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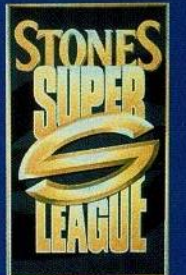
Skipper Bobbie Goldling and three years old son Bobbie Junior at Saints' Cup celebrations.



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Welcome to Knowsley Road

A big welcome to the home of the cup winners! Wasn't Saturday just brilliant? I have to say that you lot on the terraces were the best. I haven't been cheered so much since I won Crufts in 1994. What a game though. St. Helens are now the best team in the world with the best mascot in the world. I hope you enjoyed the pre-match bullfight. My trainer was upset at having to wear a silly animal costume in front of 80,000 people. You wouldn't catch St. Bernard doing that. I must say thank you to all the fans who gave me flags and banners. My favourite was a banner saying "Wot no Wigan". Wigan don't want a mascot because then they would be second best off the field as well as on and anyway a big pie wouldn't look so good walking round the pitch. I have to apologise for not being at the homecoming party but I wasn't feeling very well. You see, after the match me and the boys went to the party at our secret hotel destination and I had a bit too much Pedigree Chum in wine sauce. I was dog ill. Well it's back to Knowsley Road again and we are playing the Oldham Bears. Imagine changing your name from Oldham to Oldham Bears just so you can get a mascot. When I turned up we didn't change our name from St. Helens to St. Helens big cuddly, fit as they come, drop dead gorgeous St. Bernard dog, did we? We weren't allowed to give out sweets at Wembley - I think they felt threatened by my good looks so we'll come out and give loads of them away today. All the best from the dog with the body of a god.

ST. BERNARD

PS A little joke:

*What's the difference between St. Helens and Wigan?
St. Helens have the Challenge Cup Ha Ha Ha Ha!*

St. Bernard

Saints Club Honours

World Club Championship:

Runners Up 1976
Championship:
Winners 1931/32, 1952/53, 1958/59,
1965/66, 1969/70, 1970/71
Runners up 1964/65, 1966/67, 1971/72

Division 1:

Champions 1974/75
Runners Up 1962/63, 1973/74, 1976/77,
1984/85, 1986/87, 1987/88, 1991/92,
1992/93

League Leaders Trophy:

Winners 1964/65, 1965/66

Club Championship (merit table):

Runners up 1973/74
Challenge Cup:
Winners 1955/56, 1960/61, 1965/66,
1971/72, 1975/76
Runners Up 1896/97, 1914/15, 1929/30,
1952/53, 1977/78, 1986/87, 1988/89,
1990/91

Lancashire Cup:

Winners 1926/27, 1953/54, 1960/61,
1961/62, 1962/63, 1963/64, 1964/65,
1967/68, 1968/69, 1984/85, 1991/92
Runners Up 1932/33, 1952/53, 1956/57,
1958/59, 1959/60, 1970/71, 1982/83,
1992/93

John Player Trophy: Winners 1987/88

Lancashire League: Winners 1929/30,
1931/32, 1952/53, 1959/60, 1964/65,
1965/66, 1966/67, 1968/69

Premiership Trophy:

Winners 1975/76, 1976/77, 1984/85,
1992/93

Runners Up 1974/75, 1987/88, 1991/92

Western Divisions:

Champions 1963/64
BBC Trophy: Winners 1971/72, 1975/76
Runners Up 1965/66, 1968/69, 1970/71,
1977/78, 1978/79

CIS Charity Shield: Winners 1992/93

Welcome to Super League

In the heady moments after that incredible win over Bradford Bulls at Wembley last Saturday it was hard to think of anything but the Silk Cut Challenge Cup. Winning the very top prizes in Rugby League is the Club's reason for existence.

But you can tell that life has changed at Knowsley Road because, while the boys certainly enjoyed the moment, it was back to work when they got back to the ground on Tuesday.

The game against Oldham was all the players have to think about and Wembley is now nothing more than a pleasant memory!

The message to Saints fans is clear: that Cup win was for you! But that's not enough for us or for the players. We want to win everything we enter and we certainly have ambitions as far as this opening Stones Super League season is concerned.

What we are trying to say is that we are professional sports people at St Helens and once a particular trophy is in the bag of one season only one thing matters ... the next competition.

It is possible to say now that in the past Rugby League Clubs have been satisfied with winning the Challenge Cup. That has been the limit of their ambition.

But the change in Rugby League in the last decade led by Wigan and in the last year particularly inspired by the introduction of Super League and full-time professionalism means that Clubs who want to be winners have to have a much wider vision.

St Helens have taken on that challenge. There doesn't seem any point going into any competition unless you want to win it and we want people to

take us seriously everytime we kick off.

Congratulations are in order to all the players and Shaun McRae with this coaching staff for the magnificent performance at Wembley.

It was certainly good to be a Saints fan at the end of what was an incredible final. To have won the Cup again after 20 years gives us all great satisfaction and to have seen the players pull the

game back from the brink of disaster will stay in everybody's memories for years to come.

The players want you all to know that they were helped through the hardest moments of that classic game against the Bradford Bulls by your support. You are an important part of the team. And that is why we have dedicated that famous victory to the St Helens fans.

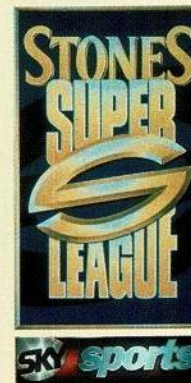
You have been very patient and loyal through some very disappointing days after Wembley defeats and we hope that this, at least in part, makes up for some of those times.

Now Shaun and the boys are back in harness for the Super League and we shall see today against the Oldham Bears, who have proved that they are nobody's easy touch since the start of the summer season, yet another tough League battle.

Let's hope that last Saturday's win has inspired the team to think in terms of bringing more trophies back to Knowsley Road.

By the way we at St Helens believe that winning the Cup should prove something to the sceptics around town.

It would be fantastic to think that some of the people who have not been to Rugby League at Knowsley Road for years may think about coming back to join the action. Spread the word folks!



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Saints Welcome today's Opponents...



Welcome to the Bears Setting the Scene

Player	DOB	Previous Club	Date Signed	Oldham Career							Career at Prev Club(s)						Representative Honours
				App	Sub	T	G	DG	Pts	App	Sub	T	G	DG	Pts		
1 Paul Atcheson	17.5.73	Wigan	2.6.95	23	1	9	-	-	36	47	23	12	-	-	48	Wales U21s	
2 Scott Ranson	20.9.67	Swinton	6.2.92	103	-	50	-	-	200	129	-	69	-	-	276		
3 Darren Abram	27.9.67	Rochdale H	19.2.93	99	2	55	11	-	242	124	6	67	9	1	287		
4 Paul Topping	18.9.65	Leigh	27.9.93	66	15	13	117	-	286	195	3	62	346	17	957	Lanc Ireland	
5 Rob Myler	4.3.70	Warrington	12.7.95	6	3	3	-	-	12	56	2	29	2	-	120		
6 Francis Maloney	26.5.73	Warrington	12.7.95	21	1	8	67	1	167	45	143	21	24	2	134	U21s	
7 Martin Crompton	29.9.69	Wigan	7.9.93	77	2	28	-	9	121	71	30	25	-	2	102	Ireland	
8 Ian Gildart	14.10.69	Wakefield T	8.8.95	11	6	-	-	-	107	57	4	-	-	-	16	Lanc U21's	
9 John Clarke	3.3.74	East Leeds ARL	15.93	53	1	5	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	GBU21s	
10 Jason Temu	17.4.72	New Zealand	30.9.94	48	4	2	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	Cook Islands	
11 Gary Lord	6.7.66	Halifax	1.7.94	55	3	8	-	-	32	152	53	23	-	-	92	GBU21s	
12 *Joe Faimalo	28.7.70	New Zealand	2.9.94	40	6	5	-	-	20	5	5	-	-	-	-		
13 David Bradbury	16.3.72	Leigh Miners ARL	15.8.91	40	28	9	-	-	36	-	-	-	-	-	-		
14 Howard Hill	16.1.75	Hensingham ARL	18.7.94	17	5	4	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-		
15 Peaufai Leuila	24.10.69	St. Helens	27.9.95	14	2	6	-	-	24	1	1	2	-	-	8	Tonga RU Tonga RL	
16 Steve Gartland	3.10.70	Rochdale H	20.7.94	22	5	3	23	2	60	84	4	46	123	7	437		
17 Paul Davidson	1.8.69	Widnes	29.7.94	12	14	1	-	-	4	9	13	1	-	-	4		
18 Chris McKinney	12.11.76	Hensingham ARL	10.8.94	4	7	3	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-		
19 **Ian Sherratt	9.8.65	Salford	8.11.91	144	11	11	-	-	44	99	20	13	-	-	52		
20 Adrian Belle	23.11.70	Rochdale H	22.10.93	30	4	7	-	-	28	34	-	8	-	-	32		
21 ***Mike Neal	4.9.73	Wigan	6.3.95	10	7	3	-	-	12	13	1	8	-	-	32		
22 Chris Parr	31.5.71	Swinton	19.10.93	20	10	-	-	-	47	14	4	-	-	-	16	GBU21s	
23 Gary Burns	10.2.72	Widnes Tigers ARL	20.12.93	6	5	1	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-		
24 Andrew Patmore		Australia		3	2	3	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-		
25 Matt Munro		Australia		3	2	1	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-		
26 Tony Nuttall			22.12.95	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

NB Stats to date as of 28.4.96

NNB career at prev club(s) only include club appearances in England

* Joe Faimalo is in his 2nd spell at the club. He originally joined Oldham in 1991-92 on trial and then went on to Workington and Swinton in a similar capacity before returning back to New Zealand. He rejoined Oldham for the 1994-95 season.

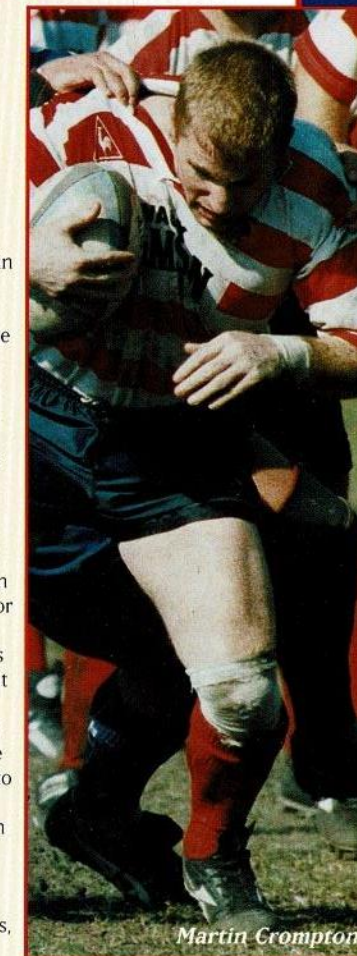
** Ian Sherratt is in his 2nd spell at the club. He originally joined Oldham from Bradford Northern in 1986-87. He left for Salford for the 1989-90 season before returning to Oldham for the 1991-92 season.

*** Mike Neal never played for Wigan at 1st team level. His appearances at prev club was a loan period with Doncaster in 1994-95.

Player Statistics



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Martin Crompton

This afternoon's visitors Oldham have made a most encouraging start to Super League. Under one of Britain's best young coaches Andy Goodway, the Bears have won three and drawn one of their opening five fixtures. Their Super League victories have been over Halifax 34-22 and Leeds 25-16 at home and Castleford 24-20 at Wheldon Road. Oldham shared the points in Paris in a 24 all draw and their sole defeat was a rather disappointing one to champions Wigan at Boundary Park on the opening round of the Super League fixture by 56 points to 16.

Many Rugby League pundits predicted that the Bears would struggle to maintain their Super League status, along with the likes of Paris and Workington, at the outset of the campaign, but since their opening day defeat to Wigan, their brand of open attacking football has been very entertaining and has been like a breath of fresh air amidst the local community. Last season Andy Goodway and Oldham were criticised and even fined by the RLF for fielding a weakened side but their policy of "bleeding" youngsters during the Centenary season seems to have paid off as many of these lads are now first team regulars.

Oldham's main game plan revolves around a very strong half back partnership of Francis Maloney and Martin Crompton. Most moves originate from this pairing and invariably end with the likes of centre Darren Abram crossing the white wash for a try. In the pack the likes of Ian Sherratt, Gary Lord and David Bradbury have a tremendous work load whilst hooker John Clarke is rapidly being seen as being one of the best number 9's in Super League around the ruck.

Prior to Super League the Bears finished 8th in the Stones Bitter Centenary Championship with eight wins from their 20 games whilst Warrington ended their Wembley aspirations in the 4th Round at a very snowy Watersheddings when they triumphed by 26 points to 4.

MARTIN CROMPTON

At the hub of just about all of Oldham's set plays, this afternoon, will be their scrum-half Martin Crompton. Martin, together with half-back partner Francis Maloney have forged a very close link and their almost telepathic understanding causes all sorts of problems for their opponents. At 27 years of age, Crompton is at his peak and his organisation, distribution and kicking game are his major assets.

He is also a very consistent player and has become a firm favourite with their loyal supporters since his move to the Bears in September, 1993 from Wigan. In his 77+2 appearances for Oldham, Martin has scored 28 tries and 9 drop goals for a total of 121 points. Martin started his Rugby League career with Wigan St Patrick's ARLFC and joined Warrington, for whom he made his debut for, against Featherstone Rovers in March 1987. His first try for the Wires came the following December against Bradford Northern. Martin went on to play for Warrington until the end of the 1992 season and made 56+25 appearances for the Club scoring 21 tries and 2 drop goals. The highlight of his stay with the Wilderspool outfit was playing stand-off in the 1989-90 Challenge Cup Final at Wembley when the Wires were beaten by Wigan by 36 points to 16.

In 1992 Wigan signed Crompton from the Wires as a replacement for scrum-half Andy Gregory. Throughout his one season with the Riversiders, Martin was in competition for the number 7 jersey with Shaun Edwards. Although Wigan won the league, Regal Trophy and Challenge Cup and were runners up in the Premiership Trophy, World Cup Challenge and Charity Shield during that season, Crompton played scrum-half in his sides 17 nil Charity Shield defeat by Saints and was substitute back, both in Wigan's 5-4 Lancashire Cup Final triumph over St Helens and in their 22-8 loss to Brisbane Broncos in the World Cup Challenge. During the campaign Crompton made 15+5 appearances scoring 4 tries.

Throughout his very respectable career Martin had been rather unfortunate not to have gained any Representative Honours. However, during last year's Emerging Nations World Cup he was selected to represent Ireland and he thoroughly enjoyed the experience as Ireland were the eventual runners up to the Cook Islands with Martin starring at scrum-half in the final.

Bill Bates.

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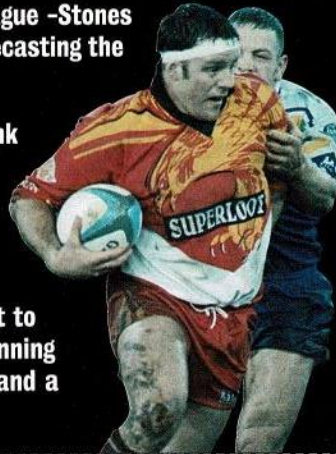


ARE YOU THE STONES SUPER LEAGUE EXPERT ?

To coincide with the new force in Rugby League - the Stones Super League - Stones is giving all Rugby League enthusiasts a chance to try their hand at forecasting the final placings of each team.

All you have to do is complete the panel below, stating where you think each team will finish at the end of the 1996 Stones Super League season. Once you have decided, cut out your panel (or send a postcard), place it in an envelope and send it to: Stones Stato Competition, PO Box 56, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 4UJ.

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B. For your winning team complete the predicted finishing playing record.

	P	W	D	L	Pts For	Pts Against	Pts Total
	22						

NOTES: In the event of a tie, one penalty point will be awarded for each score compared with the actual. The winning entrant will be the one with the lowest points.

Example	P	W	D	L	Pts For	Pts Against	Pts Total
Predictions	22	20	1	1	760	300	41
Actual	22	19	1	2	600	240	39
Penalty Pts	-	1	0	1	160	60	2

Total Penalty Points - 224

Deadline for entries is 20th May 1996. Either post coupon in an envelope or send on a postcard. Only one entry per person is allowed. Entrants must be over the age of 18 years. The winning entry will be notified by post. Competition terms and conditions are available from the above address upon request.

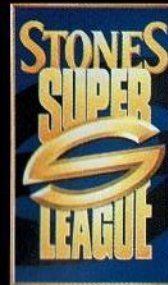
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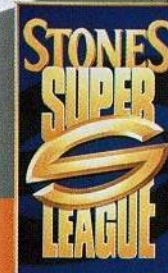


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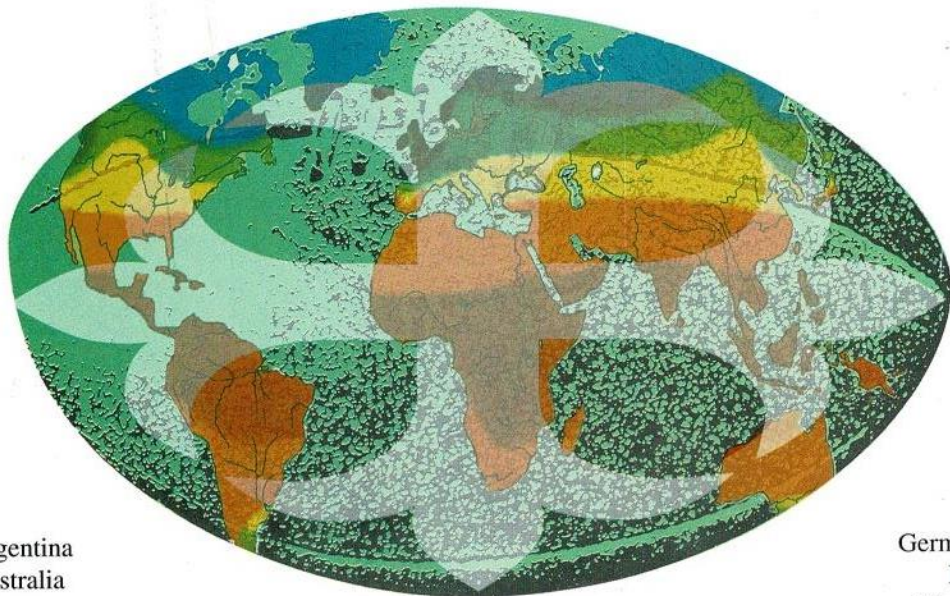
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Robbie Paul walked off with the Lance Todd man of the match award thanks to the first hat-trick in Challenge Cup Final history.

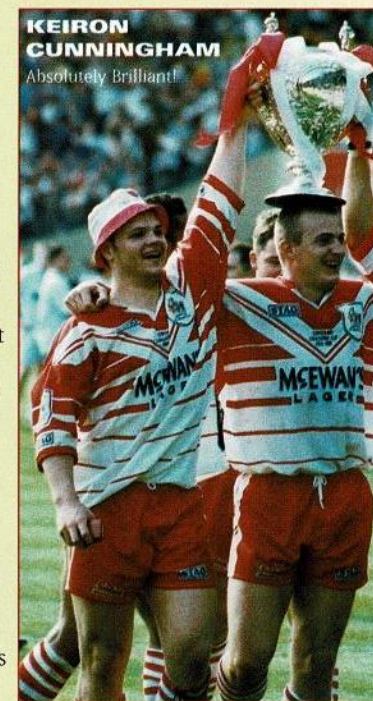
But in my eyes, they should strike two special mementos for the hookers, and Saints superstar Keiron Cunningham in particular. I know I'm a former hooker myself but Keiron and opposite number Bernard Dwyer were absolutely brilliant.

Cunningham was responsible for the one moment which more than any other, dictated the trophy was heading to Knowsley Road. When Paul hit Bobbie Goulding with a cruncher of a tackle just after the break, forcing the spill that led to the try that put Bradford eight points ahead, the Saints skipper was in danger of losing the plot. I had said beforehand he had a tendency to drift out of games if things didn't go according to plan and that was definitely the case here.

His head was down, he had a face like thunder and at that moment I'd have staked a packet on Bulls lifting the trophy. But Cunningham raced over to his captain bellowed at him to sort his head out and hauled him back onto the rails. Here was a young kid still wet behind the ears, shouting at the best player in rugby league this season and if ever there was a single incident when a boy became a man, that was it. Goulding dragged himself to his feet, shook off the despondency and launched those three pinpoint bombs which turned the game.

Cunningham may only be 20, but with that second of inspiration, he showed why he will go onto become one of the greatest players this game has ever seen.

Mike Stephenson - The Sun



Let's not forget the brains behind the victory coach Shaun McRae. When it came down to a battle of wits I'm afraid he left opposite number Brian Smith for dead. It's all about tactics and sometimes coaches can get them all wrong. McRae did not and that is why Saints were parading the Challenge Cup yesterday afternoon. We knew before hand that Nathan Graham's vulnerability under the high ball could be a big problem and didn't it prove so? But many bosses would have been looking for other

options by the time Goulding's first bomb came off, he had had little success with it for nearly an hour.

The new phrase in rugby league these days is power play. How many times on the last tackle have we seen teams run the ball instead of launching the high kick?

Yet McRae turned back the clock, stuck to his guns and Graham coughed up the ball three times in seven minutes to blow a game that was Bradford's for the taking.

Mike Stephenson - The Sun

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DOUBLE CELEBRATION

Saints fan Martin Lane had a double celebration last Sunday. Not only was he in the party mood because Shaun and team brought back the Silk Cut Challenge Cup back to town but Martin from Clock Face enjoyed his 15th birthday!

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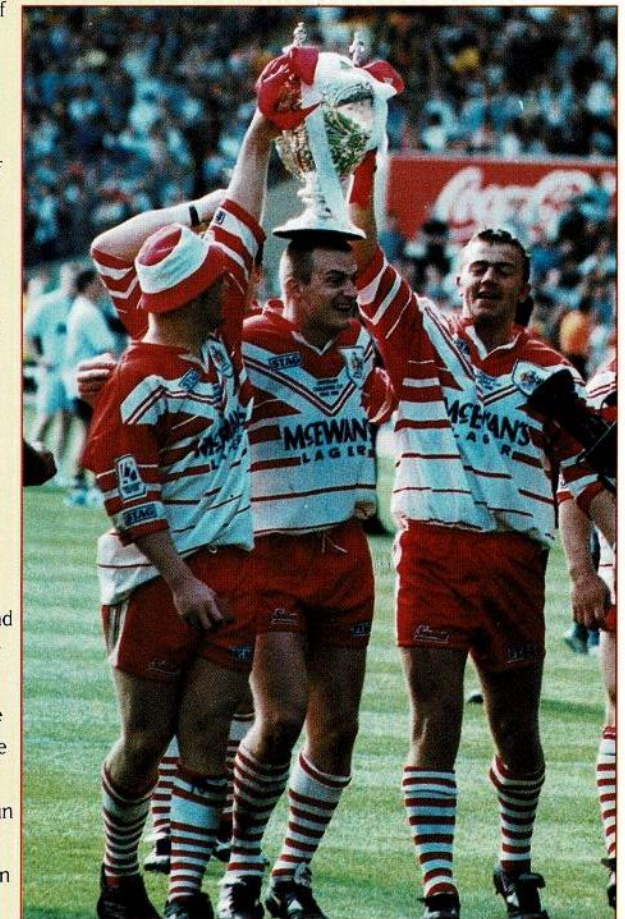
WEMBLEY was a lovely place to be on Saturday. There were toy soldiers in red tunics marching where the go-go dancers had been in past finals. There was a brass band and a male voice choir singing Abide With Me instead of caterwauling pop star. In other words Rugby League wisely dumped the need to be trendy and settled instead for the music of tradition. The players met the occasion. There are moments when I wonder why on earth I love sport and others, when I witness moments of such splendour, they define my passion. St Helens against Bradford was such a one. Some said it was the greatest of all finals. I am not that old. But it was the most marvellous Rugby League final I had ever seen.

It was Allan Lamb's first game of Rugby League. "Is it always like this?" he asked. If only.

Fred Trueman wanted Bradford to win and thought they threw it away. Maybe. But in the end St Helens deserved the Cup. They were the more substantial, better-balanced team. Much will be made of Bradford's inability to deal with Goulding's up-and-unders which clinched the game. Poor Nathan Graham, the full-back, might well suffer recurring nightmares about objects falling from the sky on to his head. He will not be mollified to be told Goulding's kicks were perfect examples of the play-makers art, pitched as they were into a hanging wind where they spun and drifted like a perfectly played approach shot with a sand iron. Robbie Paul, Bradford's scrum-half, won the individual honours and rarely can an athlete have played so well and finished on the losing side. One unforgettable individual run - jinking, side-stepping and gliding past opponents - gave him his third try, a place in the record books and created an

imperishable moment for anyone who saw it. It was one to bore my grandchildren with. In the end, it was not just a great occasion for the spectators, it was a timely celebration for the game of Rugby League. With all the change and controversy, both here and in Australia, it was an important reminder of the enduring qualities of a great game. How can something so exhilarating and spectacular not have a future?

Michael Parkinson
Daily Telegraph



"WEMBLEY... A lovely place to be on Saturday"

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Saints Hand it over!

by Alex Service

Twenty years we have had to wait for this ... the return of the coveted Challenge Cup to Knowsley Road. It seems like an eternity. What were you doing 20 years ago? Doubtless a large percentage of our current support would not have even been thought of. May 8th 1976 ... if you were there, how could you forget it? The dreaded Abba were Top of the Pops with Fernando, Harold Wilson had handed over the Prime Ministerial reins to James Callaghan and the future Iron Lady ... Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, presented a severely-dehydrated Saints' captain ... Kel Coslett with the silverware. It was in the middle of the severest drought in Britain for over 200 years. Remarkably, Saints' Dad's Army side achieved a remarkable 20-5 success in burning heat over a much younger Widnes outfit, which included a familiar name in the centre ... Eric Hughes. And I was still a student!

In 1978, 1987, 1989, 1991, we tasted the bitter pill of defeat at the famous stadium. On three of those occasions, certainly, Lady Luck simply was not with us ... witness the Elia-Pendlebury knock-out 'fluke' in '87 and the desperately unlucky Bernard Dwyer - inspired break against Wigan in '91 right on the half time hooter which so nearly brought a try for Les Quirk. Like every true Saints' supporter, I positively ached for the team to succeed in the Challenge Cup ... the Blue Ribband of Rugby League competitions. Although we were able to celebrate Premiership and County Cup successes ... there's no feeling like a Wembley win especially in a town where Rugby League is tantamount to a religion.

Apart from our perennial tag of 'bridesmaids' on the rugby field-unfortunately at the expense of our deadly rivals from Central Park, the period from 1976 onwards held more kicks in the teeth for St Helens folk in economic terms ... mirrored by the slow strangulation of primary and manufacturing industry in the Borough in one of the worst recessions seen since the 1920's. A depressing time indeed!

Over the past few years, however, we have seen the dawn of a new era at St Helens R.L.F.C. which will, hopefully, be realised in terms of silverware. The defeat at Bradford did so much to raise our morale both as a club and a town! Just ask Bobbie

Goulding how he felt about lifting the cup in front of such tremendous support last week. 20,000 Saints' fans in total celebration mode. What a party it was after that final whistle! I didn't want it to end! The lads have made such an important breakthrough and they made it quite clear that it was for us. It is our team and our town. Makes you want to burst with pride!

Typical Saints, though. Things are never straightforward, are they? Bradford were allowed to swamp us at the play-the-ball, put extra pressure on our first receiver and force us into a down-the-middle confrontation by encroaching out wide. This, coupled with their own quick play-the-balls and the defending side pulled back, should I say rather diplomatically 'the full ten metres', it was hardly surprising to see us under the cosh! I do feel, however, that the Saints' tactics in the second half were absolutely spot on. The bombing of full back Graham paid handsome dividends. This was percentage rugby ... but we got the silverware at the end of it. Fancy having to deal with kicks like that coming out of the sun at Wembley! Some supporters were slightly miffed at the lack of 'purity' in the Saints' game plan. Absolute tosh! Bobbie and the boys ruthlessly exploited a glaring weakness in the opposition. It got us back into the game, for heaven's sake! You must remember that Wigan have won countless silverware in the modern era by doing just that! It is no disgrace.

Other things that stick in the memory include Bobbie's first bomb ... just when we were at our lowest ebb at 26-12 and Kieron Cunningham's superb follow-up. At 26-18 we were right back in it! Remember Steve Prescott's dive and look back in amazement as Goulding's little chip-kick hit the crossbar and early in the first half; Newlove's sensational break for Danny Arnold's first touchdown and the performance of Saints' 'quiet achiever' on the day ... Karle Hammond, who must have been a contender, like Goulding and Precky, for the Lance Todd Trophy. Robbie Paul's superb third try was the clincher, obviously ... but in my estimation Bernard Dwyer must have pushed him very close indeed!

So ... where do we go from here? The Wembley team of '76 tasted further glory in the Premiership. Let's hope that Bobbie and the boys can achieve their own unique double and clinch the Super League title at the first attempt. The lads of '96 have got that winning feeling which is so important! Ain't no stopping us now!

Kel & Geoff the Wembley Wizards!

By Denis Whittle of the St Helens Star.

THEY say sporting heroes often hunt in pairs and that is certainly true of two stars who had leading roles in Saints' last-but-one Cup success against Widnes in 1976 - and remain firm friends to this day!

Take a bow record-breaking skipper and prop Kel Coslett who topped the tackle count, and full-back and vice captain Geoff Pimblett who became Saints' only local-born Lance Todd Trophy winner with an impeccable display, and landed three conversions and two drop goals for good measure. Treading the hallowed Wembley turf was no novelty for either player, for they were also in the Saints' team which defeated Leeds 16-13 in 1972, on a day when Welshman Coslett was again in charge but this time at loose-forward, with five conversions and a non-stop performance earning Kel the Lance Todd Trophy on this occasion.

Twenty years on both Kel and Geoff still look fit enough to turn out at a pinch and are very much part of the local sporting scene, in particular Saints' Past Players Association, where Pimblett is secretary and Coslett is installed in the Hall of Fame.

Reflecting on that epic fifth successive Challenge Cup success when Saints were coached by Eric Ashton, Geoff told me: 'Our pack was labelled 'Dad's Army' due to their age, but they lasted the pace better than Widnes on a hot day, and that was the key to victory.

'I went to Wembley with one aim in mind, and that was to pick up another winner's medal, but being named man-of-the-match and awarded the Lance Todd Trophy was a nice bonus.

'As for taking the goal-kicks it was part of the arrangement I had with Kel that he would take the long-distance shots, and fortunately for me the ones I landed at Wembley did not come into that category, but the pressure was on just the same,' added Geoff.

Commenting on his abiding memory of the 1976 trip to the Twin Towers Goal King Kel said: 'It was a great honour to captain a winning Saints' side at Wembley once - to do it

twice was just fantastic and the highlight of my sporting life.' Other moments to savour for the Coslett/Pimblett dynamic duo included receiving the Challenge Cup from Opposition MP Margaret Thatcher, and returning home to a heroes' welcome from a 20,000 crowd in Victoria Square, which took in a civic reception at the Town Hall hosted by Mayor Peggy McNamara.

Saints' path to Wembley saw them win 5-3 at Hull, 17-11 at Salford, 17-9 at home to Oldham, and 5-4 versus Keighley in the semi-final at Huddersfield, with Coslett and his men rounding off a season to remember by lifting the Premiership Trophy against Salford at Swinton.

Now aged 53, brewery representative Kel Coslett lives at Eccleston with his Rainhill-born wife Jackie. The holder of three Welsh RU caps as a full-back with Aberavon, Kel signed for Saints in 1962 and played in that position until an ankle injury caused him to miss the 1966 Cup Final against Wigan, and on recovering he moved to the loose-forward role. Records and Coslett were synonymous at Saints for Kel made 530 appearances, kicked 1,639 goals and scored 45 tries for a total of 3,413 points, and also established another 'first' when amassing 452 points, including 214 goals, in season 1971-72. In addition Kel made 13 appearances for Wales in the Rugby League code, with his Saintry swan-song arriving in Auckland during the club's tour of Australia and New Zealand which followed in the wake of the 1976 Challenge Cup success.

Spells as player/coach at Rochdale and coach at Wigan and Saints rounded off Coslett's official involvement in RL matters, but knowing the man, one can't help feeling that Kel still has a lot to offer to the game, and it has been hinted that he become Saints' goalkicking tutor - the credentials are there, that's for sure!

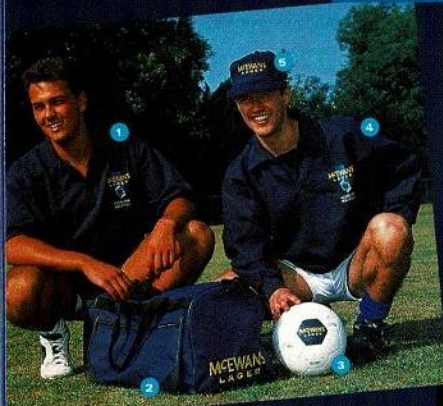
A remarkably-spry 51 and senior master at Broadway High School, Geoff Pimblett lives at Windle with his wife Marle, who is the daughter of former Supporter's Club official the late Len Kilshaw. Geoff, incidentally, also captained the Saints' team which lost to Leeds at Wembley in 1978. United as ever, Kel and Geoff were at Wembley last week, and were confident that Saints would repeat their triumph of 1976 via pace, flair and the inspirational leadership of Bobbie Goulding.

'That last point was particularly important in the unique Wembley atmosphere,' said Kel Coslett, 'and I knew that as well as concentrating on his own game Bobbie would ensure that his team-mates had the right mental preparation.'



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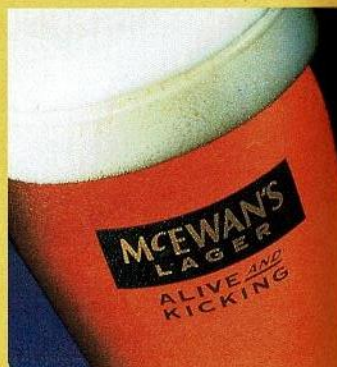
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Behind the Scenes

Wembley - The Mother of All Comebacks

Rated as the greatest spectacle to
ever grace the Wembley turf, the

Saints' victory over the worthy and gallant Bradford
Bulls deservedly goes into the history books as a very
extra-special Challenge Cup Final to remember and
savour forever.

After the great start, the Saints' went behind 26pts-12 to
a revitalised Bradford, then the great fightback began
and history took a turn for the better. Only the Saints'
could have done that.

For the players to have picked themselves up in such a
manner and reply with a five-try avalanche owes much
to skipper Bobbie Goulding's insistence to his players to
stay calm. His belief that his young and often
inexperienced players could still do it, stiffened resolve
and restored confidence. Along with Chris Joynt and
pride in wearing the Saints' jersey, brought out the true
talents of the greatest entertainers in our game of
Rugby League.

Widely acclaimed as the 'comeback Kings' before this
final, the Saints' enhanced that reputation with panache
and in doing so, brought their fans back from the brink
of twenty thousand nervous breakdowns. No words can
ever aptly describe the joyous feelings of Saints'
supporters at the end of the match. The team showed
their feelings about that wonderful support however
when they held aloft their own message - 'We Did It For
You'.

THE GAME ITSELF

To the purists, Saints' perhaps never struck their best
form, yet for those on the pitch, they had to overcome
temperatures in the top 90's and at one stage it actually
reached 106!

For Chris Joynt, who had battled with flu' throughout
the week, it must have been particularly tough, yet the
lad topped the tackle count and lasted until the end.
For two-try Danny Arnold, dreams have really come
true and his combination with Karle Hammond
produced the best team try of the match.

Prescott and Bobbie Goulding were candidates for the
Lance Todd Trophy, Gibbs and Newlove bossed the
middle, while Simon Booth enhanced his growing
reputation as a second rower. G.B. take note!

Perelini's try produced the best picture of the final with
his wide smile before touching down, and don't forget
Cunningham and Leatham's contribution as two 19 year
old front rowers.

I felt Matuatia's presence lifted the Saints' when he
came on as sub', while Pickervance grabbed a vital try
following Hunte's leap for the ball.

Injuries to Northey and Martyn disrupted the Saints',
but Tommy could be back today if recovered from his
dead leg.

With eight tries from Saints' to Bradford's five, the win
was emphatic enough. Really, it was a case of Saints'
versus Robbie Paul. What a performance!

TRIBUTES

To the Saints' fans at Wembley - you were brilliant as
ever and really appreciated by the players.

To the Saints' players - not only did they win the Cup,
but they were great ambassadors for the club and the
Town throughout the entire weekend.

To both coaches - for the dignified way they handled
victory and defeat.

To the Town - thanks for a great homecoming.

To the Press - thanks for some great and positive
reporting.

PLAYER QUOTES

The feeling is unbelievable.

If I could bottle it, I'd be a millionaire - Karle Hammond.

We had a belief in ourselves even when we went behind.

We wouldn't give it up - Anthony Sullivan.

I'd rather pick up a winners medal than the £20,000 for a

hat-trick. The medal is for life - Steve Prescott.

Life has become a whirlwind for me - Simon Booth.

I jumped for the high ball and then Ian Pickervance was

hugging me - Alan Hunte.

Nobody needed a drink on Saturday night. Everyone was

high enough from winning - Tommy Martyn.

It was a great weight off our shoulders at the hooter.

I dropped to my knees and kissed the turf.

I'm as chuffed as hell - Paul Newlove.

I didn't know what to say to

my best mate Lokkers - Phil Veivers.

WELCOME TO THE BEARS

Bears coach Andy Goodway will know that Saints' are
vulnerable today after the euphoria of the Wembley
triumph. He has put together a very skillful and
attractive Oldham side who can now live with the best.
Super League is now back on with a vengeance and
Saints' can expect no quarter.

Local boy Darren Abrams in the centre for Oldham,
always needs watching in these fixtures and has a great
record of scoring tries against the Saints'. St Helens born
fullback Paul Atcheson is another who will be keen to do
well.

Keep Saints' on their toes Bobbie!

NEW SIGNINGS

Saints' successful youth policy continues apace with the
signings of Hull teenage pair, David and Dale Holdstock.
These two talented youngsters are the sons of former
H.K.R. prop Roy Holdstock and are coming to live in St
Helens in the near future. David is a prop and Dale is a
centre.

Saints' have also signed Paul Haigh, younger brother of
Andy. 17 year old Paul is a loose-forward.

Also joining Saints' Academy set-up this week is another
eight or so previously signed top 16 year olds.

Well done Saints'!

ANOTHER FLYING WINGER

Almost unnoticed was the inclusion two weeks ago at
Halifax, of 17 year old centre Tony Steward as sub' for
the first team. Yet just as exciting as Tony, is his flying
wing partner Danny Pimblett. Barely 17, this well built
youngster is showing great form from Saints' Academy
team. This kid is definitely one for the future -
remember you read it here first!

Are you listening Joey, Anthony, Danny and Alan?

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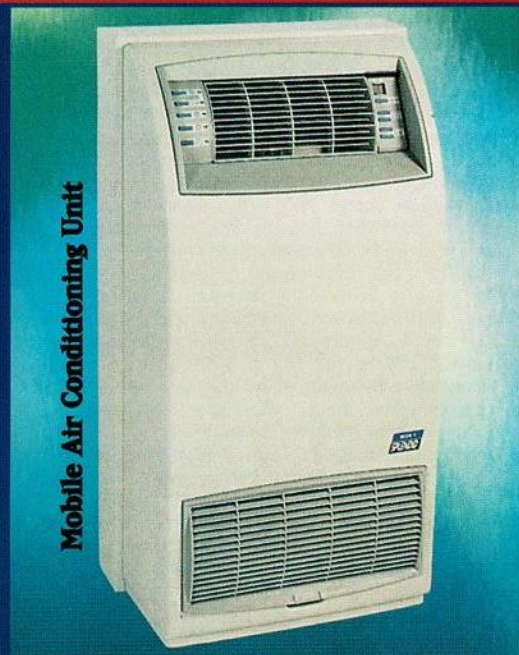
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Super St. Helens eye-popping win will go down in history as one of the greatest ever Challenge Cup Finals.

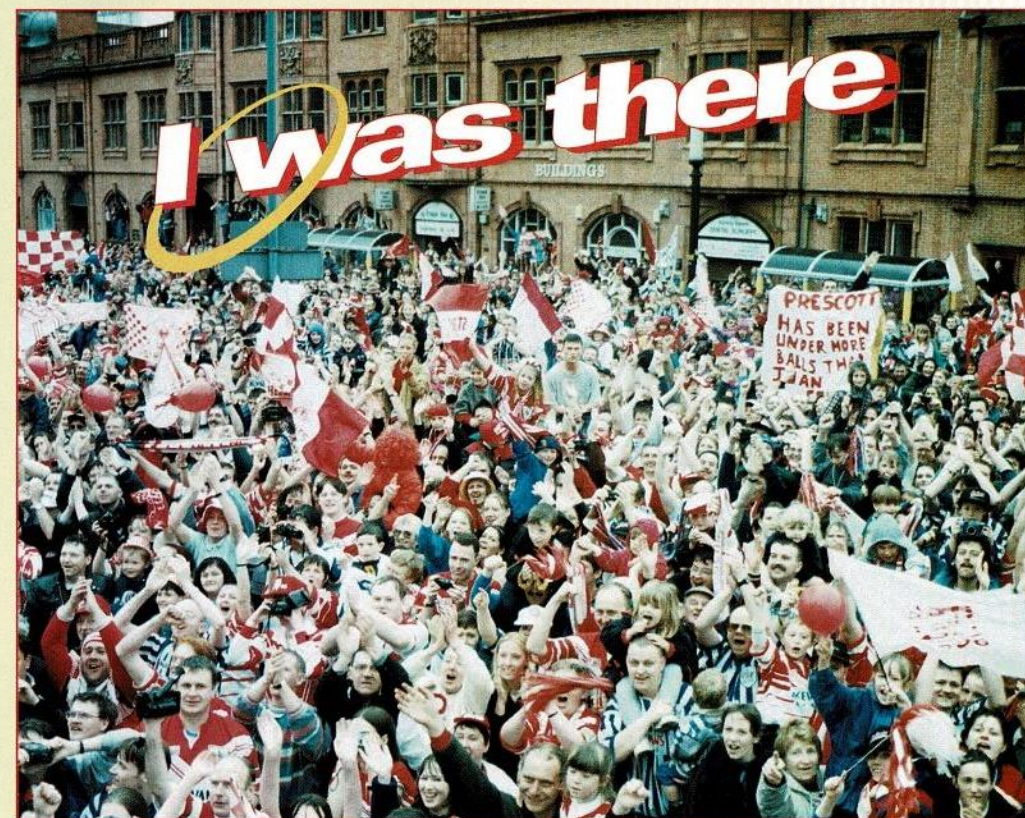
It ranks right up among those rare sporting moments where you love to boast "I was there." And what brilliant news that is for Rugby League. The sport has suffered some rocky times lately, with the difficult birth of Super League, the switch of season from winter to summer, and the war with the Aussie Rugby League. But this awesome battle between Saints and Bradford Bulls now has the whole country talking about Rugby League for the best possible reasons.

Thriller

Remember dozing your way through last week's England v Croatia bore draw? Well you'd never

have to stifle another yawn in your life if you joined Rugby League's faithful following. Sure, Saturday's 13 try thriller was a towering game among games, but week in week out Super League fans see sensational, gutsy clashes between athletes who make soccer players look like a bunch of hairdressers. Everyone said the early round defeat of mighty Wigan, winners for the last eight years, was the best thing to happen to the game in ages. They were wrong. Saturday's final, with more nail-biting thrills than a lifetime of roller-coaster rides, was quite simply the best.

*Julie Stott
The Sport*

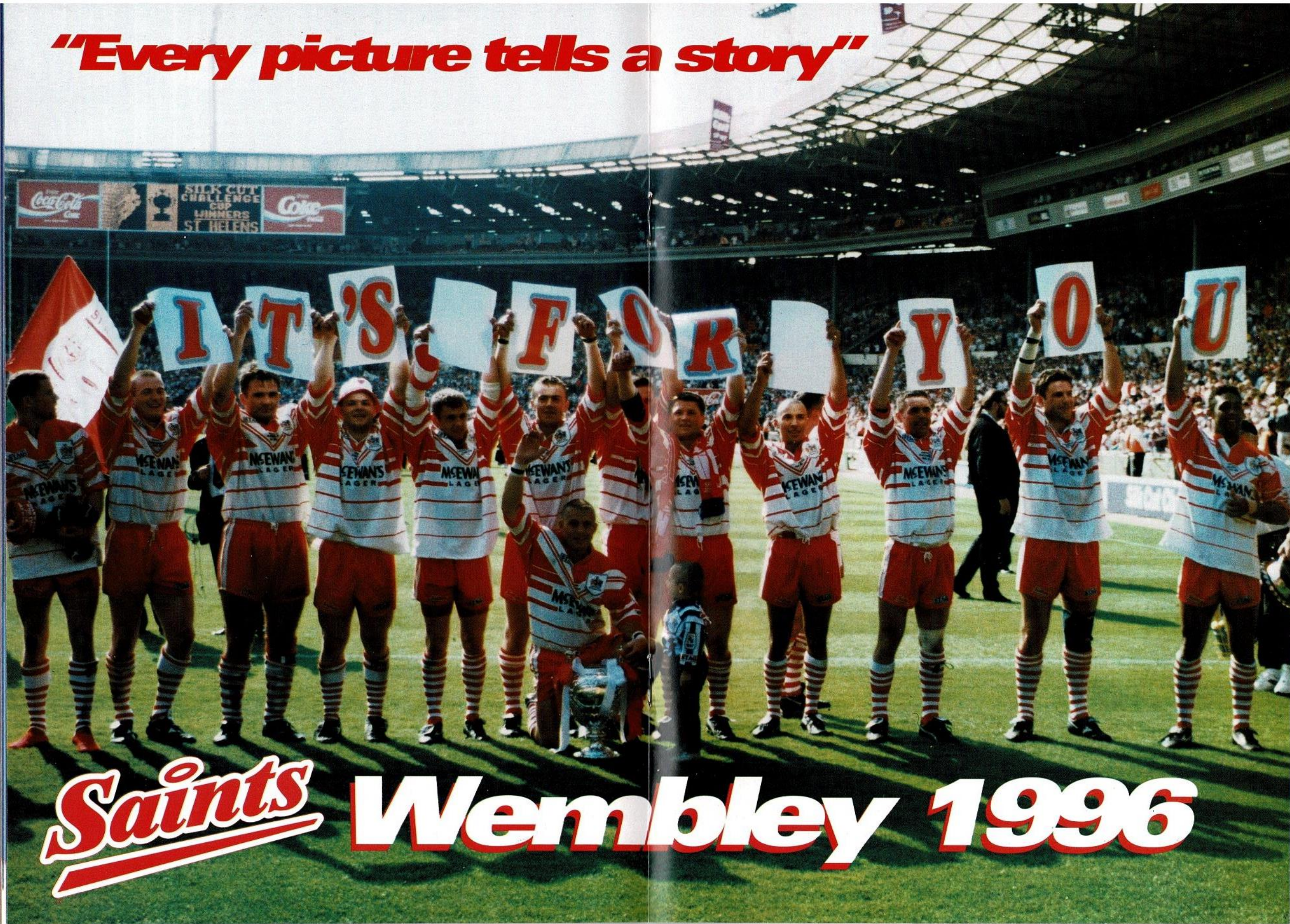


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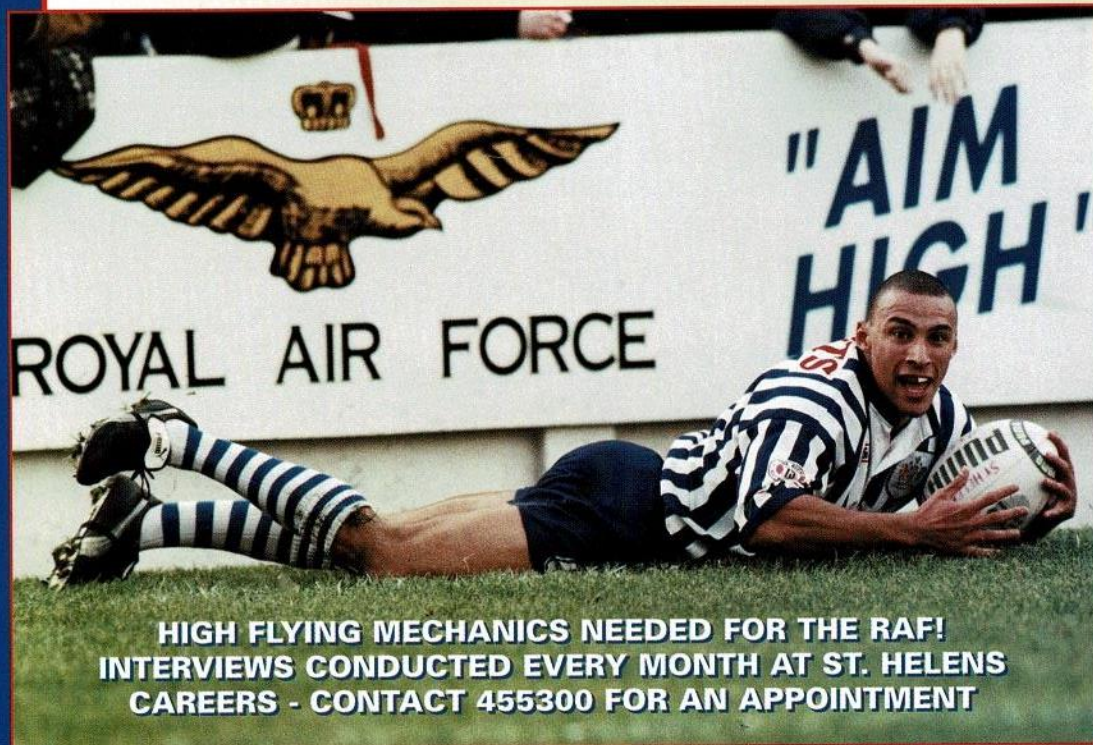
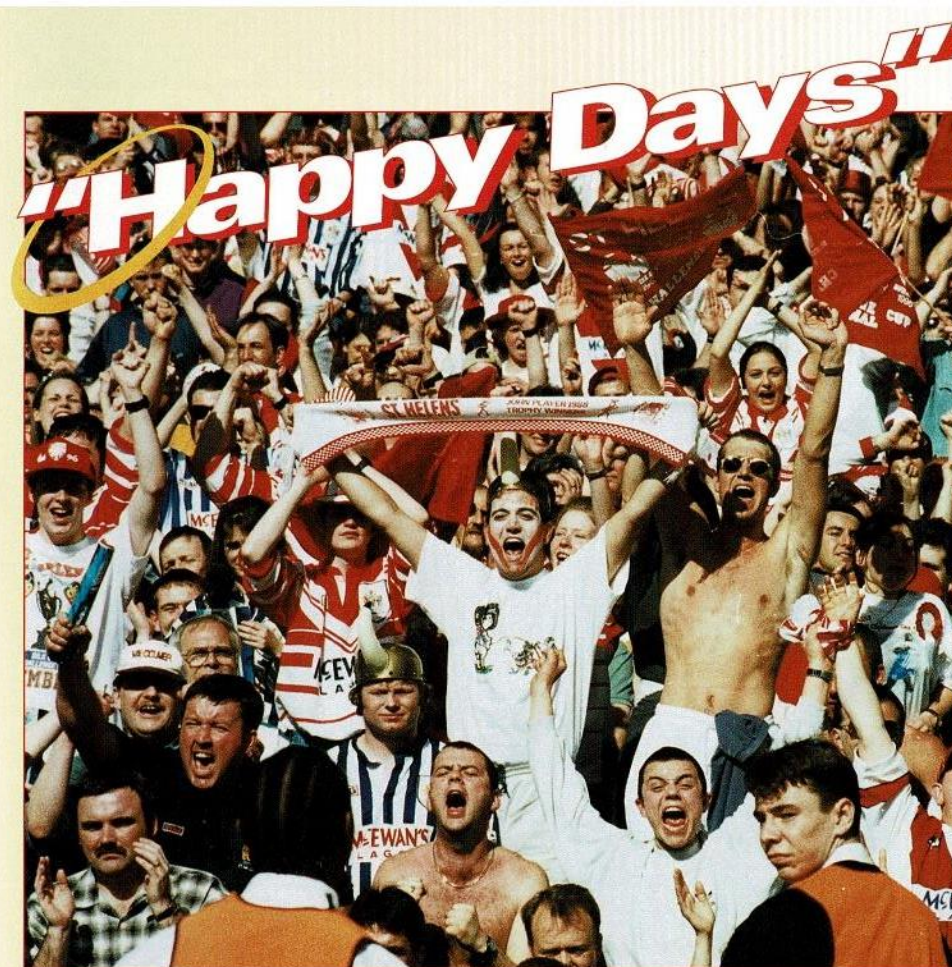
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In Action

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They think it's all over . . .



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The bombs came in quick succession. Followed by the blitz. Saints had found a route to their ultimate victory.

Bulls slipped 26-30 behind, as Kieron Cunningham, Simon Booth and Ian Pickavance took advantage of the full-backs butter fingers to mount the finest comeback in a Wembley final.

So, Saints triumphed, gloriously in what was a marvellous advertisement for the Super League. For what men these are to produce entertainment in such conditions, with such bravery and commitment.

Earlier Graham had tackled like a tank when Bulls threatened to run away, but aerial warfare had never been his strong point.

It was almost like British bulldog, the game played in the gym at school with a medicine ball. Exhilarating, open rugby thrilling a near 76,000 crowd.

Saints supporters wore shirts that declared Wembley was a "pie free zone" but it remains to be seen if they can take over from Wigan as the League's newest superstars.

They showed courage to launch a comeback and the forward power to take advantage. And like every Cup Final, it was a showpiece set off by the fans.

They came as lovers of the game. Fans of other

Saints

teams, proudly wearing their shirts. How often do you see a Chelsea or Leeds fan wearing his shirt at a Cup Final that

didn't have his team in it?

There was much laughter, ale consumed, and backs slapped. A family day out in support of what has become a family sport. One hopes our friends in the north enjoyed their trip. And if the stadium, when next it is filled with red, will have the same feeling of friendliness.

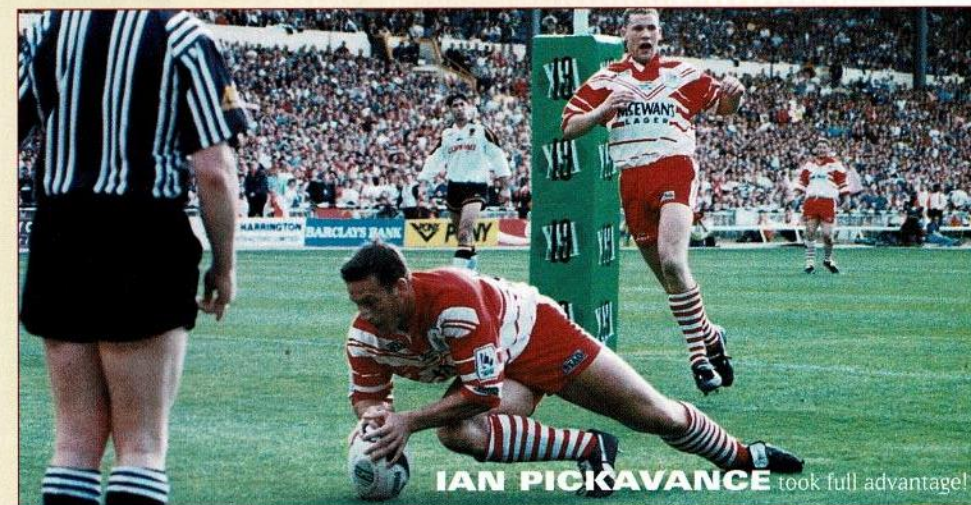
Now we await the Pilkington Cup Final next Saturday when Leicester and Bath do battle at Twickenham. It won't be better than the wondershow Saints and Bulls produced.

For in terms of spectacle, entertainment and excitement, Rugby League has a definite advantage over Union. Twelve tries were thrillingly scored, men played to the limits of their physical endurance.

If this is how the game is going to be played now, then the revolution could be such it will leave Union far behind.

Robbie Paul's hat-trick won him a £10,000 bonus. But Rugby League was the real winner. The sport stood up to be counted, and Wembley saw a masterpiece.

NIGEL CLARKE
Daily Mirror



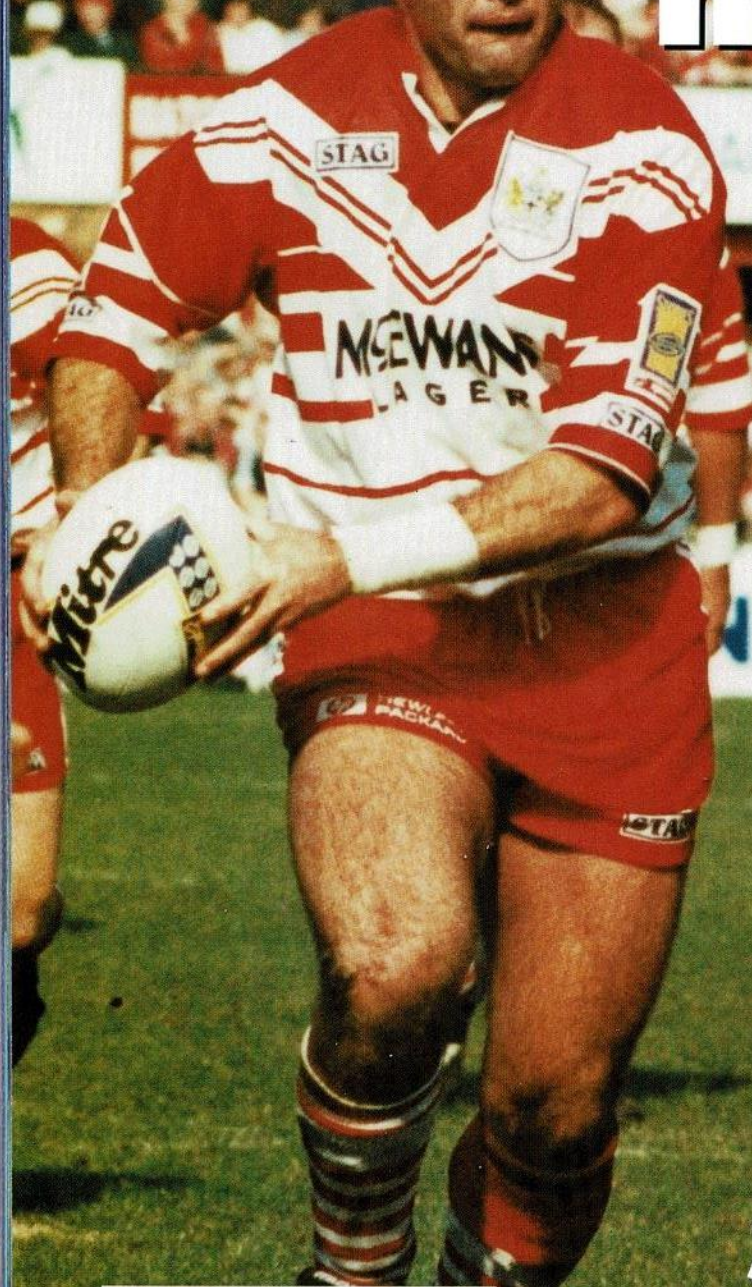
IAN PICKAVANCE took full advantage!

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SHAUN McRae hasn't walked on water yet. But as far as Saints fans are concerned, he's done the next best thing.

He's completed the ultimate double by beating Wigan and winning the Challenge Cup!

And he's done it in just three months since arriving at Knowsley Road from Australia to take up his first senior coaching appointment.

But McRae is already looking to the future and promising "this is just the start".

St Helens have eyes on breaking Wigan's monopoly on cups and McRae says "It's important we go further in Super League and return to Wembley to retain the Challenge Cup next year."

Reflecting on Saturday's final against Bradford, McRae said that experience could not be compared with anything in Australia.

"I have never known an atmosphere like it. We don't have chanting and singing like that Down Under," he revealed.

"It was a shame there had to be a loser. The heat effected us more than Bradford in the first half. But we showed plenty of grit and determination. Robbie Paul deserved the man of the match award. We knew he could not play as poorly again as he did against Wigan the week before".

Rugby Leaguer



SHAUN MCRAE... next best thing to walking on water

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Bobbie's Dazzler!



The bloke who won the game for the Saints, who pulled them back from the abyss of despair was Bobbie Goulding. Bobbie had a wonderful game that in my view deserved the Lance Todd Trophy, even taking into account Robbie's performance. Of the Saints' eight tries, five came directly from Goulding kicks, and the final try came

from his pass to Apollo Perelini. Of all the records that were broken on Saturday, Bobbie's creation of six tries must surely be a record of its own. Robbie may have received ten thousand quid for his hat-trick, but Bobbie deserved even more for what he did for his team. Have we ever seen such a finely honed kicking game at Wembley, even from the England soccer team? Bobbie seemed able to drop the ball on a pin head, and poor old Nathan Graham has taken most of the flak resulting from Bobbie's genius.

When the Bulls went 14 points ahead on 54 minutes with Robbie Paul's second try I began to look for Bobbie to see whether he could pull anything out of the bag for his team. Did he just? Far from declining, his influence became all-embracing.

In a six minute period he turned a deficit of 14 points into a lead of four points. It was an astonishing performance, the like of which I have never seen before.

Any lingering doubts about his leadership qualities, character, heart, ability or determination were dispelled during that six minute spell.

Bobbie had climbed his own personal Everest to peer over the summit at a cloudless sky. He must feel enormous satisfaction as he looks back to Saturday afternoon.

MARTYN SADLER
League Express

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Samantha Louise Moore is our lucky mascot today. She is six years old and goes to Longton Lane County Primary School in Rainhill, St. Helens. Samantha enjoys swimming and dancing. Her favourite players are Andy Northey and Bobbie Goulding.



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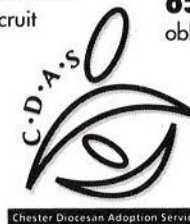
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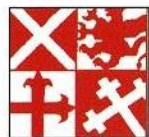
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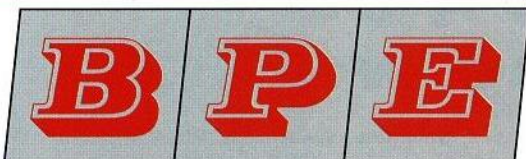


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Saints

The Preacherman

Sunday: roam I am never, ever, going to drink again! But at least I've gone out in style. What a weekend. From clubbing it in Reading on Friday night at a place called 'Utopia' - known locally as 'Ugropia' - to a celebratory curry at the 'Palace' on Saturday night, the action never stopped. Were you in The Torch before the game? If you were, you'd have seen the lad on the roof tying his scarf to the aerial, the bloke who tried to join him but ripped the drainpipe off, and, of course, the fan who climbed up there only to be overcome by an irresistible urge to take his clothes off. I couldn't tell which side he supported - there were no distinguishing colours, except pink - perhaps he was a Bradford speccie?

At the final hooter later on, a Saints fan tried to streak but was quickly grabbed by three stewards before he could grab his moment of fame. Was it you? Were you in 'A' section and know who it was? Maybe we could re-enact the whole thing for him at the next home game, a la Fantasy Football League? Also outside the pub was Gary Connolly, his ears ringing to chants of 'Judas, Judas' from the Saints throngs. Tremendous.

The game itself was exhausting. At 26-12 disaster looked on the cards. Bradford supporters had come to life - one idiotic skinhead tried to goad Saints fans into a fight. All of a sudden there were NORWEB shirts everywhere - it was really creepy the way this vermin appeared, like something out of the X-Files. I could only hold my head in my hands,

distraught. But a voice told me: 'Get behind your team' - so I did and so did everyone else and the rest is history. The Saints fans had won the game. The NORWEB jerseys had vanished, leaving only a trail of slime and the skinhead had long since staggered off.

Momentarily I felt sorry for the ex-Saints trio and poor Nathan Graham, but soon I was stood on my seat singing 'We are the Champions' and 'Glory Days'. The Wembley presentation was superb and the policing after contrasted markedly with the Semi-Final debacle. It was a great, great day.

It's over now though and it's time to get on with winning Super League. Which means turning over a vastly improved Bears side today. It's time to re-discover our running game - the Joynt, Newlove, Sullivan connection. I know 'Sully's' struggling at the moment, but when did he last get a decent pass? Expansive rugby should not fall victim to the search for tighter defence. Over the years, Wigan found room for both.

Wigan play Bath at League on Wednesday night and, whilst I wouldn't pay over the turnstiles to give money to Wigan, or a rugby union team, I do hope that Bath receive the biggest hiding they've ever known. And then lose at Twickers too. So with a great lump in my throat I say - 'Good luck, Wigan.'

Now I know I said I'd never drink again, but there's a re-run of the game on at the local before the boys come home, so I'll drink to that!

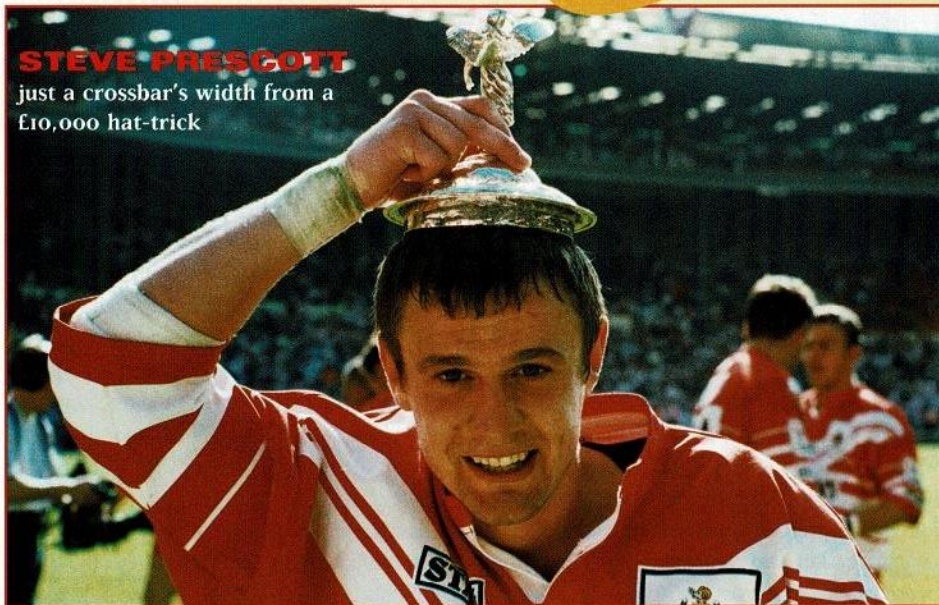


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TODAY'S ACADEMY LINE UP

ST. HELENS

Andy Holland	1
Gavin Lewis	2
Alan Cross	3
Tony Stewart	4
Danny Pimblett	5
Brian Capewell	6
Lee Briers	7
Craig Simm	8
Paul Jukes	9
Chris Murphy	10
Carl Turner	11
Craig Hyland	12
Danny Rigby	13
Jason Johnson	14
Simon Fox	15
Paul Haigh	16
Paul Shuttleworth	17

WAKEFIELD TRINITY

Martin Holland	1
Stuart Godfrey	2
Danny Howley	3
Matt Griffin	4
Alan Nicholson	5
Ryan Horsley	6
Kevin Sorby	7
Jonlee Lockwood	8
Martin Luxford	9
Keith Wilkinson	10
Graham Law	11
Craig Mould	12
Andy Bastow	13
David March	14
Paul March	15
Scott Dyson	16
Andy Spink	17

Saints In Support

Well, what can we say, after such a fantastic match last Saturday? CONGRATULATIONS from all supporters to all the players and staff who contributed to bringing "that Cup" home to Knowsley Road.

WELL DONE LADS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

We would like to introduce

LYON SECURITY of Lees Road, Knowsley Ind. Park (North). The staff of Lyon Security bring to the Knowsley area a wealth of experience in the security field. David Lyon and members of his team formerly spent up to 20 years with Group 4 in the security installation side of the business.

Lyon Security Ltd (part of Henry Diaper & Co. Ltd - itself a substantial U.K. logistics company), as part of their new venture, bring with them enthusiasm and wish to continue the quality they have been trained in over the last 20 years. The new business has joined the Knowsley Business Watch and Knowsley Chamber of Trade & Commerce.

Lyon Security are also responsible for the security system at Saints new Superstore.

The team includes David Lyon (Tech. Director), James O'Rourke (Install Manager), Peter Staidler (Operations Manager), Lorraine Bartlett (Sec.), Stephen Baines and Steven Grace Service Engineers.

We would also like to introduce

A.J. GRIFFITHS BUILDING SERVICES

A.J. Griffiths Building Services have been

established 2 years, and carry out all aspects of general building work and joinery to the highest possible standards with all work guaranteed. Certain examples of the quality of the work can be seen in and around the Knowsley Road Stadium, including the players gym, spectator crash barriers and the re-facing of the club restaurant at the main entrance to the ground.

COACHES

We are now giving out booking leaflets for the Supporters Club trip to Paris. The leaflets must be returned to the Supporters Club as soon as possible.

PHIL VEIVERS TESTIMONIAL

WHAT'S ON

Race Nights have been arranged for:

- Hope and Anchor - Monday 6 May
- Bluebell, Newton - Thursday 16 May
- Church Inn - Wednesday 22 May

A Sportsman's Dinner has been arranged at Greenalls Club, for Friday 23 August.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

To Junior Saints members

Paul Ashcroft, Katie Burrows, Oliver Davies, Deborah Hayes and Sarah Hayes.

50th BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

to **John Aspinall**, from Grandson Adam and all family and friends.

REQUEST FROM SOUTH WALES

We have had a request from a Saints fan in Swansea who is looking to 'car share' on match days. If anyone can help, please contact the Supporters Office.

For The Record

TOP TRY SCORER

	SL	CC	Tot
1. Danny Arnold (St. Helens)	11	6	17
2. Paul Newlove (St. Helens)	8	7	15
3. Matt Calland (Bradford B)	6	1	7
= Martin Offiah (Wigan)	2	5	7
= Robbie Paul (Bradford Bulls)	4	3	7
= Jon Scales (Bradford B.)	1	6	7
7. Francis Cummins (Leeds)	3	3	6
8. Darren Abram (Oldham)	5	-	5
= Gary Connolly (Wigan)	4	1	5
= Toa Kohe-Love (Warrington)	5	-	5
= Andy Northey (St. Helens)	2	3	5
= Steve Prescott (St. Helens)	1	4	5
= Kris Radlinski (Wigan)	3	2	5
= Keith Senior (Sheffield E)	5	-	5
= Anthony Sullivan (St. Helens)	-	5	5

TOP GOAL SCORER

	SL	CC	Tot
1. Bobbie Goulding (St Helens)	35	29	64
2. Paul Cook (Bradford B.)	12	26	38
3. Iestyn Harris (Warrington)	24	4	28
4. Graham Holroyd (Leeds)	14	12	26
5. Mark Aston (Sheffield E.)	24	1	25
= John Schuster (Halifax)	15	10	25
7. Andy Farrell (Wigan)	18	2	20
8. Francis Maloney (Oldham)	18	1	19
= Patrick Torrelles (Paris)	19	-	19
= Terry Matterson (London B)	14	1	15

SL = Super League CC = Challenge Cup

STONES SUPER LEAGUE TABLE ROUND 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1. St Helens	5	5	-	-	205	98	107	10
2. Wigan	5	4	-	1	174	85	89	8
3. Warrington	5	4	-	1	143	124	19	8
4. Oldham	5	3	1	1	123	138	-15	7
5. London	5	3	-	2	162	109	53	6
6. Sheffield	5	3	-	2	174	130	44	6
7. Paris	5	2	1	2	134	146	-12	5
8. Bradford	5	2	-	3	111	130	-19	4
9. Castleford	5	2	-	3	108	135	-27	4
10. Leeds	5	1	-	4	117	141	-24	2
11. Halifax	5	-	-	5	112	138	-26	0
12. Workington	5	-	-	5	64	253	-189	0

Key:- (SO) = Sent Off, (BB) = Blood bin sub
T = Try, G = Goal, DG = Drop Goal



Date	Opponents	Ven	H/T	F/T	Att	Prescott	Arnold	Northey	Newlove
4th Feb	Castleford (SCCC4)	A	28-16	58-16	7013	T	T	T	3T
11 Feb	Rochdale (SCCC5)	A	22-14	58-20	3503	T	3T	2T	2T
24 Feb	Salford (SCCC6)	A	22-6	46-24	8134		T	2T	T
9 Mar	Widnes (SCCSF)	N	12-4	24-14	13,424		T		
27 Apr	Bradford Bulls (SCCC)	N							

Date	Opponents	Ven	H/T	F/T	Att	Prescott	Arnold	Northey	Newlove
31st Mar	Workington T.	A	32-0	62-0	3641	T	4T		3T
5th April	Wigan	H	14-16	41-26	15,883		3T		
8th April	Leeds	A	20-14	46-24	11,848		2T		T
14th April	Bradford	H	24-8	26-20	10,010		T		T
21st April	Halifax	A	18-8	30-28	6,260		T		3T
27th April	Bradford Bulls SCCC	W	12-14	40-32		2T	2T		
5th May	Oldham	H	3.00						
12th May	London B.	H	6.00						
17th May	Warrington	A	7.30						
27th May	Castleford	H	8.00						
2nd June	Paris	H	7.00						
8th June	Sheffield E.	A	7.30						
16 June	Workington	H	7.00						
21st June	Wigan	A	7.30						
30th June	Leeds	H	7.00						
7th July	Bradford	A	6.00						
14th July	Halifax	H	7.00						
21st July	Oldham	A	6.00*						
28th July	London B	H	7.00						
4th Aug	Castleford	A	6.00						
10th Aug	Paris	A	8.00						
18th Aug	Sheffield E.	H	7.00						
25th Aug	Warrington	H	7.00						

* at Boundary Park

RECORD WRECKERS

RECORDS broken at Wembley included the following:
The 72 points beat the previous Challenge Cup final record aggregate of 52 scored in the 1985 showpiece between Hull and Wigan.
The 13 tries were also the most scored in a Challenge Cup final.
St Helens beat the previous biggest score by a winning team, Wakefield's 38 points against Hull in 1960.
Bradford's 32 points were the most scored by a losing side in a Challenge Cup final, beating the 24 chalked up by Hull in 1985.

TRAILED

St Helens produced the most successful fightback seen in a Wembley final when they overturned the biggest deficit, a 14-point one at 26-12. The previous best was by Leeds who had trailed by 10 points against Saints in 1978 before winning 14-12.
Centre Paul Loughlin became the only player to have appeared in four Wembley finals and lose every time.
The previous three with ... St Helens.

Sullivan	Hammond	Goulding	Perelini	Cunningham	Leatham	Joynt	Booth	Busby	Veivers	Matautia
T	T	9G	(10)			T			(13)	(8)T
3T		5G		T	(4)	T	(10)	Northey	(6)	(12)
		7G	T			T		Northey T	(2)	(10)
T	T	4G				T		Northey T	(2)	(10)
		9G	T			T		Northey	(5) T	(12)
		6G DG		T		T		Northey T	(6) T	(10)
		9G		T		T		Northey T	(23) T	(15)
		5G	T			T		Morley	(24)	(17)
		5G	McVey			T		Booth	(6)	(16)
		4G	(21)T			T		Booth T	(23)	(17)

SAINTS APPEARANCES AND SCORERS V OLDHAM

	APP	SUB	T	G	DG	PTS
Danny Arnold	1	-	1	-	-	4
Dean Busby	-	1	-	-	-	-
Keiron Cunningham	3	-	-	-	-	-
Adam Fogerty	2	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Gibbs	3	-	2	-	-	8
Bobbie Goulding	4	-	1	18	-	40
Andy Haigh	1	1	-	-	-	-
Larfe Hammond	1	-	-	-	-	-
John Harrison	6	1	-	-	-	-
Joey Hayes	2	-	5	-	-	20
Alan Hunte	10	-	11	-	-	44
Chris Joynt	6	-	1	-	-	4
Andy Leatham	-	1	-	-	-	-
David Lyon	1	-	-	-	-	-
Tommy Martyn	2	-	2	3	-	14
Vila Matautia	1	-	1	-	-	4
Chris Morley	1	2	1	-	-	4
Jonathan Neill	2	-	-	-	-	-
Paul Newlove	1	-	1	-	-	4
Andy Northey	3	-	3	-	-	12
Apollo Perelini	2	1	1	-	-	4
Ian Pickavance	4	2	-	-	-	-
Stephen Prescott	4	-	1	2	-	8
Mike Riley	3	-	-	-	-	-
Anthony Sullivan	7	-	1	-	-	4
Phil Veivers	15	2	2	-	-	8
Phil Waring	-	1	-	-	-	-

SAINTS 1996 APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

	SUPER LEAGUE						CHALLENGE CUP					
	APP	SUB	T	G	DG	PTS	APP	SUB	T	G	DG	PTS
DANNY ARNOLD	5	-	11	-	-	44	3	-	6	-	-	24
SIMON BOOTH	2	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	-	-	4
DEAN BUSBY	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
KEIRON CUNNINGHAM	5	-	2	-	-	8	5	-	2	-	-	8
ADAM FOGERTY	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCOTT GIBBS	5	-	1	-	-	4	4	-	3	-	-	12
BOBBIE GOULDING	5	-	-	34	1	69	5	-	-	29	-	58
KARLE HAMMOND	5	-	2	-	-	8	5	-	2	-	-	8
JOEY HAYES	-	(-1)	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	4
ALAN HUNTE	3	-	1	-	-	4	1	1	1	-	-	4
CHRIS JOYNT	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	-	-	4
ANDY LEATHAM	4	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
TOMMY MARTYN	-	4	2	-	-	8	-	1	-	-	-	-
VILA MATAUTIA	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	-	-	12
DEREK MCVHEY	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHRIS MORLEY	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PAUL NEWLOVE	5	-	8	-	-	32	5	-	7	-	-	28
ANDY NORTHEY	5	-	2	-	-	8	5	-	3	-	-	12
APOLLO PERELINI	4	-	2	-	-	8	5	-	2	-	-	8
IAN PICKAVANCE	-	5	1	-	-	4	-	1	1	-	-	4
STEPHEN PRESCOTT	3	-	1	-	-	4	5	-	4	-	-	16
TONY STEWART	-	(-1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ANTHONY SULLIVAN	4	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5	-	-	20
PHIL VEIVERS	-	1	1	-	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	65	18(2)	34	34	1	205	65	12	42	29	-	226

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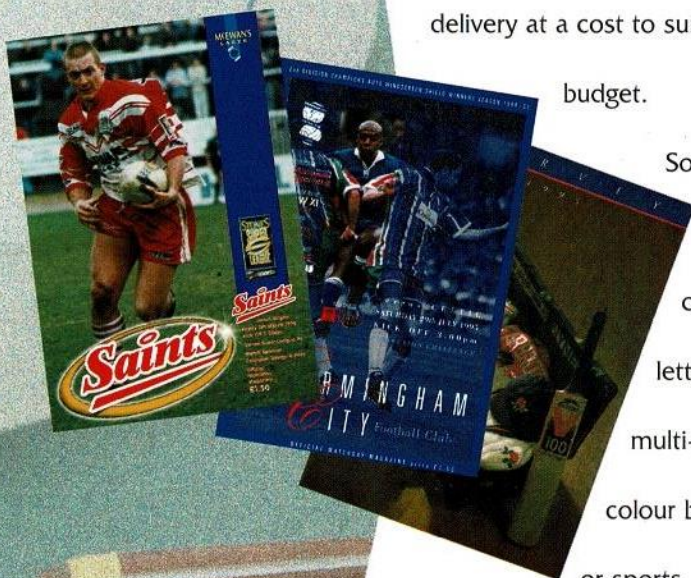
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