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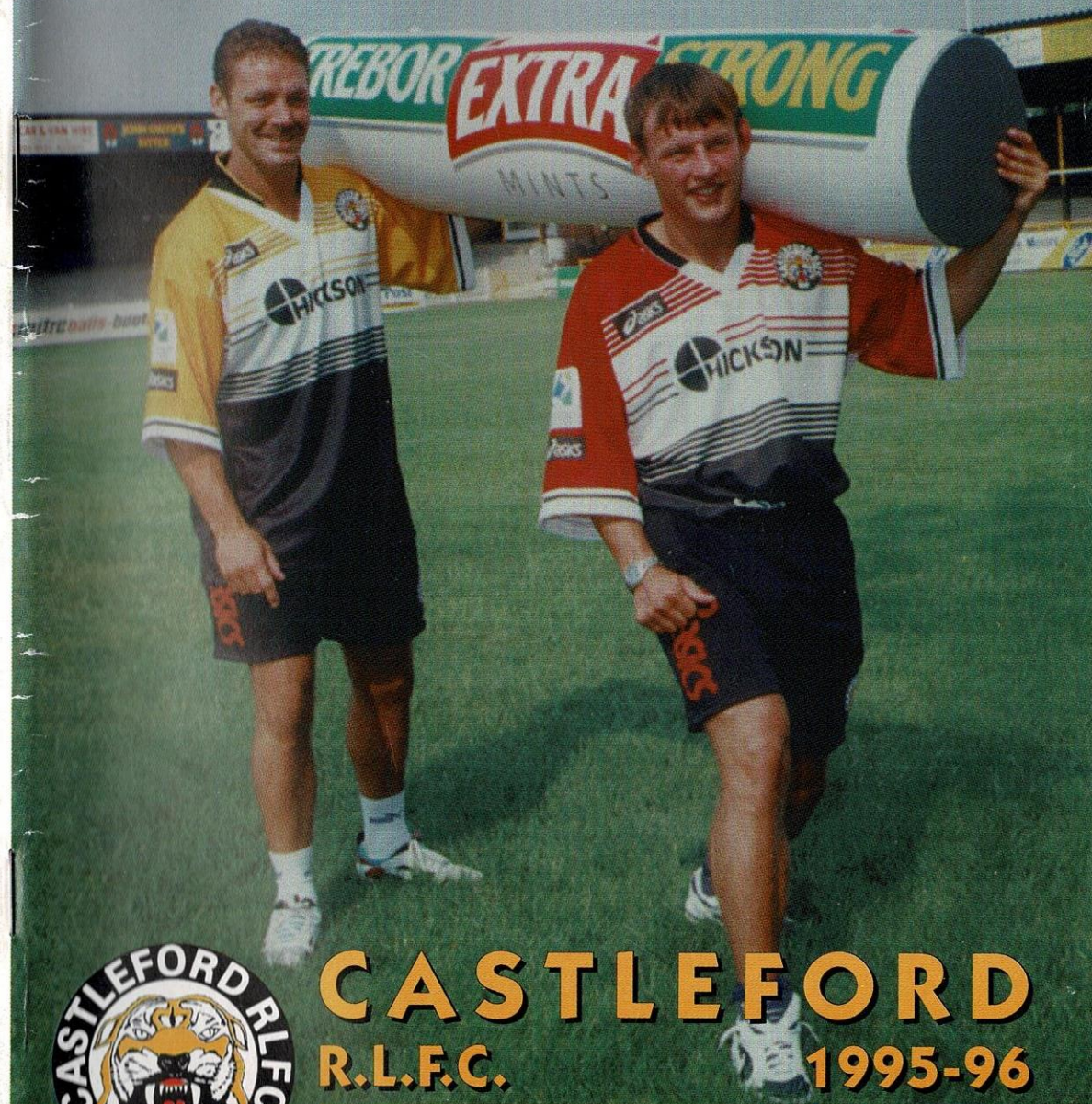
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Fittingly then our first winner is someone who has worked terrifically hard during the hot summer months, groundsman JOHN LUPTON. As well as keeping our pitches in great shape John has been involved in a whole variety of tasks around the ground, many of which can pass unnoticed by spectators but are nonetheless important in keeping up standards and appearances. A worthy first winner, well done John.



CENTAUR - FINE BRITISH CLOTHES FOR MEN

John Joyner

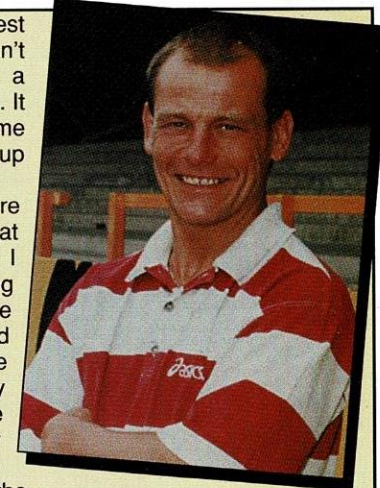


ALTHOUGH we've trained through most of the summer it's good to be back in real action again this afternoon. With a lot of matches to fit in during this shortened season we will find ourselves doubling up on a regular basis which will test our squad to the full. With some outstanding injuries from last term and some players still playing in Australia we are looking somewhat depleted at present (a point I'll return to later). However we do have two home matches to kick things off and I believe that even though not at full strength the teams that I expect to be able to field are capable of getting us away to a good start. As ever that will only be the case if we perform to the very best of our ability.

There has been a lot of playing down of this shortened season as merely a filler before the 'Superleague' but I don't see it quite that way. Trophies are still there to be won and I want us to be ready for the first

summer campaign in the best possible shape and that won't be the case if we suffer a disappointing time this term. It does however give us some latitude to continue the build up to next April.

As I said earlier we are lacking a number of players at present, from a squad that I didn't believe was strong enough even before losing the likes of Blackmore, Kemp and Andy Hay. During the close season we have been very busy trying to strengthen the squad although I have to say that there have been quite a few disappointments along the way. The market in Australia is a very expensive one at present and at home there just doesn't seem enough top talent to go around. However as we go to press I am hoping that we might have been able to add to the players that we have been able to bring to the club during the summer. Whatever, the search to improve our squad cannot stop now that we've opened our



campaign.

As I've said before I don't believe that the club can afford to be content simply to be in the 'Superleague', I want us to be challenging for honours and to do that we need to develop a squad to challenge the very best. If we are to reach that position then I need to continue rebuilding over the months ahead.

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Club News

CLOSE SEASON CHANGES

After a quiet start to the close season we were involved in a busy few weeks of activity as the season's build up began in earnest. Movement both on and off the field saw changes in the boardroom and the dressing room.

On the Board, Eddie Ashton stood down from the Chairman's role with vice chairman Philip Hindle stepping up to Club Chairman and Jack Fulton taking on the new post of Football Chairman. After two years at the top,

including leading the fight to clinch us "Superleague", status, Eddie wishes to devote more time to his business but planned to remain on the Board. However our AGM was scheduled to have taken place a couple of days ago so we may have seen further changes.

On the playing front our first new recruit was Adrian Flynn who joined us from Wakefield (following somewhat protracted negotiations) on a three season contract. Adrian has played in both the centre position and second row, representing Gt. Britain Under 21's last season in the former role, where he seems likely to start his Castleford career. Along with a £70,000 fee the deal to bring Adrian to the club saw winger Jon Wray moving to Trinity. Jon played in 55 matches for Cas, scoring 14 tries. Next we turned to the Australian market to secure Andrew Schick from the Redcliffe club. A back row forward, Andrew has signed initially for this coming season only, but we have agreed an option for the first "Superleague" term if he fits in. The injury to Richard

Russell which will keep him out for a long spell, created a need for some additional cover in the hooking role and our next signing, that of Colin Maskill offers us some experience for that spot. Colin is a local product who is looking forward to playing with his hometown team following spells at Wakefield, Leeds and Doncaster. More on our new boys will follow in the "Profile" spot in future programmes.

On the debit side, losing Andy Hay was a disappointment and although he was offered terms to stay with the club Andy opted to join Sheffield Eagles and we wish him well. Andy, who joined us in January 1990 from Redhill ARL played in 75 matches for Cas scoring 18 tries.

INTERNATIONAL ROLE FOR JJ

Finally congratulations to John Joyner on his appointment as Assistant Coach to England boss Phil Larder. The honour is well deserved as John has made a big impression in the couple of years since stepping into the first team coaching role at Castleford.

Pictured left Adrian Flynn



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1935, 1969, 1970, 1986

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1992

Rugby League Championship Runners-up
1939, 1969

Rugby League Premiership Runners-up
1984, 1994

Yorkshire Cup Winners
1977, 1981, 1986, 1990, 1991

Yorkshire Cup Runners-up
1948, 1950, 1968, 1971, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1988

Yorkshire League Winners
1933, 1939, 1965

Yorkshire League Runners-up
1937, 1966

Eastern Division Runners-up
1964

BBC2 Floodlit Trophy Winners
1966, 1967, 1968, 1976

John Player Trophy/Regal Trophy Winners
1977, 1994

Charity Shield Runners-up
1986

CLUB RECORDS

Highest Score
94-12 v Huddersfield September 1988 (Yorkshire Cup)

Biggest Winning Margin
86-0 v Wakefield April 1995 (1st Division)

Biggest Defeat
62-12 v St. Helens 16th April 1986

Most Points by Individual in Career
A Lunn; 1,870 Between 1952 and 1963

Most Points by Individual in a Season
R Beardmore; 334 (140 goals, 2 drop goals, 13 tries) 1983-84

Most Tries by Individual in a Season
S J Ellis; 40, 1993-94

Most Goals in a Season
G Lloyd; 158, 1976-77

Most Points by Individual in a Match
G Lloyd; 43 (17 goals & 3 tries) v Millom, September 1973

Most Tries by Individual in a Match
5 by Derek Foster v Hunslet, November 1972;
John Joyner v Millom, September 1973;
Steve Fenton v Dewsbury, January 1978;
Ian French v Hunslet, February 1986;
St John Ellis v Whitehaven, December 1989;

Most Goals by Individual in a Match
G Lloyd; 17 (from 18 attempts) v Millom, September 1973



Vice Presidents...

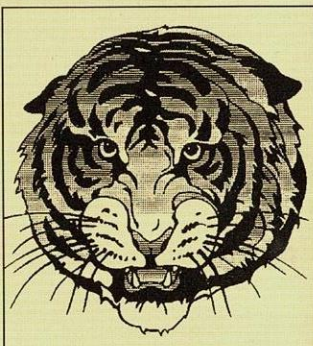
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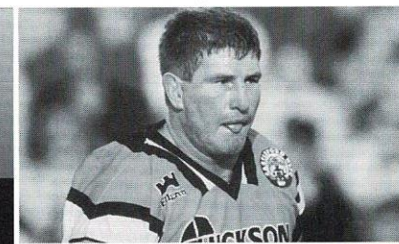
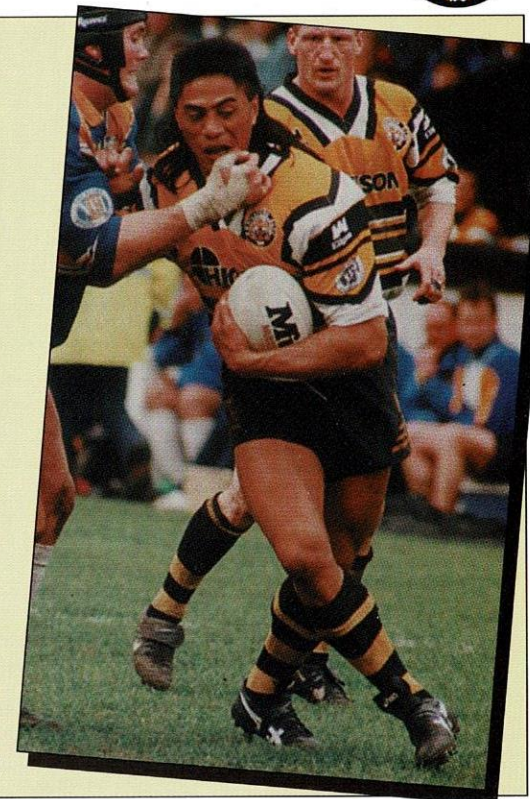
Man of the Match



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PLAYER OF THE SEASON 1994-1995

Tawera NIKAU30pts
Dean SAMPSON24pts
Richard RUSSELL19pts
Richard BLACKMORE18pts
Tony SMITH16pts
Graham STEADMAN15pts
Tony KEMP13pts
Lee CROOKS12pts
Andy HAY5pts
Chris SMITH4pts
Nathan SYKES3pts
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PERHAPS the choicest piece of whimsy I've heard in the last couple of years was a bit of nonsense from an Australian Rugby Union journalist who announced on national radio that Rugby League had always been short on ideas, and had invariably taken its lead from Rugby Union.

This breathtaking statement was allowed to go unchallenged by the interviewer and would no doubt have been taken as a statement of fact by the listening millions.

The irony and the sadness is that that is probably how Rugby League is perceived by folk who are not directly involved in the game. Sometimes even Rugby League people seem to think we lag behind others and react to events rather than instigate change.

The briefest analysis shows all this to be a misconception. Okay, the game of rugby did begin on a Union basis, although present-day Union and League bear little if any resemblance to the game of 150 years ago, and there are grounds for believing that the story of William Webb Ellis is largely a Union contrivance to appropriate the 'rights' to the sport. But Rugby League, throughout its history, has a strong record of innovation; particularly in the present day, when some of us rather wish things could be settled down a little.

The truth is that Rugby League has always shown the lead to Rugby Union, and indeed to many other sports including soccer, starting from the very beginning one hundred years ago with 'broken time' and professionalism - an issue which Union is only now, a century later, honestly addressing and embracing.

Our Northern Union forefathers paved the way at the turn of the century with any number of reforms, many of which have been aped by the Union code in recent years.

Among them were the amendment of the knock-on law to allow a fumble, and the introduction of the ball-back rule after a kick into touch on the full; both of which have been

introduced into Union in the last twenty years or so. And the scrappy Rugby Union play-the-ball rule was happily dispensed with in 1899.

Players were also numbered in the early years to allow ease of identification for spectators - a concept which was anathema to Union's rulers who, until very recently, officially regarded their game as being one purely for the players.

Northern Union matches were given extra meaning right from the start. Nine days after the historic meeting at the George Hotel, Huddersfield on 29th August 1895, the first competitive matches were being played under the Yorkshire and Lancashire Senior Competitions, with Runcorn winning the Red Rose section and Manningham coming top of the White Rose pile.

The following season the Challenge Cup was launched - followed three-quarters of a century later by the Rugby Union's own version. And in 1901-2 the Championship itself was introduced; eighty-odd years before the Union's conversion to league rugby.

Under visionaries such as founding and long-serving secretary Joseph Platt and, in the twenties and thirties, the immortal Lance Todd, the game continues to thrive; and was never afraid to embrace change.

The Challenge Cup final was taken south to Wembley in 1929 - a gamble, and a brave one - and the first floodlit match took place in December 1932 when Leeds beat Wigan 18 - 9 at London's White City Stadium before a big crowd, at around the same time that the Arsenal were pioneering floodlights in soccer.

In the mid-thirties the fledgling French Rugby League proposed a World Cup. This time the rest of the Rugby League world was a little slow to catch on, and the Second World War was an obvious distraction. But the inaugural competition eventually took place in France in 1954 - thirty-odd years before the Union's first effort - to be won in magnificent style by Dave Valentine's Great Britain.

The innovations continued through the sixties and seventies. Substitutes were allowed for the first time in 1964 - up to and including half-time subject to a doctor confirming injury - and Sunday rugby was introduced at a time when most other sports stayed firmly rooted to Saturday. And the limited-tackle rule was born, to breath fresh vigour into the game.

Individual clubs continued the tradition of abandoning tradition - most memorably New Hunslet, who introduced their controversial TV-style goal posts at their Leeds Greyhound Stadium home. The single supporting post was rooted on the dead ball line, and Oldham winger Mike Elliott wasn't best pleased when he became confused and placed the ball down for a 'try' outside the field of play. New Hunslet's idea was one which failed to spread like wild-fire.

In 1987 the 'double-header' Premiership Finals at Old Trafford were launched; and towards the end of the eighties jerseys became flashier and flashier, at their most extreme resembling the more controversial works of art at the Tate; another innovation which Union has followed but which it might best have left alone.

And now, as the League embraces its Centenary, perhaps the most revolutionary proposals of all have been made, with the Super League, mergers, and Summer Rugby. To the relief of many, the planned mergers have been kicked into touch. The Super League, however, remains; and summer rugby seems to have somehow sneaked in through the back door.

It isn't a new idea. In fact it's probably as old as the game itself, and was a favourite of Lance Todd. But the reality is now just around the corner - and the attitude of most fans appears to be one of bemusement as we enter the unknown with matches due to be played in the blistering heat of the English summer.

However summer rugby develops, though, you can safely bet on one thing. Based on past experience, summer rugby will not be the last major innovation in the game of Rugby League, amongst the most forward-thinking of sports. Not by a long way.



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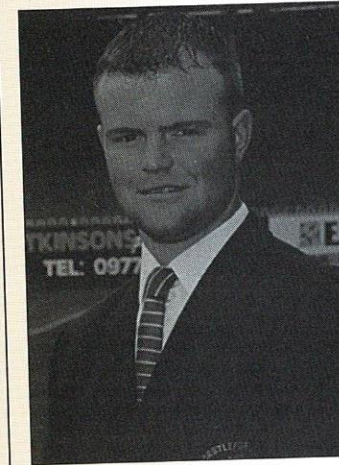
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SEPT		
7	Warrington	A 7.30
14	St. Helens	H 7.30
21	Salford	A 7.30
28	Dewsbury	H 7.30
NOV		
2	Bradford Bulls	A 7.30
9	Salford	H 7.30
16	Oldham	H 7.30
23	Dewsbury	A 7.30
30	Wigan	H 7.30
DEC		
7	St. Helens	A 7.30
14	Warrington	H 7.30
28	Hull	A 8.00
JAN 1996		
4	Leeds	H 7.30
11	Wigan	A 7.30
18	HULL	H 7.30

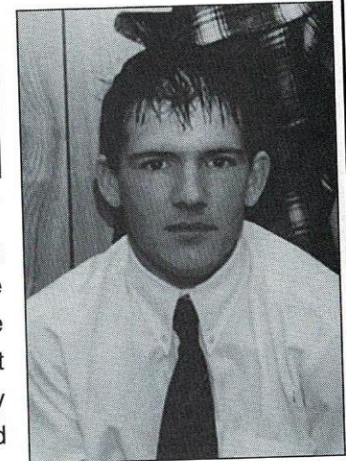


Paul Darley

Paul Darley and young half back Danny Orr were last season's Player of the Year award winners at Alliance and Academy levels. Paul had a very good season as captain of the Alliance side as well as breaking into the first team squad when Richard Russell was sidelined and was a deserved recipient of the Dennis Tiffany Shield. He has just signed a new contract with the club and with "Jack" likely to miss the coming term through injury Paul has a big chance to clinch a regular senior spot.

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30	Wigan	H 7.30
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JAN 1996		
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He signed on professional terms this summer and looks to have the potential for a big future in the game. A second Academy award was the "Players Player" and this went to another top prospect, scrum half Martin Ellerker.



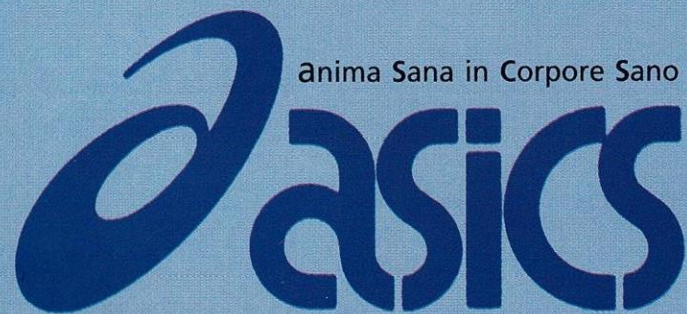
Danny Orr

Danny too was fully deserving of his honour in his first season with the club.

Another player signing on professional terms during the summer was loose forward Spencer Hargrave. Like Danny Orr, Spencer joined us originally from Kippax Juniors. He is another who is highly regarded by our coaching staff who feel that both of these 17 year olds have the ability to carve out very successful rugby league careers.



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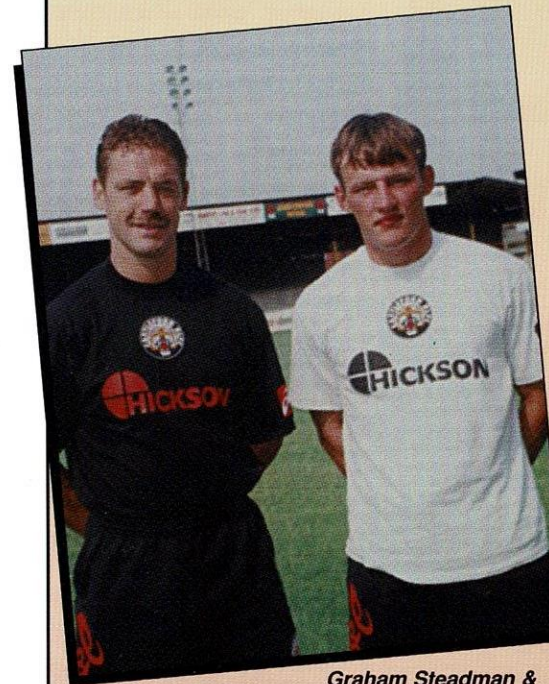
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Spotlight on...

WELCOME to Oldham who open our campaign in this landmark final "winter" season. Like ourselves Oldham were originally earmarked to merge last spring but having overcome that move the club have been busy building towards "Superleague". They were quite active in the transfer market during the close season and we should see a number of debutants turning out today.

Coach Andy Goodway has created a good impression in his short time as Oldham boss and of course was rewarded with the England assistant coaching role, alongside our own senior coach John

Joyner. Two former Castleford juniors making their mark at the top level!

Goodway had already assembled a solid looking outfit last term and with his close season captures has built a squad that could challenge for cup honours this time. Paul Atcheson was probably Oldham's biggest summer signing with the Welsh international full back surprisingly being allowed to leave Wigan. The winning ways that he will have picked up at Central Park should make him a big asset. Last term's full back was Wally Gibson but the Aussie who first made his mark with Huddersfield can move

around the back line. Former Thatto Heath junior Scott Ranson is a quick and elusive winger whilst local product Adrian Belle is another flanker who began to make his mark last season. This pairing will face competition from another of the summer captures, Rob Myler. A former Widnes junior, Myler made his name with Warrington before his £50,000 switch to Oldham. Centre Shaun Irwin needs no introduction to Cas fans, the Redhill product spending seven years here before the exchange deal which saw Richard Russell join us. His partner Darren Abram was a

Oldham

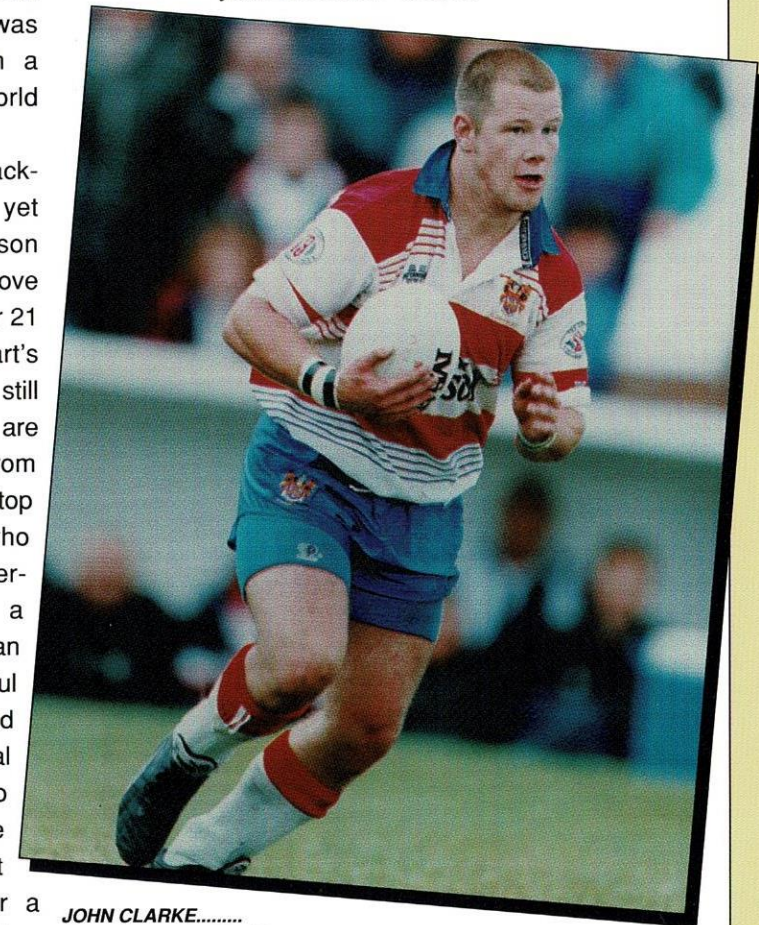


signing from Rochdale and has been the Club's leading try scorer for the past two campaigns. Another new face is Francis Maloney who had experience at Leeds, Featherstone and finally Warrington before his £50,000 transfer last May. Scrum half Martin Crompton is another former Warrington star and the club captain. His consistent form was rewarded recently with a place in England's World cup squad.

Former Wigan packman Ian Gildart was yet another close season capture, making the move from Wakefield. An under 21 international, Gildart's career seemed to stand still at Belle Vue but Oldham are expecting big things from him. John Clarke is a top hooking prospect who gained BARLA international honours as a junior with East Leeds. Ian Sherratt is a big powerful prop who is in his second spell with the club. A local product, he turned pro with Bradford before returning to his roots at Oldham. However after a couple of years he moved on

to Salford rejoining our visitors in 1991. Another former Cas player Gary Lord had a good term last time and has proved a very good buy since joining up from Halifax, having also served Leeds well previously. New Zealanders Joe Faimalo and Jason Temu both gave great service to their club last year. The hard

working Kiwi duo were stalwarts in the pack and both will be hoping for possible World Cup places. Although a regular in last season's back division, Paul Topping can also play at loose forward and the new faces in the back line and the departure of Mike Kuiti may see him making the switch.



JOHN CLARKE.....
Oldham's young Hooking star

Flashback...

This match last term:

CASTLEFORD 34

(Tries: Blackmore, Morrison, Sampson and Steadman. Goals: Crooks 6, Steadman) v

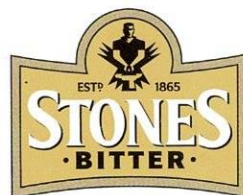
OLDHAM 14

(Tries: Gibson and Marsh. Goals: Marsh 3)

Last ten years' 1st Division clashes			
	Played	Cas won	O'ham won
Home	6	6	0
Away	6	3	3

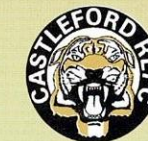
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Looking Back....



Len Garbett Looks Back

HAVING 'Looked Back' at the interesting happenings of every season from 1926/27 to the 1994/95 season, I thought supporters would be interested to read the following statistics of all matches played during that period. This article will concentrate upon LEAGUE GAMES and other matches not classed as Cup Competitions, which I hope to cover in the next programme, or should I say 'OFFICIAL MATCH MAGAZINE'.

LEAGUE GAMES	Played	won	lost	drawn	Pts For	Pts Agst.
HOME	1100	724	337	39	18932	12197
AWAY	1097	377	676	44	12911	17231
Total	2197	1101	1013	83	31843	29428
CHAMPIONSHIP 1926/7 to 1973/4						
HOME	15	10	4	1	295	124
AWAY	9	4	5	-	122	160
NEUTRAL	2	-	2	-	20	24
Total	26	14	11	1	437	316
PREMIERSHIP 1974/5 to 1994/5						
HOME	9	5	4	-	203	159
AWAY	11	4	7	-	162	234
NEUTRAL	2	-	2	-	30	42
Total	22	9	13	-	395	435
EASTERN DIVISION 1962/3 to 1963/4						
HOME	8	8	-	-	179	86
AWAY	7	3	4	-	94	97
NEUTRAL	1	-	-	-	12	20
Total	16	11	5	-	285	203
v AUSTRALIA	7	2	5	-	69	161
v NEW ZEALAND	7	2	5	-	86	99
OKELLS CHARITY SHIELD 1986/87 v Halifax						
Played in The Isle of Man	1	-	1	-	8	9

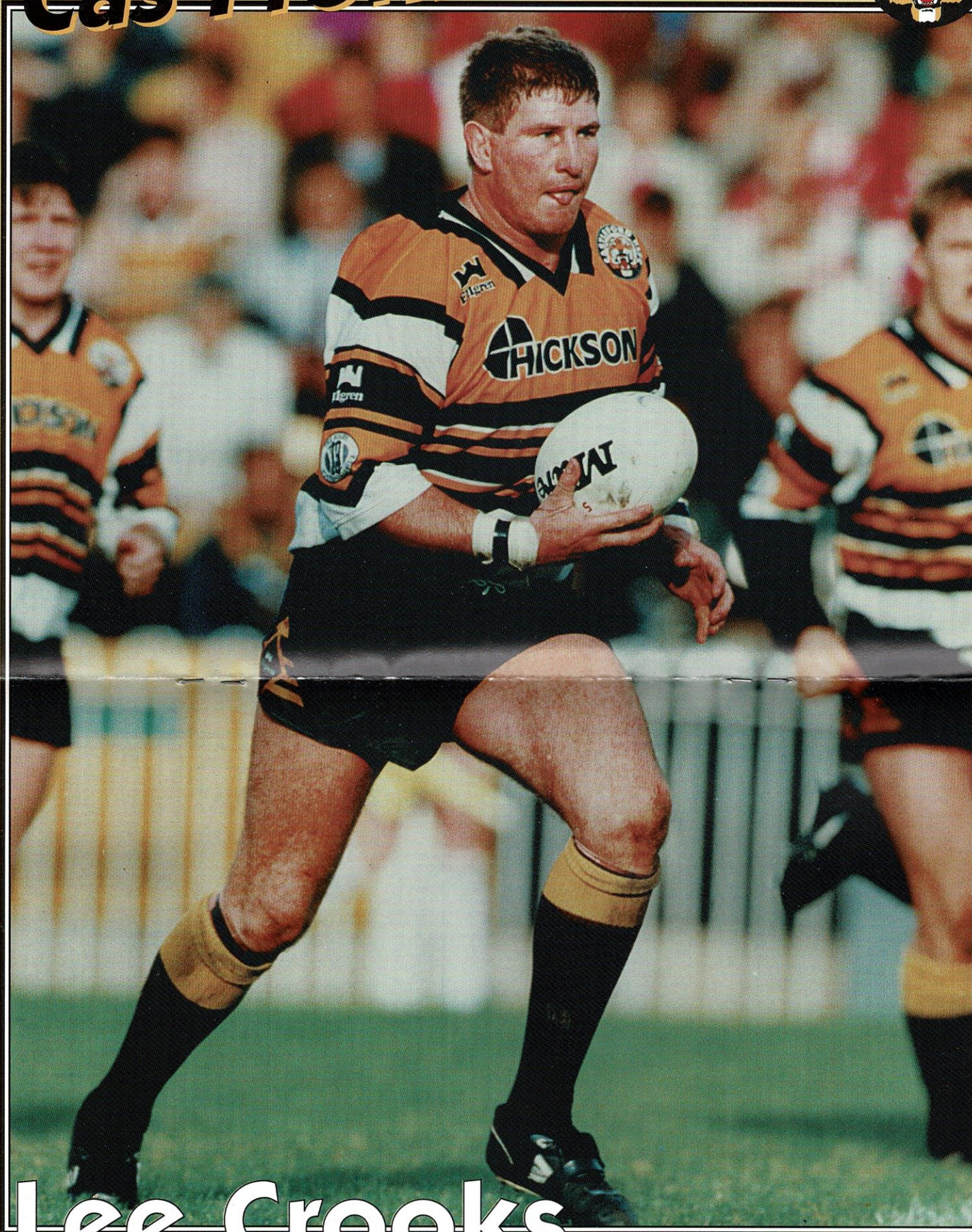
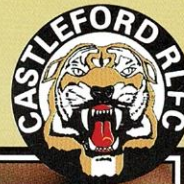
The above statistics do not include matches which were abandoned for any reason, being officially not classed as matches.

Look out for similar details regarding The Challenge Cup, The Yorkshire Cup, The BBC2 Floodlit Trophy, The John Player Competition, The Regal Trophy, The Captain Morgan Trophy, Charity cup-ties, Benefit Matches and Friendly matches in future programmes.

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Cas Profile...



Lee Crooks

STARTING his seventh season at the Club, and boosted by a two year extension to his contract, skipper Lee Crooks tells me that he is as eager as ever for the new campaign to get underway and still has plenty of ambitions in the game.

"I'm look forward to the new season which like every year I see as a new challenge, and as ever I've set myself standards which I stall be striving to meet. It does get that bit harder as you get older but I take pride in being fit and I have trained very hard during the close season to make sure that I'm fully prepared."

I wondered then what "goals" Lee was setting himself as he continues in a career where he has achieved so much already.

"In the short term I want to play well within the side but the Club has a number of awards now that individuals can achieve and naturally I'd like to be in the chase for those. Beyond that I still believe that if I'm playing as well as I can then I might get a chance in the World Cup. Opportunities for representative honours aren't going to come along too often for me now but I don't see the door as being completely shut and although it might be a long

shot you've got to set your sights high and I'm sure that I've got something to offer. At the Club I'm very pleased that my contract has been extended to take me through the first two "Superleague" campaigns because it shows that they share my faith that I've got plenty of rugby to play."

There has been speculation that Lee may move into coaching, which is something that he wants to get into in time, but for now supporters will be relieved to hear that he aims to achieve a lot more on the playing field.

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We were very pleased to announce recently our new kit supplier, Asics for this Centenary Season and the first two seasons of Super League. Castleford RL should benefit greatly from the marketing and retail expertise that such a leading sportswear manufacturer can offer us.

For the first time, we have been given our very own training kit, which is available for sale from the Souvenir Shop. Replica kit has been delayed as the Contract was only finalised a short while ago, however it will be available from September.

SHORTS SPONSOR

For the first time we have a 'Shorts

Sponsor'! We would like to thank local confectioners, Trebor Bassett for their commitment to become involved with us and hope that you will be able to spot the Extra Strong Mint logo on the shorts, (hopefully Chris Smith and Simon Middleton will be going too quickly).

We are hopeful that this may be a relationship that can develop over the next few years, as they become involved with some of the community and children's projects and possibly a 'family' area within the proposed new stand development.

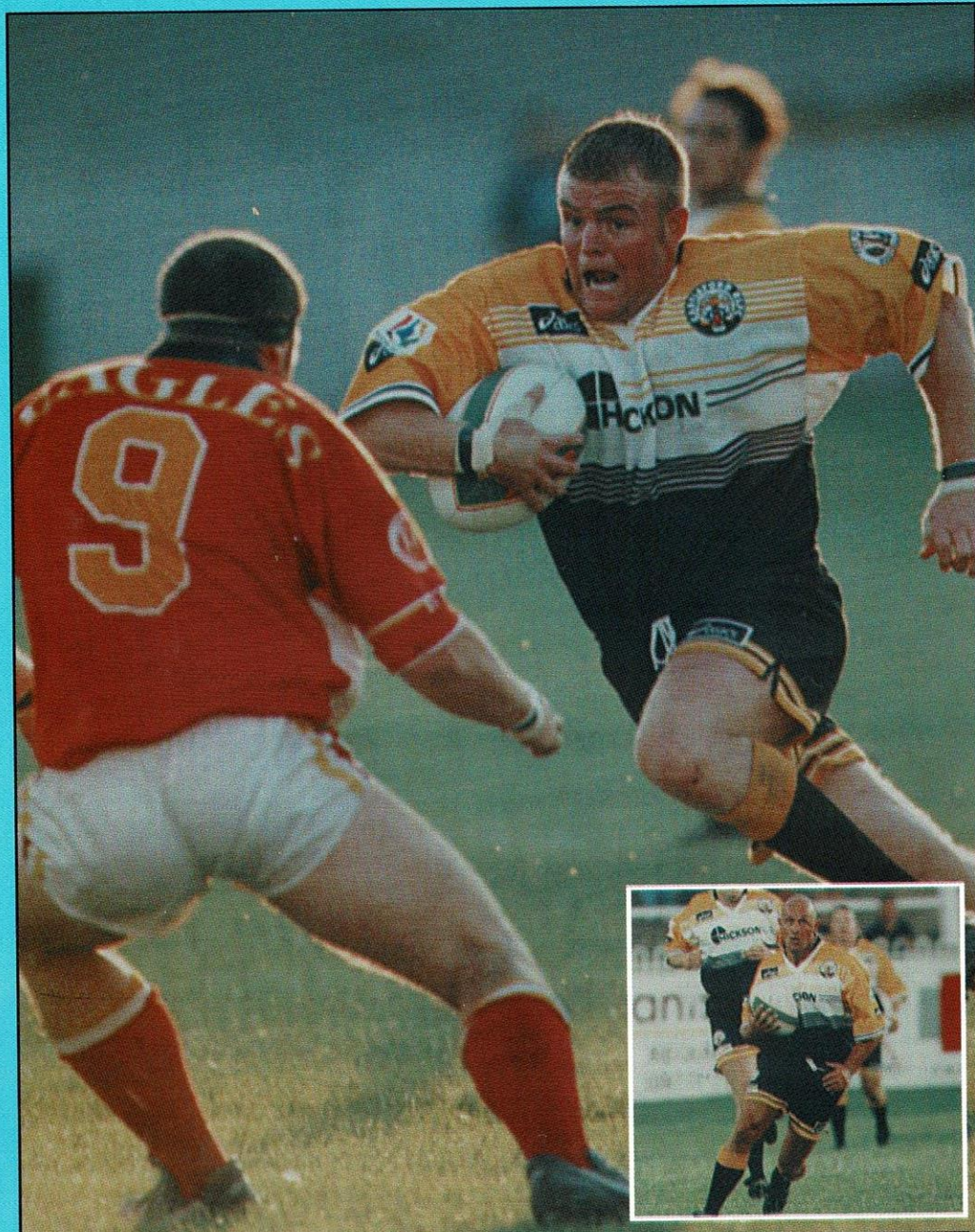
Watch out during the season for a visit from Burty Bassett - details of his forthcoming visit will probably appear on the Junior Tigers Page.

R L In Touch

1995/96 SEASON CHARTER

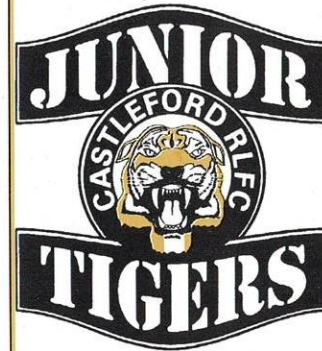
- ☆ Players are expected to be behind the line at all restarts ie. halfway line, 20 metre line, goal line.
- ☆ Contact must be made with the foot at the free kick.
- ☆ Players must make contact with the ball while playing the ball.
- ☆ Players must stand outside the goal posts while a conversion attempt is taking place.
- ☆ Touch Judges must make independent decisions at kicks for goal.
- ☆ No attacking player other than the two players involved in the play the ball can take up a position around the play the ball. Referees will be directed to keep the area around the play the ball clear. Players were gaining advantage by not retiring 5 metres whilst their team was in possession.
- ☆ **At the scrum:**
 - A** Referees will enforce correct packing procedures including the loose forward packing into and remaining in the scrum until the ball emerges.
 - B** The half back will stand square at the tunnel and feed the ball so that it passes the foremost foot of the front row forward.
 - C** The defending half back will be onside at all times ie. behind his last row of forwards.
- ☆ The interpretations at the play the ball adapted in season 1994/95 will continue to be enforced in the coming season: ie. no flopping, no holding down, no leg pulling, ball must be lifted clear of the ground markers square, defenders hands off the ball.
- ☆ Players must exercise some degree of ball security whilst taking the ball into a tackle. The referee must be convinced that the ball has been stolen to award a penalty.

ACTION REPLAY



Action from the pre-season friendly v. Sheffield Eagles

Junior Tigers



WELCOME to another season at Wheldon Road with Castleford RLFC, we kicked the season off two weeks ago with our first meeting of Junior Tigers in the Life Line bar.

It was great to see everyone, however there is lots of room for more kids so bring along a friend to the next meeting. We choose our lucky mascots at these meetings, as well as having games. Sometimes we are fortunate enough to have some of the players popping in.

Ben Farrar who attends Wheldon Infant School at Castleford was the first mascot of the season at our friendly match against Sheffield. He is aged seven and plays hooker for Half Acres Trinity. His favourite player is from Half Acres, Tony Smith.



Wayne Turner

This afternoon thirteen year old **Wayne Turner** from North Elmsall is our mascot when we play Oldham. Wayne attends Carlton High School and his favourite player is also Tony 'Casper' Smith. He enjoys watching rugby, especially Cas, he plays stand off for his local team.



**Boss Tiger
Mick Morgan**



Ben Farrar

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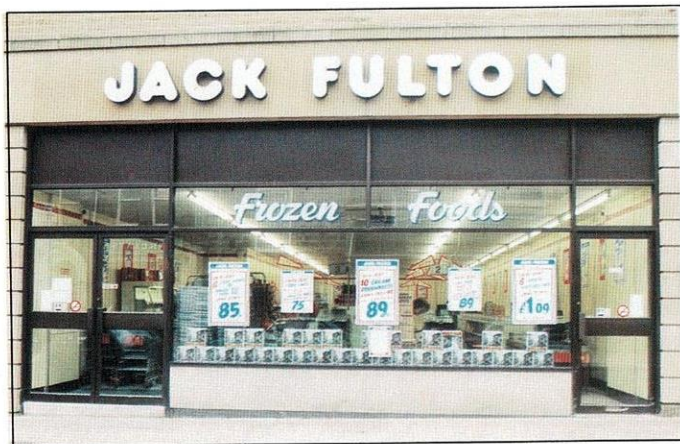
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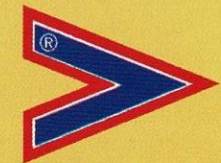
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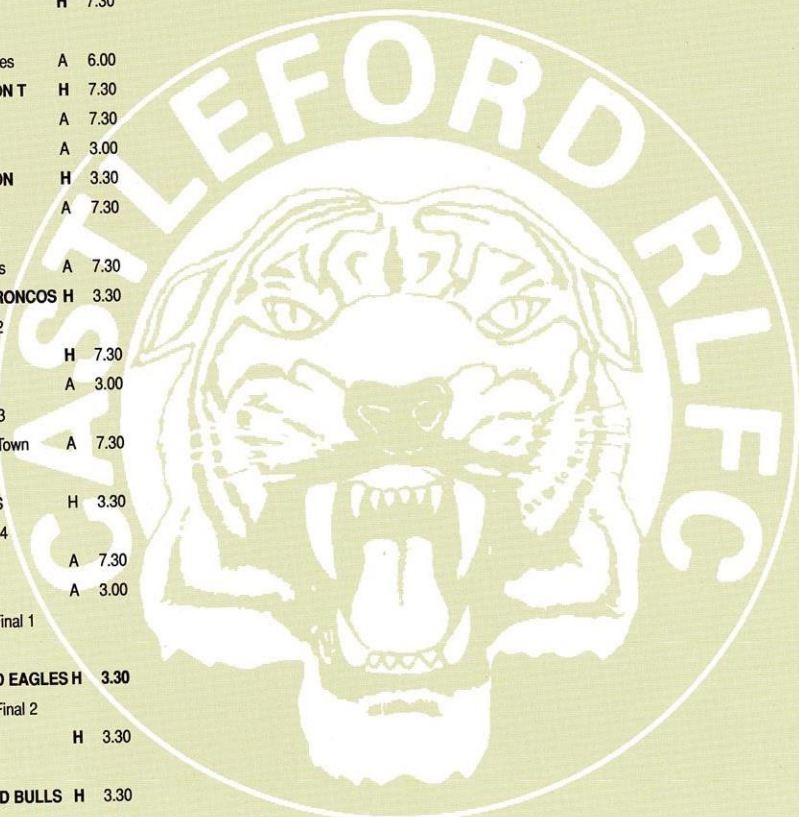
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	F-A	ATT	TRIES	GOALS
AUGUST				
20	OLDHAM	H	3.30	
25	LEEDS	H	7.30	
SEPTEMBER				
3	Sheffield Eagles	A	6.00	
6	WORKINGTON T	H	7.30	
13	Wigan	A	7.30	
17	St. Helens	A	3.00	
24	WARRINGTON	H	3.30	
29	Halifax	A	7.30	
NOVEMBER				
1	Bradford Bulls	A	7.30	
5	LONDON BRONCOS	H	3.30	
12	RT - Round 2			
15	WIGAN	H	7.30	
19	Oldham	A	3.00	
26	RT - Round 3			
29	Workington Town	A	7.30	
DECEMBER				
10	ST. HELENS	H	3.30	
10	RT - Round 4			
15	Warrington	A	7.30	
26	Leeds	A	3.00	
30	RT - Semi Final 1			
JANUARY				
1	SHEFFIELD EAGLES	H	3.30	
6	RT - Semi Final 2			
7	HALIFAX	H	3.30	
13	RT - FINAL			
14	BRADFORD BULLS	H	3.30	
21	London Broncos	A	3.00	
27	SC CHALLENGE CUP - Round 4			



Player Stats



PLAYING STATISTICS
(at the close of season 1994/95)

	1994-95						CAREER					
	Apps	Sub.	Tries	Gl.	DG	Pts.	Apps	Sub	Tries	Gl.	DG	Pts.
Blackmore R.	37	-	24	-	-	96	108	3	64	-	-	256
Coventry J.	2	6	-	-	-	-	2	6	-	-	-	-
Crooks L.	30	1	2	111	-	230	171	4	16	544	1	1153
Darley P.	5	1	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-
Eden P.	1	4	3	-	-	12	1	4	3	-	-	12
Flowers J.	14	6	2	-	-	8	17	10	3	-	-	12
Flowers S.	-	2	1	-	-	4	-	2	1	-	-	4
Goddard R.	25	5	10	-	-	40	25	5	10	-	-	40
Harland L.	3	3	2	-	-	8	3	3	2	-	-	8
Hay A.	31	3	10	-	-	40	46	29	18	-	-	72
Kemp T.	36	-	18	4	2	82	63	-	27	4	3	119
Ketteridge M.	16	4	-	25	-	50	263	43	14	420	-	896
McAllister T.	-	1	-	-	-	-	5	8	-	-	-	-
Middleton S.	30	2	17	1	-	70	128	8	71	5	-	294
Morris L.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Morrison T.	21	5	5	-	-	20	85	7	21	-	-	84
Nikau T.	32	-	8	-	-	32	147	1	22	-	-	88
Palmer C.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Price S.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Russell R.	31	-	2	-	-	8	73	-	11	-	-	44
Sampson D.	30	-	11	-	-	44	176	68	39	-	-	156
Smales I.	15	2	-	-	-	-	51	8	10	-	-	40
Smith C.	36	-	17	-	-	68	42	2	20	-	-	80
Smith T.	36	-	22	-	-	88	136	19	70	-	-	280
Steadman G.	23	3	14	16	2	90	180	6	108	167	8	774
Stephens G.	5	2	1	-	-	4	5	2	1	-	-	4
Sykes N.	6	19	-	-	-	-	7	30	1	-	-	4
Tonks I.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Wray J.	15	1	4	-	-	16	54	1	14	-	-	56



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The Supporters Club is here for the everyday fan of Castleford RLFC, if you have any suggestions or ideas that you think may help improve the Supporters Club or maybe the Club as a whole, please feel free to come and see us at the yellow and green tin hut at the Wheldon Road end of the ground.

Current Activities We are currently in the middle of holding a

Tombola Stall on Castleford market to raise funds for the Club and as such are looking for fans to donate prizes for the stall. Anybody wishing to donate a prize can do so by bringing it to us at the yellow hut on any home game.

We do have a few souvenirs on sale at the yellow hut.

Future Activities We are hoping to run a trip to Granada Studios sometime in October. Anyone who is interested or would like further information should see a committee member in the yellow hut.

Membership of the Supporters

Club is still only 50p for this the shortened season.

Full-time Finally a quick couple of words of congratulations, firstly to John Joyner for being awarded with the Assistant Coach of England. Secondly to Phil Hindle and Mr Jack Fulton with their new positions of Chairman and Football Director respectively. We look forward to continuing our working relationship with yourselves for many seasons to come. Last but not least, good luck to John and the Lads for the Season, may it bring us some deserved glory as the last few seasons have.

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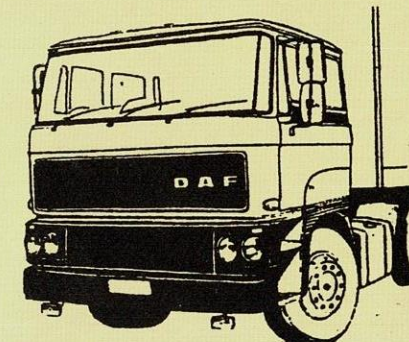
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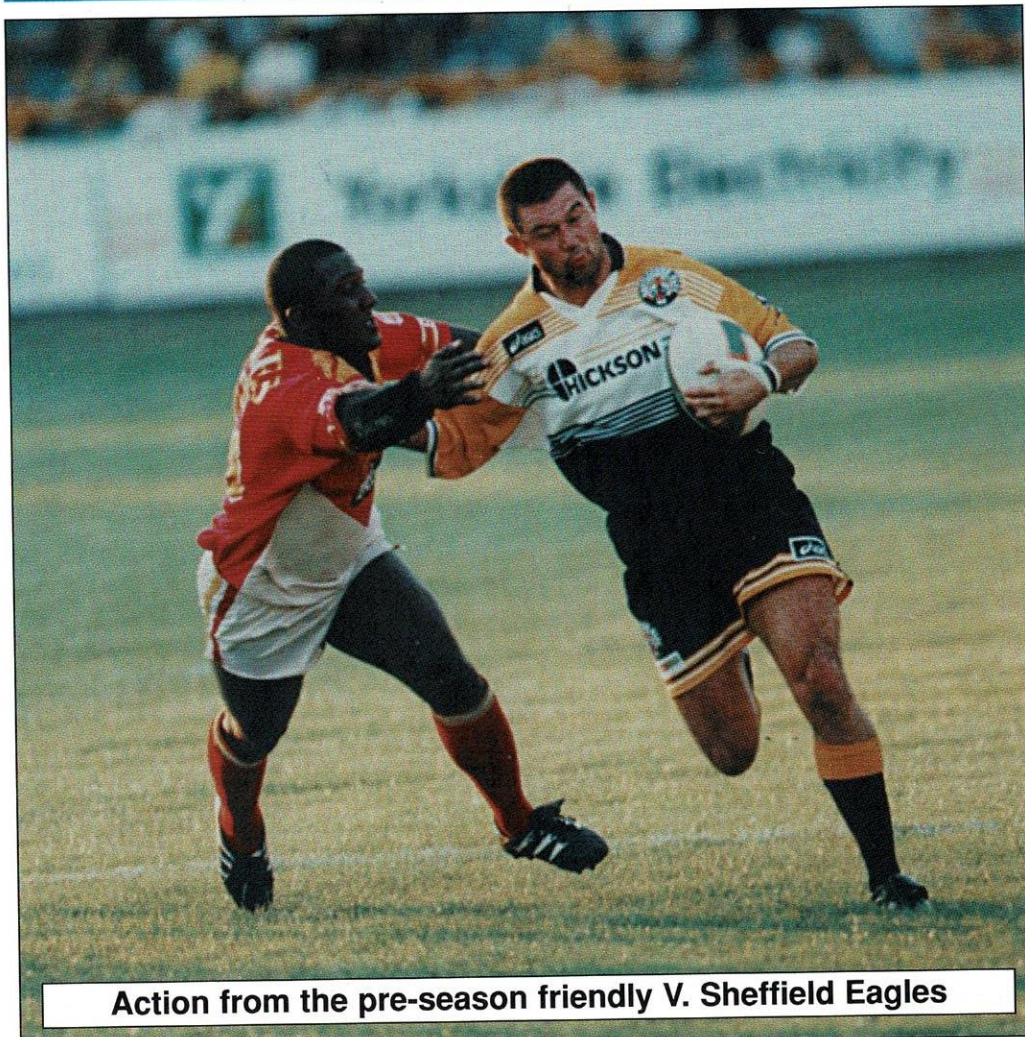
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With Nigel Brookes



THIS could well be the make or break season for British Rugby League, writes the Yorkshire Evening Post's Man-down-the-lane, Nigel Brookes.

There is such a temptation for the fans to look upon this winter's shortened competition as a kind of phoney war or silly season with nothing to play for, as little more than a warm-up for summer rugby in 1996.

And the trouble is that if all the people who make the turnstiles click do not take this season seriously, and that if they expect to be served up five months of little more than glorified friendlies, then they may well not bother to turn out at all.

The last thing that the Super League can afford to create is an army of former fans who have lost interest.

When the switch does come there will be enough counter-attractions for our game to fight off in the battle for feet on terraces as it is, with the delights of Crete, Cleethorpes and cultivation drawing fans away.

What a handicap the game would face if it had already alienated its life blood supporters by losing customers through indifference before the inevitable domestic fallouts about Wheldon Road or Withernsea even begin.

At the end of the day then, it is up to the players themselves to produce on the field the levels of commitment that the fans hope to see (and indeed pay to see).

We have to hope that players' pride will prevent 1995/96 being a damp squib, that this stop-gap season will not become a stop-at-home season.



By the time you have read this column, the monsoon season will probably have come upon us and grass will be growing through the cracks in the pavements.

But it seems that we are not going to have to wait until the advent of Murdoch-vision to get a real foretaste of Rugby League in sweltering temperatures and on pitches as hard as Mike Tyson in a foul mood.

It would be no surprise to me at all if we do not see quite a few cricket scores being rattled up and the odd 65 points to 45 encounter over the next few weeks if there is no let up in this Saharan weather.

It cannot be a very pleasant prospect, having to throw yourself full-length on what amounts to concrete to pull off a tackle, so the occasional spot of tig and pass might be in the offing.

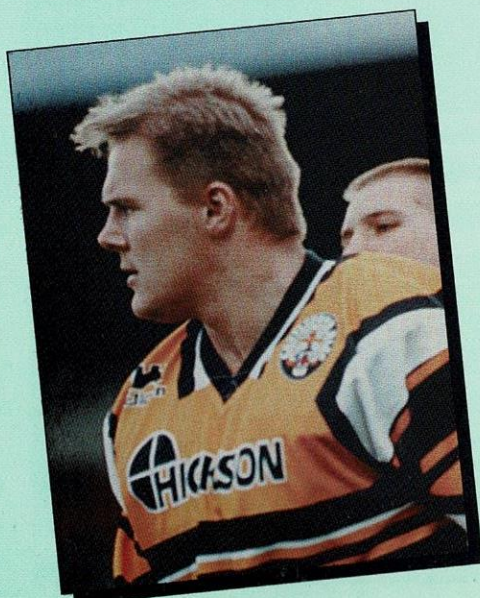
And talking of the drought and the parching of the grass, it might not be all that long before Cas are playing on the Sandy Desert, once again.



JOHN SMITH'S *Tackle count*

Minutes/ Tackles	Name	Total Time	Total Tackles mins	Tackles Per 80
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2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

At each home game the player making the most tackles will receive a case of John Smith's Bitter. A Special trophy will be presented to the overall top tackler at the end of the season. Last years overall tackle count winner was DEAN SAMPSON



Accumulative Tackle Count Table 1994/95

Dean Sampson	125
Lee Crooks	99
Nathan Sykes	82
Andy Hay	79
Richard Russell	74

The positions in the table above are arrived at by awarding 10 points to the player making the most tackles in each home game, descending to 1 point for the player finishing in tenth place.

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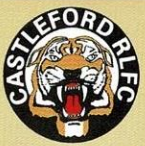
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3	A. N. OTHER			
4	David JONES			
5	Nigel HESLOP			
6	Stephen GARTLAND			
7	Martin CROMPTON			
8	Ian SHERRATT			
9	John CLARKE			
10	Chris PARR			
11	Michael PRESCOTT			
12	Chris MCKINNEY			
13	Howard HILL			
14	Ian GREEN			
15	Paul DAVIDSON			
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