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Last week's game against Halifax had us very much with our backs to the wall, defending our unbeaten home record this season. There is no doubt that our visitors had a point to prove to themselves after the disappointment of exiting from the Challenge Cup at the hands of Second Division Huddersfield. In that game they had been in arrears by 34 points to six at the start of the last twenty minutes, then hit back with four tries and had the home side rocking at 36-30 when the hooter arrived too soon. That showed that despite adversity they are a side capable of hitting back even when things are going horribly wrong. Clearly they had no intention of letting the game run away from them at Wilderspool and despite constant pressure in the first half they kept us at bay apart from that Tukere Barlow try. They took the two chances that came their way and despite us scoring three tries to two we had to settle for a draw. That positions five clubs tightly locked together for the two remaining top four places behind Wigan and Leeds. As we are the only one of that five with an interest in the Challenge Cup, we cannot afford to take our eye off the Championship table and the loss of a point at home must be a disappointment. Cup ties are about taking every chance to put points on the scoreboard and today in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup we have worthy opponents in Oldham who have improved vastly as the season has progressed and are leading the pack behind the top seven. Our defence has improved and we have the talent to do much better on attack. Today we have to get it all together.



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1953-54, 1973-74.  
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1982-83, 1989-90.  
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1906-07, 1948-49, 1950-51, 1967-68,  
1985-86, 1987-88.  
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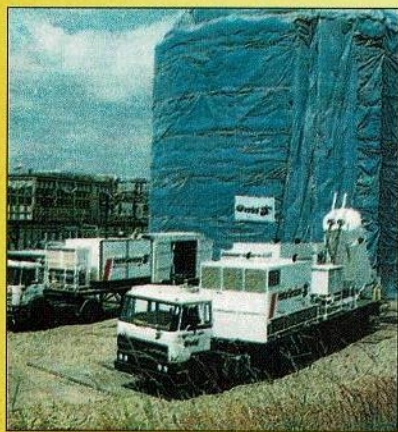


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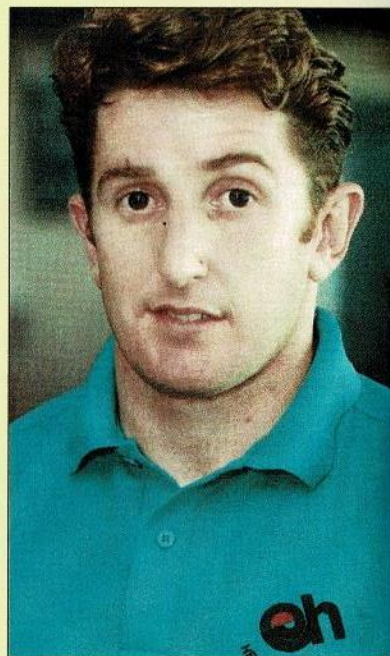
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# Inside Wire



PETER HIGHAM  
*chairman*

## RE-ARRANGED GAMES STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Warrington v Sheffield  
Wednesday 8th March  
(Provisional)

Salford v Warrington  
Wednesday 15th March

(Both 7.30pm)

## ALLIANCE LEAGUE

Halifax v Warrington  
Tuesday 4th April

Warrington v Oldham  
Friday 7th April

Warrington v Ryedale York  
Thursday 13th April (All 7.30pm)

## ACADEMY LEAGUE

Castleford v Warrington  
Monday 20th February

Warrington v Wigan  
Tuesday 28th February

Bradford v Warrington  
Monday 6th March

All at 7.30pm

## PLAYERS

Paul Cullen endured knee ligament  
damage in the Castleford game.  
Mark Hilton collected his first

England Cap against France at  
Gateshead on 15th February

## RULES OF THE GAME

A not too well known rule surfaced  
in the Castleford Cup Tie. A Wire  
player was turned on his back over  
the Cas try line on the sixth tackle.  
The game restarted with a turnover -  
Cas playing the ball. Had it been the  
5th tackle or before, a scrum would  
have been awarded with a Wire  
feed.

## CHANGES AHEAD

At the recent Rugby League Council  
meeting several new measures for RL  
were approved.

Two year ban on the movement of  
players between G.B. and Australia,  
except short term transfers or longer  
deals involving non-Australians.  
Quota of overseas players to be cut  
from three to two.

A salary cap which will allow only  
half a club's income to go in salaries.  
The intention is to eventually lower  
this figure to 40%.

Voting rights are affected by First  
Division Clubs each enjoying three  
votes, Second Division two each and  
Nottingham, Chorley and Blackpool  
one each.

Drug tests may in future be taken at  
training sessions in or out of season.

## SPORTSMANS EVENINGS

At the Touchdown Club  
TUESDAY 14th MARCH 1995  
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Don Reid.

TUESDAY 16th MAY 1995  
with Frank Worthington and  
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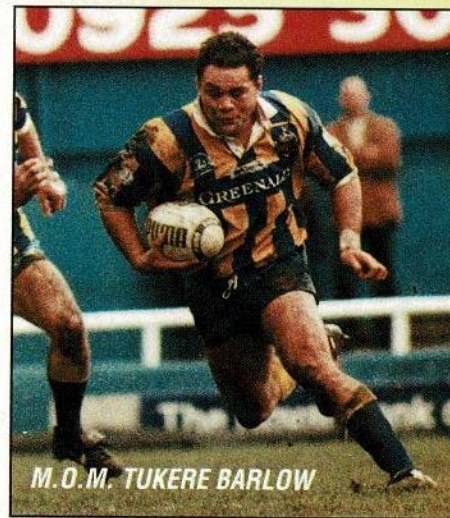
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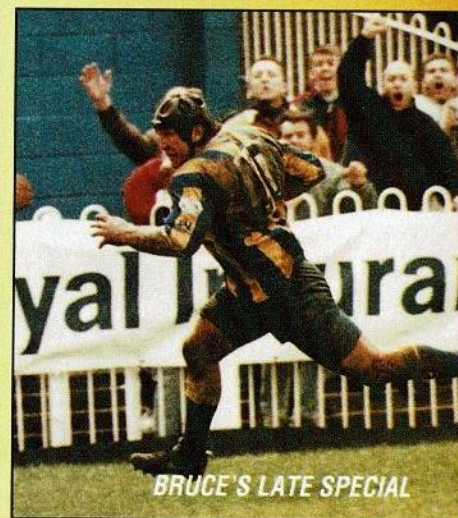
# 4th Round Action v Castleford

Wire 17 Cas 2 12th February 1995

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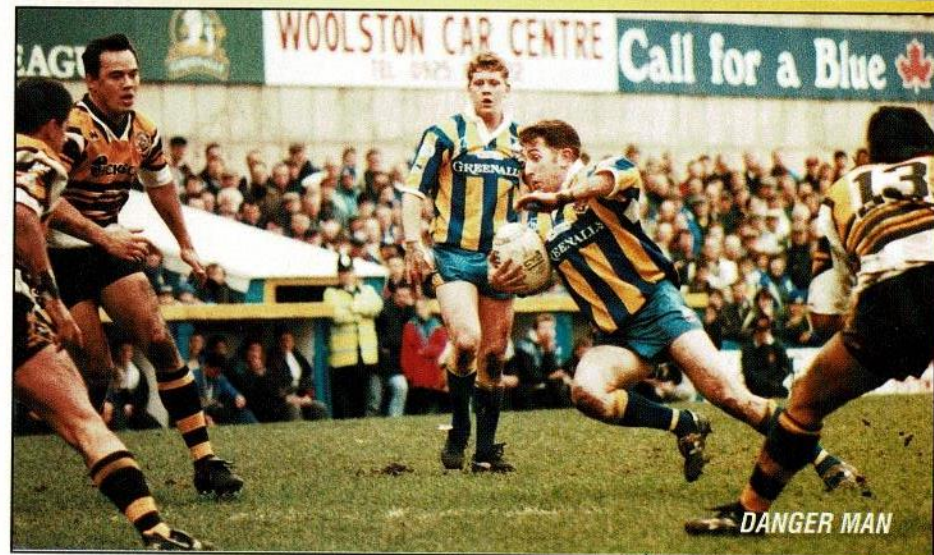
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# Watching Oldham

Survival was the name of the game for the 'Roughyeds' last season, with a mid season change to the coaching set up involving ex Australian international Bob Lindner taking over from fellow Aussie Peter Tunks, the former eventually leading the club to safety in the top flight.

### Season 1994-95

Yet another change in the coaching position saw Andy Goodway installed at the helm for the commencement of the current campaign. He suffered a disastrous start to his coaching career as Oldham lost all four of their opening fixtures against Halifax (H) 20-40, Bradford (A) 14-36, Wigan (H) 10-58 and Warrington at Wilderspool by 6pts-55. Resilience and fighting spirit were called for and Goodway's charges responded with excellent victories over Doncaster (H) 44-8 and Hull (A) 21-17 followed by an exciting 18-18 draw at home to St. Helens. Losing at Wakefield by 16-21 failed to dampen spirits at Watersheddings and they gave a thoroughly professional show in walloping Widnes by 29pts-0 at home in front of the Sky TV cameras. A surprising 10-20 home defeat by Featherstone and 8-34 loss at Halifax were not in the script but Oldham produced another cracking effort in a 32-12 home victory over Bradford. A mid week game followed by a trip to Central Park is hardly recommended and Oldham lost at Wigan by 0-46. Hull KR at home in the Regal 2nd Round proved easy meat (28-0) and set the Roughyeds up for a revenge mission against Warrington. Up by 16-14 at the break, Wire completely fell apart in the second period as Oldham recorded an excellent victory by 52pts - 22. It must have been a case of 'after the Lord Mayors show' the following week as they lost at Widnes in the Regal third round by 6pts-20. Continuing their march up the Championship table, Oldham enjoyed a 16pts-12 win at Salford and defeated resurgent Workington at home by 20pts-10. They gave Leeds a hard time before losing (H) by 14-21 but suffered another surprising home reverse, this time at the hands of Sheffield (12-14). A 19-14 victory over Hull (H) left Oldham sitting in eighth place in Division One. In the fourth round of the Challenge Cup, Oldham were clear top scorers with a resounding 70pts-10 thrashing of Bramley up at Watersheddings. Coach Andy Goodway maintains that a healthy league position is the clubs main objective but the players have already displayed their desire for a good run in the cup.

### Warrington v Oldham Head to Head in the Challenge Cup

Season	Round	Venue	Result
1898-99	Second	(A)	Oldham 14 Warrington 0
1906-07	Final	(N)	Warrington 17 Oldham 3
1919-20	Second	(A)	Oldham 9 Warrington 0
1924-25	Second	(A)	Oldham 12 Warrington 7
1928-29	Second	(H)	Warrington 7 Oldham 0
1953-54	Second	(A)	Oldham 4 Warrington 7
1985-86	Second	(A)	Oldham 13 Warrington 6
1987-88	First	(H)	Warrington 17 Oldham 6
1989-90	Semi final	(N)	Warrington 10 Oldham 6
1991-92	First	(A)	Oldham 3 Warrington 8

### OLDHAM 1993-94 COMPETITION RECORD

#### CHAMPIONSHIP

Position	13th					
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
30	10	1	19	552	651	21

#### CHALLENGE CUP

Rnd 4	Hunslet 20	Oldham 30
Rnd 5	Doncaster 20	Oldham 0

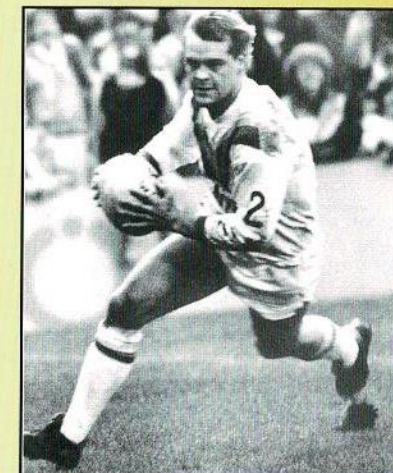
#### REGAL TROPHY

Rnd 2	Highfield 8	Oldham 26
Rnd 3	Oldham 8	Wigan 16

### Oldham - Last 5 seasons in the Challenge Cup

1989-90	Preliminary Rnd	Oldham 30 Huddersfield 8
	First Rnd	Oldham 30 Workington 8
	Second Rnd	Salford 7 Oldham 18
	Third Rnd	Widnes 4 Oldham 16
	Semi-final	Oldham 6 Warrington 10
1990-91	First Rnd	Bramley 6 Oldham 38
	Second Rnd	Workington T 15 Oldham 20
	Third Rnd	Oldham 40 Salford 3
	Semi final	Oldham 16 Wigan 30
1991-92	First Rnd	Oldham 3 Warrington 8
1992-93	First Rnd	Oldham 34 London C 6
	Second Rnd	Oldham 20 Huddersfield 17
	Third Rnd	Oldham 4 Bradford N 42
1993-94	Fourth Rnd	Hunslet 20 Oldham 30
	Fifth Rnd	Doncaster 20 Oldham 0

### FOOT IN BOTH CAMPS

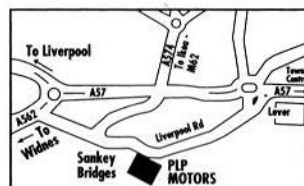
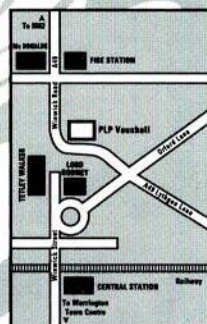


**Kevin Meadows** played for both Wire and Oldham



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# Oldham in Focus

### DARREN ABRAM

First professional club was Warrington and then moved to Trafford Borough from where he joined Rochdale for £40,000 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### SHAUN IRWIN

Shaun joined Oldham from Castleford in 1992 in the move that took Richard Russell to Wheldon Road. A former member of Mal Reillys Great

Britain squad. Shaun is a vastly experienced inside back, sound on defence and with a deceptive turn of pace as he proved when scoring a long range try at Featherstone in the 1993/94 season.

### DAVID JONES

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

### 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 rower, at the pinnacle of his career. Has played for Rochdale, Swinton, Leeds and Rochdale again. Has a good eye for making and taking scoring opportunities.

### GARY LORD

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

### CHRIS PARR

A prop forward from the Wigan area Chris began his professional career with Huddersfield where he gained GB under 21 honours. A move to Swinton did not work out for him but Swinton's loss was Oldham's gain when Parr moved to Watersheddings in exchange for John Maxwell.

### CRAIG RICHARDS

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

### SCOTT RANSON

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

### IAN SHERRATT

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

### 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.





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## WARRINGTON GUARDIAN

View from the Press Box  
by **SPORTS EDITOR**

*Mike Parsons*



Lee Penny will feel he has something to prove today. Two seasons ago, the departure of David Lyon to St. Helens and injury to Rob Myler meant a shock Wire call up for Penny. And despite all the glories of playing for Great Britain academy at Wembley against the Junior Kiwis and touring Down Under with the same team, Penny rates his debut for Wire as the highlight of his career so far.

Since stepping into the limelight as an 18 year old with a try scoring debut performance against Blackpool Gladiators in the Regal Trophy, the number one jersey has been his. Until December 17 1994 that was. The former England Schoolboys international was axed after a nightmare performance at Oldham the week before.

The consequence of that was Penny missed out on Wire's run to the Regal Trophy final, just rubbing salt into his wounds of having lost his Great Britain under 21 place to St. Helens rising star Steve Prescott. Penny was axed from full back spot for nine games by coach

Brian Johnson. His lightning pace and sweet little side step instead graced the Warrington Wizards reserve team.

But he is back on song after a confidence boosting return against Doncaster earlier this month when Wire scored a staggering 68-20 success. After missing out on so much since his disaster show at Watersheddings, Penny will be shouting the loudest of all those players who want to make amends for the 52-22 league defeat at Oldham two months ago.

Johnson blamed a combination of Wire's tiredness and Oldham's good fortune from kicks on that humiliating defeat the club's highest ever against the Roughyeds.

This just lends extra strength to the determined mood of the Warrington camp, which does not want the Regal Trophy final defeat to Wigan to be remembered as the clubs highlight of the 1994/95 season. They showed great resilience

and awesome defence against Castleford in he previous round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup, the type of performance that even cup kings Wigan would have had difficulties coping with.

And, of course, Warrington are still proud of their unbeaten home record this season, even though that was tested to the full by Halifax last week.

But Oldham are hoping to make it third time lucky today. Twice before they have come to Wilderspool with their hopes raised of fending off Wire on the road to Wembley.

And twice they have failed! The first time was in 1928/29 when Warrington scored a 7-0 success in the second round of the Challenge Cup.

The last occasion was in 1987/88 when the Roughyeds were the first round victims 17-6. Since then Wires dashed Oldhams hopes of a first Wembley final appearance with a semi final victory at Central Park.

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MARTYN (1DG), FLANAGAN,  
SHERRATT, BATES, STREET,  
MAXWELL, McALISTER,  
PACHNIUK  
Sub:- RUSSELL, ATKINSON

**Wire:-** LYON (2G), DRUMMOND,  
RUDD, BATEMAN, KENYON, ELLIS  
(1T), CROMPTON, HARMON,  
MANN, JACKSON, SANDERSON,  
MERCER, SHELFORD  
Subs:- CULLEN, CHAMBERS

**HALF-TIME:** 1-8

**ATTENDANCE:** 4,090

**REFEREE:** K ALLATT (Southport)

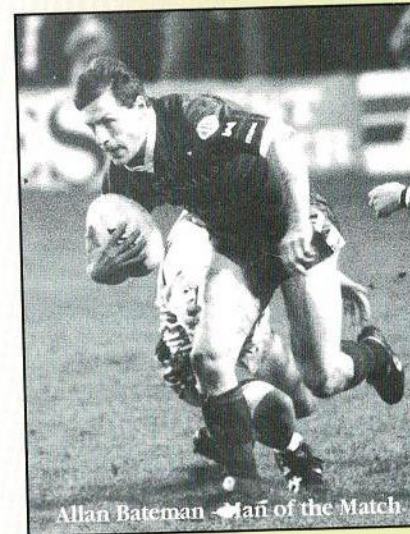
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1-0, 1-2, 1-8, (H.T.) 3-8

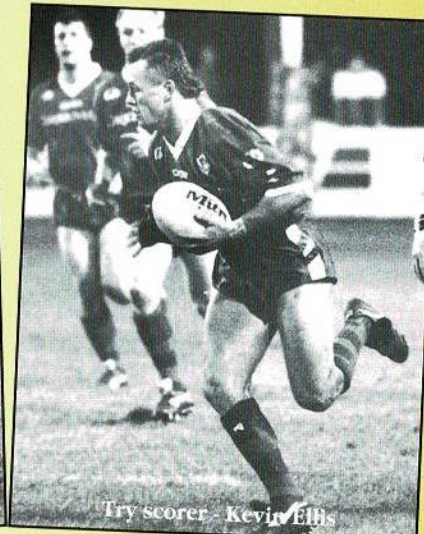
This tie received the official nod after three postponements, and eventually took place on a cold and later typically wet Watersheddings Monday evening. A confident Wire began well against their Second Division hosts as they totally dominated the first twenty minutes, despite failing to trouble the scoreboard operator. A mixture of bad luck and the final

pass too often going to ground had kept the game scoreless but a rare Oldham attack produced a Tommy Martyn drop goal, with little effort to prevent the score from Wire. Chris Rudd failed with a penalty attempt but David Lyon was successful minutes later. Oldham were beginning to find their form but on the stroke of half time an exhilarating Rudd break led to a clear run to the line for Kevin Ellis, which Lyon easily converted. The second half produced few scoring opportunities, although Wire went close to stretching their lead, first through Shelford and then a disallowed Cullen try for a forward pass. A Sean Tyrer penalty goal brought Oldham within striking distance and created a tense atmosphere. Fortunately for Wire the Roughyeds appeared to run out of steam and they held on in the closing stages with no real scares.

Alan Bateman received the sponsors man of the match award for a tremendous tackling stint, although the likes of Lyon & Mann (Wire) and Street & Flanagan (Oldham) also impressed in this department.



Allan Bateman - Man of the Match



Try scorer - Kevin Ellis

LAST ENCOUNTER IN THE

# Silk Cut Challenge Cup



**STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP  
AT WILDERSPOOL  
SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 1995**

**WARRINGTON 14 HALIFAX 14**

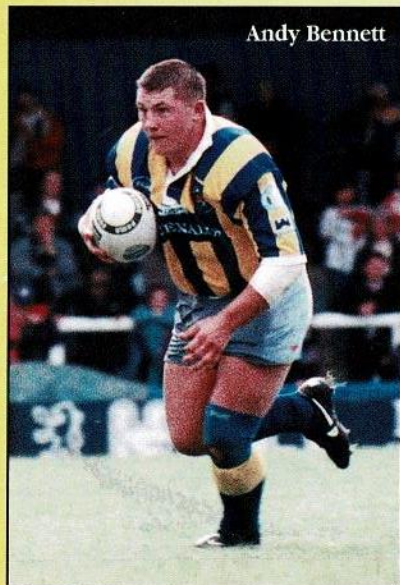
Penny	1	Dean
Forster	2	Bentley
Bateman	3	Schuster
Davies	4	Turner
Harris	5	R.Smith
Shelford	6	Hagan
Mackey	7	Parker
Tees	8	Ketteridge
Barlow	9	Rowley
McGuire	10	Fieldhouse
Sanderson	11	Moriarty
Elliott	12	Perrett
Darbyshire	13	Baldwin
Bennett	14	Divorty
Hilton	15	Jackson

**Scrums** 9-11    **Pens** 7-4  
**Score Rate** 4-0, 4-2 (HT) 4-8, 4-10, 10-10, 10-14, 14-14.

**Substitutes**

**Wire** Hilton/Tees (27)  
Bennett/Mackey (63)  
Tees/Darbyshire (63)  
**'Fax** Divorty/Fieldhouse (50)  
Jackson/Ketteridge (30)  
Fieldhouse/Moriarty (64)

**Ref** J.Holdsworth    **Atten.** 5214  
**Weather** Damp ground holding



Andy Bennett

**SUPER SUB ANDY MAKES A POINT**

This was a harder game than Wire needed with a cup tie on the horizon. The first half was graft and more graft with Wire holding territorial advantage and setting up positions without achieving the finished article. On 27 minutes however, a short pass sent BARLOW tearing away to the line, the kick went astray. SCHUSTER replied with a penalty for offside, just three minutes later. That was it to the break with both sides committed to defence and both full backs in particular acquitting themselves well to a barrage from the skies.

9 minutes into the second half a mid-field knock on resulted in Schuster breaking the Wire line from the scrum and sending the lively BENTLEY clear. Poor cover enabled him to make the kick easier for SCHUSTER who did not waste the opportunity. SCHUSTER increased the visitors lead to 4-10 with a penalty, then on 63 Bennett came on for Mackey who appeared to be struggling with a shoulder injury. Four minutes later a DAVIES bomb from the right was defused by McGuire who found the eager BENNETT in support. The super sub bolted through a gap to give DAVIES an easy kick. Level at 10-10. On 73 a wild pass was speculatively hacked ahead by BALDWIN who followed up and just won the touch, Schuster, taking an eternity, shot wide. Wire attacked on the right then moved the ball quickly to the left. BENNETT still had plenty to do but did not shirk the issue. With the finger of time poised over the buzzer Davies' attempted conversion drifted agonisingly past the near post.

'Fax played it well and thoroughly deserved their point earned on the back of Wayne Parker's top class kicking game. Wire, busy but not inspirational, were well served at the back by Forster (MOM) and Penny and up front by McGuire and Sanderson and a rather drab first half turned into a late cliff hanger with Bennett lighting the fire.

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**BEVERLEY 20 BATLEY 30***at the Boulevard, Hull Est Alt 4500*

Fresh from their demolition of Highfield and an attendance which would have pleased First Division hosts Hull FC Beverley at near three quarter time were in front 20-18. Two late tries saw Batley through. They now meet Wigan.

**CARLISLE 2 WIDNES 40***Alt 650*

Eight try Widnes boosted by the return of John Devereux coasted through this game. Courage was not enough for the home side.

**DONCASTER 12 SHEFFIELD EAGLES 22***Est Alt 2000*

A combination of mud and sand was never going to help make this a classic. Tries either side of the interval put Eagles in command and two tries in the last ten minutes gave trouble hit Dons respectability.

**FEATHERSTONE ROVERS 50 BARROW 22***Alt 1973*

With skipper Steve Molloy in outstanding form Rovers took command with a spell of 18 points in ten minutes in the second quarter of the game. Two tries in the last ten minutes improved the scoreline for the Braves, after a bad spell Fev could be on the up.

**HUDDERSFIELD 36 HALIFAX 30***Alt 9348*

'Up for it' is a current buzz phrase. Huddersfield were and Halifax were not. 22-4 down at the interval. Fax under pressure panicked and made errors. Their fight back with four tries in the last quarter came just to late with the tiring home side hanging on. It was six tries to four you cannot call that luck and look at that crowd.

**HUNSLET 32 SALFORD 32***Alt 1112*

Nothing in it at the break (12-14). The Reds surged ahead to 32-16. Perhaps they thought they had done enough, perhaps they tired but they endured an agonising last thirteen minutes as Hunslet drew level in the final minute, to be continued at the Willows.

**SALFORD 52 HUNSLET 10***Alt 1931*

Another game, another pitch, another day. Again fight at the break, (12-4) but then the visitors tired, lost their bottle with one off and two in the bin. Reds did not waste the opportunity.

**KEIGHLEY COUGARS 24 DEWSBURY 12***Alt 3788*

An eight nil lead on fourteen minutes looked promising for Second Division Challengers Dewsbury but then the menagerie took over, no doubt with the music becoming frantic as Cougars cracked the whip.

**LEEDS 31 BRADFORD NORTHERN 14***Alt 16,095*

A fractious game with the sin bin overflowing, mainly occupied by visiting players. Again tries either side of the break influenced the game. Leeds surged away as Northern disintegrated. Myers had the 'luxury' of two sin bin visits. Has anyone yet gone for the hat trick?

**LONDON BRONCOS 20 HULL KR 26***Alt 908*

Club Secretaries would have heaved a sigh of relief as Rovers took this far flung tie between two sides with similar league records. Rovers always in command. The only time to go to the Big City is Wembley.

**OLDHAM 70 BRAMLEY 10***Alt 2,738*

Less struggling clubs than Bramley would not relish a cup visit to Watersheddings where the locals still remind you that Wigan's last Challenge Cup defeat occurred there. Twelve tries and eleven goals. No chance of a replay.

**WARRINGTON 17 CASTLEFORD 2***Alt 6073*

An excellent game with Wire sticking to their game plan and reaping the rewards. Wire set up plenty of first half scoring chances without showing the killer touch, then Davies took a hand or a boot with a skier that sent the Cas cover running in circles. Davies kept his eye on the ball and sent it to Barlow. Cas valiant but Wire maintained a tight grip.

**WHITEHAVEN 24 WAKEFIELD TRINITY 12***Alt 2020*

Kurt Sorenson has never been a shrinking violet and his influence is now reaping rewards in Cumbria. This result shows that 'Havens challenge for higher status must taken seriously. A winter visit to the Recreation Ground makes me shudder.

**WIGAN 16 ST. HELENS 16***Alt 15,714*

Saints got so near - a goal posts width from earning the plaudits of 30 other clubs with Wembley aspirations. Heavy ground and for once a side showing domination up the middle brought some uncertainty in the Wigan ranks. If only, if only...

**ST. HELENS 24 WIGAN 40***Alt 17,350 (replay 15.2.95)*

Fast ground and back incontrol of the midfield this was Wigan back to their scintillating best. Who dares to challenge us. Saints again courageous but you don't get two bites at the cherry and whites.

**WORKINGTON TOWN 30 HULL 6***Alt 3,081*

Rowland Phillips gave Town an early start with a fifth minute try. Town put the shutters up and surged into a 20 nil lead in the second quarter. Hull could only scrape a 76th minute try. No team will be volunteering to visit Derwent Park, they're on a home roll.

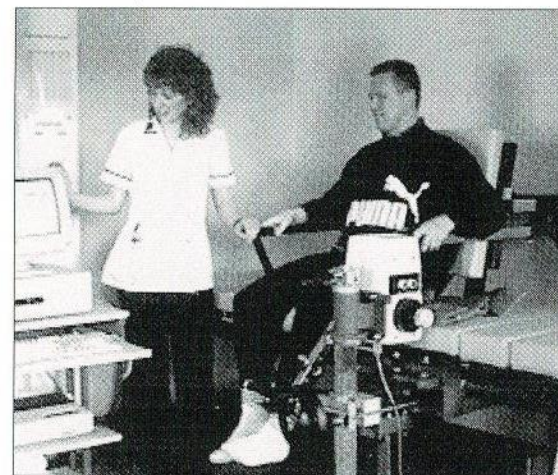
**SWINTON 22 LEIGH 34***Alt 856*

After two postponements this proved third time unlucky for the Lions who tried to roar back after a 4-20 half time shocker. Leigh remained in the driving seat and now face Workington in Cumbria.

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**L**ocal boy John Thursfield signed for Wire on 9th September 1986 from Woolston A.R.L.F.C. and

settled into 'A' team rugby. John made his first team debut on Easter Monday 1988 at Leigh, playing at hooker in a 5pts - 28 defeat. He played second row in the final league game of the season and was forward substitute for a memorable Premiership 1st Round victory at Wigan and the Semi-Final defeat at Widnes. Nine full appearances followed in 1988-89, mainly at hooker and John was also a member of the Wire squad which won the British Coal Nines at Central Park, Wigan, defeating a talented 'Rest of the World' outfit in the final. His progress to date had been steady but only one appearance in the next four seasons was hardly the R.L. career progression John would have anticipated. He helped the 'A' team gain success and made appearances in the Locker Cup but last season his patience finally paid dividends, as he became first choice hooker for the entire season. Determination and work rate became John's biggest assets and he regularly topped the tackle count. He was undoubtedly one of the unsung heroes of the brave Wire bid for the Championship, especially considering the fact that he was stepping into the shoes of one of the best No. 9's in the game - kiwi international Duane Mann.

John continued at hooker for the current campaign and at last crossed for his first try at senior level in a tremendous performance at home to Bradford Northern. Unfortunately injury halted John's first team run but he has now fully recovered and is back playing in the 'A' team, once again patiently awaiting a first team opportunity.

**BORN:** 22-10-69 at Warrington  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Woolston A.R.L.F.C.  
**DEBUT FOR WIRE:** v Leigh (S.B.C.)  
 at Hilton Park on 4-4-88

**FULL CAREER RECORD TO DATE AT WILDERSPOOL**

SEASON	APP	SUBAPP.	TRIES	GOALS	DROP	PTS
1987-88	2	2	-	-	-	-
1988-89	9	-	-	-	-	-
1989-90	-	-	-	-	-	-
1990-91	1	-	-	-	-	-
1991-92	-	-	-	-	-	-
1992-93	-	-	-	-	-	-
1993-94	32	-	-	-	-	-
1994-95	9	1	1	-	-	4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>



# Insight - John Thursfield



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# Silk Cut Challenge Cup

ROUND 5 ANALYSIS

## SHEFFIELD V WIDNES

Eagles are having a topsy turvy season and when they played the league fixture at Don Valley Stadium they were definitely turvy. The Chemics recorded a 22-0 victory but Eagles coach Gary Hetherington will no doubt utilise that league defeat as inspiration for his charges during the build up to this one. Verdict - Eagles flying high.

## HULL KR V WHITEHAVEN

Rovers have fallen a long way since their last Challenge Cup triumph back in 1980 in the 'derby final' over Hull FC at Wembley. They began the season well but appear to have fallen away somewhat in the league, so much so that their victory in the fourth round at London came as quite a surprise. Haven too created a shock by disposing of first division Wakefield. A close tussle is anticipated. Verdict - Robins chirpy.

## LEEDS V RYEDALE YORK

Last seasons Challenge Cup runners up are also the main challenger for Wigan's league title this term. The Headingley outfit appear to be getting their act together at last, indicated by the more relaxed posture these days of coach Doug Laughton. Ryedale York would be happy with their fourth round victory over Rochdale and looking forward to cashing in on the Leeds bonanza. Verdict - Loiners lean and mean.

## SALFORD V FEATHERSTONE

Hunslet nearly caused a major shock in the last round, taking Salford to a replay at the Willows. The Reds were minus Andy Gregory and his influence can sway any game. Rovers have a talented squad which at present is under achieving. They enjoy a rich pedigree in the competition and will not be overawed by an away trip. Verdict - Rovers to extinguish Devils fire.

## KEIGHLEY V HUDDERSFIELD

A full house expected for this one at Cougar Park. Keighley are undoubtedly the RL success story to date this season. They pushed Wire all the way in the Regal quarter final and have a stranglehold on the leadership of Division 2. Huddersfield's tremendous victory over Halifax became the shock of round 4 and coupled with a 9,000+ crowd at the impressive McAlpine Stadium, made all the other clubs sit up and take notice. Verdict - Cougarmania strikes again.

## BATLEY V WIGAN

The 'Gallant Youths' of Batley displayed some pedigree by taking St. Helens to a replay in their third round of the Regal Trophy and know that first division sides hardly relish a trip to Mount Pleasant. Wigan too drew against St. Helens in the last round of the Challenge Cup but still managed to continue their incredible unbeaten record and relentless march towards an eight successive Wembley triumph. Verdict - Men against youths.

## WARRINGTON V OLDHAM

Disappointed by their performance against Wigan in the Regal final, Wire displayed a steely determination in their victory over Castleford. Oldham enjoyed an easy victory in the last round, recording a massive seventy points against hapless Bramley. The clubs are no strangers in the competition and Wire should be fired by their trouncing at Watersheddings in the league. Verdict - Wire out for revenge.

## WORKINGTON V LEIGH

The likes of Kevin Ellis and Rowland Phillips have totally revitalised Workington this season and they are one of the 'form' teams at present in the Championship. Ian Lucas has taken command at Leigh, initially enjoying a honeymoon period of four successive victories. They have struggled since but did well to dispose of Swinton in the last round.



### LEADING TRYSKORERS

1. Martin Offiah	(Wigan)	38
2. Greg Austin	(Huddersfield)	37
3. Nick Pinkney	(Keighley C.)	35
4. Ellery Hanley	(Leeds)	32
5. David Plange	(Hull KR)	29
6. Mike Pechey	(Whitehaven)	25
7. Mark Forster	(Warrington)	23
8. Steve Gibson	(Rochdale)	20
Anthony Sullivan	(St.Helens)	20
Chris Churm	(Rochdale H)	20

### TOP TEN GOALSCORERS (Including drop goals)

1. Bobby Goulding	(St. Helens)	113
2. Martin Strett	(Rochdale H.)	110
3. Simon Irving	(Keighley C.)	102
4. John Schuster	(Halifax)	99
5. Mike Fletcher	(Hull KR)	96
Frano Botica	(Wigan)	96
7. Deryck Fox	(Bradford N.)	95
8. Graham Holroyd	(Leeds)	85
Richard Agar	(Dewsbury)	85
10. Jonathan Davies	(Warrington)	81

### TOP TEN POINTSCORERS

		Tries	Goals	D Goals	Points
1. Simon Irving	(Keighley C.)	14	102	0	260
2. John Schuster	(Halifax)	16	99	0	262
3. Martin Strett	(Rochdale H.)	10	108	2	258
4. Bobby Goulding	(St. Helens)	7	108	5	249
5. Mike Fletcher	(Hull KR)	8	96	0	224
6. Frano Botica	(Wigan)	5	96	0	212
7. Jonathan Davies	(Warrington)	13	72	9	205
8. Deryck Fox	(Bradford N.)	4	93	2	204
9. Graham Holroyd	(Leeds)	7	85	0	198
10. Simon Wilson	(Batley)	7	75	2	184

### POINT SCORING RUN

John Schuster of Halifax has the current longest scoring run of 28 matches, stretching back to last season.

Martin Strett of Rochdale Hornets is the only other player to have scored in every match this season.

### NICK PINKNEY

Nick Pinkney of Keighley Cougars broke the club record of 31 tries when his two in the 24-12 Silk Cut Challenge Cup fourth round defeat of Dewsbury took his total to 33. Pinkney set the record himself last season.

### WINNING RUN

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.

Whitehaven now have the longest winning run of nine matches made up

of seven in the Second Division and two Silk Cut Challenge Cup ties.

Leeds have won 13 successive League matches.

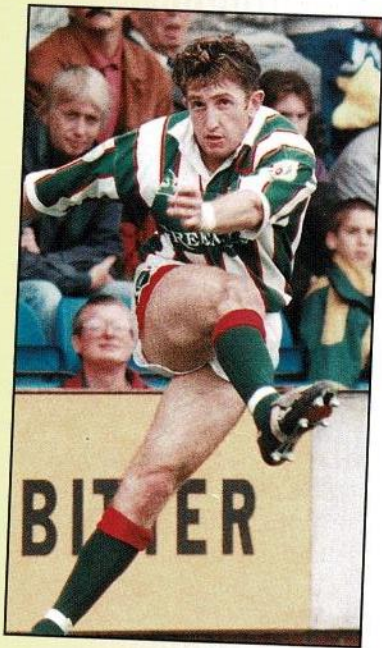
### LOSING RUN

Highfield have the longest losing run of 7 matches made up of six in the Second Division and one Silk Cut Challenge Cup. Highfield have gone 26 matches without a home Second Division win, including a run of 18 successive defeats. They have not won a League match at their Hope Street ground.

### MILESTONES

Karl Fairbank of Bradford Northern needs one try for a career century with the club.

Martin Offiah of Wigan with a try at Wakefield reached a Division One total of 200.



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# Wolf Pack

## MASCOT

Today's Manweb Mascot is 12 year old Heidi Anderson from Cefn-Mawr nr Wrexham. She is a pupil at Ysgol Dias Bran Llallangollen. Her hobbies are playing hockey for the school team, reading and horse riding. Her favourite players are Lee Penny, Jonathan Davies and Alan Bateman.



Enjoy your day Heidi.

Once again the Valentine Disco was a big success, a big thankyou to Gareth Blizzard for his gift of roses, much appreciated. The proceeds of the night, a total of £80.00, was presented to the Warrington Schoolboys Wembley Fund.

## PAUL

Best wishes to Paul Cullen for a speedy recovery from the Wolf Pack.

## BIRTHDAYS

Many happy returns to the following members:- Steven Quick, Martin Clarke, Andrew Giblin, Gareth Daniels, Laurie Ashton, Tom Moore, Michael Hall, Gareth Jones, Christopher Arnold, Steven Taylor, Michael Brown, Sarah Lenton.

*Wolfman*

# Supporters Club News

## WELCOME

It's cup fever time ... on the box. We welcome all supporters of the Roughyeds and those watching on Grandstand. After contrasting league scores against each other (an unbelievable 79 points turn around) anything can happen today ... may the best team win.

## PLAYERS POINTS

Supporters voted for Bruce McGuire as man of the match in our previous round victory over Castleford, with Tukere Barlow a close second. A tremendous win against the odds in the Alliance Cup (read all about it) over Oldham was helped by a top performance by sub John Hough along with forwards Whitter and Thursfield, so it was a case of Bruce letting loose and Hough getting tough!

## OLDEST PROGRAMME?

Thanks to all who have wrote in with their oldest programme - quite a number have mentioned the Warrington v Australians dated Saturday, Nov 14th 1908 costing 1d. This was a matchcard foldover with the teams on. Arguably this was a tour and not a club issue. The cards were issued for each game throughout the tour and the proceeds were for the tourists' coffers. The team line ups were deliberately withheld from the press prior to the game in order to boost card sales! In terms of club issues I recently received a copy of Warrington v Oldham Dec 31st 1921 which also doubled up for the Monday game (Jan 2nd) v Huddersfield. Let us know of any other earlier of interesting issues.

## PROGRAMME FAIR

Whilst on the subject of programmes, don't forget to come along to the fair here at the Touchdown Taverners Club next Saturday 4th March 10.00am to 2.00pm. Why not bring your oldest or rare programmes down to the Supporters Club stall ... or for that matter any interesting or unusual memorabilia ... we'll be glad to see you. Proceeds for this event will go to the Warrington Junior Schools R.L. Association.

## FRENCH CONNECTION

All the best for the Welsh lads in France next weekend and the posse of Warrington supporters following them on the R.L. Supporters Tour via Mayfair Travel 0942 829988.

## WEMBLEY WEEKEND

Interested in going down to the twin towers? - well Bob Jackson, with the help of the Past Players Association, is running a trip inclusive of ticket for £119. See Bob for further details.

## TEASER

Today's teaser is about our visitors and cup competitions.

1. Warrington's last appearance in the Lancashire Cup was at Oldham in 1992-93, true or false?
2. Oldham's only ever cup win at Wilderspool was in the John Player Special Trophy in 1987 as a Second Division side, true or false?
3. John Holdsworth was the referee who disallowed a last minute try for Oldham in the 1990 Challenge Cup semi-final, true or false?

## PREDICTION

G'day. Greg Mackey gives his eight for the Quarter Finals - Warrington, Workington, Wigan, Leeds, Whitehaven, Sheffield Eagles and those to cause hiccups Featherstone Rovers and Huddersfield.

ANSWERS

1. True 2. True 3. True

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**Alliance Challenge Cup  
Round Two**

**Monday 13th February 1995  
Leeds 10 Warrington 25**

*Warrington:* Knott, Lee, Rudd, Myler, Eckersley, Maloney, Close, Chambers, Thursfield, Whitter, Elliott, Sculthorpe, Wainwright. Subs Williamson, Roy.

Early success for Wire as the Leeds full back missed a skier and LEE went in from the bounce. KNOTT made it six and only 90 seconds on the clock. Leeds, well stung, hit back hard but Wire held out until, on 21 mins, Leeds came back with a try and goal to level. Just before the break WILLIAMSON supporting well, sent in at the corner (6-10). A 42 minute dropper from SCULTHORPE extended the lead but two minutes later Leeds LEATHAM (No. 8) scored his second try. At 10-11 Leeds were looking confident but a KNOTT penalty set them back. Both sides were now being pressured into errors as the pace intensified. The crunch came on 60 when Leeds tapped from a penalty and spread the ball wide, LEE intercepted two yards from the Wire line and streaked away unopposed for a try fit to win any game. KNOTT added the two then on 74 was on hand to round off a Chambers/Myler break with a personal try which he converted with ease. Outstanding for Wire were Elliott and Sculthorpe but the matchwinner was that superb length of the field try by JASON LEE, happily now over his injuries.





**Alliance Challenge Cup  
Round Three**

**Friday 17th February 1995  
Warrington 38 Oldham 25**

*Warrington:* Knott, Lee, Hodson, Roper, Eckersley, Maloney, Close, Whitter, Thursfield, Chambers, Sculthorpe, Roy, Wainwright. Subs Hough, Williamson.


A Maloney skier muffed by the Oldham defence was food and drink to ECKERSLEY who put Wire on the way. KNOTT obliged. A well organised Oldham hit back with a penalty. A moment of madness on 15 minutes saw Sculthorpe Red Carded and suddenly Wire had a mountain to climb. KNOTT made an Oldham moulder pay with two points but the visitors made the most of poor tackling to score a good try. Williamson replaced the injured Hodson but Wire began to look a tired side with Monday's hard game at Leeds taking its toll. Tries either side of the break, both converted, gave Oldham an 8-18 advantage and Wire seemingly on the way out. Enter the inspirational John Hough and Wire began to lift their game. Hough and Maloney paved the way for WAINWRIGHT and KNOTT made it 14-18. Hough again as Maloney sent LEE in at the corner scores level. An Oldham drop, followed quickly by a try and goal and the visitors looked favourites again. Four minutes to go and a brilliant intercept by LEE from half way took him under the posts with no challengers. KNOTT pulled Wire back to 24-25. Less than a minute to go and MALONEY with a long range dropper took the game to extra time. Maybe Oldham's sting had been drawn as Wire dominated. A solo by KNOTT, a penalty by KNOTT and a sharp tap forward from the play / ball by CLOSE, converted by KNOTT, took Wire to 37-25 in the first overtime session. MALONEY tidied up with another well judged drop as another visiting sinner muted his way to oblivion. The arrival of John Hough, the inspiration of Jason Lee, the professionalism of Francis Maloney and the sheer hard graft of Neil Roy and John Thursfield took Wire to a fine team effort but Mr Sculthorpe has too much talent to waste it on the sidelines, as his pals struggle to earn him winning pay and the chance of a medal.

Alliance Update with C.J.Owen

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# Alliance

## ALLIANCE FIXTURES 1994/95

Date	Home	Away	Time
Aug			
Fri 19	Hull	H	42-22
Thu 25	Wakefield	A	12-34
Sep			
Fri 2	Featherstone Rov.	H	54-4
Fri 9	Oldham	A	32-10
Fri 16	Rydale York	A	50-18
Fri 30	Halifax	H	60-14
Oct			
Fri 7	Widnes(LCCS2)	A	24-27
Wed 19	Leeds	A	18-23
Fri 28	St. Helens	H	24-14
Nov			
Fri 4	Hull	A	16-22
Fri 11	Wakefield	H	26-30
Wed 16	Bradford Northern	A	18-24
Fri 25	Featherstone Rov.	A	26-24
Dec			
Fri 2	Dewsbury	H	26-10
Fri 9	Oldham	H	Postponed
Fri 16	St. Helens	A	16-24
Jan			
Fri 6	Rochdale(AC1)	H	50-6
Fri 13	Salford	A	21-20
Fri 20	Leeds (AC2)	H	7-18
Feb			
Thu 2	Castleford	A	64-6
Mon 6	Wigan	H	47-26
Fri 10	Rydale York	H	Postponed
Mon 13	Leeds (AC2)	A	25-10
Fri 17	Oldham (AC3)	H	38-25
Fri 17	Halifax	A	Postponed
Fri 24	Wigan	A	7.30pm
Mar			
Fri 3	Bradford Northern	H	7.30pm
Fri 10	Salford	H	7.30pm
Fri 17	Castleford	H	7.30pm
Thu 25	Dewsbury	A	7.30pm
Apr			
Tues 4	Halifax	A	7.30pm
Fri 7	Oldham	H	7.30pm
Thur 13	Ryedale York	H	7.30pm

## WARRINGTON R.L.F.C. ALLIANCE APPEARANCES TO 6.2.95

PLAYER	APP	SUB	TRIES	GOALS	D/GLS
BATEMAN A.	1	-	1	-	-
BENNETT A.	6	2	1	-	-
CHAMBERS G.	7	-	-	-	-
CLEGG P.	2	1	1	-	-
CLOSE G.	7	-	6	-	-
CONROY L.	1	-	-	-	-
DARBYSHIRE P.	9	-	1	-	-
DUSHER M.	3	-	-	-	-
ECKERSLEY C.	19	-	10	-	-
ELLIOTT D.	13	-	1	-	-
ELLIS K.	4	-	2	-	-
GRIFFITHS S.	14	1	18	-	-
HEATON S.	1	3	1	-	-
HIGHTON C.	2	1	-	-	-
HILTON M.	2	-	-	-	-
HODKINSON C.	4	1	4	-	-
HOLDEN C.	4	4	-	-	-
HOUGH J.	10	5	4	-	-
KNOTT I.	22	1	12	95	-
LEE J.	13	-	21	12	-
LESTER M.	-	1	-	-	-
McAVOY R.	1	-	-	-	-
MALONEY F.	9	-	3	-	2
MILLIGAN P.	1	2	-	-	-
MOXHAM B.	8	5	-	-	-
MURRAY A.	-	2	-	-	-
MYLER R.	11	-	7	-	-
PENNY L.	4	-	1	-	-
PHILLIPS R.	7	1	3	-	-
PRICE A.	2	2	-	-	-
ROPER J.	8	-	5	-	-
ROY N.	17	3	1	-	-
RUDD C.	7	-	6	-	-
SANDERSON G.	3	-	-	-	-
SCULTHORPE	11	2	2	3	-
SUMNER P.	7	-	2	-	-
TEES G.	1	-	-	-	-
THURSFIELD J.	8	-	1	-	-
WAINWRIGHT M.	18	-	7	1	-
WESTWOOD L.	-	3	-	-	-
WHITTER D.	7	2	-	-	-
WILLIAMSON P.	10	4	5	-	-
TRIALISTS	15	-	2	-	-

# Academy

## ACADEMY FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Date	Home	Away	Time
OCT.			
SAT 29	ST. HELENS	(H)	L 24-26
NOV			
SAT 12	HULL	(H)	W 24-18
SAT 19	LEEDS	(A)	L 0-54
SAT 26	BRADFORD	(H)	W 42-16
TUE 29	CASTLEFORD	(A)	L 12-24
DEC			
THUR 6	WIGAN	(A)	W 17-8
SAT 10	WAKEFIELD	(H)	W 42-8
1995			
JAN			
TUE 10	LEIGH	(A)	L 8-14
SAT 21	HULL	(A)	L 12-16
SAT 28	LEEDS	(H)	Postponed
FEB			
MON 20	CASTLEFORD	(H)	7.30p.m.
TUE 28	WIGAN	(H)	7.30p.m.
MAR			
MON 6	BRADFORD	(A)	7.30p.m.
SAT 11	CHALLENGE CUP RD.2		
MON 20	WAKEFIELD	(A)	7.30p.m.
APR			
SAT 1	LEIGH	(H)	2.30p.m.
SAT 8	ST. HELENS	(A)	2.30p.m.

## WARRINGTON R.L.F.C. ACADEMY APPEARANCES TO 21.1.95

PLAYER	APP	SUB	TRIES	GOALS	D/GLS
ANDERS D.	13	-	2	5	-
APPLEBY C.	4	2	1	-	-
CASSIDY S.	1	1	-	-	-
CLEGG P.	12	-	3	-	-
CLOSE G.	12	1	10	2	-
CONROY L.	4	4	2	-	-
DAVIES E.	1	1	-	-	-
ECCLESTON M.	1	2	-	-	-
GARDNER P.	11	1	8	-	-
HALLIWELL M.	3	-	1	-	-
HEATON S.	11	-	4	-	-
HIGHTON C.	10	2	2	-	-
HOLDEN C.	2	1	1	-	-
HOUGH J.	1	-	1	-	-
JAMES A.	2	3	1	-	-
JONES A.	4	-	-	-	-
JONES R.	5	5	-	-	-
KNOTT I.	3	-	4	13	-
LESTER P.	4	10	-	-	-
McAVOY R.	9	1	-	-	-
MILLIGAN P.	10	4	2	-	-
MURRAY A.	15	-	2	-	-
O'BRIEN P.	5	-	-	-	-
PRICE A.	11	1	1	-	-
RODEN C.	7	3	1	-	-
RUSHTON L.	-	5	-	-	-
SCULTHORPE P.	10	-	7	27	2
SHAW P.	-	4	-	-	-
SILCOCK S.	1	-	1	-	-
THORNTON A.	-	1	-	-	-
WHITTER D.	7	1	1	-	-
WILCOCK I.	2	4	1	-	-
WINGFIELD P.	14	-	7	5	-

# Alliance & Academy Records with Peter Wakefield



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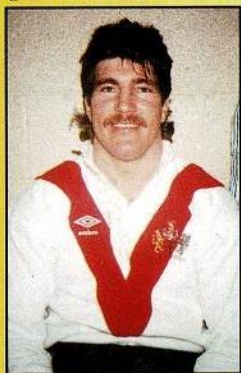


**M**ARK JACKSON  
Early in the 1987-88 season, two brothers arrived at Wilderspool hoping to hit the headlines. **Mark** and **Steve Jackson** from the South Sydney club, but although they gave creditable accounts of themselves in the Alliance side, only Mark made a first team appearance when he came on as a substitute against Halifax at Wilderspool on November 8th 1987. He then appeared as a sub in the next two games but it was his brother Steve who hit the big time back in Australia when in 1987 playing for Canberra in the Sydney grand final against Balmain, he came on as a sub late in the game and with extra time being played he scored a try to clinch the trophy for Canberra.

He moved on to Wests and was chosen to play for Queensland in The State of Origin Series of 1990 and again as a sub in the final game of the series he scored a try which enabled his side to win the game and stopped New South Wales from winning all three matches. In 1991 he played in all three State of Origin games, and helped Queensland win the series, and in 1992 this time as a Gold Coast player he represented Queensland yet again when he made a full appearance in the first game of the series and a sub

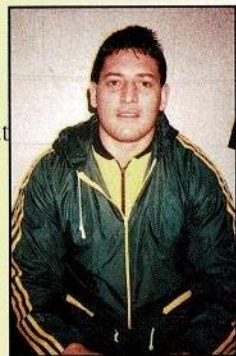
appearance in the last game.

**LES DAVIDSON**  
An established star of the South Sydney side, made his debut in our colours at



Salford on September 11th 1998 and went on to play a total of 22 games scoring 4 tries, with his last appearance being at Wilderspool against Wigan on February 14th 1989. Les, was a member of the 1986 Kangaroo touring side to Britain and had represented his country and New South Wales prior to joining our club. He was a genuine no nonsense Aussie style forward who was at home either at prop where he made 9 appearances, or in the second row his best position, where he played 13 times and he was sadly missed when, because of his commitments to South Sydney like Phil Blake, he was not allowed to return to Britain to play in that epic Challenge Cup semi final against Wigan at Maine Rd.

**STEVE ROACH'S** short contract career at Wilderspool ran almost parallel to Les Davidson's, except for two factors, Steve had to return home to assist Australia win the World Cup against New Zealand after he had made just four appearances for Wire early in the 1988-89 season, and he was allowed by his club Balmain to return to Warrington to play in the above mentioned semi final at Maine Rd. Steve, played his first game for us at Salford when Davidson made his debut and he went on to make 20 appearances altogether and scored one memorable try against Keighley in the Challenge Cup second round. He was a veteran of 17 State of Origin games for New South Wales



With Ernie Day  
**From Oz to Us**  
PART 14

**SILK CUT KILLS**

**1994-95**

**SILK CUT**

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**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 structure 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

**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY £229,900**  
CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND £170,100 (including development grants of £1,000 to

each amateur club in the Third Round)  
GRAND TOTAL  
£400,000

**1994-95 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.

**1994-95 SILK CUT TIMETABLE**

Fourth Round  
11/12 February 1995  
Fifth Round  
25/26 February 1995  
Quarter Finals  
11 March 1995  
Semi-Final 1  
25 March 1995

Semi-Final 2  
1 April 1995  
Final  
29 April 1995

**1994-95 SILK CUT TICKETS**

Tickets for the all-seaster 1995 Silk Cut Challenge Cup Final on Saturday 29 April can be booked now priced £30, £27, £22, £17 and £12 in the stadium, and £50 in the Olympic Gallery. Please forward order and remittance, made payable to the Rugby Football League, to: THE RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE 180 CHAPELTOWN ROAD LEEDS LS7 4HT

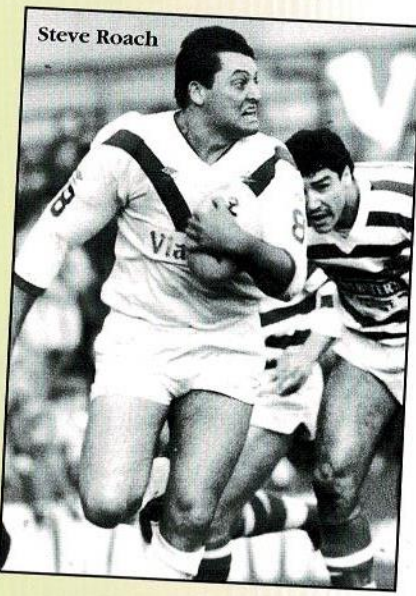
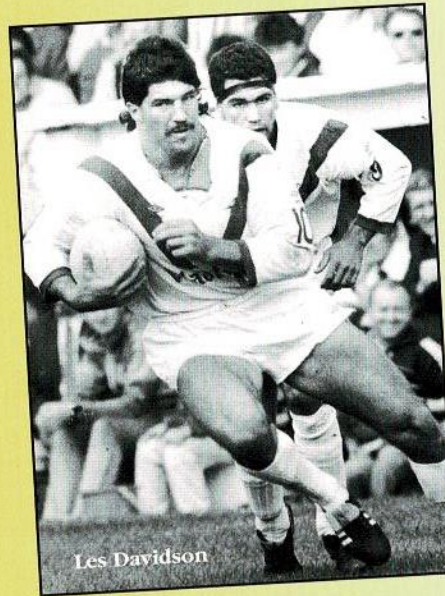
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**1994-95 SILK CUT DRAWS**  
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Fifth Round  
Monday 13 February 1995  
Quarter-Finals  
Monday 27 February 1995  
Semi-finals  
Monday 13 March 1995



and had made 15 appearances for Australia. Although he was in the mould of many Aussie props, his ball handling skills were not sometimes take full advantage of and a long spell with our club would have proved to be very beneficial. In retrospect, it is difficult to

understand how, during the 1988-89 season with such players as Blake, Boyd, Davidson, Roach, Woods and Mike Gregory in contention and even allowing for injuries we only just managed to avoid relegation. As Jimmy Greaves would say, "Its' a funny old game."



From Oz to us... Continued

	AWAY															
HOME	Bradford N.	Castleford	Doncaster	Featherstone	Halifax	Hull	Leeds	Oldham	St. Helens	Salford	Sheffield	Wakefield T.	WARRINGTON	Widnes	Wigan	Workington T.
Bradford N.				16-24		42-24		36-14	12-51	24-18	40-4	34-0	16-10	48-4	10-14	30-2
Castleford	39-18			32-16	52-10	16-22		18-16	34-6	28-9				26-6	28-31	26-14
Doncaster	18-36	35-28			0-72	42-38	6-16	14-22	34-14	12-19		22-10	8-30	21-6	10-28	
Featherstone	16-42		34-16		14-22	26-29	28-30			12-20	14-24	22-15	26-10		24-36	46-0
Halifax	16-16	30-24				46-12		34-8	22-30	24-27	24-20	40-10	19-6	27-10		
Hull	6-12	18-48			16-21		20-24	17-21		29-16			16-16		12-19	22-26
Leeds	46-30	14-14	38-18	38-14	42-14					26-20	30-18	38-10	30-0	36-4	33-28	42-16
Oldham	32-12		44-8	10-20	20-40	19-14	14-21		18-18		12-14		52-22	29-0	10-58	20-10
St. Helens		47-14	20-29	28-20	18-14	54-18	25-18	32-22		34-28	26-10				25-32	48-10
Salford			22-12	24-24	12-24	20-40		12-16	39-12		24-20	48-8				
Sheffield	8-26	16-27	30-22			38-14			35-31			14-41	29-8	0-22	20-36	34-29
Wakefield T.	12-44		28-14	15-0	8-30	22-29		21-16	15-0	13-10			26-32		12-20	
WARRINGTON	25-2	25-24	68-20	18-14		22-8		55-6	31-10			31-10			11-2	64-12
Widnes	15-34	16-30	12-12	28-18	17-10		10-48		10-20	24-16	36-18	4-20				220
Wigan		46-6		30-6			38-6	46-0		52-22	40-16	48-0	30-12	46-12		
Workington T.	32-14	4-4	19-16	13-2	36-10	18-8	16-22		25-30	34-0	6-31	28-12			6-30	

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## First Team Fixtures 1994/95

AUG			JAN 1995		
21st	Hull	A 16-16	1st	Wigan	A 12-30
24th	St. Helens	H 31-10	8th	Keighley (R.T.4)	A 20-18
28th	Wakefield T.	H 31-10	13th	Salford	A <i>Postponed</i>
SEPT			14th	Widnes (R.T.Semi Final)	A 30-4
4th	Featherstone R.	A 10-26	18th	Castleford	H 25-24
7th	Bradford N.	A 10-16	22nd	Leeds	A 0-30
11th	Oldham	H 55-6	28th	Wigan (RT Final, Huddersfield)	10-40
18th	Sheffield E.	A 8-29	FEB		
25th	Doncaster	A 30-8	5th	Doncaster	H 68-20
OCT			12th	Castleford (CC Rd4)	H 17-2
7th	Bradford N.	H 25-2	19th	Halifax	H 14-14
16th	Workington	H 64-12	25th	Oldham (CC Rd 5)	H
NOV			MAR		
6th	Hull	H 22-8	12th	Silk Cut Challenge Cup - Quarter Finals	
9th	Australia	H 0-24	19th	Workington	A
13th	Wakefield	A 32-26	26th	Salford	H
27th	Featherstone R.	H 18-14	APR		
DEC			2nd	Castleford	A
4th	Doncaster (RT Rd.2)	H 44-14	9th	Leeds	H
7th	Halifax	A 6-19	14th	Widnes	A
11th	Oldham	A 22-52	17th	Wigan	H
17th	Salford (RT 3)	A 31-24	23rd	St. Helens	A
26th	Widnes	H 11-2	MAY		
			7th	Stones Bitter Premiership - 1st Round	
			14th	Stones Bitter Premiership - Semi-Final	
			21st	Stones Bitter Premiership - Final	

## Appearances, Tries and Scorers

(Up to and including HALIFAX at home on 19/2/95)

Season 1994/95

All Seasons

Player	App	Sub	Tries	Goals	D/Gls	App	Sub	Tries	Goals	D/Gls
Barlow, T	18	-	7	-	-	18	-	7	-	-
Bateman, A	17	1	8	-	-	127	4	43	-	1
Bennett, A	3	18	7	-	-	4	27	9	-	-
Chambers, G	9	2	1	-	-	65	19	6	-	-
Cullen, P	26	-	5	-	-	290	20	51	-	-
Darbyshire, P	11	6	2	-	-	55	43	9	12	-
Davies, J	19	-	12	66	8	49	-	33	165	19
Dusher, M	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Elliott, D	5	-	-	-	-	17	8	1	-	-
Ellis, K	7	-	2	-	-	112	11	35	-	3
Forster, M	28	-	23	-	-	292	15	129	3	-
Harris, I	27	-	13	31	-	37	-	17	50	-
Hilton, M	6	9	-	-	-	7	22	1	-	-
Hodkinson, C	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
Jackson, R	-	-	-	-	-	222	6	41	8	1
Lee, J	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
Mackey, G	28	-	7	-	3	106	-	17	4	14
McGuire, B	27	-	3	-	-	27	-	3	-	-
Maloney, F	16	-	4	-	-	16	-	4	-	-
Myler, R	2	-	1	-	-	56	2	29	2	-
Penny, L	19	-	4	-	-	73	-	19	-	-
Phillips, R	-	1	-	-	-	27	23	6	-	-
Roper, J	14	-	5	-	-	18	1	7	-	-
Rudd, C	8	1	-	-	-	94	4	28	95	-
Sanderson, G	17	10	-	-	-	188	38	14	-	-
Shelford, K	25	1	7	-	1	111	2	27	1	6
Sumner, P	-	1	-	-	-	42	10	3	-	-
Tees, G	19	1	2	-	-	51	22	3	-	-
Thursfield, J	9	1	1	-	-	53	3	1	-	-
Wainwright, M	1	4	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-
Whitter, D	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Williamson, P	-	-	-	-	-	31	6	12	-	-

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