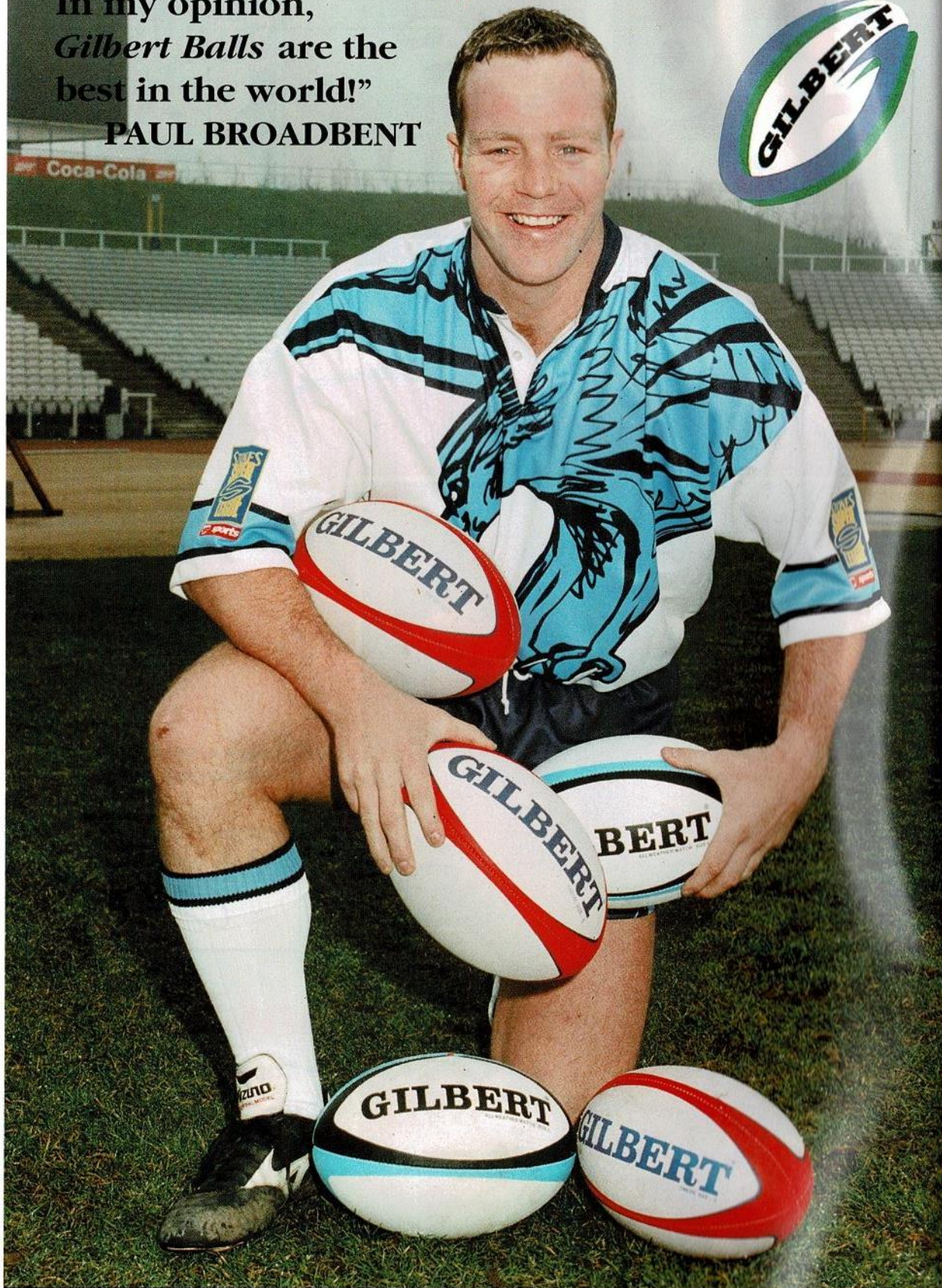


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Gary's Gossip

Were hoping for a sunny day today for whilst the new Summer Super League has got off to a great start we haven't had any Summer weather yet!

I was always confident that the change from Winter to Summer would give us a much better chance to attract new fans and the 33% overall increase in Super League attendances is very encouraging. Hopefully this trend will continue as new fans appreciate the intensity and skills on the field and the package of entertainment, which I believe is an integral part of the Super League concept.

The decision to take our next home game against St Helens to Cardiff Arms Park has understandably brought a mixed reaction from our fans. I fully understand the concerns, particularly from these who are not able to travel and several have wrote to me this week, but the point I have to emphasize is that it is not Sheffield Eagles who have taken the game to Cardiff. We simply could not stage it here in Sheffield or within our locality and we are contractually bound to play the match on Saturday 8th June at 6.00pm.

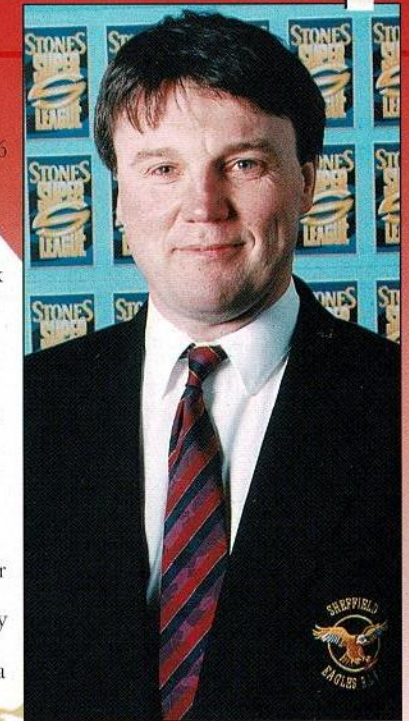
The Rugby Football League will now take the responsibility of staging, presenting and promoting

the fixture and our club will provide free executive coach transport for all our members and heavily subsidised prices (£6 adults, £3 juniors) for non members.

I am sure those who are able to make it will enjoy the carnival atmosphere of Cardiff Arms Park and hopefully a victory over the Challenge Cup Holders.

The recent exploits of Wigan in winning the Middlesex Sevens and beating Bath Rugby Union team by 82-6 has also given our game a big boost. Of course, Rugby League fans do not need convincing that our game is a fast, skilful and highly intense contact sport, played by extremely fit athletes but it is fair to say that Rugby Union followers throughout the country have not full appreciated this.

Well, they do now and there is a little concern amongst even the most ardent Bath supporter that Wigan might even surprise their champion team in the Rugby Union game at Twickenham on Saturday. I don't think Wigan will win because their players will become frustrated and stifled with the number of stoppages and techniques within the game, but whatever the outcome, Rugby League, thanks to Wigan and the new profile of the Superleague has



changed a lot of attitudes and perceptions and probably brought the day of amalgamation a little closure!

It is always a pleasure to welcome the players, fans and officials of Oldham Bears and if past encounters are anything to go by we are in for another tough contest today. Enjoy the day.

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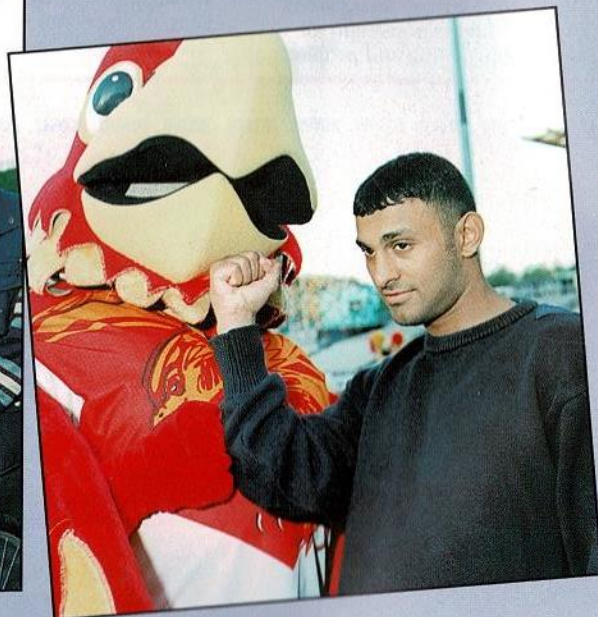
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Oldham

Ex-Great Britain international Andy Goodway became Oldham's fifth coach of the 1990s when he took over from Aussie Bob Lindner in May 1994. Andy was also assistant coach to the England squad who reached the World Cup Final last October.

Full-back Paul Atcheson cost the Bears £50,000 when signed from Wigan in May 1995. He has represented Great Britain at Academy and U/21 level and was a member of the Welsh team in the 1995 European and World Championships as well as the inaugural Fiji Nines earlier this year.

Ex-BARLA international, centre Darren Abram, was signed from Rochdale Hornets in February 1993 and has been the Bears top try scorer during the past three seasons. He is also their leading try scorer this season with six to his name so far.

Utility player Paul Topping was a member of Ireland's squad in the Emerging Nations Championship last year. He

also represented Lancashire while at Leigh. He joined the Bears from Leigh in September 1993.

Winger Adrian Belle is a product of Oldham junior club, St. Anne's. He turned professional with Rochdale Hornets in 1990 before signing for his home town club in October 1993.

Filling in for the injured Martin Crompton at scrum half could be utility player Steve Gartland. Steve, who also turned professional with Rochdale Hornet in 1990 (from Oldham St. Anne's) joined the Bears in July 1994.

Goal-kicking stand-off Francis Maloney was the Bears leading points scorer last season and is repeating the feat so far this term. Francis is another £50,000 signing for the Bears, this time from Warrington in May 1995. He won Great Britain U/21 honours whilst with Featherstone Rovers.

Great Britain U/21 representative, prop-forward, Ian Gilbert, turned professional

with Wigan in 1986 and made 139 appearances for them without gaining a regular first team spot.

He joined Wakefield Trinity in 1994 but after only one season with them he joined the Bears last August for £45,000.

Hooker John Clarke joined the Bears, from East Leeds junior club in May 1993, when he had just returned to Britain from touring Australia with the BARLA U/18s. John also went on to represent Great Britain U/21s against the Aussies.

In the second row could be New Zealander Joe Faimalo who joined Oldham in September 1994 from Hawkes Bay and Australian Matt Munro, signed from Sydney Tigers at the beginning of this season.

BARLA U/18 representative David Bradbury is a utility forward who has been playing at loose-forward. David joined the Bears from Leigh Miners' Welfare in August 1991.

Chris Clinton

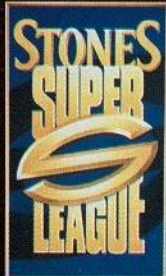
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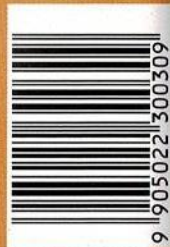
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Oldham won the first five matches between the clubs and it wasn't till September 1991 in the new eight team 2nd Division that Eagles managed to get a point in a 16-16 draw at home.

When they met at watersheddings the following month, Eagles gained their first victory 38-12 with Ropati, Maea and Waddell among the try scorers.

The most significant game, if not the best, between the two clubs was in 'eagles' second premiership Final at old Trafford. After four incident packed games that season (two won, one lost, one drawn) the two teams were very familiar with each other and there was a Derby atmosphere to the game.

Powell scored after four minutes and had completed his hat-trick by half-time. Oldham, however, came back magnificently in the second half to level the scores at 20-20. Then a Tim Lumb try pushed the game Eagles way and Keith Mumby settled it by crashing through right on the hooter. eagles retired to the other Old Trafford and celebrated their 34-20 victory in

the magnificent cricket pavilion in some style!

Once Oldham returned to the 1st Division in 1993 there have been six more games, all extremely close.

Eagles have taken four to Oldham's two, but the Bears won the last encounter in January after Wigan had stopped Eagles' nine-match winning streak.

On one of the coldest playing days many fans can remember, the Bears won 26-16 and the weather that afternoon suggests their name was well chosen, whilst critics of summer rugby were reduced to silence in the Arctic conditions.

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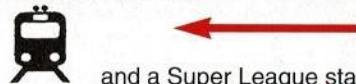
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		7.45	Return to Sheffield

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Sky's The Limit

What on earth are they doing? Do you have a guess you could share with a family audience? I mean, of course, the try scorers on Superleague T.V. who are subjected to those excruciating close ups. They fidget while we squirm and they seem to go on forever. It must surely be the longest running April Fool prank of all time and it has netted a complete set of normally granite-featured professionals.

Are they sitting? If so on what or whom are they sitting? Are they standing, perhaps in one of those machines that vibrates cellulite from flabby hips. One Eagle, who shall remain nameless, confided that the teammates of the poor unfortunate are present, off camera, dishing out some verbal stick, against which there is temporarily no comeback. No-one in their right mind can stare at a camera that long without looking slightly demented and League

players are no exception. I am going to monitor the level of try scoring very carefully this summer. It seems to me that there is a danger that this ritual humiliation is potentially so embarrassing that it might cross the mind of a player as he approaches the whitewash and tempt an inexplicable knock-on or an incorrect grounding of the ball. Someone, somewhere should get on the blower to ex-Eagle Grimoldby and have him take up the case before too much self-respect is shattered. Some stunts truly are beyond the call of duty. That apart, the T.V. presentation of Super League has made a solid start and is now part of the game itself with those video replays called for when the poor old ref didn't quite see what he used to be able to see before. We are all in favour of justice being seen to be done and this extra evidence should be helpful but there is nothing to say that the third official might not get it

wrong...The ref has got to watch his step even more now by making sure he is continuously aware whether the game is on T.V. or not. I hope I am at the game where one of them makes his graphic appeal for the replay and then realises that there isn't one. We shall all know then that at least one decision was based on guesswork.

I could learn to live with razzamatazz, too, which does not seem out of place in our state of the art arena. I am glad that Radio Hallam have provided some appropriate amplification so that you can actually hear the announcements. I am reserving just a smidgen of approval until I have attended a Sky match at, say, Wheldon Road or one of the other more 'traditional' venues. Old habits die hard and I shall be keeping my ear to the ground to see how progress is viewed elsewhere.

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Local Scene

SCHOOL HIGH FLIERS

It's an easy article to write this week as the Under 13s and Under 15s semi-final stages of the MAINLINE Schools League have now been reached.

At Under 13 level, the first semi-final will be contested between All Saints and Silverdale. All Saints stormed to the top of their League with a 100% record, whilst Silverdale have won 3 from 4, with a draw as well.

The second fixture, pits Kirk Balk against Handsworth in what promises to be a real humdinger! The Barnsley side have to travel to a Handsworth team who again have only dropped one point in their rise to the top of their division.

At Under 15 level, a strong representation from Rotherham may see the Trophy go east. St Bernard's must take on High Storrs in Rotherham, in what will prove to be a demanding fixture for the Sheffield team.

However, Thrybergh will play away at Silverdale in the opposite draw. It's been a tremendous initial season for Thrybergh, making the semis, and who knows, they may well go all the way yet.

Whatever happens, the MAINLINE Schools Leagues are producing some excellent competition throughout the year and that is largely thanks to the enthusiasm of the players and staff involved.

CLUB SCENE

At the end of the last thrilling home match against Castleford, Gary Hetherington made two significant announcements.

Firstly, he presented the West Riding U13 Championship Trophies to the Hillsborough Eagles side, who this year have swept the board across the traditional Rugby League heartlands of Bradford, Halifax and Huddersfield. This was undoubtedly a tremendous achievement and it is great to see teams from South West Yorkshire now making their

mark. Teams from Dodworth and Hoyland have also brought silverware home from these competitions in recent years and it all bodes well for the future.

Secondly, an announcement was made of a newly formed alliance between SHEFFIELD EAGLES, DONCASTER HEALTH AUTHORITY and DONCASTER MBC'S SPORTS DEVELOPMENT UNIT. This initiative will be run under the acronym D.A.S.H (Doncaster Associations for Sport and Health) and hopes to achieve 3 main objectives in Doncaster:

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- 2 Promotion of healthy lifestyles, by using sports personalities (Eagles' players) as role models
- 3 Promotion of crime prevention by using sports personalities (Eagles' players) as role models

The scheme will be closely linked to the highly successful Sheffield Eagles' Bounce Scheme, which runs parallel with the schools coaching programme. It helps to introduce children to Rugby League whilst also raising money for the schools involved.

The DASH venues however, will include an extra sport at each venue. These sports will include cricket, basketball, football and tennis. As the Eagles' players carry out these duties, they will also put the "anti-crime" and "healthy lifestyles" messages across. Follow up work should also help to ensure that the children can be channelled into the local amateur clubs.

This is an exciting venture, which now sees the Sheffield Eagles working across all four South Yorkshire Local Authorities and also North Derbyshire. On top of this the coaching scheme has also recently been involved in initiatives in Derby and Leicester, and surely all of this must make the Eagles the most expansive club in SUPER LEAGUE.

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Welcome back for round eight of the Super League, with mixed fortunes for most teams in what is almost a third of the season gone. Most teams have had highs and lows in this period including ourselves.

With good victories over what are classed as top teams, we unfortunately let ourselves down again on Sunday with a below par performance. It was noticeable that the three games we have lost are very much alike giving away too many penalties and spilling too much possession. Even though there was some good signs in attack, these came far too late in the game.

After all that, we lost the game, but it also proved costly with Paul Carr fracturing his cheek bone. He was kept in a Warrington Hospital over night for observation before being allowed home and will have to return to a hospital in Sheffield to have an operation to have his cheek bone wired.

Let's hope everything goes well for him. Myself and all the lads wish

him well and hope he makes a speedy recovery as he will be greatly missed on the pitch, but the main thing is for him to get himself right before returning.

Another injury worry is Danny Grimley who picked up a shoulder injury - but hopefully it is not going to be too much of a long term injury.

Putting that aside, we look to today's game with Oldham Bears coming to town. They have had a similar start to the season as we have with a few notable victories, but also some defeats.

Both ourselves and Oldham go into today's game very determined to win as both lost last weekend by not producing our best rugby. Hopefully that will change today, which is bound to make for a brilliant game!

On a more general note, I would like to thank the Danny McAllister and Garty Grienke household for hosting the Team Barbecue a couple of weeks ago which proved

to be an eventful if nothing else with Paul Carr proving to be a hit or is that a disaster!

Firstly, he started a baked potato fight with left-overs, then became part of the disconnection team for the Satellite Company - for he slipped while walking round the house and made a grab to stop himself from falling and the first thing which came to hand was the cabling for the TV aerial and Sky which promptly came off the wall. But it took three days to realise the problem!

I bet three days with a TV made for some very interesting conversations in that household with three Aussies and two South Africans chatting together!

Finally, I would like to congratulate Johnny Lawless on his inclusion in the England squad - it is well deserved after some excellent displays.

That's all from me now. Enjoy the game.

Paul Broadbent

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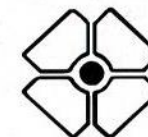


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Height: 185cms

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Weight: 100kgs

Representing my country in both

Position: Wing

codes - Union and League

Date of Birth: 25.9.65

Favourite pop group:

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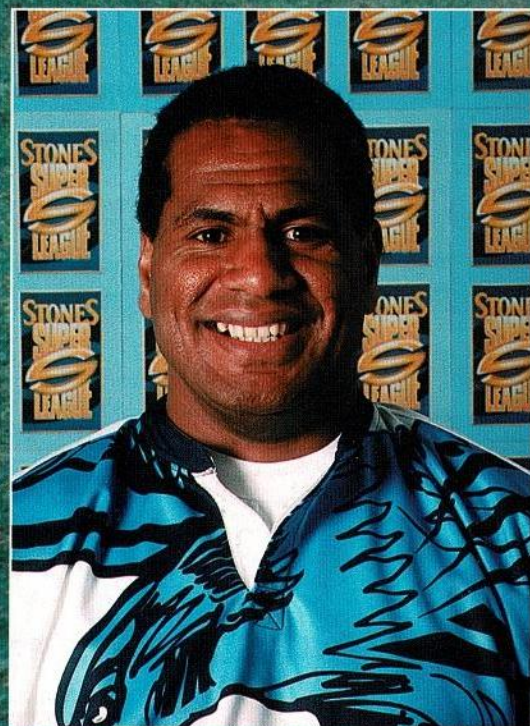
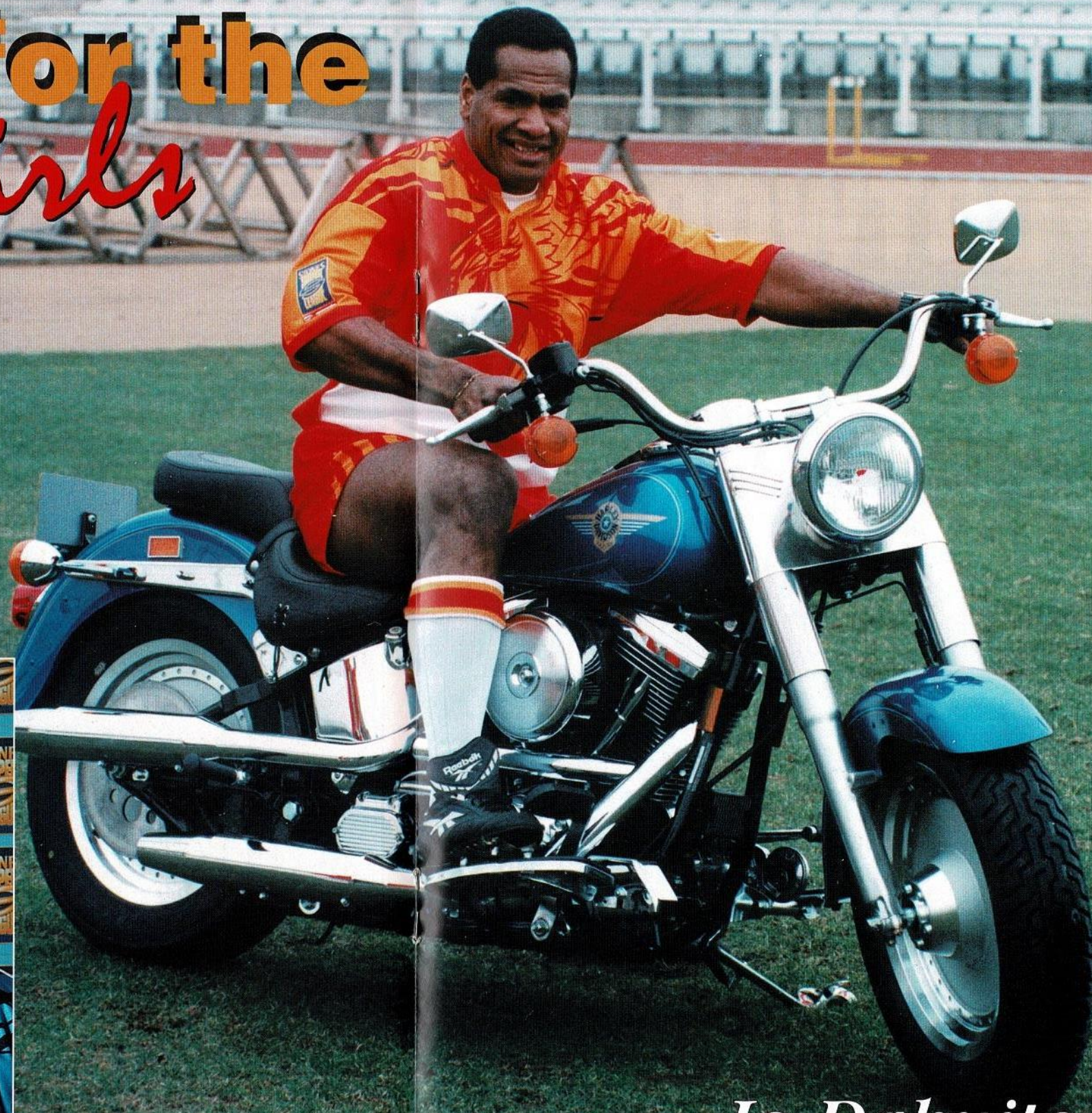
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ALLIANCE REPORT

After the disappointing defeat at Featherstone, weather and a blank week have forced a lull in the activity of the Alliance team. However, the Eagles had a chance to overtake league leaders Swinton last week as they had two home games against York Vikings (Monday) and Wakefield Trinity (Thursday).

The league position is a close affair at present with several teams having lost one game. Swinton lead the league, at the time of writing, by four points, but others, including the Eagles, have game in hand. Swinton are the surprise package of the season so far, having gained promotion last season. Our other major rivals are likely to be Featherstone Rovers and Dewsbury, whom we play this coming Thursday at the Don Valley (7.30pm).

With injuries to first team players, the squad's strength in depth will be of increasing importance as time goes on and we look forward to an entertaining and interesting summer.

PAUL DALEY'S REPORT

SHEFFIELD 40
DEWSBURY 14

Sheffield produced their best performance of the season with a 40-14 points victory over a strong Dewsbury side. The victory was even sweeter with the performance of the three 16 year olds in Dean, Cooper and Brown who all contributed in a very entertaining game. 17 year old ex-Hillsborough Eagles player David Pryor had a storming game in the second row. With senior players Lingard, Rooney and Daswell holding the team together enabling us to build for the future. The injuries of l'Anson, North, Morgan, Sheridan and Codzour are progressing well, thus enabling us to pick from a stronger squad as the season progresses. It was noted by the players how well the spectators got behind them and it was very much appreciated.

Meet the kids

SCOTT BARRON

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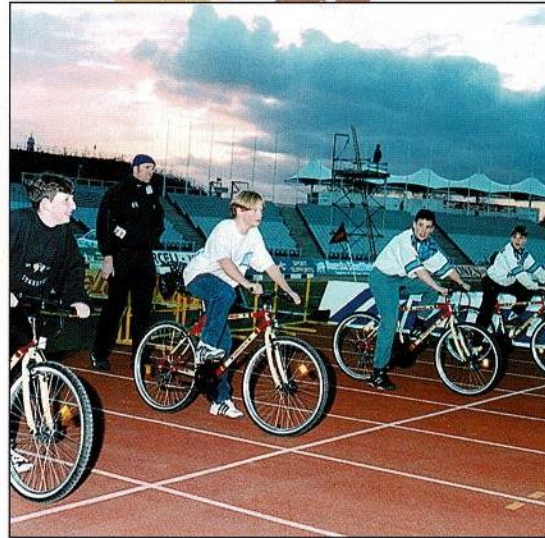
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2. Which artist released the classic 80's album "Thriller"?
3. In which film did Madonna star in 1985?

1. M-People
2. Michael Jackson
3. Desperately Seeking Susan

7. What was Take That's last single called?
8. In the 80's Meatloaf had a top 10 hit, what was it?

4. Frankie Goes To Hollywood's first three singles all reached number one, they were "The Power Of Love", "Relax" and?

5. What was Bitty McLean's first UK hit?

6. Which Country singers album even outsold Michael Jackson?

4. "Two Tribes" 5. "It's Raining" 6 Garth Brooks

MUSIC TRIVIA QUESTIONS

9. Which Paul McCartney song was written to accompany a Rupert video?
10. Who reached number one with "Eternal Flame"?

9. "We All Stand Together" 10. The Bangles



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The answer to the competition was:

1. Wembley
2. White Hart Lane
3. Rotherham United.

Well done to all of you who got it right. "Claw Club Table" - on the main concourse next to the Souvenir Stall. I hope you have all managed to visit the Claw Club Table at some time during our home games. Remember your "Fact File Collectibles" are only available from this point so don't miss out - visit us today! You can also collect details and a booking form for our trip to The Royal Armouries, Leeds on Thursday 1st August 1996 for those of you who have not received them already.



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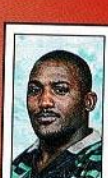
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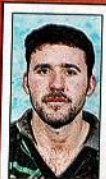
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Home Team	Away Team	Date	Home Team	Date	Away Team
Bradford Bulls	Castleford	30-18	Castleford	JUN 16	Bradford Bulls
Castleford	Halifax	JUN 9	Halifax	AUG 18	Castleford
Halifax	Leeds	AUG 4	Leeds	MAY 24	Halifax
Leeds	London Broncos	JUN 23	London Broncos	MAY 19	Leeds
London Broncos	Oldham	AUG 25	Oldham	JUN 23	London Broncos
Oldham	Paris	MAY 19	Paris	JUL 7	Oldham
Paris	Sheffield Eagles	JUN 16	Sheffield Eagles	JUN 2	Paris
St. Helens	Warrington	JUN 14	Warrington	JUN 2	St. Helens
Sheffield Eagles	Warrington	JUN 7	Warrington	JUN 2	Sheffield Eagles
Warrington	Wigan	MAY 28	Wigan	MAY 14	Warrington
Wigan	Workington Town	JUL 7	Workington Town	AUG 4	Wigan

LEAGUE TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts for	Pts agst.	Pts diff.	Pts
St. Helens	7	7	0	0	295	138	157	14
Wigan	6	5	0	1	250	93	157	10
Warrington	7	5	0	2	193	186	7	10
London Broncos	7	4	0	3	211	153	58	8
Sheffield Eagles	7	4	0	3	220	178	42	8
Bradford Bulls	7	4	0	3	177	154	23	8
Oldham Beurs	7	3	1	3	151	234	-83	7
Castleford Tigers	7	3	0	4	170	171	-1	6
Paris St. Germain	7	2	1	4	156	262	-106	5
Leeds	7	2	0	5	177	182	-5	4
Halifax Blue Sox	6	0	1	5	130	156	-26	1
Workington Town	7	0	1	6	98	321	-223	1

LEADING POINTS SCORERS

Player	T	G	DG	POINTS
Bobbie Goulding (St. Helens)	1	46	1	97
Iestyn Harris (Warrington)	3	32	1	77
Mark Aston (Sheffield Eagles)	1	29	0	62
Graham Holroyd (Leeds)	3	22	0	56
Anthony Farrell (Wigan)	2	23	0	54
Francis Maloney (Oldham)	3	21	0	54

FOR THE RECORD 1996

Month	Team	Att.	Res.
March	Paris	A 17,873	30-24
April			
Fri 5th	Bradford Bulls	H 5,202	40-24
Mon 8th	Workington Town	A 1,904	22-54
Sun 14th	London Broncos	H 3,888	34-18
Sun 21st	Leeds	A 9,039	36-22
May			
Fri 3rd	Castleford	H 5,486	20-12
Sun 12th	Warrington	A 3,906	36-26
Sun 19th	Oldham	H	
Wed 29th	Wigan	A	
June			
Sun 2nd	Halifax	A	
Sat 8th	St Helens	H	
Sat 15th	Paris	H	
Sun 23rd	Bradford Bulls	A	
Sat 29th	Workington Town	H	
JULY			
Sun 7th	London Broncos	A	
Sun 14th	Leeds	H	
Sun 21st	Castleford	A	
Sun 28th	Warrington	H	
August			
Sun 4th	Wigan	H	
Sun 11th	Halifax	H	
Sun 18th	St Helens	A	
Sun 25th	Oldham	A	

LEADING GOAL SCORERS

Name/Club	Goals
Bobbie Goulding (St. Helens)	46
Iestyn Harris (Warrington)	32
Mark Aston (Sheffield E.)	29
Anthony Farrell (Wigan)	23
Graham Holroyd (Leeds)	22
Frano Botica (Castleford)	21
Francis Maloney (Oldham)	21
Patrick Torreilles (Paris SG)	21
John Schuster (Halifax)	18
Paul Cook (Bradford Bulls)	17
Dean Marwood (Workington T)	17

LEADING TRY SCORERS

Name/Club	TRIES
Paul Newlove (St. Helens)	12
Danny Arnold (St. Helens)	11
Matt Calland (Bradford B)	7
Kevin Iro (Leeds)	7
Henry Paul (Wigan)	7
Keith Senior (Sheffield E)	7

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It was great to see Prince Naseem Hamed at Don Valley Stadium for the Castleford game and didn't that stretched Limo look the biz!! together with Sheffield band, Big Wide World, and all the excitement of the evening it looked great on Sky.

There is a great opportunity to become missionaries and be among the huge army of fans that are taking the super League to wales!! the game on 8th June is being played in Cardiff. I'll be there with the Hallam FM Roadshow as usual and I'd love to see you there as well.

Contact the Eagles office for more details of the attractive offer for the trip down to see the Eagles take on high-flying St. Helens.

It's late spring and here comes a whole host of dance versions of classic music tracks.

Let's start with the cover of Bruce

Hornsby and The Range's hit 'The Way It Is'. It's been 'covered' by a band called Chameleon and produced by the Brothers in Rhythm people.

"A clubland Anthem" is how it is described 'filling dance floors from Attercliffe to the Algarve' and I'm afraid to say they've trashed it!

Even big Bruce Hornsby himself, when asked about the single, said: "I don't like it!!" and he wrote it. The P.R. company that are publicising the single have said that Tom Blaze, who is responsible for the lead vocal on the new version, has probably improved on the original Bruce Hornsby single. Please switch your hearing aids on guys!!

Following hot on the heels of 'The Way It Is' is the D.C. Project's version of the Danny Wilson classic 'Maryu's Prayer.'

The Danny Wilson tune happens to be my favourite record of all time and to find it beaten to the limit by a dance version is like spray painting the Mona Lisa!

They are releasing a new mix 'The Theme From S-Express' and to sum up the interesting state that the U.K. music industry is in, watch for the single to end all singles.

On 13th May, Rolf Harris released his version of 'Bohemian Rhapsody' which as you are no doubt aware, was a monumental number one hit for Queen.

Rolf's version, complete with wobble board solo, is painful...it's so bad, it could get to number one!!!

Let's forget the failings of the U.K. music industry and let's get lost in Rugby!!

Who's next for the Eyrie Experience

ST HELENS

Next month, the Eyrie moves to Cardiff Arms Park, home of Cardiff RFC for the Eagles match against the league leaders, St Helens.

Saints are very definitely on a roll at the moment. Their 100% league record includes a convincing win over champions Wigan on Good Friday and, of course they staged a tremendous fight back to snatch the Challenge Cup from Bradford Bulls last month.

In the centre, they have big money signing, Paul Newlove, the former Featherstone and Bradford Bulls player. Paul is a strong running player whose strength makes him very difficult to tackle. Bobbie Goulding is the scrum half who makes the team tick and, at present is the league's

leading points scorer, far outstripping his nearest rival, Mark Aston. Bobbie is the creative element of Saints' success this season, and whilst scoring only one try himself, has nevertheless, been the instigator of many tries for his team mates, particularly through his clever tactical kicking game.

Few outside St Helens had heard of Danny Arnold before this season. The youngster won his place through injury to Joey Hayes and took his chance. He opened his Superleague account with four at Workington and followed it up with a hat-trick against the old enemy, Wigan, on the following Friday. He currently heads the try-scoring list

jointly with Paul Newlove. Saints have a strong and mobile pack of forwards, including England star Chris Joynt, who played for Oldham against the Eagles at Old Trafford in 1992. A tenuous connection with the Eagles is Vila Matautia, who came from New Zealand with Des Maca and guested for the Eagles Alliance side before signing for Doncaster.

Saints will provide exciting but formidable opposition for the Eagles and will add a great deal to the rather special occasion of the first ever Superleague in the Principality. It should be well worth the journey Southward. *Chwech o'r gloch Dydd Sadwrn, Wythfed Mehefin!*

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From west: take A580, turn left onto A49 and just beyond town centre, this

becomes Central Park Way and ground as on the left.

From north: M6 take junction 27 (A5209), signposted Wigan. Join A49 then as above for west.

From south: M6 take junction 25 (A49) signposted Wigan. Then as above for west.

Buses: Wigan depot - 15 minutes walk, 342, 352, 362, 372, 639, 640, 654, 664, 674 all run by the ground.

General facilities: Riverside Club at ground.
Tourist Information: Wigan Tourist Board, Trencherfield Mill, Wallgate, Lancashire, WN3 4EL. **Tel:** 01942 825677
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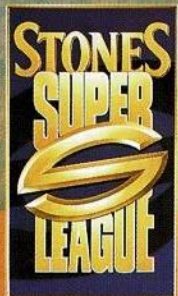
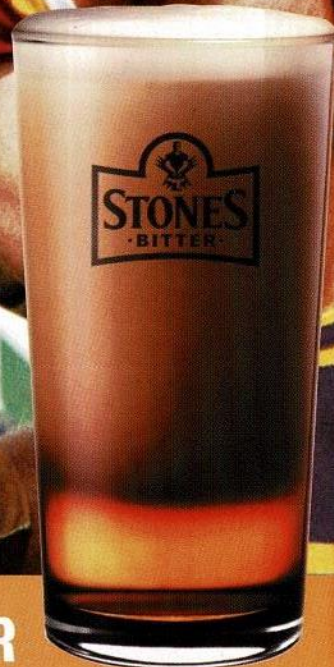
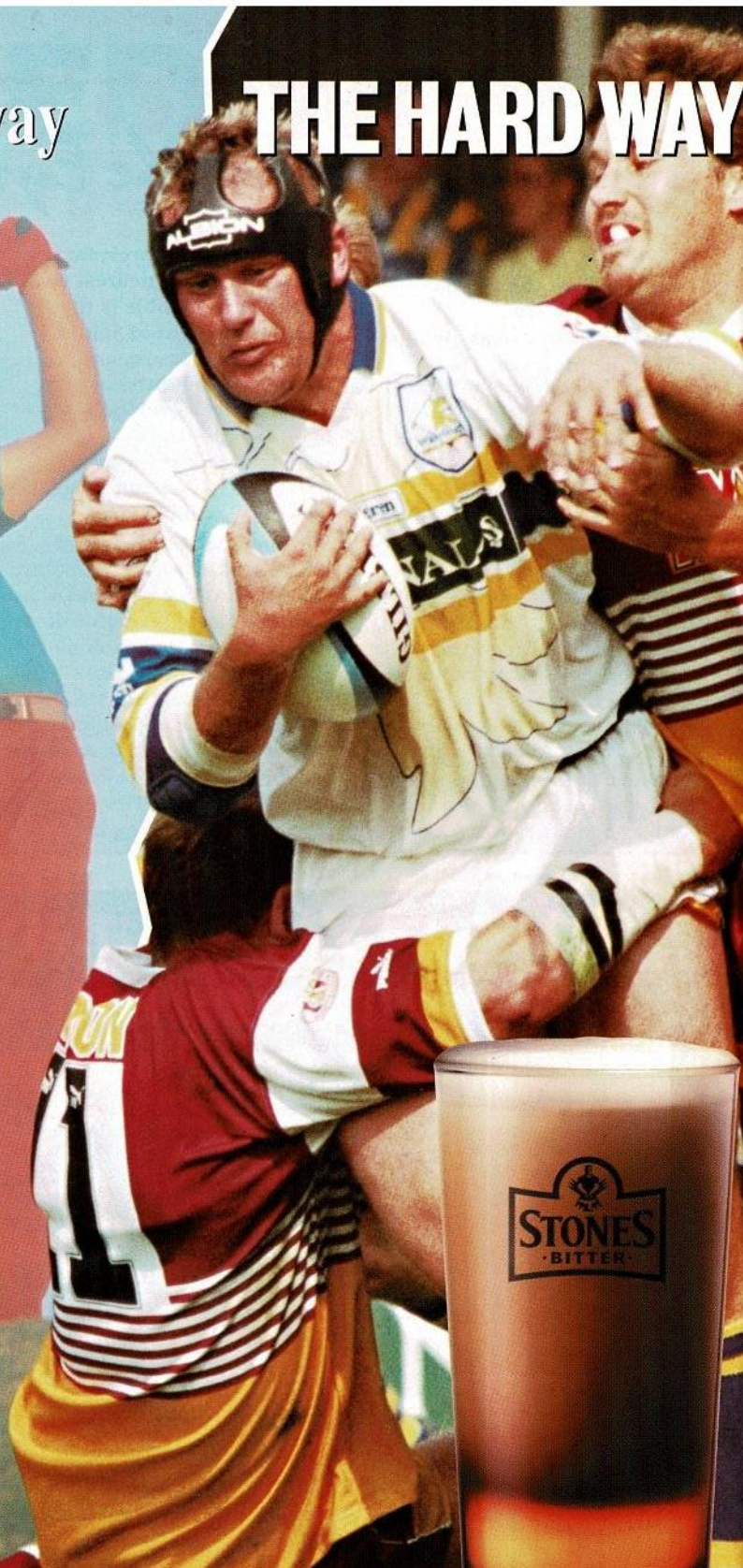
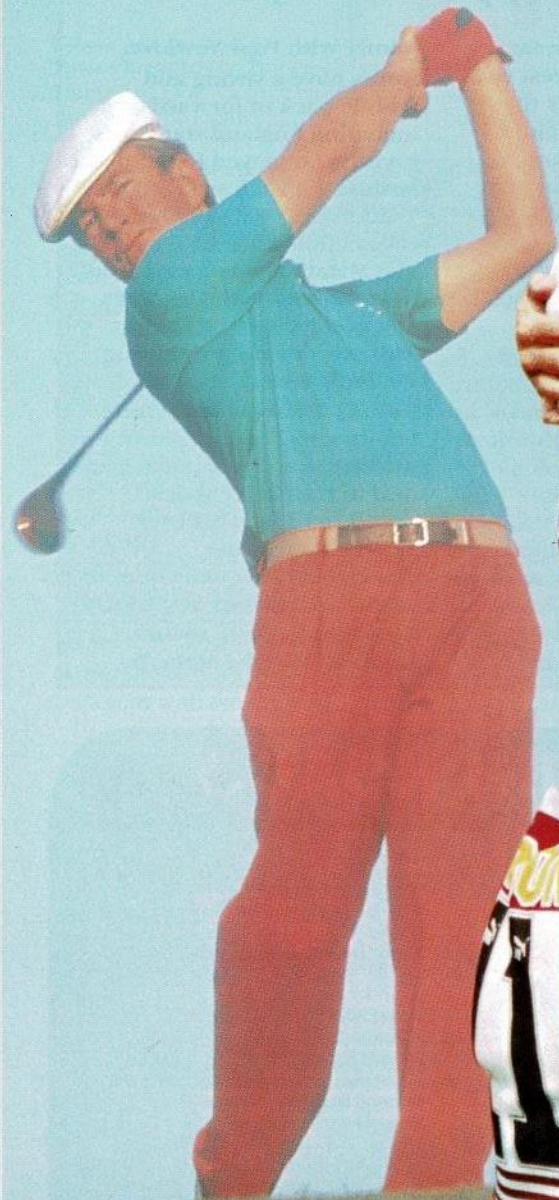
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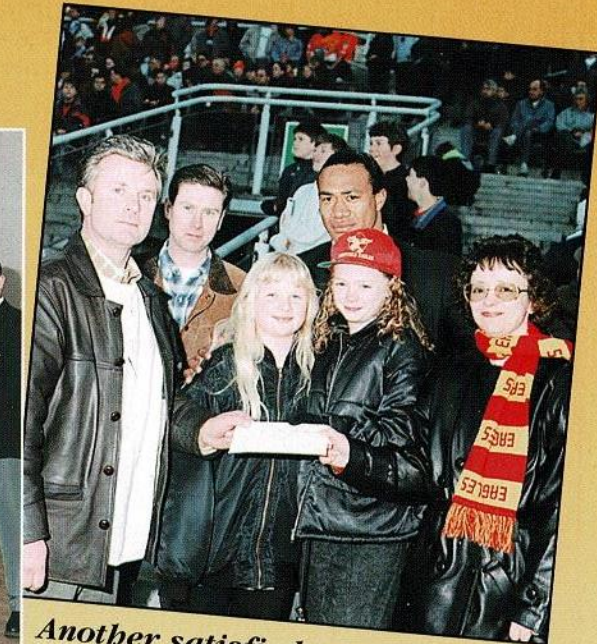


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SUPERreview

Well, a third of the season has flashed by and the quality of Super League, if not the weather, goes from strength to strength. High points for me so far, excluding the better than usual start from the Eagles, have been the form, and crowds, of the London Broncos and Paris St. Germain. I hope both clubs can continue to build on what they have achieved so far, as they attempt to take our great game to a wider audience.

The low point has to be the demise of the game in Cumbria and east Yorkshire. I hope the Rugby Football League will offer these as much support as possible to keep top flight Rugby League going in two areas steeped in Rugby League tradition.

Some good news this week, unless you live in Hull apparently, is that the two Hull clubs are at least having discussions about merging. In addition to an offer

for a merged Hull club to be 'fast-tracked' into Super League, it appears that teams based in Cardiff and Dublin could also be joining Super League next season. If the teams can be competitive this will be a major boost for Rugby League and it deserves all our support.

Back on the field, St. Helens remain unbeaten League leaders, but only just, after a late revival saw them win at home against the London Broncos 24-22. Paul Newlove's try moved him clear of team mate Danny Arnold at the top of the try scoring charts.

On Friday night Leeds recorded their first away win of the season in Paris by 14-40. Although defeated, Paris St. Germain put up a spirited display in front of a crowd of 15,107.

Twelve P.S.G. players had been in action 48 hours earlier for their respective French League clubs which cannot help them compete

against teams in Super League. Workington Town had another heavy defeat, this time at Castleford by 50-16. This was the fourth time in seven games that Town have conceded 50 points or more and already things are not looking good for the future of Super League in Cumbria. However, Castleford will have been pleased to win after suffering three consecutive defeats prior to this game.

Warrington moved above Sheffield Eagles in the League after their 36-26 victory at Wilderspool. Star of the show was international 'Player of the Year' Iestyn Harris who scored two tries and kicked eight goals for a personal tally of 24 points.

In Tuesday night's game, Wigan added to Halifax's problems at the foot of the table with an easy 4-50 win.



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What's going on

A NOVICE'S GUIDE TO RUGBY LEAGUE

A TRY

A try is worth four points. A try is scored when one team player touches the ball down over the goal line of the opposing team. A conversion is when the ball is kicked straight between the posts, and above the cross bar.

A SCRUM

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

A KNOCK ON

A knock on is when a player loses control of the ball and it falls to the ground in a forward motion, resulting in a scrum.

A DROP GOAL

A drop goal is executed when a player positions himself anywhere on the field then 'drops' the ball and successfully kicks the ball directly

through the posts and above the crossbar of the opposing team.

THE CHANGE OVER

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

INTERFERENCE OF PLAY

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

FORWARD PASS

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

OFFSIDE

Offside applies when a player or the entire team advance forward before

the play of the ball by the opposition. There are many forms of offside which can be learnt by watching the game. N.B. The defending team must be in line with the referee. Listen out for shouts of "GET THEM ONSIDE".

A GRUBBER KICK

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

A PENALTY

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

1. To take a kick at goal (between the posts) which is worth an extra 2 points.
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