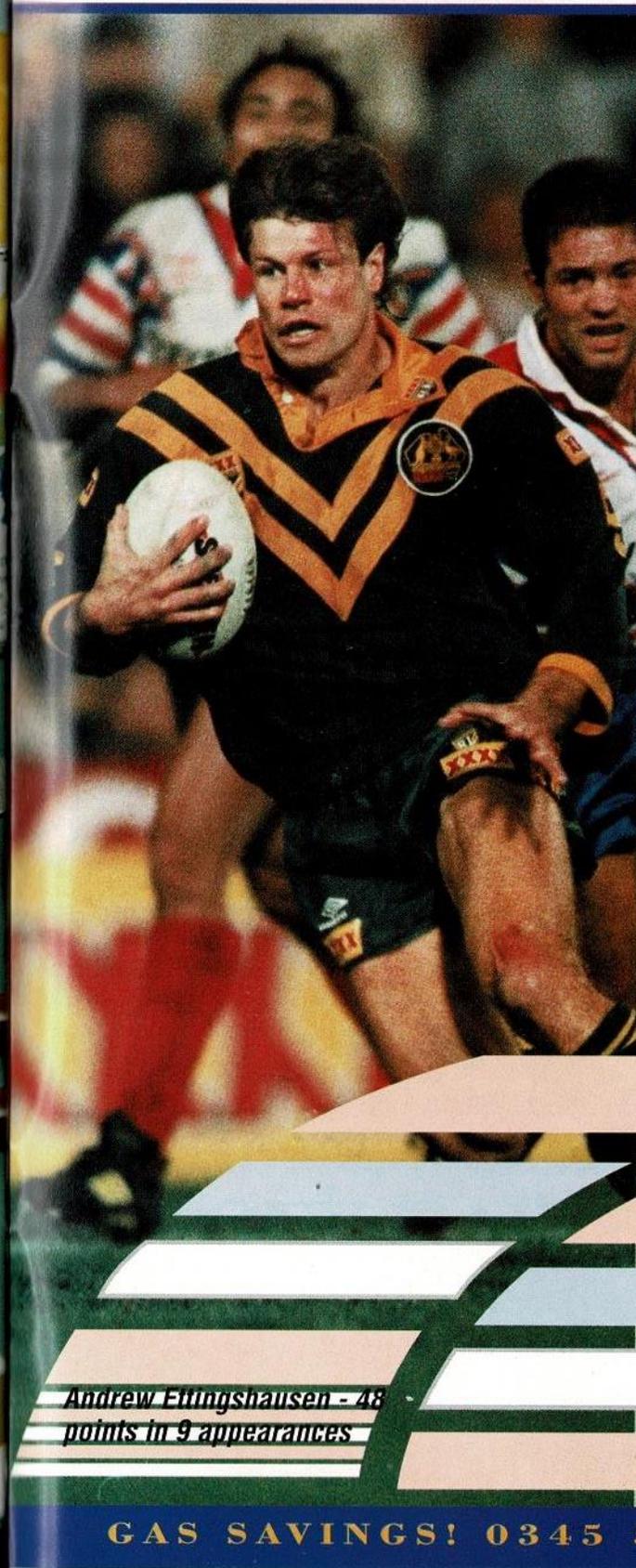
1994 XXXX KANGAROOS Stat Attack

Date	Opponents	Score	Att
2.10.94	Cumbria	52-8	4,277
5.10.94	Leeds	48-6	18,581
8.10.94	Wigan	30-20	20,057
12.10.94	Castleford	38-12	11,073
16.10.94	Halifax	26-12	8,358
22.10.94	Gt. Britain (1st Test)	4-8	57,034
26.10.94	Sheffield E	80-2	7,423
30.10.94	Wales	46-4	8,729
1.11.94	St. Helens	32-14	13,911
5.11.94	Gt. Britain (2nd Test)	38-8	43,390
8.11.94	Warrington	24-0	11,244
13.11.94	Bradford N	40-0	9,080
15.11.94	Gt. Britain U 21s	54-10	4,118
20.11.94	Gt. Britain (3rd Test)	23-4	39,468

XXXX Appearances and Scorers

	App	Sub	T	G	DG	Pts
Brasher	7	1	6	1	-	26
Clyde	6	-	4	-	-	16
Daley	7	-	3	1	-	14
Ettingshausen	9	1	12	-	-	48
Fairleigh	4	7	4	-	-	16
Fittler	9	1	1	-	-	4
Florimo	5	5	5	-	-	20
Furner	5	3	1	17	-	38
Hancock	4	1	2	-	-	8
Harragon	4	1	-	-	-	-
Hill	6	-	3	-	-	12
Langer	7	3	5	-	-	20
Lazarus	8	1	-	-	-	-
McGregor	3	-	2	-	-	8
Meninga	8	-	2	4	-	16
Menzies	5	2	6	-	-	24
Mullins	9	-	5	-	-	20
Pay	6	3	3	-	-	12
Renouf	7	-	7	-	-	28
Roberts	6	1	1	-	-	4
Sailor	8	3	7	-	-	28
Serdaris	6	-	2	-	-	8
Sironen	8	2	-	-	-	-
Smith	7	-	3	-	-	12
Stuart	6	2	-	-	1	1
Walters, K	7	2	2	-	-	8
Walters, S	7	-	3	-	-	12
Wishart	8	1	7	52	-	132
TOTAL	182	40	96	75	1	535

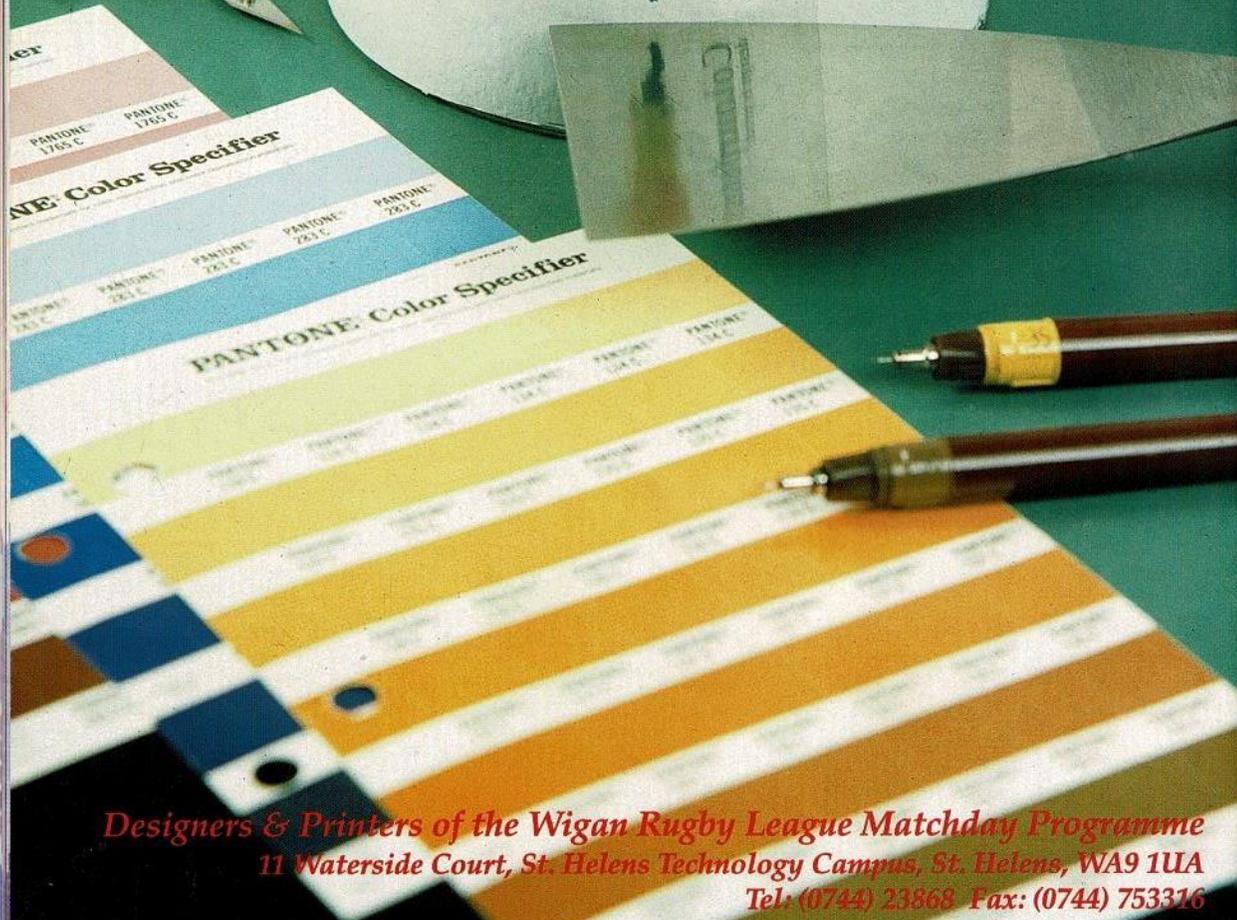
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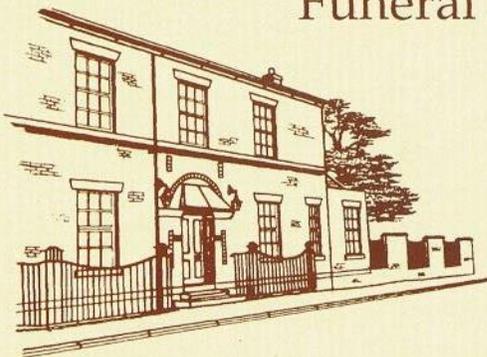


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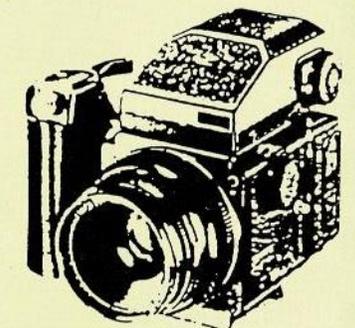
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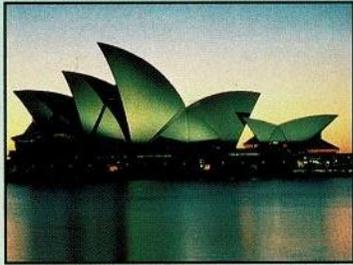
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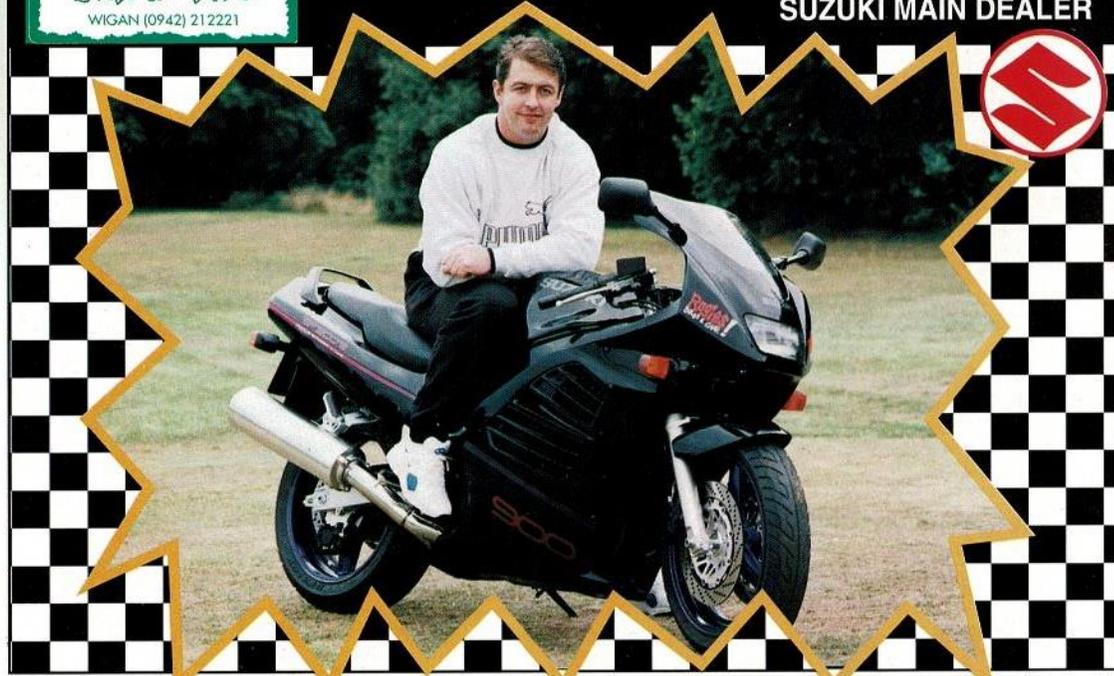
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DATE	VERSUS	H/A	K.O.	RES	ATT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
AUG 14th	WARRINGTON	H	3.00	W46-8	6,726	Atcheson T	Radlinski	Tuigamala T3	Connelly TG	Craig T	Wright T	Murdoch	Cowie	Hall G	McDermott T2	Beits T	Haughton	Johnson	Stevens (5) T	Sherrett (10)
14th	FEATHERSTONE R.	A	3.30	W36-24	5,504	Atcheson T	Robinson T	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Boica T2 G6	Edwards T3	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits T	Cassidy	Farrell	Radlinski (9)	McDermott (10)
21st	SHEFFIELD	H	3.00	W40-16	13,807	Atcheson	Robinson	Tuigamala	Connelly	Offiah T3	Boica G6	Edwards T3	Sherrett	Hall	Cassidy	Beits	Farrell	Clarke	Paul (4)	McDermott (12) T
SEPT 4th	LEEDS	A	3.00	W58-10	6,222	Atcheson	Robinson T	Tuigamala T2	Connelly TG	Offiah T4	Paul G7	Edwards T2	O'Connor	Hall	Cassidy	Beits T	Farrell	Clarke	Radlinski (15)	Haughton (13)
11th	WOLVES	H	3.00	W38-6	16,314	Atcheson	Robinson T	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T2	Paul G7	Edwards T2	Sherrett	Hall	Cassidy	Beits T	Farrell	Clarke	Cassidy (10)	McDermott (8) T
18th	WOLVES	A	3.00	W46-12	14,354	Atcheson	Robinson T	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T2	Paul G3	Edwards T2	O'Connor	Hall	Cassidy	Beits T3	Farrell	Clarke	Radlinski (3)	Cassidy (6)
23rd	WARRINGTON	H	3.00	W31-28	6,646	Atcheson	Robinson T	Tuigamala T2	Connelly TG	Offiah T2	Paul T2	Edwards T2	O'Connor	Hall	Cassidy	Beits T	Farrell G2	Clarke	Boica (1) G3	Cassidy (8)
OCT 6th	WAKEFIELD	H	3.00	W46-0	12,890	Atcheson	Robinson	Tuigamala	Connelly TG	Offiah T2	Boica G4	Murdoch T	Cowie	Hall	McDermott	Beits	Farrell G3	Clarke	Atcheson (6)	Cassidy (10)
2nd	AUSTRALIA	H	3.00	L20-30	20,067	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Boica G	Edwards T	Sherrett	Hall	Cowie	Beits	Farrell G	Clarke	Atcheson (6)	McDermott (8)
8th	WARRINGTON	A	3.00	W30-6	6,242	Atcheson	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T2	Boica G5	Edwards	Cowie	Hall	O'Connor	Cassidy	Farrell G	Clarke	Paul (15)	McDermott (12)
12th	SALFORD	H	3.00	W52-22	12,779	Atcheson	Robinson T	Tuigamala T2	Connelly TG	Offiah T2	Paul	Edwards	Cowie	Hall	O'Connor	Beits T2	Farrell G8	Clarke	Lyon (4)	Cassidy (10)
16th	G.B. v AUS	Womb	3.00	W19-12	5,450	Atcheson	Robinson	Tuigamala	Connelly TG	Offiah T2	Paul	Murdoch	Cowie	Hall T	McDermott	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G3	Lyon (3) DG	Mather (8)
22nd	G.B. v AUS	A	7.30	BSKYB	W19-12	5,450	Atcheson	Tuigamala	Connelly TG	Offiah T2	Paul	Murdoch	Cowie	Hall T	McDermott	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G3	Lyon (3) DG	Mather (8)
NOV 5th	G.B. v AUS	O/Terriff	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
6th	FEATHERSTONE R.	H	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
11th	Sheffield E.	A	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
20th	G.B. v AUS	H	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
27th	OLDHAM	H	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
DEC 4th	R.T. - Rd 2	A	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
11th	Leeds	A	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
17th	R.T. - Rd 3	A	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
26th	St. Helens	A	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
JAN 2nd	R.T. - Rd 2	H	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
7th	WARRINGTON	H	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
14th	R.T. O.F.	A	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
15th	R.T. O.F.	A	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
15th	R.T. S.F. 1	A	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
15th	R.T. S.F. 1	A	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
15th	R.T. S.F. 1	A	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
20th	DONCASTER	H	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
20th	Bradford	H	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
28th	R.T. Final	H	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
29th	Widnes	A	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
FEB 5th	CASTLEFORD	H	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
12th	S.C.C.C. Rd 4	A	3.30	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
19th	Wakefield	A	3.30	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
25th	S.C.C.C. Rd 5	A	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
MAR 5th	WORKINGTON	H	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
12th	S.C.C.C. O.F.	A	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
19th	Salford	A	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
25th	S.C.C.C. S.F. 1	A	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
26th	Doncaster	A	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
APR 1st	S.C.C.C. S.F. 2	A	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
2nd	HALIFAX	H	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
9th	BRADFORD N.	H	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
14th	ST. HELENS	H	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
17th	Warrington	A	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
23rd	HULL	A	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
23rd	S.C.C.C. Final	H	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
MAY 7th	Prem Rd 1	H	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
14th	Prem S.F.	H	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)
21st	Prem Final	H	3.00	W36-20	3,012	Atcheson T	Robinson	Tuigamala T	Connelly TG	Offiah T	Paul	Murdoch	Sherrett T	Hall T	Cowie	Beits	Cassidy	Farrell G6	Lyon (3) T	Mather (8)

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