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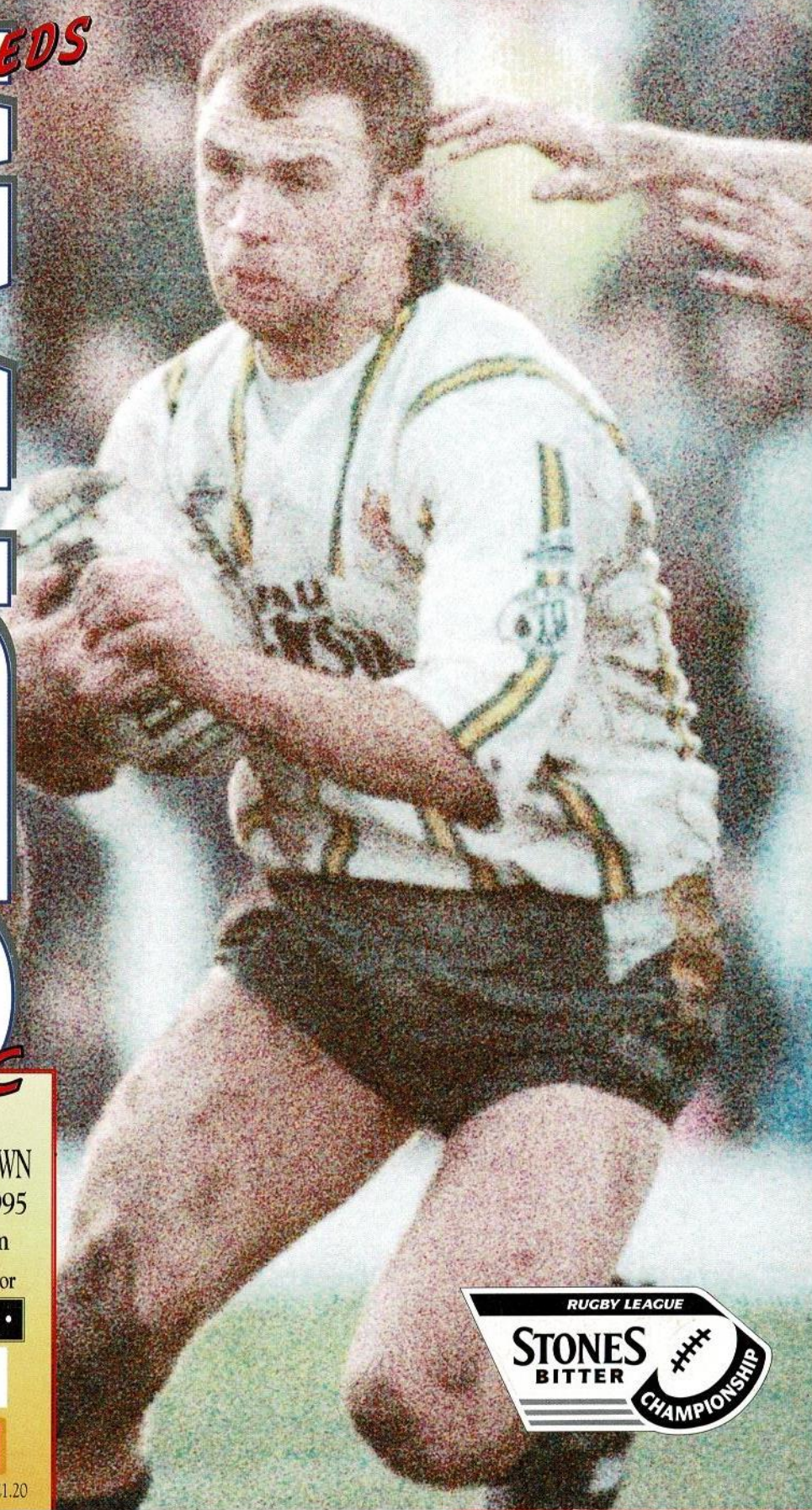
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1898-99, 1924-25, 1926-27

#### Runners Up

1906-07, 1911-12, 1923-24, 1925-26

#### Lancashire Cup Winners

1907-08, 1910-11, 1913-14, 1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-34, 1956-57, 1957-58, 1958-59

#### Runners Up

1908-09, 1911-12, 1918-19, 1921-22, 1954-55, 1966-67, 1968-69, 1986-87, 1989-90

#### Lancashire Championship Winners

1907-08, 1909-10, 1921-22, 1956-57, 1957-58

#### Runners Up

1908-09, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1919-20, 1923-34, 1954-55

#### Lancashire Shield Winners

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**Record Attendance:** 28,000 v Huddersfield  
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**Record Transfer:** £70,000 to Halifax for  
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1921-22 season

**Record Goal:** Bernard Ganley,  
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**First Game:** 21st October 1876  
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**Highest Number:** Bernard Ganley, 2,881  
of Points Scored

**Most Appearances:** Joe Ferguson, 685  
Pre 1900 Jach Hirst 233  
Since 1900

**Most Tries:** Alan Davies 182

# FROM THE BOARDROOM

## BY CHAIRMAN JIM QUINN

A HAPPY New Year to you all! We have had a few ups and downs in 1994, but in general terms the club is moving steadily forward as witnessed by some of our better victories on home soil this season, the appearance of the Alliance side on the top of the first division and the consistent progress being made by our Academy boys.

The one thing that is causing some concern is the fall-off of our crowds. I must make the point that this is not a problem peculiar to

Watersheddings. With the odd exception, clubs throughout Rugby League are suffering from lost revenue caused by smaller attendances and I am even more convinced than ever that the answer lies in a change of seasons.

The Regal Trophy crowds were particularly disappointing in the early rounds. The second-round figures were the lowest since the Regal Trophy competition was introduced many years ago.

So far as the Oldham club is concerned, we had only 2,277 fans for the visit of Hull KR in round two. It was a dreadful day and there was competition from the televised Stoke versus Oldham Athletic game, which was put out live by Granada.

Nevertheless, a crowd of little more than 2,000 was a major disappointment.

Equally disappointing, after wins against Bradford Northern and Hull KR in our previous two home games,

was the attendance of only 3,527 for the visit of Warrington. It was of little consolation to know that there were four first division games on the same day with even fewer fans on the terraces.

Of course, Sunday used to be almost the exclusive domain of Rugby League football. Not any more. More and more soccer games are being played on Sundays - and televised - and now we have the added competition from Sunday shopping.

I am sure the time has come for the Rugby League to think seriously after shifting the season from about the middle of March to the middle of November, thus having a close season of December, January and February when the weather is generally at its worst, the nights are at their darkest and coldest and competition from the commercial side of Christmas is proving more and more difficult to overcome.

It isn't merely the demands on time that is affecting attendances: it is the fact that, in these difficult days, people have to cut their coat according to their cloth and the enormous expense of Christmas is taking its toll on sporting attractions. I believe that more people than ever are now coming around to thinking that those who are pushing for a shift in seasons might be on the right lines. Wherever I go in the game, people want to talk to me about summer rugby. I hope the game



gives it the serious consideration it deserves.

A big Watersheddings welcome today to Workington. Cumbria deserves a first division club and the Rugby League needs one. Over the years a great friendship has existed between the peoples of West Cumbria and those of East Lancashire, with Cumbrians too numerous to mention having settled in this area on transferring to Watersheddings from Derwent Park or the Recreation Ground.

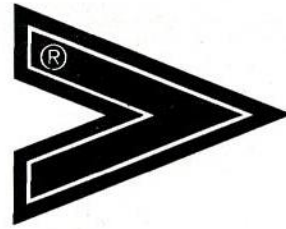
Of course, we have one of that area's most famous sons, Alan McCurrie, on our coaching staff. Alan will need no telling that Town will be coming down here today, hopefully with good support, in determined mood to pick up vital points in their battle to stay in the top flight.

It is up to the Oldham team to produce the sort of form it is capable of to continue its good home record in our quest to finish in the top eight.

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# CLOSE UP ON WORKINGTON

## Our visitors in detail

Welcome to today's visitors from Cumbria in particular their coach Peter Walsh who is a very good friend of mine. This is Peter's third season at Derwent Park and he has taken them from the third division into the first in two seasons I would like to wish Peter and the team a Happy New Year and good luck for the rest of the season.

### PEN PICTURES

**MARK MULLIGAN**  
Full back. Now in his third season with Town. Mark is an Aussie with real pace, and ability to score vital tries, and a great kicking game in open play. Will undoubtedly make his mark in the top grade.

### DES DRUMMOND

Winger. Vastly experienced Great Britain international, who still has great speed and the ability to say the through defences. Dessie has become a real crowd favourite and has scored some great tries.

### PAUL BURNS

Centre. Having recovered from a serious knee injury Paul showed great strength and power, with a straight running style signed from Barrow in 92/93 season he is going to cause defences a real problem, as he did last year on the way to Town's double Championship and Premiership wins.

### DEAN MARWOOD

Scrum Half. Another Barrow lad who has outstanding place kicking ability. "Deano" won the man of the match' award in the

1994 Premiership final with a brilliant all round display. Holds the club goalkicking record and never gives less than 100% effort.

### JAMES PICKERING

Forward. The Fijian giant has an enormous following at Derwent Park and is admired for his strength power and pace Jimmy has captained his country for the last three seasons.

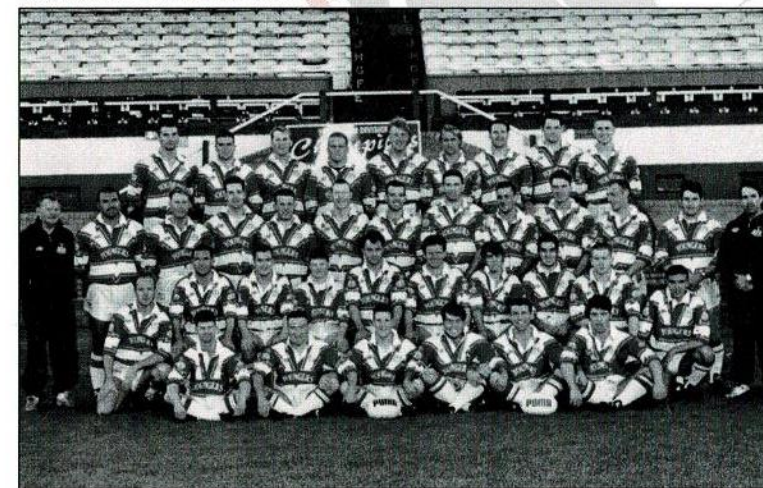
Has earned the name "Minister of Defence" for some fearsome tackling. Was the cornerstone of Towns forward power last season, and sure to be in the forefront this season. Regularly nominated as man of the match in 1993-94 season.

### PHIL MCKENZIE

Hooker. Undoubtedly Town's most influential signing Aussie Phil was signed from Widnes in the summer of 1993 after a loan period. A great tactician at play the balls he can make important darting runs and has scored some vital tries. Phil gained three Premiership medals on the winning Widnes run, and his experience is invaluable to Town.

### COLIN ARMSTRONG

Forward. As Club captain "Buck" led Town to two successive Premiership finals, the runners up spot in Division Three and the Division Two championship. A great performance from a good leader whose distinctive hard running style is his trademark. Respected by colleagues and opponents alike, has thoroughly deserved his success, achieved through hard work.



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### BRAD HEPI

Forward/Centre. Kiwi Brad was signed from Carlisle Border Raiders, and rapidly became a crowd favourite at Derwent Park. He is a great tackler, and opponents know when they've been 'Hepi'ed'. He is also a powerful runner, being able to spot defensive gaps and make the most of them.

### VINCE FAWCETT

Winger/Centre. Summer signing from Leeds where he has played since turning pro from amateur club Middleton. He has clocked up over 50 first team appearances, and an under 19 GB international cap. Vince is a big lad noted for his speed, strength and bustling style of play.

### KEVIN ELLIS

Half back. The Welsh international joined Town in November on long term loan from Warrington. Kevin's transition from RU ranks to league has been made with distinction, he tackles and takes the ball up in true thirteen a side fashion, he is sure therefore to play a big role for Town as this season unfolds.

### STEPHEN HOLGATE

Forward. A former BARLA international who after much chasing finally succumbed to Towns overtures. 'Holly' may not be the hugest of forwards but his mobility has proved a tremendous asset to the Town six. Took to pro football with remarkable aplomb and looks destined for top honours in the game.

### ROWLAND PHILLIPS

Forward. Recruited from Warrington in November on long term loan, made an instant good impression on his debut at Headingley. His physical presence will provide a much needed boost to the rather lightweight Town pack. Roland is a Welsh international, hopefully he will add more honours to his list during his stay at Workington.

### KYLE WHITE

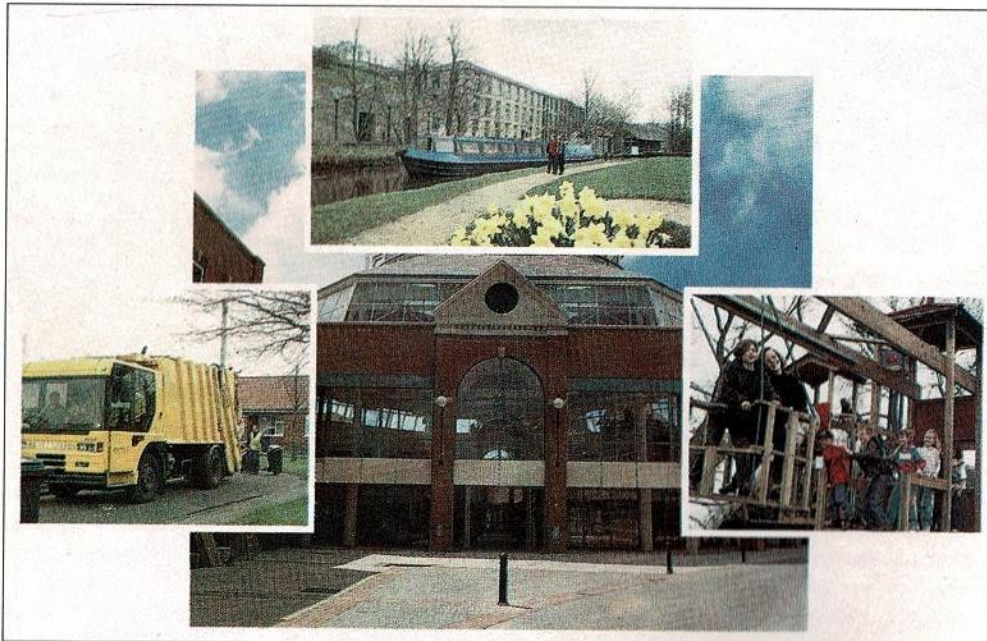
Forward. A stocky tough tackling Aussie from the Western Suburbs club. Kyle made an instant and lasting impression as a gutsy fearless guy during his Town debut versus St. Helens, following a nasty shake injury he played on aggressively to shake the Saints, and has continued to be a thorn in opposition sides ever since.

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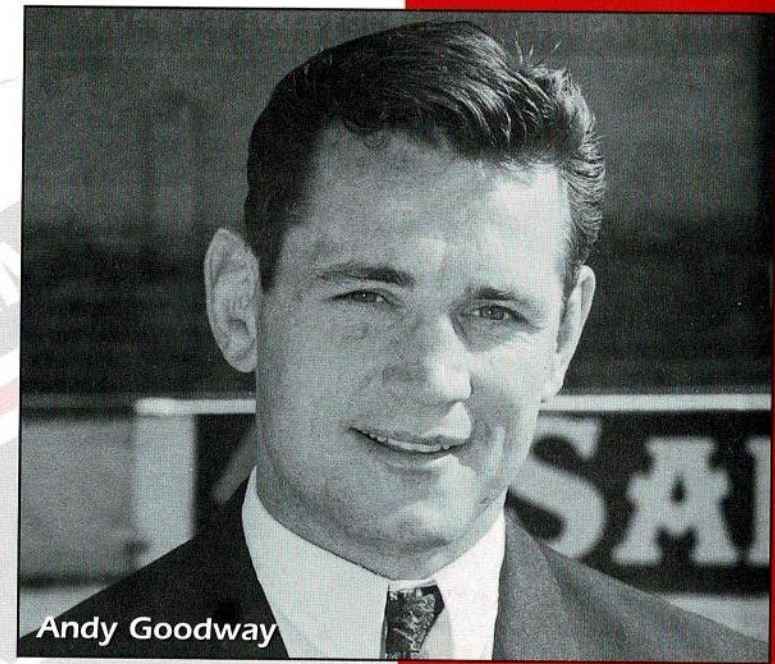


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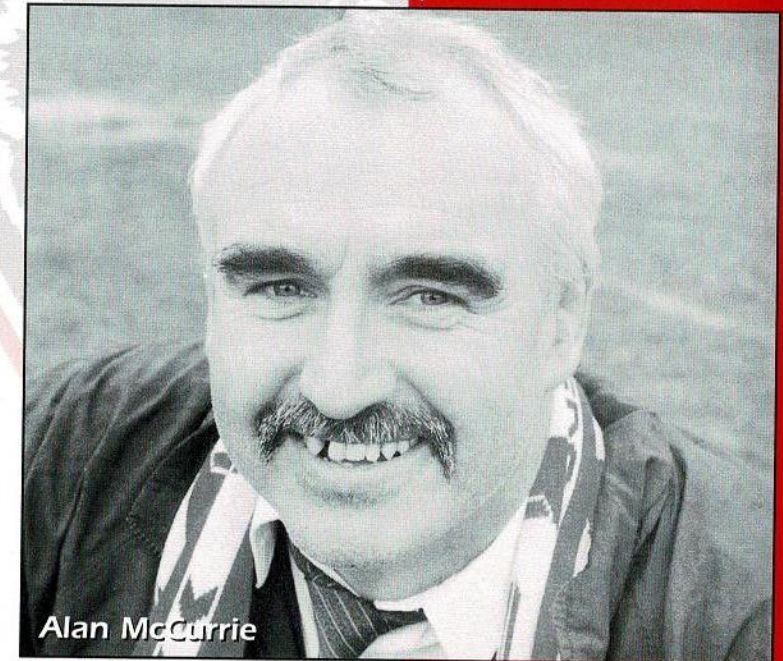
# GOODWAY & McCURRIE

Welcome to Watersheddings for our first game of 1995. All the coaching staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year. On the Rugby front whilst we were very disappointed to bow out of the Regal Trophy and even more disappointed with the performance, our main concern is to climb steadily up the table and avoid being stuck in a dog fight against relegation. Consistency is the name of the game we have to maintain the high standard of play we achieved against Bradford and Warrington. Now the players have proved what they can do they cannot drop to the dismal standard they did against Widnes. The preparation and approach to Widnes was brilliant, as good as it has been all season, then we turn in such a poor performance. Today we welcome Workington who are struggling near the foot of the table. So this is a game we must win as it will be a valuable two points. So as we look for more consistency we hope for your continued support throughout the New Year.

All the best



Andy Goodway



Alan McCurrie

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# BUSINESS TALK

with Ray Hill

Can I start by wishing everyone a happy New Year, I hope you all had a good Christmas and Santa managed to get down your chimney and bring you lots of presents.

I am looking forward to 1995 being a most successful year both on and off the field the latter being the most important as far as I'm concerned.

Early in the New Year I will be out and about visiting local businesses talking to them about joining our new business club. This involves a complete package of advertising and matchday hospitality.

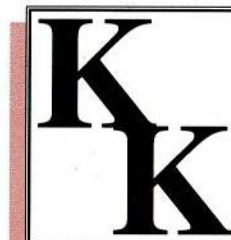
The idea being that we create a business club lounge for matchday entertaining and everyone in the club will be in the same room where they can relax and meet other business people.

I have structured this package to suit all types of businesses no matter how large or small your company and you will be able to afford this excellent offer.

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# GRASS ROOTS ROUGHYEDS

## A LOOK AT THE LOCAL AMATEUR RUGBY SCENE

It is not only the professional clubs who are heavily involved in cup competitions at this time of the year. Take, for instance, Conference Champions Woolston Rovers. Not only have they battled their way through to meet St.Annes in the Lancashire Cup Final, they have faced Rochdale Hornets in the Regal Trophy, beat Eccles in the Challenge Cup and now take on Greetland in round two of that competition.

It is a demanding schedule which is made even tougher for successful local sides who, over the New Year weekend, contest the quarter-finals of the Standard Cup. Cup holders Higginshaw have been drawn away to Salem Hornets in what is a repeat of the 1930 and 1931 finals. Higginshaw were successful in both those finals, winning 9-0 in 1930 after a 7-7 draw and then lifting the trophy the following year with a 16-3 victory.

Waterhead, who last won the cup in 1986, entertain Seddon Panthers. Two years ago Waterhead won 24-8 at Seddons in a first round tie and they look strong enough to repeat that success this time.

Lancashire Cup finalists St.Annes have been drawn away again, this time to Fitton Hill. These two last met at the semi-final stage two years ago when Saints won 22-10 at Watersheddings. They went on to lift the trophy that year. Can they repeat that success? Saddleworth Rangers face two away cup ties over the holiday weekend. In the Standard Cup they visit Middleton whilst in the Challenge Cup they face a daunting trip up to Millom. They will travel confidently to Middleton but the trip to Millom is fraught with danger. Rangers have lost all three National League matches which they have played up at Millom. The score two years

ago was a convincing 26-8. However when the two sides last met in cup football it was Rangers who triumphed. They beat Millom 8-2 at Shaw Hall Bank Road in the National League Cup three years ago. Loss of home advantage and the fact that Millom are enjoying a good spell of form just now will make it difficult for Rangers. Nevertheless, Saddleworth have a good, experienced line-up and if they display the sort of form which saw off Skirlaugh in the first round then they could be lining up for another crack at professional opposition. The draw for the semi-finals of the Standard Cup will take place early in the New Year. It promises to produce two cracking matches no matter which four clubs progress through.

*Don Yates*

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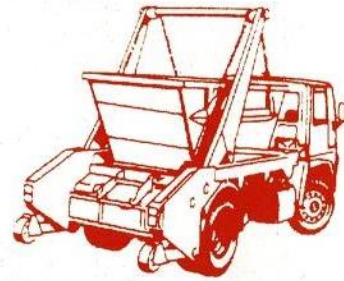
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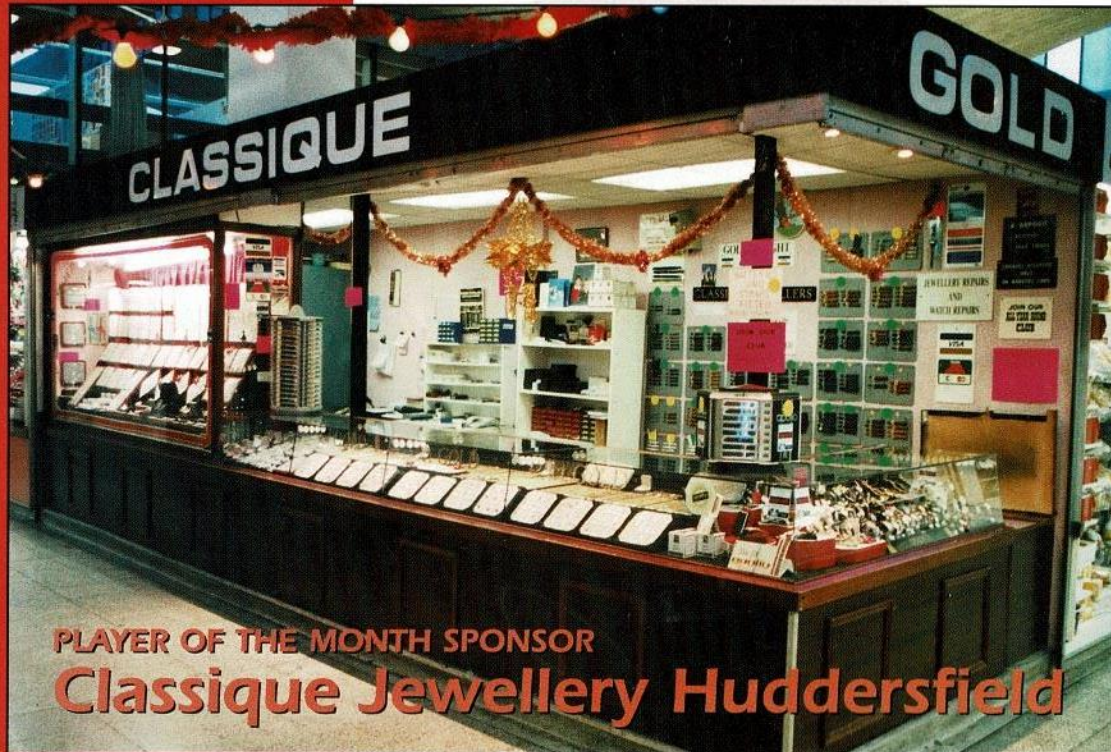
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## RECOGNITION AT LAST!

Wigan are the BBC Sports Review Team of the Year for 1994, and about time too.

The club has dominated Rugby League for years and the award I'm sure you will agree is way overdue.

Wigan Rugby League club have done more to 'spread the gospel' than anything and anybody and they are a superb role model to other clubs and instead of bleating about large cash injections and massive sponsorship deals providing the base for this success I believe clubs should study Wigan's methods and wherever possible strive to emulate them.

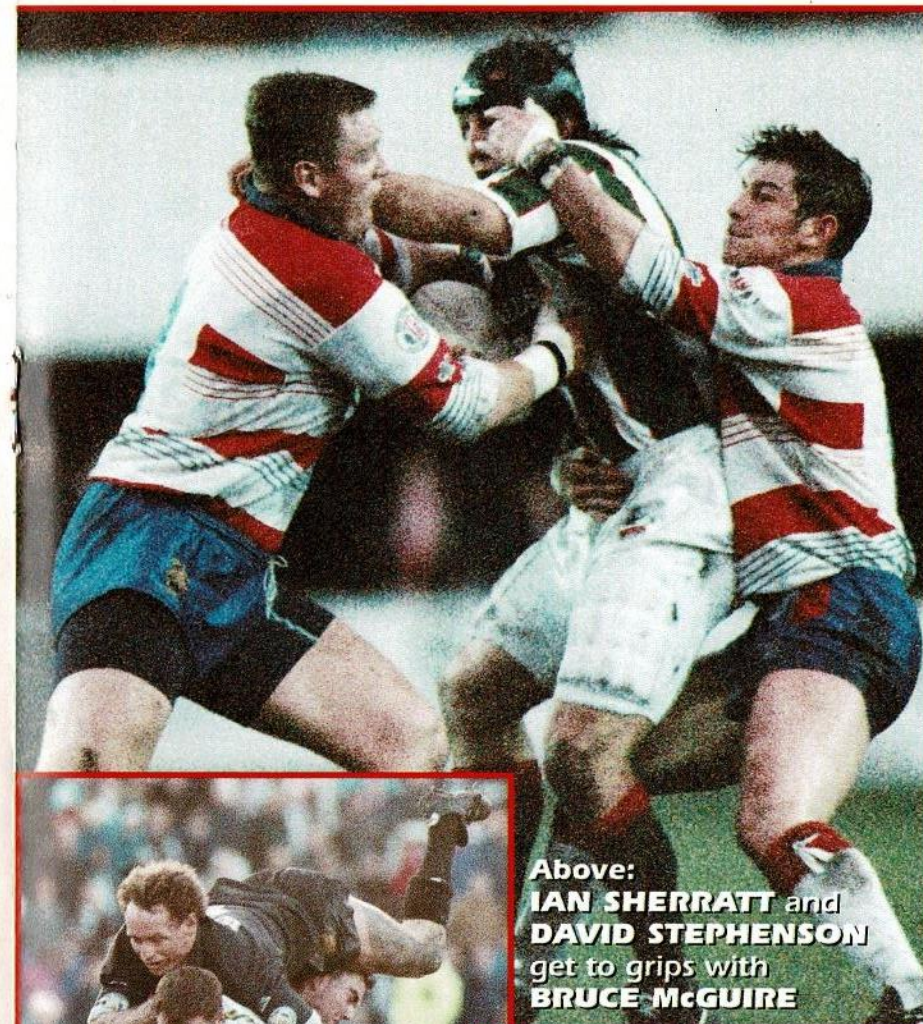
Other clubs have had large cash injections from either the sale of their grounds or sponsorship, but none have made the advances over the years that Wigan have.

This award it must be remembered also belongs to people like Grahame Lowe, John Monie, John Dorahy, players like Steve Hampson, Andy Gregory, Ian Lucas etc etc, no longer with the club but each has played his part in the Wigan story.

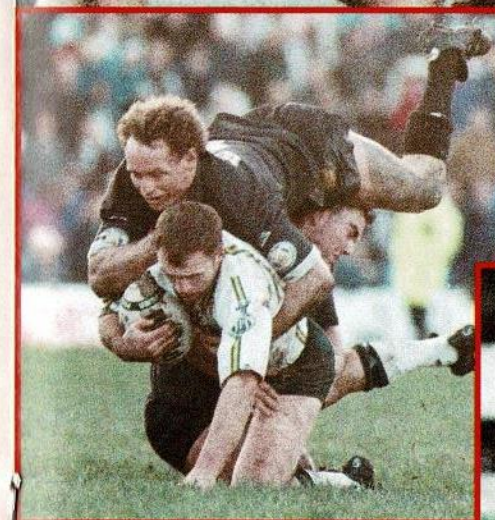
And there is no way that the contribution from Maurice Lindsay can be ignored, love him or hate him he's done wonders for the game.

Finally let's not forget the Wigan fans they're the envy of every other club and I'm sure they'll continue to back the clubs quest for even more success in the coming years.

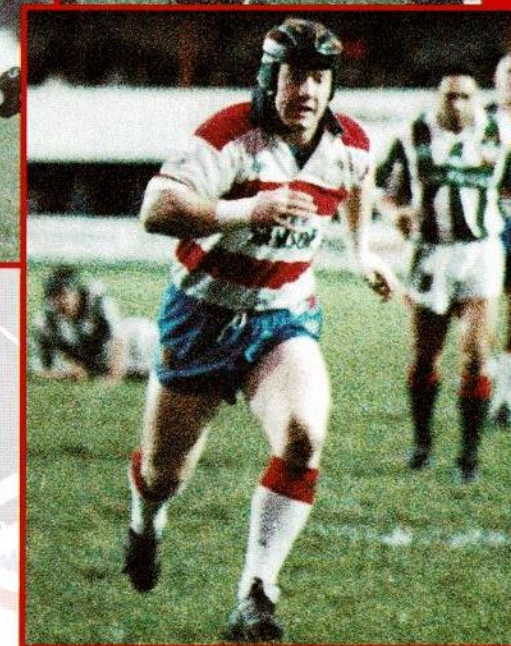
I'm a Rochdale lad and proud of it, I'm not suggesting we all start following Wigan, but I am suggesting they've earned our respect, well done to you all!



Above:  
**IAN SHERRATT** and  
**DAVID STEPHENSON**  
get to grips with  
**BRUCE McGUIRE**



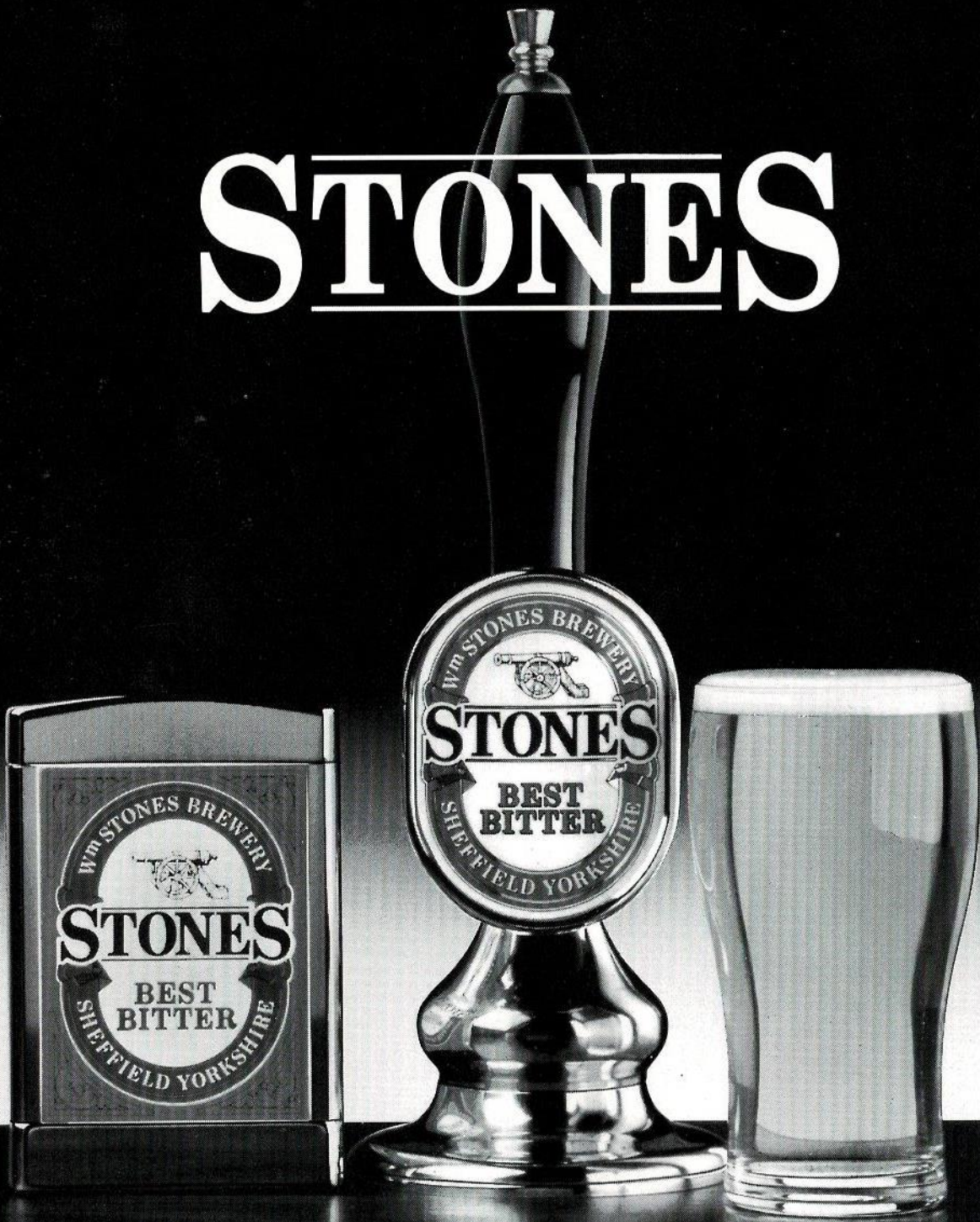
Above:  
**DAVID JONES** (Jona)  
giving his version of  
Swan Lake



Right:  
**IYAN GREEN** on his way  
to score his try against  
Warrington

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After the success of our last two dinners tickets are in great demand. Again supported by local media and businesses gives you and your company the opportunity of entertaining guests for a full evening of quality. Quality food, quality wine, quality speakers.

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This year for those who feel unable to attend the Sportsmans Dinners in the evenings, they will have the opportunity to 'socialise' with clients or colleagues over a lunch which also has a celebrity speaker. The ideal way to mix business and pleasure, combining the highest quality cuisine, celebrity speaker and an afternoons entertainment.

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At each home game a company 'Gives' away merchandise (agreed between ourselves) this could be:

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Each gift will have the name of your company on and also something connecting it with Oldham R.L.F.C.

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.

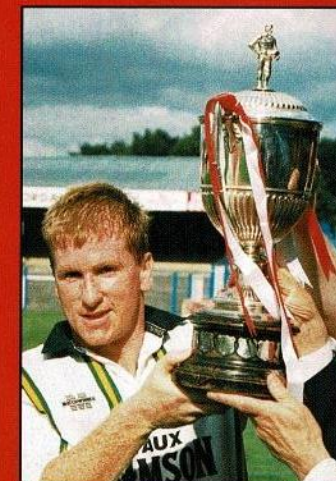
The regular ticket prices are – Adult £6.00 – Child/OAP £3.00

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

The tickets will be available for the following games:

Doncaster • Workington T. • Wakefield T. • Sheffield E. • Hull

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
<b>1995</b>						
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

Happy New Year

1995 is the year of the centenary of Rugby League. 1895 was certainly a year to remember for Rugby League and I'm sure that the Centenary will be equally memorable.

In terms of Rugby League Development there are going to be several great opportunities this year simply because of the interest in a Centenary. Our biggest question is "are we ready to take advantage?" Are our Junior Clubs organised

to cope with increased demand to play the game? Here in Oldham there is no doubt that we have well organised, forward thinking Junior Clubs but they are always struggling for adult help and facilities. "Is any adult help good enough". Not really. Prior knowledge of Rugby League is not vital although it is an advantage. What's required is adults who are interested primarily in the well being of children. They are a special breed and our local clubs would be delighted to hear

from you if you fit the bill.

"I don't have time to make a full commitment". Fine, we appreciate your honesty but many hands make light work and if the time you can give is quality time that is a bonus for clubs.

"Where can the young players train and play". Without doubt there is a real lack of quality facilities in Oldham and, as Development Officer I am constantly looking at the problem of facilities for playing and training and increased pressure for pitches a difficult but welcome the problem. So the message to everyone this year is do not be surprised by an increase in interest and demand to play. We should encourage this, expect it and plan for it. If we have an increase in demand and we can't satisfy that demand then it will certainly go away and try some other sport.

Neil Wood



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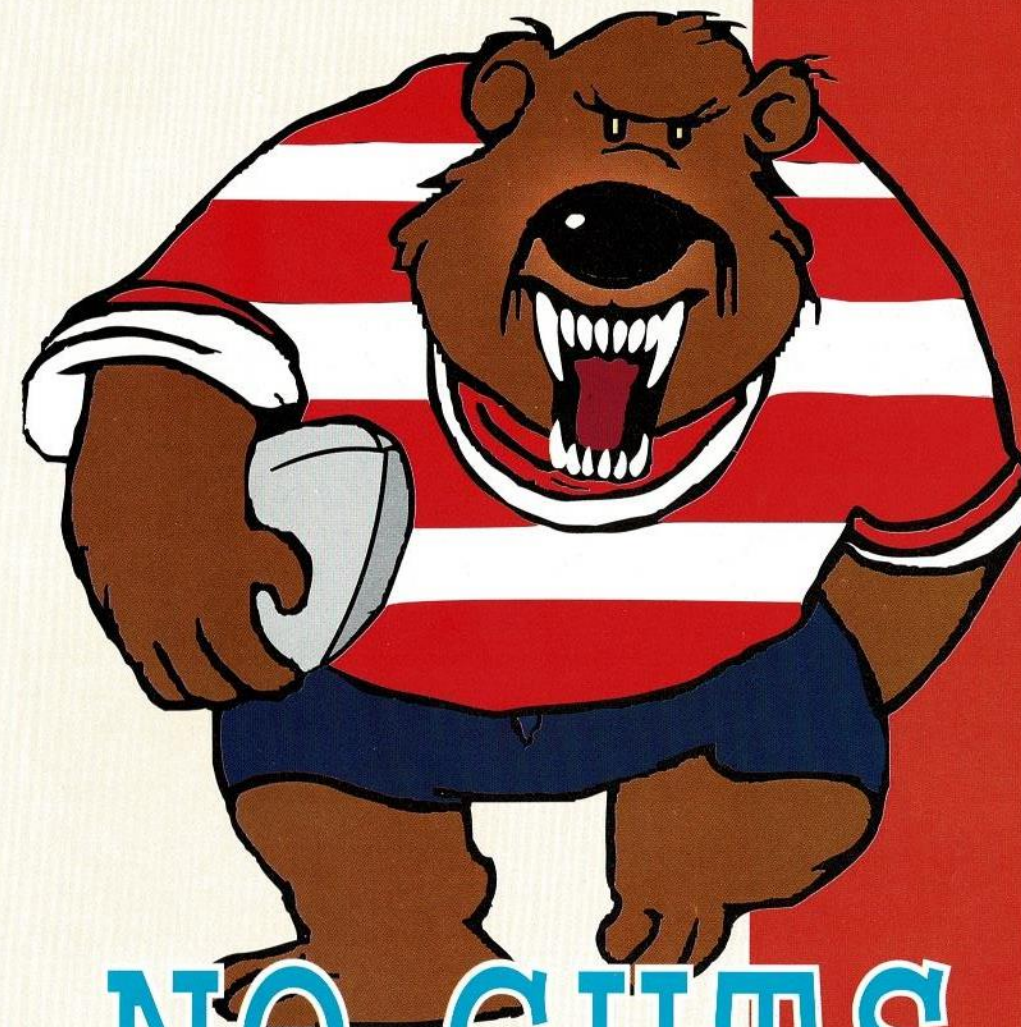
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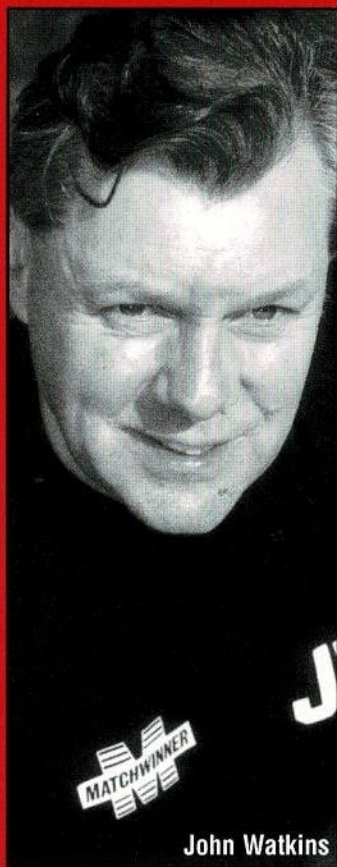


# NO GUTS NO GLORY

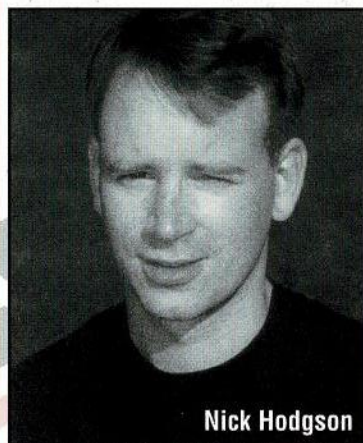
"IT IS ONLY EIGHTEEN INCHES BETWEEN A PAT ON THE BACK AND A KICK IN THE PANTS." - Joseph Crossman

# INJURY UPDATE

FROM THE TREATMENT ROOM



John Watkins



Nick Hodgson

Last week was unusually quiet in the treatment room.

Apart from the odd bump and bruise the main worry as the build up for the Widnes match started was

Iyan Green's badly swollen ankle. Sustained while scoring his second try against Warrington. But Iyan had a steely determination to be fit in time and after a week long fight and plenty of intensive treatment he pronounced himself fit and trained with the rest of the team on Friday and Saturday to keep his place on the bench.

## TRAVELLING AWAY WITH THE ROUGHYEDS

### CASTLEFORD AWAY - 15TH JANUARY

**3.30pm Kick-off**

M62 Junction 31 (A655)

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# FROM SMALL 'A' CORNS GROW

A look at our Alliance and Academy teams

Since my last notes the Alliance Team should have played two matches, but Warrington postponed our, "top of the league" clash on the 9th December. Despite not having a game that weekend we were still two points clear at the top of the League and, on Friday 16th December we enhanced that position by beating Salford at the Sheddings.

I could understand our growing number of regular supporters being frustrated by our first half performance and this was brought home to the lads in the half-time team talk. We went in at the break on the wrong end of an 8-10 scoreline and looked a poor team. Our play had been confined to one-up drives and only a try by Dave Bradbury relieved the monotony. What a transformation in the third quarter! We pulled up to 14-14 within ten minutes of the resumption through a top class try scored by Adrian Belle from a break by Steve Gartland. Our forwards started to dominate the Salford six, our half backs moved the ball and a steady procession of tries followed. One, in particular, must have pleased the supporters when the ball was swept at speed from one side of the field to the other and then back again with no less than twelve passes made in a movement that culminated in Dave Bradbury's second try. The final result was a well deserved 44pts to 14pts victory through tries by Adrian Belle (3), David Bradbury (2), Steve Gartland and Howard Hill. Damian Ainge kicked 8 goals. At the time of writing we still have two

outstanding fixtures, one of which will be accounted for when we play Dewsbury away on Thurs 22nd December. The Warrington match will be re-arranged as soon as possible in the New Year. We have drawn Wigan away in the Alliance Challenge Cup 1st Round which should provide us with a tough fixture. However, we will go there with confidence since our record against Wigan this season reads P3 W2 L1 and the lads are thirsting for revenge after the defeat in the Lancs. Shield Final. I hope you all have an excellent Festive Season and don't forget, our next home match is on Friday 13th January when we entertain Castleford. Bring a few thousand of your friends along; they won't be disappointed.

**Dennis McHugh  
(Alliance Coach)**



**Man of the match against Hull KR  
DAVID STEPHENSON**

### 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 Shield RD1		7.30	W46-22
30th	St.Helens	A	7.30	W42-38
October				
8th	Thatto Heath LCC Shield RD2			W61-12
14th	Ryedale Y	A	7.30	W46-29
27th	Widnes LCC Shield Semi			W30-10
28th	Featherstone R	A	7.30	L22-37
29th	YSC Cup & LCC Shield - Semi Finals			
November				
4th	Halifax	H	7.30	W25-10
10th	Dewsbury	A	7.30	
12th	Wigan LCC Shield Final			L10-24
18th	Wakefield T	H	7.30	W28-8
25th	Wigan	H	7.30	W36-6
30th	Leeds	A	7.30	L18-31
December				
9th	Warrington	A	7.30	post
16th	Salford	H	7.30	W44-14
24th	Blank weekend			
30th	Hull			
January				
7th	Alliance Challenge Cup - First Round			
13th	Castleford	H	7.30	
20th	Featherstone R	H	7.30	
28th	Alliance Challenge Cup - Second Round			
February				
1st	Bradford N	A	7.30	
10th	Salford	A	8.00	
17th	St.Helens	H	7.30	
18th	Alliance Challenge Cup - Third Round			
24th	Hull	H	8.00	
March				
2nd	Wakefield T	A	7.30	
10th	Leeds	H	7.30	
11th	Alliance Challenge Cup - Semi Finals			
17th	Ryedale Y	H	7.30	
23rd	Castleford	A	7.30	

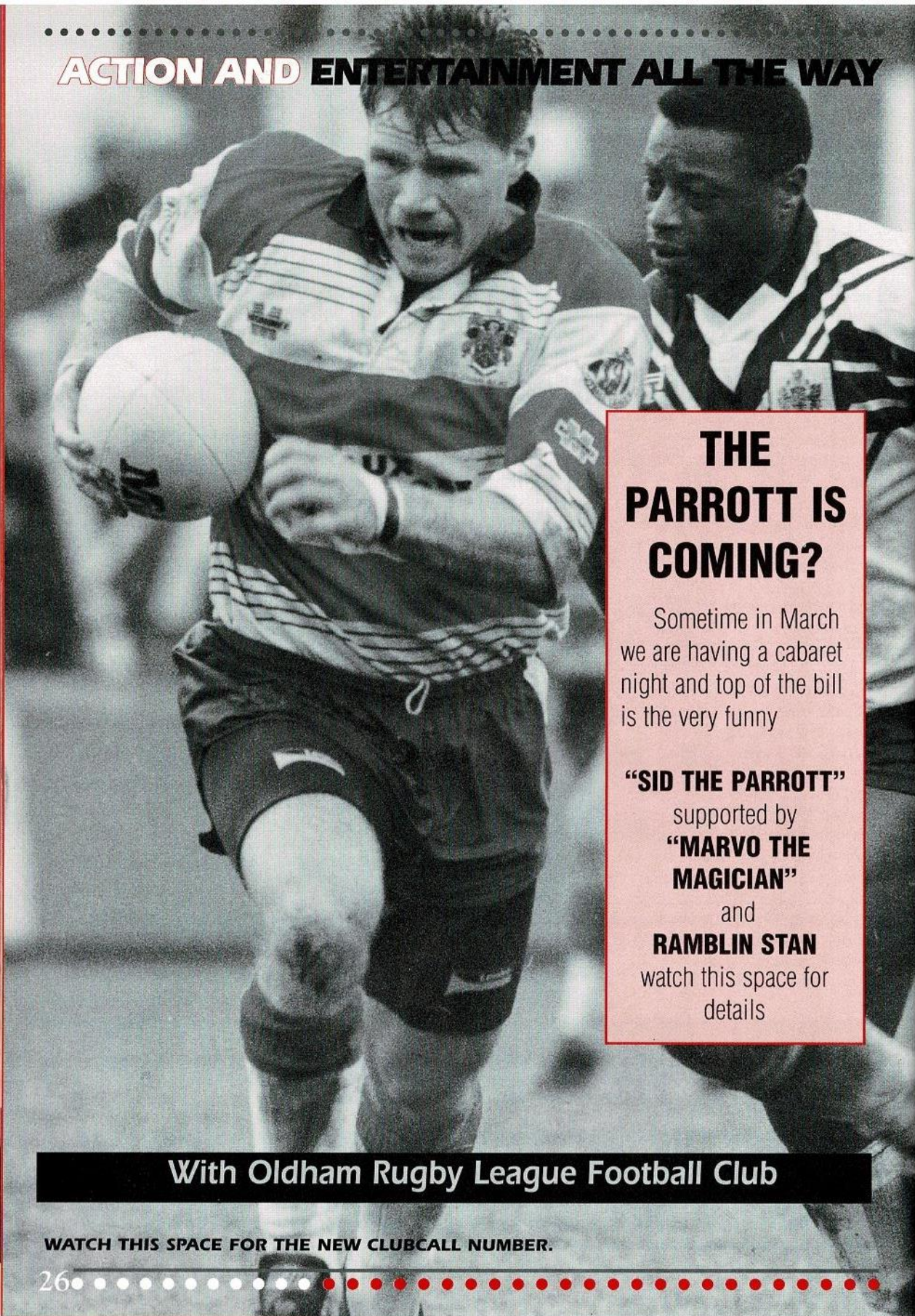
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**VAUX SAMSON - ITS STRENGTH IS ITS TASTE**

# STATISTICALLY SPEAKING 1994-95

## NEWS ON FORMER OLDHAM PLAYERS

Former Oldham player Tommy Martyn has started negotiations with St. Helens for a new contract. "We've had some discussions about what happens next" said Tommy, "And although we've just started its looking good for me."

Today Tommy is sloting into a new half back position with Great Britain scrum half Bobby Goulding.

Another former Oldham favourite Shane Tupaea has had his share of bad luck since his move to Keighley Cougars at the start of the season.

Shane has had to go into hospital to have a cartilage removed from his knee, he was just about to break back into the first team when he damaged the cartilage.

We wish Shane a speedy recovery and better luck in the New Year.



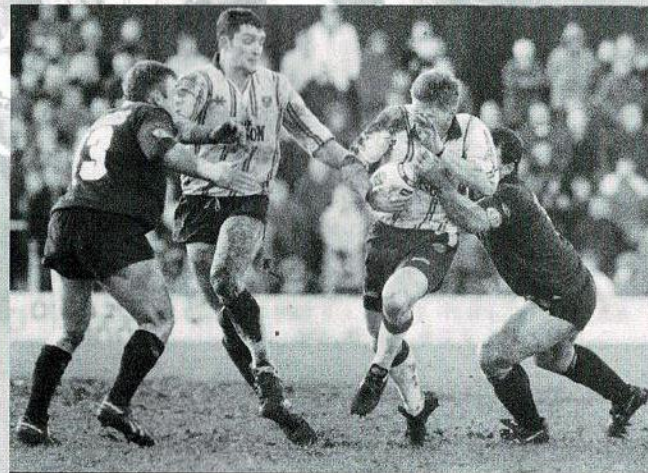
DATE	OPPONENT	K.O	Res	1	2	3	4	5
<b>AUGUST</b>								
21st	<b>Halifax</b>	3.00	L 20-40	Gibson	Jones	Irwin	Abram T	Ranson
28th	Bradford Northern	3.00	L 14-36	Gibson T	Jones	Irwin	Abram	Ranson
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>								
4th	<b>Wigan</b>	3.00	L 58-10	Gibson T	Jones	Irwin T	Abram	Ranson T
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>								
11th	Warrington	3.00	L 55-6	Heslop	Jones	Irwin	Abram	Ranson
18th	<b>Doncaster</b>	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 2T	Ranson
<b>OCTOBER</b>								
2nd	<b>St. Helens</b>	3.00	D 18-18	Heslop	Jones T	Irwin	Abram	Ranson
9th	Wakefield Trinity	3.30	L 16-21	Heslop	Jones	Irwin	Abram	Ranson
14th	<b>Widnes (BSKYB)</b>	7.30	W 29-0	Gibson	Jones	Irwin T	Abram T	Ranson T
30th	<b>Featherstone Rovers</b>	3.00	L 10-20	Gibson	Jones	Irwin	Abrams T	Ranson
<b>NOVEMBER</b>								
6th	Halifax	3.00	L 34-8	Gibson	Heslop	Irwin	Abram T	Ranson
22nd	<b>Bradford Northern</b>	7.30	<b>W32-12</b>	<b>Gibson 2T</b>	<b>Jones</b>	<b>Irwin</b>	<b>Abram 2T</b>	<b>Ranson</b>
27th	Wigan	3.00	L 46-0	Gibson	Jones	Irwin	Abram	Ranson
<b>DECEMBER</b>								
4th	Hull K.R. (RT Rd2)	3.00	W 28-0	Gibson	Jones T	Irwin T	Abram CT	Ranson C
11th	<b>Warrington</b>	3.00	<b>W52-22</b>	<b>Gibson</b>	<b>Jones</b>	<b>Irwin</b>	<b>Abram T</b>	<b>Ranson</b>
18th	Widnes (RT Rd3)	3.00	L 6-20	Gibson	Jones	Irwin T	Abram	Ranson
26th	Salford	3.00						
<b>JANUARY</b>								
1st	<b>Workington Town</b>	3.00						
8th	<b>Leeds</b>	3.00						
15th	Castleford	3.30						
22nd	<b>Sheffield Eagles</b>	3.00						
29th	Doncaster	3.00						
<b>FEBRUARY</b>								
5th	<b>Hull</b>	3.00						
11th	Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Round 4)							
19th	St. Helens	3.00						
25th	Silk Cup Challenge Cup (Round 5)							
<b>MARCH</b>								
5th	<b>Wakefield Trinity</b>	3.00						
11th	Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Round 6)							
19th	Widnes	3.00						
26th	<b>Castleford</b>	3.00						
<b>APRIL</b>								
2nd	Leeds	3.30						
9th	Sheffield Eagles	3.15						
14th	<b>Salford</b>	3.00						
17th	Workington Town	3.00						
23rd	Featherstone Rovers	3.30						

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	14	13	0	1	536	195	26
Leeds	14	11	1	2	397	261	23
Halifax	14	11	0	3	415	193	22
Bradford N	15	11	0	4	406	238	22
St. Helens	14	10	1	3	393	275	21
Castleford	14	9	2	3	398	244	20
Warrington	15	9	1	5	380	254	19
Salford	14	5	1	8	316	322	11
Oldham	14	5	1	8	280	387	11
Doncaster	14	4	1	9	206	369	9
Widnes	14	4	1	9	182	365	9
Sheffield E	14	4	0	10	253	356	8
Wakefield T	14	4	0	10	185	404	8
Featherstone R	14	3	1	10	262	321	7
Hull	14	2	1	11	223	384	5
Workington	14	2	1	11	177	431	5

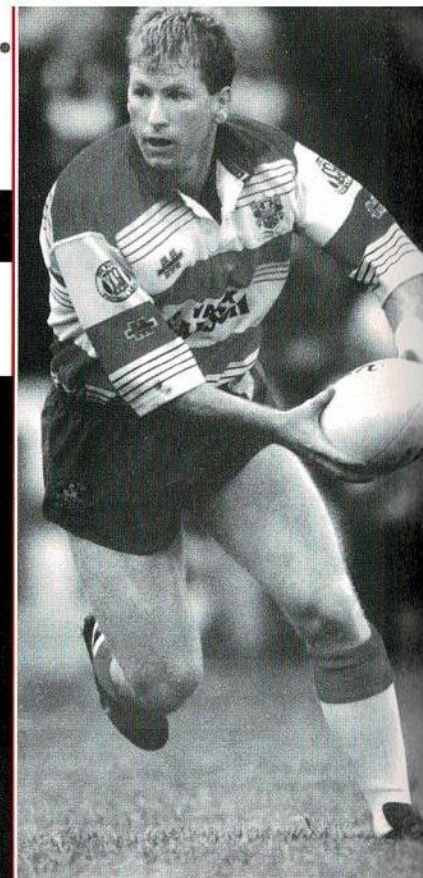
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9	Gartland G1	Crompton T	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord	Davidson	Kuiti	Richards	Faimalo
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11	Topping 4g	Crompton 1dg	Sherratt	Clarke	Faimalo	Lord	Green	Kuiti	Gartland	Davidson
12	Topping 5g	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord T	Faimalo	Kuiti	Gibson	Temu
13	Topping 3g	Crompton T	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti 2T	Davidson	Gibson
14	Topping 4g	Crompton T Dg	Sherratt	Clarke	Parr	Lord T	Faimalo	Kuiti	Heslop	Temu
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17	Topping 3g	Crompton 2dg	Sherratt	Clarke T	Temu	Lord T	Faimalo	Kuiti	Green	Bradbury
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19	Topping 4g	Crompton	Sherratt	Stephenson	Temu	Lord	Faimalo T	Kuiti	Green	Bradbury
20	Topping 2T 8g	Crompton T	Sherratt	Stephenson	Temu	Lord	Faimalo	Kuiti T	Marsh T	Green 2T
21	Topping g	Crompton	Sherratt	Clarke	Temu	Faimalo	Lord	Kuiti	Marsh	Green



A free key ring for the first three people to bring in a programme and name the player with the ball



MARTIN CROMPTON

### CLASSIQUE JEWELLERS PLAYER OF THE MONTH MERIT AWARD

V WARRINGTON	
CROMPTON	5
KUITI	3
TOPPING	1

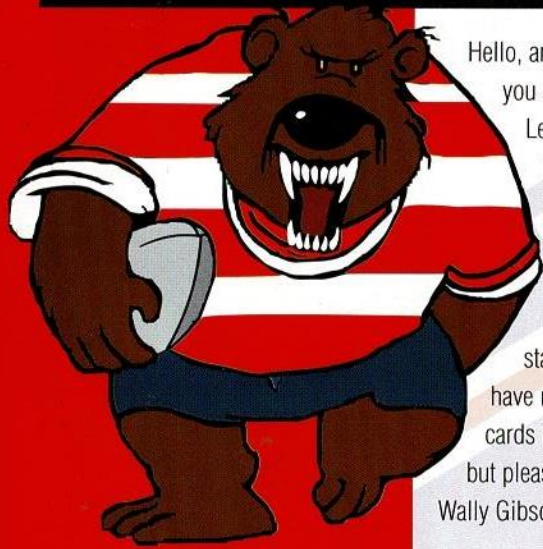
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V WIDNES	
TEMU	5
CLARKE	3
KUITI	1

### CLASSIQUE JEWELLERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Present Positions	
Crompton	28
Kuiti	27
Clarke	23

# JUNIOR ROUGHYEDS



Hello, and Happy New Year to all you Junior Roughyeds. Let's get cheering and jumping up and down today, so we can work off all that Christmas Pud and hopefully we will get 1995 off to a winning start. You should by now all have received your Christmas cards off your favourite players, but please don't be too hard on Wally Gibson today if he drops the

ball as he did have over 90 cards to sign. Soon to follow will be details of your after Christmas party, and any letters with suggestions or ideas of what you would like to see organised this year would be gratefully received. So start putting pen to paper and don't forget, this is your club.

**Best Regards**  
**Sue Collinge**

## ACADEMY NEWS

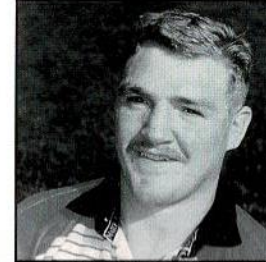
We finished 1994 in fine style with 48 points to 15 - victory over a very big Doncaster side. We are starting to get our act together a lot better in recent games. I just hope we carry on improving in the new year. Billy Tindall is making quite a name for himself adding four more tries to his three last week and with a bit more luck could quite easily have scored six. Adie Meade who has been outstanding in the last two matches

also scored four other tries coming from Mike Prescott and Darren Morgan with Richard Badby kicking four goals. I am delighted to say that I have been able to get a few lads back from out of Town Academy Teams, a typical example is Billy Tindall loose forward and Andy Charlton a prop from Salford Academy. They have both made themselves at home and have turned in some excellent matches.

I have also a few more local lads coming in the New Year, let's hope they turn out as good as these two. Anybody reading these notes who is interested in joining our Academy Team, who by the way have just been kitted out in new tracksuits by our sponsors, Medlock Building Co.Ltd., should contact the club or phone 061 652 2452. We would be delighted to hear from you. I would like to wish our supporters a very happy and prosperous New Year.

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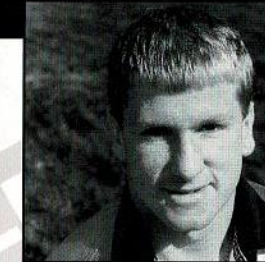
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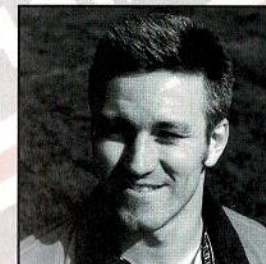
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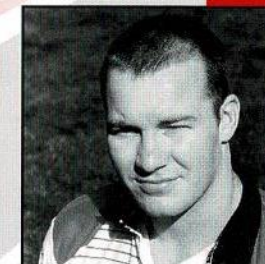
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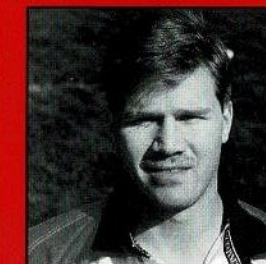
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