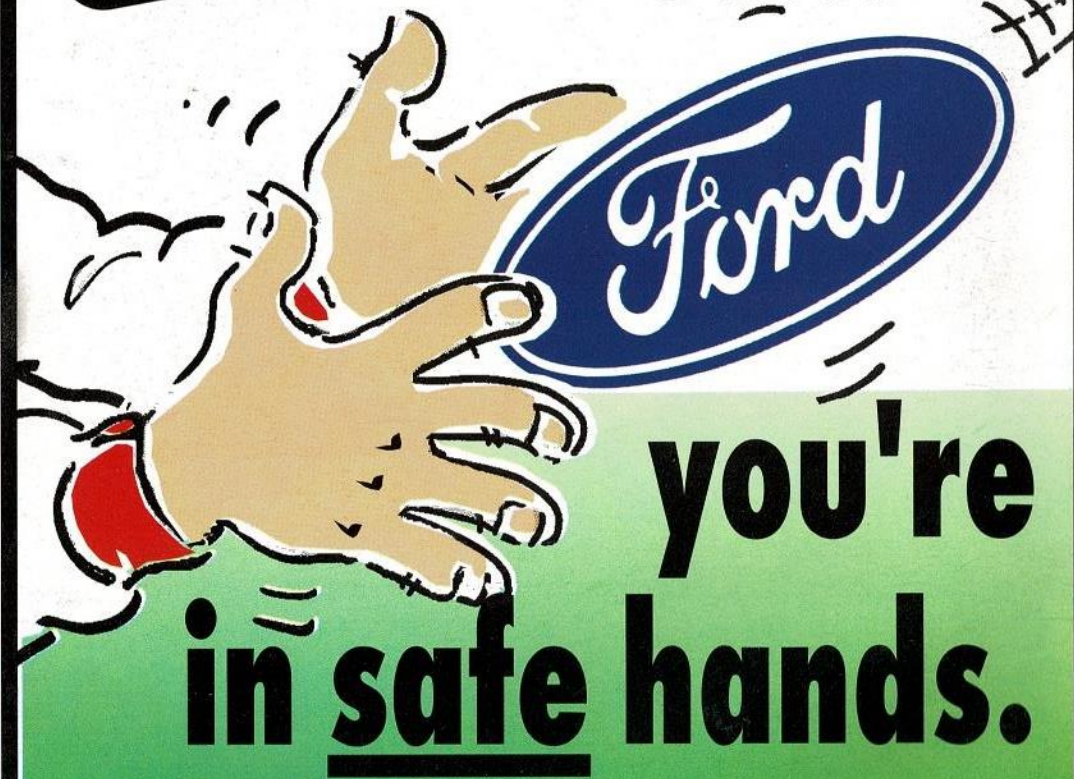




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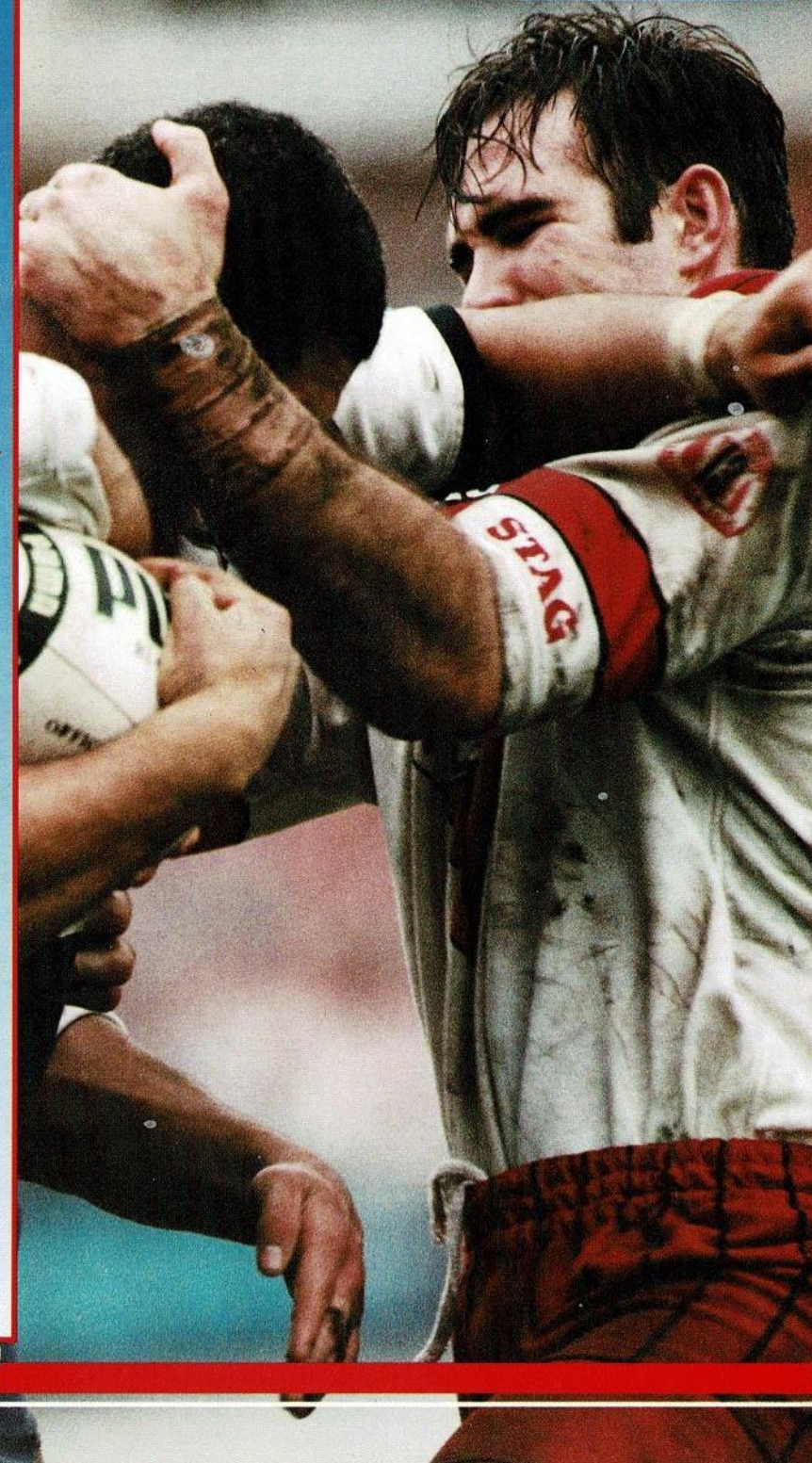
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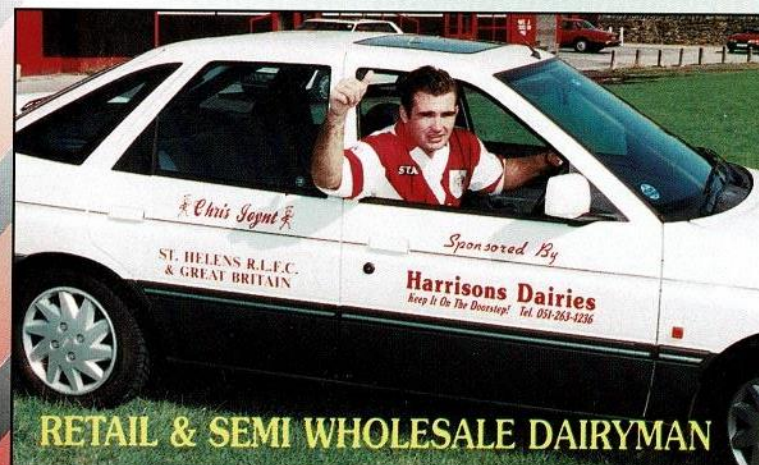
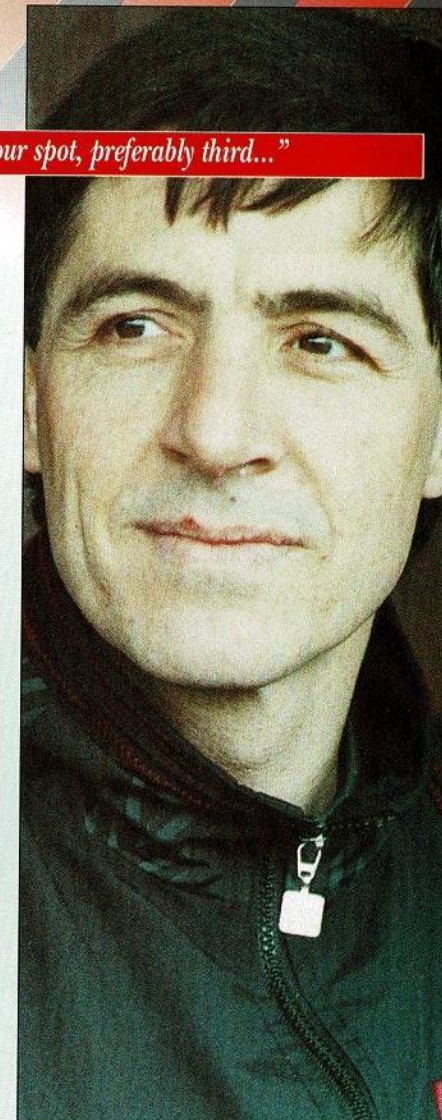
"our aim now is a top four spot, preferably third..."

Some tremendous moments but eventual disappointment is the only way to sum up the feelings in the camp following the two cup encounters of last week. The Saints players gave their all, we came within a whisker in the first game of causing the upset; a capacity crowd for the replay; but eventually Wigan proved why they are the most successful team in world rugby. They opened up in the first half of the replay firing on all cylinders and this fact coupled with their undoubted talents meant the outcome of the cup tie was settled by half time. Full credit to the Saints for sticking to their task and reducing the deficit to 12 points at one stage, but the best team on the night went through to the next round. It was great to see the turnstiles closed before kick off and a big thankyou for all your support during both

games comes from all the players and coaching staff at Knowsley Road. Today we return to Stones Bitter Championship action with the visit of Oldham. The design of the league is such that there is always something to aim for. Ours is now a top four spot, preferably third, to leave us with a home draw in the Premiership play off. To achieve this we need to embark on a roll of victories starting today. Our visitors, the "Roughyeds", will be a tough hurdle for us as they have recently climbed the table and are now sat in the top half. The disappointment of the cup exit must be put behind us and the players need to raise themselves for another big effort if we are to pick up the league points.

Enjoy the Game

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MARTIN CROMPTON

DARREN ABRAM

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

DAMIEN AINGE

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

CRAIG BOOTH

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

DAVID BRADBURY

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

DAVID CHRIMES

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

JOHN CLARKE

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

MARTIN CROMPTON

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

PAUL DAVIDSON

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

MICHAEL EDWARDS

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

STEVE GARTLAND

Needs no introduction to League fans in the Oldham Rochdale areas. A clever stand off aged 23, he signed for Rochdale from Oldham amateur club St Annes in 1990 and established a Rochdale club record of 276 points in a season in 1992/93. A useful goal kicker he is the son of Brian Gartland Oldham's town team coach and a former member of the Watersheddings coaching staff.

WALLY GIBSON

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

ALFIE GOUBORNE

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

IYAN GREEN

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

NIGEL HESLOP

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

MARTIN HOLDEN

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

SHAUN IRWIN

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

DAVID JONES

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

STEVE KERRY

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

MIKE KUITI

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

GARY LORD

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

PAUL TOPPING

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

PADDY MITCHELL

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

IAN SHERRATT

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

DAVID STEPHENSON

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

SCOTT RANSON

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



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TALKING Rugby

with ... Bill Bates

Following the excitement of Saints two epic Challenge Cup 4th round ties with Wigan, it's back to the relative normality of Stones Bitter Championship Rugby League with Oldham our visitors this afternoon. Oldham are coached by former RL great Andy Goodway and as the season has progressed his side have gradually improved and find themselves currently in 8th position in the table. From their 20 Championship matches they have nine wins a draw and ten defeats for a total of 19 points. Oldham have beaten Doncaster, Widnes, Bradford N, Warrington, Workington and Hull at Watersheddings whilst Hull, Salford and Doncaster have been beaten on their travels. Their draw was against Saints at Watersheddings last October. Oldham's home defeats have been at the hands of Halifax, Wigan, Featherstone R, Leeds and Sheffield E. where as Bradford N, Warrington, Wakefield T, Halifax and Wigan have each triumphed over Oldham in their away matches. In the Regal Trophy 2nd Division Hull KR were beaten 28 nil in the 2nd Round before Widnes ended their interest in this seasons competition at Naughton Park in the 3rd Round when they defeated Oldham 20 points to 6. Last weekend in the Challenge Cup 4th Round Bramley were defeated at home by a club record 70 points to 10 and as a result Oldham travel to Warrington next Saturday in the 5th round. Like Saints Oldham love to play open expansive rugby so usually when they meet the encounters are usually very exciting high scoring affairs. Both sides played mid week matches last week so the side which is the fitter, displays the better ball control and is able to adapt best in the conditions should prevail. Oldham's dangermen are Darren Abram, Shaun Irwin, Martin Crompton, Scott Ranson, Paul Topping and Mike Kulti and with

players of this calibre if Saints want to continue the pressure in their quest to attain a top 4 position by defeating Oldham then they will have to give 100%.

■ **So near, yet so far**

Saints interests in this seasons Challenge Cup were sadly ended last Wednesday evening when Wigan handed out a 40 points to 24 defeat in the 4th round replay here at Knowsley Road. Saints best chance of beating the old enemy seemed to be in the first match at Central Park when only the goal post stood between them and a famous victory. Last Wednesday it was a completely different story. Wigan played magnificently and although Saints gave their all it just wasn't to be. The match had an explosive start when in the very first minute a fight occurred which resulted in Saints Bobby Goulding and Wigan's Kelvin Skerrett and Martin Hall having a spell in the sin bin. In their absence Steve Prescott converted an early penalty to give Saints the lead before Jason Robinson's try and a Botica conversion off the touchline and penalty gave Wigan an 8-2 lead. Midway through the first half the scores were tied at 8 all when Bobby Goulding's massive bomb was caught by Phil Veivers who subsequently slipped a lovely short pass to the supporting Goulding who crossed unopposed beneath the posts. He converted, the scores were level and then came the turning point of the match. Scott Gibbs whilst attempting to clear his lines suffered a dislocated elbow and lost the ball in the tackle. He had to leave the field to be replaced by Mark Elia and from the resulting scrum, Martin Offiah, 5 tackles later, crossed out wide for a converted try. Gary Connolly, Martin Offiah (with his second) and Phil Clarke were also to score tries for Wigan before the break. Each was duly converted by Frano Botica and at

half time Wigan led by 32 points to 8. In the second period it was Saints who were first to score when Sonny Nickle's blockbusting converted try reduced the deficit to 18 points. Martin Offiah then completed his hat trick and Wigan led by 36 points to 14. Saints hadn't finished though. Firstly Chris Joynt crossed for a very important converted try and this was followed almost immediately as Ian Pickavance "four pointer" and with 8 minutes left Wigan led by 12. However this was as close as Saints were going to get. Wigan once again seemed to step up a gear and scored the final try when Henry Paul crossed in the corner. The final margin of Wigan's victory was 16 points and even Saints most ardent followers would admit that Wigan were the better side. Saints however, over the two matches can feel proud of their efforts and whilst they weren't quite good enough to proceed at Wigan's expense, their brave, gritty display should give the rest of RL heart by showing them that Wigan are not invincible.

■ **Youth Policy**

One of the more pleasing aspects of Saints two Challenge Cup tie meetings with Wigan was the performance of Saints young hooker Keiron Cunningham. At 18 years of age he's got a great future ahead of him. Keiron, along with Steve Prescott are the result of Saints recent youth policy, which I believe is the best in the RLFC. Don't be surprised to see other talented youngsters having an opportunity, in the not too distant future, in the 1st team as the club has players with great potential, just waiting for their chance in the A team and Academy.

■ **Condolences**

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to send my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Brian Dillon who sadly passed away last weekend. Brian was Saints mad, having prior to last Wednesday's Wigan clash last missed a 1st team game on 2nd May 1970. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him at Saints and my thoughts are with you at this time.



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GRAB A GROWN UP-QUICK!

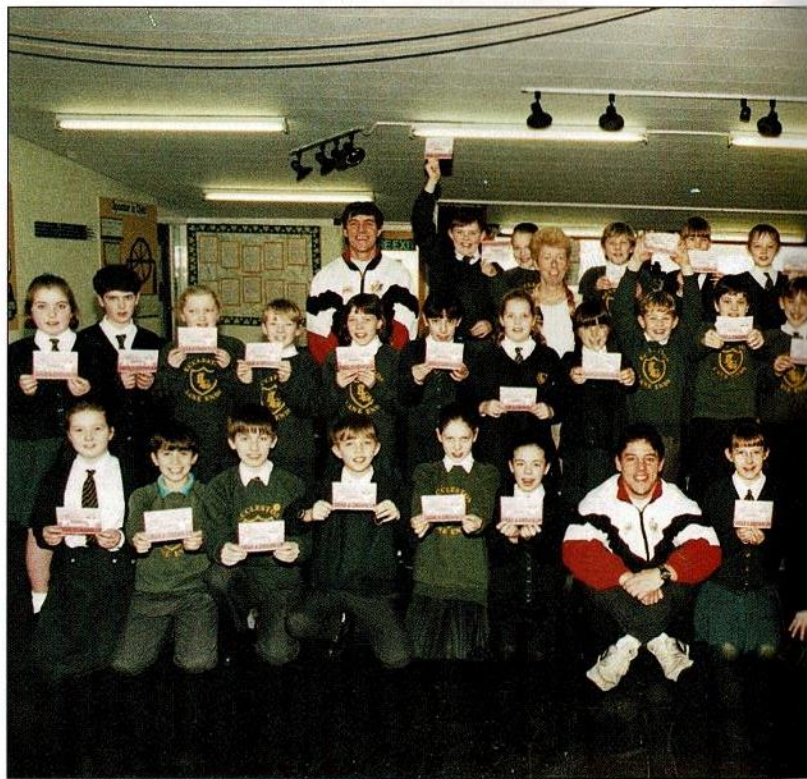
A Liverpool born lass who was converted from the Reds of Anfield to the Saints of Knowsley Road just three seasons ago has enlisted 'freebie' pupil power to help increase gates, and the club are delighted!

Entitled 'Grab-a-Grown-up' the scheme is the brainchild of teacher Vivienne Varley, of Eccleston Lane Ends junior school, who outlined her ideas to Saints after she coordinated a project on the team by boys and girls of year 5.

Mrs Varley, of Laurel Drive, Eccleston is a season ticket holder at Saints along with husband David and their eldest daughter Cathy, and all three also attend away fixtures.

The Knowsley Road board were so impressed with the efforts of the youngsters that they gave the green light to Vivienne's suggestion that children under 12 from her school be admitted free if they are accompanied by a responsible adult whom they know, including season ticket holders.

Local printers of this



programme Colourplan also gave their backing in supplying special admission tickets, and the novel venture was launched in pilot form for the game against Hull, when 37 children and their guardians took advantage of a saving of £3.50.

Now the crowd boosting scheme is set to mushroom, for a total of 600 passes have been issued to schools in the immediate catchment area for today's game, with pupils from Eccleston Mere, Bleak Hill and St. Julie's

poised to join the youthful pioneers from Eccleston Lane Ends.

The ultimate aim is to extend the facility to all 70-plus school in the borough where, on the assumption that 18 adults and the same number of children took up the offer, the turnstiles would click, to the tune of an extra 2,000 spectators per match. Said Mrs Varley "Everyone at school is delighted with the co-operation we have received from Saints, especially vice chairman Tom

▼ Fans of the future ... Pupils of Eccleston Lane Ends junior school welcome their heroes coach Eric Hughes, Apollo Perelini and Jonathan Griffiths.



Ellard, director Malcolm Kay and players Apollo Perelini and Jonathan Griffiths."

"We have had a lot of favourable feed back from the experimental game against Hull, and it could be that the 'Grab a Grown up' scheme will be a forerunner to the start of family ticket system, which would be part of a 'catch them young' policy with an eye on future attendances.

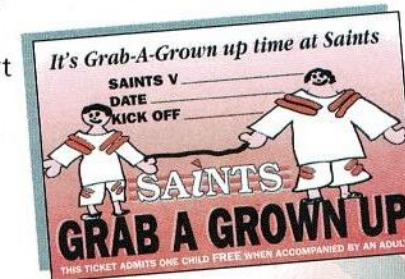
'Saints have given unqualified approval to our

SCRUM DOWN!



Versatile Bobby Goulding is pictured in the hooking role as he packs down between brothers David (left) and Kevin Makin, who rank among the Great Britain half backs greatest fans. 11 year old Kevin has been a Saints's Supporters Club member since birth and he and David, aged 8, travel to every match from their home in Blackburn with their policeman father Gary, who is a club vice-president. And on the way they never fail to call at Park Street, Haydock, to pick up grandfather Norman, who first trod the Knowsley Road turf as captain of the all-conquering Parr Central School team of the mid-1940s. A real family affair you might say!

plans and I will be pleased to supply further information to any local school who would like to be involved in the scheme," added Mrs Varley who can be contacted on St. Helens 23850.

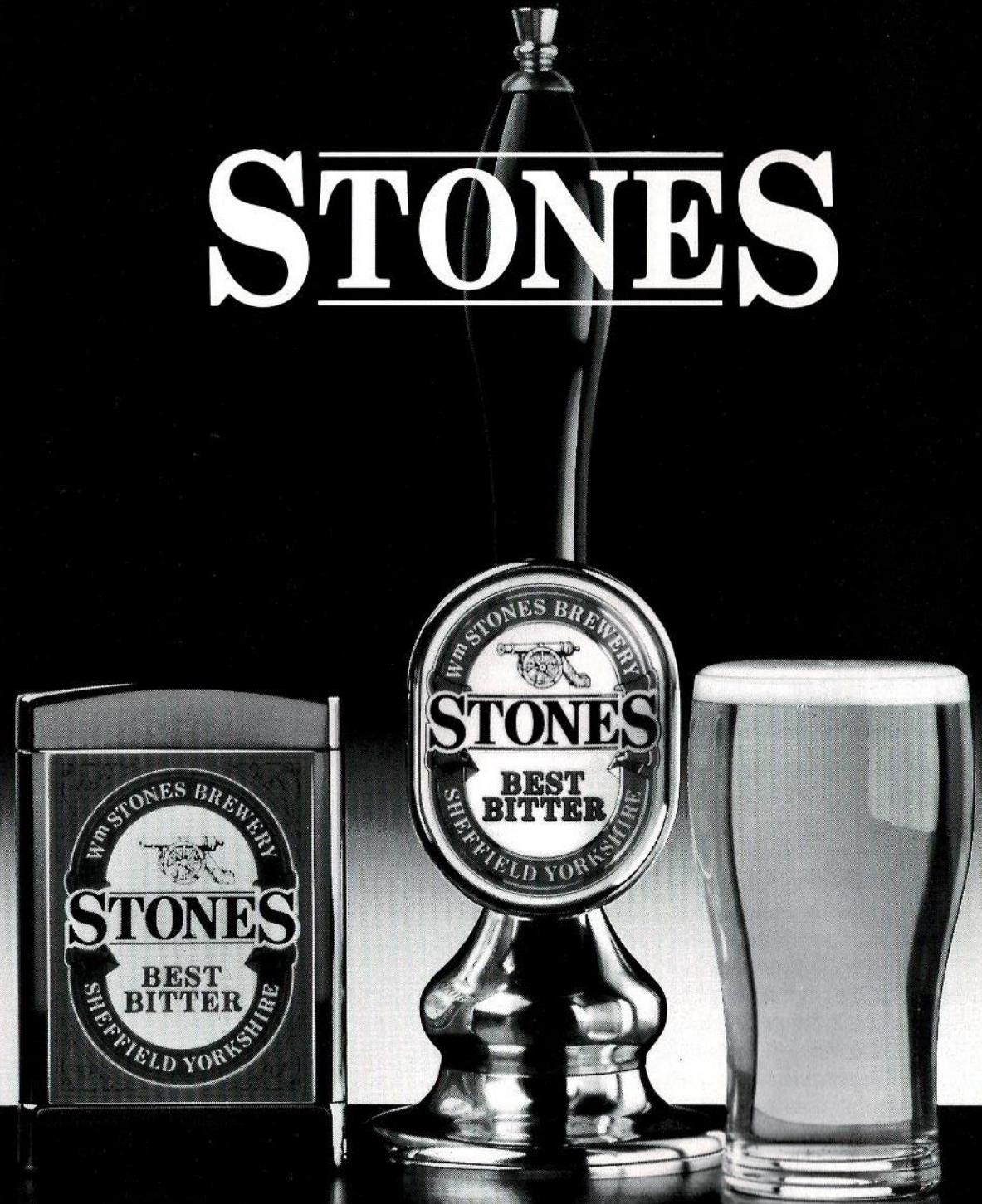


Jack Davies

Life long Saints supporter Jack Davies of Pyes Gardens, Green Leach has died at the age of 79. A stand season ticket holder, Jack was a regular at Knowsley Road until the onset of Parkinson's Disease confined him to a wheelchair. Many fellow fans were present at his funeral at St. Mark's Church, Haydock when a wreath from Saints was among the floral tributes to Mr Davies.



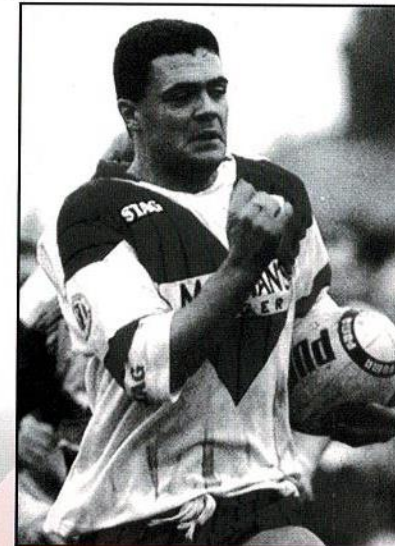
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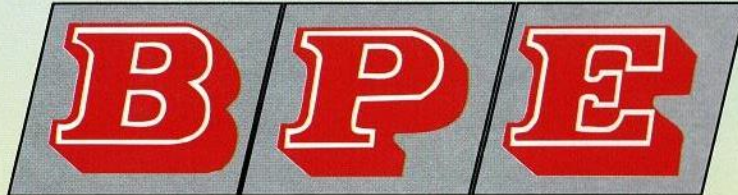
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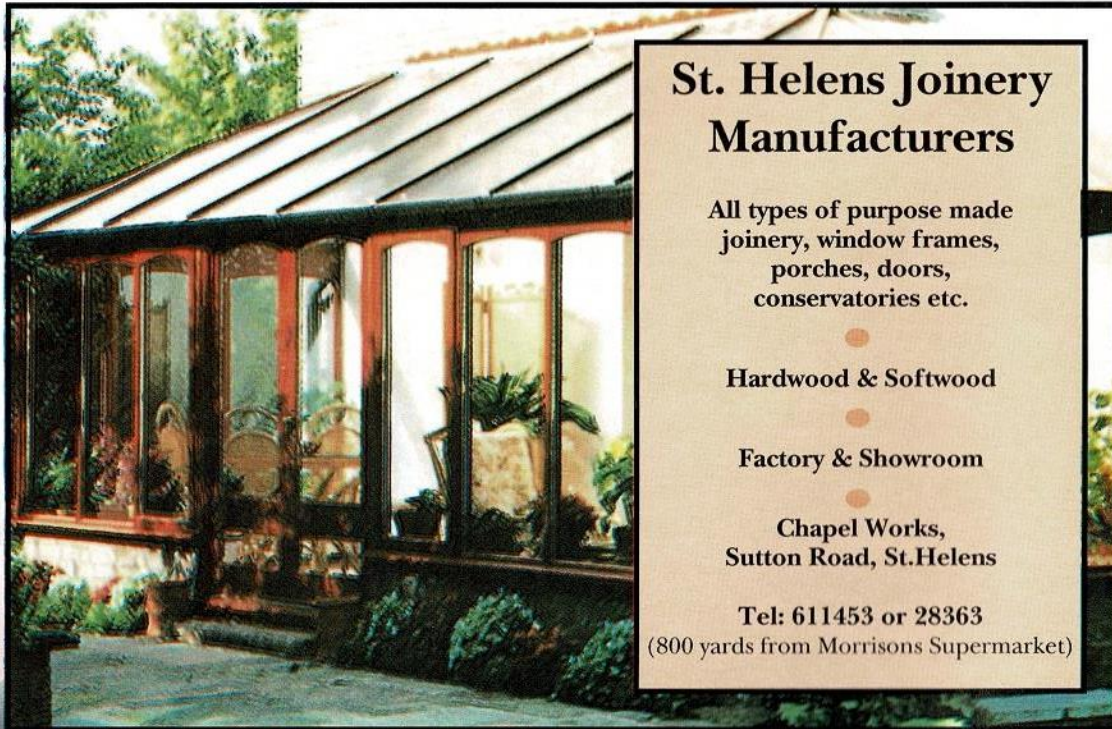
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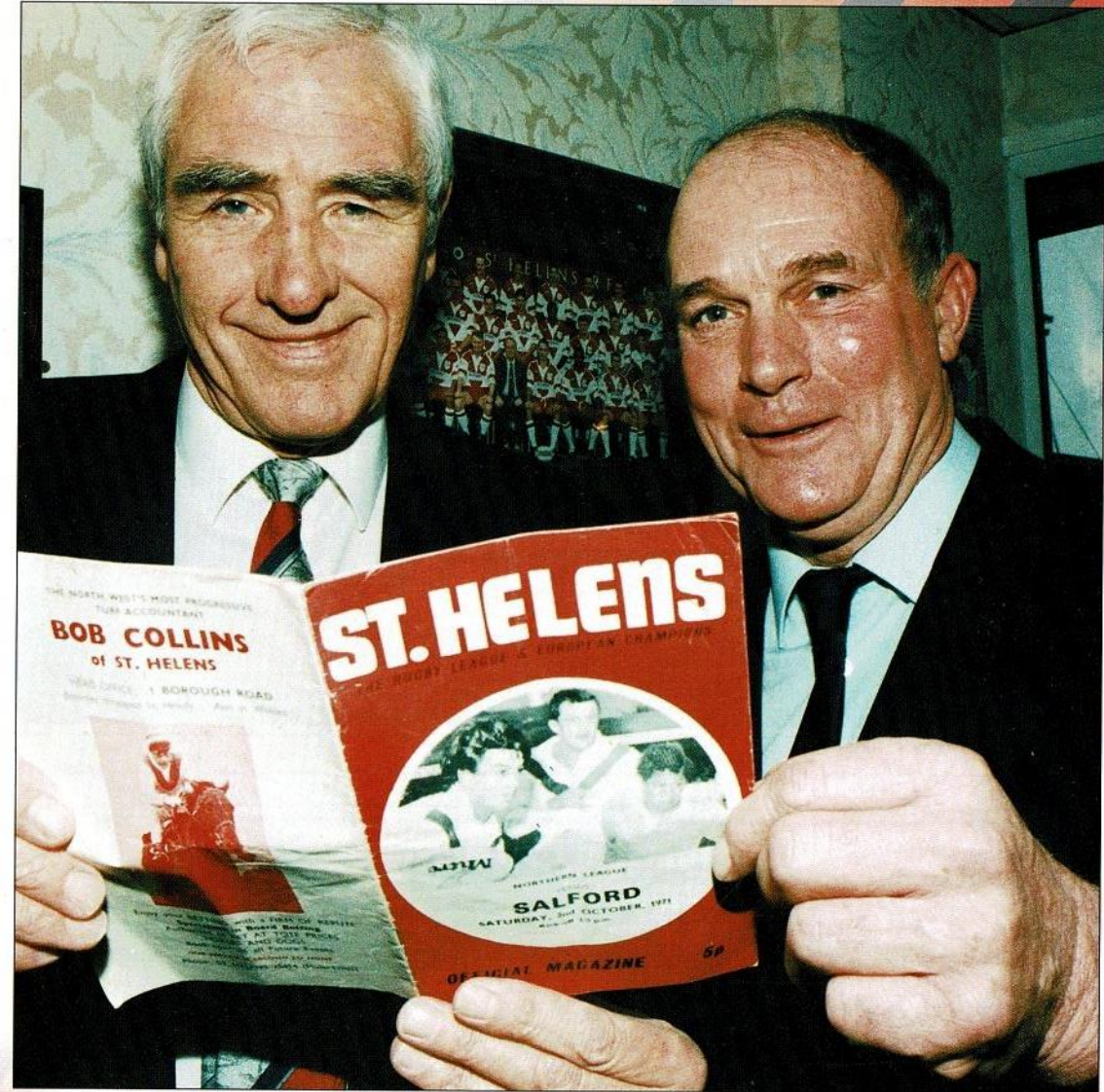
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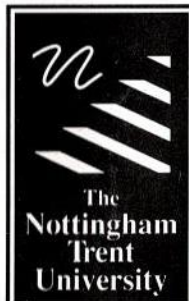
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■ Welcome To Oldham

Saints' return to the Stones Bitter Championship today with a tough fixture against the vastly improved Oldham team splendidly coached by old foe Andy Goodway. Oldham have a number of St Helens born players in their side and that always adds extra spice to these games. Saints' will be out to avenge that 18-18 draw at Watersheddings earlier in the season when they ended with only eleven players following dismissals to Nickle and Perelini. Eric Hughes and the players will be keen to gain two Championship points towards a top four spot. Following the energy spent in the two Wigan games, this will be a tough one. No doubt today Oldham Chairman Jim Quinn will be seeking support for his summer rugby campaign. He certainly has it from me. I feel that summer rugby is inevitable and it could be in within 3 years. The advantages outweigh anything opponents can say. Let's go for it!

■ Capping

At the R.L. Council meeting last Wednesday, clubs voted in favour of a salary capping system for next season. It is intended to prevent clubs from spending more than their income. Here at Knowsley Road, the club has operated its own system as it rebuilds the team, while trying hard to retain its present stars. Believe me, it's not easy. Also at the Council meeting, clubs voted in favour of a two-year ban on the signing of Australian players. The agreement is two-way and is intended to protect the game's development. A further vote, with Saints against, has reduced the overseas quota from three players to two. This now means that the club has had to modify its plans for next season.

■ They've Done Us Again

Playing probably their best rugby of the season in the first half, Wigan overwhelmed injury-riddled Saints to show them the exit sign from the 1995 Challenge Cup. Yet that brilliant and brave secondhalf fightback from the

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Saints had even super Wigan rocking and time wasting. With Saints suddenly on a roll and the scores at 36-24, Bobby Goulding's conversion attempt sadly hit the post and bounced out, just like the dropgoal last Saturday. Inquests galore at the club and throughout the town, but the glaring element in the defeat was that Saints had too many players missing. Take five or six players from Wigan's team on the night against a full strength Saints' team and the boot would have been on the other foot. Put both teams at full strength and I would still fancy Saints. Unfortunately, it is all conjecture and cannot change the result. Saints suffered badly from the loss of Scott Gibbs who was having a big game. Unfortunately his dislocated elbow will keep him out for up to 6 weeks. I sincerely felt that Saints gave it all they had. None could have tried harder or been braver. Ian Pickavance had a big, big game totally outclassing the opposition props, while Sonny Nickle proved who is the boss man among British forwards with a towering performance. Dave Lyon, Chris Joynt, Kieron Cunningham and the rest can be proud of themselves. To see them after the game was heartbreaking. They are just as disappointed as you or I. Let's give them a lift today with a big cheer. Come on you Saints.

■ Super Crowd

Rugby League needs a good Saints side just as much as it needs Wigan. The

17,300 capacity crowd proved it, with another 3,000 supporters outside unable to get in. I must congratulate the Police Commander and her force for the outstanding way they handled the situation. Well done!

■ The Brain Dead

Brain dead! If that sounds emotive, I make no apologies, but I consider it an apt description for those mindless morons who brought disgrace to our club and our game with the missile attacks from the terraces. The crowd had swayed, chanted and cheered with the changing fortunes of the game, had mixed well and were generally well behaved. Then we had a minority out to cause disruption. I was proud of those supporters who stood no nonsense and quickly identified the culprits to police and stewards. First reports indicate that one who was escorted from the ground had not been to a rugby match before. My advice to this unruly element is - we don't need you and we don't want you or your money. Stop away!

■ Where Do We Go From Here

First of all, we go for the top four and the Premiership. I can also assure fans that Eric Hughes' plans for next season are well advanced. I am sure the squad will be even stronger next season.

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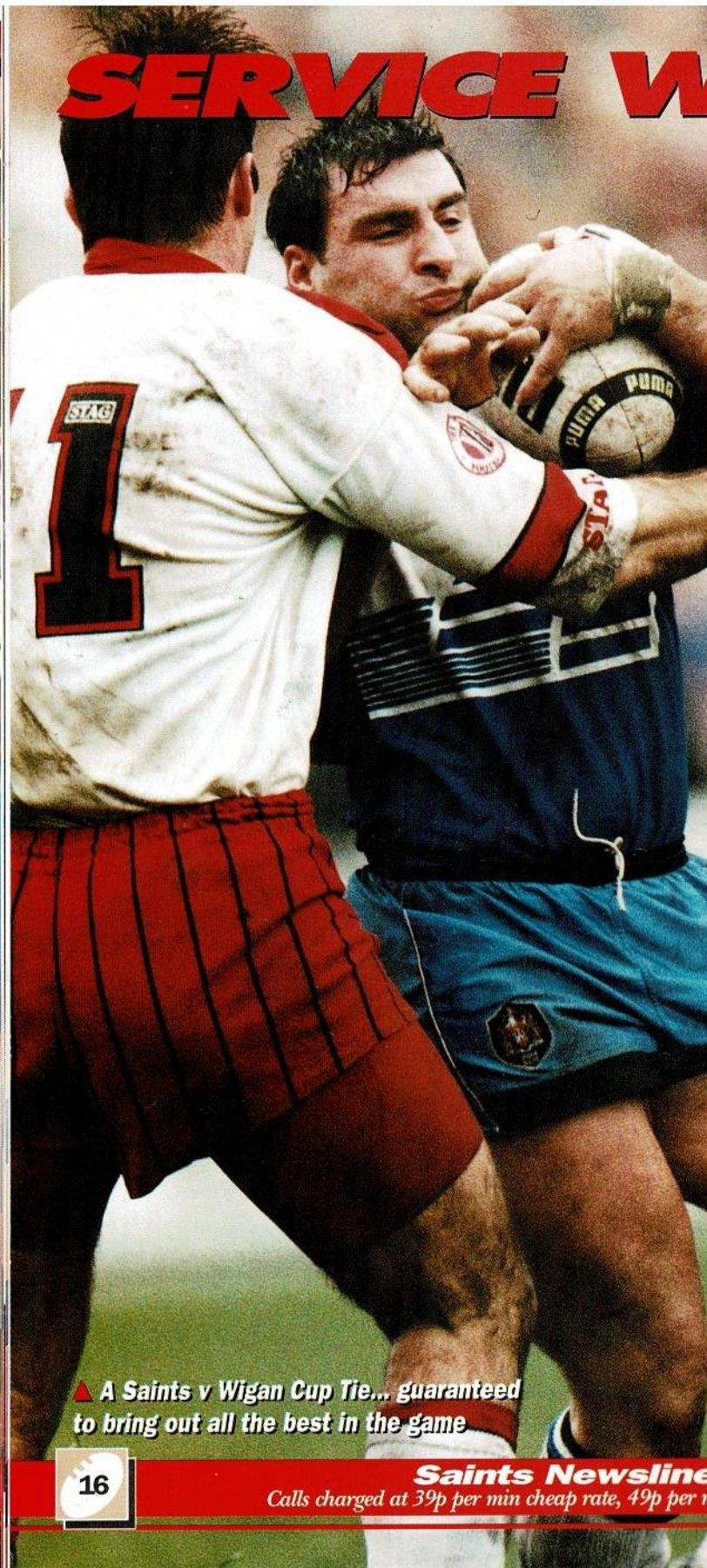
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SENDING OUT AN S.O.S.

Thank God for an old-fashioned Wigan-Saints cup tie to bring out all the best in this great game of ours! Did I say great game? Rugby League is virtually the only game which flagrantly disregards its own rules in favour of so-called directives. Every week, at every level, referees flaunt the rules! I have done it myself many times! Yes...allowing the illegal scrum feed. My excuse is this, my Under 16s at Broadway last season were not blessed with the biggest pack in the history of the game. To have the ball put in the middle of the tunnel would have meant being driven off it every time. I felt the need to balance possession for both sides, as they were mostly friendly matches...but I didn't really enjoy doing it! At professional level we find huge props who pack down like they are head to head with Mother Teresa! So...what do we do about it? For several seasons now, scrums have, at least, been quite trouble free. Part of Greg McCallum's brief should surely be to reinstate correct feeding procedures at every scrum. Rugby league has lost that feeling of uncertainty. Remember those halcyon days when the likes of Bill Ashurst or Kel Coslett could gain significant yardage and at least have some reward for their tremendous skill shortly after by getting the ball back at the scrum! Head and feed ... the emphasis upon feed ... has reduced Rugby League to a game where teams win through making less errors than their opponents. Nothing wrong with that, you might say. Yet teams these days are prepared to take fewer risks overall. Look at front row forwards today. They are all, barring one or two exceptions, sheer yardage merchants. Gone are the days of John Tembey, Stan Owen, Brian McTigue ... I think Derek Pyke was the last true ball-handling prop of

the old school ... although you could argue that the likes of Kevin Ward was always looking to off-load at every opportunity. Yet the game is more predictable and sterile than it ever was. Yes ... there has been compensation in the actual pace of the game. But what chance has a team got of getting the ball against the head and feed? None, actually! At the Don Valley Stadium recently, the Saints won the ball against the feed. The result? They were penalised! Just what is going on? I must confess, Rugby league without scrums ... as proposed by some people in Australia ... is positively

unthinkable! We have already gone down the road towards a diluted-and-inferior-form of 'Gridiron' football. Steps must be taken now to ensure the character of the game is preserved ... and scrums should be restored to their former importance ... for regaining possession, not merely a convenient way of re-starting play! Yet it is all down to refereeing! Officials must ensure that the ball is rolled down the middle of the tunnel. Why don't we try it again? Despite the flurry of penalties initially it would be well worth it ... and, I suspect, what every true Rugby League fan wants! So ... perhaps Graham Liptrot

... Saints' last great hooker in the 'purest' sense ... could pass on his expertise to the Dwyer's and Cunningham's of this world. A lost art indeed. I wonder if the Governing Body would really have the bottle, as one critic wrote recently, to "Give us our game back". Perhaps Centenary Year would be the ideal time to make such a 'directive'. It's now or never!

VIDEO NASTIES?

Talking of Centenary Year doubtless there will be a publication or two to commemorate the event. I believe Geoffrey Moorhouse of 'At the George' fame is writing the official history ... yet you would think that the B.B.C. could also do its bit to promote the history of the game. Given the probable depth of material in their archives, it should not prove too difficult to put together some sort of video to help to promote the game. Yet so far ... all quiet. I suspect that they have no plans whatsoever! The Corporation did manage to pull out a series of Challenge Cup Finals some years back, together with a 101 greatest tries compilation. Obviously no signs of a follow up. Perhaps they are waiting for 1997 ... the Centenary of the Challenge Cup ... to put out a taped compilation of famous Wembley Finals. No problems there. It would have a global appeal for Rugby league fans. How I would love to see, for example, Frank Myler's try for Widnes in the 1964 Final against Hull K.R. The previous year's final between Wakefield and Wigan was a real cracker too! So come on let's have something we can get our teeth into ... show a bit of faith in the 13-a side code! Let's be honest, rugby is more than Sir Robert Andrew of Twickenham's 20 Best Drop Goals, or Martin Bayfield's Greatest Line-out Leaps! Maybe if we all put pen to paper...?



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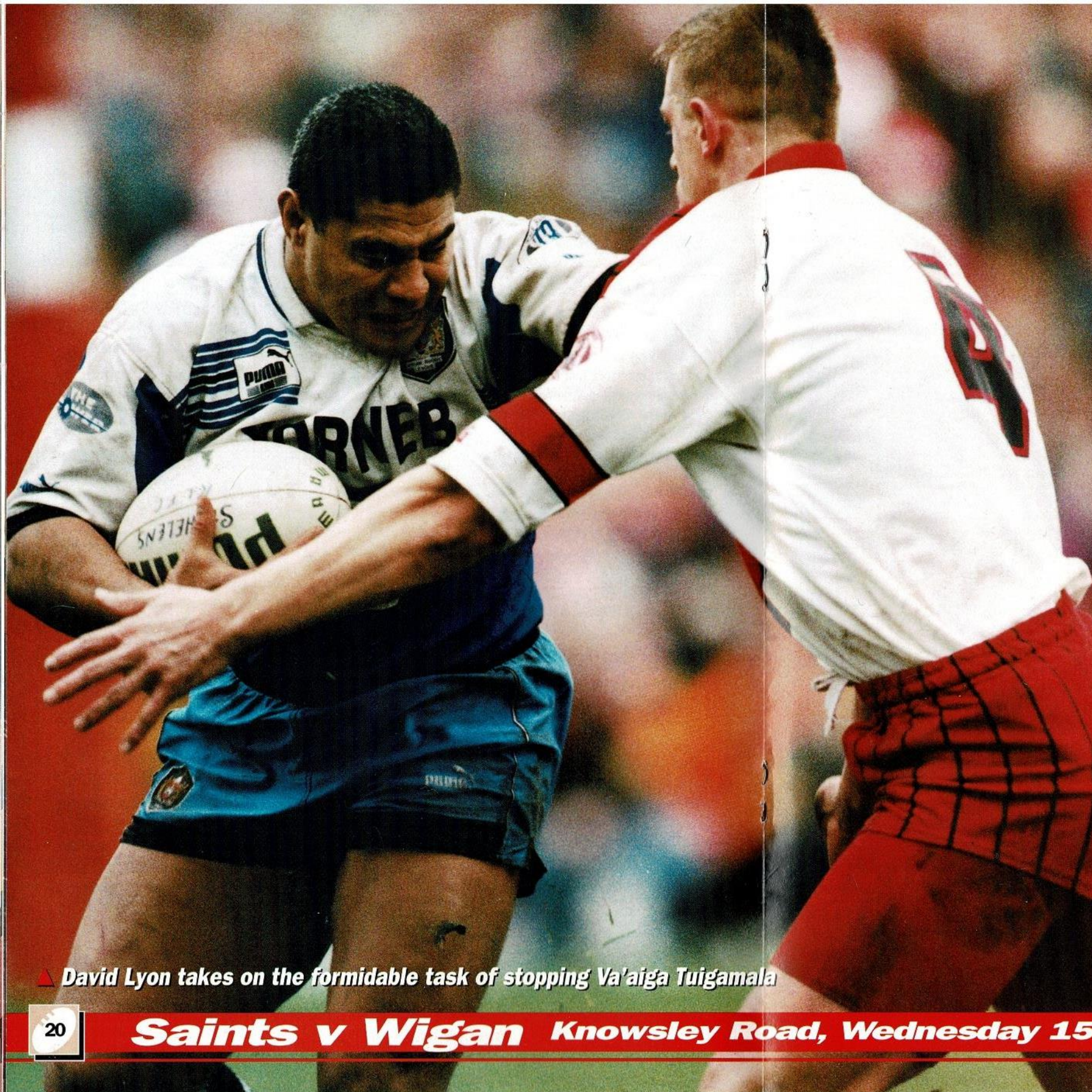
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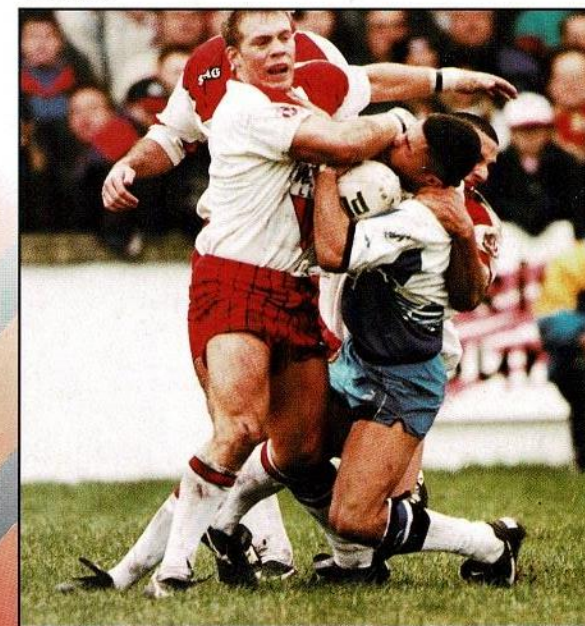
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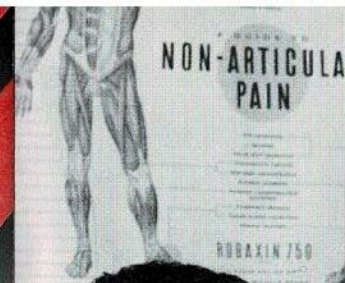
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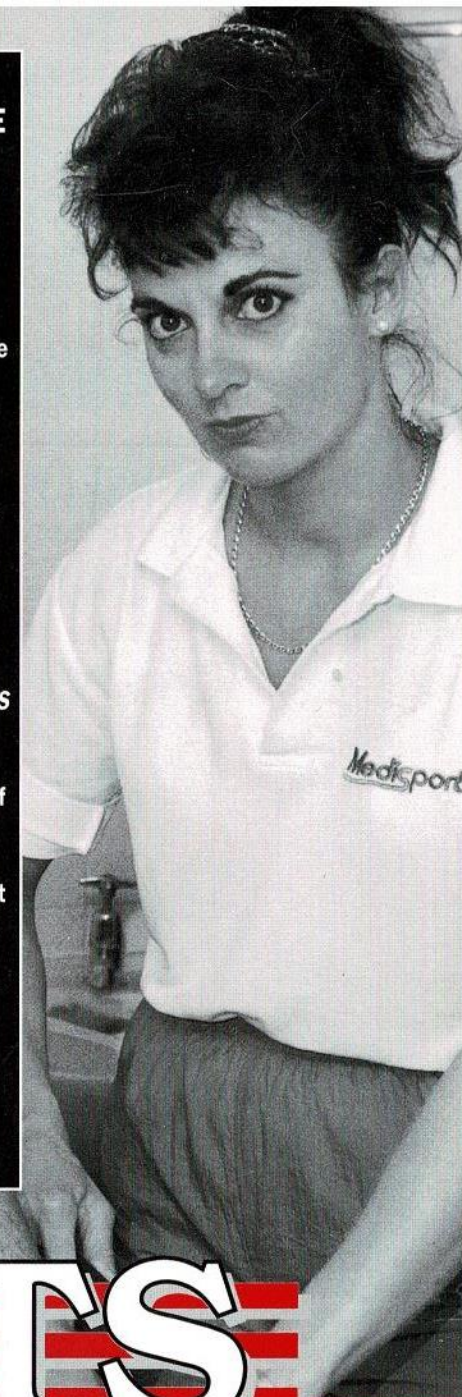
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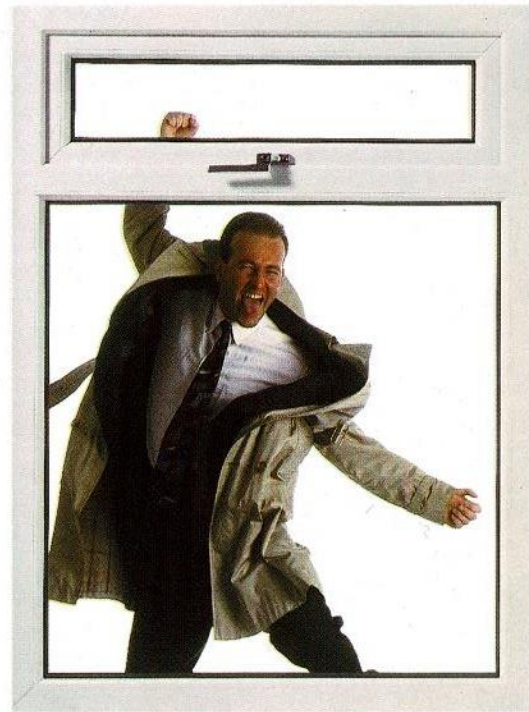


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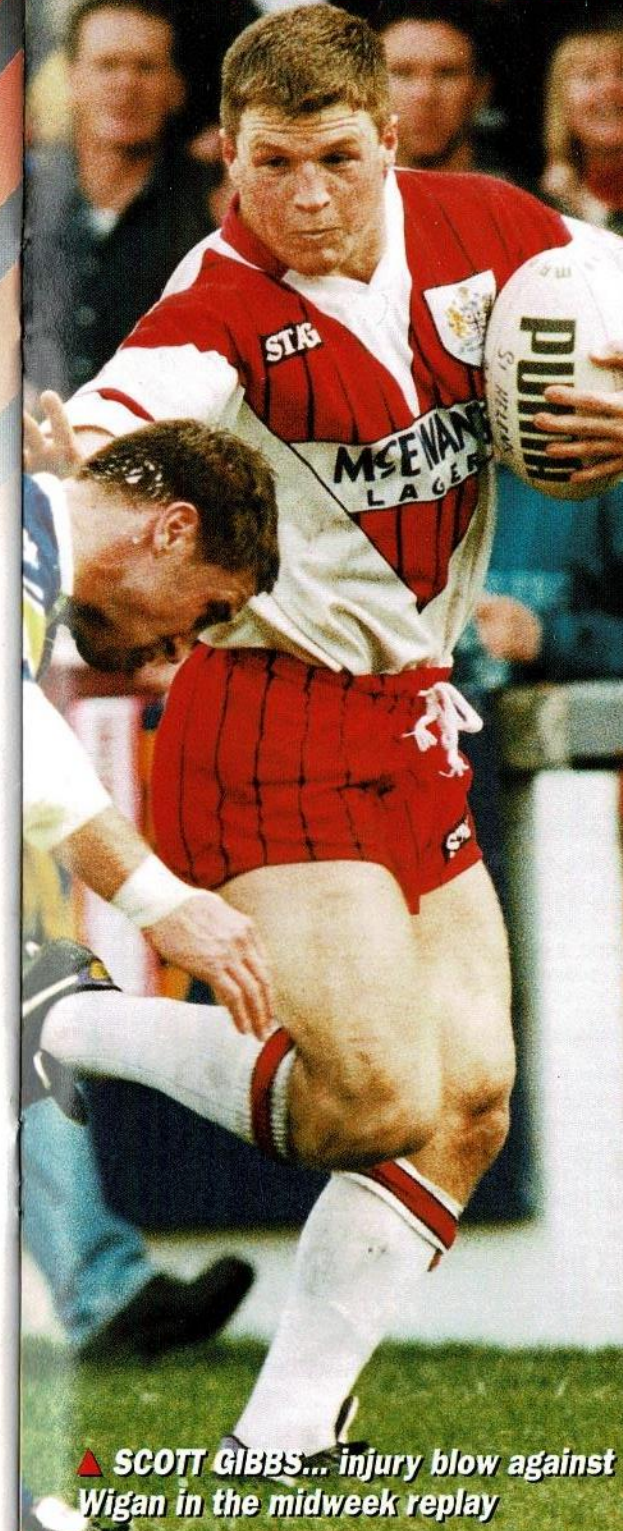


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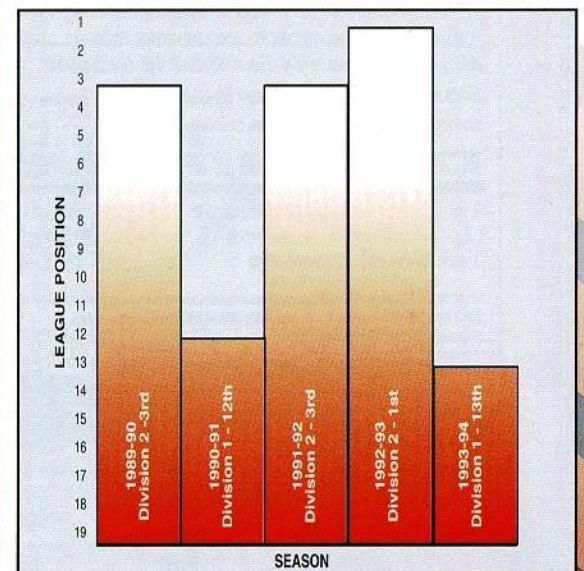
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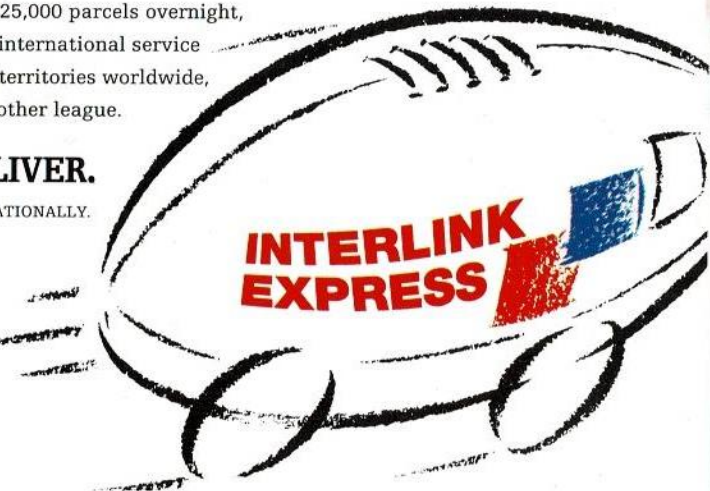
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Ian Connor	4	7(3)	-	-	-	-
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Kieran Cunningham	8	-	-	-	-	-
Andy Dannatt	31	8	2	-	-	8
Bernard Dwyer	189	30(1)	38	60	1	273
Mark Elia	62	2(1)	45	2	-	184
Anthony Fenlan	1	2(2)	-	1	-	2
Adam Fogerty	26	9	6	-	-	24
Scott Gibbs	19	-	6	-	-	24
Bobby Goulding	25	-	7	101	5	235
Jonathan Griffiths	118	19(2)	39	-	-	156
Andy Haigh	12	3(1)	5	-	-	20
John Harrison	102	17(2)	11	-	-	44
Tommy Hodgkinson	12	3	3	-	-	12
Alan Hunte	181	1	137	-	-	548
Chris Joynt	94	3(1)	34	-	-	136
Paul Loughlin	267	11(4)	72	842	-	1972
David Lyon	57	1	21	20	1	125
Tommy Martyn	33	1	22	33	9	163
John McAttee	2	2	-	-	-	-
Chris Morley	3	3	1	-	-	4
Jonathan Neill	90	10(1)	3	-	1	13
Sonny Nickle	95	7	29	-	-	116
Anthony Northey	3	2	2	-	-	8
Darren O'Brien	1	4	2	-	-	8
Augustine O'Donnell	22	26(2)	2	-	20	28
Apollo Perelini	12	6	3	-	-	12
Ian Pickavance	35	15(2)	13	-	1	53
Stephen Prescott	37	2	15	30	-	120
Mike Riley	54	16(4)	11	-	-	44
Jason Roach	3	3(1)	-	-	-	-
Anthony Sullivan	110	4(1)	63	5	-	262
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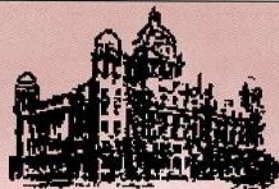
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Wigan's winning run ended at nine matches with the 16-16 home draw against St. Helens in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup fourth round.

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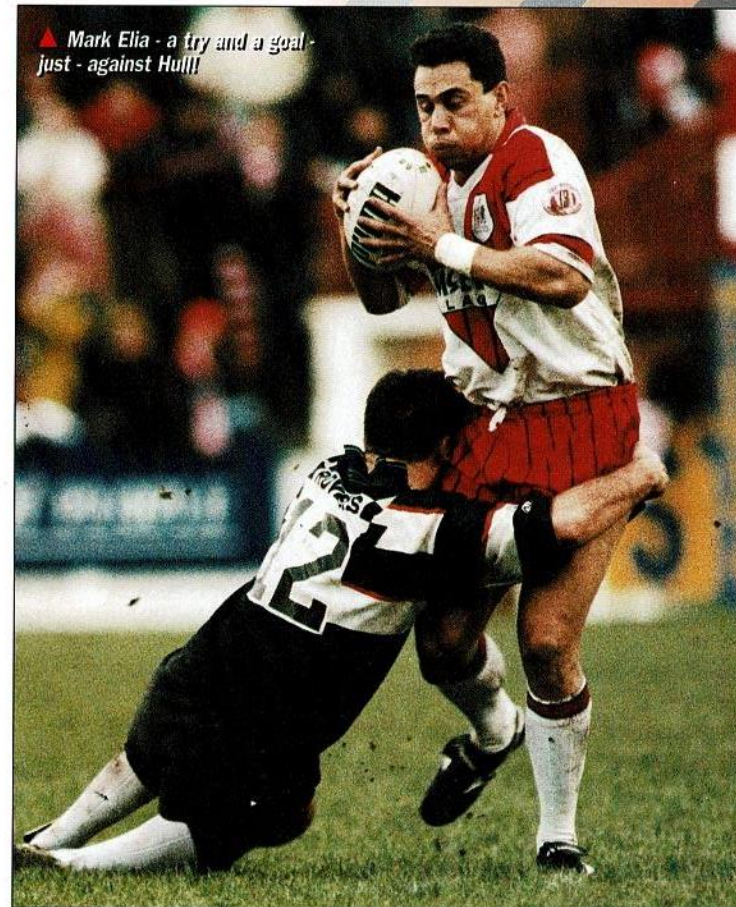
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TERRACE TALK

by Arthur Rigby

POINTS MEAN PLACES IN THE PREMIERSHIP RUN-IN

Saints return to league action at Knowsley Road today after the drama and excitement of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup games against Wigan. Today's opponents Oldham belted Bramley 70-10 in last weekend's fourth round Cup game which will have boosted their confidence but like Saints they have had a midweek fixture. Oldham have been a bit of a thorn in Saints side in recent times winning here last season and holding Saints to a 18-18 draw last October. The Roughyeds have tightened up defensively of late and have some very pacy backs like Darren Abram and Scott Ranson who will need watching. They also have one of the coldest, grimmest grounds in world rugby and will be used to playing in the wet and windy conditions we have suffered in the last week! Anyhow it should be another close game with both teams chasing the points for a good position in the top eight Premiership places. During the last home league match here against Hull, Saints suffered badly with injuries and losing three players, Hunte, Prescott and King Bob. We used our two subs but then the Terminator had to go to the blood bin, which meant that for a short period we were down to eleven men. Hull had McNamara dismissed and then seemed to be taking it in turns to be sin-binned as three players went off for a ten minute cooler! Nonetheless for a few minutes Hull had more men on the field than Saints despite losing a player through foul play. Admittedly this didn't make any difference to the result of this particular game but with rugby league harder and faster than ever before, it did make me wonder if the time isn't now right for teams to have four substitutes on the bench. If Saints had been allowed four subs they could have brought on another specialist scrum half like O'Donnell, McAtee or Griffiths to try and maintain some



▲ Mark Elia - a try and a goal-just - against Hull!

rhythm. It can't be good for an injured player to have to come back on to the pitch to keep the numbers up and it is only fair to the paying specics to see 26 fully fit players competing. I know there is a feeling we shouldn't copy the Aussies all the time but this idea does seem sensible and is something that Maurice Lindsay and his men should think about. Talking of Maurice brings me on to a subject that has caused a lot of talk amongst fans of all clubs in the past couple of weeks. Almost inevitably it involves Wigan, and in particular Offiah and Edwards withdrawing from representative sides due to injury. Both then miraculously recovered a

few days later and turned out to help Wigan win a crucial league game against Castleford. In playing Offiah and Edwards it appears Wigan acted within the law but not seemingly the spirit of the game. Many fans, along with the World Seven promoters, were angered by Offiah's appearance against Castleford and once again felt Wigan were receiving special treatment. Maurice Lindsay has promised an investigation into the matter, particularly, as he had said Offiah would not be allowed to play for Wigan. It will be interesting to hear the verdict but I think we all know what that will be.





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