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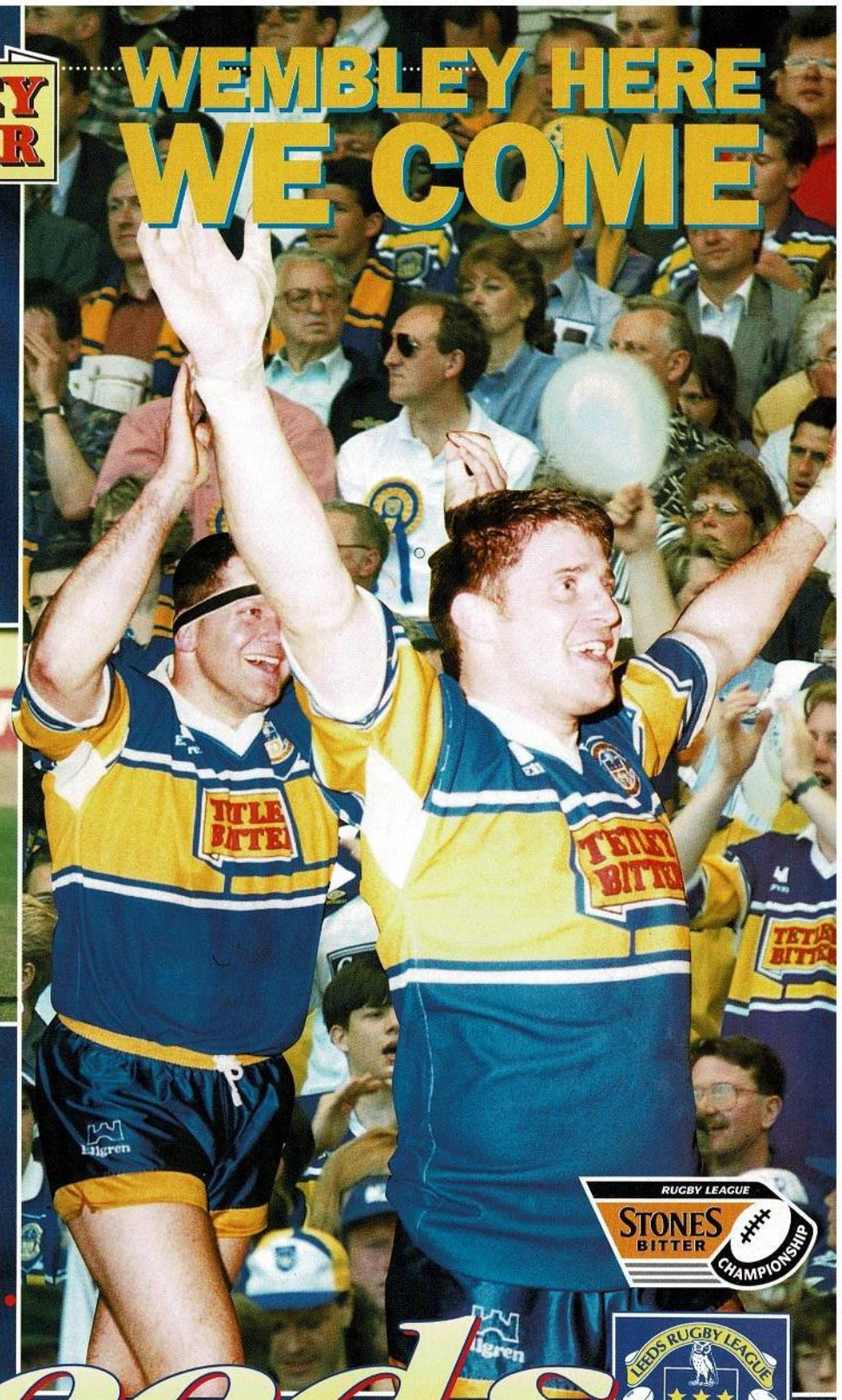


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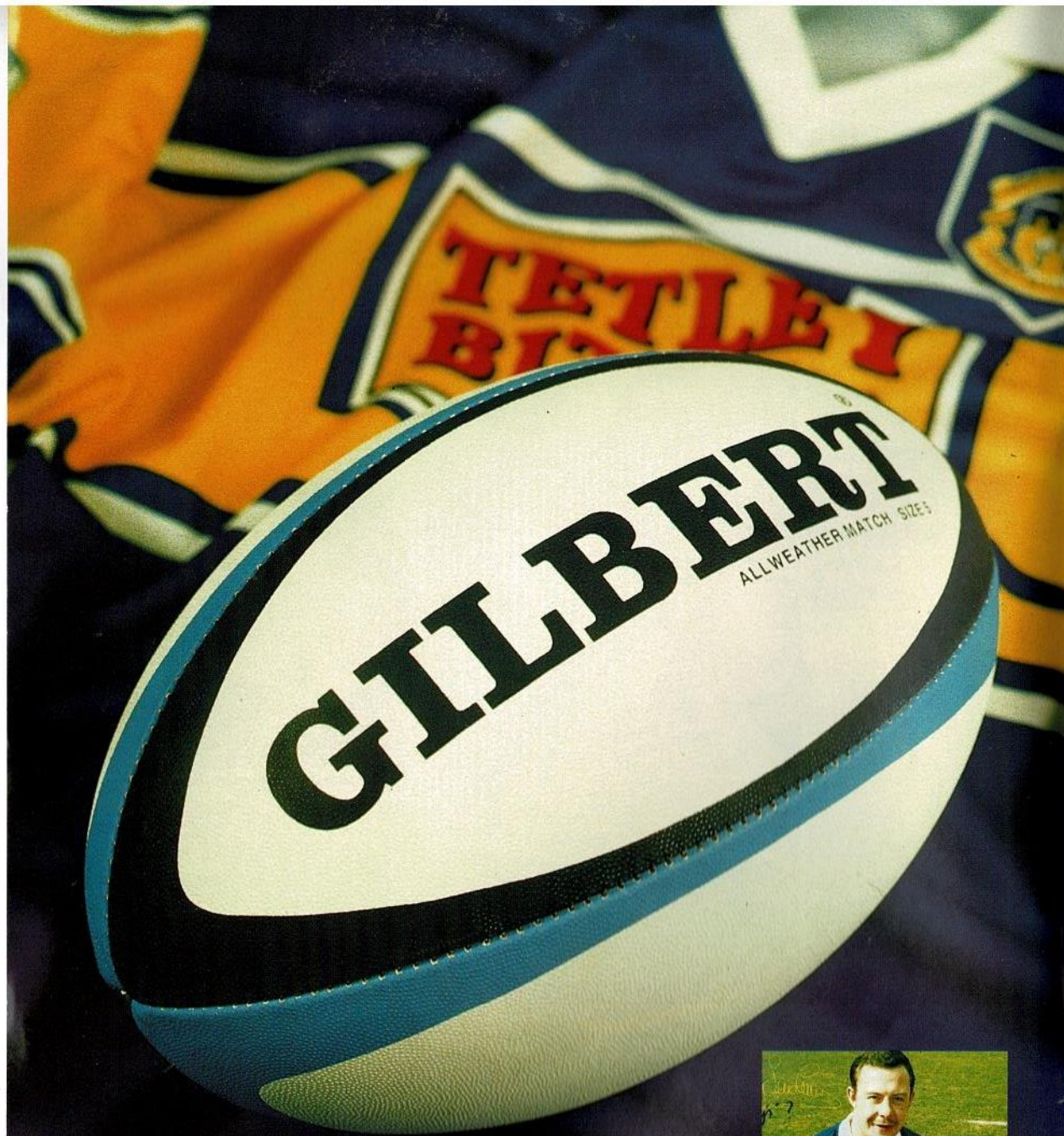
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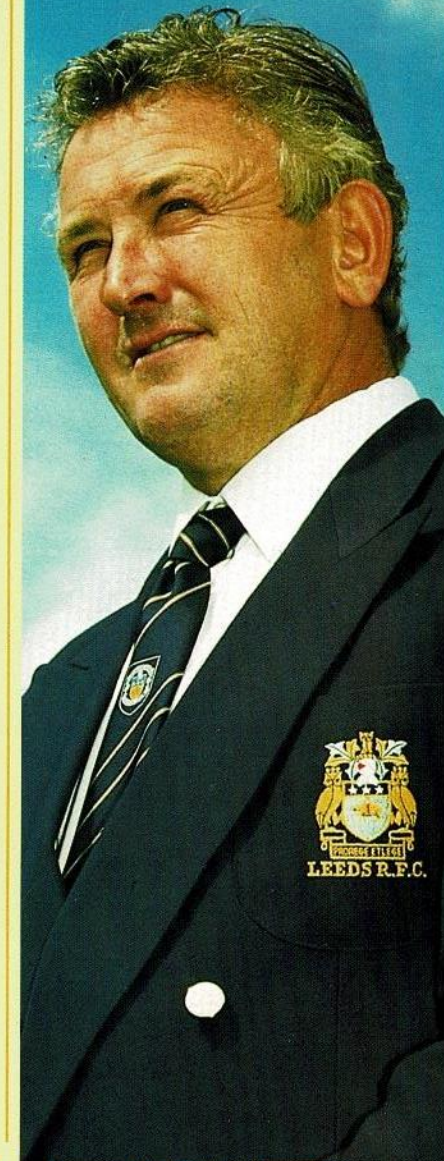
With tonight's game coming so soon after the semi final there has been pressure on to do the programme notes for Thursday lunch, then Friday lunch and I thought "on the fire with that!" A Challenge Cup semi final is the biggest single game in the season with so much depending on the outcome. As it turned out the boys did us proud, the fans were magic once again, and everyone at Headingley is happy.

There were thousands of people queuing on Sunday morning for their Wembley tickets. When you consider the size of the gate at Elland Road, 21,000, break that down to Featherstone who sold 4,000 tickets and there were probably 2,000 floating spectators, this leaves over 15,000 genuine Leeds supporters in my book. Considering that our ticket allowance is under 15,000 then obviously the clamour for tickets will be tremendous. Putting the semi final behind us we need to win at least two

games of our remaining five to be sure of finishing second, which would give us two guaranteed home games in our bid to reach Old Trafford. That must be our number one priority and goal for the next few weeks.

Last week our Academy team, having won at St Helens - their main rivals - are 99% certain to win the title and our 'A' team, which got off to a shakey start to the season, now looks as though it could end in second place. When you consider this time last season the 'A' team had to go to Widnes and win to avoid relegation, I think we can say that the coaching set-up at Headingley is pretty good.

We are almost certain to have our full quota of apprentices for next year and need only two from our weekend course, which this year will be at Carnegie College. If there is any sparkling talent out there who want to join the professionals, and are leaving school this summer, drop a line quickly to my chief scout, Bob Pickles.



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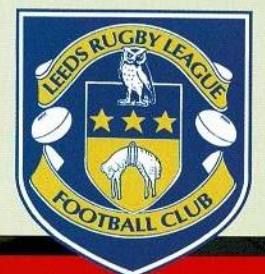
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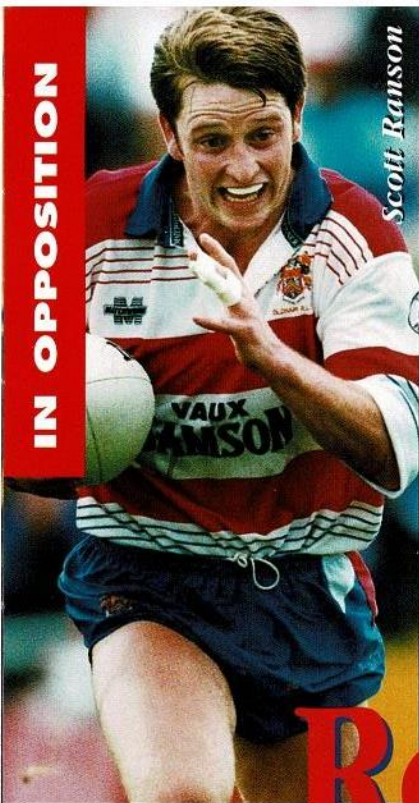
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WELCOME TO HEADINGLEY



Scott Ranson

TODAY'S VISITORS

finances under intense scrutiny, the coaching staff have relied upon astute captures from New Zealand and the investment in a youth policy that is already bearing significant dividends. Wilson Marsh, now settled at stand off and an excellent goalkicker, and strong running prop Jason Temu have added vital depth to the Oldham squad, whilst Esene Faimalo could well come up against younger brother Joe, who has looked impressive in his second spell in this country having previously guested for Swinton. The three Kiwis join electrifying Aboriginal full back Wally Gibson at a cosmopolitan Watersheddings, the ex Huddersfield speedster being a

career at Wheldon Road that saw him attain junior international honours. Darren Abram has had a new lease of life since moving to Oldham and proving that he had the ability at the highest level. An instinctive try scorer, his late development has justified the faith in him. Paul Topping's move into the centres has strengthened the side's mid-field defence, the tackling machine looks an ideal candidate for the loose forward berth eventually, as he possesses excellent handling, kicking and tackling skills. Dynamo Martin Crompton seems to have been revitalised under former Wigan colleague Goodway's leadership. The general at the hub of

Roughyeds Optimistic...

■ Despite the obvious heartbreak of another Challenge Cup semi final defeat, their seventh since the final was moved to the twin towers, Oldham have had a highly commendable season. To be in the last four and genuinely challenging for a place in the top eight is an enormous credit to Andy Goodway and his assistant Alan McCurrie. The renewed optimism and resurgence on the pitch has been matched with news that a purpose built stadium that will comply with all the criteria for framing the future has been given the go ahead. Many predicted that shorn of pack stars Solomona, Lindner, Goodway himself and McDermott over the close season, the Roughyeds would struggle but that was to underestimate their spirit and determination. With

dangerous link from the back. The semi final epitomised much of what Andy Goodway has tried to instill into his charges, their never-say-die spirit being particularly praiseworthy and none performed better than former Rochdale winger Adrian Belle, whose quality tries will be remembered for some time by all who witnessed them. Scott Ranson has again proved to be a fearless finisher and Nigel Heslop and David Jones have proven quality in the backs. Injury to major signing Shaun Irwin may have prematurely ended his season but the big centre or second rower is a prize capture after a fine

the side, his totally committed approach sets a fine lead to his team mates. Up front Ian Sherratt has had a big year with some thunderous displays tearing

THE SKIPPER

MIKE KUITI

Still has lots of friends at Headingley where his elegant running off the base of the scrum whilst linking out wide, was a feature. The added responsibility of the captaincy has reinvigorated his play and he is currently in excellent, matchwinning form, capable of scoring the crucial try. The genial Kiwi can always be relied upon to play the toughest sport in the world with a smile.

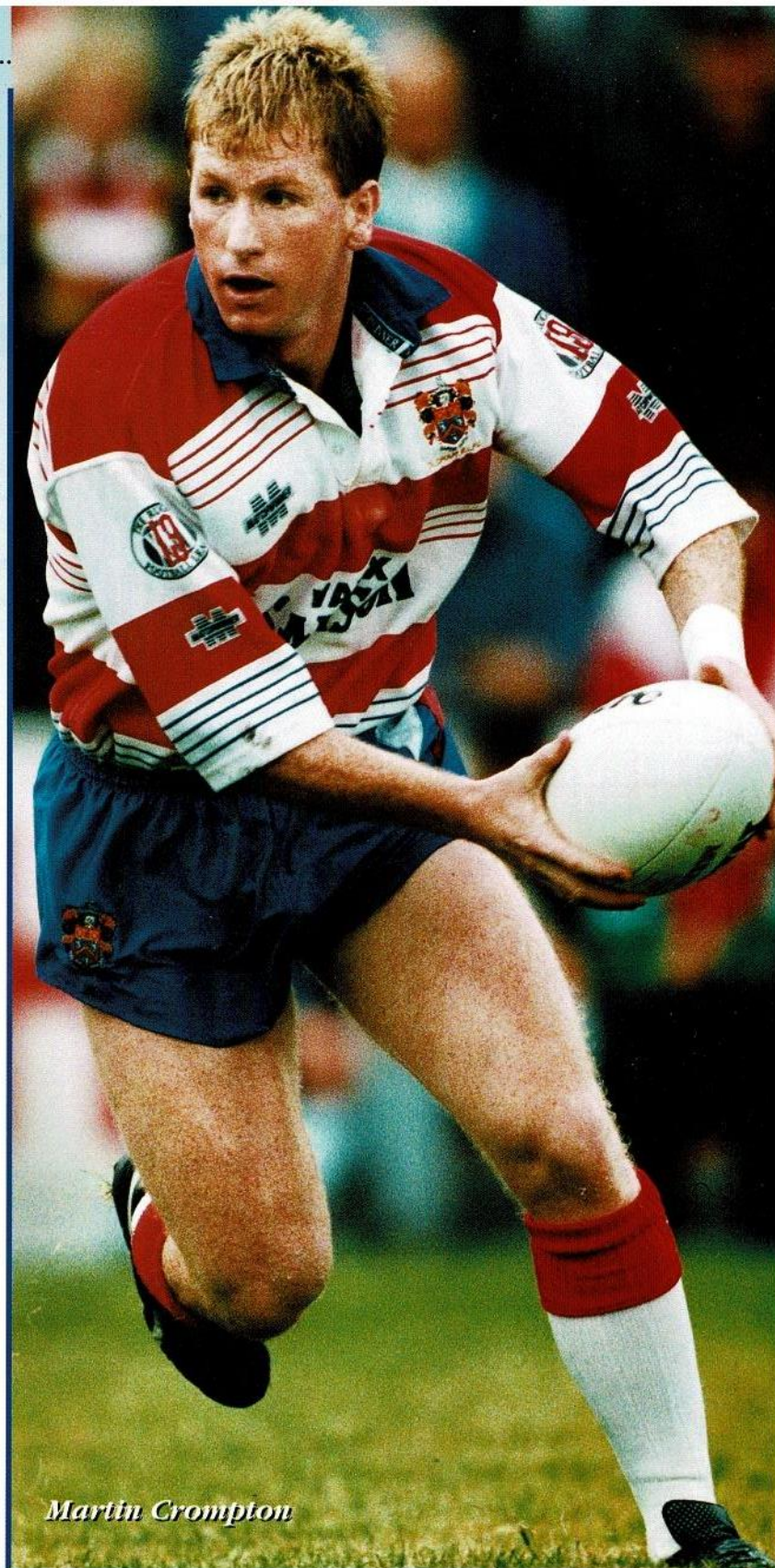
TODAYS VISITORS

THE COACH

ANDY GOODWAY

No opponents can afford to take a side tutored by Andy Goodway lightly. Having studied under the masters, he has evolved his own distinctive style that was initially tested on the all conquering Wigan Academy side. Fought back from persistent broken arms with typical determination, enjoying a season at Headingley late in an immensely distinguished and medal winning career. Successful at Manley and although originally from Castleford, his career has come a full circle, coaching the club whose shirt he graced in some stirring battles.

into the heart of the opposition. A difficult man to hold, he is the foundation of the Oldham pack. Youngster Chris Parr looks as though he will be following in the big prop's footsteps and great things are expected of him. Two of the game's outstanding junior prospects vye for the hooker's role. Both are tremendous exponents of the dummy half area, being blessed with explosive strength and pace off the mark. With David Stephenson currently sidelined with a broken thumb, ex East Leeds rake John Clarke may well take the spotlight. Paul Davidson, signed from Widnes in the close season, can cover a variety of pack positions as can Gary Lord who has always given total commitment. He was always admired here for his workrate. Youngster David Bradbury and sought after Craig Richards add further options whilst another ex Loiner Mike Kuiti is enjoying something of a renaissance in the red and white.



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Croydon magistrate Jean Pearch on sentencing Eric Cantona.

Do we expect too much of those who we admire and sometimes idolise in the sporting world of superstardom? Do we have any right to demand a different code of behaviour from our heroes, anticipating that they will be above greed, temptation and often intense provocation?

Both of those questions, whilst predominantly rooted in the current parlous state and public soulsearching of soccer, are relevant to all sports and their supporters. The answers, whilst shrouded in potential controversy, begin to get to the root of the meaning and place of sport in modern contemporary society.

In a culture that glorifies and looks to actively create and promote 'stars', whilst simultaneously lamenting the demise of the so-called 'characters', it is inevitable that the persona and image may well often differ with the reality. For those of us who are never likely to suffer the incessant-pressure of being permanently in the limelight and who cannot appreciate the restrictions of having



Holding out for Our Heroes...

every move scrutinised, it is difficult to pass a judgement. Yet in some ways the equation is simple and those who seek their fortune and reward in such a high profile environment must be aware and prepared for the accompanying loss and at times seeming invasion of privacy. Sporting celebrities acquire status whether it be worldwide reknown or localised recognition. With that invariably comes a rightful increase in money and in a high impact sport such as league with its total commitment requirement and limited timescale for earning capacity, no-one would begrudge any of the protagonists the maximum recompense that they can command. With financial incentive must come power, not least, as the magistrate noted with regard to Eric Cantona, the power to influence the impressionable. The converse of that is responsibility which players must have if they become the ultimate representatives of their occupation. It is behoven of them not to encourage or be seen to abet incitement, no matter how intense the rivalry or charged the atmosphere. Restraint and discipline are key factors for

ultimate success and need to be carried into personal performance. An occupational hazard of fame is undoubtedly the surrendering of individual freedom into the creation of a public persona. With that must come a defined code of behaviour the breaching of which brings stipulated penalty. Players must realise that they have a responsibility to the development and image of the sport that supports their talents and conversely the sport itself owes its stars, the people who justify its existence, the appropriate training, advice and counselling on how to cope and adjust to the inherent glare of the publicity machine. A game at the crux of framing its future cannot afford alleged incidents such as the ones involving Brendon Tuuta, Bobby Goulding or the fans at Belle Vue. Irrespective of the outcomes of any investigations, the potential fallout from the initial explosion of unwarranted interest damages everyone associated with the code. Whilst justice must be done and be seen to have been done, it is essential that the house is left in order.

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■ Please note Leeds RLFC Official Travel Packages, which include Wembley tickets are on sale to the general public from Sunday 2 April 1995.

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PLAYER OF THE MONTH

■ The Player of the Month awards Night for March will be held on Tuesday 11 April 1995 in the Headingley Pavilion. The presentation will take place at 7.30pm. All Blue & Amber members and their parents are welcome. There will be the usual disco featuring "Crazy Russ Booth". So come along and meet the stars of the future.

SPOT THE PLAYER

■ Neil Harmon was the player featured in the Workington Town programme. Nobody got the answer right. So we repeated Neil Harmon again for the St Helens programme and still no one got the right answer. Can you identify today's player on page 19? Make sure you enter and you could win a Leeds shirt and two VIP tickets for our next home game.

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Saturday 8	9.00am - 12 noon
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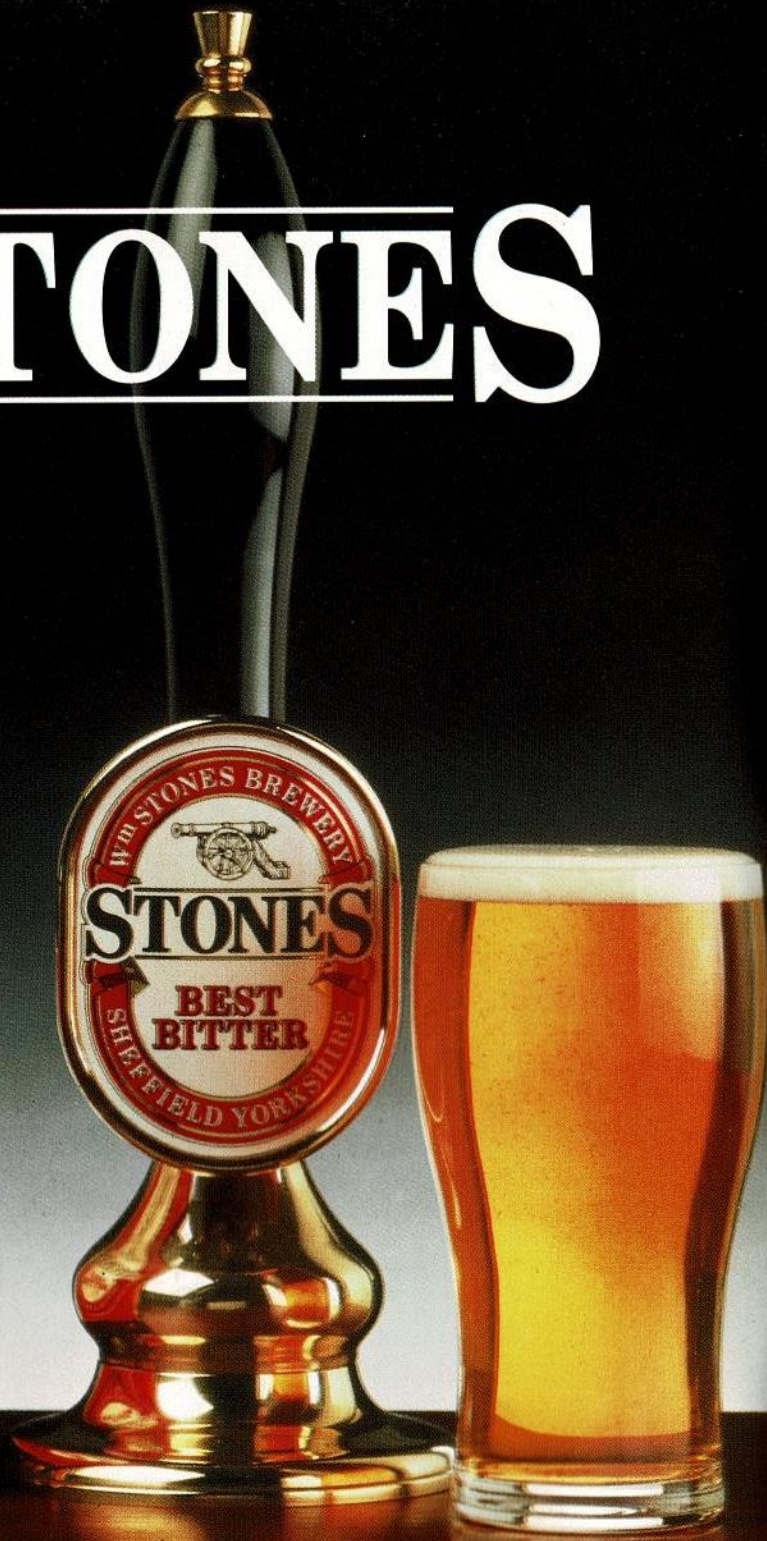
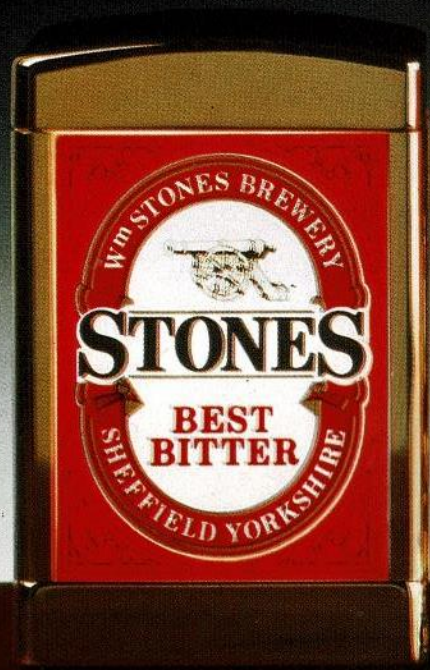
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BIG LEAGUE REVIEW

While Leeds were celebrating reaching Wembley for the second year running, their opponents on the big day were moving a step closer to their fifth successive Championship.

The Central Park giants destroyed Halifax by sixty points on Sunday to underline the fact that their shock midweek defeat at Thrum Hall was merely a minor hiccup and did not signal some kind of collapse in their season.

Certainly, Halifax knew what to expect after they became only the second club side - Leeds were the first - to defeat Wigan this season with a heroic 18-16 home victory.

Skipper Michael Hagan said they expected a backlash in the return game just a matter of days later and they undoubtedly got

Wigan Recover after Slip-up

as the Loiners looked such a long way from the side which has enjoyed such a fine run this season.

Still, Leeds showed plenty of character to get right back on track at Odsal, despite fielding a comparatively weakened team. The Loiners really stepped up their defensive effort to shut out Bradford and then came away with a convincing victory which helped bury the memory of a lacklustre performance at Sheffield and raise confidence for the impending semi-final showdown with Featherstone.

The title still looks a long shot but Leeds must keep up the pressure on Wigan because as the result at Thrum Hall proved, they can slip-up and, at any rate, a strong run into the Wembley showdown will do the Loiners' confidence a power of good.

Elsewhere in the League, St Helens defeated Wakefield to keep up the pressure on Leeds for second spot, though their own shock defeat at Featherstone the previous week suggests the Loiners are fairly safe in the runners-up spot, while Warrington enjoyed a fine win at Castleford.

At the other end of the table, troubled Doncaster were hammered at Bradford and Hull's slim hopes of avoiding the drop were boosted when Widnes went down at Workington.

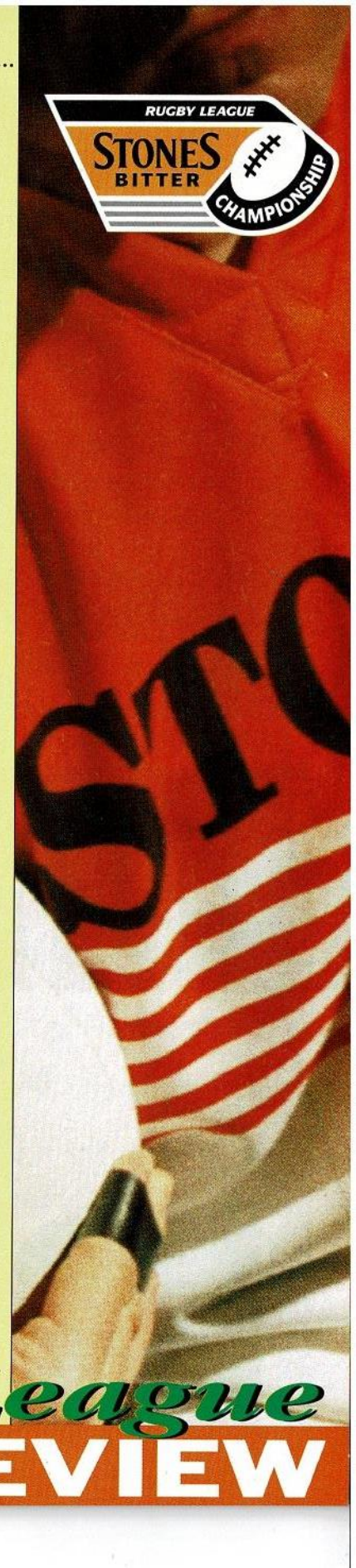
LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	25	23	0	2	910	314	46
Leeds	25	20	1	4	716	439	41
St Helens	27	18	1	8	790	572	37
Warrington	26	17	2	7	693	472	36
Castleford	25	15	2	8	676	504	32
Bradford	26	15	1	10	705	514	31
Sheffield	26	12	0	14	520	626	24
Oldham	24	9	1	14	433	590	19
Workington	26	9	1	16	412	657	19
Featherstone	24	8	1	15	476	538	17
Widnes	25	8	1	16	389	580	17
Salford	26	8	1	17	502	697	17
Wakefield	26	8	0	18	379	649	16
Hull	26	5	1	20	489	750	11
Doncaster	25	5	1	19	403	790	11

that in an amazing turnaround in fortunes. For Leeds fans it was probably too much to hope that Halifax could do the Headingley side a second major favour inside a week but at least Wigan's Thrum Hall setback did offer some hope to their chasing rivals in the Championship race. That said, Halifax's win undoubtedly added to the disappointment of Leeds' double setback at the hands of Sheffield and St Helens, and confirmed just how costly those defeats could be in the long run.

Leeds' Championship bid really did come off the rails with those defeats and the reverse at Sheffield was a particular blow

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LEEDS UNDER 13's 17 • BRADFORD 26

The Leeds Schools' RL Under 13s suffered an agonising 26-17 defeat at the hands of Bradford, and as a result saw the Yorkshire League title slip from their grasp, and with it the chance to meet the top side from Lancashire in the Premiership final.

Leeds opened the stronger, looking incisive on attack and well drilled on defence. After some slick handling and a well timed final pass from Junior Black (Agnes Stewart), Mark Kilbridge (Ralph Tucresby) scored the opening try wide on the left. Leeds' confidence was further boosted when on the second tackle after the restart Ryan Angus (Intake) raced up the left touchline from inside his own 20 metre area and held off the cover to put Leeds 8 points up.

Leeds went 12 points clear when hooker Andrew Mason (Lawnswood) took a short pass from stand off Jermaine Coleman (Allerton Grange) and battled his way over for the third try. Minutes later a quick-thinking drop goal which glanced off the crossbar, by scrum half Danny McGuire (Agnes Stewart), saw Leeds edge further ahead at 13-0.

It was at this stage that Bradford hit back, taking advantage of the first gaps to appear in a tired Leeds defence. Two tries scored wide on the left, both well converted, put Bradford right back in the game, only one point adrift with a couple of minutes remaining in the first half. Bradford struck the vital blow, almost on the half time

whistle, when they crossed for their 3rd try and were ahead for the first time at 16-13.

Two tries early in the second half further extended Bradford's lead to 26-15. Leeds then began their own fightback, dominating possession in the later stages of the game. Danny McGuire brought the home side closer when he pounced on a loose ball over the line, that Bradford had failed to clear.

In the final minutes Leeds maintained almost constant pressure on the Bradford line, but superb defence by the visitors, allied to a couple of errors by Leeds, saw the time tick frustratingly away. Leeds were camped in the Bradford line as the final whistle blew, leaving Leeds to regret their defensive lapses in the few minutes either side of the half time interval.

The Leeds time had given their all against a much bigger Bradford side and were perhaps unlucky to lose. For Leeds, second rower Danny Cook (West Leeds) and loose forward Andy Kirk (Pudsey Crawshaw) were outstanding, constantly driving the ball into the heart of the Bradford defence, whilst Matthew Cornell (Lawnswood) had another fine game in the centre.

The defence was a huge disappointment to the Leeds team and their supporters, the team have played some Bradford, who also defeated them in the semi final of the English Schools Cup.

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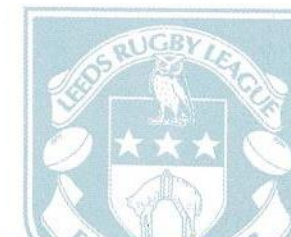
■ The March vote for the Player of the Season will be made after these notes are written but the February results were as follows:

Harvey Howard	12
Craig Innes	11
Ellery Hanley	11
James Lowes	9
Richie Eyres	7
Jim Fallon	4

The running totals still see Gary Mercer leading with 76, followed by Alan Tait 47, Patrick Entat and Garry Schofield 28.

We should like to thank Dave Woods of Radio 5 / Radio Leeds for attending our March meeting and hope to invite more guest speakers to future meetings - if you have any ideas, let us know.

Voting is at present taking place by the Alliance team for the Chris Sanderson Memorial Trophy. The Presentation will be made towards the end of the season. We hope to have details for the next programme.



Schools **UP DATE**

DATE	OPPOSITION	K.O.	RESULT	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
AUGUST	Workington	7-30	W 22-16	5,520	Haloid (3G)	Fallon	Ino (2T)	Innes (T)	Cummings	Schofield (1T)	Enat	Harmon	Vassilakopoulos	Howard	Mercer (1T)	Eyes	Hanley	Fainalo (S8)	Mann (S10)
19th	FEATHERSTONE R.	3:00	W 36-14	12,594	Haloid (6G)	Coak (T)	Ino (2T)	Innes (T)	Cummings	Schofield (1T)	Enat	Harmon	Vassilakopoulos	Howard	Mercer (1T)	Eyes	Hanley	Mann (S10)	Harmon (S9)
28th	S E T E M B E R																		
4th	Deacres	3:00	W 16-6	6,070	Haloid (3G)	Coak (T)	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings (T)	Schofield	Enat (T)	Fainalo	Loves	Howard	Mercer	Eyes	Hanley	Boase (S2)	Harmon (S2)
18th	SALFORD	7-30	W 63-20	16,314	Haloid (6G)	Tait	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings	Schofield	Enat	Fainalo	Mann	Howard	Mercer	Eyes	Hanley	Boase (S2)	Harmon (S2)
25th	Widnes	3:00	W 62-30	11,588	Enat (7G)	Fallon (T)	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings (T)	Schofield	Enat	Harmon	Vassilakopoulos	Fainalo (2T)	Mercer	Eyes	Hanley	Schofield (7S)	Mann (S8)
30th	CASTLEFORD	7:30	W 85-10	5,312	Tait (T)	Fallon	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings (T)	Haloid (3G)	Enat	Fainalo	Loves	Mann	Mercer	Eyes	Hanley	Schofield (7S)	Mann (S8)
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5th	AUSTRALIA	3:00	W 12-16	10,044	Tait (2T)	Fallon (T)	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings (G)	Schofield	Enat	Harmon	Loves	Fainalo	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Haloid (5T)	Fozzard (S8)
12th	St Helens	3:00	W 18-25	9,821	Tait	Fallon (2T)	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings (G)	Schofield	Enat (T)	Harmon	Loves	Fainalo	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Haloid (5T)	Fozzard (S8)
16th	SHEFFIELD E.	3:00	W 30-18	10,014	Haloid (3G)	Fallon (3T)	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings	Schofield	Enat	Harmon	Loves	Fainalo	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Haloid (5T)	Fozzard (S8)
30th	WAKEFIELD	3:00	W 38-10	11,616	Tait	Fallon (2T)	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings (G)	Schofield (T)	Enat	Harmon	Loves	Fainalo	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Haloid (5T)	Fozzard (S8)
N O V E M B E R																			
6th	WORKINGTON	3:00	W 42-16	10,044	Tait (2T)	Fallon (T)	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings	Schofield	Enat	Harmon	Loves	Fainalo	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Haloid (5T)	Fozzard (S8)
13th	Featherstone	3:00	W 30-28	5,885	Tait (T)	Fallon	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings (G)	Schofield	Enat	Harmon	Loves	Fainalo	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Haloid (5T)	Fozzard (S8)
27th	DONCASTER	3:00	W 39-18	11,657	Tait (T)	Fallon	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings (G)	Schofield	Enat	Harmon	Loves	Fainalo	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Haloid (5T)	Fozzard (S8)
D E C E M B E R																			
4th	Regal Trophy - Swinton	3:00	W 54-24	4,827	Tait	Fallon	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings (G)	Schofield	Enat	Harmon	Loves	Fainalo	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Haloid (5T)	Fozzard (S8)
11th	WIGAN	3:00	W 53-28	20,058	Tait	Fallon (2T)	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings (T)	Schofield (1G)	Haloid (5G)	Howard	Loves	Fainalo	Mercer	Eyes	Hanley	Haloid (5T)	Fozzard (S8)
24th	Regal Trophy - Workington T. Hall	3:00	W 18-14	5,515	Tait	Fallon	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings (T)	Schofield	Enat	Harmon	Loves	Fainalo	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Haloid (5T)	Fozzard (S8)
26th	Hull	3:15	W 34-30	6,500	Tait	Fallon	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings (T)	Schofield	Enat	Harmon	Loves	Fainalo	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Haloid (5T)	Fozzard (S8)
J A N U A R Y																			
1st	HALIFAX	3:00	W 42-14	19,218	Tait (T)	Fallon (T)	Innes (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings (3T)	Schofield (T)	Haloid (7G)	Howard	Loves	Fainalo	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Haloid (5T)	Fozzard (S8)
7th	Regal Trophy - Castleford	3:00	W 14-14	10,500	Tait	Fallon	Innes (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings	Schofield	Haloid (7G)	Howard	Loves	Fainalo	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Haloid (5T)	Fozzard (S8)
11th	Oldham	3:00	W 21-14	4,080	Tait	Fallon (T)	Innes (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings	Schofield	Haloid (4G)	Howard	Loves	Fainalo	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Haloid (5T)	Fozzard (S8)
15th	BRADFORD	3:00	W 46-30	14,058	Tait	Fallon	Innes (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings	Schofield	Haloid (6G)	Howard	Loves	Fainalo	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Haloid (5T)	Fozzard (S8)
22th	WARRINGTON	3:00	W 30-0	10,360	Tait	Fallon (T)	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings	Schofield	Haloid (3G)	Howard	Loves	Fainalo	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Haloid (5T)	Fozzard (S8)
F E B R U A R Y																			
3rd	WIDNES	7:30	W 64-4	10,080	Tait	Fallon	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cook	Schofield	Haloid (6G)	Howard	Loves	Fainalo	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Haloid (5T)	Fozzard (S8)
12th	Silk Cut - 4th Round Bradford N.	3:00	W 31-14	16,095	Tait	Fallon	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings	Schofield (1D)	Haloid (5G, 1T)	Howard	Loves	Fainalo	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Haloid (5T)	Fozzard (S8)
17th	Castleford	7:30	W 22-16	6,426	Tait (T)	Fallon	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings (1T)	Schofield	Haloid (3G)	Howard	Loves	Fainalo	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Haloid (5T)	Fozzard (S8)
26th	Silk Cut - 5th Round Ryedale York	3:00	W 44-14	9,473	Tait	Fallon (4T)	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings (3G)	Haloid (5G)	Enat	Harmon	Loves	Fainalo	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Schofield (5G)	Leatham (S10)
M A R C H																			
1st	Salford	7:30	W 26-8	3,271	Tait	Fallon	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings (3G)	Innes (T)	Vassilakopoulos	Fainalo	Loves	Leatham	Mercer	Eyes	Hanley	Schofield (5G)	Leatham (S10)
12th	Silk Cut Quarter Final - Workington	3:00	W 50-16	15,452	Tait	Fallon	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings (T)	Schofield (T)	Haloid (9G)	Fainalo	Loves	Mann	Mercer	Eyes	Hanley	Vassilakopoulos (S10)	Leatham (S8)
19th	Sheffield E.	3:15	W 22-31	4,773	Tait	Fallon	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings (T)	Schofield	Haloid (3G)	Fainalo	Loves	Mann	Mercer	Eyes	Hanley	Vassilakopoulos (S10)	Leatham (S8)
25th	St. Helens	7:30	W 30-31	11,668	Tait	Fallon	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings (2T)	Haloid (7G)	Vassilakopoulos	Harmon	Loves	Fainalo	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Vassilakopoulos (S10)	Leatham (S11)
26th	Castleford	3:00	W 30-10	6,543	Tait (T)	Fallon	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings (T)	Cook (5G)	Innes	Enat	Loves	Leatham	Mann	Eyes	Hanley	Vassilakopoulos (S10)	Leatham (S11)
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1st	Silk Cut Semi Final Featherstone R.	3:00	W 39-22	21,485	Tait (T)	Fallon (2T)	Ino (T)	Innes (T)	Cummings	Schofield (TD)	Haloid (T, 5G)	Howard	Loves	Fainalo	Mercer	Eyes	Hanley	Vassilakopoulos (S12)	Harmon (S8)
5th	OLDHAM	3:00																	
9th	Warrington	3:00																	
14th	HULL	7:30																	
17th	Hullix	3:00																	
23rd	Wakefield	3:30																	
29th	SILK CUT FINAL - WIGAN	Wembley	3:00																



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While the Leeds first team were capturing all the headlines this week, the next generation of stars at Headingley were confirming in some style that the future too is very bright.

The brilliant Leeds Academy side travelled to Knowsley Road last week in the knowledge that victory would put them clearly in the driving seat for the JJB Sports Academy First Division Championship.

The opponents, St Helens, had made all the early running in the title race but Damien McGrath's side had now overhauled them and victory would further strengthen their position.

It was a very big game then with the pressure most definitely on but Leeds responded in heartening fashion, despite an early setback.

The well-organised Leeds defence had not conceded a try in four games going into the title showdown, so it was something of a shock when St Helens' Academy international star Joey Hayes left three Leeds defenders in his wake to score a brilliant try.

The Leeds response, however, was prompt and positive. Second rower Martin Law made a great break to send stand-off Anthony Gibbons away for a crucial try and Kris Smith's conversion gave the young Loiners a 4-6 lead.

And that's the way it was at the interval as both defences worked overtime in a tension-charged game.

The introduction of Paul Cook and David Gibbons at half-time, however, helped swing this crucial clash very much in the favour of the Loiners.

Going for The Double

They both combined superbly to set up the position for David's twin brother Anthony who raised Leeds spirits with a second well taken try. Smith missed the conversion but Cook soon dropped a goal to give the visitors an 11-4 lead before Brian Capewell swooped for Saints' second score after a spell of pressure.

That set up the game for a stirring finish but Leeds were not to be denied and with the pack leading the charge, Anthony Gibbons completed a wonderful night with his third try. Smith added the extras to put Leeds in the clear at 17-8 in front and then Cook rounded off a highly-encouraging night for the Loiners with the try that killed off any home hopes of a late revival.

The final scoreline of 21-8 was testimony to a quality performance by Leeds and three days later the Academy lads repeated their efforts in the Challenge Cup quarter-final tie against Warrington at Wheldon Road, Castleford.

The quarters are played on neutral grounds in Academy football but that made little difference to Leeds who again turned on the style in front of the Sky cameras.

Warrington are a highly-rated young side and a tough clash was expected but Leeds were simply far too good for them and by half-time had built up an incredible 34-0 lead.

Warrington did rally after the break as Leeds eased up a little but the Loiners were never in danger and progressed into the semi-finals of the competition with a 40-22 victory.

The Leeds Alliance side also enjoyed a good win last week, comprehensively defeating Wakefield Trinity 30-8 at Headingley.

TOMORROWS HEROES

ALLIANCE FIXTURES

94 August			
17th	St.Helens	H	7.30 W 26-20
26th	Featherstone R.	A	7.30 L 20-36
94 September			
2nd	Ryedale York	A	7.30 L 28-32
7th	Wigan	H	7.30 W 33-16
16th	Salford	A	8.00 L 12-32
26th	Y.S.C. CUP - FIRST ROUND		
	Sheffield Eagles	A	7.30 L 28-31
29th	Castleford	A	7.30 W 16-10
94 October			
19th	Warrington	H	7.30 W 23-18
27th	Wakefield T.	A	7.30 W 21-16
94 November			
4th	St.Helens	A	7.30 L 14-32
9th	Featherstone R.	H	7.30 W 36-0
16th	Ryedale York	H	7.30 W34-8
24th	Dewsbury	A	7.30 L10-26
30th	Oldham	H	7.30 W31-18
94 December			
9th	Wigan	A	7.30 16-22
14th	Hull	H	7.30 W32-12
95 January			
8th ALLIANCE CHALLENGE CUP - 1st Round			
	Doncaster	H	7.30 W34-18
12th	Bradford N.	A	7.30 16-15
20th	Warrington	A	7.30 W18-7
95 February			
13th ALLIANCE CHALLENGE CUP - 2nd Round			
	Warrington	H	7.30 L10-25
95 March			
3rd	Dewsbury	H	7.30 W31-6
10th	Oldham	A	7.30 W24-13
16th	Salford	H	7.30 W54-18
23rd	Bradford N.	H	7.30 W60-6
30th	Wakefield	H	7.30 W30-8
95 April			
4th	Hull F.C.	A	7.30
12th	Halifax	A	7.30
18th	Castleford	H	7.30
21st	Halifax	H	7.30

JJB SPORTS ACADEMY DIVISION ONE

Date	Versus		K/O	Result
Oct 31	Bradford N.	A	7.30	W 42-4
Nov 4	Wigan	A	7.30	W 34-12
Nov 14	Wakefield T.	A	7.30	W 18-16
Nov 19	Warrington	H	2.30	W 54-0
Nov 26	Leigh	A	2.00	W32-12
Dec 17	Hull	H	2.00	W40-10
1995				
Jan 14	Wigan	H	2.00	D23-23
Jan 21	Wakefield T.	H	2.00	W10-7
Feb 11	Leigh	H	2.30	W48-2
Mar 6	Castleford	A	7.30	W28-0
Mar 11	ACADEMY CHALLENGE CUP Round 1			
	Dewsbury	H	2.30	W44-2
Mar 18	Castleford	H	2.30	W52-0
Mar 25	Hull	A	T.B.A.	
Mar 28	St. Helens	A	7.30	
Mar 31	ACADEMY CHALLENGE CUP 1/4 FINAL			
	Warrington	H	4.45	W40-22
Apr 8	Bradford N.	H	2.30	
Apr 11	St. Helens	H	7.30	
	Castleford	A	T.B.A.	
Apr 15	Warrington	A	2.30	

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James Lowes



James Lowes is one of those players who just never gives in and his performance in defeat against St. Helens epitomised his never-say-die approach.

Somehow the game always seemed to be going away from Leeds but the all-action number nine refused to bow to the inevitable and worked himself to a virtual standstill in a bid to turn the tide.

Unfortunately it wasn't to be and a vital game was lost but no player can do more than give his absolute all and that's what James Lowes did against Saints.

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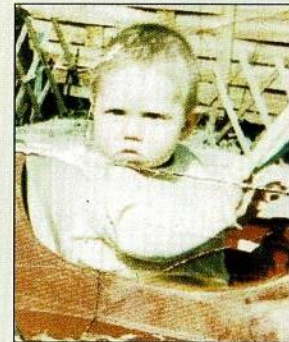
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Patrick Entat...
back in action
at Odsal

A Week is a Long Time

■ Complacency, misfortune and guts were probably the key words that summed up the Loiners week which virtually ended any lingering pretensions in the title challenge but saw confidence restored for the Challenge Cup semi.

Looking at the fixtures beforehand, a previously excellent record against the Eagles indicated an extension of the long winning league sequence, the battle with Saints always going to be an unpredictable encounter but exceptional home form augured well whilst the visit to Odsal with the home side seemingly bent on revenge and without the distraction of midweek involvement looked a formidable challenge.

As events transpired, an accumulator on the likely outcomes would have yielded a nil return. As they had done to Wigan the previous season, the bouyant Eagles raised their game to the collective heights to secure a famous win, made all the more meritorious when considering the youthfulness of their side, particularly in the pack. The Loiners started badly and got worse, having one

of those afternoons when nothing went right. The previously drilled and disciplined defensive line looked ragged and vulnerable and in Lee Jackson and Ryan Sheridan, the home side had armour to take up the initiative.

Leeds made more mistakes with the ball in their hands and dropping off man on man tackles than they had in the majority of

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their previous matches combined but that should not detract from a highly passionate and committed display from the south Yorkshiremen and an intelligent use of their dominance of possession. Their admirable approach was even more commendable when the respective team sheets were announced beforehand, the visitors unchanged and at full strength, whilst the home side were forced to draft in the best of the next generation and their performances heartened both their coach whose faith in them was justified, and the fans who put all talk of merger behind them.

The Eagles had the edge in the crucial positions, Ryan Sheriden harried relentlessly, his pace off the mark a constant thorn, whilst Lee Jackson bossed the midfield invariably creating vital yardage from his exemplary acting half back play. A willingness to slip the ball out the tackle to close supporting colleagues spread throughout the side as the confidence grew and Leeds failed to cut out that option or dampen the enthusiasm.

The Loiners mounted little momentum in the opening period which saw them 9-0 down and frustration mounting. Gary Mercer went on report before the ever alert James Lowes took matters into his own hands with a fine solo effort from close in to cut the deficit. Graham Holroyd's century goal eased the worry but ex East Leeds second rower Ian Hughes justifiably extended the Eagles advantage at the break. The introduction of Neil Harmon gave the Loiners renewed drive and purpose and his excellent slipped pass allowed Francis Cummins the space for a sparkling touchline run to the corner. A spell of concerted pressure saw George Mann, deputising for the injured Garry Schofield, extend his prolific scoring run and unfortunately Graham Holroyd's conversion hit the post. That was the closest Leeds game, Carl Briggs steadied the home nerves

with two drop goals after Sodje's try had again extended their advantage. Late scores to Price after a disastrous Iro knock on and Mercer meant that the sides had shared eight touchdowns but there was no disputing the outcome as the Championship challenge ebbed away in a disappointing Leeds performance.

The League world waited to see if the Loiners could get back on track and maintain their impressive home form in the rearranged midweek fixture with the Saints, always one of the most attractive matches of the season between sides who love to improvise on attack. Whilst the game contained nine tries, some high class action and some top quality skills, it was the visitors who emerged, having done the double, although their victory was tarnished for some by the extraneous antics of some of their players. But for a rare off night with Holroyd's boot, Leeds may well have won, although two of his efforts unluckily hit the post and came out at crucial points in the game. Saints were ruthless in their finishing, initially aided by some careless Leeds defence, their first three sorties into the Loiners' quarter all yielding tries.

There was no doubting the fact that the dominant player on view was Bobby Goulding, particularly with his majestic broken field kicking. Some instinctive scrambling last ditch defence on both sides heightened the excitement which was only slightly spoiled by a propensity to try and milk penalties at the play the ball. An inspirational tackle by Prescott on Tait denied Leeds from closing the gap in the first half but they emerged to enjoy their best spell, ably led by the drive of Hanley, Lowes and Mann. The hooker picked up another deserved score but the conversion that would have given the home side the lead for the first time just fell short. Jim Fallon had already had a try disallowed for a forward pass and when his wing partner was similarly denied after a scrappy play the ball on the Saints line with 12 minutes remaining, the chance had gone. A Goulding penalty and two quick tries

stemming from long Elia breaks settled the outcome, Cummins' late reply being the only consolation. Consecutive defeats raised the spectre of whether second spot was under threat and had the doubters questioning the Loiners' confidence prior to the semi final.

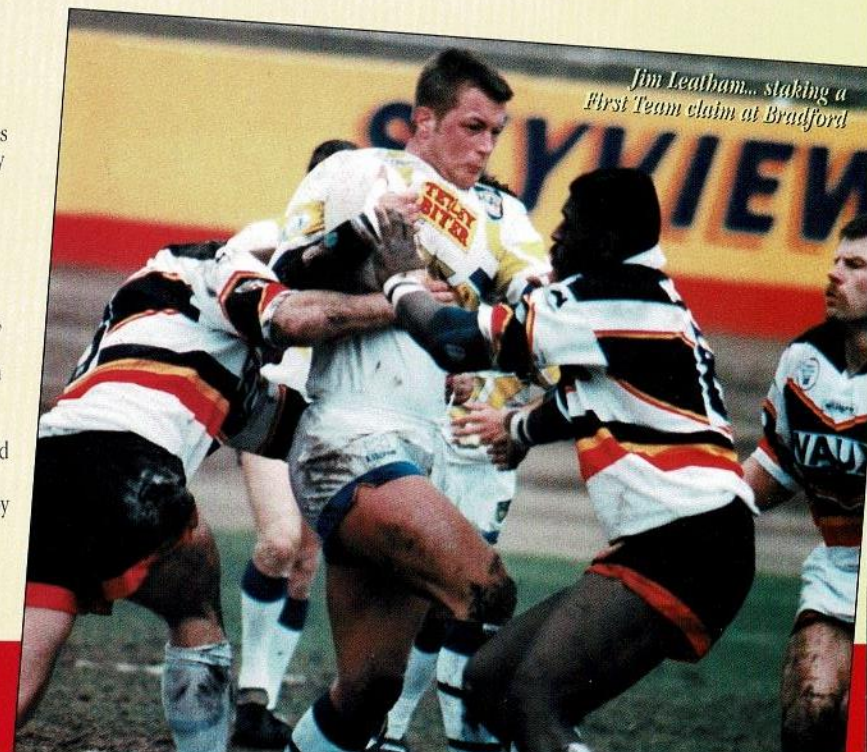
They answered their potential critics in the best possible way, dispelling the feeling that no side could play three big games in a week at this level, with a team performance full of character at Odsal. Although the first period especially was characterised by an inability to hold the ball for sets of six on both sides and was punctuated by a stream of penalties, the Loiners remained resolute and determined in a much improved defensive display.

A new half back and left wing pairing, combined with the impetus of youth in the pack worked well whilst the old head of Lowes, Eyres and Hanley supplied the backbone. Bradford were surprisingly limited on attack until the introduction of Robbie Paul in the second period and none of their much vaunted pack could match the power of Esene Faimalo whose late first half

try divided the sides. Paul Cook's excellent place kicking in difficult blustery conditions rammng home every advantage.

What swung the match was some superb defence of their own line by Leeds at the start of the second period which protected a lead that had been enhanced by Richie Eyres's try. For four consecutive sets of six, Bradford hammered into the Leeds cover, spurning the chance of kickable penalties to maintain the pressure but heroic teamwork raised the seige. When they did counter Fairbank's alleged illegal challenge on Hanley saw him dismissed and with him went the chances of his side. Cummins maintained his scoring run with a fine take to go over in the corner and Schultz on as sub produced a punishing break for Tait to finish.

Carl Hall's spectacular effort was all the home fans had to cheer as Cummins broke through a bemused defence to put his skipper in. Craig Innes covering in the stand off berth put in an awesome defensive stint and some well executed options at the play the ball constantly exposed surprisingly lacklustre opponents.



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LATEST NEWS...RING LEEDS CLUBCALL

If there was one bright spot to emerge from the gloom of the Don Valley it was the achievement of another landmark for one of the code's most talented youngsters, Graham Holroyd. For the second consecutive season in the Big League the seemingly nerveless teenager passed a century of goals in a campaign, joining illustrious company along the way.

Watching his calm, assured displays it is easy to forget that he is just at the start of what will hopefully be a long and distinguished career, not just at club but also at representative level. Many pundits have pointed to the dearth of quality stand offs as being indicative of the parlous state of our international standing but Graham's duel with such as fellow under 21 compatriot Nigel Wright and Wigan's next emerging superstar Sean Long should be a fascinating contest.

What makes this season's feat even more remarkable is that the ex-Siddal prodigy has had to adapt to the unique requirements of the scrum half berth at the same time as overhauling his kicking style. Around Christmas, having studied the mechanics behind

the metronomic accuracy of Kiwi ace Frano Botica, he made some vital technical adjustments that have not only improved his success rating but has been responsible for lifting the whole side at crucial moments and indeed, for winning matches, most notably away at Hull, Oldham and Castleford. Not since the days of such as David Marshall and the young John Holmes in

effortless long pass, he also reads the game exceptionally well and has the balance and pace off the mark to frighten even the most well drilled or defences. It is amazing to think that Halifax chose to release him after trials because of a perceived lack of pace. His superb try against the Thrum Hallers on New Year's Day must have reddened a few faces.

PROfile Graham Holroyd

Initially signed on the apprenticeship scheme, he is always prepared to visit schools or get involved in promotional work for the club, becoming a role model for those scarcely

younger than him and a fine ambassador. Whilst undoubtedly preferring the number six shirt which he will surely make his own in the longer term, his outstanding performances have seen him develop into an excellent organiser at the scrum base and a sound and reliable auxiliary full back, where he started the first four matches of the season.

If he maintains his remarkable progress to date, then he can be assured of a place amongst the greats and in the folklore and legend of Headingley. That would be entirely appropriate.

the 1970s have the Loiners been able to call on such consistency with the boot in a facet of the game that is so often undervalued but as Wigan have shown, is one of the most potent psychological weapons in today's game. If the opposition know that they cannot afford to give away penalties virtually in their own half or that most tries conceded will count for six points then they have to alter their game plan accordingly. But his ability is based on so much more than an uncanny accuracy in his feet. A beautiful handler of the ball especially when unveiling a disguised,





Graham Holroyd

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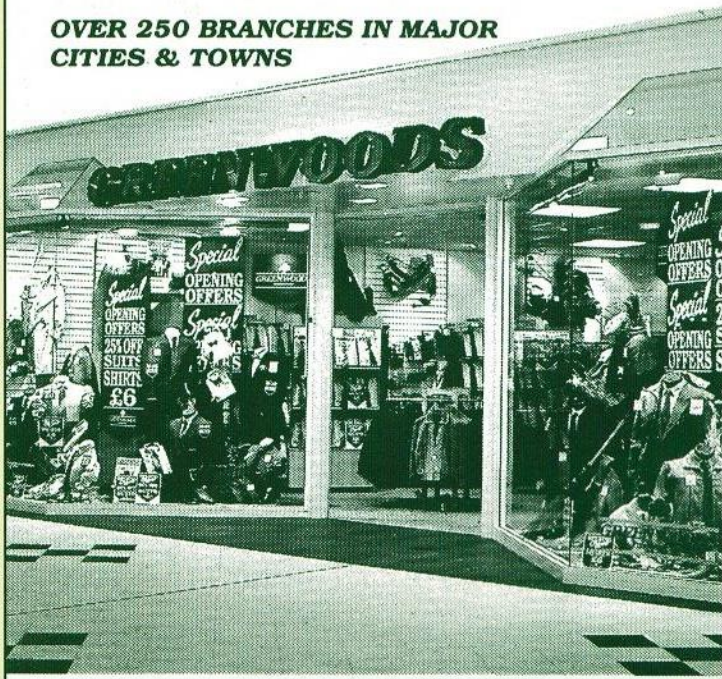
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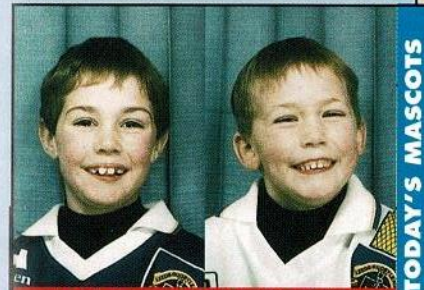


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1. Where do Oldham play?
2. Which three former Leeds players are now playing for Oldham?
3. Who is the Oldham coach?
4. How many times have Oldham played at Wembley?
5. What was the score when Oldham played Leeds at the Watersheddings earlier on this season?

Answers...
1. Watersheddings 2. Andy Goodway, Mike Kuiti won 21-14 Attendance: 4,080
Gary Lord 3. Andy Goodway 4. None 5. Leeds



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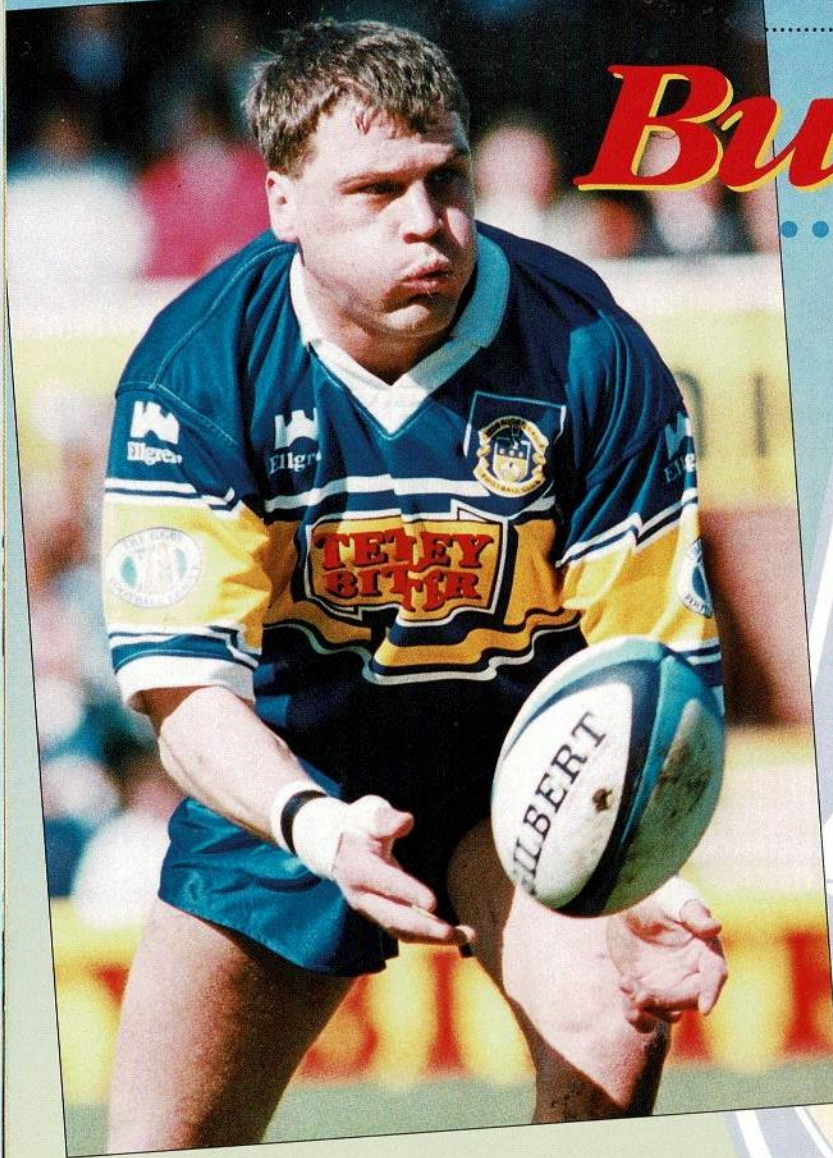


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have restarted their weekly training sessions every Saturday morning. Each session commences at 10am till 12.30pm. and the Club meets in the South Stand car park, all ages both boys and girls are very welcome to attend.



Burning AMBITION



■ James Lowes can be seen around Headingley virtually every day of the week, even when the rest of his team mates are enjoying a day off.

The born and bred Leeds lad simply likes hanging out here and it is no chore at all for him to throw in an extra weights session or training spin to compliment the work he does with his colleagues.

Indeed, after starting his professional League career with a much smaller club in Hunslet, the popular Leeds number nine is as keen as they come

and determined to make the most of every minute at Headingley. That means utilising the superb facilities to the full and enjoying the benefits of being a full-time professional sportsman in the unique atmosphere which is Headingley. And as a player who has seen life from a very different side of the Rugby League world, he certainly doesn't lack for motivation. He's been given a great opportunity here and he isn't about to waste it.

As he explains: "I enjoyed my time at Hunslet and it was a good spirit because we were mates playing together, but really, coming to Leeds was something else and I realise I am in a very lucky position here. This is a tremendous environment to be in and an exciting place to be and I love every minute of it here." Of course, playing for such a big club means sacrifices and a lot of hard work but that doesn't scare a player with his heart set on making it to the very top of the game. In fact, his ambition is the driving force behind his on-going struggle to improve himself as a player.

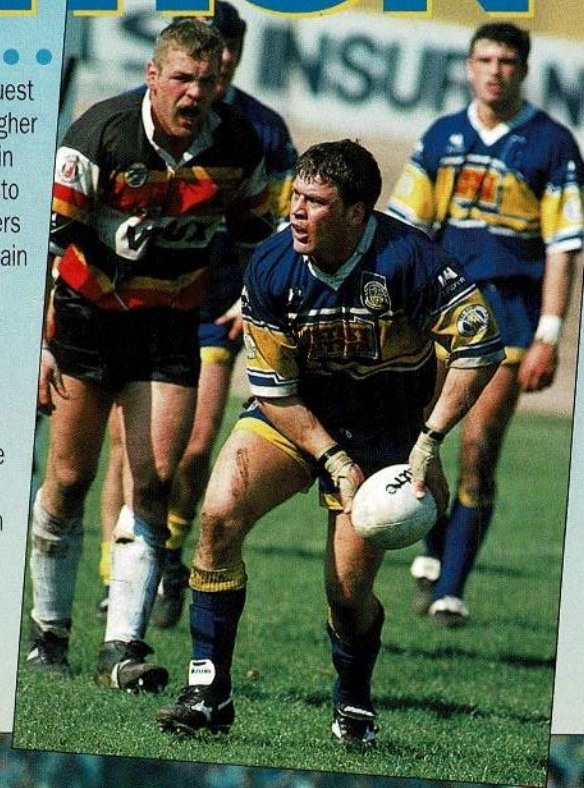
"I think if you sit back believing you've made it then you will stand still. I'm still learning all the time and looking for ways to improve my game, my fitness, everything. Hopefully, that attitude will help me hang on to my Leeds shirt and help Leeds to land the honours that we all want and I think if you follow the example of someone like Ellery Hanley then you won't go far wrong.

"In fact, there are a lot of great professionals here and you have to learn from them, otherwise you are throwing away a great opportunity. I want to play in the big games and the Cup finals for Leeds. I want to win medals and I want to play for my country but I am only going to get out what I put in so I know I have to work very hard at it." The fact that James was signed to play in a completely different position by Doug Laughton from the one he was used

to, has also ensured that he has stayed focused on his task with Leeds because it has almost been like starting from scratch for him. But he has no complaints about that and now can barely remember his previous life as a halfback. "It is fair to say it was difficult at first making the transition and coping with the extra physical demands, but I've thrown myself into it, done the tough stuff in the gym, and hopefully I've proved myself in the position against the best hookers around. Playing number nine with its total involvement has also helped me establish myself in the team and I've really enjoyed the challenge of it all," he says. And Lowes is clearly a player who relishes

a challenge. In his quest for recognition at a higher level, he is also cast in the role of challenger to the established hookers in this country, but again that is something he thrives on and the all-action high work rate number nine is determined to make people sit up and take notice.

"Every time I go out in a Leeds shirt I know I have something to prove and that's the way it should be."



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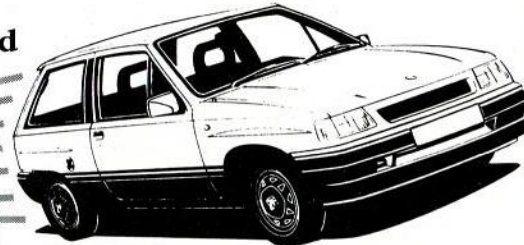
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INJURY UPDATE

The Leeds Academy side have had many plaudits this season, but special praise is due after last Tuesday's great victory at St Helens which virtually wrapped up the League championship for the Loiners.

St Helens fielded their strongest possible side, with the exception of Kieron Cunningham, for a game which they had to win to keep up the pressure on the Loiners at the top of the table.

Leeds also had a strong side on duty with Paul Cook on the bench but omitted Marcus Vassilakopoulos, Graham Holroyd and Francis Cummins.

The Loiners defence, which hadn't conceded a try in four successive fixtures, was under pressure from the start as St Helens threw everything at Leeds. It was 20 minutes though, before Saints opened the scoring with a try by their best player on the night, Joey Hayes.

Leeds hit back immediately when, after a good break by Martin Law, Anthony Gibbons scored under the posts and Kris Smith kicked the goal for Leeds to have a two point advantage.

Desite pressure from both sides and with two missed penalty kicks each, it wasn't until the 60th

The coaching staff have paid tribute many times this season to the club's medical team and as we approach the business end of the season, Seamus McCallion is trying different methods to keep the squad in trim.

Groin strains seem to be the main problem at this time of year and the players suffering from this problem have been down to the Leeds international pool where they have been using some new equipment which enables them to run in the water without the stress of running on the hard ground.

It is not unusual, at this time of year to go into the Fitness Room and see up to 4 or 5 players having various types of treatment from simple ice packs to ultra-sound therapy. The Leeds Treatment Room is widely regarded as the best in the game, and at this time of the year it could be the difference between winning and losing.

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minute that Leeds and Anthony Gibbons got their second try to lead 10-4. When substitute Paul Cook landed a drop goal on 65 minutes Leeds looked to have the game won.

St Helens scored their second try after Leeds had lost the ball in their own quarter but it was only delaying the inevitable, the Leeds pack were now in rampant form and making big yardage every tackle. St Helens wilted under the pressure and Anthony Gibbons completed his hat trick before Paul Cook scored to complete a fine 21-8 victory before a crowd of 500.

The Leeds forwards were outstanding, on a night when it was difficult to pick anyone out. John Kear, GB Academy coach, went home purring at the display of prop Jamie Field. Praise also must go to second row Adrian Morley for the first tackle of the game which was voted 'big hit' of the season by his colleagues.

So it would take a disastrous slump in form to deny Leeds the title and the looks on the St Helens players' faces, to say nothing of coach Graham Liptrot, said it all.

Leeds play St Helens at home, here at Headingley next Tuesday, April 11, KO 7.30pm. Come along and cheer Leeds to the title!

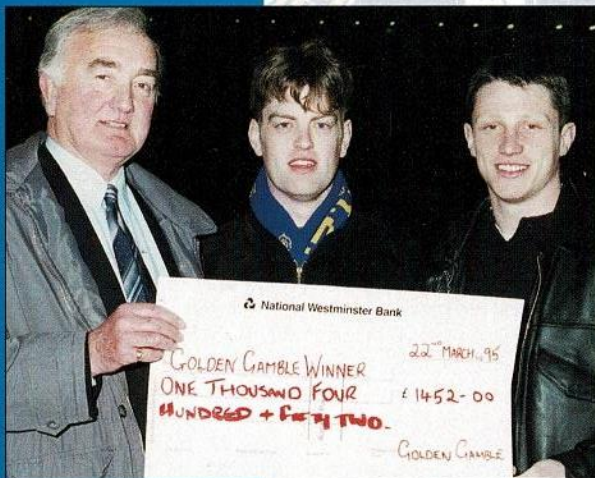


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LOWEN S.P.O.R.T.



Challenge Cup semi finals are simply a nightmare for most supporters who are taken to the very edge of their endurance by the nervous strain of the tension-filled affairs. And as Leeds have suffered more than most in recent years at this stage of Rugby League's ultimate competition, such games are entered with a sense of complete trepidation by the Headingley faithful. We must have suffered a thousand agonies in last year's semi against St Helens at Central Park before Ellery finally led us to the promised land and no doubt we all secretly hoped that Saturday's game at Elland Road could be

mad and things looked a little bleak. We needn't have worried. On paper we had too much pace and power for Featherstone and in the wide open spaces of Elland Road we did too. Leeds were absolutely awesome as they built up a 23-10 interval lead and even I was fairly relaxed by half-time. A couple of missed opportunities early in the second-half did increase the anxiety somewhat but Leeds just came back and created yet more chances. Indeed, once Graham Holroyd had mesmerised the opposition for his solo try, Leeds fans were in the rare position of actually being able to enjoy a semi final long before the final hooter. It could have been Wigan, in fact, as

GLORIOUS DAY TO BE A LEEDS FAN

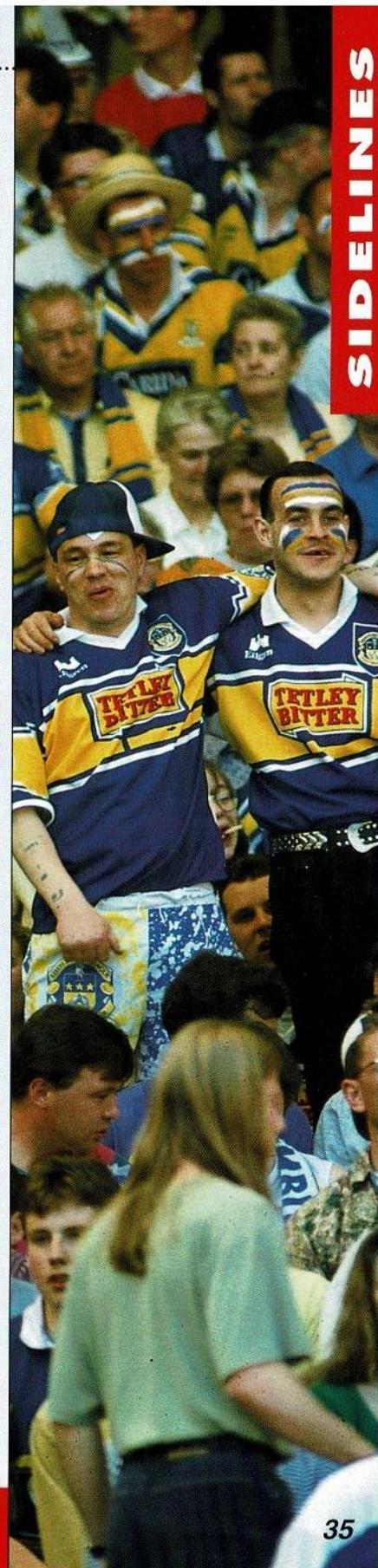
rather more like Wigan's usual passage to the final. On paper it should have been, with the exact same scenario as the Wigan-Oldham contest surely on the cards. Experience, however, Leeds' somewhat shaky form and Featherstone's sheer determination to beat their big city rivals meant though we were all prepared for much worse. And so it proved. Garry Schofield's unbelievable interception try was one of my most joyous moments in many years of watching sport - even if at this stage of his career it probably wasn't Garry's idea of fun - but no sooner had he taken it all in than Featherstone had scored two tries, their fans were going

Leeds slashed in for two more superb long-range tries and Rovers were ripped to shreds virtually at will. Ellery's record-equalling second try after a length of the field five man move, underlined Leeds' supremacy, while Alan Tait's brilliant try was icing on the cake. Featherstone did rally a little late on but Leeds were already celebrating Wembley by then and the years of frustration and disappointment seem an awful long way away now. It was a very good day to be a Leeds fan on Saturday - actually it always is - and it will be at Wembley too. This Leeds team can give Wigan the game of their lives.



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COUNTDOWN TO THE WORLD CUP

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The first match of the Halifax Rugby League Centenary World Cup can be expected to set the tone for the rest of the competition. First seeds against second seeds, a clash of the titans on the game's biggest stage, a taster for whether the reigning world champions Australia will again be run-away favourites for the trophy or whether England can live up to their billing as the side most likely to turn their old adversaries over.

Australia return to the stadium in which they last won the World Cup in 1992, by 10-6 over Great Britain, with a Steve Renouf try proving decisive after Bradford Northern scrum half Deryck Fox and Kangaroo skipper Mal Meninga had traded five penalties between them. A world record crowd of 73,631 were in attendance at a match which lacked nothing in drama, if plenty in open, expansive football. Australia, of course, proved rather more vulnerable at the Empire Stadium in the years either side of that match. The 1990 Kangaroos were memorably beaten 12-19 by a Great Britain side captained by current England coach Ellery Hanley, while British fans are still enthralled by the remarkably, backs-against-the-wall effort of a 12-man Lions team last October, when Jonathan Davies's brilliant try brought an 8-4 win.

The 1995 tour party, with the notable

exception of the now retired Meninga, whose captain's armband should be inherited by the hugely talented Canberra stand-off Laurie Daley.

Meninga's centre berth, alongside Renouf, will no doubt be contested by Illawarra's Paul McGregor, whose tour was clouded by injury and Manley's Terry Hill, who started the current season down under with a starring role in his club's Coca-Cola World Sevens win.

Veterans of the 1992 final who are likely to return with Renouf include Brisbane trio Michael Hancock, Allan Langer and Glenn Lazarus. Penrith utility player Brad Fittler (stand-off then, settled at loose forward now), and Canberra's world-best hooker Steve Walters.

England, of course, will be unable to call on John Devereux, Kelvin Skerrett, Richie Eyres (all Wales) and Alan Tait (Scotland) who did duty for Great Britain in 1992. But previous experience still lies with Fox, Alan Hunte, Gary Connolly, Martin Offiah, Shaun Edwards, the Southern Hemisphere-bound Denis Betts and Phil Clarke, and captain on the day Garry Schofield.

Ellery Hanley, who also played in that World Cup final, has had a chequered start to his career as England coach in the recent John Smith's European Championship. Deprived of the likes of Betts, Offiah, Edwards, Connolly, Lee Jackson and Chris Joynt, his charges when down 16-18 to an inspired Wales side in Cardiff in early February and, with an even more youthful and inexperienced team, he did well to overcome a battling French side by 19-16 in Gateshead a fortnight later. Hanley was pleased to have the opportunity to test out the likes of Wakefield stand-off Nigel Wright, Keighley

centre Nick Pinkney and Francis Cummins at this early stage, but will still have been concerned by the results his team brought home in their only realistic preparatory matches prior to October. Nonetheless, he will know that he need only omit Jonathan Davies from the Great Britain side which played at Wembley last October to produce a bona-fide England side, and this thought alone should give him great heart. England last played Australia in 1975, twice in that year's World Championship, and once in the aftermath of the tournament. In the former, the two fought out a 10-10 draw in Sydney in June before England pulled off a marvellous 16-13 win at Wigan in November. This last result was not enough to bring the Championship home, however, as Australia won all six of their other fixtures to edge out Roger Millward's team by one point.

After the tournament had finished, the Australians easily beat England 25-0 at Leeds to give themselves an overall record of three wins from 11 matches against the old enemy. England have won six and there have been two draws in a sequence which extends back to the first Australian tour of this country in 1908-09. All that history will count for nothing on Saturday, October 7 this year, however, as the two nations compete for early advantage in the greatest Rugby League tournament of all time. A packed Wembley Stadium is bound to relish the clash, preceded by another dazzling pre-match entertainment show-case which will comprise the opening ceremony of the Halifax Rugby League Centenary World Cup. A day to remember, and a terrific start to this festival of Rugby League football.



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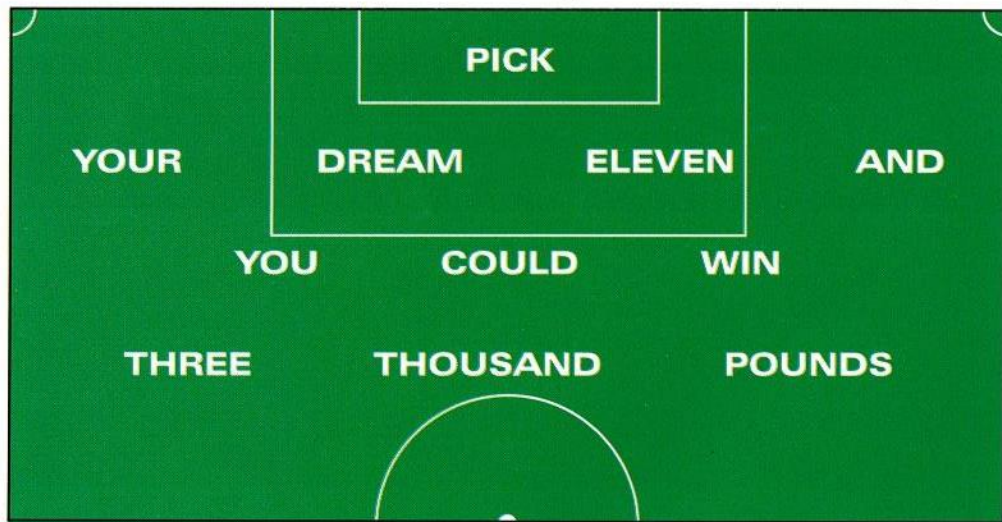
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In many ways, the former Bath Rugby Union winger is a long way from the stereotyped image of a

man. Normally unruffled by the toughest of treatment, big Jim had had enough and let fly with a couple of punches which were testimony to the fire in his belly he normally keeps well hidden.

Yes, make no mistake, Jim Fallon is a winner and at Elland Road he

BIG JIM'S BIG DAY

Rugby League player, but this quietly-spoken winger is rapidly becoming a cult figure at Headingley and its easy to see why.

Tremendously fast and powerful, he's also very brave and, indeed, has every attribute required by a top class winger as he once again proved with two superb tries on Saturday.

And his temperament and outlook on life always bound to cause some merriment in the Leeds dressing room - they reckon any more laid back and he'd be asleep! - conceal a fierce desire to win. That desire was there for all to see on Saturday. After a wonderful first try he briefly showed a rare moment of emotion, he could at least allow himself that, and then in the second half when he was hit late, a Featherstone player quickly realised he'd picked on the wrong

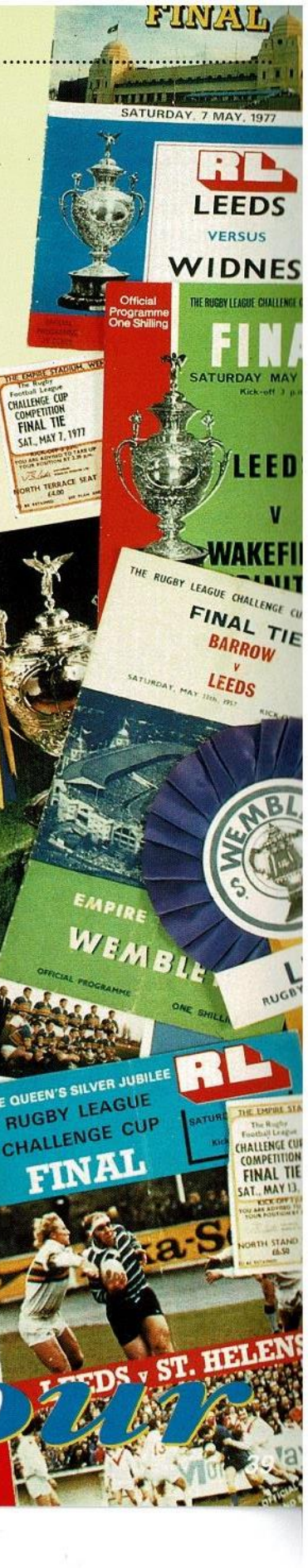
enjoyed arguably his finest hour in a Leeds' shirt.

Certainly, he's had many good games since switching code and was outstanding at Wembley last year but at Elland Road he just seemed such a significant part of the Leeds performance.

No longer to be regarded as a bit part player, Jim Fallon has become one of the keys to Leeds' success and there are few better wingers in the First Division, if any at all.

Indeed, even at 29, he should not be overlooked when the next representative team is picked because he could undoubtedly perform at the highest level and is certainly faster, stronger and fitter than he's ever been.

He was good at Wembley last year, he can be even better this time around.



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■ The sight of a certain Va'aiga Tuigamala contemptuously brushing aside all who dare stand in his way over at Wigan, or the Faimalo brothers, Esene at Leeds and Joe at Oldham, on the charge must surely wet the appetite for next season's World Cup.

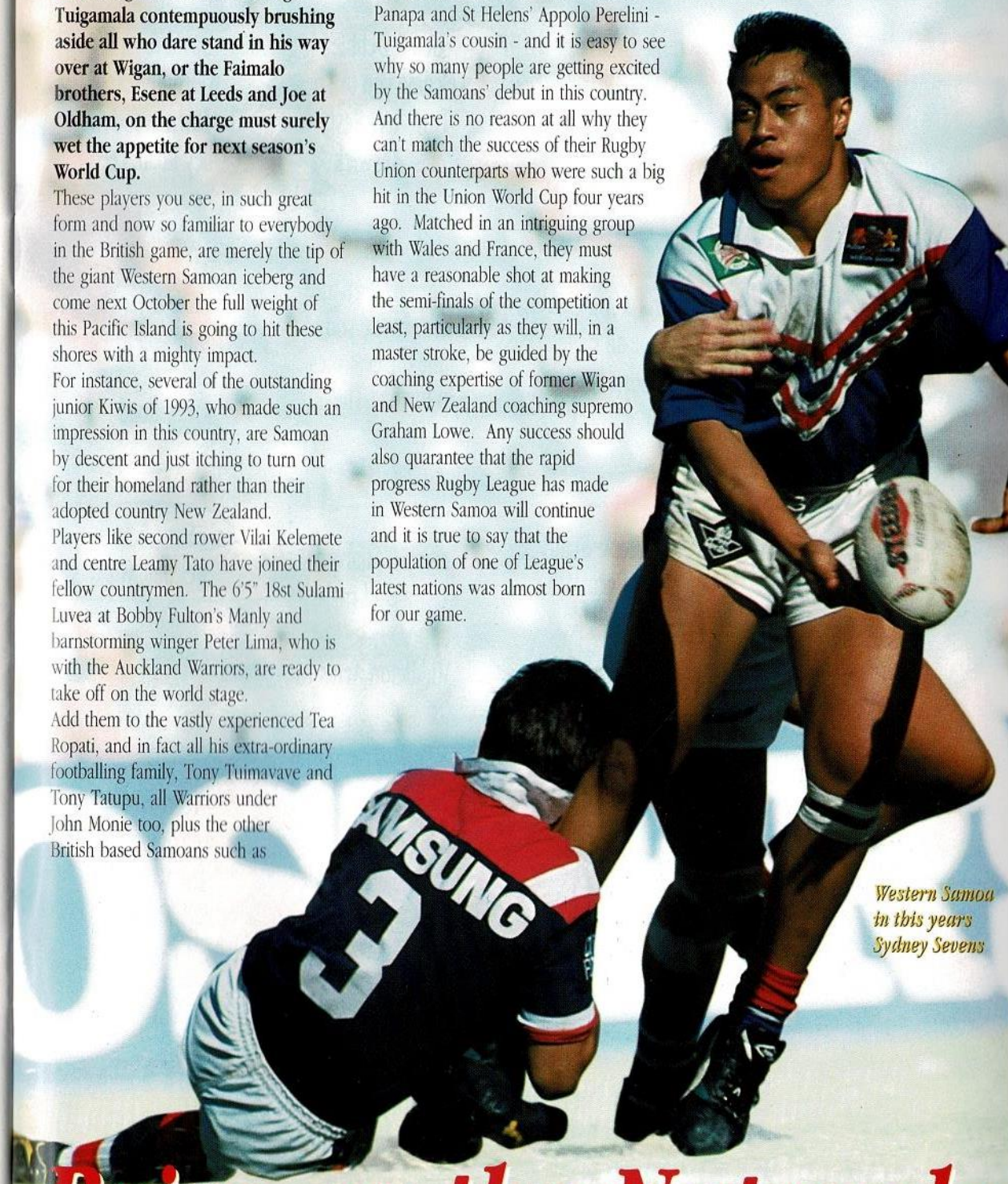
These players you see, in such great form and now so familiar to everybody in the British game, are merely the tip of the giant Western Samoan iceberg and come next October the full weight of this Pacific Island is going to hit these shores with a mighty impact.

For instance, several of the outstanding junior Kiwis of 1993, who made such an impression in this country, are Samoan by descent and just itching to turn out for their homeland rather than their adopted country New Zealand.

Players like second rower Vilai Kelemete and centre Leamy Tato have joined their fellow countrymen. The 6'5" 18st Sulami Luvea at Bobby Fulton's Manly and barnstorming winger Peter Lima, who is with the Auckland Warriors, are ready to take off on the world stage.

Add them to the vastly experienced Tea Ropati, and in fact all his extra-ordinary footballing family, Tony Tuimavave and Tony Tatupu, all Warriors under John Monie too, plus the other British based Samoans such as

Halifax's John Schuster, Salford's Sam Panapa and St Helens' Appolo Perelini - Tuigamala's cousin - and it is easy to see why so many people are getting excited by the Samoans' debut in this country. And there is no reason at all why they can't match the success of their Rugby Union counterparts who were such a big hit in the Union World Cup four years ago. Matched in an intriguing group with Wales and France, they must have a reasonable shot at making the semi-finals of the competition at least, particularly as they will, in a master stroke, be guided by the coaching expertise of former Wigan and New Zealand coaching supremo Graham Lowe. Any success should also guarantee that the rapid progress Rugby League has made in Western Samoa will continue and it is true to say that the population of one of League's latest nations was almost born for our game.



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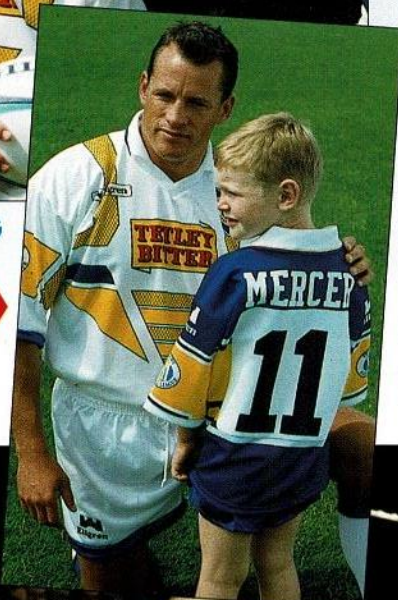
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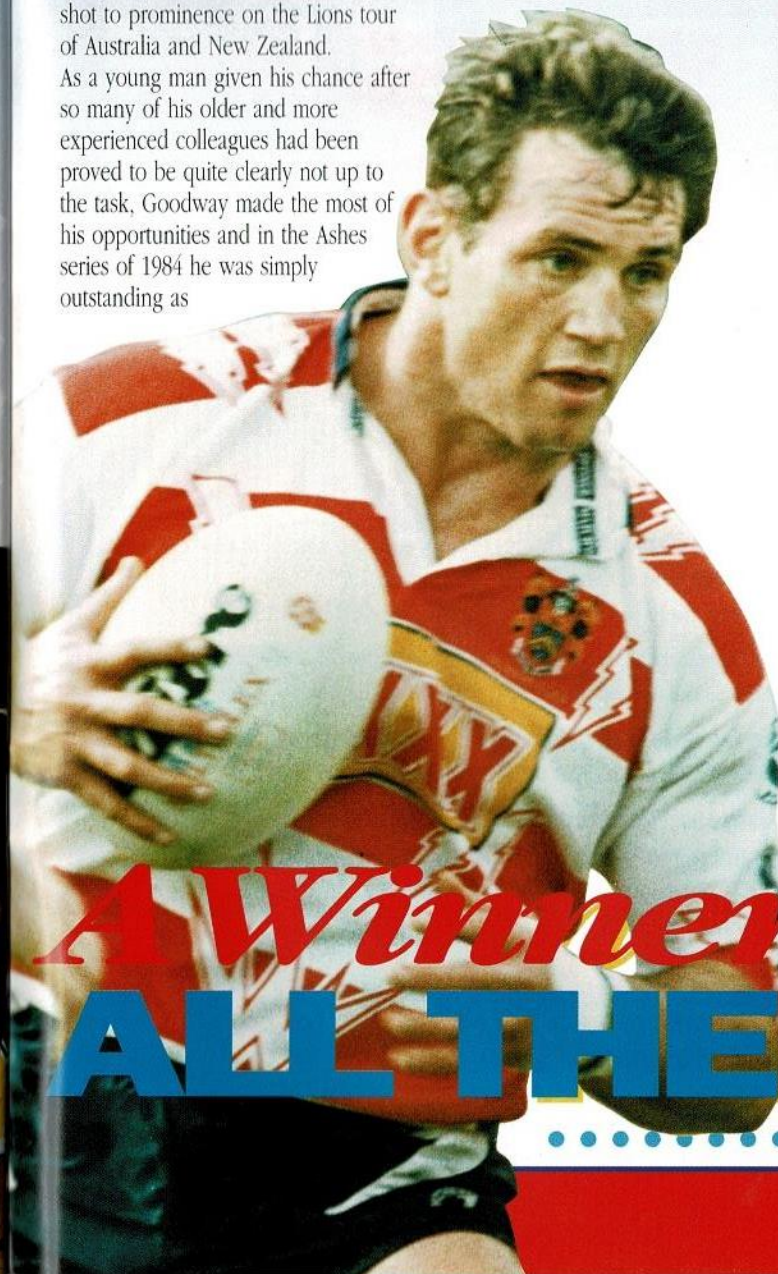
■ In his playing days Andy Goodway epitomised a new breed of British player. Superfit and dedicated, the powerhouse forward was not afraid to follow the Australian example in the gym and consequently he was one of the leading lights as the race began in this country to catch up with the game Down Under.

Indeed, just two years after the all-conquering 1982 Kangaroos had swept mercilessly aside everything and everybody in their wake, Goodway shot to prominence on the Lions tour of Australia and New Zealand. As a young man given his chance after so many of his older and more experienced colleagues had been proved to be quite clearly not up to the task, Goodway made the most of his opportunities and in the Ashes series of 1984 he was simply outstanding as

Britain ensured a far more credible contest. Well-muscled, lean and strong, he could have been wearing a green and gold shirt and was a sight for sore eyes in the British pack. Alongside the likes of Ellery Hanley, Andy Gregory, Joe Lydon and co, the revolution had begun and significantly, when they all linked up at Wigan in the mid-eighties, great things began to happen. Under the coaching of Graham Lowe, the Yorkshireman from Castleford developed into one of the best

forwards in the world, whether considered a back rower or a front rower, and though he exiled himself from international football comparatively early in his career, there was no doubting the fact that he was highly-rated by his Aussie counterparts. The arrival of Aussie supremo John Monie at Central Park, saw Goodway develop into one of the elder statesmen of the British game and the hunger or ambition never appeared to wane as honour after honour followed. Injuries took their toll, however, and Goodway, having learned so much from some of the best coaches in the game, began to look towards another career after his playing days were over. He got himself involved with the Wigan Academy set-up, did the same at Leeds during a brief spell and then when the opportunity arose at his original club Oldham, where he had decided to wind down his time as a player, he grasped it with both hands - and neither he, nor anyone at the Watersheddings, has looked back this season.

His predecessors, Australians Peter Tunks and Bob Lindner, both enjoyed reasonable success at Oldham but were not able to harness the potential of the club quite as quickly as Goodway who has clearly struck a chord with his players, many of whom have come of age as players under their new boss. As a player, Goodway was as prepared as anyone for the task in front of him in every way and he believed winning was the only thing. That approach and attitude, added to a deep knowledge of the game, helps make Andy Goodway one of the brightest young coaching prospects in Britain.



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