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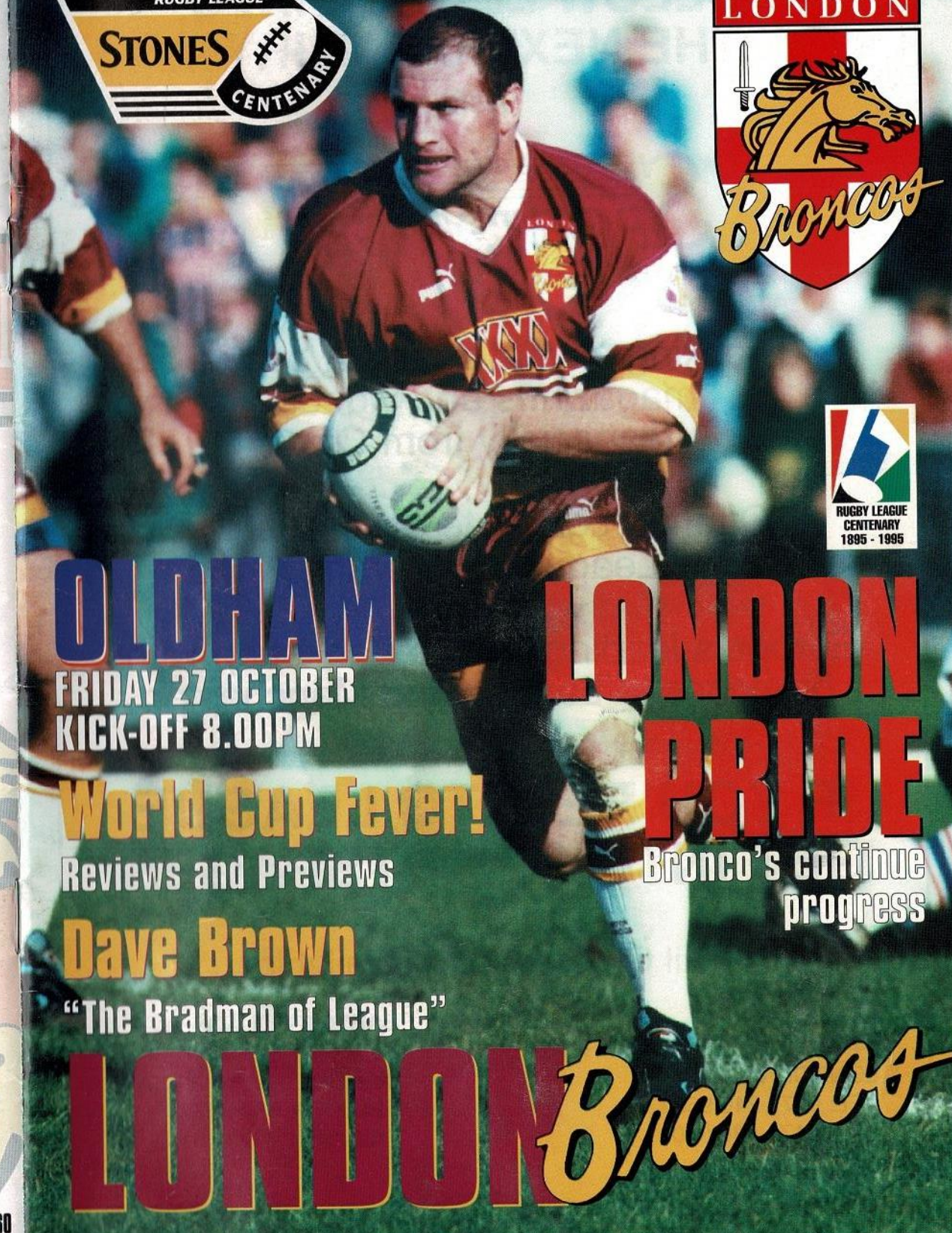
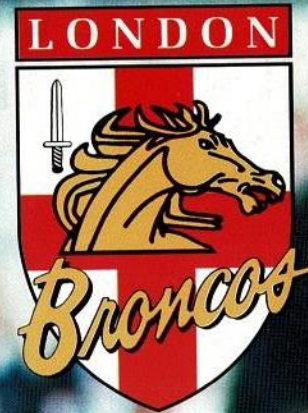
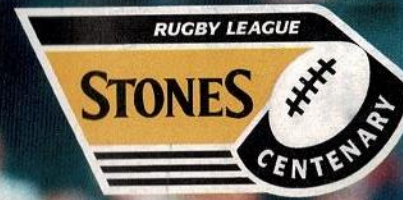
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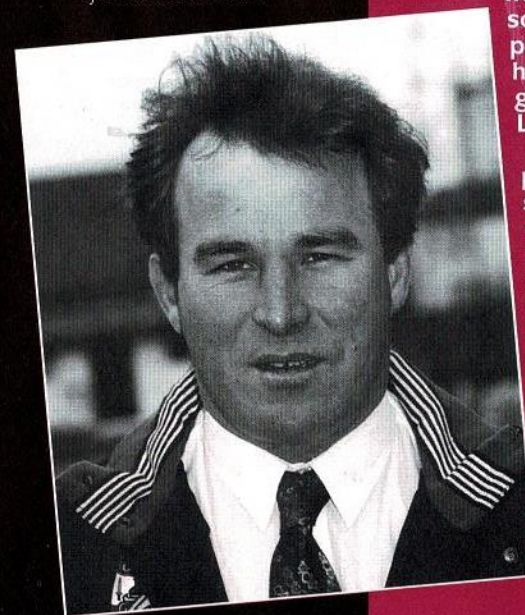
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Hello and a warm welcome to all our regular fans who have made their way to the Valley tonight.

A special welcome, too, to all those who have come along here this evening and may possibly be watching Rugby League for the first time.

We will be hoping to show those of you who may be neutrals that this is an exciting and attractive game - and let's hope that at the end of tonight's 80 minutes you won't be neutrals any more!

I am sure the wide-open expanses of Charlton will suit our style of play and I'm also hoping the atmosphere generated this evening will match that of the game at Brentford when we put one over on Leeds.

That midweek trip to Watersheddings proved a little too much for some of our youngest players after all the headlines they had grabbed against Leeds.

I hope that they can put the record straight tonight and show the home fans that the result was all wrong.

Yes, I was upset at the way we performed at Oldham,

but, by and large, I was pleased with the win against Workington.

New skipper Terry Matterson did well although he's not yet in peak form after a lay-off in Australia, while full-back Paul Hauff showed what I've known all along - that he's a class act. He scored four tries against Town to add to the two he grabbed against Sheffield.

That's six in two games and I've told him we expect him to keep up that average of three a game until the end of the season!

As an Aussie, I suppose you punters out there want to know where my money is going in tomorrow's World Cup Final between my boys and your lot!

Well, to be truthful, I haven't been all that impressed with the Kangaroos so far. They're obviously missing their Super League stars and I have my doubts whether they can raise their game again after that real tough one against the Kiwis last Sunday.

I reckon England should be favourites and are good value at current odds, but being an Aussie I can't really bet against my own country can I?

Enjoy tonight's game and if it's your first let's hope it's not your last....

MOUTH ...

FULL BACK 3 QUARTERS

Much travelled Paul Atcheson, previously with Widnes and Wigan, is opposing Australian Wally Gibson for the number one role with the Roughyeds. Coach Andy Goodway has shown confidence in both players, originally Gibson played in the number one shirt with Atcheson playing in the threequarters. These roles have been reversed for recent games with Gibson - formerly with Huddersfield filling the wing berth.

Scott Ranson is a former Swinton winger who scored 14 tries last term. He has been a strong finisher ever since his amateur days with Thatto Heath - where he gained BARLA International honours. One of the best finishers in the game at present must be the ex Warrington, Chorley, Trafford and Rochdale centre Darren Abram. The 28 year old currently tops this seasons try count for the Lancashire club, a position

he also held last term with fifteen touchdowns. Abram scored in four of Oldham's first six games, including a pair in the September victory over the Broncos.

The wing threequarter berths in the early season games have gone to 24 year old ex Rochdale player Adrian Belle and former Wigan reserve Mike Neal. He had a considerable spell with Doncaster last term before moving on loan to the Watersheddings last spring.

Winger Rob Myler played in the opening two games of the season - he joined Oldham from

Warrington during the close season.

WING BACKS

Yorkshire product Francis Maloney, the son of the former Dewsbury and Hull star John has been a vital cog in the side this season as regular half back partner to Martin Crompton. Maloney, previously with Leeds, Featherstone and Warrington, has taken over the role of goal-kicker.

Established star threequarter Paul Topping scored 152 points last season, the former Leigh player can play stand off or full back and often commands the tag of utility player.

FRONT ROW

Oldham's overseas' register includes a couple of front row forwards from New Zealand. Prop Jason Temu joined the club last September just days after the signing of second rower Joe Faimalo. If that name is familiar to you then it is because elder brother, Esene, plays for Leeds.

Ex Leeds East and former BARLA youth player of the year (in 1992 and 93) John Clarke has secured the hooking role this term. Last season Clarke had competition from the now banned David Stephenson.

Big prop forward Ian Sherratt is a regular collector of man of the match awards for the Roughyeds. His career started in the Bradford Northern Colts side a decade ago and his Oldham career has been split in two by a period with Salford. He marked his first grade debut with a try for Bradford against Whitehaven.

Another former Bradford prop forward is Craig Richards, he is the brother of Basil Richards the ex Warrington forward who is now with Huddersfield.

And an ex Huddersfield forward is Chris Parr. Often seen as a potential top grade player Parr made the move to the Big League via the Swinton club.

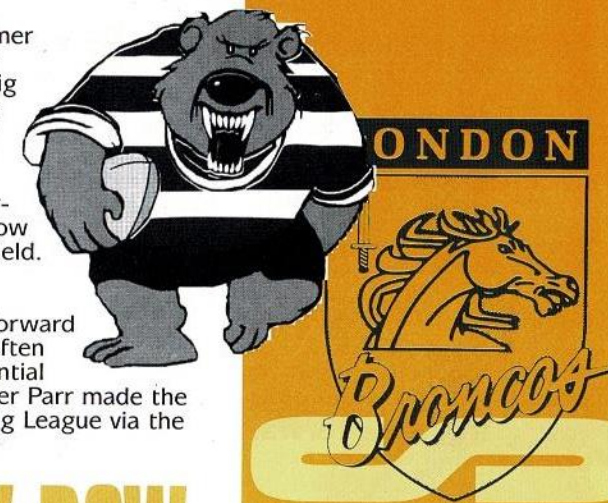
BACK ROW

Top try scorer forward for Oldham last season was loose forward Mike Kuiti. He has moved to Wakefield during the close season and his place in the Oldham pack has been taken by Hensingham product Howard Hill.

One of the most consistent forwards for the Roughyeds since being signed from Halifax for the start of the 1994-95 campaign is second rower Gary Lord. His rugby career started at Leeds before he joined the Thrum Hall club in October 1991.

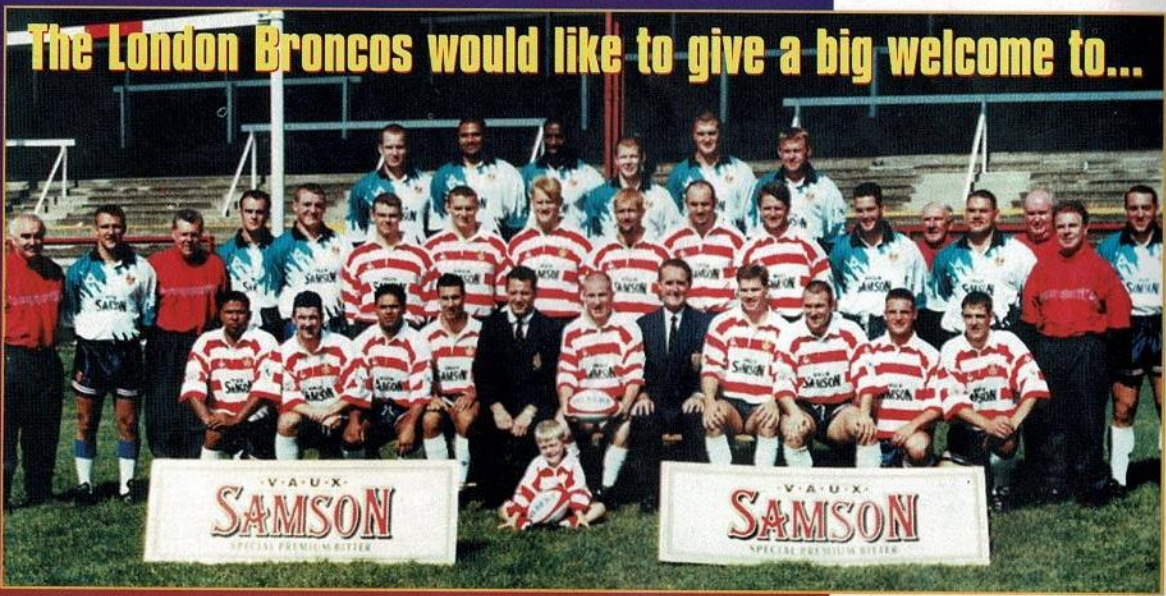
Ian Gildart represented Lancashire and Great Britain Under 21s whilst with Wigan. With limited opportunities at Central Park he moved to Wakefield Trinity before making the move to Oldham in the 1995 close season.

Andy Goodway made fourteen changes in his seventeen man squad for the game at Warrington giving debuts to youngsters Jimmy Cowans, Mike Edwards and Chris McKinnie. Regular Alliance team members Gary Burns and Paul Davidson - the ex-Widnes forward - were also in the starting line up.



The Roughyeds

The Best Read on our Visitors "The Roughyeds" by Paul English.



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CAPTAIN'S LOG

Hello to all our Supporters and welcome to Charlton Athletic Football Club.

It's been a long month's break and I can assure you the players are ready for the tough schedule ahead. Finally all our players are here with the arrival of young Brisbane forward Shaun Keating. We all welcome Shaun and his new bride...

Tonight's match against Oldham is sure to be a hard one, but the guys are keen to avenge the 19-8 defeat Oldham gave us just a few weeks back. The boys have been training hard the last fortnight so look forward to a good performance.

Last game's result against Workington Town was just what was needed with a 4 try haul to former International Paul Hauff. There was much to like about the performance of veteran Kevin Langer who took man of the match honours.

I hope you the supporters enjoy the facilities at Charlton and look forward to a great game.

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WELCOME TO TODAY'S OPPONENTS

Created in 1876 Oldham was one of the original founder member club of the Northern Football Union.

The club has had no Championship success in recent seasons. Very much a yo-yo side, relegated six times in the last two decades, their only league success has been in the Second Division Championship - where the Cherry and Whites have been champions in 1981-2 and 1986-7. Inconsistency has led to many changes. Andy Goodway is the club's eighth coach in the last decade, a list that includes the former Hunslet and Bradford Northern's Australian forward Mal Graham. He was succeeded by two other Aussies, Peter Tunks who had played in England for Sheffield and Salford and the former Parramatta prop was followed by international loose forward Bob Lindner had a successful three month stint in 1994, a stint that resulted in the Roughyeds escaping relegation.

The club's most successful period was between 1906 and 1914. They won the old style Championship in consecutive seasons (beating Wigan both times) and were runners up in the three seasons preceding their first championship success. They also finished as league leaders on two occasions during this period.

Challenge Cup success was achieved as long ago as 1899 (beating Hunslet 19-9) and by 1927 Oldham had won the cup three times but they still await the ultimate league dream - a Wembley Cup final appearance.



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ACADEMY

The building of the London Broncos Academy side began in earnest on Sunday October 15. With a view to Super League and March 1996, some 30 plus young men attended an open trial for places in a train on squad.

Participants were put through a series of skill drills in a day that culminated in an abbreviated game. Both the first and second team coaches - Gary Greinke and Dave Rotheram were on hand to look over the assortment of talent as the Development Officers put the players through their paces.

The day was an outstanding success and a good start to our recruitment drive. Three of the trialists - John Colderley, Giles Thomas and Tim Mole were asked to join the Broncos Alliance squad immediately. We welcome them and eagerly look forward to watching their progress.

Others have joined into our U/17 competition which began amongst the local amateur clubs on Saturday 21 October.

Some of these players will now be asked to join our next Academy day on Saturday November 18. Between now and then our scouts will be hard at work looking to bring in more potential stars. For further information on this academy day, or the U/17 competition which we monitor closely, please contact Tony Rea on 0181 203 3833.

LONDON BRONCOS

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Hauff To A Flyer

Sheffield with a record-equalling four in this romp against a strangely subdued Workington side.

He now joins Evan Cochrane (who achieved his feat in that win over Sheffield), Mark Riley, Mark Johnson and Scott Roskell in the London record books.

Hauff used his height as he grabbed his first try after just two minutes—and added further scores after 17, 56 and 70 minutes of what proved a very one-sided encounter.

There was also a highly-promising debut from Terry Matterson, who has signed on a three year contract from parent club Brisbane and will captain the side.

Matterson signalled the start of his new career with an impressive 16-point haul, consisting of six goals and a 60th minute try.

Ikram Butt also raced over for a try — and could have had two more but for an attack of Butt-er fingers! — and Evan Cochrane and Steve Rosolen also crossed the whitewash.

The last times these two side met was in the Second Division Premiership Final at Old Trafford, where injury-hit Broncos were never really in the hunt.

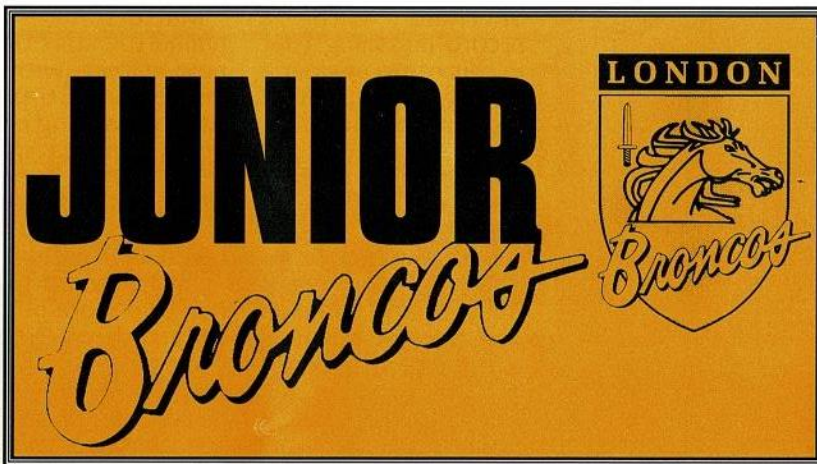
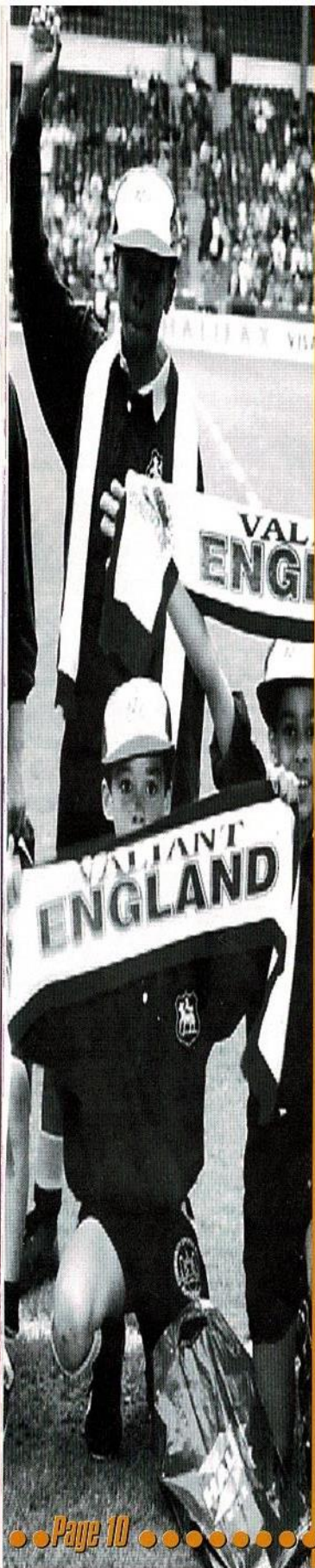
This time the boot was very much on the other foot with Workington's only scores being tries from Penrice (15) and McGinty (66).

NEW boy Paul Hauff followed up his two-try debut against

Ben Walker shows a clean pair of heels to the Workington Town defence. Let's hope he can do the same to Oldham tonight!



WATCH REPORTS



DEVELOPMENT

The early birds at the World Cup opener would have witnessed Mini League teams Hemel Hempstead, St Marys Hendon, East London and Surreyheath do battle. It was a great day out for the kids who enjoyed the chance to play on the hallowed turf immensely. They responded tremendously by putting on a very enthusiastic and entertaining display.

Another development around town in Junior Rugby League was the U/11 and U/17 10 aside tournament held at Barnet Copthall last Saturday. Five under 11 and four under 17 teams took part to make a successful day. Teams from Hemel Hempstead, East London, Surreyheath, Kingscroft, Mill Hill, Reading and Chiswick all submitted teams to play in the round robin competition. The under 11's had the added incentive of having the chance to be picked in a rep team to play Mod League against the North East as a curtain raiser before tomorrow's final.



NOVICES GUIDE TO RUGBY LEAGUE

HERE'S A BASIC GUIDE TO RUGBY LEAGUE

A TRY

A try is worth four points. A try is scored when one team player touches the ball down over the goal line of the opposing team.

A conversion is when the ball is kicked straight between the posts, and above the cross bar.

A SCRUM

A scrum takes place after a mistake is made or the ball is kicked into touch (out of play). The forwards lock together briefly, the ball is put in from the side - then play resumes.

A KNOCK ON

A knock on is when a player loses control of

the ball and it falls to the ground in a forward motion, resulting in a scrum.

A DROP GOAL

A drop goal is executed when a player positions himself anywhere on the field then " drops " the ball and successfully kicks the ball directly through the posts and above the cross bar of the opposing team.

THE CHANGE OVER

The change over is exactly that. The ball is handed over to the opposing team when the current team has used up all of their six tackles.

INTERFERENCE OF PLAY

Interference of play occurs when a player directly interferes with the flow of play (at the play of the ball a defending player stops an attacking player from playing the ball).

FORWARD PASS

The ball at all times can only be passed backwards. If the ball is passed forward, a scrum is awarded to the opposing team as for a knock on.

OFFSIDE

Offside applies when a player or the entire team advance forward before the play of the ball by the opposition. There are many other forms of offside which can be learnt by watching the game. N.B. The defending team must be in line with the referee. Listen out for shouts of " GET THEM ONSIDE "

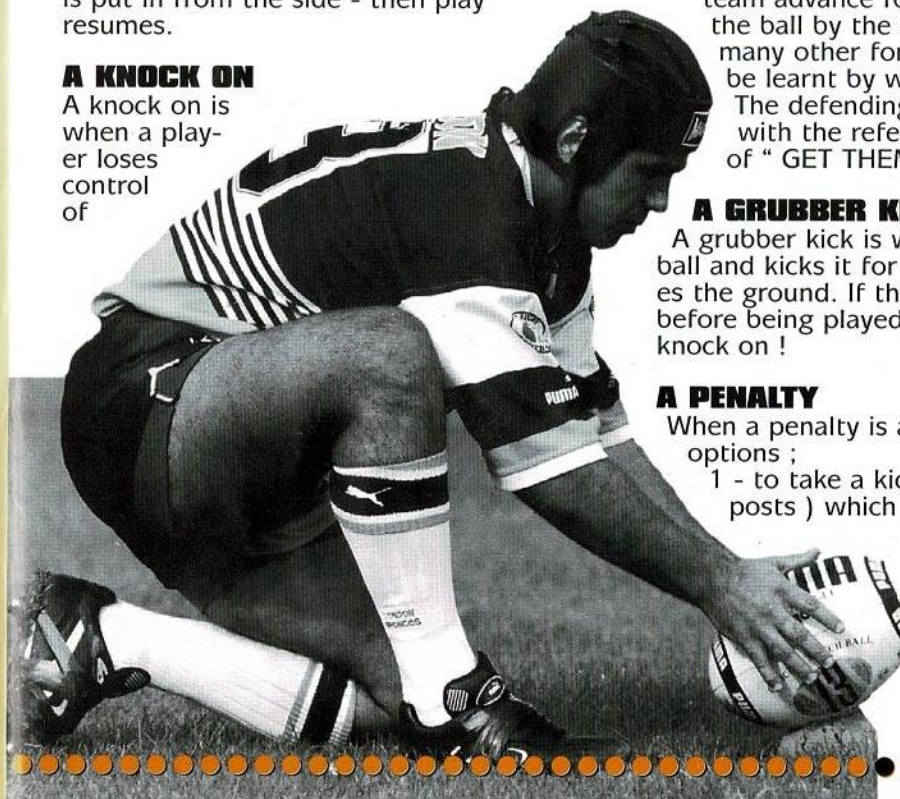
A GRUBBER KICK

A grubber kick is when a player drops the ball and kicks it for position before it touches the ground. If the ball hits the ground before being played it will be deemed a knock on !

A PENALTY

When a penalty is awarded, a team has two options ;

- 1 - to take a kick at goal (between the posts) which is worth an extra 2 points.
- 2 - kick the ball further down the field out of play and then restart equal to where the ball left the field.





WORLD CUP REVIEW

Paul English reviews the early rounds of the World Cup spotlighting the players who have made an impact.

THE HALIFAX CENTENARY RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP

The successful summer Rugby Union World Cup competition held in South Africa has now been superseded by an equally prosperous competition in the thirteen a side code. The competition celebrating a hundred years of independence has been re-vamped to include novice World Cup nations Fiji, South Africa, Tonga and Western Samoa. And it's proved to be a brilliant success story with good attendance's throughout the competition.

Attendance's - the full figures

England v Australia	41,271
Fiji v South Africa	4,845
New Zealand v Tonga	8,083
Wales v France	10,250
PN Guinea v Tonga	5,121
Australia v South Africa	9,191
England v Fiji	26,263
France v W Samoa	2,173
New Zealand v PN Guinea	8,679
Australia v Fiji	7,127
England v South Africa	14,041
Wales v W Samoa	15,385

(Figures shown for Group games only)

To any neutrals reading these notes attendance's of 2,173 at Cardiff for the France v Western Samoa game, and 4,845 at Keighley for Fiji against South Africa may seem minimal in comparison to other sports. Yet all attendance's have exceeded forecasts and the absence of full live television coverage has brought much criticism from fans of a game which is mainly confined to the north of England. The Cardiff attendance verifies the growing support of the game, with well over 2000 watching a game in which the sport and participants were totally foreign.

Group One - No Surprises

Australia may have scored the opening try but England were able to overcome the Kangaroos to register the first victory in the Wembley opener. Youngster Andrew Farrell rightly collected the man of the match award with a display which included a try and two goals. The best moment - undoubtedly Paul Newlove's interception try which turned the game.

Fiji were freely tipped to bring their sevens style rugby to the World Cup - and the Rhinos were certainly made to suffer with the Fijians scoring ten tries. Two days later the South Africans showed their lack of experience losing 86-6 to Australia at Gateshead. Pundits had been predicting a scoreline in the region of 140-150 points - so at least the Rhinos can be acclaimed for their dedication and commitment to the game. The group one contest moved to Wigan where a full house witnessed a comprehensive 46-0 English victory over Fiji.

At Huddersfield the Australians followed England in preventing the Fijians from scoring and qualified for a

semi final meeting with New Zealand. England also kept a clean sheet when they met South Africa later the same day and the 46 points scored ensure top spot for England.

Group Two - Kiwi's survive

The Kiwi's were always favourites for the second group and duly obliged - but the opening group game against Tonga could quite easily have resulted in an upset. Leading 24-12 with ten minutes remaining Tonga had the opportunity to register the first shock of the competition. They failed, the Kiwi's fought back and they scored the necessary points to acquire victory with a 25-24 scoreline.

Two days later the Tongans failed to defeat Papua New Guinea - leaving the Kumuls the nearly unbelievable opportunity to win the group. That encounter ended all square at 28-28 and the Kiwis finally stamped their authority on the group with 22-6 demolition of the Kumuls at St Helens.

Group three - Wales waltz through

Quite rightly described as the group of death. Theoretically all three teams had the perception of being group favourites. After all the French had held the Kiwis to a draw in the summer, the Samoans had Inga the Winger and the Welsh were on home soil.

The French went out at the first hurdle, losing 6 - 28 to Wales and were totally buried at the second obstacle when the Samoans overran them 56 - 10.

So the scene was set for the first real "knockout" game in the competition. A capacity 15,385 Vetch Field crowd clutched the only real chance of Welsh sporting success - and their league stars duly obliged with a 22 - 10 victory. The game was never a free flowing advert - more the hard, no nonsense cup tie with both sides desperate for victory and the Welsh thoroughly deserved the spoils.

Group One	P	W	D	L	Pts
England	3	3	0	0	6
Australia	3	2	0	1	4
Fiji	3	1	0	2	2
South Africa	3	0	0	3	0
Group Two	P	W	D	L	Pts
New Zealand	2	2	0	0	4
Tonga	2	0	1	1	1
Papua New Guinea	2	0	1	1	1
Group Three	P	W	D	L	Pts
Wales	2	2	0	0	4
Western Samoa	2	1	0	1	2
France	2	0	0	2	0



The Welsh line up for the National Anthem

NAMES TO REMEMBER

If Johah Lumu is the name that will always be recalled from the Union World Cup then who will be remembered as the star of the Centenary Rugby League World Cup?

Here's just a few names for consideration. Steve Menzies of Australia must be the best try scoring forward in the game at the moment. Top of the Winfield Cup try charts he re-inforced his image with a brace of tries against both England and Fiji. But watch out for goalkicking Wigan star Andrew Farrell - whose form has meant that Phil Clarke has had to move into the second row.

Former Castleford centre Richie Blackmore returned with the Kiwi's and showed that he has lost none of his try scoring touch, Fijian Liese Toga became a star with his forceful running at the expense of the South Africans.

The Mann cousins were nearly heroes in Tonga's desperate defeat against New Zealand, Bobby Goulding had a big night on his old home territory at Central Park against the Fijians.

Andrew Johns became a world record holder as the Aussies demolished South Africa at Gateshead; Iestyn Harris is now a firm favourite with the natives of Cardiff and Swansea as a major influence as the Welsh marched to the semi-finals.

The Kumuls had a star too - predictably scrum half Adrian Lam who was the inspiration as PNG drew with Tonga.

So that's just a few of the names who will be remembered from the Centenary World Cup.

MATCH REPORTS

ENGLAND TAME THE RED DRAGON ENGLAND 25 WALES 10

England doused the fire of the Welsh dragon in an emotional encounter at Old Trafford.

But despite the 15-point winning margin this was never easy for England against a Welsh side that fought its collective heart out.

England's back three of captain Dennis Betts, Phil Clarke and Andrew Farrell was rock solid and combined with the inventiveness of Tony Smith and Bobby Goulding and the support play of wingers Jason Robinson and Martin Offiah, Wales were never really competing on level terms.

Only in the last quarter did the Welsh backs really get into their stride and to the delight of their 10,000 fans Wales managed a try through Rowland Phillips.

But, like all close-fought games, this one turned on a number of controversial incidents.

Was Offiah offside when he took Guiding's brilliant crossfield kick for his first try?

Did Offiah ground the ball properly - or as TV replays showed quite clearly did he bounce it - when he scored

his second from another superb Goulding kick over the heads of the Welsh defence?

And why, in heaven's name, did Wales' Paul Moriarity get involved when Kelvin Skerrett high-tackled Farrell? His 10 minute sojourn in the sin-bin cost Wales dear when Offiah scored the first of his two touchdowns.

KIWIS KILLED OFF IN EXTRA TIME AUSTRALIA 30 NEW ZEALAND 20

After fighting back from what seemed a completely lost cause at 20-6 down with 20 minutes to go, the Kiwis had two clear chances to book a final place in this thrilling encounter.

With just three minutes left of normal time, Matthew Ridge and Richard Blackmore had combined brilliantly to send Kevin Iro over in the corner.

The kick - right out on the touchline - was difficult, but skipper Ridge had been in tremendous form. This time he missed. And he was also narrowly wide in the dying seconds with a drop goal attempt from 40 metres.

"I wanted it on my right foot, but had to take it on my left," said the distraught Kiwi.

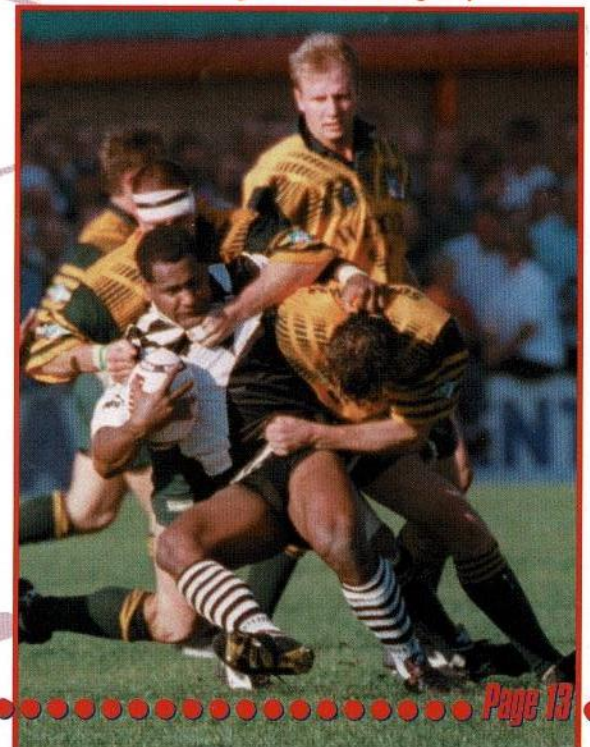
But Ridge mustn't blame himself. The Kiwis' inspirational leader, along with Gene Ngamu, Blackmore and the Iro Brothers - Kevin and Tony - were the central figures in a remarkable comeback.

So the game went into a final 20 minutes of death or glory and it was the Kiwis who were killed off as the Kangaroos, showing the admiral professionalism for which they are known throughout the RL world, grabbed the two tries that sent them to Wembley.

Sub Matthew Johns - brother of Andrew - sent over Terry Hill for the first in the 87th minute and Brad Fittler crossed eight minutes from the end to wrap it all up.

Earlier, the New Zealanders had looked shot to pieces in defence as the Aussies raced into a 10-0 lead in the opening 10 minutes. It was a bad start, rather than those missed kicks, that cost New Zealand a place in tomorrow's final.

Fiji and South Africa get in a tussle to gain possession



Tonight we wish a warm welcome to our friends from Oldham and of course supporters of other clubs who are visiting the capital this weekend for the world cup final.

Prior to the world cup break the lads were certainly in great form running in 40 plus points in two successive games. Lets hope tonight we can continue this impressive form and take revenge on Oldham for that defeat last month just after our great win over Leeds.

Tomorrow night members of our supporters club will be meeting for a drink with members of the Rugby League Supporters Association at a central London venue. At the time of writing these notes the actual venue had not been fixed but anybody interested please call into the club shop tonight where details will be available.

Another date for your diary is Saturday the 3rd February 1996. That evening the Lancashire federation of supporters clubs will be holding a centenary dinner at a hotel in Blackpool. As a club member of this association since the early eighties it is hoped that enough of our members will be interested in what promises to be a super evening. We anticipate that the cost per person will be in the region of £55. to cover return coach fare, dinner / bed and breakfast. Would those members who are interested please give your name to Sue or Gwen in the club shop tonight or at next weeks game against St. Helens. I need to know numbers as soon as possible, so tickets can be reserved.

Standtickets for the Wigan game at Charlton on Sunday the 3rd December are already selling well, no doubt no doubt due to the exhilarating rugby the lads have produced in front of the Sky t.v cameras. Personally I think there is a good chance all tickets will be sold out well in advance of this big game for London. Fortunately Supporters Club Members will be given first option on the purchase of tickets. An allocation of centre/off centre stand tickets will be reserved for members to purchase. However these tickets will only be available for purchase up to the 15th November the night we play Halifax at home. After this date all stand tickets will go on general sale. Of course plenty of covered standing accommodation is available for those supporters who prefer to stand, but get there early.

Supporters Club membership subscription fee this season is £5. Senior Citizens, children under 14 years, students and UB40's pay only £3. Membership entitles members to discount in Club Shop, cheaper away coach travel and 1 pound off the entrance fee at home games. Those wishing to join the Supporters Club can obtain an application form at the Club Shop or ring Wen or myself on 01322 528504.

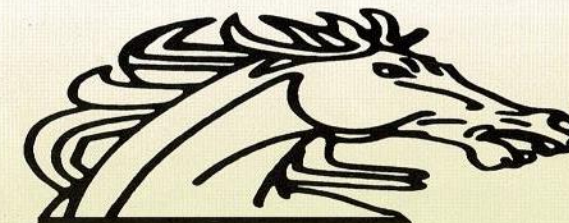
We are currently taking bookings for our next away game at Castleford on the 5th November. Fares are £15. for Supporters Club members, non members £22, Senior Citizens, students, 14-16 year olds and UB40's half price and children under 14 years travel free provided they are accompanied by an adult (one adult per child). Please book your seat tonight with Gwen at the Club Shop or ring 01322 528504 by the Thursday evening prior to the match.

Here's to another great game, let the Lads hear your support.

Barry J Warren
Secretary LBRLSC



VIEW DOWN SOUTH



THE BIGGER THE BETTER

by Michael O'Hare

Looking around Wembley during the World Cup's opening match on October 7 it was hard to imagine the Broncos playing their home games at the stadium. Even though 41,000 seemed a decent crowd under the circumstances there were large swathes of empty seats that glared at the camera like the proverbial sore thumb.

Yet, only last month, the rumour emanating from the Broncos management was that Wembley would make a fine home for London's pro' team. The stadium ends might have to be closed off and replay screens brought in but the Broncos feel - with the benefits of success on the field and serious PR off it - that the Empire Stadium would be a viable choice.

Many people reading this may find the whole idea a little far-fetched. After all, even though there's a sizeable contingent of spectators from the north of England here tonight doing their bit to promote Rugby League in the capital before heading for Wembley tomorrow morning, the attendance will not, by any stretch of the imagination, even begin to fill 78,000 seats in Britain's national stadium.

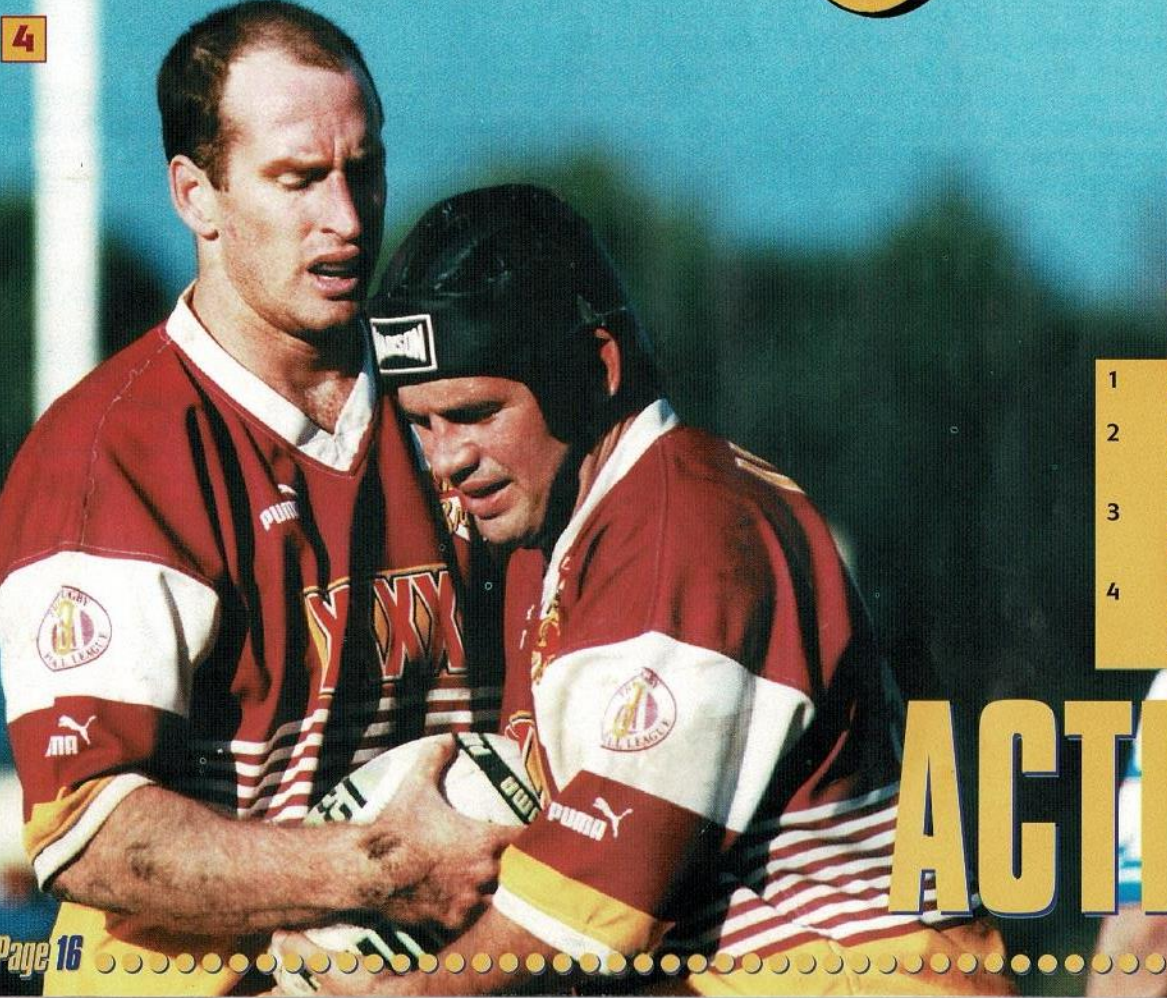
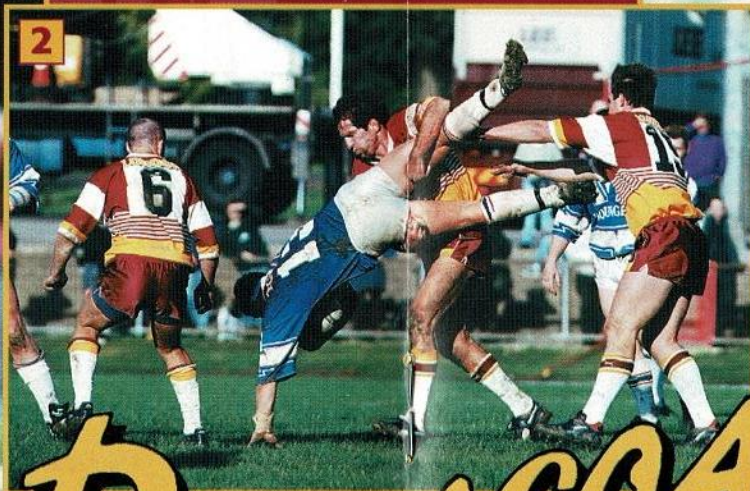
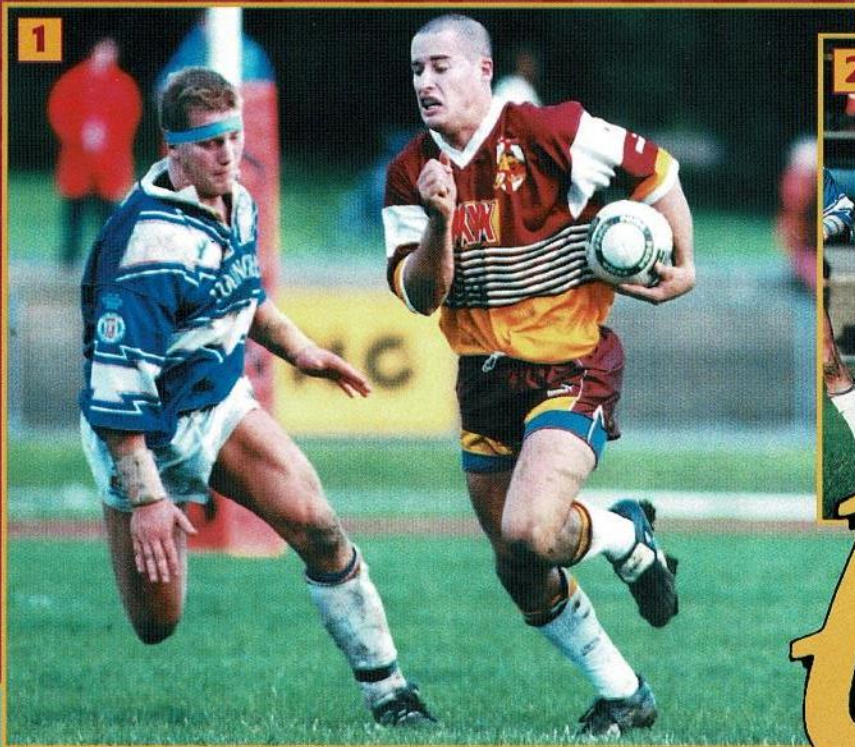
But that's the easy excuse, the argument that Rugby League clubs would rather use. It's not the ambitious option.

An optimist would point out that even though it started a month too late, the recent World Cup advertising campaign on the London Underground generated a huge amount of interest in the competition. In the short span of time that it was running it ensured that one third of the Wembley crowd was from the south-east - despite fears to the contrary - and that endless phone calls were made to the BBC asking why other World Cup matches were not being screened in the region. For the benefit of northern readers, from the opening match through to the semi-finals the competition was not covered at all by TV in the south.

People are interested in the game in London but, just like northerners, they want to see the best. Those who point to London's crowd figures in recent seasons might just as well point to Bramley's figures and argue that nobody in Leeds is interested in RL.

What a ridiculous argument. If Wigan and Bramley swapped roles, would Wigan's crowd be any more than 500? Of course not.

It is success and ambition that attract interest, not geographical location. If the Broncos don't think they can fill Wembley by playing top-quality League they should not be running the show. Thank goodness they do and they are.



Broncos



- 1 Ben Walker evades the Workington defence
- 2 Peter Gill gives a Workington player a closer look of Copthall
- 3 David O'Donnell and Darren Shavi worked tirelessly throughout the game
- 4 New Captain Terry Matterson congratulates Paul Hauff on his 4 Try haul

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- DAVE BROWN -

“The Bradman of League”

The Australians have always had a knack, almost a tradition of creating a new star player during a Kangaroo tour of Britain. From Albert Rosenfeld in 1908, Vic Hey in '33 and Wally Lewis in '82 a new, often unheard of tourist come over to torment the “poms”.

On the tour of 1933 they brought Dave Brown, a 20 year old centre from the Eastern Suburbs who had already represented New South Wales as an 18 year old.

Brown was a sensation during the tour, scoring 19 tries and kicking 114 goals, his 285 points creating a record that will almost certainly never be beaten. He played in 32 of the possible 37 games including 18 successive appearances.

It was not until the fifth game of the tour that Brown was given the kicking job for the Kangaroos and with some superb coaching from Wally Webb, the tours co-manager he limbered up with a 7 goal haul against Oldham.

Against Wales at Wembley he crossed for a try and kicked 9 goals as the Roos cruised to a 51 - 19 victory. The very next day Brown went one better in an exhibition game against England in Paris. He scored a hat trick of tries and steered the ball over the crossbar for another 9 goals, a personal tally 27 points out of 63 that the Australians scored.

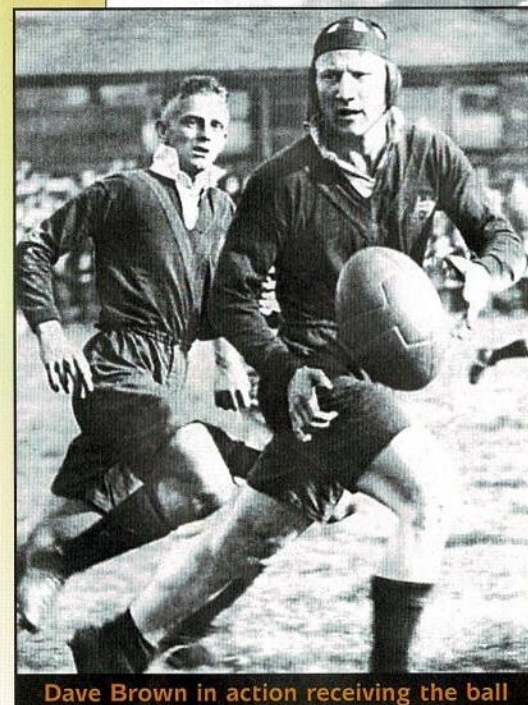
Back home and playing for Eastern Suburbs he continued to score points almost at will. In 1935 his feats included 38 tries from 14 games, a 45 point haul against Canterbury and a season total of 385 points.

In 1936 aged 23 years and 86 days he became Australia's youngest ever captain to face Great Britain. In the first test in Sydney he celebrated the record in his usual style scoring a brace of tries and kicking 4 goals as the Roos demolished the Lions 24-8.

By 1936 his talents had attracted great interest in England and several British were anxious to ship him over from Australia. Warrington won the race for his signature paying 1000 pds and 6 pds a game for a four year contract. With the Wire, Brown played some superb football and kicked some vital goals, but it was felt that a combination of the muddy, soft grounds, the English lifestyle and the climate in general that did little to make his stay a really happy one.

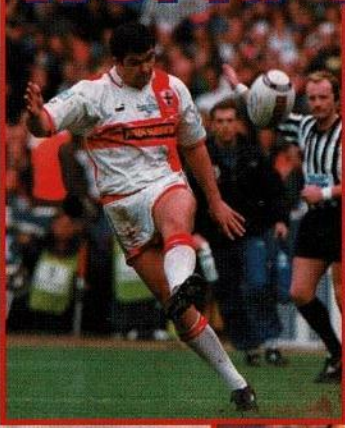
After staying for three years Brown paid part of his signing -on fee back to Warrington and returned to his beloved Australia.

He played for Easts until his retirement putting something back into the game that had given him so much pleasure.

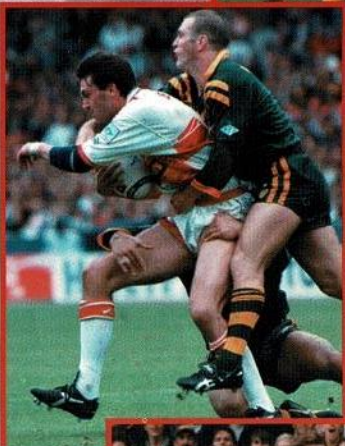
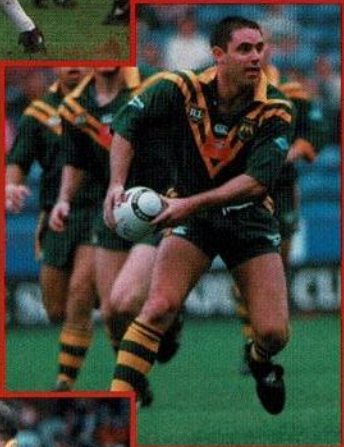


Dave Brown in action receiving the ball

World Cup Final Preview



Above: Farrell kicks out
Right: Fittler sets up another Aussie attack
Far Right: Toovay stays alert
Below: Mather battles to keep possession



Right: Farrell gets in a try
Far Right: Jason Robinson in full flight



ALL SET FOR WEMBLEY SHOWPIECE

The stage is set for tomorrow's Wembley showdown between England and Australia in the Halifax Centenary World Cup.

If it contains half the fire and passion of England's clash with Wales and half the heart-stopping drama of Australia's extra-time win over New Zealand then those fortunate to have secured a ticket will have an afternoon to remember.

The final looks very much what boxing fans call "an even-money match". You pay your money and take your choice. But the bookies don't see it that way.

They make Australia between 4-6 and 8-15 favourites to retain their World Cup crown with England varying from 11-8 to 11-10.

The bookies obviously feel that the Aussies, short of match practice at the time, will gain revenge for their opening match defeat by England in the World Cup's opening game.

True, the Kangaroos have improved with every performance, certainly in their group matches.

But on Sunday at Huddersfield they made very heavy weather of beating a Kiwi side that didn't really get its act together until the final 20 minutes of normal time.

There was also a clear weakness in the kicking department with Andrew Johns only managing three goals from eight attempts, several of which were eminently kickable.

In a game that is likely to be decided by the narrowest of margins an off-form kicker could cost the Aussies their title.

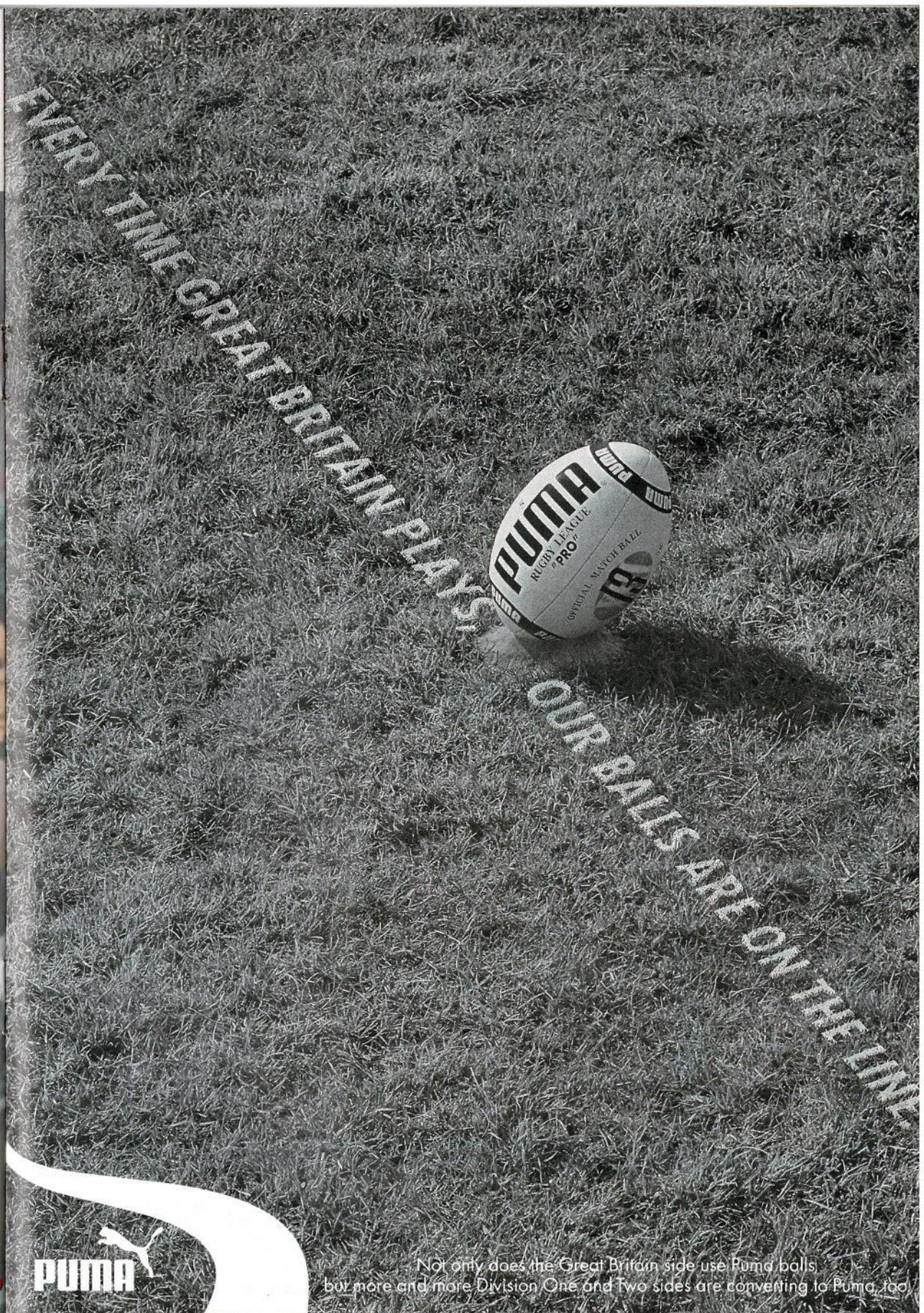
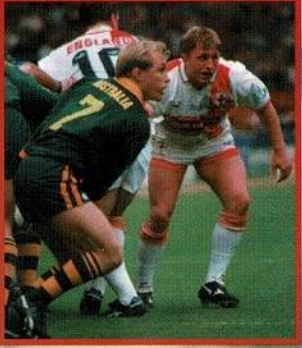
On the other hand, England coach Phil Larder has an embarrassment of riches.

Should he bring back skipper Shaun Edwards - assuming the Wigan man is fit - or stick with

Saturday's man-of-the-match Bobby Goulding?

He could make room for both of them with Edwards coming in at stand-off, but that would be grossly unfair on Castleford's Tony Smith, who caused panic in the Welsh defence every time he went forward. He could do the same against the Aussies if given the chance.

All in all, it looks a final to savour. If you haven't got a ticket tune in to BBC 1 for full coverage of the whole game.



Not only does the Great Britain side use Puma balls but more and more Division One and Two sides are converting to Puma, too.

Bronco Brain Teasers

FAST FIFTEEN

1. Which Australian team did Terry Matterson play for before joining Brisbane Broncos ?
2. England coach Phil Larder coaches which English club ?
3. Who coached Tonga in the World Cup ?
4. South African coach Tony Fisher is coach of which English club ?
5. Which player scored the 1st. try of the 1995 World Cup ?
6. Which English club did David "cement" Gillespie play for ?
7. Which London Bronco player closest resembles the Oldhams Mascot ?
8. Which Ex - Australian forward coached Oldham in 1994 ?
9. Who coached the Lancashire team in 91 - 92 ?
10. Who refereed the War of the Roses in 91 - 92 ?
11. Which club did Darren Abram play for before Oldham ?
12. Which Australian club did P.N.G`'s Adrian Lam play for before joining Eastern Suburbs ?
13. Who won the man of the match in the 1994 Regal Trophy Final ?
14. Which London player joined Oldham in 1992 ?
15. Which player scored the only try in the 1992 World Cup Final ?

(Answers at foot of page)

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Firstly let me thank all supporters who have purchased the Amateur handbook which shows venues and fixture dates for the game in the south. Please remember if you fancy watching an amateur match to always check with the home club secretary before setting out.

Dates, venues and kick - off times often have to be changed. London Colonials for example are currently playing their home fixtures at Brentwood Lane in Wandsworth due to the unavailability of Hurlingham Park. The Student R. L. Old Boys have a new secretary, Julian Wilson, Telephone (H) 0181 767 1531.

Further copies of the handbook should be available in the club shop today.

Results of the BARLA Southern Cup Quarter Finals played on October 15th were -

Fulham Travellers 44 Nottingham Crusaders 15
Leicester 8 Student R.L. Old Boys 66
London Colonials 24 Metropolitan Police 10
United Services 104 East London 4

The semi-Finals are due to be played on November the 5th. The draw is as follows:

Fulham Travellers V Student R.L. Old Boys
London Colonials V United Services

The finals of this competition is scheduled for November the 19th. This coincides with a Bronco home fixture and depending on who the finalists are, it may be possible to stage this match prior to the game against Warrington. This also depends upon where Broncos are situated at the time !

After tonight's game and tomorrow's final there may still be a few fanatics who fancy a Sunday match. Provisional amateur first division matches are -

London Warriors V Fulham Travellers
Brent Ealing V Surrey Heath Sunday October 29th.
Peckham V Student R.L. Old Boys.

Don` t forget to check first !

CHOMPING AT THE BIT

NEWS FROM THE ALLIANCE

There's no stopping the Bronco Alliance team as they sit at the top of the Alliance Second Division ready to return to action following the enforced World Cup break.

In the 70-5 victory over Barrow prior to the well-earned rest, Dave Rotheram was able to call upon some experienced names to help his squad notch up a record breaking victory. Although second rower Darryl Pitt led the charge for the tryline bagging four, it was the strength and speed of the Broncos backs that completely outgunned the Barrow Braves.

An early Chris Smith penalty and a Barrow drop goal in reply was followed by a first try from Scott Roskell after neat play by Dave Evans. Dave Harvey, now settled into his new role of hooker, added another try after a quick tap penalty and then a rampaging run gave Pitt the first of his tries. Smith's goal opened up an 18-1 lead.

Shane Vincent was next over the line as he turned the Barrow defence inside out on a 50 yard run and just two minutes later Pitt created the gap for Mark Riley to cross after another long-range run. Smith converted both tries and Broncos led 30-1. Darryl Pitt's second try and another conversion from Smith rounded off the first half's scoring at 36-1.

Broncos showed no mercy in the second half as a Craig Green put Vincent over and Smith converted. A Schofield pass then launched Mark Riley on a brilliant run for another four points. Smith's goal came straight out of "What Happened Next?" as he converted in drop goal style completely taking the match officials by surprise.

Vincent then completed his hat-trick (with another Smith goal) and a stunning 60 yard move by Riley and Evans earned Pitt another try. Now well in his stride, Pitt then completed his day's scoring after Riley, Evans and this time Roskell created another opening and Broncos led 64-1 with the inevitable two points from Smith.

A Craig Green try and Smith goal rounded off the Broncos points but a late Barrow rally and well deserved try gave a final score of 70-5.

Broncos entertain Whitehaven, currently lying in second place in the table, next Saturday (4 November) - up-to-date details will be on the Bronco Line. All support is greatly appreciated by the lads and a great display of open rugby is promised.

ALLIANCE FIXTURES 1995/96

19th Aug	Batley (A)	L 16-22
26th Aug	Swinton (A)	W 34-31
2nd Sept	Whitehaven (A)	L 12-23
9th Sept	Barrow (A)	W 48-16
16th Sept	Blackpool (A)	W 36-22
23rd Sept	Carlisle (H)	W 48-10
30th Sept	Barrow (H)	W 70-5
4th Nov	Whitehaven (H)	
11th Nov	Carlisle (A)	
18th Nov	Blackpool (H)	
25th Nov	Rochdale (H)	
2nd Dec	Hunslet (A)	
9th Dec	Batley (H)	
16th Dec	Huddersfield (A)	
30th Dec	Rochdale (A)	
6th Jan	Swinton (H)	
13th Jan	Hunslet (H)	
20th Jan	Huddersfield (H)	
27th Jan	Cup Round 1	

All games played on Saturdays

BRONCOLINE

Once again this season, the Club sponsored information telephone line is in operation. I like to think that this differs from other similar lines in that it is updated regularly, it's funny, interesting and excellent value for money, and above all is run by me.

Seriously, if you're ever unable to make the match there are scoreline updates every twenty minutes when humanly possible, as well as all the Club, First Team and Alliance news and interviews with the leading lights of the Club. The only other piece of news you need is the number, and that is...

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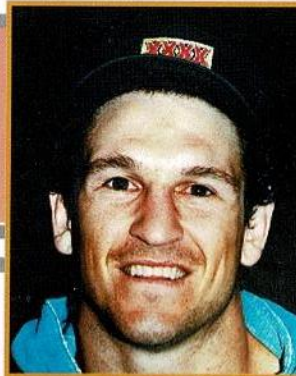
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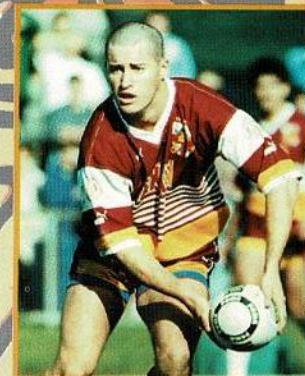
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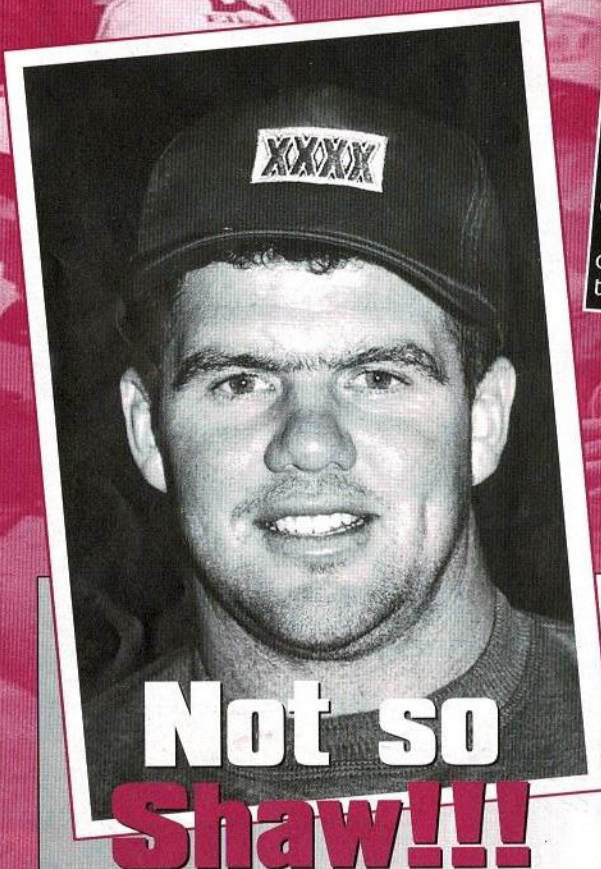
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Hope those of you who made the trip to Northampton for the Scotland - USA Emerging Nations World Cup clash didn't feel cheated when they found out that Broncos' favourite Darren Shaw wasn't in the Scotland line-up.

Shawie played his part in the Scots' 34-9 win over Russia at Featherstone in the opening game, but missed out at Northampton, where his colleagues completed a 38-16 success over the Americans.

But he was back in the side for the crucial game against the other unbeaten side in the group — the Cook Islands — at Castleford last Friday, where Scotland lost to the Cook Islands.

NEW BOY IN TOWN
By the time you read these notes, Broncos' latest signing second-rower Shaun Keating will have flown half way across the world from Brisbane, got married, and have had his first training sessions under Gary Greinke!
Hopefully, he'll have come through all that in one piece and will be lining up against Oldham tonight. We wish him well.....

GAVIN ON HIS WAY FOR SUPER LEAGUE
GAVIN ALLEN, one of the toughest and most respected forwards in the Australian game, is joining us from parent club Brisbane on a one-year contract for the Super League, starting next March.

BRONCOS TAKE EUROPE BY STORM
DURING the mid-season break caused by the World Cup, the Broncos have been touring the hot and not-so-hotspots of Europe with players spotted in such players as Corfu, Greece, Spain, Rome, and Paris.

PAUL'S PROBLEMS
PAUL CHAMBERS, who smashed his jaw in a second-team game against Swinton earlier in the season, is still awaiting another medical opinion on whether he'll be able to play again.
Paul's jaw has been wired up, but when the wires were taken out, it was found that some parts of the jaw hadn't healed and they had to be re-inserted. Let's hope there's some better news soon.....



A REAL LONDON BRONCO!
Shock, horror. Broncos have unearthed a real, home-grown talent in the shape of Junior Paul, a 23-year-old centre or wing.
Junior, from East London, played RU for four years, but came along to a Broncos' pre-season training session.....and got hooked on the 13-a-side code.
He's played in three Alliance games and has scored three tries, earning rave reviews in the process.... and he could be on the verge of a breakthrough into the first team set-up.

A BARROW-LOAD OF TRIES
OUR Alliance team head the Second Division standings after their club record 70-5 demolition job on Barrow at Cophall the other day.
You'll have a chance to see them in action against Whitehaven on November 4.
Venue and kick-off details on the Broncoline.

CAVILL'S FRENCH LEAVE
CAVILL HEUGH is thinking over a move to French Club Villeneuve, coached by Dave Ellis, formerly at Hemel Hempstead.
Cavill who played in Villeneuve's recent 36-4 win over Laurene is currently on loan to the French side after a similar spell at Wakefield.

WHY ON HIS WAY
ADRIAN WHY, who made one appearance on the subs' bench against Warrington in the opening game of the season, is also currently on loan.....at Barrow.



Adrian feels he won't be able to hold down a regular first team place with the Broncos and is hoping Barrow will offer him the chance to play first team football.

LEFT: Kevin Langer tells it how it was to SKY TV after the Bronco's game against Workington

