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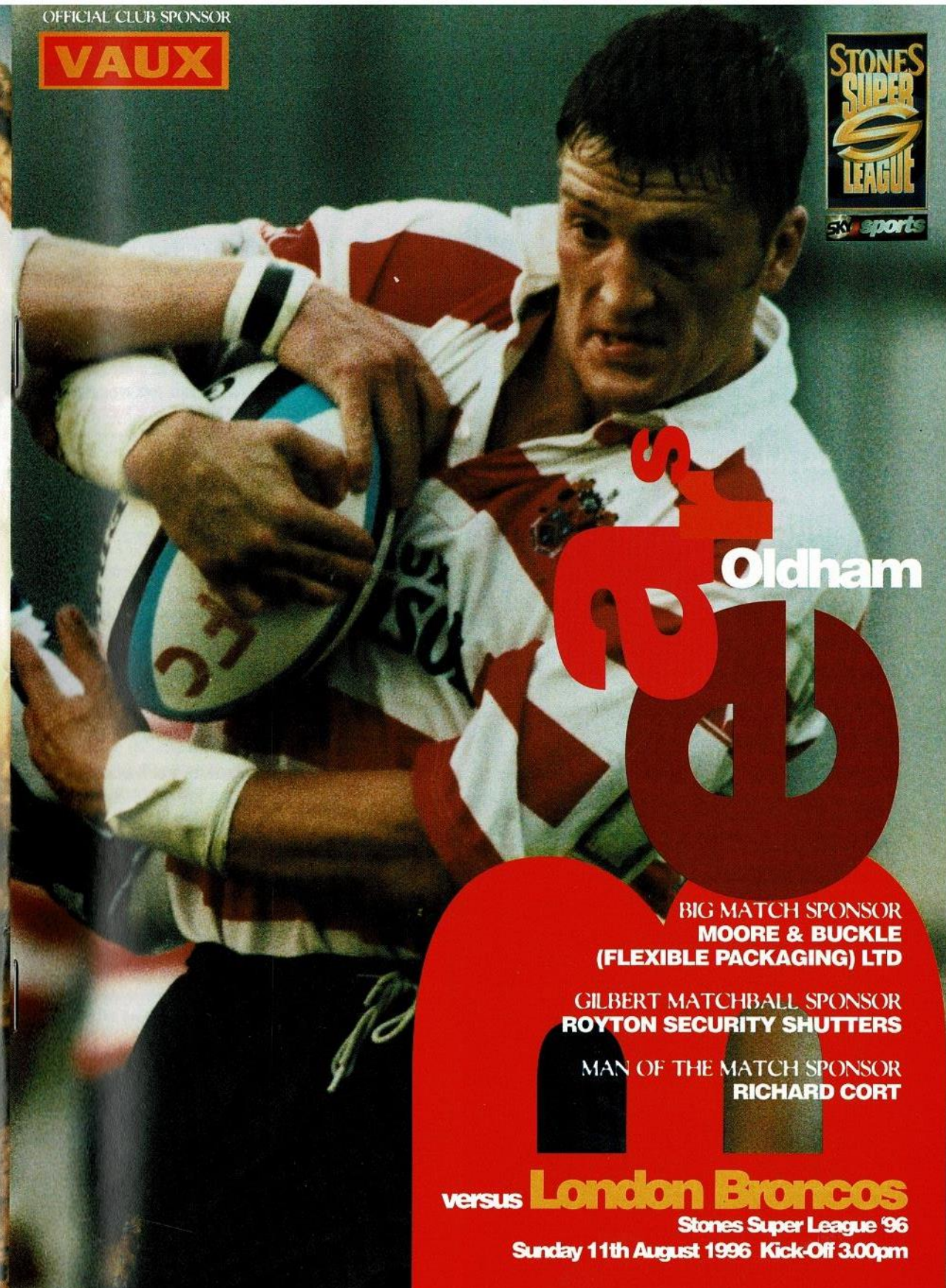
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70-10 v Bramley, Feb 12th 1995 (Challenge Cup Rd4)
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Individual Records

TRIES IN A SEASON

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Bernard Ganley 14 v Liverpool City, April 4th 1959

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Bernard Ganley 412 1957-58

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Bernard Ganley 2,761 1950-1961

POINTS IN A MATCH

Abe Johnson 30 v Widnes (12 goals 2 tries), April 9th 1928

MOST APPEARANCES

Joe Ferguson 628 Sept 1899 - April 1923

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Joe Lawton 134 Sept 1897 - Nov 1902

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Talking

IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE that we welcome London Broncos --- Martin Offiah and all --- to Watersheddings today for our penultimate home game in this first summer season of Super League.

The Broncos, under the direction of chairman Barry Maranta and coach Tony Currie, have made a huge impact on Super League and that can only be good for the game as a whole and for Super League's development ambitions.

Their capture last weekend of Offiah in a unique partnership with Bedford RU Club attracted enormous publicity and proved beyond doubt that

the Broncos management intend to do all in their power to establish a top-notch Super League club in the capital city.

To build a lasting and successful future, our great game has to nationwide, but for that to happen with any serious claims of national credibility we must have a major presence in London.

The potential down there is enormous, not only in terms of a massive population base, but in such spheres as sponsorship, marketing and media interest.

Offiah's signing will be seen as a move which identifies the club with its London base. As a London boy, and a former Union player who is also going to be playing for Bedford, Martin will be marketed as a shining example of what a Londoner can now achieve in League without having to uproot and move to the north.

The Broncos are doing a great job for Rugby League in this country and anyone who doubts that has merely to glance at the Super League table to find them riding high with a realistic chance of making the top-four premiership play-

off.

Their televised game against St Helens at The Valley a fortnight ago was a classic by any standards and that was only one of several games this summer in which the Broncos have made Super League's big guns sit up and take note. Our own game at The Valley was fast and furious and highly entertaining. And although we lost 28-22, our fifth successive defeat as injuries began to take their toll, we produced a vastly improved performance which set us up for a run of four wins out of the next five.

A lot of hard work and investment has been put

into the Broncos operation and we wish them well in their determined efforts to promote Super League in London.

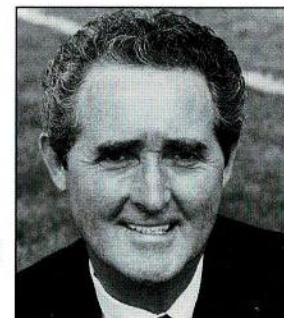
Here at Watersheddings, we believe we took an important and positive step on the path of our own club's development last week and we launched our new scheme for apprentices and trainees, run in

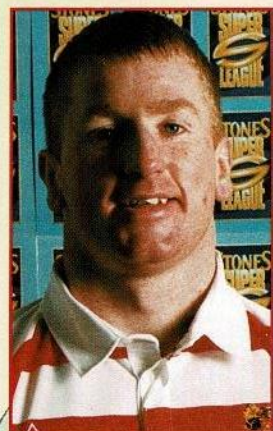
conjunction with the Oldham Chamber of Commerce.

Andy Goodway, Alan McCurrie, Andrew Jackson and Brian Gartland are being specially trained to run the scheme, in which our young players will not only work full-time at the club on developing their rugby careers but will also study for NVQ's in sports and recreation.

A successful youth policy is going to prove an essential part of our plan as we build for the challenges that lie ahead and we remain confident that we already have in place a squad of 16 and 17 year old Academy players who will do the club and themselves proud over the course of the next few years.

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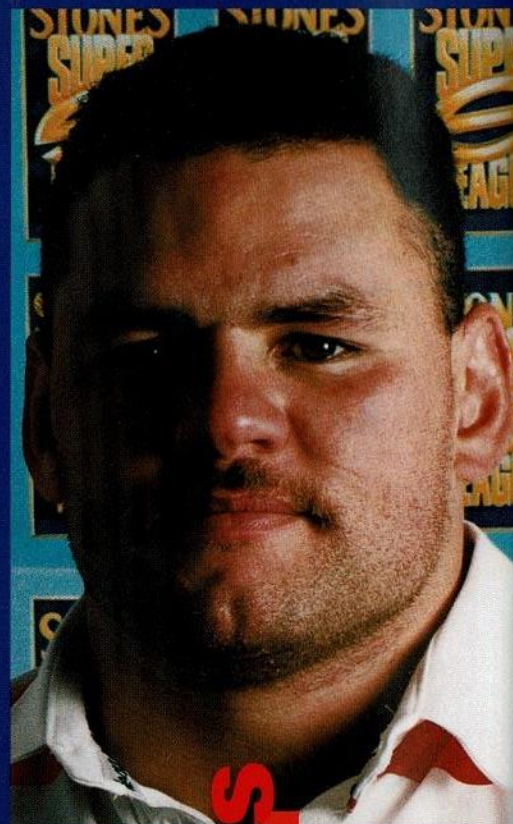
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Talks...



Rob Myler was hurt in the second game against Halifax and in the fourth game against Leeds, Afi Leuilala broke his leg. Those two long-term injuries were to set the pattern for the rest of the summer. We have had three or four senior men missing on a regular basis and I put down our inconsistency to the fact that we have rarely had a settled team.

No matter what happens in the last three games, however, we have done enough to retain our Super League status for next year and that's the main thing considering that, prior to the season, we were being written off as no-hopers by a lot of people, including the bookies.

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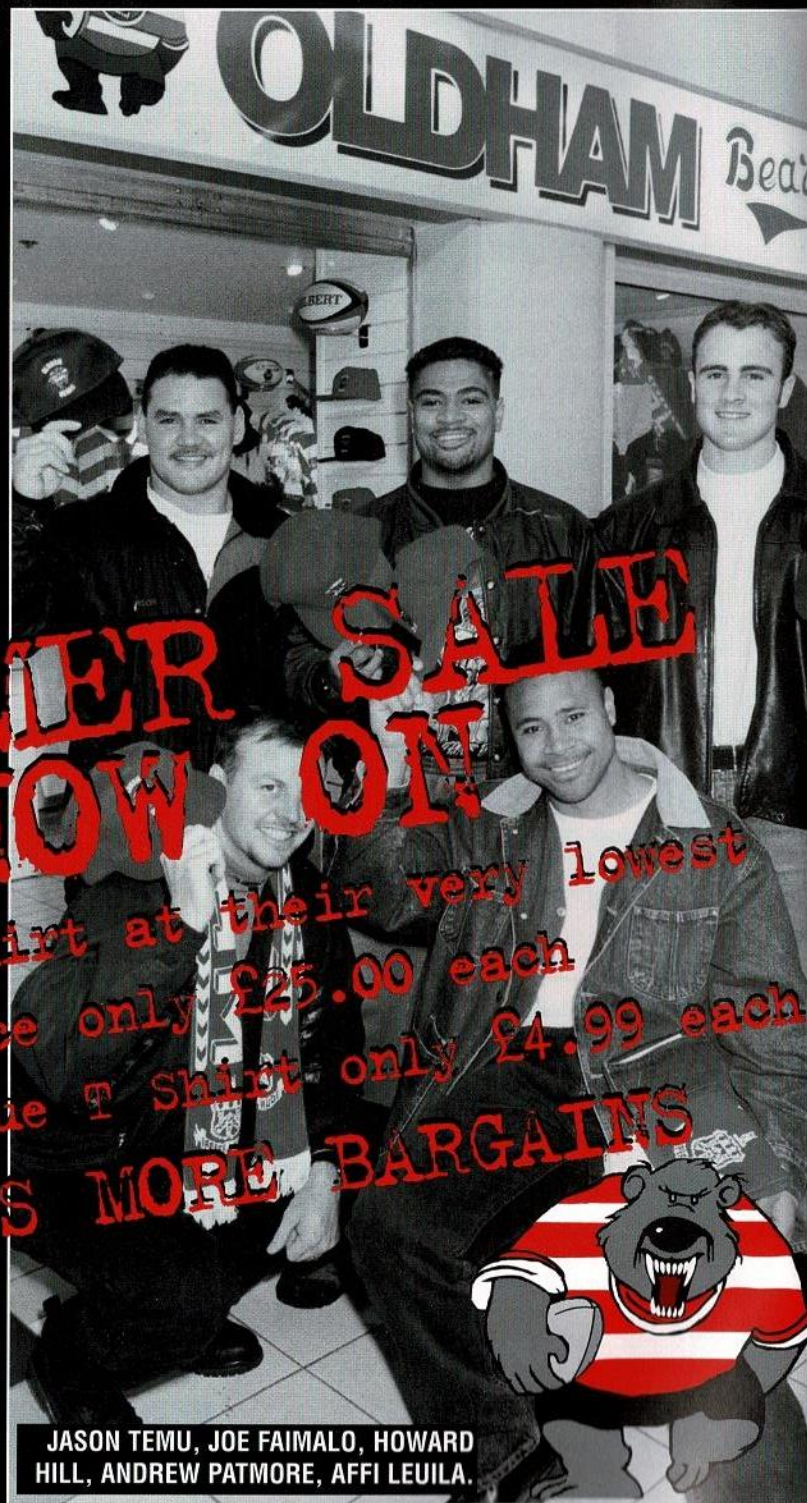
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**JUNIOR BEARS**

Back here at Watersheddings at last. Welcome to all the players, supporters and officials of London Broncos, our visitors today.

Well two defeats down the line, we got back to winning ways up in Cumbria at Workington, well done to our 'Bears'.

This week saw us have our monthly meeting, and as I have to write these notes earlier, our mascot for today will have their details published in the next programme, however their sponsors are:

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A big thank you to Roy Bradley.

Many thanks to the players who attended and joined in the fun, a big thank you also to 'Jacko' for showing us around the weights room.

Another even bigger 'thank you' to all you 'Junior Bears' who attended the carnival parade, and to the mums and dads who helped out. Your really did us proud.

Thank You!!!

The answer to the teaser I posed about Bobbie Goulding. Well he could have played for all the Super League clubs, he's had so many, no really he has played for Widnes, Wigan, Leeds and 'the Saints'. I hope I haven't missed one out, although I'm

sure someone will tell me if I have.

This week's question is "Which former Featherstone player now plays for the Broncos?"

Well that seems to be it for now, see you all at Warrington next week.

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Don Yates looks back to a match from yesteryear.

London Broncos visit Watersheddings this afternoon still hopeful of claiming that fourth spot in the Super League table and with it the opportunity of reaching Old Trafford for the Premiership Final. Since their formation 16 years ago as Fulham, the London outfit have reached just one final, that being the Second Division Premiership Final of 1994.

In those days the team played under the name of London Crusaders being based at the Barnet Copthall Stadium. During the 1993-94 season the Crusaders made a determined effort to win promotion but ended the campaign in third spot. Workington Town went up as champions and were accompanied by Doncaster. Crusader's third placing gave them a home quarter-final against Keighley in the Premiership. They won that match with plenty to spare, South African winger Mark Johnson scoring a hat-trick of tries in the 66-12 victory. Workington in the meantime, had an equally comfortable passage, beating Rochdale 50-6.

In the semi-finals, Workington registered an expected 19-4 victory over Batley but Crusaders pulled off a brilliant 16-6 win at Doncaster, one of only two home defeats suffered by the Dons throughout the campaign. The final, at Old Trafford, was expected to be a close fought affair. Crusaders had won 13-12 up at Derwent Park in the League campaign whilst the return match in Barnet had ended in a 20-20 draw. The teams for the final were as follows:

LONDON CRUSADERS: Andre Stoop; John Gallagher, Scott Roskell, Logan Campbell, Mark Johnson; Dixon McIvor, Mark Riley; Chris Whitely, Scott Carter, Dave Rotheram, Steve Rosolen, Sam Stewart & Neville

Ramsey. Subs: Kris Smith & Geoff Luxon.

WORKINGTON TOWN: Mark Mulligan; Des Drummond, Tony Kay, Paul Burns, Stuart Cocker, Wayne Kitchen, Dean Marwood; James Pickering, Phil McKenzie, Colin Armstrong, Brad Hepi, Martin Oglanby & Ged Byrne. Subs: Peter Riley & Paul Penrice.

The decisive incidents in this match all occurred within the opening fifteen minutes. Workington began well with an early try from Ged Byrne. At that point Crusaders lost hooker Scott Carter who was replaced by Kris Smith. Two minutes later the Londoners were in front, winger Mark Johnson crossing for the first of his tries. John Gallagher's conversion put the Crusaders 6-4 in front. Sadly for them it was to be the only time that they were to lead in this final. Shortly afterwards scrum-half and play maker Mark Riley was injured and that handicap was to prove too much. Town took advantage and by half-time the Cumbrians led 24-6. Crusaders did stage a revival after the interval but Town were able to retain their advantage and lift the Premiership Trophy by 30pts to 22. Stuart Cocker (2), Tony Kay, Des Drummond and Mark Mulligan added to Ged Byrne's early try and Dean Marwood landed three goals for Town. Logan Campbell crossed for the Crusaders with John Gallagher scoring three goals to go alongside Mark Johnson's hat-trick.

The following season the Crusaders became the Broncos and twelve months after that they were 'fast-tracked' into the Super League. They have justified their elevation with a string of impressive performances which have left them on the brink of the play-offs. Can they finish the season with a flourish which will take them back to Old Trafford next month? We shall see.

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Don Yates recalls this day in history.

It was on this day in 1984, Saturday 11th August, that the British Schoolboys played the final match of their tour of Australia. Leichardt Oval, Balmain was the venue with Australia beating Britain 46-4. Winger Simon Moore scored the British try and included in the British touring party was a certain Paul Topping of Wigan Technical College.

Twenty-two years earlier, on Saturday 11th August 1962, the senior Great Britain outfit were beaten 27-8 by New Zealand in the second test at Carlaw Park, Auckland. It was a disappointing end to that 1962 tour by the Lions. They had won the test series in Australia but then lost both tests against a fine Kiwi side which included such talented players as full-back Jack Fagan, winger Brian Reidy, scrum-half Bill Snowdon, hooker Jock Butterfield and loose-forward Mel Cooke.

This day also proved a successful one for the Kiwis in 1990 when, on Saturday 11th August, they defeated Papua New Guinea 18-10 in a World Championship qualifying match at the Lloyd Robson Oval, Port Moresby. With temperatures soaring into the high 30's, New Zealand found difficulty coping with the extreme conditions of heat and humidity. Former Oldham

loose-forward Mike Kuiti was a member of that side who must have been happy to collect the points in front of a ferociously partisan 10,000 crowd.

Staying with New Zealand, it was on this day in 1951 that the French touring team defeated Taranaki 23-7 before a crowd of 6,473 in New Plymouth.

Nearer home, it was on Wednesday, 11th August 1993 that Oldham signed the former Great Britain under 21 utility Shaun Irwin from Castleford. Irwin has made 49 appearances for the Roughyeds, including one appearance at hooker, and has scored 15 tries. He is currently at Hunslet where he moved on loan last May.

Finally, on Saturday 11th August 1956 Oldham put the final touches to their preparations for what proved to be their best ever season. They defeated Rochdale Hornets 34-5 at Watersheddings in the Law Cup charity match before embarking on a campaign which ended with the Lancashire Cup, Lancashire Championship and League Championship trophies joining the Law Cup in the Watersheddings trophy cabinet. Happy days.

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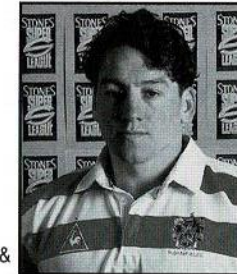
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with Ian Sherratt

FULL NAME: David Bradbury
DATE OF BIRTH: 16.3.73.
BIRTHPLACE: Farnworth, Bolton.
HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 15st 10lbs
NICKNAME AT CLUB: Brads
OCCUPATION: R.L. Player
HOME: 3 bed semi
CAR: Renault Clio Ford Escort
MARRIED: Yes (Kirsten)
CHILDREN: -
FAMILY: Mum, Dad, 2 brothers (Noel & Derek), 1 sister (Jennifer).
WHAT WAS YOUR AMBITION AS A CHILD?
To play sport for a living.
WHO WAS YOUR BOYHOOD HERO? Kenny Dalglish
WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN RUGBY?
Losing against Wigan in semi-final 1995, being banned.
WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST THRILL IN RUGBY?
Beating Wigan in December '95.
WHICH PRESENT DAY PLAYER DO YOU ADMIRE MOST?
Vaiga Tuigamala
WHO IS THE GREATEST PLAYER THERE HAS BEEN? Ellery Hanley
WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF YOUR JOB?
Lovely conversations with Andy Goodway - Monday morning.
WHO IS THE TOUGHEST OPPONENT YOU HAVE FACED?
Barrie McDermott
IF YOU WON THE LOTTERY, WHAT IS THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD BUY? Rugby Club
WHAT IS YOUR BEST QUALITY? Charming
WHAT IS YOUR WORST QUALITY? Impatience
APART FROM YOUR OWN CLUB, WHICH IS YOUR FAVOURITE GROUND? Hilton Park - Leigh.
WHICH IS YOUR LEAST FAVOURITE GROUND? Mount Pleasant - Batley.



WHAT OTHER SPORTS & HOBBIES DO YOU HAVE? Golf, Tennis.
WHAT IS YOUR IDEAL EVENING OUT? Meal & few drinks with wife.
WHAT IS THE MOST DANGEROUS THING YOU HAVE DONE?
Telling Andy Goodway - miss St. Helens game (getting married).
WHAT DANGEROUS THING WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO ATTEMPT? Parachuting
WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST PHOBIA? Insects (creepies)
WHAT IS YOUR MOST PRIZED POSSESSION? Wife
WHICH FAMOUS PERSON WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?
Alan Shearer
WHICH WORLD FIGURE DO YOU MOST ADMIRE? Hilary Clinton
AWAY FROM RUGBY, WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BEST SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT? Playing football - Lancashire U11's.
WHAT IS THE FUNNIEST MOMENT YOU HAVE SEEN ON A RUGBY PITCH? Hit player - battered off mother.
DO YOU HAVE AN UNUSUAL FOOD THAT IMPROVES YOUR GAME?
Baked Beans with Pasta
WHAT IS THE ODDEST PIECE OF TRAINING THAT YOU HAVE DONE? Jacko's pool sessions
IS THERE A DREAM YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ACHIEVED IN A SPORT OTHER THAN RUGBY? Play England - Wembley.
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TREATMENT ROOM NEWS INJURY UPDATE

Things go from bad to worse on the injury front, over the last few weeks we seemed to have picked up a long term injury at all levels in the club. The latest additions being Howard Hill, Neil Melling, Chris McKinney, and young Academy player Dale Aldred, who will all be sidelined for the remainder of the season. Howard

visited a specialist last week for a probe on the shoulder he injured in the St. Helens game. Chris was carried off in the last minute at Bradford Bulls with a badly torn ankle ligament injury. Neil Melling broke a bone in the back of his right hand, while young Dale Aldred had to have an operation after the Huddersfield Academy game on a badly dislocated little finger. The list grows at an alarming pace as we approach the back end of the season.

J.W.

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Lord...

Promotion and Relegation

I maybe a little premature, but I don't mind being the first to congratulate Salford Reds, as I am sure they will win the First Division Championship and move into the European Super League.

It will be a dream come true for Andy Gregory and his lads and probably even more so for the Chairman John Wilkinson, a man who I have the utmost respect for and a man who I believe has got his just desserts having reacted in such a dignified manner, when he was originally informed that Salford would not be part of the first Super League.

Many congratulations and I'm sure we all wish them the best next season. I see the Martin Offiah

deal has now been concluded, and if you take away the arguments regarding the principles of whether a dual transfer involving League and Union clubs is right or wrong and when you take away the argument as to whether players actually manage back to back rugby, I believe the deal will be looked upon as a good one for both Wigan and London Broncos and Bedfords point of view.

From the Wigan view point having had for my money the best years out of Martin Offiah and knowing the calibre of youngsters coming through the ranks at Central Park, if they received the kind of fee that has been reported and at the same time off loaded a high contract I would think they are delighted.

From the London Broncos/Bedford viewpoint I would think they would be able to market the name of Martin Offiah during the next few years and create the kind of interest and hopefully additional season ticket sales previously only dreamed of. They too will therefore also be delighted with the outcome.

Finally let's also wish Martin the best of luck in the future whether you're a supporter or not he has been a prolific try scorer and top quality entertainer over the years and deserves our thanks and best wishes.

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"A" Team



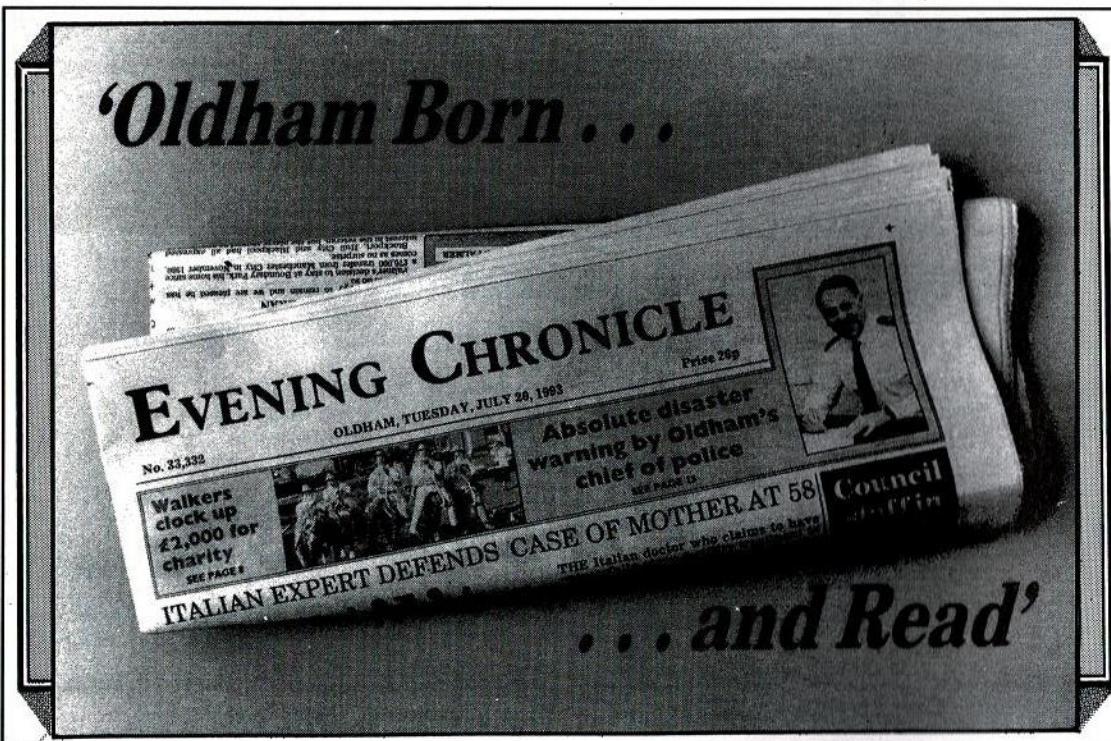
The couple of weeks in July have been very disappointing for the Alliance team. The effects of injuries at every level, Academy, Alliance and 1st Team have severely depleted the squad. In addition there are other players who are out of contract and staying away or on loan to other clubs.

The result of this lack of depth has been seen not only with two heavy defeats for the Alliance at home to Bradford and away to St. Helens but also at 1st Team level. It is not healthy for the club when the Alliance squad is not putting pressure on players in the 1st Team. At the moment the squad is not strong enough in depth to force players at every level to have to play for their position.

Against St. Helens twelve of the 17 man squad were aged under 20. In the event we were again outclassed by a quality stand off, Tommy Martyn, as we had been the previous week with Graham Steadman at Castleford. It was interesting to see that we had our best spell 20 minutes after half time when Tommy Martyn was rested on the bench. When he returned Saints scored 3 late tries to run away with the match. On the positive side

Paul Norman returned after illness and Mike Neale had his best game of the season, however we also picked up an injury to Jimmy Cowans and a broken wrist which will put Neil Melling out until next season.

The home game against Bradford saw another young side pitched against a very experienced Bulls side. To make matters worse play maker Paul Deacon pulled out before the kick off with illness and Tony Nuttall strained his groin after only 10 minutes. With the promptings of hard working captain Gary Burns the team managed to contain a Bradford side, which on paper looked capable of competing in the 1st Division, to a 20-0 half time deficit. The statistics from the half time tackle count told their own story with many of the players having already completed over fifteen tackles. As we tired in the second half, due to the strength and size of the Bulls pack their scrum half David Longo began to cut us apart at will. As well as creating several tries he helped himself to a hat-trick. We managed to score a consolation try when Joe McNicholas finished off good work from fellow winger Julian Mike, however the 54-4 scoreline shows the club still has great strides to make in the pursuit of success.



From H.Q.



London Broncos, with wing wizard Martin Offiah making his debut, boosted their hopes of a Stones Super League Premiership play-off place when they clinched a top four spot with victory over close rivals Warrington.

The Broncos 20-13 win puts them a point ahead of fifth placed Warrington, but they have three tough Super League fixtures left away to Oldham Bears and at home to Stones Super League Championship chasing Wigan and Castleford Tigers. Warrington face Castleford and Oldham at Wilderspool and then travel to table topping St Helens on the final weekend of the season.

Anthony Sullivan grabbed two tries as St Helens clinched a breath taking 20-16 win at Castleford to keep top spot in the Super League title race.

Saints now face Paris St Germain at the Charlety Stadium on Saturday before rounding off their season with home matches against Sheffield Eagles and Warrington.

Wigan, Champions for the last seven seasons, slammed Sheffield Eagles 54-12 at Bramall Lane to stay one point behind Saints. The Central Park side face Leeds on Friday and then travel to London Broncos before finishing the season with a home game against Workington Town.

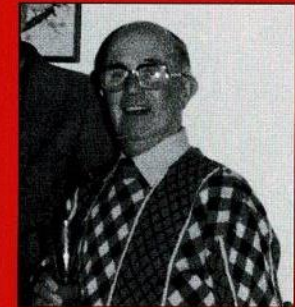
Victory for Salford Reds over second place Keighley Cougars on Sunday will give them the First Division title and promotion to the Super League.

With just three matches to play the Reds are six points clear of Keighley and eight points in front of third placed Featherstone Rovers.

Hull KR look certain for promotion from Division Two while Swinton Lions and Hunslet Hawks are battling it out neck and neck for runners-up spot.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to George Bostock, 80 today, a life member for 70 years George will be presented with a framed picture of Watersheddings and a club tie by chairman Jim Quinn before the kick off.



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JON SCOURFIELD

Utility player who scored a hat trick and his 1st team debut last season, and then went on to repeat the following week for the Alliance side.

STEVE ROSOLEN

Bundaberg Australian who has played for 'Norths' in both Sydney and Brisbane. A strong running forward with excellent defence.

IKRAM BUTT

The 1st Asian player ever to represent his country when he played against Wales last season. Looking to catch the eye of Phil Larder and represent his country in the upcoming World Cup.

DAVE HARVEY

Represented Ireland in the World Student Cup and is one of the most versatile players at the club.

SHANE VINCENT

Recently acquired from Newcastle Knights in Australia. A powerful centre with enough speed to challenge most wingers.

JUSTIN BRYANT

An Australian who came to try his luck in England and found his way into the Broncos line up after only one Alliance appearance. Played at Gold Coast and impressed Wayne Bennett with his strong appearance last season.

MARK RILEY

The Kiwi flyer who was one of the Club's top try scorers even though he missed half of the season due to injury. Has been with the club since 1992 and is a firm favourite with the crowd.

KEVIN LANGER

Brother of Australian Test Ace Allan. Kevin has a vast experience both at playing and coaching back in Australia for the Ipswich Jets. A real game breaker.

CRAIG GREEN

A former Brisbane Wests player who can also play centre and stand off. An exciting back and game breaker who can also kick goals.

PAUL CHAMBERS

A former union player who is making a big impact in League and is at home at any position in the backs. Excellent kicker also.

PAUL STEVENS

Had a spell on loan to the Club towards the end of last season from Wigan. Was captain of the last Academy tour to Australia. Can play in a number of positions.

DAVE EVANS

On loan from Doncaster at the end of last season. Can play either wing or centre, Dave Evans is also the Development Officer for the South of London.

DARREN SHAW

A player who was judged the Brisbane Broncos 'reserves' most consistent forward last season. Also hoping to play for Scotland in the World Cup.

CRAIG BOOTH

Had a spell on loan to the Club from Oldham late in the season. Can play centre or in the forwards. Is a strong running player with an accurate boot which helped him kick 28 goals in seven games.

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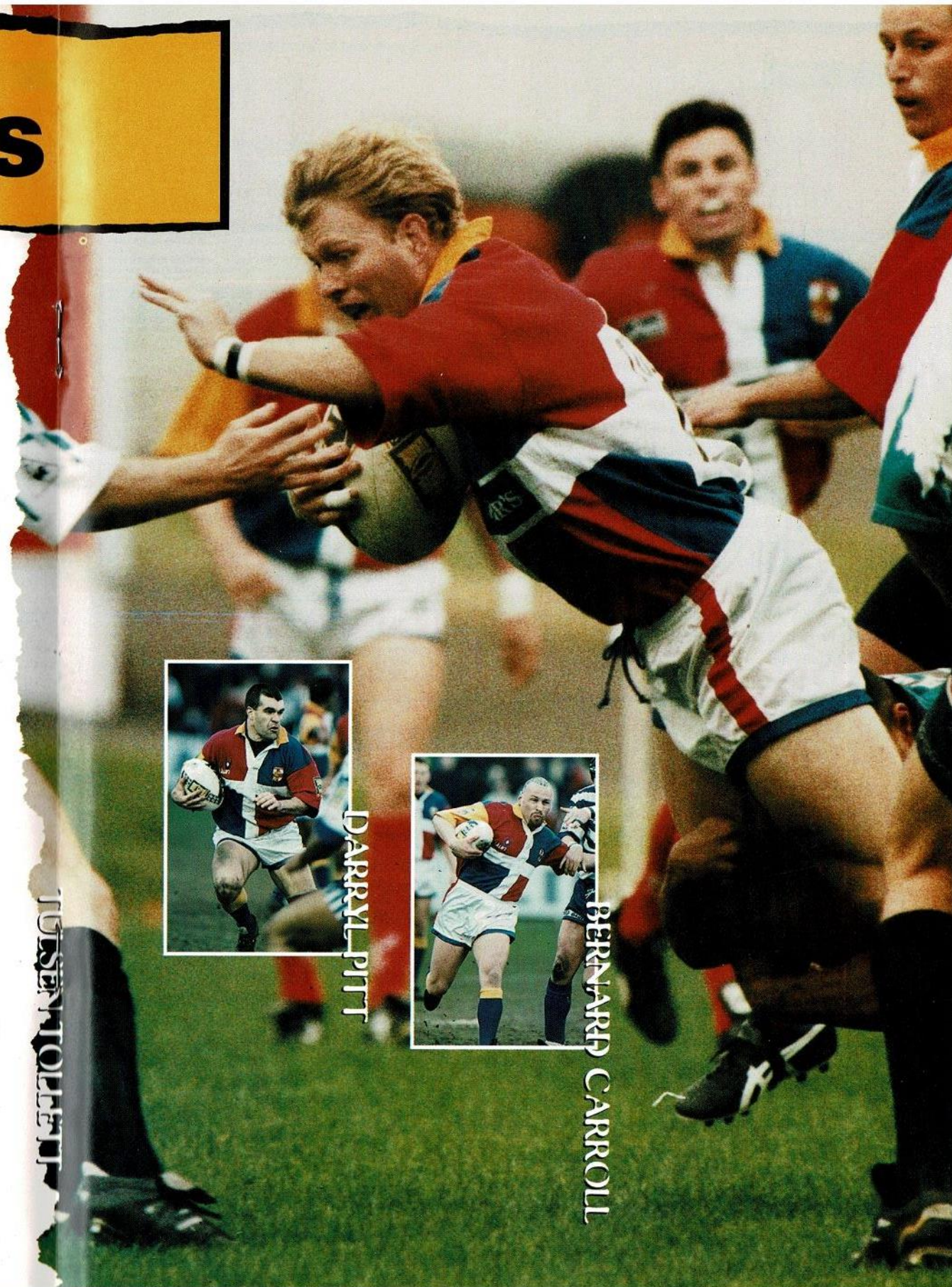
One of the longest standing players at the club. Was top try scorer in 1990-91 and has played for the club in nearly every position during his time. A very solid and versatile player who seems to get better every year.

ADRIAN WHY

Irish born utility player who was very impressive throughout last season in the Alliance. Earned a couple of 1st team games last season and has been very impressive in pre season training and trials.

SCOTT ROSKELL

A Gold Coast Australian who joined the club in 1991. Has both strength and speed which resulted in him being the top try scorer last season.



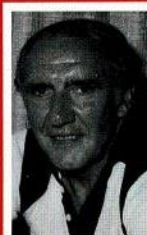
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NEWS From The

Academy...

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What a difference a week makes from a great win at Huddersfield to a good hiding at Keighley Cougars. Anyway let's talk about the good things. First what a great performance our boys put up at the old Fartown ground against Huddersfield who are second in the table, but we came away with the points in what must rate our best performance of the season. The scoreline of 12 points to eight shows what a tight match it was but our lads never panicked and tackled like demons. Outstanding for the young Bears were Jason Brassington, Simon Svabic and our new recruits Carl Switzer and Ward Jones. Joe McNicholas got 2 tries and Craig Barker 2 goals. Now the bad news Dale Aldred and James Bowman were injured in the match against Huddersfield and were unavailable for our game yesterday against Keighley when we were punished by 54 points to 12 by a very big side, but no excuses we just didn't compete.

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Day	Date	Team	H/A	Kick-Off	Score
Monday	1/4/96	ROCHDALE	H	7.30pm	L 16-34
Friday	5/4/96	HULL K.R.	H	1.00pm	CR W 20-11
Monday	8/4/96	Batley	A	3.30pm	L 23-10
Saturday	13/4/96	SALFORD REDS	H	4.00pm	CR L 10-24
	20/4/96	BLANK WEEKEND			
	29/4/96	JJB SPORTS ACADEMY CHALLENGE CUP FIRST ROUND			
Sunday	5/5/96	Widnes	A	1.00pm	CR L 41-4
Monday	13/5/96	HUDDERSFIELD	H	7.30pm	L 18-26
Sunday	19/5/96	Sheffield Eagles	A	4.00pm	CR W42-32
Sunday	26/5/96	KEIGHLEY COUG.	H	1.00pm	CR W16-13
Monday	3/6/96	SWINTON	H	7.30pm	W28-20
Sunday	9/6/96	DEWSBURY	H	4.00pm	CR W56-14
Sunday	16/6/96	Rochdale H.	A	2.00pm	CR L60-23
Sunday	23/6/96	Hull K.R.	A	4.30pm	CR L32-18
Monday	1/7/96	BATLEY	H	7.30pm	CR L26-20
Sunday	7/7/96	Salford Reds	A	4.00pm	CR L46-6
	15/7/96	BLANK WEEKEND			
Monday	22/7/96	WIDNES	H	7.30pm	CR W23-19
Monday	29/7/96	Huddersfield	A	7.30pm	CR W12-8
Sunday	4/8/96	Keighley Coug.	A	4.00pm	CR L54-12
Sunday	11/8/96	Swinton	A @ Radcliffe Borough	3.30pm	
Sunday	18/8/96	Dewsbury	A	3.00pm	CR
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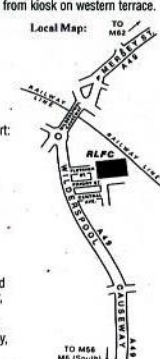
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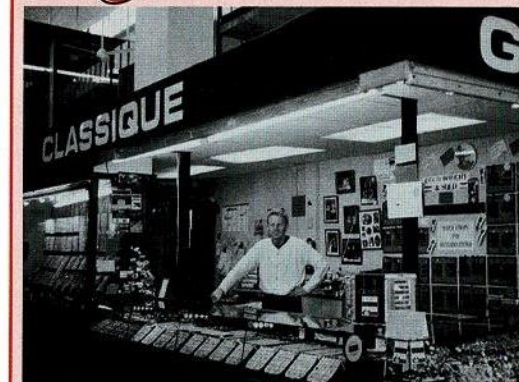
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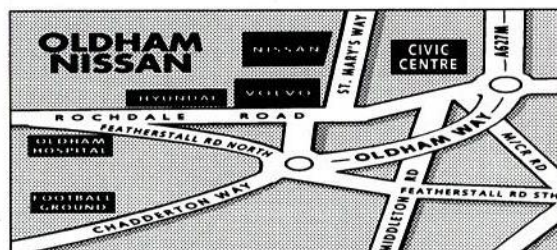
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PREMIERSHIP

Oldham's recent injury problems and consequent disappointing results mean that they will not be appearing in the Premiership play-off at the end of the season. However that should not deter fans from travelling to the finals which are to be staged at Old

Trafford on Sunday, 8th September. The finals follow the same formula as in previous years. The Divisional Premiership kicks off at 1.30pm with the Stones Super League Premiership Final kicking off at 3.30pm. It looks as if Salford will be involved in the Divisional Final whilst the big match is likely to involve Wigan and St. Helens.

WORLD STUDENTS CUP

The Students World Cup, sponsored by Halifax Building Society, kicks off on Saturday week, 17th August. England's first match is against France at Wilderspool, Warrington kick-off 3pm. The following Tuesday, 20th August, England face Scotland at Gateshead kick-off 7pm and they then wind up their group fixtures with a match against Japan at Sale rugby union ground on Sunday, 25th August kick-off 5.30pm. All being well, they will contest the semi-finals at Warrington on Tuesday, 27th August 6pm and the final at the Willows, Salford on Saturday, 31st August with a 4.30pm kick-off. Why not go along and give our boys some support in this tournament which involves twelve countries from all five continents.

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Thoughts from the Terraces...

What a marvellous match it was at the Valley last week, when St Helens just pipped a gallant Broncos side. Fantastic entertainment, both for the 6,000 plus crowd and for the Sky viewers. I just cannot understand the experts who moan about so called unfair advantages that development area clubs enjoy. If Super League is to enable the game to make the breakthrough to a national identity that surely we all want to see, then clubs in London, Paris and next Cardiff have got to be powerful. If that requires short-term positive discrimination, so be it. The Offiah signing, too, can do nothing but good for London, and I hope Paris, Cardiff and other future big-city starters can similarly manage to attract big names to boost their prospects. Why not Gibbs (& Harris) for Cardiff, for example? One thing which the match demonstrated conclusively was the benefit of the big-screen action replay and the video referee. Perelini's winning try could not possibly have been either given or denied with any confidence without it. The sooner it becomes available at all

Super League matches, the better, on the grounds of fairness, both to all clubs and also to the referees. Can you imagine what a home crowd would have done if the referee on the field had given the Perelini try? But the police don't have to give the video referee a full escort from the field; he presumably strolls away quietly and peacefully, in his own time! I am not quite sure what I thought about the "Odsal experience" of the game itself, the least said, the better, from our point of view, though I think I might put some money on the Bulls for the Premiership. But off the field, although some of it was perhaps a bit tacky, overall you have got to give it to them. The bouncy castle and jugglers were clearly popular with the hundreds of small children to be seen, and there is no arguing with the superb increases in attendances recorded this season. League Express recently reported that they had allocated a budget of £80,000, and planned it all out carefully, before the season began. Perhaps we could learn a lesson, for 1997?



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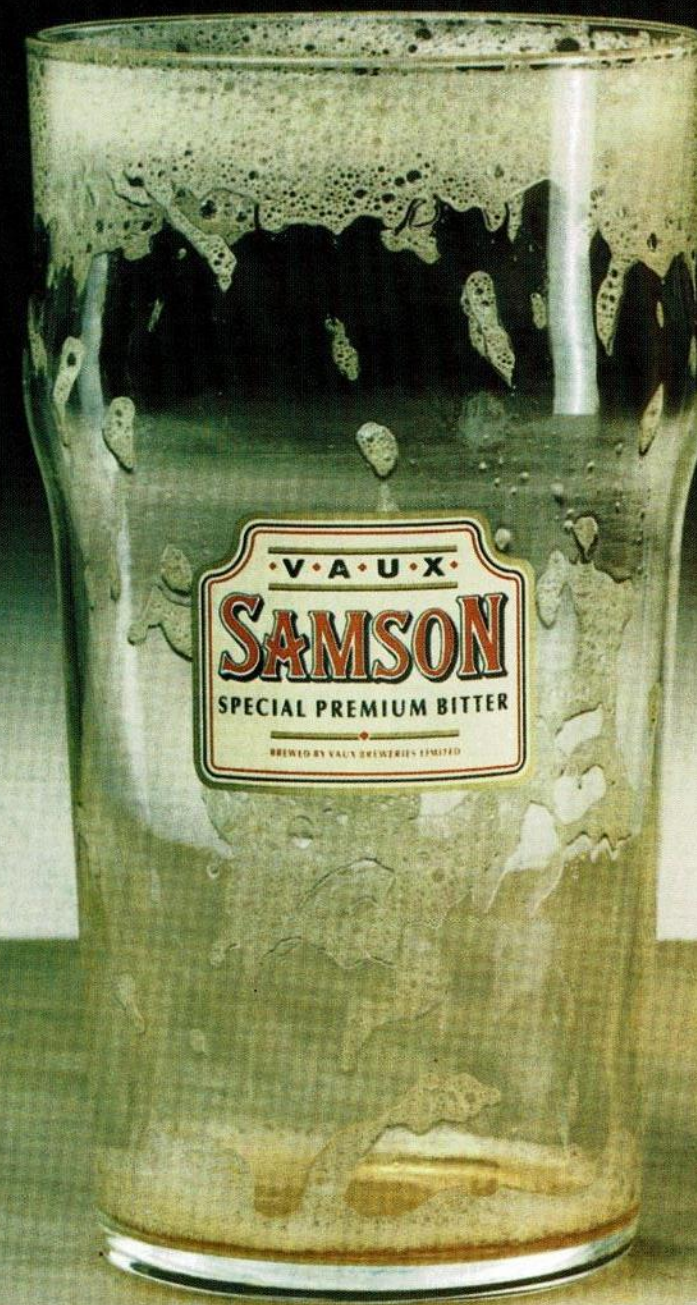
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This afternoon's match is the 20th meeting between Oldham and the Londoners who have visited Watersheddings under the names of Fulham, Crusaders and now Broncos. Of the previous 19 meetings, Oldham have won 12, London have won six and one match has been drawn. As far as League competition is concerned, there have been 15 previous meetings with Oldham winning eight times, London six and one draw. Oldham's biggest two victories against the Londoners came during season 1989-90 when, as Fulham, the Londoners lost at home 40-10 with centre Charlie McAllister grabbing a try and six goals. Three months later Oldham won 52-4 at Watersheddings when another centre John Henderson crossed for four tries. London's biggest win at Watersheddings was their 10-0 success in December 1991 whilst their biggest home win over Oldham came last October when they beat Oldham 46-14 as the Broncos played their first match at the Valley.

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Oldham tries:	Darren Abram (2) & Paul Atcheson
Goals:	Francis Maloney (3)
Dropped goal:	Francis Maloney
Broncos try:	Ikram Butt
Goals:	Julian O'Neill (2)

OLDHAM: Paul Atcheson; Wally Gibson, Paul Topping, Darren Abram, Scott Ranson; Francis Maloney, Martin Crompton; Ian Sherratt, Jon Clarke, Jason Temu, Gary Lord, Joe Faimalo & Howard Hill. Subs: Steve Gartland, Chris Parr, Mike Neal & Iyan Green.

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4	Sat 13 April	LEEDS	H BSKYB	6.00pm	25-16	3,350				●																											
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7	Fri 10 May	BRADFORD BULLS	H	7.30pm	10-30	4,228																															
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RUGBY RECALL

1. Which Leeds and Gt Britain winger was forced to retire from the game, because of a shoulder injury in July 1992?
2. Which scrum half did Wigan sign from Warrington in July 1992?
3. Which Sheffield Eagles Kiwi player did Oldham sign in July 1992, although there is no record of him having played for us?
4. Oldham beat Salford for the signings of which Bradford Northern player in August 1992?
5. Which player came to Oldham in August 1992 from Blackpool Gladiators in a swap for Shaun Allen?
6. Which well known Welsh player did London sign from Hull KR in September 1992?
7. Which two French RL sides played in the 1992/93 Regal Trophy competition?
8. Which club were given a High Court reprieve in November 1992, regarding the threat of having to leave their home ground?
9. Which then Second Division Club's player refused to turn out at Leigh in December 1992, in a pay and bonus dispute?
10. Name the high profile coach sacked from Halifax in December 1992?

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ANSWERS
1. David Cresser, 2. Martin Crompton, 3. Des Maea, 4. Hugh Gumbs, 5. Mark Meadows, 6. David Bishop, 7. Hull KR, 8. Carcassonne, 9. Leigh, 10. Roger Millward

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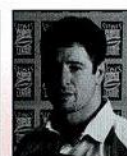
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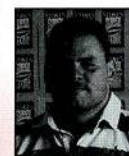
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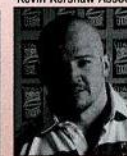
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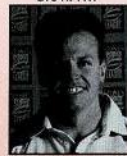
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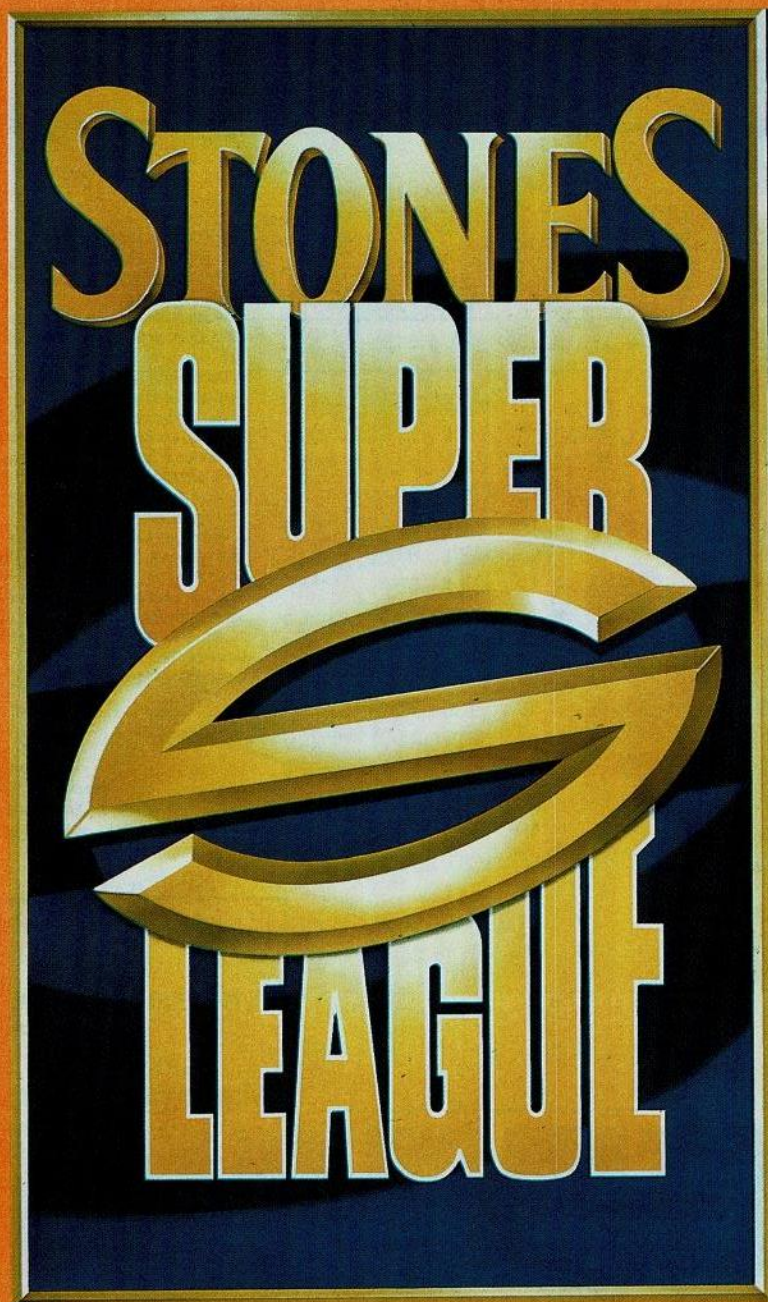
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RENEWED ATTACKS ON WARRIORS

The Auckland Warriors have come under renewed attack for their aggressive recruitment policy.

Moves on Gold Coast speed merchant Lee Oudenryn have provoked the struggling Chargers into lodging a formal complaint with the Australian Rugby League.

Under Clause 26 of the standard ARL players contract clubs are prevented from approaching any player still under contract without the written permission of his current club.

ARL public affairs manager John Brady said all teams had been warned against breaching that provision in a letter circulated on June 14.

Angry Gold Coast Chief Executive Paul Broughton claimed that Warriors coach John Monie had approached Oudenryn after the Aucklanders played at Carrara Stadium three weeks ago.

Whilst Monie denied personal contact with the winger he admitted that Auckland were "definitely interested" in the man who once beat Martin Offiah in a match race over 100 metres.

He said that Auckland Chief Executive Ian Robson had progressed discussions with Oudenryn during a business trip to Queensland last week.

The anti-poaching provision was agreed at a meeting two years ago

between club chief executives, the players' union and the NSWRL premiership committee before being written into the ARL's bye-laws. But Monie this week called the Gold Coast complaint "ridiculous". He said that every club with ambition was chasing players well before they came out of contract and claimed that ARL-loyal Manly and Sydney City were the pace-setters.

The Gold Coast, limited to a salary cap of only \$1.2 million dollars against around £4 million for most Super League clubs, have been rocked by late season raids on their best talent.

Five-eighth Shane Kenward is believed to have signed with St George and the Dragons are also understood to have been cited in the complaint to the ARL.

The other hot target is former Whitehaven, York, Hull KR, Bradford and Halifax star Dave Watson.

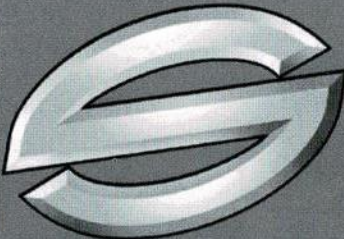
The controversial utility back has been in outstanding form this season and has revelled in the responsibility of the captaincy.

Canterbury are the club trying to woo Watson away from the holiday strip but Coast officials hope they have countered that threat.

Meanwhile, Brady confirmed that the ARL had the power to disqualify, suspend or fine any person or club breaching its rules.

The Warriors will learn whether or not they face disciplinary action after the next ARL board meeting which is scheduled for August 12.

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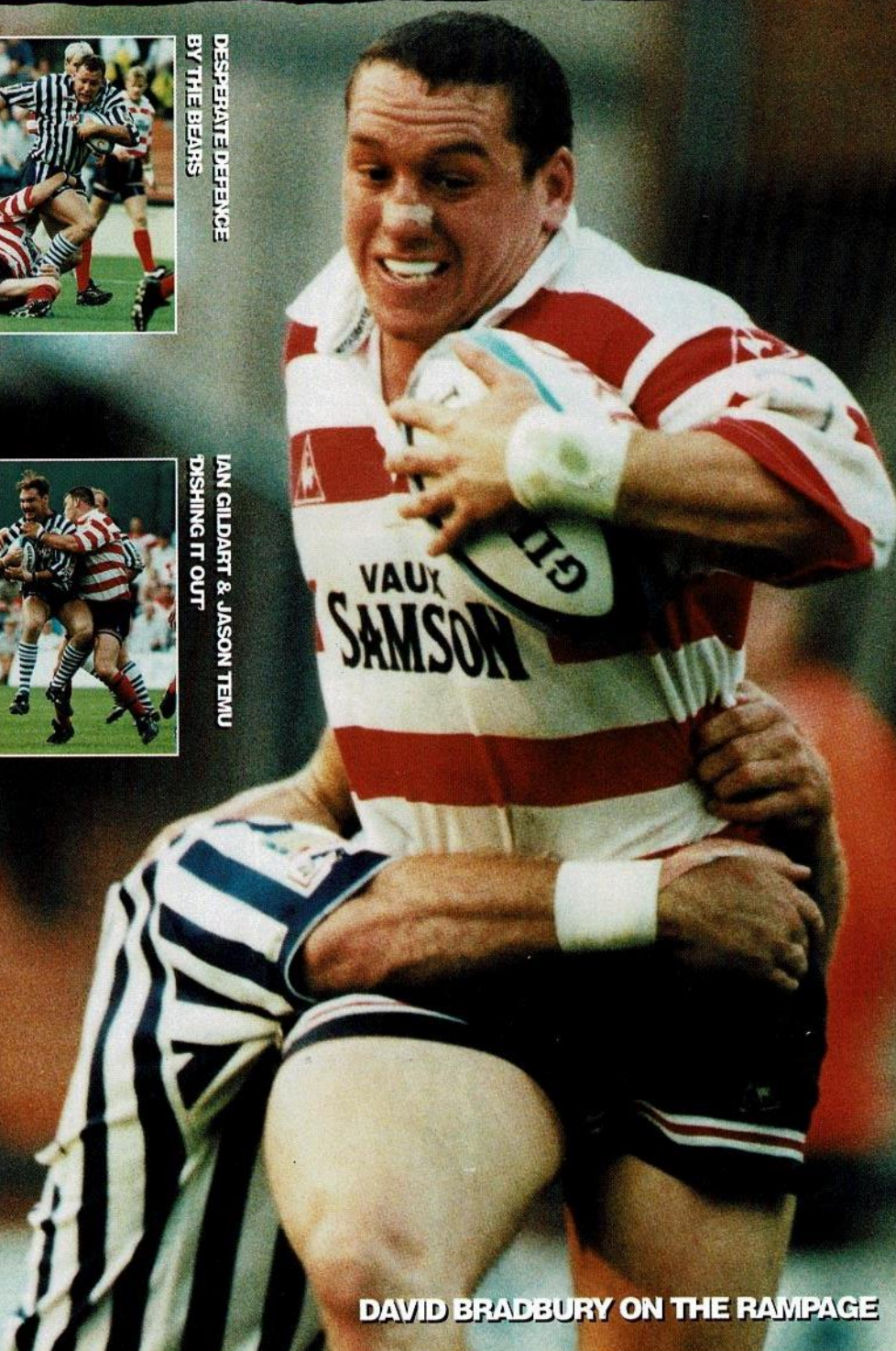
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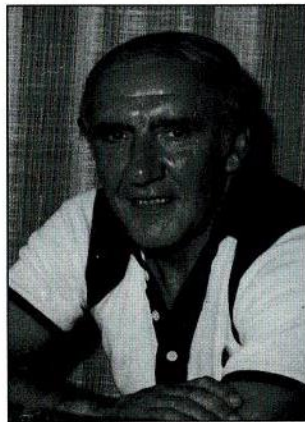
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News



By the time you are reading these notes our summer course programme should be about half way over. We have done a Super League course at

Watersheddings which our Head Coach Andy Goodway, Jason Temu and Howard Hill put our young hopefuls through their paces and also our conditioner Andrew Jackson gave them some tips on conditioning. This week

Paul Topping and Francis Maloney are running a kicking clinic which includes goal kicking, punt, grubber kicks and the bomb. I went along to Salem Hornets last Sunday and what a good day it was teams from under 8's to under 11's played some terrific rugby and it was a really good turn out and everyone seemed to enjoy it. On Wednesday the 14th August at Hathershaw Sports Centre we are holding a under 8's competition at 6pm anyone interested in entering are welcome and if your lad fancies a game even though he's not with a club bring him along and we will get him a game.

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Roger...

by Roger Halstead of the Oldham Evening Chronicle

One of the season's most interesting developments at Watersheddings has been the growth of the youth policy.

Money talks at any level of a professional game, so there will continue to be times when a top-class boy from this area turns pro elsewhere. But never again can Oldham be accused of ignoring local talent or paying little heed to youngsters... not after all the hard work that has gone into the creation of a youth plan at Watersheddings in the past 18 months or two years.

Boys as young as 13 have now pledged their futures to Oldham Bears and while one can advance a good argument that 13 is too young... from the club's point of view **AND** the youngster's...this is the market place in which a club needs to be active if it is to keep pace with competitors.

With recruitment of youngsters like that, and the same applies to 14,15, 16 and 17 year olds, comes responsibility and it was encouraging to learn recently that the Bears have established an apprenticeship scheme to be run in conjunction with the local Chamber of Commerce.

Andy Goodway, Alan McCurrie, Brian Gartland and Andrew Jackson have gone "back to school" to learn how to become assessors and verifiers. The training costs money initially, but some of the cost will be paid for by the Chamber of Commerce and in the long term it will work out considerably cheaper than having to pay verifiers and assessors to come in from outside.

Those apprentices and trainees who are on the scheme will work full-time at the club on the development of their rugby careers while studying for National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ's) in sports and recreation.

Most professional soccer clubs have similar schemes, but they are comparatively new to Rugby League, although most of the top clubs are now moving in this direction.

The Bears have no intention of being left behind in the rush for young blood and, having taken youngsters on board, they want to give them the best chance of making a living from Rugby League while providing them with an alternative career route as back-up.

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