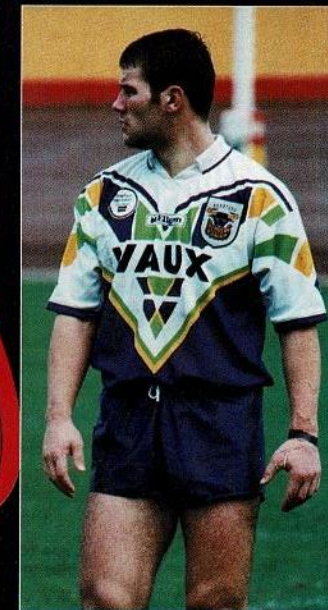


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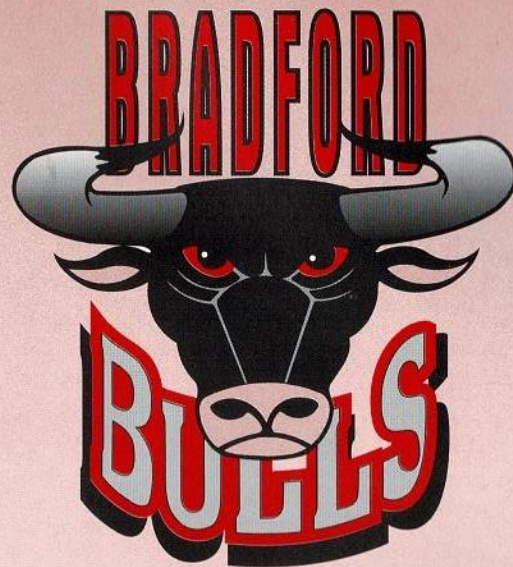
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1898, 1945, 1948, 1973
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1974-75, 1979-80
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1973-74
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1990-91, 1992-93

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Halifax v Warrington 1954
Record Attendance Odsal for a Bradford game:
69,429 v Huddersfield 1953
Biggest Victory: 72-12 v Hunslet 1984-85,
76-0 v Leigh East 1991-92
Most Tries:
in a career: 261 J. McLean 1950-56
in a season: 63 J. McLean 1951-52
in a match: 7 J. Dechan v Bramley 1906
Most Goals:
in a career: 779 K. Mumby 1973/1994
in a season: 173 E. Tees 1971-72
in a match: 14 J. Phillips v Batley 1952
Most Points
in a career: 1828 K. Mumby 1973/1994
in a season: 364 E. Tees 1971-72
in a match: 36 J. Woods v Swinton 1985
Most Appearances:
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- BUT TO WIN...*

Vincent Lombardi



**HERE'S THE
BEEF**

WITH CHAIRMAN CHRIS CAISLEY

Welcome this evening to Oldham RLFC and their supporters for what is a televised fixture as we move towards the conclusion of this Centenary Season and the commencement of the Challenge Cup Competition in January. It has been an extremely hectic week, full of negotiations culminating in the departure of Paul Newlove from Odsal. The Board at Bradford always insisted that if Paul Newlove was to leave this Club during the continuance of his contract he would only do so on terms that were acceptable to us and, frankly, in a deal that was too good for us to refuse that stage was reached on Monday of this week when St Helens finally accepted our terms which saw three tremendous players join our Club plus the receipt by Bradford of additional cash. We met the three former St Helens' players and it did not take long before they were on their way to Odsal - each one of

them looking forward to being coached by Brian Smith. The good thing about each of them is that quite apart from the fact that they are extremely good players they are also good, hard working people who want to succeed.

Our squad is now beginning to take shape and there will be further changes before the end of the year by which time I hope that we have been able to give Brian a squad of players that he feels will be good enough to make a real impact on both the Challenge Cup and the first Super League season.

I was asked in general terms how I felt about the deal, and I said, quite honestly, that I felt like the man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo. The Directors have been faced with a very delicate strategic plan that needed to be carefully managed over the past few months since it became apparent that Paul Newlove had no future at the Club our priority was to make sure that the final deal was one which was literally too good for us to refuse and that we got the players who we wanted and not players who were foisted on to us. I wish Sonny, Paul and Bernard long and successful

careers with the Bulls and I hope they will be able to look back on what has been a traumatic week for them and be in no doubt that this was the best move they ever made.

To our supporters I should like to thank all of them for their patience throughout a difficult period and I hope that they can see why matters had to proceed as they did over such a lengthy period of time.

In addition to our new recruits we should also have a number of players coming back from injury. I have never known the position be as bad as it has been in terms of injuries and I hope that we have now turned the corner.

Brian Smith has been away all this week on Super League business in the United States and I am sure he will have much to report. I am equally sure that he is now looking forward to getting down to coaching the team as we head towards the first Super League season, and he will have another major signing to announce during the next few days.

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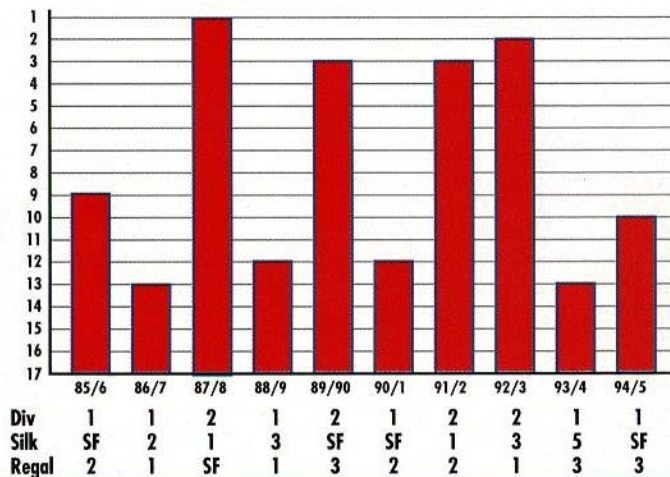
At the Bull

BY PAUL ENGLISH OF PA SPORT

TRIVIA TRAIL... A BULLS EYE VIEW OF TODAY'S VISITORS

Fifties centre Alan Davies has the distinction of gaining most caps with Oldham - earning selection for Great Britain on 20 occasions between 1955 and 1960.

DECADE AT A GLANCE



OLDHAM ROLL CALL

Player	Prev. Club	Pos	1995/96 season					Pts
			App.	Subs	T	G	D	
P. Atcheson	Wigan	FB	9	1	1			4
S. Ranson	Swinton	W	9		4			16
A. Levila		C	3	1	1			4
P. Topping	Leigh	C	7	2	2			8
D. Abram	Rochdale	C	13		9			36
W. Gibson	Huddersfield	W	13		3			12
F. Maloney	Warrington	SO	7	1	2	23	1	55
M. Crompton	Wigan	SH	12		2			8
I. Sherratt	Salford	P	7	1				0
S. Gartland	E Leeds	H	7	1		12	1	25
J. Temu	N. Zealand	P	9	2				0
C. Parr	Swinton	P	6	3				0
G. Lord	Halifax	SR	11		2			8
P. Davidson	Widnes	SR	4	4				0
H. Hill	Hensingham	LF	11	2	4			16

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The Roughyeds have won the Challenge Cup on three occasions, but have never played at Wembley. Their successes came in 1899, 1925 and 1927.

No Oldham players have managed to score twenty tries in a first division season since the divisional system was re-introduced in the seventies.

Oldham have been at their Watersheddings location since 1889.

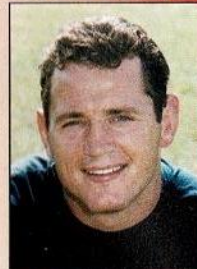
Present coach Andy Goodway was one of five Oldham players on the 1984 Lions tour the others were Ray Ashton, Des Foy, Terry Flanagan, and Mick Worrall together with coach Frank Myler.

Forward Joe Ferguson made a record 634 appearances with the club between 1899 and 1923.

The Boss Andy Goodway

Playing Career

Second row or loose forward with enough pace to play at centre. Gained extensive recognition in representative football, 23 Gt Britain caps (1983-90), 1 England cap (1984), 2 Gt Britain U24 caps (1983) and represented Yorkshire on 4 occasions. Played for Oldham, Wigan, Leeds and Oldham



Coaching Career

Andy Goodway returned as a player to the Watersheddings for the 1993-94 campaign. After the dismissal of Peter Tunks he acted as assistant to former Australian international Bob Lindner with the coaching duties until the Aussie returned home in May 1994. He was then appointed to the coaching position on a 1 year contract and former playing colleagues Alan McCorrie returned to the club as his assistant. His contract was recently extended after speculation that he was set to join Paris.

Park Tonight...

Long standing supporters of the Bradford Bulls will remember Ian playing his first senior rugby in the latter days of Peter Fox's first period with the club. A product of the Oldham based Waterhead club Ian joined Northern with fellow prop forward Adrian Crawford. Keen supporters of Barry Seabourne's Colts side of that era will recall a number of players who later featured in first team rugby - mainly with clubs in the lower reaches of the league. Who can recall along with Crawford (who later gained player of the year honours with Bramley) the likes of Gary Meehan (Huddersfield), Gary Sidebottom (Dewsbury), Heath Godfrey (Keighley), Richard Francis (Hunslet), Johnny Burton (Doncaster), Martin Potts (who returned to Clayton after a long spell in the Alliance side), and Darren Moulden (Nottingham). When David Hobbs joined Northern in April 1987 Barry Seabourne decided that Ian was surplus to requirements and the young forward joined his hometown club for the first of two spells. His career at the Watersheddings was split by a period with the Salford Red Devils where Ian teamed up with Australian prop Peter Tunks. The Aussie was at the latter end of his distinguished playing career and moved from the Willows to take charge of the Oldham club. Suffice to say his team mate Sherratt had impressed Tunks sufficiently to become one of the Aussies first signings with Oldham.

Not the sort of player to be the star of the fantasy supporters game, his uncompromising style tends more to the old fashioned game than the current high speed inter-active game that league is developing into. But Ian has enjoyed a good time in League, including a period with an Aussie country club as a teenager and no doubt he will be having a drink with a former Northern Colt colleague who is still here at Odsal, front row colleague Jan Hamer.

Ian Sherratt - Fact File

Aug 65 Born in Lancaster
 Aug 82 Joins Northern from Oldham amateurs Waterhead
 Mar 84 Try scoring debut for Northern against Whitehaven
 Apr 87 Joins Oldham in exchange deal which brings future Northern Coach David Hobbs to Odsal.
 May 88 Plays for Oldham in second Division premiership final 28-26 victory over Featherstone Rovers.
 Aug 89 Oldham sell Sherratt to Salford prior to start of the 1989-90 season.
 May 91 Plays for Salford in the Second Division Premiership final 27-20 victory over Halifax.
 Nov 91 Re-joins Oldham after a spell with Salford - in an exchange deal in which Oldham's former St. Helens prop Austin Donegan joins the Red Devils.

Ian Sherratt - The Statistics

Season	Club	App	Sub	T	Pts
83-84	Bradford	2	4	1	4
84-85	Bradford	9	3	1	4
85-86	Bradford	14	9	2	8
86-87	Bradford	26	1	4	16
86-87	Oldham	5		2	8
87-88	Oldham	12	2	2	8
88-89	Oldham	16	1	1	4
89-90	Salford	14		1	4
90-91	Salford	27	3	2	8
91-92	Salford	7		2	8
91-92	Oldham	24	1	2	8
92-93	Oldham	18	6	2	8
93-94	Oldham	29		-	0

IAN SHERRATT
Oldham

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Paul Atcheson



Martin Crompton

- Well travelled full back Paul Atcheson, formerly with Widnes and Wigan, is fighting Australian Wally Gibson for the number one spot with the Roughyeds. Coach Andy Goodway has shown confidence in both players, initially Gibson played in the number one shirt with Atcheson playing in the three-quarters. These roles were reversed for the home meeting with the Broncos - which ended with Oldham gaining their first league points of the centenary campaign.

- Perhaps 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 held last term with fifteen touch-downs in 33 games. Abram scored in seven of Oldham's thirteen games, including a pair in the September victory over the Broncos.

- Oldham's overseas' register includes a couple of 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 it is because elder brother Esene plays for Leeds.

- Two former Warrington stars made the move to the Watersheddings during the summer months. Winger Rob Myler played in the opening two games of the season but Yorkshire product Francis Maloney - the son of former Dewsbury and Hull star John - has been a vital cog in the side as early season regular half back partner for captain Martin Crompton. Maloney, previously with Featherstone and Warrington, has taken over the role of goalkicker from established three-quarter Paul Topping. "Toppo" scored 152 points last season, the former Leigh player can play centre, stand off or full back.

- The wing three-quarter berths in the early season games have gone to 24 year old ex Rochdale player Adrian Belle and the former Wigan reserve Mike Neal. He had a considerable spell with Doncaster last term before moving on loan to the Watersheddings last spring. However Scott Ranson - a former Swinton winger - who scored 14 tries for Oldham last term returned to claim his place against London in September. He has been a strong finisher ever since his amateur days with Thatto Heath where he gained BARLA International honours.

- The 40-8 third match defeat to Warrington was as much due to the trial nature of the Oldham side. Andy



Goodway made fourteen changes in his seventeen man squad 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.

- 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. Recently former Rochdale half back Steve Gartland has taken over the hooking role.

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

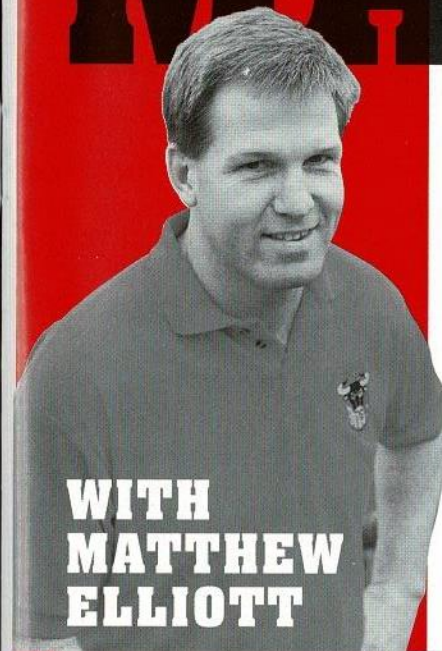
- And a former Huddersfield forward is Chris Parr. Often seen as a potential top grade player Parr made the move to the Big League via the Swinton club.

- Top try scoring forward for Oldham last season was loose forward Mike Kuiti. He moved to Wakefield during the close season and his place in the Oldham pack has been taken by Hensingham product Howard Hill. After a couple of substitute appearances he has commanded a regular place at loose forward.

- 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. He has not played for the East Lancashire club since the home game against the Bulls in September.

THE MATADOR FILE



WITH MATTHEW ELLIOTT

In the words of Steve Perry lead singer and song writer of the rock band 'Journey'.

"Don't Stop Believin'"

"Hold On To The Feelin'"

I know the result against Leeds went against the grain and particularly against the Derby emotion. We made too many mistakes before the third play and they scored from it. I know all that and yet our blokes worked hard all game and were rewarded with a flurry of tries. Leeds were the better side. They are further down the development road, in fact, 3 years further than us. The Leeds top squad has been full time for 3 years - we have been for 3 weeks. Prior to that, the Bradford players have received little or no help in fitness and conditioning for Rugby League as it is played in the 90's. We have now put the entire squad on an 'off season' programme designed to bring them up to peak form in March. This training will be augmented by special training sessions to give us one of

the fittest squads in the League.

I do believe that good things can come from bad. And, as hard as it may seem, perhaps it's desirable that we're going through these pains now rather than in six months time when the Super League is underway. Brian is of the view that if we had set out to win the Centenary Championship or to give Wigan a real immediate challenge he would have done things in a totally different manner. The preparation and recruitment would have been different. And players like Deryck and Roy would not have already left the club. Right now there is genuine disappointment from the whole coaching staff about our current situation. But, as hard as it may seem, this is the only way we can make this club great.

To conclude, a word about our players in this time of change. Our players, as people, are handling themselves admirably. Enjoy the game.

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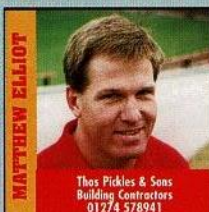
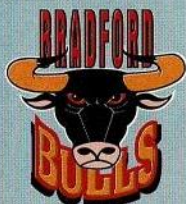
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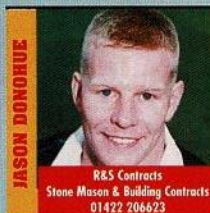


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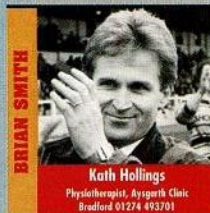
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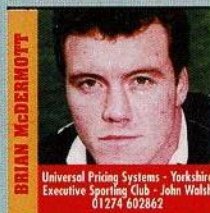


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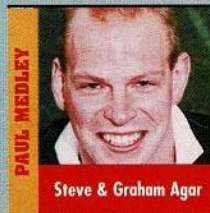
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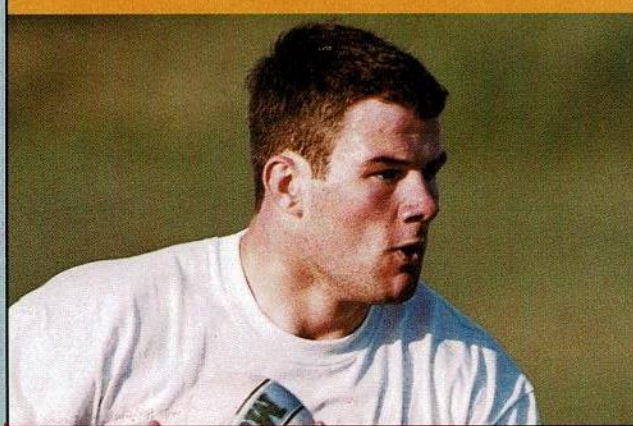
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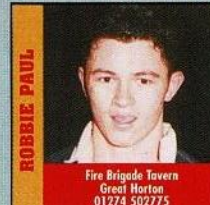
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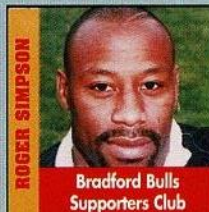
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The Valley, home of Charlton Athletic is now the permanent home of the game's perennial nomads, the London Broncos. The Bulls will be first to visit a completely rebuilt Valley, one of the finest new stadiums in sport. But the Valley is steeped in history, a ground made famous because of the exploits of soccer stars Sam Bartram, Eddie Firmani, Derek Hales and Mike Flanagan, before the total reconstruction of the ground it was one of the finest concrete amphitheatres in Britain and in the 1950s saw tens of thousands flock to watch the Valiants or Addicks, as they are known, play. In 1985 and with the old ground in

disarray, the club moved out to play their soccer at Selhurst Park. The ground then in some ways resembled Odsal today which is an indictment against the local council for allowing our home to show signs of ageing. For seven years the ground was left to rot the pitch growing trees where the penalty spots used to be and terraces crumbled and fell away. Then an action group of supporters decided to form a political party and fight the local council elections in a bid to get public support harnessed for a return to the once famous stadium. Amazingly they won seats and forced the local council into doing something. Within months planning permissions were granted and monies were raised to begin the rebuilding of the Valley. In 1992 chairman Roger Alwen opened the gates to the new Valley and the soccer club

came back to its roots. In nine days time another piece of history will be made when the 'best' game is played there and what a tough game it looks like being. The London Broncos really should be renamed the Down Under Broncos because of the way they have been allowed to flout the overseas quota. I am told it has been done to enable the club to get a firm foothold in the south and in particular, the capital. But the club is owned by the Brisbane Broncos so surely they must be made to put up the development money if they really want the game to flourish in London. Personally and remember they've been trying for 15 years I doubt it will ever catch on big time down there. Nevertheless I'm looking forward to the visit perhaps we should kidnap the Bradford Council Leisure Services Committee and show them what can be achieved at reasonable cost when redeveloping a stadium.

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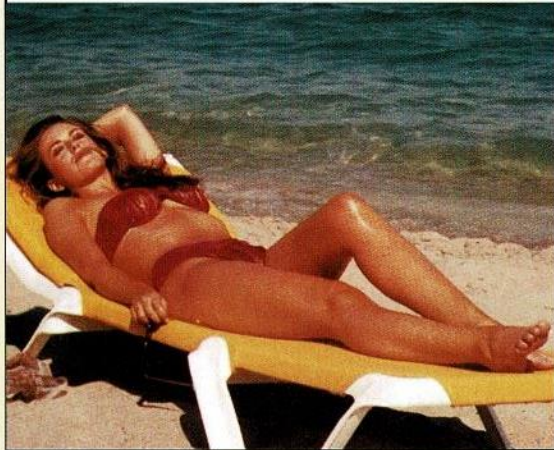
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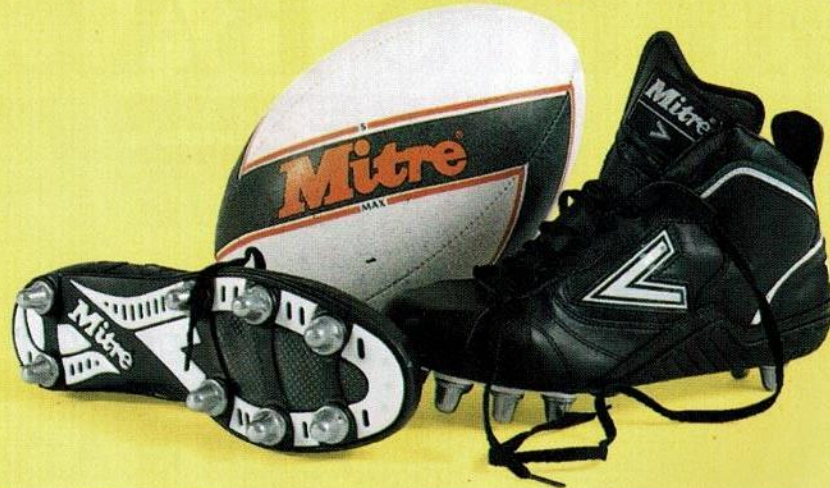
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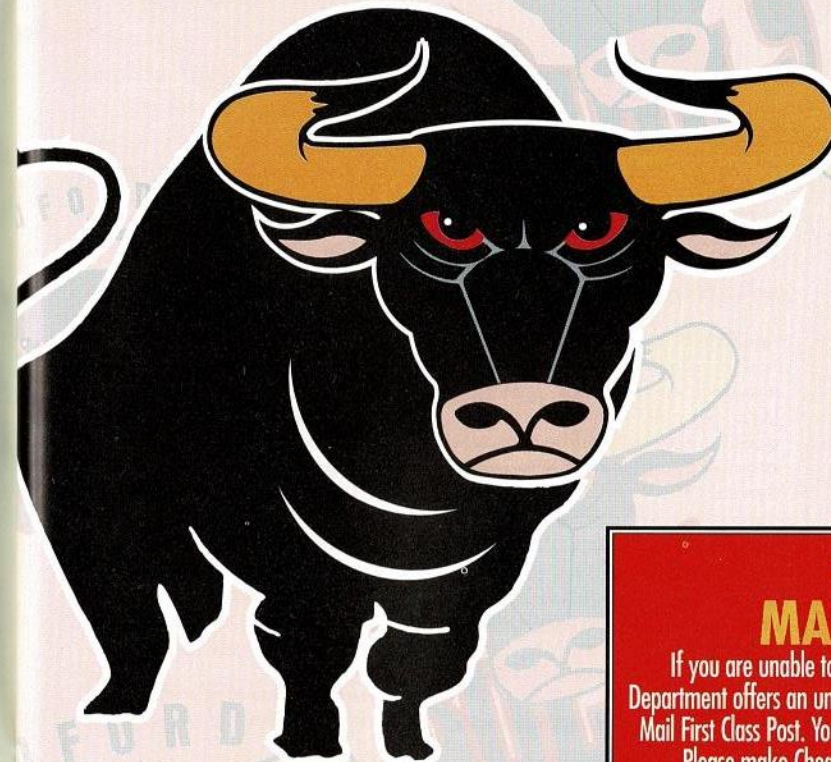


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The TV cameras must have been really impressed with all you young Bulls because they're back again tonight.

Best smiles everybody please, especially all you Kids out there with the banners. (Don't be caught picking your nose on camera). It's only 23 days now for Christmas, Don't forget to ask for all the Bradford Bulls souvenirs in your letters to Santa.

Mascots

Today we have two mascots Benjamin Moorhouse aged 7 and Martin Jones aged 3.



Ben is from Hecknoldwike and he attends Cawley Lane School. He is a big sports fan and plays both Rugby and Soccer.

Ben watches all the Bulls matches and his favourite player is Robbie Paul.

Our next mascot is Martin who is from Little Horton Lane, he attends

Playgroup. Martin is very lively a very energetic and is totally made about Rugby. In his spare time Martin loves to watch cartoons or colour in his book. (His mum Patricia is hoping tonight will actually fire him out).



Martin doesn't really have a favourite player in the Bulls he thinks they are all great, but Karl Fairbank seems to get his approval the most.

Thanks a lot boys we hope you both enjoy your evening here with the Bulls.

"Beefy Gossip" Player Profile

This weeks gossip is all about Brian McDermott, he is 25 years old and his last school was Thomas a Beckett. Brian started playing rugby at 22 and has been with the Bulls for 3 years, he previously played for East Morton. When not playing rugby or training Brian is a boxer.

Brians favourite food is Chicken & Icecream (together yak!). His favourite music is Irish Folk Music (I would really like to see him doing a Irish Jig) Ha!

Brian is young free and single and his ideal women is Beth from Neighbours.

Brians ideal place is the Frontier Nightclub especially at 1.50am (Que!!)

A Funny Thing Happened

Brian claims to have never been seriously embarrassed by anything but I managed to alter that for him. Just as I started to ask him these questions he was eating crisps and as he started to talk his mouthful of crisps sprayed all over me! (I wouldn't have minded much but I didn't like that particular flavour). Ha!

Brian was very apologetic and I seriously believe he had a blush on. Thanks for taking the time out to be interviewed Brian. If I was Noel Edmunds I could send you a GOTTCHA!

Bradford Bulls Schools U11s team fought back with a vengeance against Leeds in the Yorkshire and Humber Schools Competition. This match was the curtain raiser at the Bulls v St. Helens match on the 17th of November. The U11s were 10 nil down at the start of the match, determined not to be beaten the youngsters tackled with venom and the final score was 29-18 in the Bulls Schools favour. Well done lads keep up the good work.

A Bulls Eye View Of An Udder Club

Birkenshaw Dragons start at the age of 13 upto 30 something there are approximately 20 players. On Wednesday evenings the girls and ladies train at the back of the Duke William off the A650 just before the new Drighlington Bypass.

All of the team support Bradford Bulls with the exception of one player (Boo).

The teams favourite player is Gary Christie they all think he's great. The

Dragons haven't yet got a top player but their full back Sarah Shillito managed to get into the last 22 for Great Britain.

Sarah is 18 and the team have nicknamed her Bambi because they say she has 'Bambi Legs' other nicknames in the team include Tuigamala the teams Captain Michele Twohig and Johnnie John Pickles.

John Pickles is the Dragons coach and they say he really has his work cut out coaching all the women.

The top club they have visited has to be York Ladies because of its facilities.

Torro Bull Jokes

Princess Di walked in to her local bar and asked for a pint of Lager the barman said will Carling do?

By Laura Birch aged 14

Q. What do you get if you feed a cow on ES's

A. Rich Milk

By Vicky Robinson age 13

Michelle Twohig the team captain thinks that people don't take womens rugby seriously enough and they certainly don't get enough publicity. She would like to see more girls playing rugby. This is your chance girls to come off the terraces and onto the field and call the Dragons.

Bulls Kid's Quiz

1. Which Bull made his debut for the first team in the Regal Trophy match v Leeds?
2. Which Bull centre has scored three tries in the last two games?
3. Who captained the Bulls in their last two games?
4. Which new Bull originally played for Oldham St. Annes before turning professional?
5. How many tries did each side score in the Regal Trophy match v Leeds at Headingley last Sunday?
6. Which animal have Oldham adopted as their team logo for the Super League?
7. What is the name of the present Oldham ground?
8. Name the England manager who played centre and was goalkicker for Oldham?
9. Which Oldham player captained Ireland in the Emerging Nations World Cup?
10. Which ex-Bradford Northern player coach gained two Great Britain caps whilst playing for Oldham?

WITH THE BULLS HOME'N' AWAY

Welcome to Odsal for tonights encounter with Oldham who like ourselves are going through a period of re-development both on and off the field. I hope the travelling Roughyed supporters will join us in the Trevor Foster Lounge before and after the game for a social drink. It was heartening to see so many Bulls supporters at Headingley last week, after the debacle of the previous week against St. Helens. Let's hope we can rectify matters in front of the Sky TV cameras this evening and show a national audience what we can really do.

At the Leeds game last week I was introduced to a Stephen Mitchell a Bulls fan who originates from Low Moor but now lives in Nuneaton, Warwickshire. Stephen shows tremendous loyalty and devotion by attending nearly every Bradford match, which considering a home fixture entails a round trip of over 200 miles is stupendous. Not satisfied with that Stephen would also like to "get" involved with the supporters club.

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The Bulls v The Bears

After completing three successive league wins at Odsal in the mid 80's, Oldham have managed just one success in their last four visits that was 37-10 league win in March 1991.

Re-Arranged First Team Fixtures

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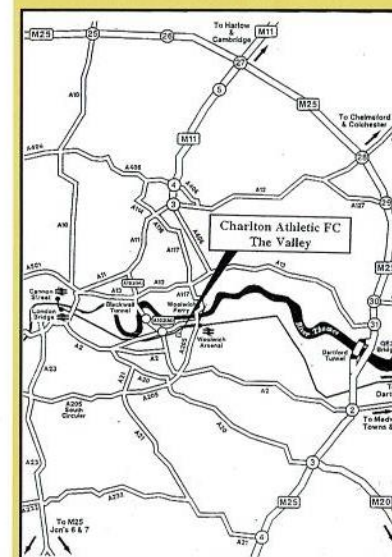
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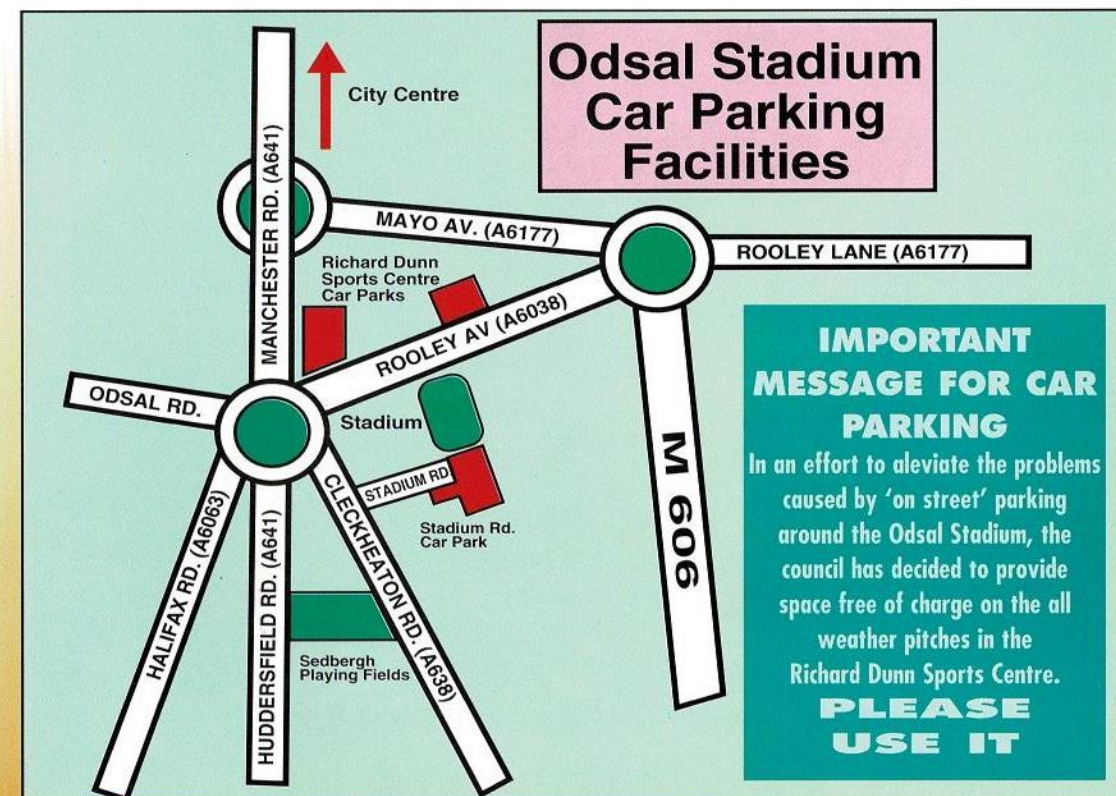
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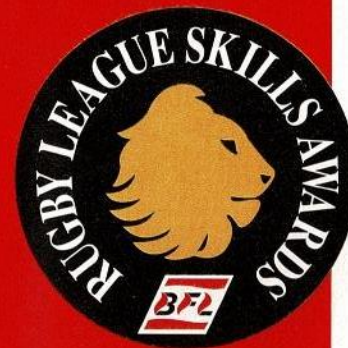
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Andy Harland, the Rugby League Development Officer said "All the children at the school have worked very hard over the past few weeks, proving their dedication and commitment to the game". The British Fuels Award Scheme has been running for two and a half years and children of all ages can participate. And Bradford children have the added advantage of members from the Bradford Bulls on hand to help out in training.

Councillor Barry Thorne, Chair of Bradford Council's Community and Leisure Sub Committee, said "The BFL Skills Awards have been a great success. The numbers taking part have not been equalled anywhere else in the country, and shows that the Bradford Rugby League Development Scheme continues to grow from strength to strength."

Information on how to join the scheme are available from Andy Harland on (01274) 522750



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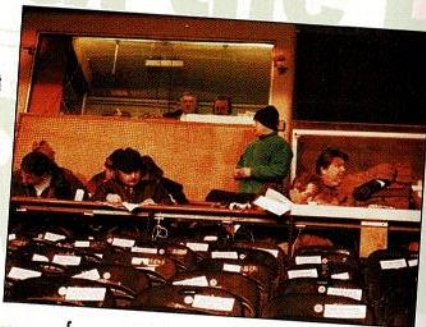
Call me slow, call me dull-witted, call me inert and I'd agree with you. Eventually. But it's only now I'm starting to appreciate what is the problem and why I'm so uncertain in my support of the Bulls these days. It's simply a question of being, what's the buzz expression I keep hearing from those on the ball, up-to-the-minute people? not government handout, the other one, informationally challenged. That's it.

Have you ever felt out of touch, just off the pace, a couple of steps behind? To put it another way, uneasy about what's going on and slightly confused? That feeling when you've forgotten to put your clocks forward and you wonder why the Bulls kicked off early today without telling you. It's possible you might begin to feel a tad left out, albeit partly your own fault. Well that's a bit how it is following the Bulls from Melbourne. So what, I hear you sigh. Geez some of you can be so nonchalant. It's alright for some. But I bet that with all the changes going on recently, even some of you have felt fazed and questioned your role in the new set up. But at least you can place those changes into a landscape of familiarity. In spite of all the rumour, Odsal is still obviously Odsal, all talk and uncovered terraces, the lads still play there and you love them and hate them. Usually all in the same week. Everything changes but everything stays the same. The

gap between speculation and actuality is comforting one and you see change as gradual thing. The grass doesn't grow whilst you watch, but try leaving it a month. No so with me. My sole link to the Bulls is by newspaper and by definition what I hear is the news. The changes. Grateful as I am for it, the currency of the papers is revelation, rumour and disclosure.

Conjecture and fact entwined. Of course I appreciate that whilst I would love to read that Odsal still looks pretty much the same and about how many things haven't altered, that isn't about to sell papers to you who live within a bus ride and can see all that for yourselves. A headline screaming that Karl Fairbank turned up for training last night isn't going to have you wrestling for first read, whereas the hint of transfer to or from, or major changes at Odsal might.

But imagine, if you can, my position relying on the paper. My information diet is based solely on change. The mind can be extremely devious. If you don't believe, me, try remembering if you locked the back door next time you're a hundred miles from home. I'm attempting to come to terms with the changes, Super League, summer rugby development



of Odsal, we're now the Bulls, new coaching staff, new player, different strip, the game going full time, a new man reporting at the Argus, without having the familiar around me as compensation.

Some of the stuff I read has happened and some won't progress beyond the stage of pure gossip. But to me it's all the same. Whenever you see a fire engine fly past you can't help but wonder if your house is alight. That area between what happens and what could happen is a grey one. Easily abused by the imagination. This is fuelled by the way

the news I do receive usually raises as many questions as it answers. I live in a swirl of "what if's", "why is it's" and "what now's" like a character in a Kafka novel.

As a consequence of all this reform it's hard to be certain of where I stand as a fan. It's easy to feel left out and left behind. I find myself wondering if I'd even recognise

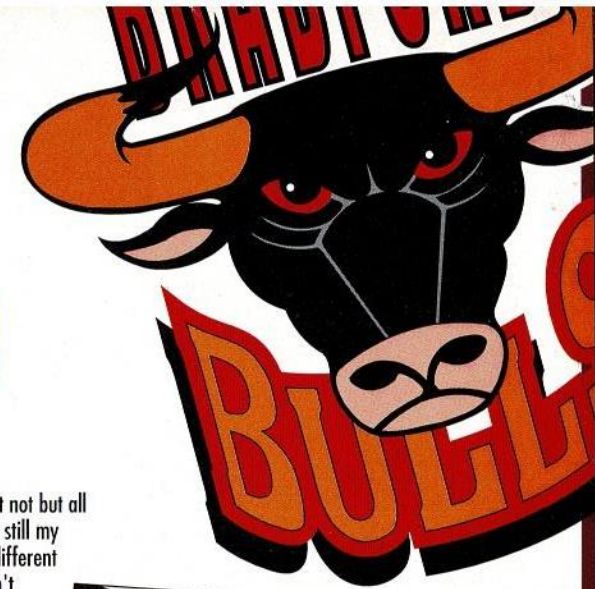


Odsal. Does my supporting the Bulls have any meaning anymore, or am I just kidding myself? Certainly it was a shock of sorts to go through a recent team sheet and realise that only Karl Fairbank links the team I remember to this one I purport to follow. On the information highway that links Odsal to my seedy little street. I'm out of fuel and going

nowhere fast. The very reason for following a particular team are in question. But as is usual in circumstances such as this, something happens to restore flagging faith, suspect support. There was a photograph in the recent Castleford programme. You might recall it, perhaps you didn't even notice it. Why would you? It was of Odsal and the terraces and old dressing rooms backdropping the Sheffield game. Suddenly here was something I could see. Something familiar. Things are still pretty much the same except the new restaurant, I was wondering where that was, and the new touchline benches for subs and coaches, no quips about people in glass houses from me, but it was an Odsal I

knew. You might understand, you might not but all my doubts disappeared. This was still my team. Name change, new strip, different faces. Who cares. My team. I don't know who took that photo, but mate, thanks a lot. I may still be informationally challenged. A mere hitch-hiker on the info highway, at the mercy of other users, but now at least I know where I'm going and armed with that wonderful photograph I know just who I'm following from now.

By Bruce Brunswick



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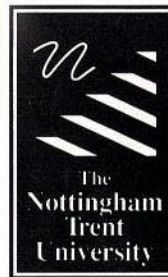
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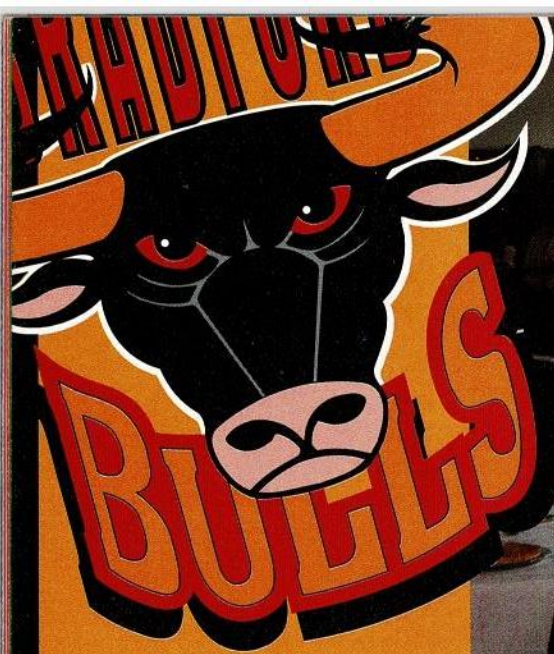
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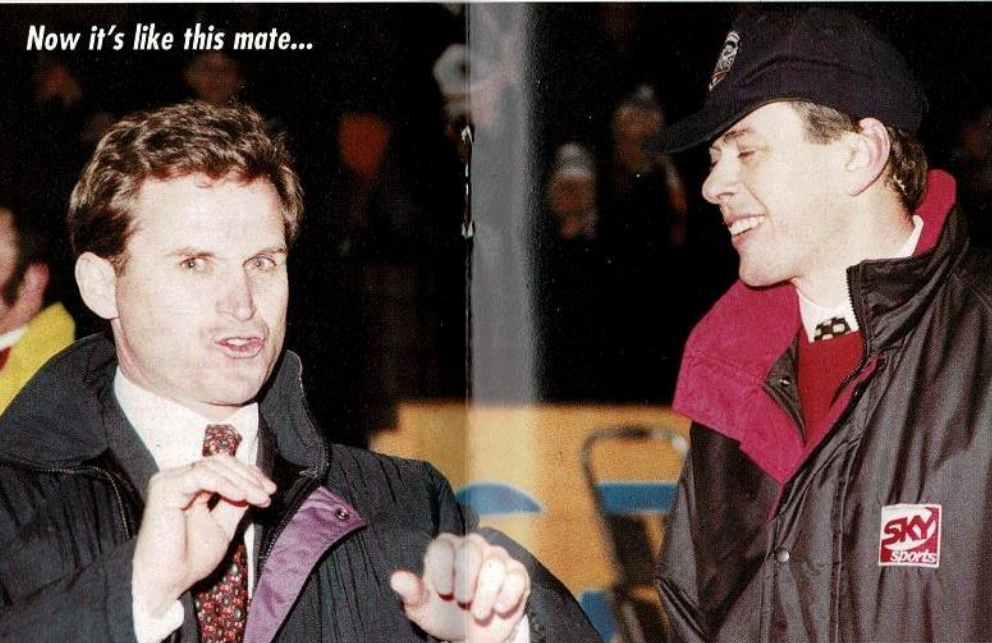
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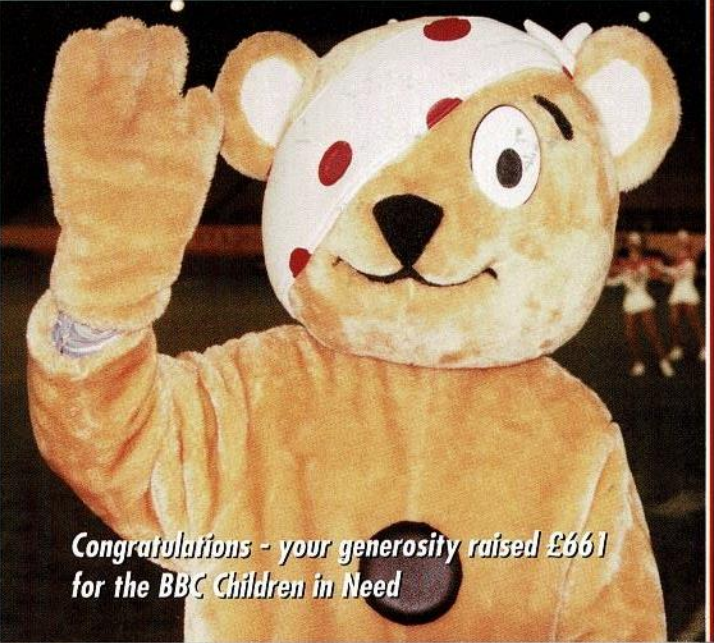
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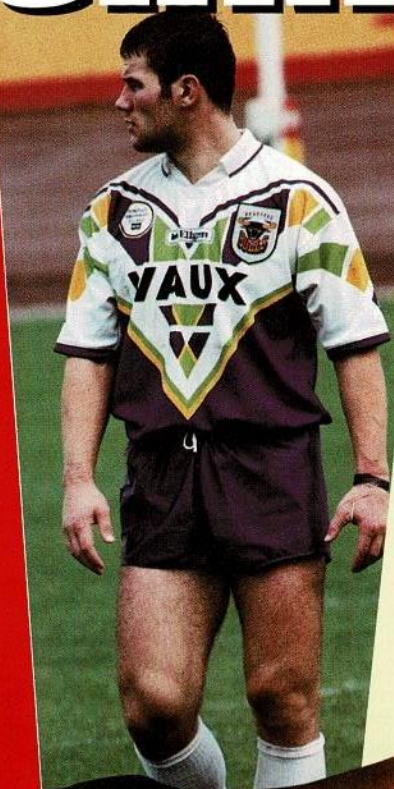
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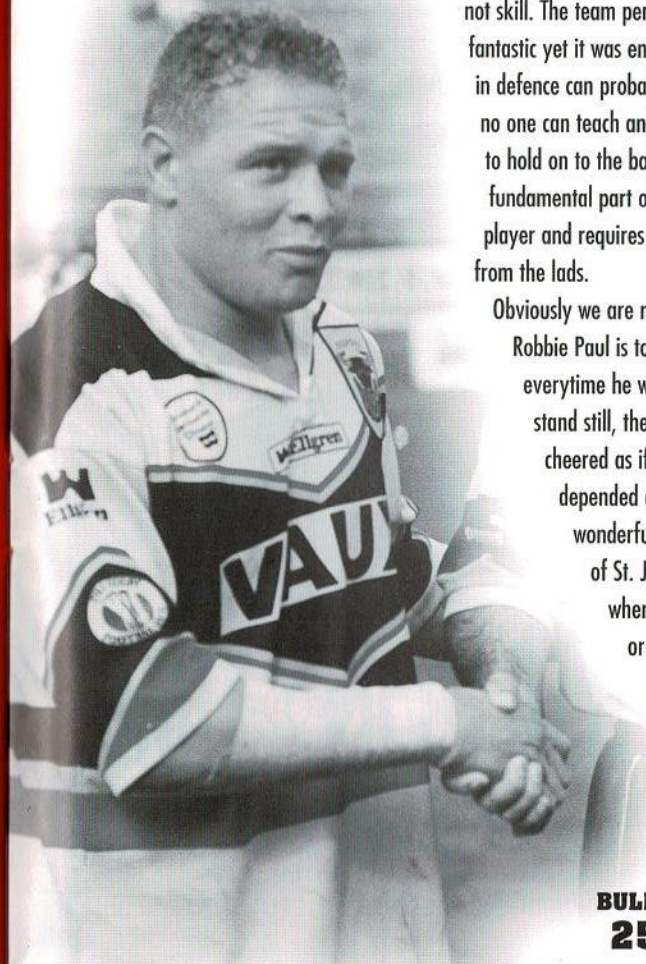
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RAGING BULLS

BY
NATALIE FARR

It's just the same old story, we've been brought to a grinding halt in a cup competition by the Loiners. The twinge of familiarity was almost too much to cope with at Headingley on Sunday. One thing that was blatantly obvious to me and a few other supporters was, yes Leeds are assembling a Super League side to be reckoned

**A man to be feared...
St. John Ellis**



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with, but with immobile forwards like Harvey Howard, who was having a cardiac after a five yard jog, and Barrie McDermott who would be better suited to swilling pints and chucking darts, with his frame, they still aren't quite the same class as the pie-eaters, but keep up the good work.

I think we could do with a goalkicker but genuinely believe we may have found a promising young and tiny scrum half. Craig Robinson coped remarkably well on his debut particularly when one considers the opposition. He showed some neat touches and read the game well. It was only let down by lack of experience and not skill. The team performance wasn't fantastic yet it was encouraging the gaps in defence can probably be plugged and no one can teach and train a team how to hold on to the ball. It's just a fundamental part of being a rugby player and requires greater thought from the lads.

Obviously we are not alone in thinking Robbie Paul is top class, as everytime he was brought to a stand still, the home crowd cheered as if their lives depended on it. It was wonderful to see the touch of St. John Ellis of old, when he scored his 80 or so yard try, it reminded me of trips to Wheldon Road when

he, Graham Steadman and Mike Ford were to be feared, and the rest of the team too I suppose, especially when given half an inch to manoeuvre. It's nice to be able to attract someone of Gingers' quality to our club and I sincerely hope he stays beyond or transitional season, as it is now known.

Moving swiftly to the ongoing controversy, I think Paul Newlove may now have realised what's what with the Bradford fans, public, now the sporting world. Peter Rowe slated him in the Telegraph & Argus last week, but putting aside Newveys ability and status, he was spot on about how the fans feel when he stated that Newlove was almost a cult figure when he arrived he brought hope of better things and was an acquisition worth boasting about, but since the middle of last season it has seemed apparent to us on the terraces that he hasn't been one hundred percent happy with the shirt he's worn (I'm not talking about the number), whether you're Mal Meninga or Mark Cass of Batley, the jersey you pull on has got to mean something deeper than money. Who knows what the end result will be. You may have noticed that I haven't mentioned the Saints match and I won't other than this I must make a public apology to St. John Ellis, during the Sheffield game there was a kick from the touchline the same side as the terraces and I was quick to say "He'll never kick this," but he did. I always seem to be wearing my foot in my mouth, sorry Singe!

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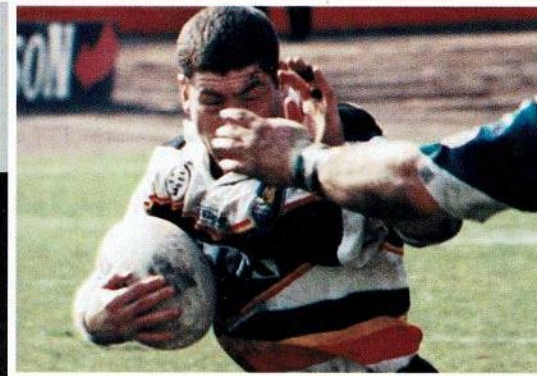
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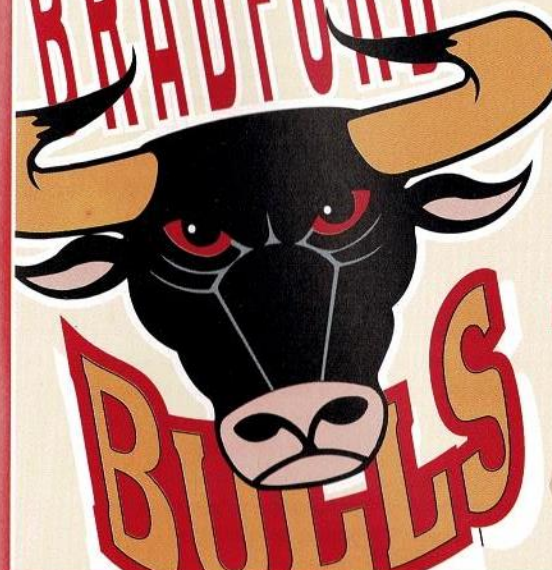
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OUR RUGBY LEAGUE HERITAGE

By Les Hoole

**ONE
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PART 7 1955/1965

By the mid-fifties Northern's form had begun to slump quite alarmingly. Many of the players that had given the club such success in the late forties and early fifties had retired or moved on and without them Bradford struggled. On April 20 1955 Trevor Foster one player who had given tremendous service to the club retired from playing. His last match was against Wakefield Trinity at Belle Vue where Northern lost 31-12. He had played 314 games for Bradford, scoring 77 tries and kicking a single goal, a total of 233 points. Although it was his last match, Trevor never left Odsal and is still the official time-keeper for the Bulls, an association that began in 1938 when he was signed from Newport RU. With poor performances on the field attendances dropped dramatically and once again Northern entered into the financial danger zone. In 1957 the board approached Bradford Council to try and reduce the rent which they were paying for the use of Odsal. A deal was worked out and put to the Northern board who after some consideration rejected the plan hoping for a turn of fortunes. By 1958 the situation was far worse and once again the board were asking the Council to help, this time accepting the self and same plan they had recently rejected.

On the financial side things were a little better but the side were slipping down the league and having very little success in the cup competitions. The poor results saw crowds dwindle to below break-even point and the board in an effort to save the club began to sell players to raise cash simply to survive.

In March 1960 the board relieved coach Dai Davies of his position and installed him as stadium manager, Trevor Foster taking over as coach.

The move seemed a good one at the time, but within months both men had resigned and Dai Davies left Odsal for ever. The resignations of two of Northern's finest and most admired personnel was a bitter pill for the supporters to swallow and the majority voted with their feet and simply stopped watching the team. Attendances were now at an all time low with crowds numbering hundreds at most games and the lowest ever in November 1963 when Barrow beat Northern 29-0. A fortnight later Leigh defeated Bradford 33-5 at Odsal and 3 days later on December 10th the board announced to a shocked Bradford public that the club could not fulfil any more fixtures. A series of frantic meetings were arranged in an effort to raise the much needed money but all efforts failed. On January 10 1964 The Rugby League announced that the clubs membership of the Rugby Football League was considered terminated due to the non-playing of games. A fresh round of talks involving the club, the League and a group led by Trevor Foster was embarked upon but again a solution could not be found and the club folded, their records expunged from the tables. Whilst all this had been happening the group led by Trevor Foster had been very busy behind the scenes so much so that they formed Bradford Northern (1964) Ltd in April. The new club had sought and been given permission to use Odsal by the Council and now needed the players to represent the new club. Again it was the sheer enthusiasm of Foster and his group that soon saw a new team assembled and playing their first match at Odsal the next season. The first season was a good one, from a poor start the team was by the end of their first campaign playing good football with belief in the club and themselves. They finished in 17th place losing 18, drawing 1 and winning 15 games but more importantly they were playing rugby league in Bradford again and before some decent crowds.

PILLS, POTIONS AND PHYSIOTHERAPY

by Karen May
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Having survived two physically demanding games against St. Helens and Leeds, the players find themselves working towards their match on Friday with only a few knocks between them, again another credit to their levels of fitness.

Hopefully a few players will be back with us for Oldham including Andy Ireland who is recovering well from his hamstring strain. John Scales, who received another haematoma to his right calf only a few days after his return last time round, is working hard at getting back and will restart his running this week. Neil Summers continues to make strides towards full fitness following the discovery of a hair line fracture in his foot, as does Eugene Bourneville who suffered another hair line fracture this time to his cheek bone against Saints.

Carl Hall is suffering a flare up of an old injury to his right ankle that has troubled him in the past and is awaiting a Consultant opinion as to his next move. Carl hopes to

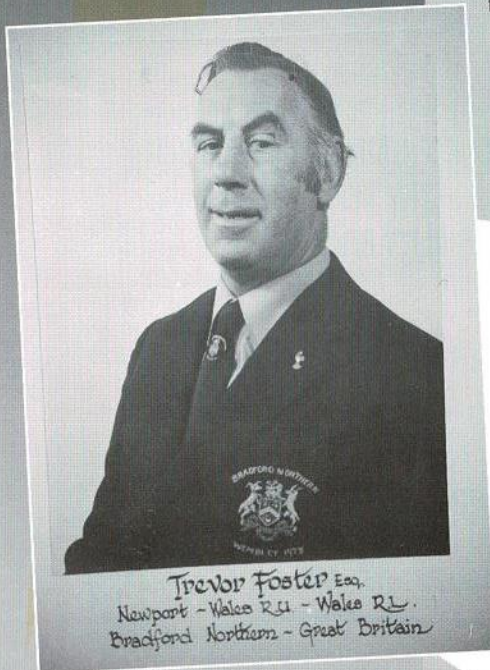
be on the pitch on Friday whatever happens. Simon Knox, Alan Wilson and Carlos Hassan suffered injuries against Leeds on Sunday. Simon received a blow to his right thigh resulting in a haematoma but was involved in training on Monday and should hopefully be fit and well by Friday. Ian Wilson goes for a bone scan on his foot on Wednesday due to a stamping incident, hopefully we should know the results quickly in order to make any further decisions. Carlos Hassan was suffering an acute lower back pain but this was settling by Tuesday and should be fighting fit and back in the fray by Friday.

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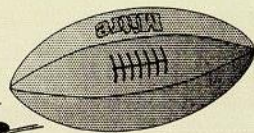
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Well, it is never nice to lose a game is it but when you lose to the arch enemy, the local rivals or to put it another way, the Loiners, it is even worse. Last Sunday's loss in the Regal Trophy was perhaps hard to take but let me offer all you Bulls fans the following consolation. First of all the Regal Trophy is not exactly a competition which should be the ultimate aim for a club. Secondly, at least the Bulls scored the same number of tries as Leeds and it was Paul Cooks' kicking which won the day and thirdly I think it is fair to say the Bulls' best days are yet to come. I hope that makes the result at Headingley a bit easier to cope with. While on the subject of a brighter future, I am pleased to report that on the training and preparation side, things at Odsal seem to be going well. My reporter Andrew Whitelam was up at the ground to speak to Matthew Elliot last Friday and he noticed Matthew was slaving over his desk. No, Matthew was not preparing his Christmas list, he was actually planning coaching sessions. Andrew tells me the notes looked like pretty technical stuff and it became obvious the amount of time and effort which goes in to the work the Bulls are now doing. I think any fan would be pleased to know that coaching standards at Odsal are now higher than ever. Matthew Elliot was "minding the shop" last week because Brian Smith was away in Los Angeles at the meeting of the Super League Chief Executives. Do not panic. Brian was not sunning himself on Venice beach, stocking up on Pamela Anderson calendars and stretching his credit limit on the world famed shopping paradise Rodeo Drive, the Aussie Maestro was learning the secrets of American sports marketing. Apparently he heard presentations from, among others, Atlanta Braves baseball officials and Anaheim Mighty Ducks Ice Hockey bosses, I am sure Brian has come back armed with info about how to make the Bulls first season in Super League go with plenty of razzamatazz. Finally tonight's match with Oldham is something of St. George re-union. We all know that Brian and Matty spent the majority of their time down under with the famous Sydney club, known as the Dragons, but perhaps not to many people are aware that Oldham have an ex-Dragon in the ranks. The Oldham fitness coach Tony Louka used to work down Koghara Oval way, I wonder if the 3 of them will be having a post match party.

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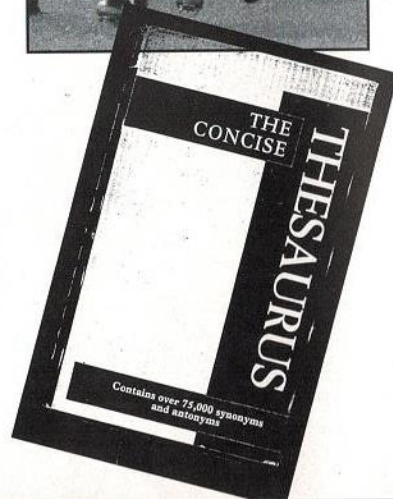
During this Centenary season which seems to be very much like all recent years with Wigan dominating from the start, many clubs including our own and today's visitors are appearing to be more concerned with the forthcoming inaugural Super League campaign in March (only three months away). Nobody can criticise clubs for building for the future rather than adopt a quick-fix remedy which could not guarantee success, but would leave any club who chooses to fritter their Super League cash away in dire trouble for years to come.

A consequence of all this preparation is that the team is being constantly changed. The whole playing personnel at the club is changing weekly. New faces are appearing at Odsal regularly. The Bulls are being linked by the press with every player who comes available whether its an international or amateur product. The speculation about signing a player is the same. The whole concept of developing a new team is exciting to us the fans. Unfortunately as this is the 1990's "the decade of flannel" many prospective players are being labelled by the sports journalists, who are trying to teach all of us to "speak" their jargon. So I've prepared the rugby league "speak" compendium and glossary in an attempt to define some of this jargon for the benefit of all. When a player is labelled experienced it usually means he is considerably past his

sell by date. Much travelled translates into no club has ever been satisfied with him so consequently transferred him A.S.A.P. The **raw-talent** tag could mean useless, but there is a chance he would respond to good coaching. When a player is described as having **pace** it really means he can't tackle and pure fear motivates his speed when holding the ball. A **utility** player is one who can't play in any particular position but always manages to get on the team sheet every week. While **tackle-machines** are just that. Robust characters that can tackle for eighty minutes but sadly lack any ball handling skills whatsoever. The term **inexperienced** is generally attached to young players for obvious reasons, although cynics would point out that the player in question is inexperienced because he's not good enough to get in the team. **Skillful** players are a rare breed now-a-days but it can be applied to the sort of ball-handling back who can't tackle and is bone idle. One of my favourites is **specialised** which when attached to a prop-forward means he can't pass but he's big and hard, or if used to describe a winger also means he can't pass and he can't tackle either, although he's extremely fast. When used to portray a scrum-half it conjures up the archetypal figure of a five foot four inch arrogant aggressive number seven. **Promising** is rugby league speak for he's done nothing yet but there is a chance he might just make it to the big time if everybody is patient. The label **versatile** should mean he can play in any position, regrettably this usually isn't the case. It's just a way of saying a player can't play in any position particularly well. **Fitness fanatic** is used

now-a-days with so much emphasis on training and conditioning, yet we all know it translates to skillless. One adjective I don't understand is **natural**, if a player is natural what are the rest? Another title used recently was **team-player**, which implies the players not seeking the lime-light individually and the team comes first, which could be interpreted as the player not having enough ability to stand out and he's content for the team to carry him. Sometimes players, especially forwards, are deemed to be of the **old school**, which means he thinks that players should only train twice a week at the most (if the weather is O.K.), with one of those sessions in the Top House.

The worst word to enter the rugby league vocabulary, sadly imported from other sports, is **prima-donna**, for which I will resort to the dictionary definition: "A temperamental and self-important person". Fortunately this title doesn't apply to many rugby league players, although I can think of one!



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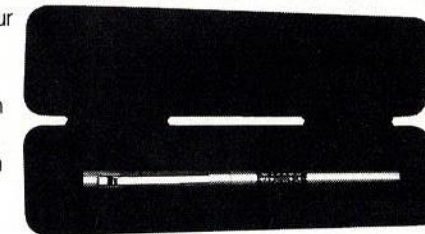
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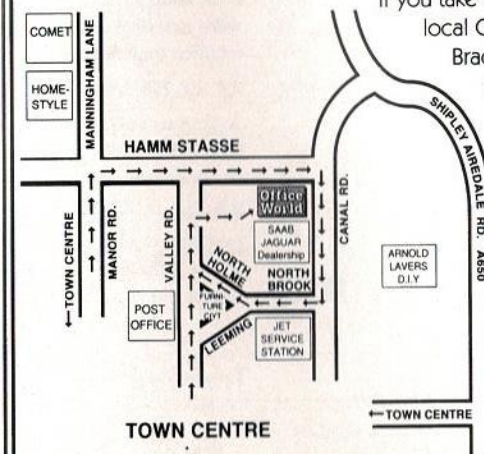
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