

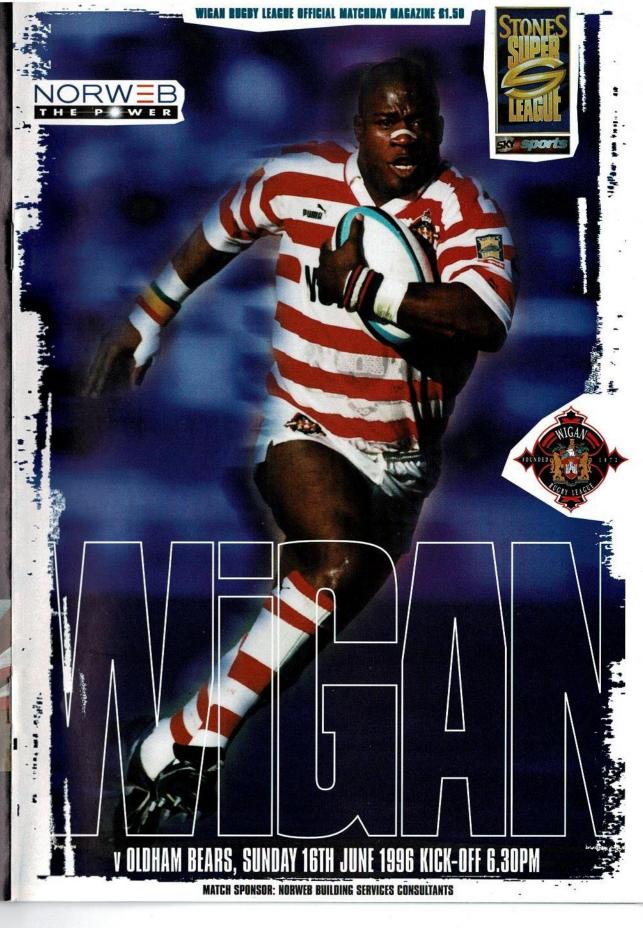
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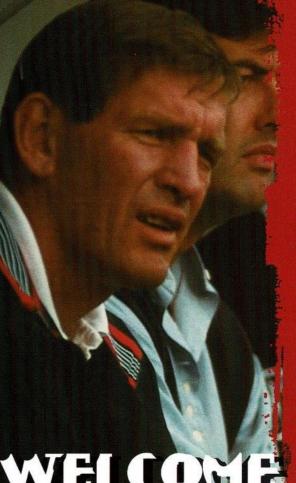
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MAY I WELCOME ANDY AND HIS OLDHAM TEAM TO CENTRAL PARK. THEY HAVE HAD A COUPLE OF VERY GOOD RESULTS OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS AND WILL BE FORMIDABLE OPPONENTS TODAY. Last week we let a good lead slip and ended with an unsatisfactory draw against London. We were unlucky to lose Andy Farrell, Henry Paul and Mick Cassidy during the game but I still think we played below par. Our ability to close the play down or open it up when necessary is limited at the moment. Also our spirit in playing for each other seems to be not as strong as it was.

These are things myself as coach and players are working on. In some areas a bit of patience is needed as when one or two inexperienced players join the squad, they take time to blend in. In other areas we need to be more urgent and concentrate more for the full game. When we get a lead we should not concede it without one hell of an effort. May I wish you an enjoyable afternoon and thank you as always for your great support.

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# SUPER LEAGUE ROUND UP

The Super League Championship ball is now firmly in St Helens' court following London Broncos draw at Central Park last weekend. With both Wigan and St Helens having home fixtures against sides in the bottom half of the table, the situation should remain the same before next week's big showdown. Saints take on bottom club Workington Town looking to repeat the 62pts-0 win achieved at Derwent Park in Round 1. Wigan will be fired up against Oldham after failing to get to grips with the Broncos' negative tactics and, for once, lacking the tactical nous to hold on to their 18pts-4 lead. The Bears are traditionally tough opponents, particularly at Watersheddings but at Central Park, their last win was way back in 1986. The Hulme brothers face each other for the first time in this weekend's opener at Wilderspool on Friday. In over a decade at Widnes, they shared Rugby League's highs and lows but after the cancellation of their contracts, they finally went their separate ways. Paul made the short trip to Warrington to join a side challenging for a top four place. Under the Dorahy-Murphy ticket, the Wire have endured several close-run things and their match with Leeds could be no exception. David meanwhile moved to Headingley to add much-needed organisation and direction to a Leeds side struggling for consistency at the foot of the table. He joins three other members of the Chemics' 1993 Wembley pack s Harvey Howard, Richie Eyres and Esene Raimalo have all made the same journey across the Pennines. Loiners fans will be hoping that last week's win over Workington will prove to be the beginning of a climb back to respectability and not another false dawn. Bradford Bulls take their six match winning run

to Castleford who exploited a tired PSG side

last week to run in a big score. John Joyner will be disappointed at the second half showing and knows only an eighty minute effort will be enough to halt the Bulls charge. Brian Smith's side have cemented their place iust behind the leaders and with matches against the two leaders to come at Odsal could well push them into a challenging position. The seventh cavalry in the shape of four Aussies and a South African is on the way to assist PSG just as their extra-curricular activities come to an end. Their involvement in the European Championship finished on Wednesday at Gateshead and with the French Championship season a distant memory, the club is free to concentrate on Super League. The cross-channel trip to the Don Valley will be a difficult one as Sheffield's home record is unblemished unless you count last week's loss to St Helens in Cardiff. The Eagles also have some unfinished business to attend to as they were defeated on an unforgettable opening night in the Charlety Stadium. London Broncos begin their run of home

matches with a return encounter with Halifax. The Broncos' Northern tour has seen some encouraging results not least wins at Halifax and Leeds and narrow losses at St Helens and Warrington. Fresh in the memory will be last weeks draw with the Champions which should raise the clubs profile another notch or two. A big crowd is hoped for despite the presence of the TV cameras which seem to follow the Broncos around these days...

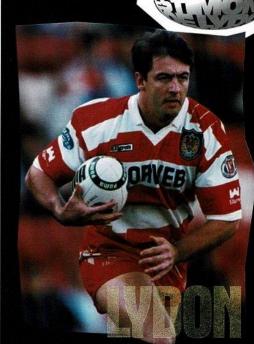
In the First Division, Hull's charge up the table could see them up to third if they win at Wakefield and Huddersfield go down to Salford. Phil Sigsworth has seen his side improve rapidly over the last few weeks, culminating in a fine win at Featherstone. Wins over Salford and Widnes confirm the

side's potential and with games against the Reds and Cougars still to come they could just sneak in. This weekend sees them face a Trinity side that is a far different prospect from that thrashed 52pts-2 in the opening round. Keighley Cougars should return from Dewsbury with the points while Featherstone are at Spotland facing a Rochdale Hornets side that can beat Widnes one week and lose to Whitehaven the next and find themselves bottom of the table.

Most interest will be centred on The Willows where Salford entertain Huddersfield. The Giants will be fresh from a weeks break while the Reds were subduing Batley last weekend. Andy Gregory's men are bearing up to the challenge of being the team that everyone wants to beat having lost just once this season. In Round One, they returned from the McAlpine Stadium with a narrow five point victory and things should be just as close this time as the Giants need to win to keep in touch with the leaders.

Second Division leaders Hull KR entertain South Wales who are unlikely to concede anything like the 70 points drubbing inflicted upon them in their first game. The steady improvement was shown by last weeks win over Carlisle in front of about 6,000 people in Cardiff. Hunslet struggled to keep up the pressure against Chorley last week and again face an awkward hurdle in Prescot at South Leeds. Third plays fourth at Gigg Lane where Swinton entertain York who have risen up the table on the back of three straight home wins. The Lions own run of four wins was ended by Hull Kr last week and they need to get back to winning ways if they are to stay in the hunt for promotion.

CHRIS WILSON







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#### PAUL ATCHESON

Outstanding attacking full back and one of four players in the Oldham Super League squad who have played here at Central Park. A product of Blackbrook juniors (St. Helens) who turned professional joining Oldham in July 1994 for £35,000. made his debut the following January in the 19-4 Regal Trophy semi-final victory over Hull. Made 62 appearances for Wigan before form. A product of the Eastern Suburbs club in New Zealand, transferring to Oldham in June 1995 for £50,000. Whilst at Central Park represented Great Britain at academy and under 21 level and

DARREN ABRAM

during the past three seasons. A product of Thatto Heath juniors (St. Helens) who won BARLA international honours before turning professional with Warrington in 1985. Had a spell on loan with Swinton before moving to Chorley Borough and then Rochdale Hornets. Oldham signed him in February 1993.

Utility player who is equally effective whether at centre, stand off Wigan St. Patricks junior club who turned professional with Swinton last season. Has given some mature performances and was included in 1985. He had a spell on loan at Mansfield before joining Leigh in in the Great Britain under 21 squad for the match against France 1990 and then transferring to Oldham in September 1993. Topping the Ireland squad for the Emerging Nations Championship in 1995.

Versatile back equally at home either at full back or on the wing. A product of the Widnes St. Maries junior club who turned professional with Warrington in 1989. Had a spell on loan at Salford turn of speed which should benefit him following the switch to in 1995. Transferred to Oldham in July 1995 for £50,000. MARTIN CROMPTON

Scrum half captain and the orchestrator of most of Oldhams attacking play. A former Wigan St. Patricks junior who began his in July 1992 when he joined the senior Central Park outfit. Made his debut in the Charity Shield defeat against St. Helens at Gateshead when he was at scrum half. Also made a number of his 20 Wigan appearances at hooker before he moved to Oldham for a bargain £35,000 fee in September 1993. During his 12 months at Wigan was substitute in Wigan's World Club Challenge defeat against Brisbane Broncos. Represented Ireland in the 1995 Emerging Nations Championship and the 1996 Fijian Nines.

who turned professional here at Central Park during October 1986. Made his debut the following January in the 68-0 in the Challenge Also appeared in a Regal Trophy and Premiership Final for Wigan. igust 1994and then last August moved on to Oldham for a

5,000 transfer fee. OHN CLARKE

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itstanding young hooker. A former East Leeds junior who turned rofessional with Oldham in May 1993. Clarke toured Australia with the BARLA under 18s in 1993 and further honours came his way two seasons ago when he represented Great Britain under 21s against the Kangaroos. Had an unhappy campaign last season with

Experienced professional. A former Stanley Rangers junior (Castleford) who joined the senior Castleford club in 1984. He

appeared at full back for Castleford at Wembley in 1986 but has since developed into a hard working second row forward. Lord was transferred to Leeds in 1988 and then on to Halifax in 1991 before

JOE FAIMALO

Hard working second row forward who is enjoying his best run of Faimalo had brief spells with Workington Town, Oldham and then Swinton during the 1991-92 season without impressing. He returned home and enjoyed success with Hawkes Bay which determination and stamina since then have made him one of the mainstays of the Roughyed pack.

DAVID BRADBURY

BARLA under 18 tourist to New Zealand. HOWARD HILL

Outstanding young back row forward. Joined Oldham in July 1994 from the Hensingham junior club of Whitehaven. Made steady progress and broke into the first team squad at the beginning of last January which was unfortunately cancelled. Should eventually

PAUL DAVIDSON

Hard working prop or second row forward. A product of the Hensingham junior club (Whitehaven) who turned professional with Widnes in 1990. Joined Oldham in July 1994 for £17,000. Has a fine

who played for the Waterhead (Oldham) junior club before turning professional with Bradford Northern in 1982. Transferred to Oldham in 1987 and then moved to Salford in 1989 before returning to Watersheddings in November 1991. Under rated forward who has

Powerful, determined winger. Was with the Oldham St. Annes junior Moved to Watersheddings in October 1993 and has become a regular in the Roughyeds first team squad.

ANDY PATMORE

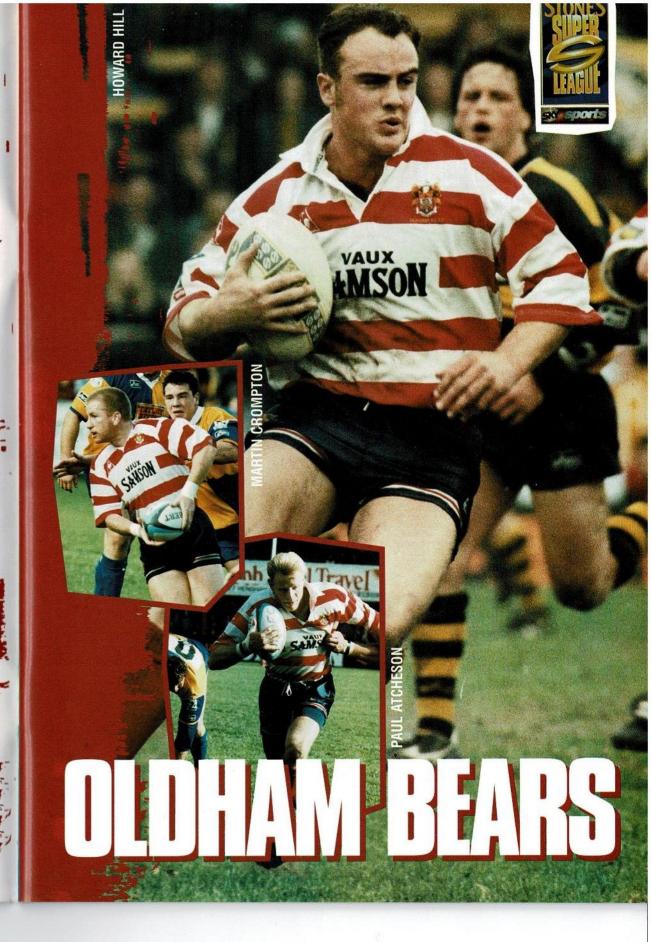
February from Canterbury-Bankstown and made his debut on the opening day of the season when the Riversiders won 56-10 at Boundary Park. Visited England in 1986 as a member of the unbeaten junior Kangaroo party. Should be a big asset to Oldham on the dry firm arounds.

MATT MUNRO

Short but mobile second row forward who was signed from Sydney Tigers. An Australian who joined Oldham at the beginning of the campaign and who made his debut at Boundary Park when Wigan won there 56-10 last March. Has a terrific workrate and should settle in well during the hot summer months. PAUL CROOK

professional at Crown Flatt in 1991. Welcome addition to the Oldham first team squad.

# TONIGHTS VISITORS





# Heinz

Hello once again to all Heinz Junior Riversiders Bears who may have travelled over from Oldham to support their favourites. We all look forward to vet another close and entertaining Super League match especially after Oldham surprisingly turned-over the Wire last weekend to record their first win in five matches. And of course Wigan themselves found the going tough last week against an ever improving London Broncos dropping a point at Central Park for still out so far as whether or not Rugby League is maybe this time League will make an impact down

and pop! Yes that's right, I did say adults. The Family Lounge is proving a huge success with the older members of the Heinz Junior Riversiders these

Well, as Bugs Bunny would say, "that's all folks" - enjoy the game and lets hear you SHOUT. Dougie Stand.



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# JUNIOR RIVERSIDERS

this evening we extend a warm welcome to all Junior the first time since goodness knows when. The jury is finally going to make it in the capital city but no doubt last weeks performance by the Broncos will encourage more speccies to turn up at their home games and just

And so as all Heinz Junior Riversiders look forward to the next home game this coming Friday against the old enemy, it will be vitally important for Wigan to win this evening. So get behind the lads and lets cheer them on. It has been noticeably hushed and quiet around Central Park in recent weeks and perhaps we all forget how important it is for the players to hear our support encouraging and spurring them on. It's time to forget being shy and reserved - the gloves are off and the battle for the first Super League title is now well and truly on, so lets be hearing you! The well publicised (not) European Championship is also well underway now with England playing France mid-week. Whilst nothing is a foregone conclusion. I hope that it is safe to say well done the Wigan lads in a good win at Gateshead, and a special congratulations to Andy Farrell, the Stones Player of the Month for May, for being the youngest England Captain and for gading them to victory. Of course, having written this before the game England will now probably lose! How do you all like the new Heinz Junior Riversiders Family Lounge? Its a little smaller than the old room but just as friendly and cosy and serving a wide range of goodies. Where is it, I hear some of you ask? Well, its underneath the Douglas Stand next to the Vice-Presidents entrance - posh or what! Just look for the queue of adults waiting for pies, sweets



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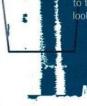
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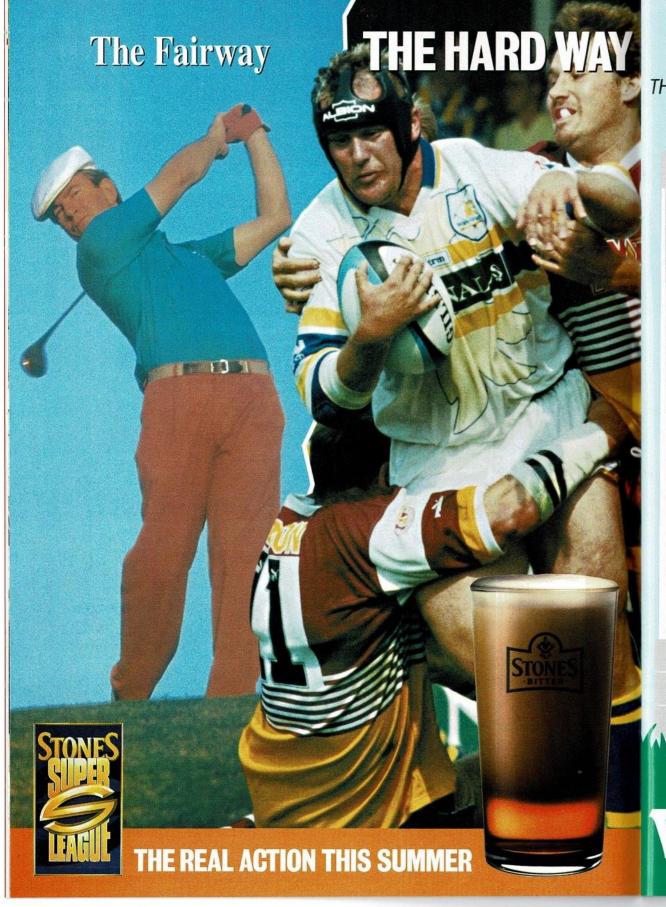
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# JUAN SHOCK FOR PIERRE

We have assurance that it was Mainly Just Pure Speculation when Michael John Pierre Smith won last Sunday's matchday GOLDEN GAMBLE draw.

It is merely coincidental that his win should come during the soccer Euro 96 tournament but there's no Spanish or French connection. In fact Mike comes from Ashton-in-

Makerfield but he still can't-ana believe the £1500 windfall. Forming a threesome with his wife Michelle and father-in-law Derek, they enjoy their matchday flutter.

"When the winning number was called we had to double check with spectators around that it was correct then I was off onto the pitch to fulfill one of my ambitions," said Mike.

The adrenalin was flowing and Mike utilised the P.A. system to celebrate the win with his friend Wayne Reece who was sat opposite in the Douglas Stand.

"It's the most I've ever won," he continued,
"previously only £10 on the National Lottery."
It was only two weeks ago that Mike
attended one of Joe Lydon's Testimonial
functions at Haydock Park and won tickets to
Wigan's matchday V.I.P. area." I would like to
thank Joe and committee member Eileen
Heaton for that," he insisted.
THA' CAN'T PARK THEER
There comes a time when everyone is forced

to call it a day and Wigan Rugby League has lost one of its truly best known characters after 25 years of voluntary service to the Club. In his hey day Billy Unsworth was a Rugby League referee and later progressed to touch judge! – but he never discarded his whistle – even in his last role as the Club's mid week car park attendant.

Readers of these columns may have often been shown the red card by 'Low Billy'. It's perhaps inappropriately amusing in preparing this tribute recalling one occasion when an unfortunate accident occurred at the nearby busy junction and the police pushed the damaged vehicle to Wigan's car park awaiting collection.

They were greeted by Billy's familiar call "tha' can't park theer!" That's only one story. But the roles reversed on Billy immediately after his retirement when he took a get away break in his beloved Benidorm where he often utilises his vocal chords as a casual oversees entertainer in Spanish Cabaret Bars. It's accurately reported that Billy was mistaken as an elderly Spanish gent around a hotel pool by an English emigrant. In Spanish she politely asked "Quiere un filla?" Billy replied, "I'm not Spanish, I come from Wigan. I've just retired from Wigan Rugby League."

"Do you know Low Billy?" the lady asked.

"I am him," he admitted.

Low and behold it was him, Low Billy.

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Each month the Superstars of the Stones Super League are proving they are better than the rest as they compete for the prestigious Stones Gold Award.

The first Stones Gold Award went to St. Helens' new superstar Danny Arnold. Danny had a tremendous April with some stunning performances, having scored 11 tries in 5 appearances.

The second Stones Gold Award presented for outstanding performance during May has been won by Wigan and England's 'Captain Marvel', Andy Farrell.

The awards launched by Stones Bitter - sponsors to the Stones Super League - are selected by an exclusive panel of Rugby League experts.

Contenders for May included Keiron Gunningham, Steve Prescott and Steve McNamara.

Farrell has had a sensational month helping Wigan maintain the pressure on St. Helens at the top of the Stones Super League table. Farrell said "It's been an exciting month for

me – a month crowned by winning the Stones Gold Award. Although the honour goes to individuals, I've got to thank the rest of my Wigan team mates for helping me".



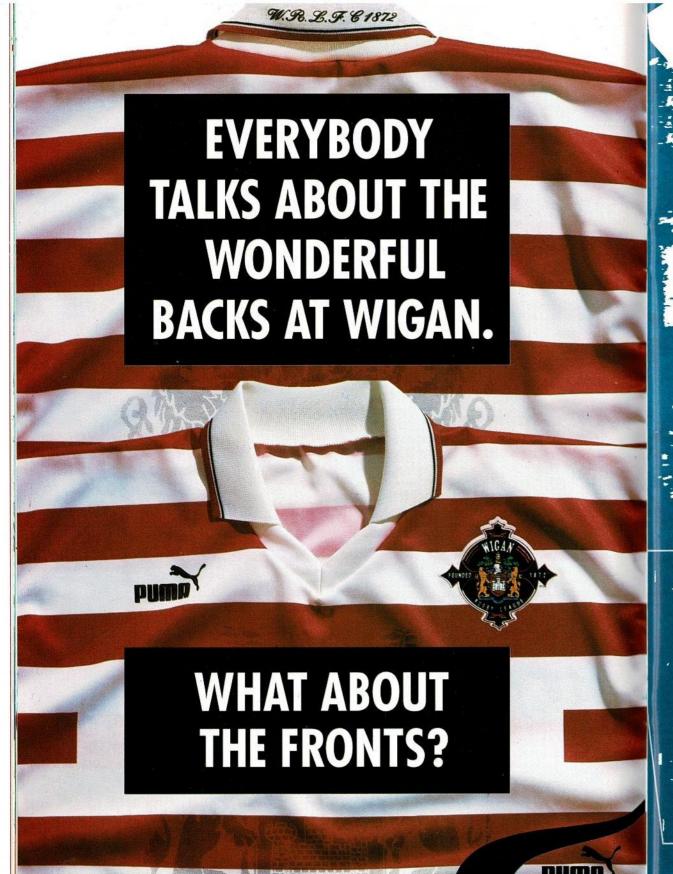
Also, at the end of what promises to be an excellent inaugural Stones Super League season, the panel of experts will get together to decide who have been the cream of the '96 season, including picking the Stones Super League Dream Team. So, to keep up with latest star players, watch this space for further details.



Andy Farrell - Stones Gold Award Winner for May '96







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# WATCHING FROM THE

with Geoff Duckworth

## WHITBREAD

Wigan's victory at Headingley a couple of weeks ago.

excellent summariser on the show ignored the twenty

to none. We older Wiganers probably beg to differ and

one of our favourites was mentioned by Mr Fox as being

an outstanding player also, when he described the player

Tuigamala together to make one player then you would have a Billy Boston, even our nine year old son was

I do not really know that much about BARLA other than

taking an interest generally and watching the occasional

game. What I did notice last week was that the BARLA Great Britain team were beaten by France 'B' by 30

points to 6 in Toulouse. The selection seemed very

strange to me. Woolston who are obviously the best

amateur side in the country had just one player in the

runners up in National Conference Premier Division had

seventeen players were from the Premier Division while the others came from Division One, Two and the

I notice that from next season, clubs in Division One of

produced and each side will insert a couple of pages in

the middle for the teams and a bit of news. I wonder

why the RFUs top clubs have taken this step? I do not

banks and the like will be clamouring for expensive

of programme but I think that we would like to stick

Smith, where have you been for the last week or so?

with a little bit of individuality don't you? Last but not least, welcome to Central Park, Russell

suppose that Rita's corner shop or the Rovers Return will be doing much advertising but the big battalions of

advertising space. The Aussie Rugby League have this sort

Rugby Unions Courage League will not be producing

their own programme. Only one programme will be

squad at substitute and Wigan St. Patricks who were

two players in the seventeen. In fact only six of the

Cumbrian League. Am I missing something or will we soon be seeing Great Britain RFL Internationals from

by saying that if you put Martin Offiah and Va'aiga

impressed by that description.

Prescot Chorley and Batley?

twenty years as were the presenters. Peter Fox, an

Listeners were asked to name the best players of the last

year limit to tell us that the greatest player that he ever knew was his brother Neil whose scoring feats are second

Eleven matches gone and another eleven to go. We are past the first flushes of excitement brought on by Super League and eagerly await the last couple of weeks of the season when the first Super League Championship will be decided. There are of course, many who think that Super League 1996 will be sorted out next Friday here at Central Park. When our third home game in a row sees St. Helens as visitors. I suppose that if the unthinkable happened and Wigan do not win the derby match then St. Helens will be in an almost unassailable position so we need to make sure that the ground is full of Wiganers shouting on our team. Last Sunday's result against London Broncos came as rather a shock to the system but was not really a great surprise. The pundits have been warning us that the Broncos would be the team to watch and but for a couple of points in the game against St. Helens and Warrington, they would have been just behind Wigan in Super League. I suppose that Broncos were totally justified in playing the way that they did as the only way that they could possibly have won was to stifle Wigan's flair. A quote from their coach did rather stick in an avid Wigan supporters throat "We came to slow things down. We reckoned that there are twenty scrums in a game. If we took 30 seconds to walk to each scrum that's ten minutes gone, ten minutes when Wigan can't score. Add on time for goal kicks and questioning referee's decisions and that's more time." Just a question to Tony Currie, having lost ten percent of the game, can we have ten percent of our gate money back please? Daryl Powell of Keighley Cougars has mentioned that referees are attempting to slow the game down a little bit, in an apparent effort to cut down the number of high scoring games, by reducing the ten metres or by allowing more laying on at the play the balls. Surely this is not true, there was no evidence of it last Sunday, was

This evenings visitors Oldham Bears had a very good win against Warrington last Sunday. We need to be on the look out for Crompton, no stranger to Central Park, and his half back colleague Crook who orchestrated the Bears victory which was made easier by an excellent first half performance which gave them a 26 points to 4 lead at the interval.

Warrington did manage to fight back to within six points but Oldham extended their cad to win by eleven points. Crompton, Atcheson and Gildart will want to put on a good show today. There was a very pleasant cameo on Radio 5 Live following



Martin Offiah



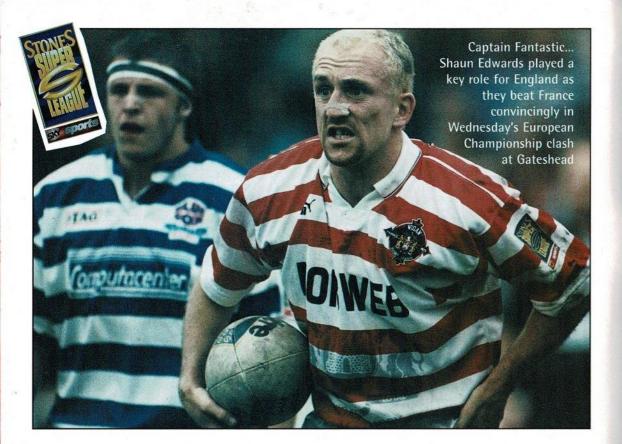
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# SUPERLEAGUE

#### **ATTENDANCES**

At the half way stage of the Stones Super League the average attendance is showing a big increase on the average for the whole of last season's Centenary Championship campaign. After 11 rounds of the Super League this year's average crowd is 6,887

compared with last season's final average of 5,515. If this year's average is maintained it will produce the best average crowd for the major league since 7,292 in 1988-89.

Bradford Bulls have shown the biggest increase on last season with an average of 8,838 against 4,831.

#### **OUTSTANDING FEATS AT** THE HALFWAY STAGE OF THE STONES SUPER LEAGUE SEASON

TEAM

Highest Score: Wigan 76 v Paris St. Germain 8 (also widest margin) Highest Away: Workington T 16 v Wigan 64 Workington T 0 v St. Helens 62 (widest margin) INDIVIDUAL

Most Tries in a Match: 4 by Danny Arnold (St. Helens at Workington T)

Most Goals in a Match: 11 by Terry Matterson (London B) v Workington T

11 by Bobbie Goulding (St. Helens) y Castleford Most Points in a Match: 26 by Terry Matterson London B) v Workington T

Biggest Attendance: 17,873 Paris St Germain v Sheffield E

#### POINTS SCORING RUN

Steve Blakeley of Salford Reds has the longest points scoring run of 30 successive matches, including all 13 this season. The stand off's scoring run began with eight goals and a try in the 48-20 First Division win at Huddersfield on 17 September 1995.

#### TRYSCORING RUN

Paul Newlove of St. Helens has scored in nine successive Stones Super League matches, as follows 1 - 1 - 3 - 3 - 1 - 1 - 2 - 2 - 1. In fact the Test centre has failed to score in only one of the Saints 11 Super League matches to put him at the top of

the chart with 18.

#### WINNING RUN

St. Helens extended their 100% record for the season to 16 matches with their 43-32 defeat of Sheffield Eagles. Saints have won all 11 Super League matches, plus five Silk Cut Challenge Cup ties.

#### **LOSING RUN**

Paris St Germain have the longest losing run after being defeated in seven successive Stones Super League matches.

#### MILESTONES

Phil Veivers of Huddersfield Giants needs one try for a career century of touchdowns after scoring 98 for St. Helens.

Ray Ashton of Bramley needs one try for a career century of touchdowns including representative matches and spells with Oldham, Leeds and

Workington Town.

Graham Steadman of Castleford Tigers needs 10 points for a career total of 2,000 including representative matches, plus spells with York and Featherstone Rovers.

Martin Pearson of Featherstone Rovers needs one try for a career century of club and representative touchdowns.

Frano Botica of Castleford Tigers crashed the 2,000 point career barrier with 20 in the 54-22 Stones Super League win at Paris St Germain. Sam Panapa of Salford Reds needs two tries for a British Club career total of 100, including 45 for Wigan and 21 for Sheffield Eagles.



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# COMMUNITY

A special welcome today to the children of Golborne C.P. School who made two visits to the Club last week. They spent their time looking at all the different jobs at the Club, as well as looking at the business of Rugby League. We hope you all enjoy the game today. To date the Club have mainly worked with Primary Schools, however towards the end of this month, teachers from local secondary schools will be looking at how the Club can be used to deliver areas of the curriculum. On Friday, 7 June thirteen students from St. Peters High School visited the Club as part of their Year 10 Industry Day. The students spent half a day based at the Club looking at the Club as a place of work, and also had the opportunity to interview various members of staff about their job roles.

Their time in the afternoon was spent back at

the opportunity to look at the importance of working together as a team, as well as looking at individual job roles and responsibilities.

To all you youngsters aged between 4-12 don't

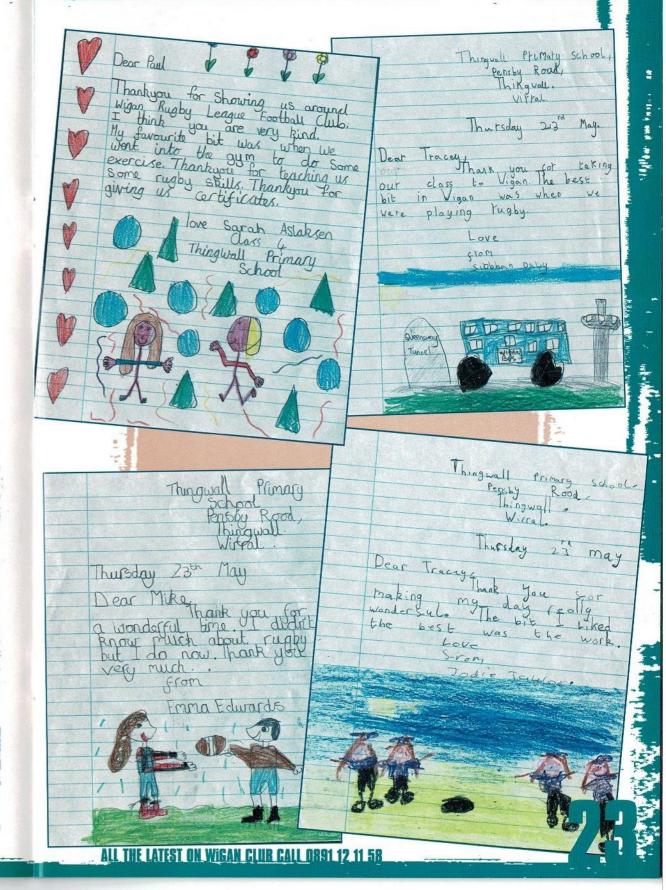
had been set at the Club. The task gave them

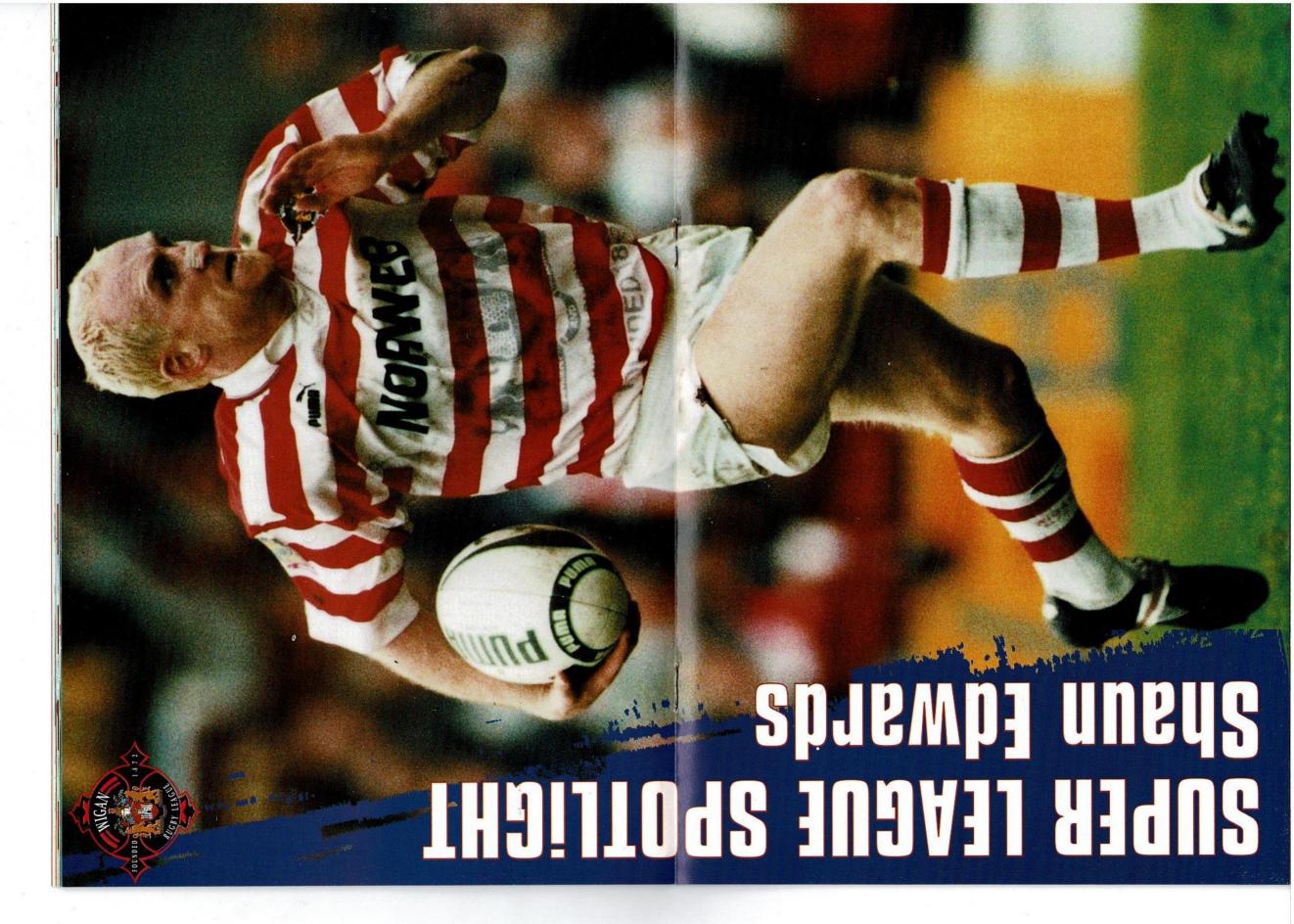
To all you youngsters aged between 4-12 don't forget the coaching courses on the 16,17, 18 July at a cost of £4. Enrolment day is the 22nd June between 11am-1pm. Don't miss the opportunity to gain a BFL Award at Cub, Bronze and Silver levels.

If you require any information on any aspect of the School Project please do not hesitate to contact myself Tracey Morris, School Liaison Officer on 01942–231321.

Pictured below are some pupils of Hart Common School, who received follow-up coaching sessions after their day visit to the Club. On the opposite page are just a small selection of the fantastic letters we receive after children have spent the day with us at Central Park.









# WIGAN ACADEMY

ACADEMICALLY SPEAKING

A great game - Sunday last against London Broncos, Wigan starting the game like an 'House on Fire', totally out powering the Broncos, and running up a 22pts-0 lead in the first half hour. Patience was the order of the day for the London team, weathering the storm before hitting back to turn round

22pts-12 down. A similar second half 'six of one, half a dozen of the other'
saw Wigan run out 34pts-22 winners.
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- 2 Darren Jackson
- 3 Steve Dooler
- 4 Richard Newlove
- 5 Jamie Stokes
- 6 Matthew Grace
- 7 Jamie Rooney8 Dale Morgan
- 9 Gavin Swinson
- 10 Stuart Dickens
- 11 James Greaves
- 12 Gavin Fisher
- 13 Paddy Carolan
- 14 Richard Gibson
- 15 David Patrickson
- 16 Neil Lowe
- 17 Richard Coventry

Referee: D. Gillespie

Touch Judges: A Muir & J. Rawson





# SUPPORTER'S ASSOCIATION

Many supporters were looking forward to last Sunday's fixture against London Broncos as potentially one of the highlights of the season only to see it ruined by total incompetence and deliberate spoiling tactics. There were phrases in some match reports such as "successfully slowed down the game" and superbly condensed the play", which are just euphemisms for "broke the rules and were allowed to get away with it". Whilst London Broncos may have gone down in the estimation of many of us the fact is they cannot be completely blamed for the shambles as it is the job of the official to enforce the rules of the game properly, which certainly was not done last week!!



Our Paris weekend is now fully booked and paid for except for one seat. If any MALE is interested in booking this place please come to the shop under the Whitbread Stand. We are not being sexist in saying MALE, but as the hotel rooms are twins and we already have one single gentleman booked then we must of course get another male to share. Cost is £65, plus £10 for a match ticket. For any supporters not travelling with us, perhaps those who are making their own

perhaps those who are making their own way to France by car, please note that it is essential to buy match tickets from the Central Park Office before you go as there



is no pay at the turnstiles on the day at the Charlety Stadium.

#### TRAVEL

The next away trip is on Sunday 30th June to Warrington. As this is now a 3pm kick off instead of the original 6pm coaches will leave Central Park at 1.30pm. Adults £3, Juniors £2. We shall begin taking bookings tonight, and we have another match before this trip at which people can book, next Friday against St Helens. After Warrington we visit Bradford on Friday 12th July, brought forward from Sunday 14th. Bookings for Odsal can be made when we play Castleford on Sunday 7th July.

#### THE UNCLE JOE'S CHALLENGE

On Wednesday next, 19th June, there will be a special evening in aid of Joe Lydon's Testimonial at the Superbowl in Wallgate. Several sports teams and local businesses have entered, including two teams of Wigan players. The fun begins at 7.30pm. (Sponsored by Wm Santus and Co Ltd). Everyone welcome.

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# ALLIANCE UPDATEE

SALFORD 36 WIGAN 28 (7.6.96)

This was always going to be a difficult fixture coming just forty eight hours after several Wigan youngsters had appeared in the Academy International against France in Carcassonne, a match played in a temperature of 84 degree F. The opening seven minutes were an absolute disaster as Salford raced into a 16-0 lead with three tries and two goals, two of the tries coming from bad mistakes when we lost possession. Eventually we settled down and Daryl Cardiss showed his pace to go eighty yards to the posts and Martin Bushell converted. Five minutes later Cardiss broke through again and timed his pass perfectly for Andy Johnson to score. Bushell again converted and at 16-12 we were back in contention, but more lapses in concentration let in Ian Watson and Simon Angell for tries, one of which was converted by Watson. Just before half time Cardiss again showed his potential an set up a try for Keiron Purtill to make the interval score 26-16.

With Steve Hampson playing at full back for Salford in the first half we had not put up any high kicks, but he was substituted at half time and in the second half a kick led to a try for Shem Tatupu, who picked well when Salford spilled the ball and managed to reach over in the left corner. Salford regained the initiative when stand off Paul Mansson slipped the ball neatly to Andy Burgess, who raced to the posts and Adam Griffin converted. Losing possession again whilst trying to clear our line presented Graham Sampson with a try

with his first touch of the ball. The final guarter of the match was played with thunder rolling and lightening flashing overhead. A lovely pass by Cardiss was taken at speed for Danny Ellison to dash over and then on the other wing lan Thompson beat Dave Myers in fine style to register our sixth try. Looking the stronger side in the closing stages we were left to rue the first seven minutes.

TEAM: Bushell, Thompson, Gilmour, P Johnson, Ellison, Cardiss, Purtill, Baynes, Clarke, Knowles, Quinnell, Tatupu, A Johnson.

SUBS: Peters, S Barrow, Tallec, Grundy.

#### **ALLIANCE STATISTICS**

Thur 23	Halifax	Α	7.30	18-26
Tries: Clarke, Cra	ig, Bushell, Goals: Cr	aig (3).		

Thur 30 Hull 8.00 Tries: Craig (2), Cardiss, Thompson, S.Barrow, P.Johnson. Goals: Craig (6). M.O.M: Darvi Cardiss

#### June

Fri 7	Salford	Α	8.00	28-36
Tries: Cardiss, A	s. Johnson, Purtill, Tatup	u, Ellison, Tho	impson. Goals: E	Bushell (2).

Thur 13

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# BRAIN TEASERS

- 1. Which English club did Afi Leuila have to leave in 1994 because of work permit problems?
- 2. For which club did Paul Atcheson play prior to joining Wigan?
- 3. In 1958 which Oldham player became the first man to score 200 goals in a season?
- 4. From which club did Oldham sign Rob Myler and Francis Maloney in 1995?
- 5. Who scored the first Super League hattrick when Oldham and Wigan met at Boundary Park in March 1996?
- 6. Which Wigan player scored a try on his debut when Wigan defeated Oldham at Central Park in September 1995?
- 7. For which Australian club did Andy Goodway play in 1985?
- 8. Against which team did Oldham play in the first ever drawn game in Super League?
- 9. Which two former Oldham players appeared for St Helens in the 1996 Challenge Cup Final?
- 10. For which country did Oldham's Tony Nuttall play in the 1995 Emerging Nations Vorld Cup?

#### WHAT WAS THE YEAR?

Second Division Premiership launched...

- ..as Premiership final moves to Old Trafford... ...coach Frank Myler leaves after Oldham are relegated...
- ... GB beat Papua New Guinea at Wigan...
- ...Blackpool Borough move to Wigan to become Springfield Borough...
- ...Ellery Hanley scores 63 tries in a season...
- ...Fred Byrne is first player to have fee set by transfer tribunal...
- ...first World Cup Challenge match played...
- ...Wigan win almost everything...
- ...but lose at Oldham in Challenge Cup.



Andy Goodway-But for which Australian club didhe play for?

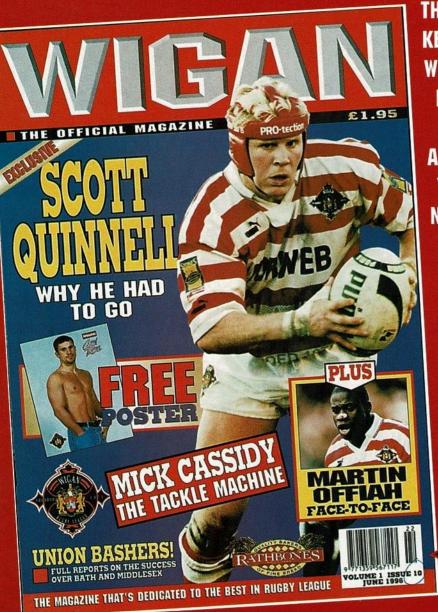
ANSWERS

1. 1. St Helens 2, Widnes 3. Bernard Ganley 4, Warrington 5, Gary Connolly 6, Gael Tallec 7, Manly 8 Paris St Germain 9, Chris Joynt & Tommy Martyn 10, Ireland

WHAT WAS THE YEAR? ANSWER: 1987

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# TEAM CHANGES

WHAT A WRENCH IT MUST HAVE BEEN FOR THE HULME BROTHERS DAVID AND PAUL TO LEAVE WIDNES AFTER BOTH BEING SUCH STALWARTS AT THE CLUB FOR SO LONG.

Their departure leaves Darren Wright (currently enjoying his testimonial by the way) as the only survivor from the side which defeated Canberra Raiders in 1989 and the World Club Challenge and will take a great deal of filling.

I wonder how much of the doubts about the Chemics ever making it to the Super League played in them reaching their decision to make the break?

Well it now appears definite that the Oldham Bears will be migrating to a new home!

It was announced recently that the club plan to move to a new 15,000 all seater stadium in the Westwood Park area, probably for the start of the 1998 season. I worry what will happen if the Roughyeds ever lose their Super League status but it must still be a tremendous move for the club

The new facilities will I am sure make it easier to attract families to watch the team although to be fair Oldham can still hold its own with regard to its loyal band of fans, and if Andy Goodway can provide the success the town craves I am sure the fans will provide the support.

lisee Leeds recorded a much needed victory over fellow strugglers Workington. Their plight highlights the fact that no team should ever think it has a God given right to be at the top.

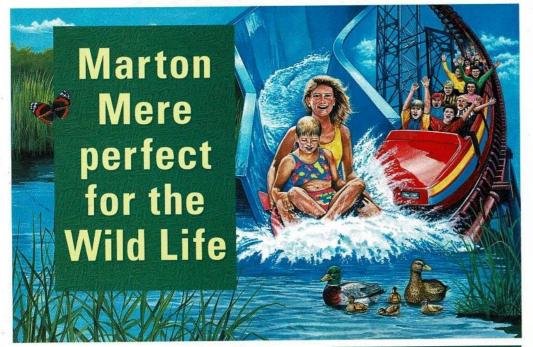
At the same time I can't help feeling just a little bit sorry for Dean Bell, a man I have the greatest respect for.

Some good news for Dean is that both

Alan Tait and Esene Faimalo are shortly to return to the team following injuries whilst the news was tinged with the sadness that the commentators nightmare Marcus Vassilakopoulos will probably be out for the rest of the season. (What a pity)

Malcolm Lord BBC GMR





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### OLDHAM BEARS DID YOU KNOW...

Founder members of the Northern Union, Oldham have played at Watersheddings since 1889. Plans are now well advanced for the construction of a brand new Stadium close to Oldham Athletic FC's Boundary Park. The Bears record attendance at Watersheddings is the 28,000 attracted to a game against Huddersfield in 1912.

•Oldham's record try scorer and most capped player is Alan Davies. Between 1950 and 1961 he amassed 173 tries for the club and appeared 20 times for Great Britain before moving to Wigan in a £9,000 transfer deal. An uncompromising centre, he was outstanding in the Wigan side which topped the League in 1962. A year later he was a member of the Wigan team defeated by Wakefield Trinity at Wembley.

In the early days of Rugby League Oldham were one of the game's most successful clubs. Between 1907 and 1912 Oldham eached five successive Championship finals, taking the title in 1911 and 1912. In the same period the side played in two diallenge Cup finals, four Lancashire Cup finals, winning twice and were Lancashire League Champions twice.

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Oldham first won the Challenge Cup in 1899. They became the isst club to reach four successive Challenge Cup finals, taking the cup in 1925 and 1927 but were beaten in 1924 (by Wigan) and 1921. Since then Oldham have failed to reach the final and tespite having fine teams have never been able to play at Wembley, despite making the semi-final stage several times. Two semi-final defeats at the hands of Wigan in 1991 and 1995.

Oldham's most remarkable Challenge Cup semi-final came in 1964. A last minute 40 yard drop goal, his first ever, by hooker an Melntyre gave Oldham a draw with Hull Kingston Rovers at

Headingley. A midweek evening replay at Swinton produced another tied score after eighty minutes. In extra time Oldham took the lead but failing light gave the referee no alternative other than abandon the game. In the days before floodlights midweek games kicked off as late as daylight allowed to enable fans to finish work and get to the game. The kick-off time had not taken into account the possibility of extra time and darkripprevented the game being completed. At the third time of as Oldham lost out and Hull KR went to Wembley.

•The Oldham records for goals in a match, goals in a season, goals in a career and points in a career are all held by Bernard Ganley. In 1958 he became the first player to kick 200 goals in a season. Capped three times by Great Britain Ganley was twice the League's leading goal kicker and his total of 219 in 1957-58 has been bettered only once, by David Watkins in 1973. Ganley also shares the League record for scoring the fastest 100 goals from the start of the season, taking just 18 matches.

•During the era of divisional Rugby League (1973 to 1976)

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Oldham acquired a reputation as a "yo-yo team", having been promoted six times and relegated on five occasions. Oldham have reached three Second Division Premiership finals, winning the trophy in 1988 and 1990.

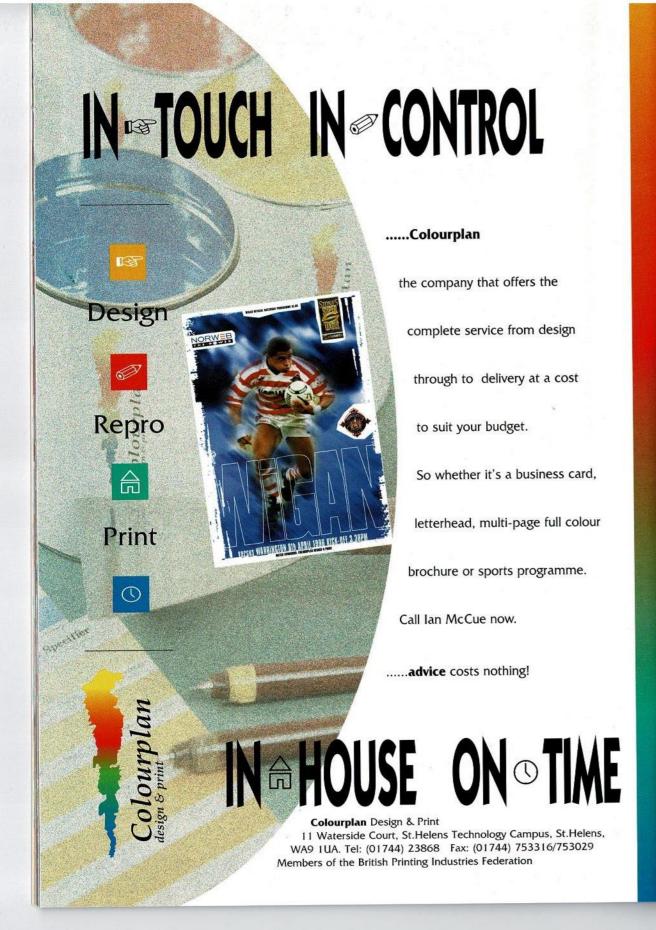
•In 1984 Oldham's youth policy proved its worth when Ray Ashton, Terry Flanagan, Andy Goodway and Mick Worrall, together with local youngster Des Foy, formerly with Widnes, joined their coach Frank Myler on Great Britain's tour down under. Myler, who was GB coach from 1982 to 1984 had two spells in charge at the Watersheddings between 1981 and 1983

# KNIGHTSSOFF CENTRALL PARKK

Let's hope the lads bounce back today after the disappointment of last week's draw. A win today can set-up a crunch match against Saints next week. Please pass the word around that there are a few vacancies in the 'Knights'. Your help in recruiting new members for our vital source of income would be greatly appreciated. It is times like this when we must all pull together to put Wigan back where they belong. If you have any constructive ideas as to why our gates are down, please ring in and I will pass on the info. Is it kick-off times? Is it the price? Join the debate and let us get bums back on seats. Rugby League at the oment is as skillful as it has ever been, so let us vate it nationally to where it belongs. I would like to this opportunity to thank a few people for their efforts in helping to raise the money needed for Gus O'Donnell. A very successful 'Race Night' was held at Hindley Conservative Club by a few friends of one of

our members Mrs Shiela Jones (wife of Derek, our groundsman) and her valiant effort was much appreciated by Ducky himself. Mrs Thorpe and her daughter assisted greatly in providing beautiful floral arrangements. Well done Knights members. Recent winners include:-

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# WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

Frank Malley, in the "Daily Express', on the win over Sheffield Eagles: "No one is in greater demand than England captain Andy Farrell, who celebrated his 21st birthday today with another classy display capped by seven goals.

The victory saw Wigan close to within two points of leaders St Helens. But it was also a night on which Wigan seemed determined to display some of the skills picked up from Union rivals Bath.

The first scrum set the tone when a section of the crowd shouted 'Heave' and Wigan responded with a drive which could easily have produced a push-over try." Salford coach Andy Gregory in "Super League Week": "Wigan by contrast are going from strength to strength although it's hard to keep in touch with their fixture list. They play Harlequins next week don't they? I keep getting the blame for their forays into Rugby Union. People tell me if we hadn't stuffed them in the cup they wouldn't need the money."

Joe Lydon, in the "Wigan Evening Post", on his recent haircut: "A lot has been said about the new Lydon crew-cut and, to be honest, it's growing on me! I was stitched up in a way that the entire team was supposed to be having a close shave up top before the Bath game, but like most plans of nature one went through with it and the rest didn't.

It's a bit of a hassle in the morning with the comb and the gel, but I'm getting used to it!"

Shaun Edwards, in his "Touchdown" column in the "Wigan Evening Post": "Over the last five or six games, our defence has been brilliant.

With the exception of the match up at Workington, we've managed to keep the opposition in single figures, an outstanding achievement.

We demonstrated the desire to keep our line intact against Sheffield on Wednesday, rushing back in numbers to pull off some spectacular last ditch tackles which meant a blank scoresheet for the Eagles in the second half

Although we are proud of this, I must admit that we do have a financial incentive.

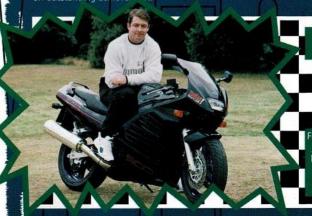
At the start of the season, I suggested to Jack Robinson that the club give each player a £100 bonus if we could restrict opponents to less than ten points per game. He muttered darkly quite a lot, but eventually agreed assuming, as I did, that fast summer rugby would mean big scorelines.

But Jack stumped up without complaint, and at the end of the season, he may just be glad he did."

Christopher Irvine, in "The Times", on Wigan's win at Leeds: "Motivated, committed, enthusiastic - Leeds were all of these, yet they lost to Wigan by a margin that would have set the teeth grinding among the demanding Rugby League public at Headingley not so very long ago. Smiles at their performance, if not the outcome, showed just how expectations have been lowered in times of trouble.

The most pleasing aspect for Graeme West, the Wigan Coach, was that, in a month when his team could easily have been sidetracked by the two cross-code matches with Bath and the Middlesex Sevens, they won all five Super League games."

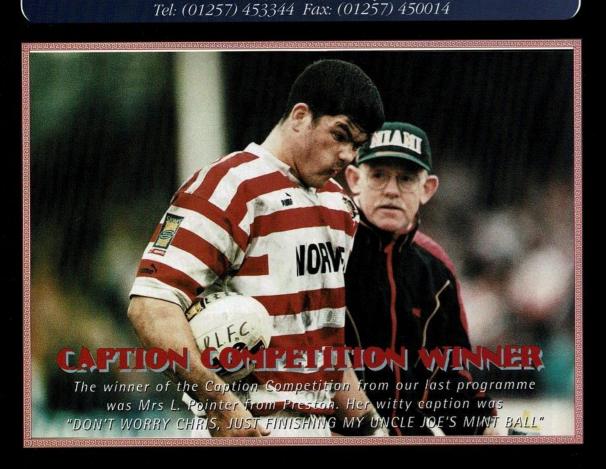
Ray French, writing in the "Rugby Leaguer."
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# CHARITY DAY

One hundred golfers took part in the first Standish Court Charity Day on Sunday 2nd June and raised over £1000 for the Michael Williams Trust. This money will enable the Trust to take twelve under-privileged children to each Wigan Rugby League Match in this year's Super League.



To show their support Inga Tuigamala, Henry Paul, Andrew Farrell and Shem Tatupu took part in the comeptition and finished a commendable 8th out of 25

The top 3 teams were as follows:-1st: John Cartmel, Darren Taylor, Paul Burke & Mike Benbow

2nd: Mike Mallett, Robert
Marshall, Dennis Riddick &
Paul Stevens
3rd: Keith Mansfield,
Keith Aspinall, David Hest &
Paul Bradford
To cap the day the main raffle
prize, a weekend for two at any
Virgin Hotel in the UK, was won
by Wigan Rugby League star
Gary Connolly



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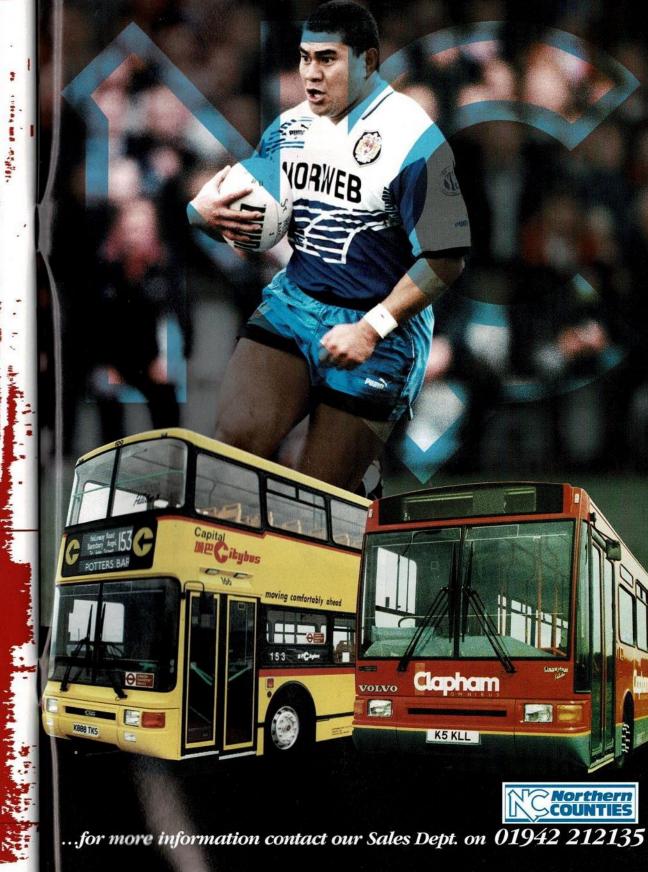


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