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1921-22, 1954-55  
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1904-05  
Second Division Champions  
1963-64, 1981-82, 1987-88  
Rugby League Challenge  
Cup Winners  
1898-99, 1924-25, 1926-27  
Runners Up  
1906-07, 1911-12, 1923-24,  
1925-26  
Lancashire Cup Winners  
1907-08, 1910-11, 1913-14,  
1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-34,  
1956-57, 1957-58, 1958-59  
Runners Up  
1908-09, 1911-12, 1918-19,  
1921-22, 1954-55, 1966-67,  
1968-69, 1986-87, 1989-90  
Lancashire Championship Winners  
1907-08, 1909-10, 1921-22,  
1956-57, 1957-58  
Runners Up  
1908-09, 1910-11, 1911-12,  
1919-20, 1923-34, 1954-55  
Lancashire Shield Winners  
1975-76, 1979-80  
Colts Premiership Trophy  
1979-80, 1989-90  
Second Division Premiership  
1987-88  
Wigan Sevens Winners  
1991-92

### CLUB RECORDS

Record Victory: 67-6 v Liverpool City  
April 1959  
Record Defeat: 11-67 by Hull K.R.  
September 1978  
Record Attendance: 28,000 v Huddersfield  
24th February 1912  
Record Receipts: £37,505.50 v Wigan  
5th October 1989  
Record Transfer: £70,000 to Halifax for  
Fee Paid: Tony Anderson  
March 1990  
Record Try: Ref Farrar, 49 Tries,  
Scorer: 1921-22 season  
Record Goal: Bernard Ganley,  
Scorer: 224 goals, 1957-58  
season  
Record Point: Bernard Ganley,  
Scorer: 28 points v  
Liverpool City,  
April 1959  
First Game: 21st October 1876  
v Stalybridge  
Bernard Ganley, 2,881  
Highest Number:  
of Points Scored  
Most Appearances: Joe Ferguson, 685  
Most Tries: Pre 1900 Jach Hirst 233  
Since 1900  
Alan Davies 182



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## 1994-95 SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP

### 1994-95 Silk Cut Prizes

This is the fourth season of Silk Cut's £2.3 million five year sponsorship of Rugby League's most famous knockout competition, played under the Silk Cut banner since 1985. The 1995 Wembley victors will receive a record prize cheque for £39,000.

Of the 1994-95 sponsorship investment of £400,000 a total of £254,000 will be awarded in prize money with the remaining £146,000 being deposited in the League's Capital Development Fund. The complete 1994-95 Silk Cut Challenge Cup prize picture is:

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Third Round                     | £2,700 to each Second Division club  |
| Fourth Round                    | £2,700 to losers   |
| Fifth Round                     | £4,300 to losers   |
| Quarter Finals                  | £6,900 to losers   |
| Semi-finals                     | £11,000 to losers  |
| Runners-up                      | £20,500  |
| Winners                         | £39,000  |
| <b>Total Prize Money</b>        | <b>£229,900</b>  |
| <b>Capital Development Fund</b> | <b>£170,100</b> (including development grants of £1,000 to each amateur club in the Third Round) |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>              | <b>£400,000</b>  |

### 1994 Silk Cut Awards

Silk Cut Awards will again be presented to the adjudged Man of the Match in each tie from the first round onwards. In each case the winner will receive a commemorative medallion, plus a cheque for £150 (from the third round through to the quarter finals). The Man of the Match at both semi-finals receives a cheque for £300 plus an engraved silver plated replica rugby ball.

# FROM THE BOARDROOM

BY CHAIRMAN JIM QUINN

We break from the pressure of the Stones Bitter Championship today and welcome Bramley, of the second Division, to Watersheddings for a fourth round tie in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

In doing so, we greet the chairman, board of directors, playing staff and fans from Bramley, plus a man who will have an important role to play on the field, but is usually overlooked when greetings are being handed out...**the referee.**

I mention this in view of several events in Rugby League, which have pushed the men in the middle into the media spotlight. Referees are under tremendous pressure just now and to my way of thinking they need all the help they can get.

What they do not want, nor need, is too much hostile criticism. I have always taken the view, and nothing has happened to change it, that referees have a thankless task and that, in many ways, they are in a no win situation.

We have had incidents in our last two home games in which referees were central figures in decisions which sparked major talking points. Mike Kuiti was sent off by John Connolly for an alleged high tackle against Sheffield Eagles, but the RL disciplinary committee later found Mike **not guilty.**

The immediate reaction of some people was to claim that the referee had cost Oldham the game. We will never know, of course, what might have happened had Mike not been sent off, but I think we should all recognise that the referee did not have the benefit of action replays and what's more, he had to make a decision in the heat of the moment and with all the pressure on him. The same applied last Sunday when John's brother, Robert, had to decide whether to apply advantage and allow us a try by Joe Fiamalo,

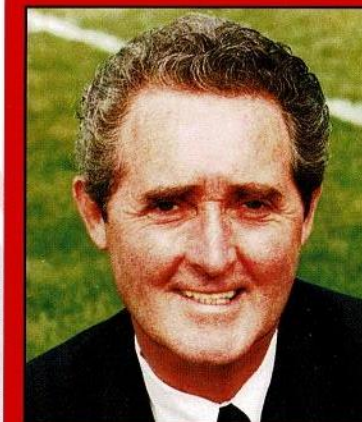
which was scored while his touch judge Jim Molyneux, the former Blackpool Borough player, was on the field with his flag held up because of a prior offense by Hull. He ruled out the try and gave us a penalty. Not long afterwards, Hull felt they had scored a legitimate try by Tevita Viakona, but Mr. Connolly ruled that out too, because his touch judge had drawn his attention to a Hull knock-on.

These important decisions were relative to the outcome of the game. In one instance, the Oldham players and fans were frustrated; in the other, the Hull players and supporters felt hard done by. In each case, the referee did what he felt was right and that's all he can be expected to do.

The only thing I would suggest is that, in today's modern game, the referee would surely be better equipped to do his job if he were wired up to his touch judges, so that he had constant and split-second contact with his men on the lines. This has been tried experimentally, of course. I am not aware of the results of those experiments, but on the face of it, it would seem to me that such communication would be a major help to the man in the middle.

He needs to be made to feel comfortable and free to get on with his job to the best of his ability. Without that feeling of goodwill and appreciation, the referee is placed under even more pressure and his task becomes even harder than it need be.

While talking of appreciation, I think our groundsmen Jack Walker deserves a pat on the back for the condition in which he keeps our Watersheddings pitch. Sometimes, we take it for granted, but you only have to look at the state of some pitches we see on



television to appreciate what a good job Jack is doing here at Watersheddings.

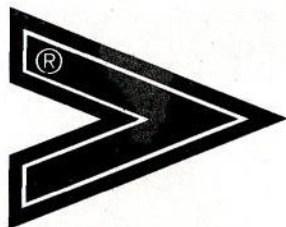
Our pitch takes a lot of hammer, but it was interesting to hear the comments of the Hull directors last Sunday when remarking on the state of our pitch. To a man, they thought it was outstanding in shape and a credit to all concerned.

As I say, we tend to take people like referee and groundsmen for granted, but they are an integral part of the game. Where would we be without men to control our matches and without the men to ensure that pitches are playable and presentable?

Finally, a word about the Silk Cut Challenge Cup. It's the games most prestigious knock-out event and I think it should always remain so. There have been calls in some quarters recently for an Aussie-type play-off system to replace the Challenge Cup, but to my way of thinking Rugby League would be much poorer without the annual trophy and, in the Spring, the trek to Wembley for the finalists.

There is something special and magical about the Challenge Cup. Long may it continue.

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## CLOSE UP ON BRAMLEY

### Our visitors in detail

**IAN WIGGLESWORTH**  
(Full Back)

Signed this season from Ryedale-York after having been on loan to the Club for part of last season.

**NORMAN FRANCIS**  
(Winger)

Experienced player previously with Leeds and Oldham, consistent try scorer.

**WAYNE FREEMAN**  
(Centre)

Ex Pudsey Junior, big strong and keen and showing very good early season form.

**KEVIN BELL**  
(Centre)

Prolific try scorer signed from Wakefield Amateur Westgate Readout.

**GORDON LONG**  
(Stand Off)

A further signing from Westgate Readout allusive and shows plenty of ability.

**RAY ASHTON**  
(Scrum half and Coach)

One of the most experienced players in the game. Previously with Oldham, Leeds and Workington. The latter being his first coaching job. He joined Bramley during the early part of last season and still retains a lot of his old guile.

**ANDY MARSON**  
(Prop Forward)

Signed from Hunslet three years ago and has been a consistent performer.

**DEAN BLANKLEY (Hooker)**

This season's Captain, signed from Castleford and a dynamic around the play the ball area.

**DEAN HALL**  
(Prop Forward)

Signed from Dewsbury last season. Very strong and equally at home in the 2nd row.

**GLEN FREEMAN**  
(2nd Row)

Brother of Wayne. Becoming a regular this season and showing plenty of promise.

**ROY JEWITT**  
(2nd Row)

Signed from amateur rugby at the beginning of last season and is one of the clubs most consistent performers.

**PAUL GARRETT**  
(Loose Forward)

Signed from Saddleworth at the beginning of this season after having a short loan period last season.

**ANDY AGAR**

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(Forward)

Youngster with plenty of promise and who recently joined the 1st team squad.

**DEAN CREASER**  
(Stand Off)

Brother of former International star David Creaser, plagued by injury but now back to top form and is a consistent goal kicker.

**PAUL FRASER**  
(Prop)

Big strong lad and starting to make his mark in the game.

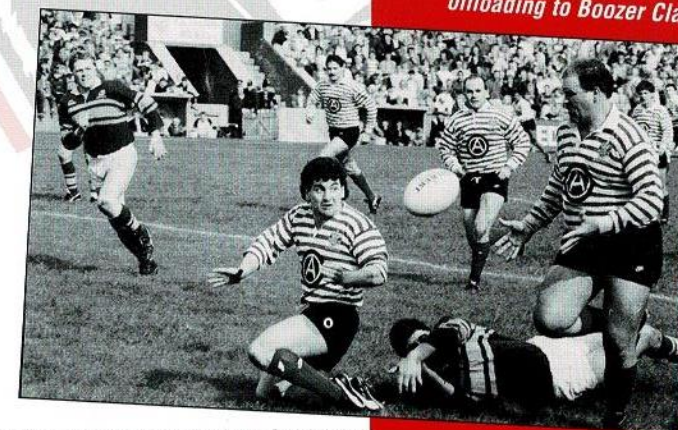
**JULIAN FISHER**  
(Scrum half)

Promising amateur career but been out of the game for some time with a broken jaw.

**JOHN PERKS**  
(Stand Off)

Signed from Amateur football, hails from the Oldham area.

*Ray Ashton playing for Oldham against Leeds offloading to Boozier Clark*



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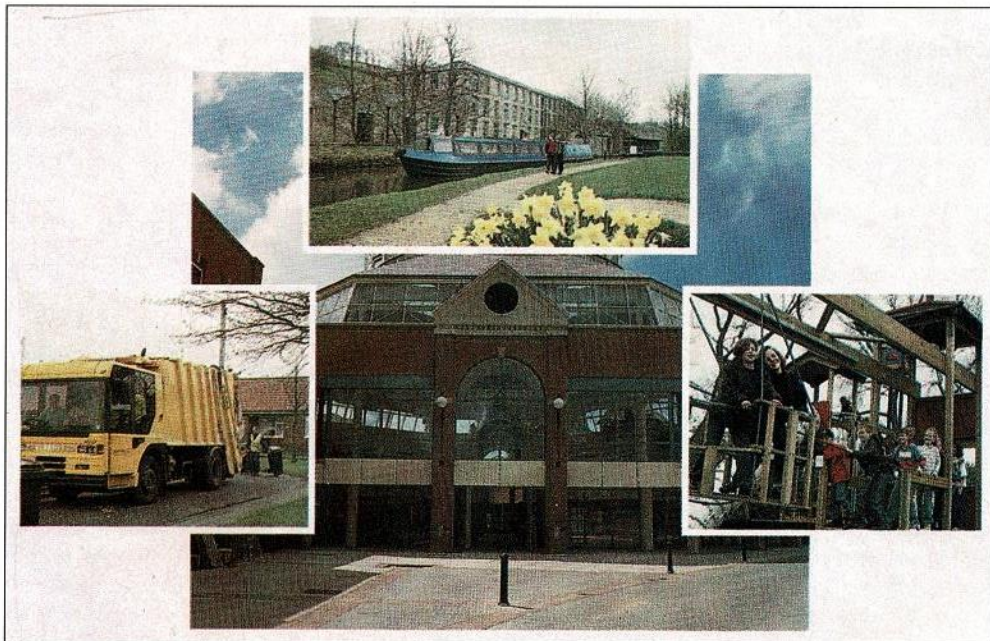
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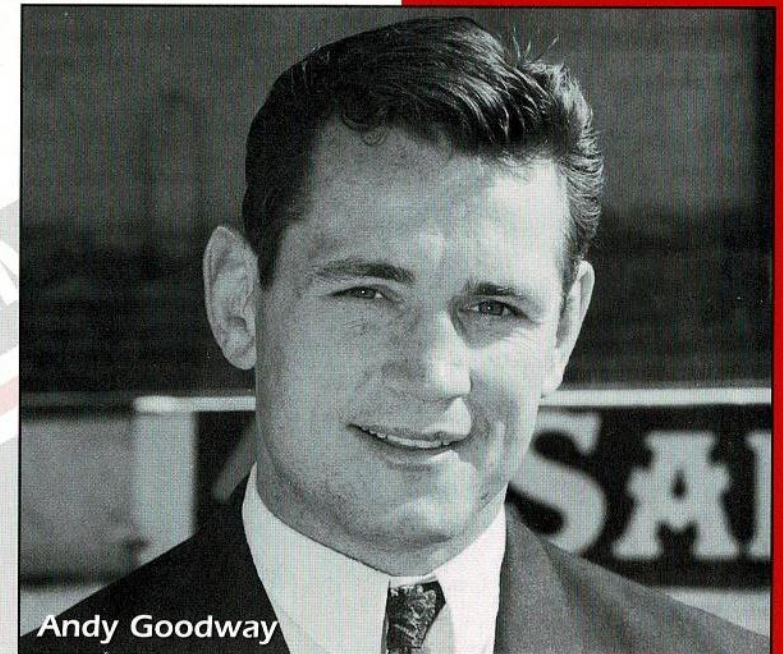
Today we welcome Bramley and their supporters to the Watersheddings for what should be a fascinating cup tie. The visitors are sure to be fired up as their coach, Ray Ashton is an old friend who started his career at Oldham. Ray has done a superb job lifting his club from being the whipping boys of the second division to a very competitive outfit. His achievement takes on greater credibility when you take into account that this has all been done without spending any money.

I once read somewhere that Ray's ambition in rugby was to coach Oldham. Well, our boys had better win today or he will achieve his ambition sooner rather than later.

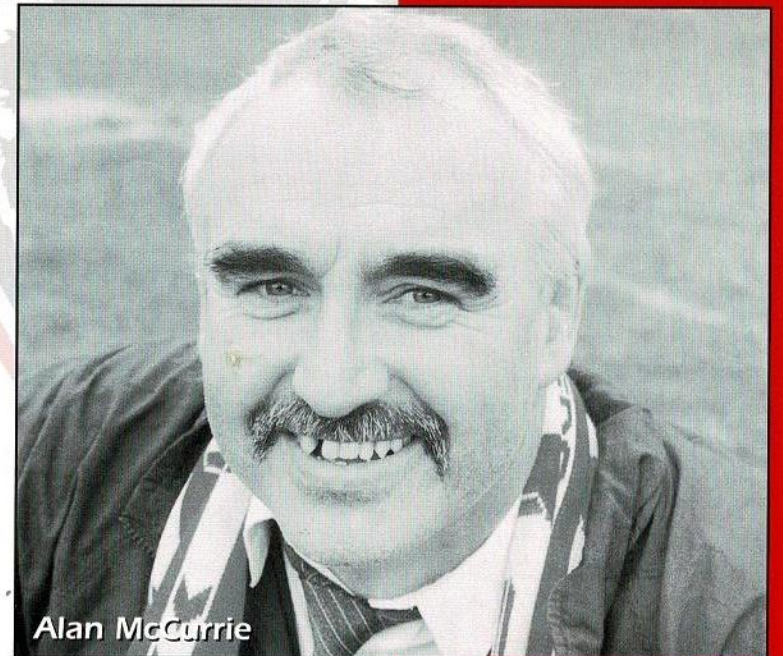
We have prepared very thoroughly for today's game and are treating Bramley with every respect.

Over the past couple of weeks the team have played quite well without showing that killer instinct and finishing power. That is the difference between a comfortable 30/40 points and a nailbiting close result.

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Andy Goodway



Alan McCurrie

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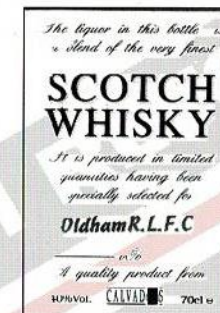
## PROGRAMME

I would like to thank all the fans who buy a programme. Since I came back to the club I have been responsible in putting together what I think is quite a good read. I am always looking at ways to try and improve our programme and would be interested to hear your thoughts or comments on what you would like to see in the programme. If you have any ideas to make our programme more sellable, please don't hesitate to contact me, if you like the programme - please tell other people what they are missing and try and encourage others to buy one.

## GOLF DAY

We are having our Golf Day on the 24th March 1995 at Oldham Golf Club, we have put together a great day of golf with fabulous prizes. For information about this forthcoming event - watch this space.

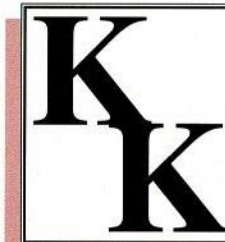
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## A LOOK AT THE LOCAL AMATEUR RUGBY SCENE

Anyone who is unable to travel with the Roughyeds to St. Helens next Sunday is advised to make a return trip to Watersheddings for the big Standard Cup double header. Both semi-finals of this seasons competition will be staged here next Sunday. Saddleworth Rangers meet Waterhead in one semi-final and St. Annes meet either Salem Hornets or Higginshaw in the other. The dispute between Salem Hornets and Higginshaw has gone to BARLA headquarters and a decision had not been made when these notes went to press. Saints would be favourites to beat Salem if they get BARLA's nod but a Saints-Higginshaw clash would be much closer. In fact it was Higginshaw who knocked Saints out of last season's competition when they won a fiery semi-final match down at Hollinwood by 25-20. The match seems certain to be much closer than when the two met at Watersheddings in the 1977 final and St. Annes won 30-0. Saddleworth Rangers will start their semi-final as favourites to beat Waterhead but they too will not have everything their own way. Waterhead were the last club to beat Rangers in this competition. That was in 1993 at the quarter final stage when Saddleworth lost 23-20 at Waterhead Park. Rangers have met Waterhead three times in Standard Cup Finals at Watersheddings. In 1976 Rangers won 16-4 but Waterhead gained

revenge five years later when they lifted the trophy with a 9-7 victory at Saddleworth's expense. The last time they met was in 1992 when Saddleworth won 22-6 despite having skipper Sean Whitehead sent off. The scores were level 2-2 at half-time in that match before Rangers pulled away. It looks as if both next weeks matches will be close fought and even if Saints and Rangers will start as favourites, it would not be a major surprise if Higginshaw and Waterhead won through to set up a match which would be a repeat of last season's Good Friday Final. Saddleworth's hard fought victory over Wigan St. Pats last weekend has eased their relegation plight but they still face a difficult run in to the season. Next Saturday they visit Egremont for what will be a tough match - and just 24 hours before their semi-final clash with Waterhead. On Saturday 25th February they entertain Hemel Hempstead. A match well worth watching. St Annes promotion hopes should be enhanced next Saturday when Blackpool Gladiators visit Higginshaw Road but it will be much tougher seven days later when Saints visit in form Millom. A win there and Saints will already have one foot in the Premier Division.

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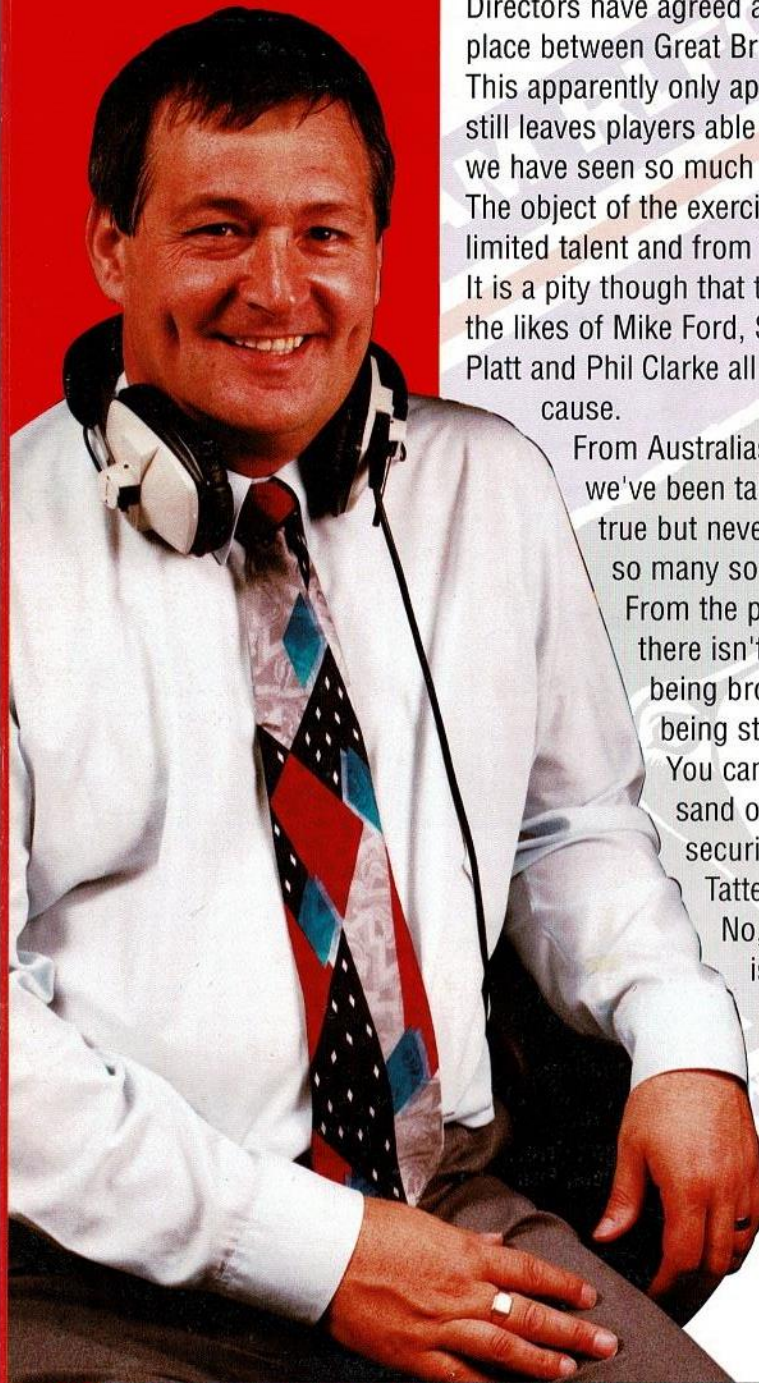
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# MALCOLM LORD

THE FACE BEHIND THE VOICE OF BBC GMR'S RUGBY LEAGUE



## Is It The Right Answer

News has now broken that the international Board of Directors have agreed a two year ban on transfers taking place between Great Britain and Australia.

This apparently only applies to long term contracts and still leaves players able to play the back to back rugby that we have seen so much in recent years.

The object of the exercise is to stop the drain of our limited talent and from that point of view is a good thing. It is a pity though that this decision comes too late to stop the likes of Mike Ford, St. John Ellis, Denis Betts, Andy Platt and Phil Clarke all of whom appear to be a lost cause.

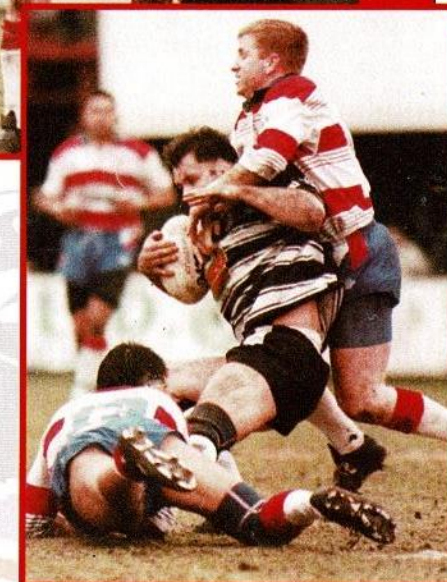
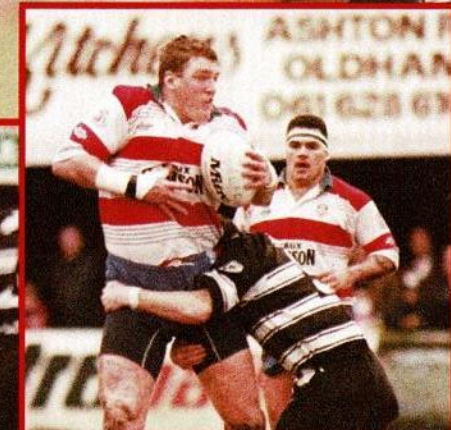
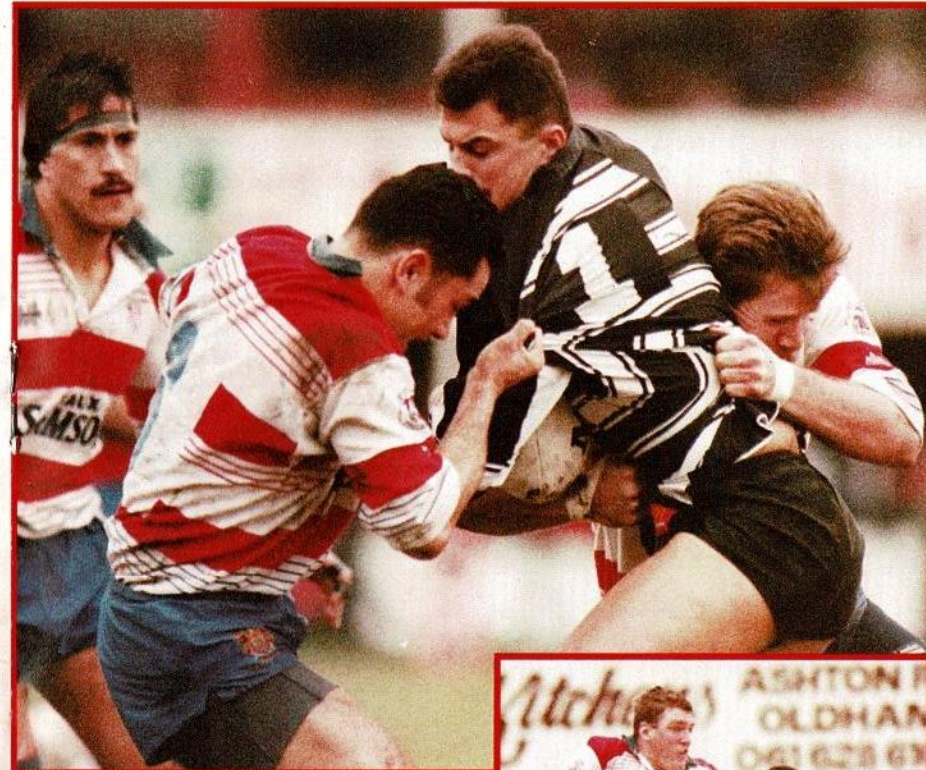
From Australia's point of view they may argue that we've been taking their players for years. This is true but never the cream of the crop and never so many so quickly.

From the players point of view I wonder if there isn't a case for "restrictive practices" being brought, for surely they are in effect being stopped from plying their trade.

You can't blame the players, the sun and sand of Australia added to the financial security must look good after a trip to Tattersfield!

No, this is not the answer, the answer is surely investment in the youth of our country, lets create more talent then we won't miss the talent that's leaving.

*Malcolm Lord - BBC GMR*



**Top:** Wilson Marsh and Darren Abram getting to grips with one of the Hull players.

**Middle left:** Martin Crompton looking for a way through.

**Middle right:** Big Ian Sherratt looking for support.

**Right:** Crompton and Kuiti bringing down a Hull player.

Photographs courtesy of the Oldham Evening Chronicle.

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Oldham v Hull  
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# TODAYS LINE UP

## ROUGHYEDS

## BRAMLEY

- 1 Wally Gibson
- 2 Adrian Belle
- 3 Paul Topping
- 4 Darren Abrams
- 5 Scott Ranson
- 6 Wilson Marsh
- 7 Martin Crompton (C)
- 8 Paul Norman
- 9 David Stephenson
- 10 Jason Temu
- 11 Joe Faimalo
- 12 Gary Lord
- 13 Mike Kuiti

- 14 T.B.A.
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- 10 Andy Agar
- 11 Roy Jewitt
- 12 Glen Freeman
- 13 Paul Garrett

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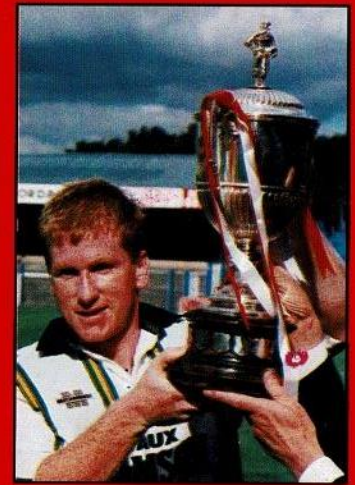
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**Martin Crompton  
Receives the Law Cup**

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|------------------|--------------|-----------|------------------|------------|
| Number of Guests |              | 20*1      | 10*2             | 4*3        |
| Date             | Versus       | K.Off     |                  | 4*3        |
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| 18/9             | Doncaster    | 3.00pm    | £1,100           | £650       |
| 2/10             | St. Helens   | 3.00pm    | £1,500           | £800       |
| 14/10            | Widnes       | 7.30pm    | £1,400           | £750       |
| 30/10            | Featherstone | 3.00pm    | £1,250           | £700       |
| 22/11            | Bradford     | 7.30pm    | £1,500           | £800       |
| 11/12            | Warrington   | 3.00pm    | £1,400           | £750       |
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| 1/1              | Workington   | 3.00pm    | £1,100           | £650       |
| 8/1              | Leeds        | 3.00pm    | £1,400           | £750       |
| 22/1             | Sheffield E  | 3.00pm    | £1,250           | £700       |
| 5/2              | Hull         | 3.00pm    | £1,250           | £700       |
| 5/3              | Wakefield T  | 3.00pm    | £1,250           | £700       |
| 26/3             | Castleford   | 3.00pm    | £1,500           | £800       |
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# THE GROWING GAME

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## RUGBY RECALL QUIZ

1. Which is the only cup or trophy to have been won by Bramley?
2. Which former Oldham player scored 406 tries in his RL career between 1961-85, he also played for 3 other club sides?
3. Which former second division club played home matches at the Harvey Hadden Stadium?
4. Who was Oldham's leading try scorer in season 1981/82?
5. Who is Bramley's most prolific try scorer?
6. Who was the last player to score more than 1,000 points during his Oldham career?
7. Which team did Bramley defeat in their last cup/trophy final?
8. How many times have Oldham reached the Challenge Cup?
9. Which is the furthest round of the Challenge Cup achieved by Bramley since 1974/75?
10. In which season did Bramley last achieve promotion to the First Division?

Answers on Page 28  
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I thought today I would bring you up to date with the Rugby League activities of a couple of groups who are not normally associated with the rough and tumble of the our game.

Oldham Ladies Rugby League club started nearly 18 months ago and reached the stage of being ready to join the league.

Since then they have experienced some familiar difficulties for new teams eg. Key people leaving, injuries to key players bad luck etc etc.

The good news is however, that the club still survives and is looking to the future. They have the nucleus of a squad and would welcome new recruits. Training is held at 7.00 every Tuesday and Thursday at Hathenshaw Sports Centre so if you are tempted to have a go why not get along and try.

Asian sportspeople have recently been in the news especially since Ikram Butt made his England debut. In Oldham some coaching

work has been started in schools in the Asian communities. Last season three such schools played as a curtain raiser to the Featherstone game. Now some of the players are beginning to come through at representative level. Subhash Mistry is making good progress in the Under 13s squad. Anwar Hussain is



"Rugby League is a funny old game" Girls at Littlemoor Primary School warming up for tackling practise.

currently taking his level 1 coaching qualification and I have recently received several enquiries from Asian players wanting to join clubs. Rugby League has a long history of welcoming people into the game. Long may this continue.

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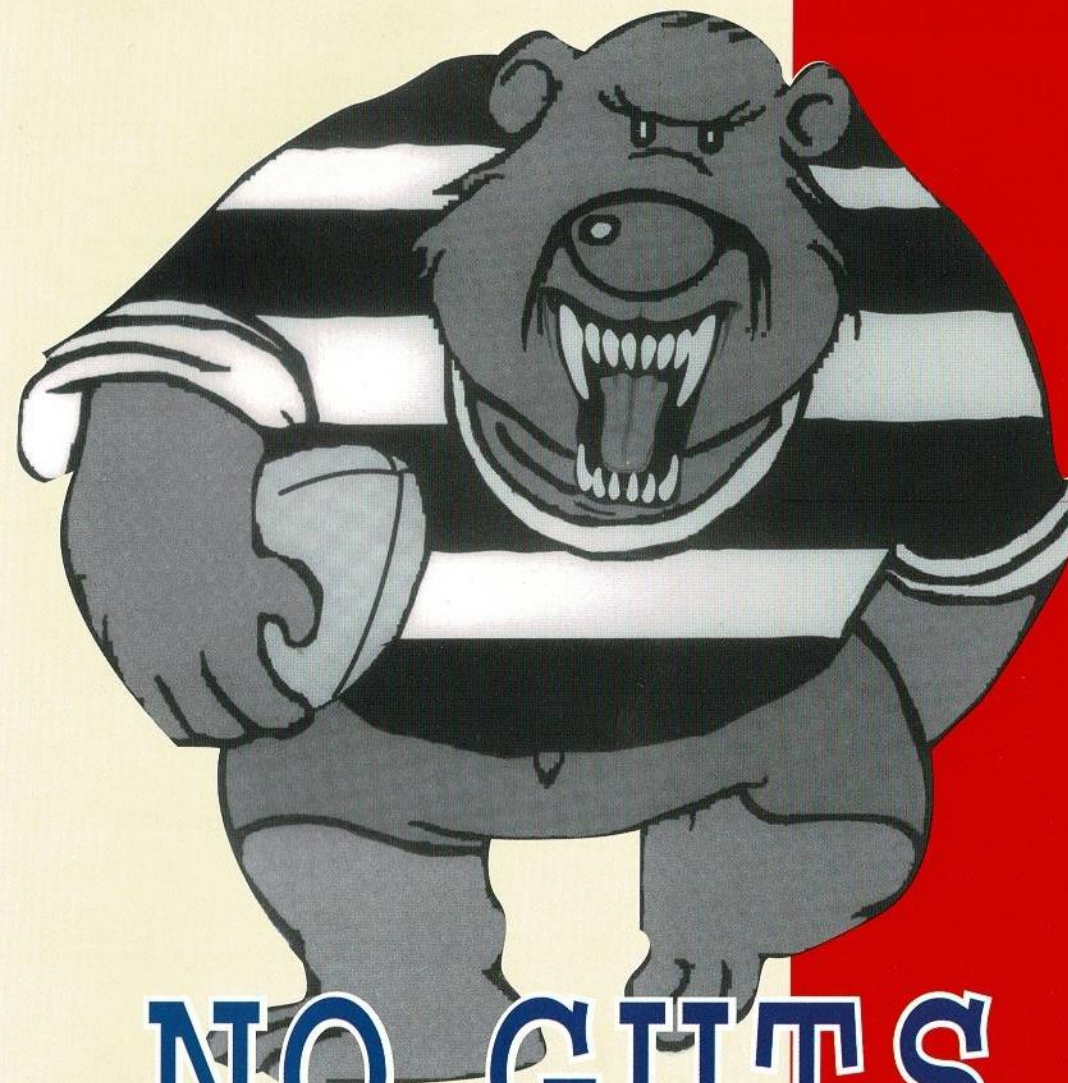
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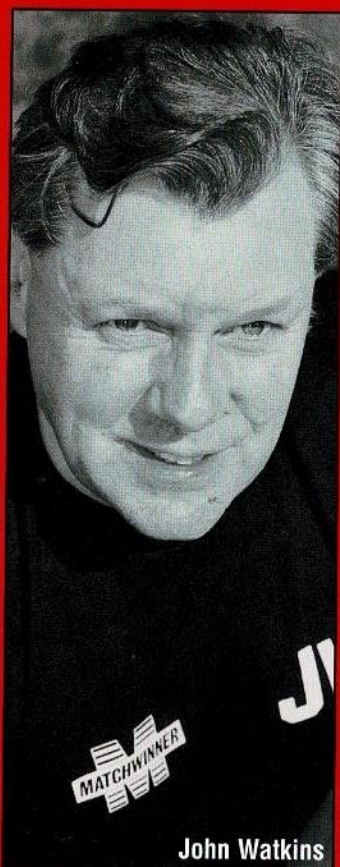


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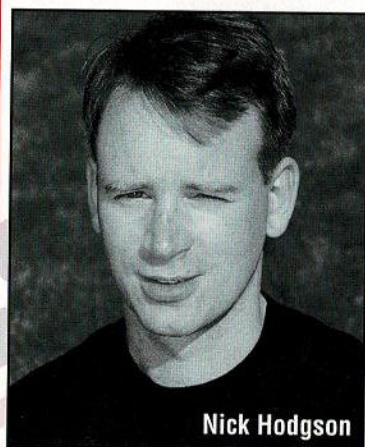
"IT IS ONLY EIGHTEEN INCHES BETWEEN A PAT ON THE BACK AND A KICK IN THE PANTS." - Joseph Crossman

# INJURY UPDATE

FROM THE TREATMENT ROOM



John Watkins



Nick Hodgson

The good news is that Shaun Irwin's knee injury is not serious and with further treatment this week, he should be fit for today's match.

Mike Kuiti was also in for treatment for "bumps and bruises" but should also be fit. We should find out

tomorrow how serious the damage to Ian Sherratt's eye was after his clash with "Timmy". On the field I could immediately see blood in the front chamber of Ian's eye and so immediately brought him off as the club's doctor would not let him carry on with a potentially serious eye injury.

I have to "hold my hands up" and say that I too felt that I spent more time on the pitch than at least one of our players last weekend but sometimes I feel that it is less risky out there than sitting on the bench next to Alan McCurrie!

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# FROM SMALL 'A' CORNS GROW

A look at our Alliance team

Once again thanks are due to our office staff who, faced with a postponement of the Bradford match, moved quickly to bring the Wakefield fixture forward from a scheduled 2nd March date. It is important that we do not face a backlog of fixtures at the end of the Alliance season and playing this game last Thursday 2nd February enables us to keep up with the schedule. We still have outstanding matches against Dewsbury away, Warrington away and Bradford away however, but hopefully, one of those can be slotted in on the 2nd of March.

At Wakefield we faced a very strong side and gave, arguably our most controlled performance of the season. A very physical Wakefield team tried to dominate the Oldham six in the first half, but our lads held firm and we went in at half time with a 8-10 point lead. In the second half Wakefields discipline was non-existent as they grew more and more frustrated with their failure to penetrate the Oldham defence and they conceded a further six penalties to the five conceded in the first half. Craig Booth punished them for their indiscretions and as the Oldham pack proceeded to gain dominance the tries followed. Paul Davidson led the way with two

tries and Dave Jones, Steve Gartland, Martin Holden and Craig Booth scored one each. Craig Booth slotted six goals over and the final result was a very satisfactory 14 points to 36.

This win puts us 7 points clear at the top of the League with the Championship clearly in sight.

We have already the best 'points for' record and the aim is now to maintain this whilst improving our 'points against'.

On Monday 6th February we played Halifax away in the second round of the Challenge Cup and came away with a 38 to 22 point victory. Although the result was never in doubt this was definitely not our best performance of the season. For the record tries were scored by Paul Davidson (2), Paul Norman (2), Steve Gartland, Craig Booth and Dave Jones. Craig Booth kicked 5 goals. We will certainly have to improve on this performance if we hope to make further progress. However we are still in there with a chance of a Cup and League double and the lads are determined to bring both trophies back to Oldham.

DENNIS McHUGH

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|--------------|----------------|----|---|----|-----|------|------|-----|
|              | P              | W  | D | L  | For | Agst | Diff | Pts |
| Oldham       | 17             | 14 | 0 | 3  | 536 | 322  | 214  | 28  |
| St. Helens   | 17             | 10 | 1 | 6  | 501 | 369  | 132  | 21  |
| Warrington   | 17             | 10 | 0 | 7  | 512 | 319  | 193  | 20  |
| Leeds        | 17             | 10 | 0 | 7  | 366 | 320  | 46   | 20  |
| Bradford     | 15             | 9  | 0 | 6  | 399 | 326  | 73   | 18  |
| Hull         | 18             | 9  | 0 | 9  | 363 | 462  | -99  | 18  |
| Wigan        | 14             | 8  | 0 | 6  | 459 | 285  | 174  | 16  |
| Castleford   | 14             | 8  | 0 | 6  | 310 | 280  | 30   | 16  |
| Salford      | 18             | 7  | 0 | 11 | 426 | 375  | 51   | 14  |
| Dewsbury     | 14             | 7  | 0 | 7  | 315 | 356  | -41  | 14  |
| Wakefield    | 19             | 6  | 1 | 12 | 397 | 460  | -63  | 13  |
| Featherstone | 18             | 6  | 0 | 12 | 346 | 561  | -215 | 12  |
| Rydale-York  | 17             | 3  | 0 | 14 | 283 | 690  | -407 | 6   |

### 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                                 | A     | 8.00 | W33-16 |
| January   |                                      |       |      |        |
| 9th       | Wigan (All. C.C. R1)                 | A     | 7.30 | W8-31  |
| 13th      | Castleford (T.B.A)                   |       |      | W50-4  |
| 20th      | Featherstone R                       | H     | 7.30 | W42-12 |
| February  |                                      |       |      |        |
| 1st       | Bradford N                           | A     | 7.30 |        |
| 6th       | Halifax (All. C.C. R.2)              | A     |      | W22-28 |
| 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 | W14-36 |
| 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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# RUFF E. HEAD THE MAN IN THE KNOW

Wembley dreams time again! The last time we played Bramley was in 1991, in the first round, at their friendly little ground. We won 38-6, and of course went on to the semi-final - the last of our three appearances at that stage of the competition in a six-year period. A happy omen, perhaps?

In fact, over the past ten years, we haven't had a bad overall record in the Challenge Cup. We've also had reasonable luck with the draw, with 14 home matches against 9 away, and 10 of our 16 victories (10 defeats, of course) being against relatively lowly sides. Last year at Doncaster was the only loss to a lower-division side, with Warrington (3 times), Wigan (twice) and Castleford (twice) being responsible for seven of our exits - once each, of course, being on neutral semi-final grounds.

It was entertaining to watch John Holdsworth reminding everyone that forward passes are not allowed in the other Friday's Sky game at Headingley. It was his positioning which was particularly impressive, I thought. The same could not be said, unfortunately, about Mr Connolly last week!

“ Talking about Sky, the highlight of the week for me was Paul Cullen calling for a crackdown on head tackles. Talk about poacher turned gamekeeper! Does Gary Hetherington eat kangaroo steaks for his tea? He is obviously deeply in love with all things Aussie, if his call for the Challenge Cup to be replaced by a top-five play-off is anything to go by. You would have thought he might have adopted a low profile for a while, after master-minding the 8-team second division, and then changing his mind very rapidly. I must add, though, that personally I would be very strongly in favour of a mid-season break from league fixtures, with a season extended to early June, in preference to a complete change to summer rugby. I think it would have a better chance of retaining existing support, whilst also having a good chance of attracting new converts. ”

“ What a farce over Offiah and the Sydney sevens tournament! It was entirely predictable that he would find a reason not to go, and then would play against Castleford. What was particularly unedifying, though, was to hear of Maurice Lindsay spluttering from

12,000 miles away that he was ineligible to play, and being completely ignored. Lindsay's pressure for a transfer ban, one-way, is also less than convincing, to my mind. At a time when the European court is about to rule in favour of freedom of movement for soccer players in Europe, I don't think it will be very long before a restraint of trade action blows away any ban - so why bother? ”

“ It was a good job that Mr Connolly and his touch judge ruled out Vaikona's last minute 'try' in the Hull match. After their deliberations had cancelled out Joe Faimalo's try, presumably they decided it was the least they could do! The serious point, though, is that the touch judge was the one at fault. He should have stayed off the field, with his flag raised. Connolly would then have been able to play advantage, and give the try, without the problem of some Hull players having stopped playing once the touch judge was on the field. ”

## REFLECTIONS

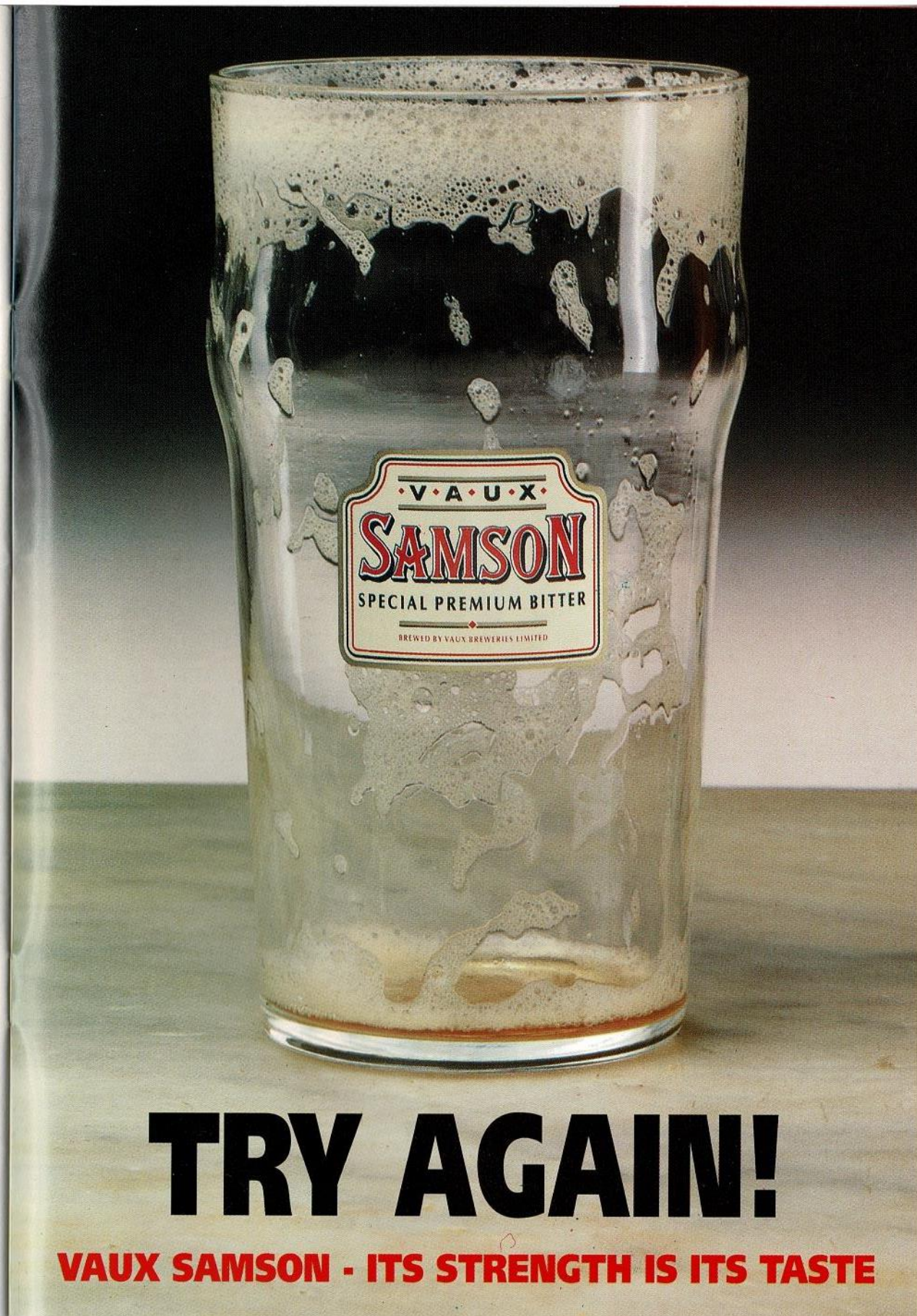
Season 1945/46 was a return to normality, one league, comprising 27 clubs was formed, but Leigh were omitted because they had no ground, 2 County leagues were formed, to run in conjunction with the league programme, but as there were 14 Yorkshire teams, 11 Lancashire, and Workington, it was decided to include Halifax as a Lancashire club, along with Workington, Dewsbury were left in no mans land, being the odd club out, with 13 clubs playing in each County league, but it was agreed their fixtures would include 13 from each County league, somehow all clubs played 36 fixtures each. The top 4 played off at the end of the season, Wigan finished top of the League, to win the League Trophy and they beat Huddersfield in the Championship play-off, at Maine Rd, Manchester before (note this) 67,136 spectators, and not one arrest, you must hand it to Wigan, here we are, 50 years later, and they are still there, involved in all the trophies.

In September 1945 the Australian RL requested a GB team to tour Australia in the summer of 1946 but the RL Council delayed a decision, they did not think they could put out a good side, a lot of players had not been released from the forces, also transport to Australia was a problem, no cushy 757 jets in those days, and all the troop ships had been committed to transport the Aussies and New Zealand troops home from Europe, but on Oct 24th the RL Council accepted the invitation to tour, subject to

transport being available they immediately started to arrange international matches against France and Wales, tour trials and resumed the County Championship. The domestic competitions carried on, not without plenty of incidents, players had come out of the forces full of exuberance, and there were a lot of hard fought matches. At Central Park Wigan, in the Boxing Day derby against St. Helens, one of the top referees, George Phillips (Widnes), was knocked out when he got mixed up in a brawl catching a swinging right hander, it must have been a beauty, for George was as big as any of the forwards. In the semi-final of the RL Cup between Wakefield Trinity and Hunslet, a touch judge Clifford Ramsden had his jaw broken by a spectator who disagreed with one of his decisions, he was stretchered off and detained in hospital, Wakefield won the semi 7 pts to 3, and went on to meet Wigan (who else) in the first Wembley final since 1938. The final was a dramatic affair, Wigan were favourites but Wakefield won the cup with a last minute penalty goal by Billy Stott. On a personal note, I was there, and I have been every Wembley final since, also 2 pre war Wembley, 2 war time 2 legged finals, and 2 replays, if it is not a Rugby League record now, I hope to go on to create one. There were record receipts £12,013 and a record crowd 54,730 Wakefield received only £500 from the gate, and complained, they wanted more, but there request was turned

down. The RL secretary pointed out that the Council had agreed before the final on the amount to be paid to the finalists. January 1946 was a bitterly cold month, a tour trial at Leeds had to be called off along with all other games, the following week at Workington a County match was played, between Cumberland and Lancashire, on a bone hard pitch, it was so cold that the referee's saliva in the whistle kept freezing up and he kept having to borrow one from the touch judges, at half time he, Mr J Taylor (Wakefield) made the team turn straight around, then he blew for time 10 minutes early, he was obviously so cold that he was getting confused when the teams had left the field the County committee pointed out his error and asked that the match should be completed and they returned to the field. There were 10,026 spectators who wanted their moneys worth, Lancashire won 18-3.

That season was the Golden Jubilee of Rugby League, but there were no celebrations, a new RL secretary Bill Fallowfield had just been appointed mid season and could not have possibly have organised anything for 1945 under the conditions prevailing at that time, let us hope this Centenary year will make up for it. With the RL having difficulty in arranging transport to Australia, the Royal Navy came to their rescue by offering them accommodation on the Aircraft Carrier HMS Indomitable, providing they could sail on April 4th. The Rugby League accepted it, the rush started to select the tourists, and all other arrangements to what was to be a momentous tour, but more of this in the next programme.



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## NEWS ON FORMER PLAYERS- RAY ASHTON

Ray Ashton signed for Oldham in 1979 from Widnes Junior Rugby League along with other promising youngsters, Terry Flanagan, Mick Worrall, Paddy Kirwan, Andy Goodway and many others.

He quickly made his way through the ranks and into the first team, he was one of five Oldham players to go on tour to Australia in 1984. Frank Myler was the G.B. coach.

He won under 21 honours against France in Carpentras and established himself as one of G.B.'s best scrum halves at that time.

As the Oldham team began to break up, Ray moved to Leeds and had a good spell under coach Maurice Bamford before moving into coaching.

Workington Town had a good spell under him and he also coached Lancashire before taking control at Bramley where he is still player coach and will be trying to plot an upset in today's clash at Watersheddings.

### QUIZ ANSWERS FROM PAGE 20

- 1 BBC2 Floodlight Trophy 1973/74
- 2 Clive Sullivan (Hull, Hull KR, Oldham, Doncaster)
- 3 Nottingham City 4 Ray Ashton
- 5 Peter Lister 1982/91 (140 tries)
- 6 Mick Parrish (1256 points) 7 Widnes (15-7)
- 8 Three Times (85/86, 89/90, 90/91)
- 9 Fourth Round (once in 1993/94) 10 1976/77

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| DATE      | OPPONENT                      | K.O. | Res     | 1         | 2       | 3         | 4        | 5         |
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| AUGUST    |                               |      |         |           |         |           |          |           |
| 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    |
| SEPTEMBER |                               |      |         |           |         |           |          |           |
| 4th       | <b>Wigan</b>                  | 3.00 | L 58-10 | Gibson T  | Jones   | Irwin T   | Abram    | Ranson T  |
| SEPTEMBER |                               |      |         |           |         |           |          |           |
| 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 ZT | Ranson    |
| OCTOBER   |                               |      |         |           |         |           |          |           |
| 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    |
| NOVEMBER  |                               |      |         |           |         |           |          |           |
| 6th       | Halifax                       | 3.00 | L 34-8  | Gibson    | Heslop  | Irwin     | Abram T  | Ranson    |
| 22nd      | <b>Bradford Northern</b>      | 7.30 | W 32-12 | Gibson ZT | Jones   | Irwin     | Abram ZT | Ranson    |
| 27th      | Wigan                         | 3.00 | L 46-0  | Gibson    | Jones   | Irwin     | Abram    | Ranson    |
| DECEMBER  |                               |      |         |           |         |           |          |           |
| 4th       | Hull K.R. (RT Rd2)            | 3.00 | W 28-0  | Gibson    | Jones T | Irwin T   | Abram CT | Ranson CT |
| 11th      | <b>Warrington</b>             | 3.00 | W 52-22 | Gibson    | Jones   | Irwin     | Abram T  | Ranson T  |
| 18th      | Widnes (RT Rd3)               | 3.00 | L 6-20  | Gibson    | Jones   | Irwin T   | Abram    | Ranson    |
| 26th      | Salford                       | 3.00 | W 16-12 | Gibson    | Belle T | Irwin     | Abram    | Ranson    |
| JANUARY   |                               |      |         |           |         |           |          |           |
| 1st       | <b>Workington Town</b>        | 3.00 | W 20-10 | Gibson    | Belle   | Irwin     | Abram    | Ranson ZT |
| 8th       | <b>Leeds</b>                  | 3.00 | L 14-21 | Gibson    | Belle   | Irwin IT  | Abram    | Ranson    |
| 22nd      | <b>Sheffield Eagles</b>       | 3.00 | L 12-14 | Gibson    | Belle   | Irwin     | Abram    | Ranson IT |
| FEBRUARY  |                               |      |         |           |         |           |          |           |
| 5th       | <b>Hull</b>                   | 3.00 | W 19-14 | Gibson    | Belle   | Topping G | Abram T  | Ranson    |
| 11th      | Bramley (S.C.C.C. Rd 4)       | 3.00 |         |           |         |           |          |           |
| 15th      | Doncaster                     | 7.30 |         |           |         |           |          |           |
| 19th      | St. Helens                    | 3.00 |         |           |         |           |          |           |
| 25th      | Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Rd 5) |      |         |           |         |           |          |           |
| MARCH     |                               |      |         |           |         |           |          |           |
| 5th       | <b>Wakefield Trinity</b>      | 3.00 |         |           |         |           |          |           |
| 11th      | Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Rd 6) |      |         |           |         |           |          |           |
| 19th      | Widnes                        | 3.00 |         |           |         |           |          |           |
| 26th      | <b>Castleford</b>             | 3.00 |         |           |         |           |          |           |
| APRIL     |                               |      |         |           |         |           |          |           |
| 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 |         |           |         |           |          |           |

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|               | P         | W        | D        | L         | F          | A          | Pts       |
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| Wigan         | 19        | 18       | 0        | 1         | 686        | 258        | 36        |
| Leeds         | 20        | 17       | 1        | 2         | 596        | 343        | 35        |
| Halifax       | 20        | 13       | 1        | 6         | 539        | 346        | 27        |
| Bradford N.   | 21        | 13       | 1        | 7         | 536        | 382        | 27        |
| St. Helens    | 21        | 13       | 1        | 7         | 565        | 423        | 27        |
| Warrington    | 20        | 12       | 1        | 7         | 496        | 360        | 25        |
| Castleford    | 19        | 11       | 2        | 6         | 502        | 377        | 24        |
| <b>OLDHAM</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>361</b> | <b>458</b> | <b>17</b> |
| Sheffield     | 20        | 8        | 0        | 12        | 390        | 500        | 16        |
| Salford       | 19        | 7        | 1        | 11        | 397        | 450        | 15        |
| Workington    | 20        | 7        | 1        | 12        | 343        | 509        | 15        |
| Wakefield     | 20        | 7        | 0        | 13        | 296        | 502        | 14        |
| Featherstone  | 20        | 5        | 1        | 14        | 394        | 463        | 11        |
| Doncaster     | 20        | 5        | 1        | 14        | 334        | 603        | 11        |
| Widnes        | 18        | 4        | 1        | 13        | 202        | 452        | 9         |
| Hull          | 20        | 3        | 1        | 16        | 364        | 575        | 7         |



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| Gartland G1   | Crompton      | Sherratt | Clarke     | Parr     | Lord    | Davidson  | Kuiti    | Richards T2 | Heslop   |
| Gartland G1   | Crompton T    | Sherratt | Clarke     | Richards | Lord    | Davidson  | Kuiti    | Parr        | Topping  |
| Gartland G1   | Crompton T    | Sherratt | Clarke     | Parr     | Lord    | Davidson  | Kuiti    | Richards    | Faimalo  |
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| Topping 4g    | Crompton 1 dg | Sherratt | Clarke     | Faimalo  | Lord    | Green     | Kuiti    | Gartland    | Davidson |
| Topping 5g    | Crompton      | Sherratt | Clarke     | Parr     | Lord T  | Faimalo   | Kuiti    | Gibson      | Temu     |
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| Topping 2g    | Crompton T    | Sherratt | Clarke     | Temu     | Lord    | Faimalo   | Kuiti    | Bradbury    | Green    |
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## Junior Roughy'eds

On behalf of ALL the Junior Roughy'eds, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Andy Goodway, and all the players, Good Luck in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup. So here's hoping for a good cup run, and who knows, maybe a trip to Wembley in May!!!!

### CLASSIQUE JEWELLERS PLAYER OF THE MONTH MERIT AWARD

| OLDHAM V HULL |   |
|---------------|---|
| FAAIMALO      | 5 |
| STEPHENSON    | 3 |
| KUITI         | 1 |

### CLASSIQUE JEWELLERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

| Present Positions |    |
|-------------------|----|
| KUITI             | 41 |
| CROMPTON          | 28 |
| CLARKE            | 26 |

### JANUARY PLAYER OF THE MONTH

MIKE KUITI

Once again congratulations are due to Mike, he will be presented prior to kick off today, with an engraved medal, a cheque for £50 and a jewellery voucher courtesy of Phil from Classique. Keep it up Mike - Sue will be "dripping in gold".

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### Supporters Club News

Seats on the coaches to the next two away matches can be booked at the Canteen today, or by calling 061-665-1832, details are as follows:

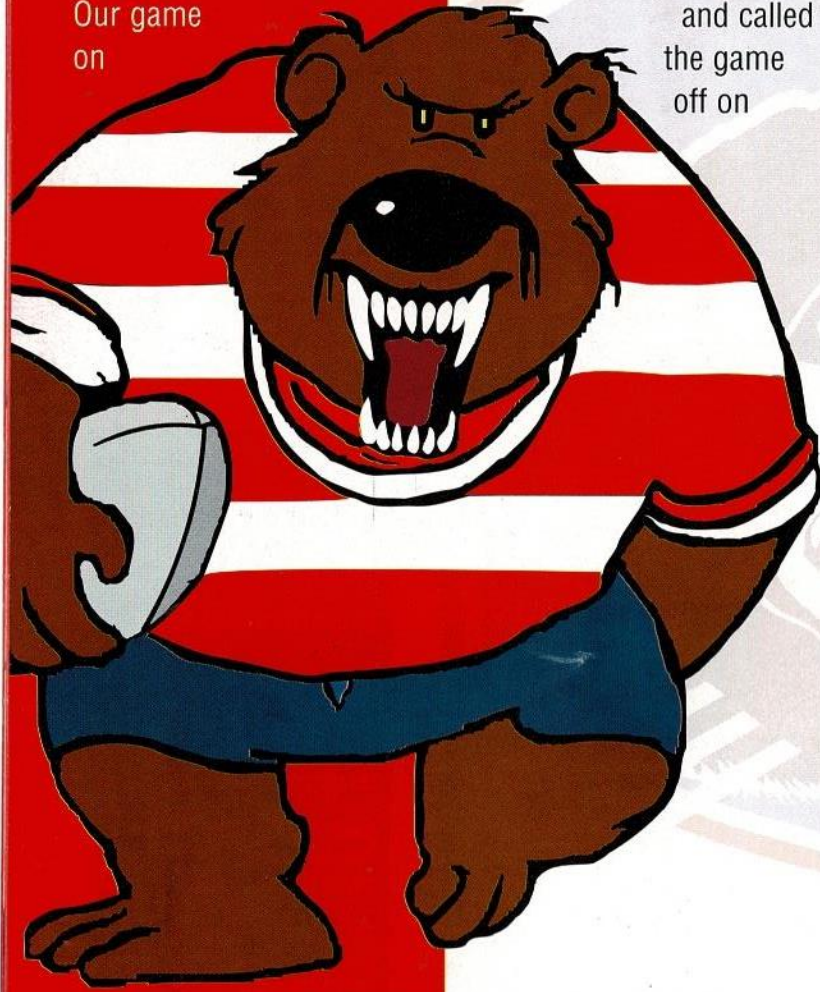
Doncaster Feb 15th  
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Departs 1.15pm  
Adults £4 Junior £2.50

# ACADEMY UPDATE

## WEATHER CAUSES PROBLEMS

Chris McKinney our second row Academy player will be making his debut for Great Britain against the French at Salford tonight Tuesday the 7th of February. Good Luck goes to Chris, let's hope he has a great game. Our game on

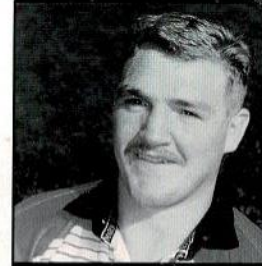


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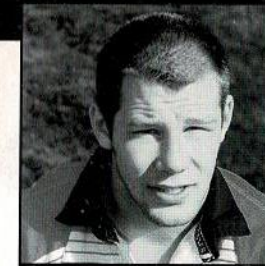
Saturday was the victim of weather. It was our home game but we tried to get the match transferred up to Workington because of the terrible weather we had during the week, but they had obviously been having the same and called the game off on

Saturday morning. I felt very sorry for our supporters who made the long trip to Workington only to be told the game had been cancelled on arrival. The players were all devastated because we were hoping to get back to winning ways after our bad result at Rochdale. Billy Tindall, who has been in great form has received a three match ban for his involvement with one of the opposition in our last match, will be missed badly, but you have got to be disciplined in this game of ours. Instead of rushing in, just count to ten. This weekend we are away to Hull KR with whom we had a great match at home so we are keeping our fingers crossed and hoping that this game will be played and not be a victim of the weather.

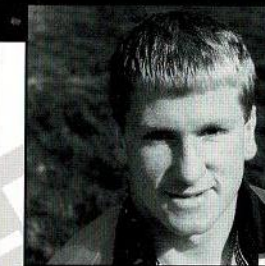
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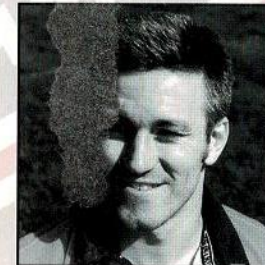
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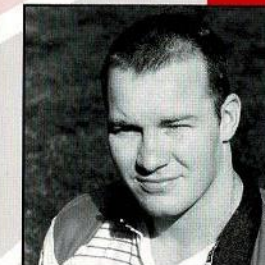
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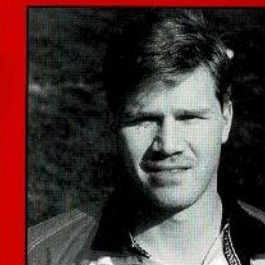
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