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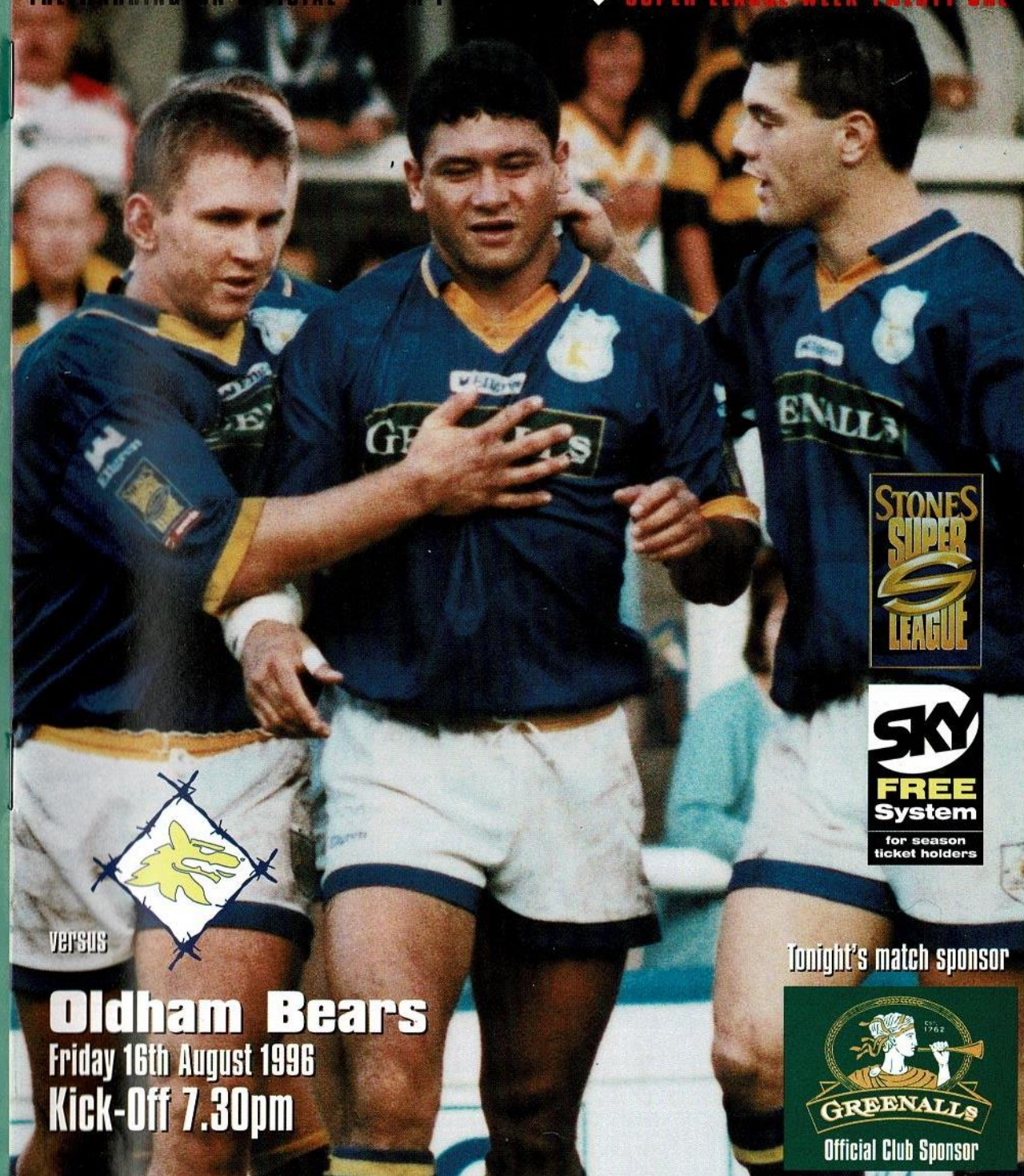
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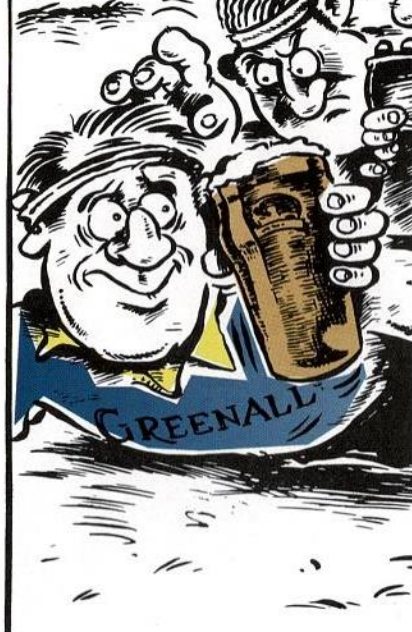
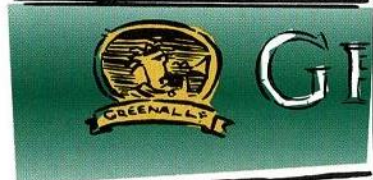
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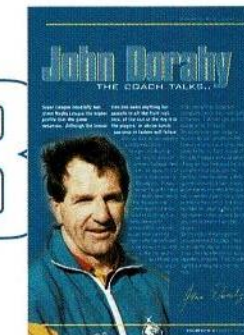
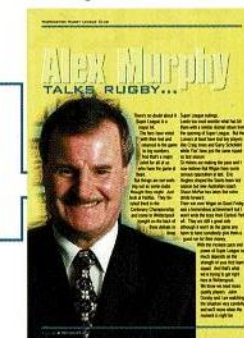
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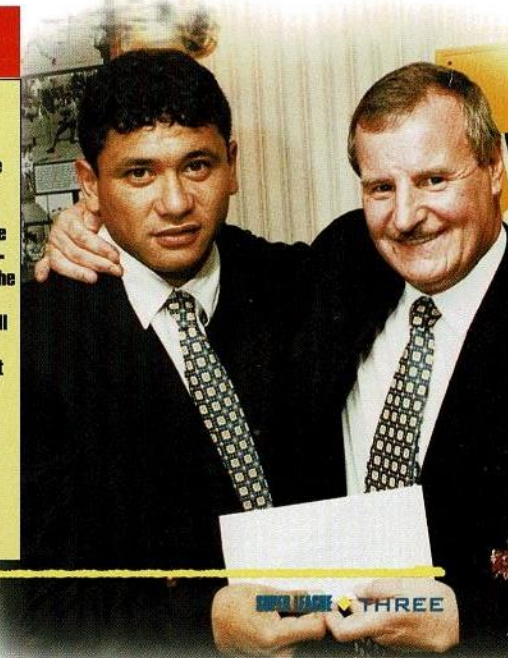
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Pictured right Alex acknowledges Richards 80 yard try as a champagne moment to savour.
(Warrington v Castleford)



Alex Murphy

TALKS RUGBY...

Who would have thought - the last game of the season and it is still as important as the first.

Our win against Castleford was a great result with some great individual performances from Willy Swann and Kelly Shelford who were very impressive and probably a big key to the team's success.

It is more important today, however, that we carry the same performance against Oldham who ran London Broncos very close last week. Oldham are never an easy side to play against but I am sure that the lads will realise that this game is a must to be won if we are to give ourselves any chance of being in the top four at the end of the season.

It was nice to see Richard Henare back with two splendid tries against Castleford and also the very impressive display of

seventeen

year old Warren Stevens and I can assure Warrington supporters that this youngster has a great future in rugby league.

Keep up the good work lads and let's hope for another win tonight. Again I ask for the supporters, please give the lads your backing, it does help and it is very important.

This, the last home match of the season, co-incides with the end of my fourth month at the Club and I have to say I have enjoyed it tremendously. We now have in place at Wilderspool one of the most professional groups of people in the game and are well placed to build on our success so that we remain amongst the top contenders in Super League. Plans are well advanced to make significant improvements to the ground such as, extension to the Bevan stand creating a further 440 seats, improvements to most of the toilets, expansion of the commercial and entertaining facilities, improved ground signage, all of which

should make life much more comfortable and enjoyable for our supporters. This work should be completed by the end of the 1997 season and we will then move on to the next phase which will be renovation of the Railway end.

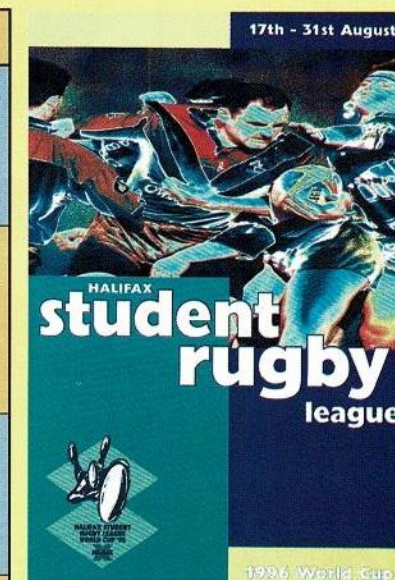
Within a three year period we expect the Club to have changed beyond recognition and the impetus for this is undoubtedly the advent of Super League. Although there have been some teething problems we feel that Summer Rugby has now established itself alongside other Summer attractions and is an enjoyable spectacle for all the family.

On behalf of the Directors, staff, and players I would like to express thanks to all our supporters throughout the season and to say how much we have enjoyed your company. We hope that we will continue to thrill you by keeping a fourth place and if that means beating Saints away let's go for it!



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HALIFAX STUDENT RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP 1996 - SCHEDULE				
Date	Match	Location	Time	
Saturday 17th August 1996	England v France	Wilderspool, Warrington	3.00pm	
	Scotland v Japan	Wilderspool, Warrington	5.00pm	
	N Zealand v W Samoa	Thrum, Halifax	6.30pm	
Sunday 18th August 1996	S Africa v Russia	Post Office Road, Featherstone	3.00pm	
	Australia v Wales	Hilton Park, Leigh	3.00pm	
	USA v Ireland	Sixfield, Northampton	6.00pm	
Tuesday 20th August 1996	England v Scotland	Gateshead, Newcastle	7.00pm	
	France v Japan	The Boulevard Hull	7.00pm	
Wednesday 21st August 1996	N Zealand v USA	Belle Vue, Wakefield	7.00pm	
	Ireland v W Samoa	Ryedale Stadium, York	7.30pm	
Thursday 22nd August 1996	Australia v S Africa	Cougar Park, Keighley	7.30pm	
	Wales v Russia	Odsal, Bradford	7.30pm	
Saturday 24th August 1996	W Samoa v USA	Craven Park, Hull KR	2.30pm	
	Scotland v France	Wheldon Road, Castleford	5.30pm	
	N Zealand v Ireland	The Boulevard, Hull FC	6.30pm	
Sunday 25th August 1996	Australia v Russia	The Valley, London	3.00pm	
	England v Japan	Heywood Road, Sale	5.30pm	
	Wales v S Africa	Cheltenham, Prince of Wales Stadium	5.30pm	
Tuesday 27th August 1996	Trophy Semi-Final	Wilderspool, Warrington	6.00pm	
	Trophy Semi-Final	Wilderspool, Warrington	8.00pm	
	Plate Semi-Final	Central Park, Wigan	6.00pm	
	Plate Semi-Final	Central Park, Wigan	8.00pm	
	Bowl Semi-Final	Ryedale Stadium, York	6.00pm	
	Bowl Semi-Final	Ryedale Stadium, York	8.00pm	
Friday 30th August 1996	Bowl Play-Off	Crown Flatt, Dewsbury	5.00pm	
	Plate Final	Crown Flatt, Dewsbury	7.00pm	
	Plate Play-Off	Cougar Park, Keighley	5.30pm	
	Bowl Final	Cougar Park, Keighley	7.30pm	
Saturday 31 August 1996	3rd & 4th place Play-Off	The Willows, Salford	2.00pm	
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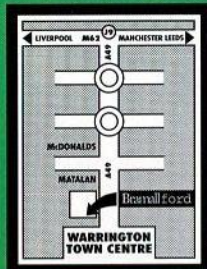
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THE battle for a Premiership play-offs place is just as fierce as the fight for the title. Warrington are still in with a shout of the fourth spot as London Broncos have to entertain title hopefuls Wigan this weekend. One Broncos defeat will open the door for Warrington but John Dorahy's boys will probably have to beat Oldham Bears tonight and win at

championship leaders St. Helens on Bank Holiday Monday in the final game.

It's an exciting finale with Wire and the Broncos still to have a big say in which club will be crowned inaugural Super League champions.

Both clubs are pouring all efforts into qualifying for the money-spinning Premiership place as its immediate semi-finals format has many believing it could be any team's prize.

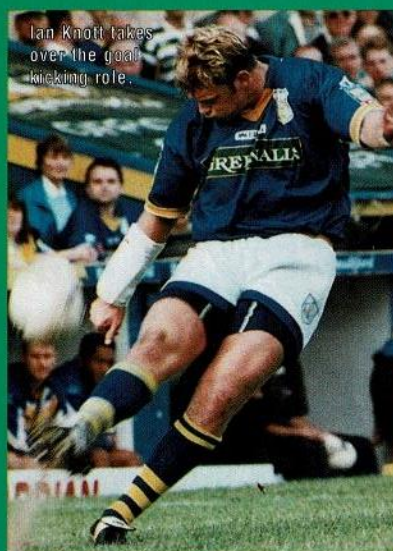
I expected Oldham to do Wire a favour last weekend by beating the Broncos but their late rally spoiled things.

Now Oldham, with ex-Wire stars Darren Abram, Martin Crompton and Francis Maloney in their ranks, are looking to upset the Wilderspool appletart.

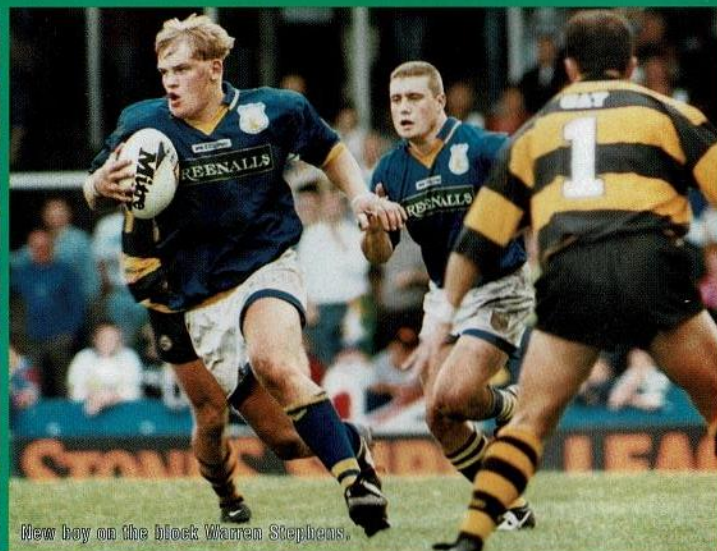
They did exactly that in June with a 35-24 success over Wire at Watersheddings - one of several poor Wire shows away from home that has put a top four finish in the balance.

Wire should go into tonight's game with renewed confidence though after last week's battering of Castleford - who came to Wilderspool with the reputation of being Super League's form team.

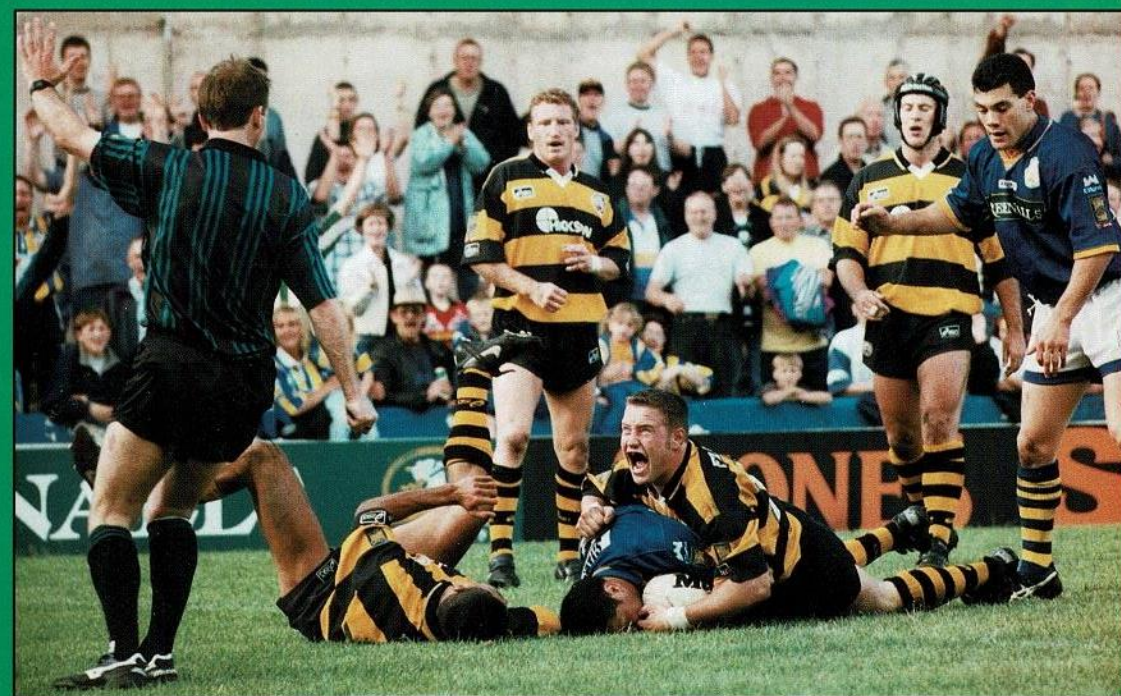
BY MIKE PARSONS...



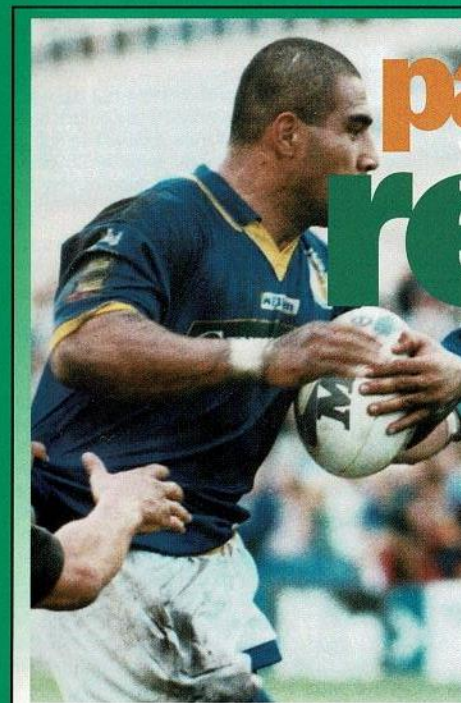
Ian Knott takes over the goal-kicking role.



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TODAY'S Visitors

OLDHAM BEARS

CENTENARY SEASON REVIEW

An awful start and promising end is a reflection of Oldham's 1995-96 Centenary Season, with coach Andy Goodway surviving early criticism and eventually displaying positive direction for the club. Utilising the majority of his squad, Andy Goodway received a great deal of flak after Oldham lost all five of their opening fixtures. They then defeated London by 19-8 but were still struggling when knocked out of the Regal Trophy by Widnes. A memorable 28-26 victory over Wigan was the opener to a fruitful end of the campaign, yielding five wins from the last six games. Oldham lost to Warrington in their fourth round Challenge Cup tie.

SUPER LEAGUE REVIEW

The Bears received the opening fixture nobody else wanted, Champions Wigan, at Boundary Park. They lost 16-56 but then displayed excellent character in their next three fixtures, defeating Halifax at home (34-22), drawing 24-24 at Paris and playing particularly well in a 25-16 Watersheddings victory over Leeds. A tremendous 24-20 win at Castleford in Round 5 elevated the Bears to one of the leading Challengers in Super League but they were brought back down to earth via a 18-66 defeat at St Helens. A poor spell followed with defeats against Bradford (H) 10-30, Sheffield (A) 10-23, Workington (H) 27-29 and London (A) 22-28. They returned to winning ways with a good performance in defeating Wire at home by 35-24. They lost at Wigan (16-44) but enjoyed an encouraging 20-14 victory over Halifax at Thrum Hall. Paris were defeated at home by 24pts-6 and the Bears completed a rare double over Leeds by virtue of a last gasp 28-26 victory at Headingley. Three defeats followed, at home to castleford and St Helens and away at Bradford. Oldham sent Workington nearer to the Super League trapdoor by winning at Derwent Park but last weekend they lost at home against Warrington's top four rivals London, by 14pts-22.

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 prod-

BEARS DETAILS

Ground:	Watersheddings
First Season:	1895-96
Nickname:	Bears
Highest Score:	70-10 v Bramley, 12 Feb, 1995
Highest Against:	67-11 at Hull KR, 24 Sept, 1978

uct of Blackbrook juniors (St. Helens) who turned professional with Widnes in 1990. Moved here to Wigan in October 1992 and made his debut the following January in the 19-4 Regal Trophy semi-final victory over Hull. Made 62 appearances for Wigan before transferring to Oldham in June 1995 for £50,000. Whilst at Central Park represented Great Britain at academy and under 21 level and he has also been a member of the Welsh team in various competitions during the past three seasons.

SCOTT RANSON

Fast and elusive winger. A product of Thatto Heath Juniors (St. Helens) who turned professional with Swinton in 1987. Was top try scorer at Swinton during his last two seasons with the Lions. Joined Oldham in February 1992 and has continued his prolific try scoring feats at Watersheddings.

DARREN ABRAM

Prolific try scoring centre who has been Oldham's top try scorer 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.

PAUL TOPPING

Utility player who is equally effective whether at centre, stand off or loose forward. Terrific defender. Topping is a

product of the Wigan St. Patricks junior club who turned professional with Swinton in 1985. He had a spell on loan at Mansfield before joining Leigh in 1990 and then transferring to Oldham in September 1993. Topping made one appearance for Lancashire in 1991 and was included in the Ireland squad for the Emerging Nations Championship in 1995.

OLDHAM BEARS PEN PICTURES FRANCIS MALONEY

A player whose experiences at Widnespool in 1994 will make him determined to excel this afternoon. Powerful stand-off and accurate positional kicker. A product of the St. John Fisher Junior Club (Dewsbury) who turned professional with Leeds in 1990. Moved to Featherstone Rovers in 1992 and won Great Britain under-21 recognition whilst at Post Office Road. Transferred to Warrington in May 1994 but did not settle and made only 19 appearances for Warrington (4 tries) before moving on to Oldham 14 months later for £50,000. Took over the goal kicking duties at Watersheddings and was Oldham's top point scorer last season.

MARTIN CROMPTON

Scrum half captain and the orchestrator of most of Oldham's attacking play. A former Wigan St. Patricks junior who began his professional career with Warrington in 1986. Moved back to Wigan 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

IAN GILDART

Hard working and experienced forward. A product of Wigan Colts who turned professional here at Central Park during October 1986. Made his debut the following January in the 68-0 in the Challenge Cup victory over Workington Town. Went on to make 139 appearances for Wigan including an outing at Wembley in 1990. Also appeared in a Regal Trophy and Premiership Final for Wigan. Represented Great Britain at under 21 level whilst at Central Park. After eight years with Wigan was transferred to Wakefield Trinity in August 1994 and then last August moved on to Oldham for a £45,000 transfer fee.

JASON TEMU

Hard running and tough tackling prop who first came to notice with the Marist club in New Zealand. He joined the Counties-Manukau outfit for the New Zealand Lion Red Cup competition of 1994 and it was after that successful campaign that Temu joined Oldham. He has represented New Zealand Residents during their 1994 tour of Australia and was a member of the Cook Island team which lifted the 1995 Emerging Nations Championship. Also played in the 1996 Fijian Nines.

GARY LORD

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 joining Oldham in July 1994 for £35,000.

JOE FAIMALO

Hard working second row forward who is enjoying his best run of form. A product of the Eastern Suburbs club in New Zealand, 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 prompted him to return to Oldham in September 1994. His determination and stamina since then have made him one of the mainstays of the Roughyed pack.

DAVID BRADBURY

Fiery utility forward who gives 100% in every match. Oldham signed him from Leigh Miners Welfare Juniors in August 1991. A former BARLA under 18 tourist to New Zealand.

PAUL DAVIDSON

Hard working prop or second row forward.

ward. 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 turn of speed which should benefit him following the switch to summer rugby.

ADRIAN BELLE

Powerful, determined winger. Was with the Oldham St. Annes junior club before he turned professional with Rochdale Hornets in 1990. Moved to Watersheddings in October 1993 and has become a regular in the Roughyeds first team squad.

GARY BURNS

Fine young utility player who joined Oldham in December 1993. Forced his way into first team contention last year. Was scrum-half then, could be hooker now.

MATT MUNRO

Short but mobile second row forward with a terrific workrate. Has also turned out at hooker. An Australian who joined Oldham at the beginning of the campaign from Sydney Tigers.

REECE GUY

Tough tackling prop. A New Zealander who came to prominence with the North Harbour outfit. Moved to the Brothers Club of Brisbane (Australia) and joined Oldham last June.

OLDHAM CENTENARY SEASON 1995-96 RECORD

Championship:	Position 8th
	Record: Pld 20, won 8, drawn 0, lost 12, for 382, against 535, pts 16
Challenge Cup:	Rnd 4 Oldham 4 Warrington 26
Regal Trophy:	Rnd 2 Widnes 32 Oldham 8

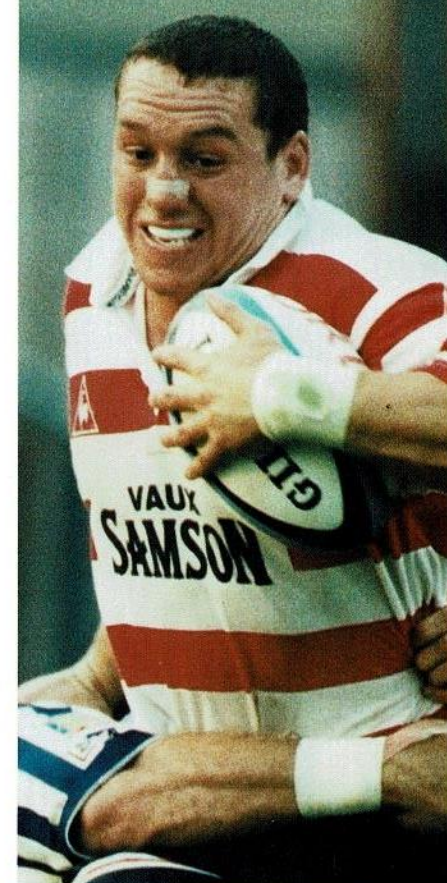
WARRINGTON v OLDHAM LAST FIVE LEAGUE FIXTURES HOME AND AWAY

1988-89	Wire	32,	Oldham	30				
1990-91	Wire	22,	Oldham	14	Oldham 4,	Wire	2	
1993-94	Wire	23,	Oldham	6	Oldham 12,	Wire	18	
1994-95	Wire	55,	Oldham	6	Oldham 52,	Wire	22	
1995-96	Wire	40,	Oldham	8	Oldham 30,	Wire	19	
1996 (SL)					Oldham 35,	Wire	24	

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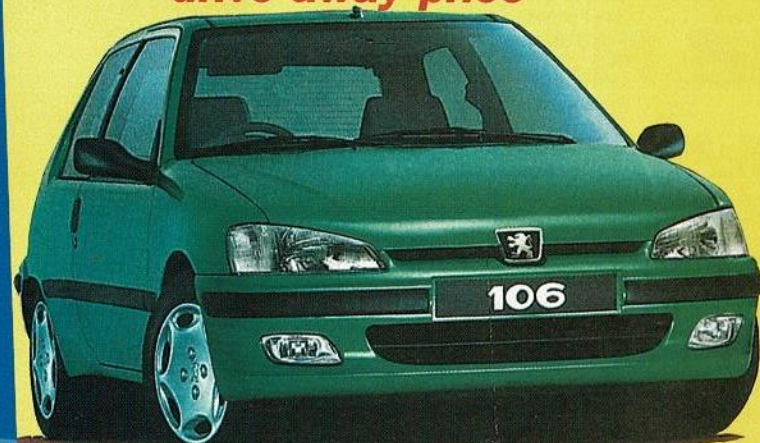
Date	Competition	Opposition	Venue	Result
14/7/96	S/ League wk 16	Castleford	H	Lost 20-30
19/7/96	S/League wk 17	St Helens	H	Lost 18-54
28/7/96	S/League wk 18	Bradford Bulls	H	Lost 0-56
4/8/96	S/League wk 19	Workington Town	A	Won 30-24
11/8/96	S/League wk 20	London Broncos	H	Lost 14-22

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in class.

There has also, of course, been some considerable spin-off for the club. Many more pupils, and adults who have accompanied them, are now aware of the existence of the club, and the facilities which are available here. The clubs merchandise has sold well to many of the pupils, and a considerable amount of media coverage has ben received, with two TV features and several reports and pictures in the local press.

What then, for the future? The half day visits will still be available as an option, but we

are setting up a pilot scheme with full-day visits to incorporate a coaching session in the afternoons. This will be run by Nigel Ashley-Jones who assists with fitness and conditioning. Two schools are visiting in July to assist with the preparation of a full-day programme, with a view to this option becoming available from October onwards in the close season. If you are interested, please wing Dave Prince at the club on 635338. We are always willing to come out to visit your school to talk possibilities, or to organise a coaching clinic for you.

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Wolf Pack

NEWS UPDATE

WOLFPACK NEWS

Welcome to the Directors, Players and Supporters for tonight's Super League clash. Oldham Bears always give us a good game.

'WOLFPACK RECORD'

We are certainly receiving a good response to our request for names

TONIGHT'S MASCOT



Our mascots for tonight's match is eight year old Ryan David Sharkey who goes to St Benedicts school. His best friends are Craig Hall and Matthew Dolley, Ryan plays rugby for Woolston Rovers under 9's team. He likes playing football but prefers Rugby League. Ryan also likes going to the Wolfpack discos and his favourite food is Beans and Waffles. Ryans favourite players are Richard Henare and Paul Sculthorpe. Enjoy your night Ryan

for our very own record - but we still need more kids involved to get a good sound so if any of you Wolfpack members wants to be a part of our own record 'Primrose & Blue' please leave your name and number at the club or Market Stall.

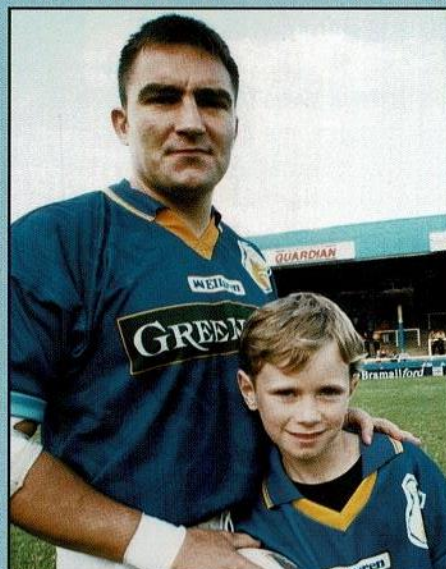
We are hoping to start rehearsing in the next two weeks. You don't have to have a good singing voice, just enthusiasm. So come on Wolfpackers this is your record that will be played on Match Days and you will be able to say "I was part of that!!!"

"BARGAIN BEDDING"

Well on to the next news hot off the press, all bedding, duvet covers, curtains and lampshades are all further reduced. £9.99 for curtains, sizes are 66" x 72" or 66" x 54" and £9.99 for single duvet covers. All in Primrose & Blue colours. So for £24 you could have all your bedroom done in your favourite teams colours. So at that price you'll have to hurry on down to the market stall as we have only got a limited supply.

"OPEN DAY"

The other news is we will be having an open day down at the ground late August or early September so



Matthew Morley with Captain Paul Cullen when he was mascot at our winner against Castleford

if you want to meet all your favourite players' they will be there so watch the Warrington Guardian for further news. Well tonight will be our last home match for this season but you can register anytime for the Wolfpack season ticket for next season. the price is still £10 for a season ticket, plus if you introduce a friend you will get yours for £5 not bad for a full season games and don't forget you also get 10% off all merchandise. So enjoy your game tonight. Here's hoping we win.

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This, the last home match of the season, co-incides with the end of my fourth month at the Club and I have to say I have enjoyed it tremendously. We now have in place at Wilderspool one of the most professional groups of people in the game and are well placed to build on our success so that we remain amongst the top contenders in Super League.

Plans are well advanced to make significant improvements to the ground such as, extension to the Bevan stand creating a further 440 seats, improvements to most of the toilets, expansion of the commercial and entertaining facilities, improved ground signage, all of which should make life much more comfortable and enjoyable for our supporters. This work should be completed by the end of the 1997 season and we will then move on to the next phase which will be renovation of the Railway end.

Within a three year period we expect the Club to have changed beyond recognition and the impetus for this is undoubtedly the advent of Super League. Although there have been some teething problems we feel that Summer Rugby has now established itself alongside other Summer attractions and is an enjoyable spectacle for all the family.

On behalf of the Directors, staff, and players I would like to express thanks to all our supporters throughout the season and to say how much we have enjoyed your company. We hope that we will continue to thrill you by keeping a fourth place and if that means beating Saints away let's go for it!

JOHN SMITH
Chief Executive

FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Tonight we welcome supporters, players and staff from Oldham. With the big concert at Victoria Park this Sunday, management have brought forward the game, so we're going a hunting "Bear" - let's hope we beat them to a "Pulp"!

PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Tickets should be available this weekend onwards for the Supporters Player of the Year Awards, to be held in the Touchdown Taverners Club on Friday 13th September '96 starting 7.30pm. Price to enter is only £1.00, yes one pound, and that also includes entry into the prize draw! As well as all the awards, on the night there will be a disco, quiz, raffle, special auction, in fact a great supporters night out. Make sure you get your ticket early from the club office or market stall. Our thanks to Caldwell's Limited, the Engineers' Merchants of Dallam Lane (634301) for sponsoring the event.

MAN-O-MATCH

Last Saturday Kiwi Kelly Sheldford took the supporters Man of the Match but look out for the new kid on the block - Warren Stevens.

COLLECTORS FAIR

The next Programme Fair will take place at St. Helens R.L.F.C. on Saturday 7th September between 11am and 2pm - pick up a bargain or two.

LANCS FED

After the success of last season's Centenary Dinner, the Lancashire Federation of Supporters Clubs are holding another dinner, once again at Blackpool,

with guest speaker being the former public relations officer of the Rugby League, David Howes. The date has been fixed for Saturday 16th November. Check local press for further information nearer the time.

P.P.A. BOWLS

The Warrington Past Players Association are taking on their counterparts from St. Helens in a return fixture of crown green bowling. Get down to the Tetley Walkers Club on Long Lane at 1.00pm on Saturday 14th September to see the action of stars from the past. Finger or thumb?

PREDICTION TIME

Twenty-one today - that's the round of Super League. Dave Wood of Woolston is the last person to try and top the prediction tipsters table. His tips are for Bulls to beat Blue Sox by 16, Tigers to maul the Parisiennes by 10, Leeds by 8 over Town, Pie-eaters to win in the capital by 14, Saints to clip the Eagles by 18 and Wire to trap the Bears with 14 to spare.

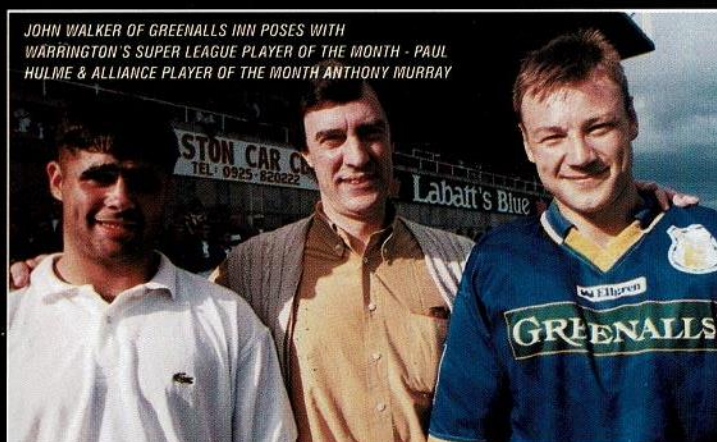
LET'S GET QUIZ-I-CAL?

- 1 Rob Myler's last game for Warrington was against Wigan, where?
- 2 Which Warrington player selected for Ireland against Scotland had to miss out because of injury?
- 3 Which is Paul Sculthorpe's favourite T.V. soap - Eastenders, Coronation Street or Emmerdale Farm?
- 4 Francis Maloney and Martin Crompton two ex-Wire players are a double act on the field - but what are their nicknames - Little and Large, Sugar and Spice or Crumble and Crutch?

Until we meet again - enjoy the winter!

SUPER LEAGUE SURVEY

As you entered the turnstiles tonight you will have received a survey form from Rugby League Headquarters. Please let us have your views, the future of the game is so important to us all and to succeed we need to fulfill the demands of our true supporters. Please tell us what you really feel about our first Super League campaign. Our future depends on you!



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May the best team win.



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May we just say a special thanks to everyone who has supported Warrington this season - the response from local and national companies has been tremendous and we look forward to working with you all again in Super League 1997
John Fillingham

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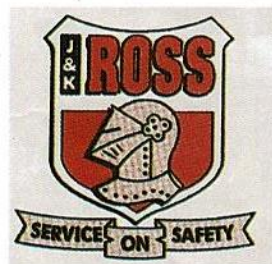
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THE COACH TALKS..

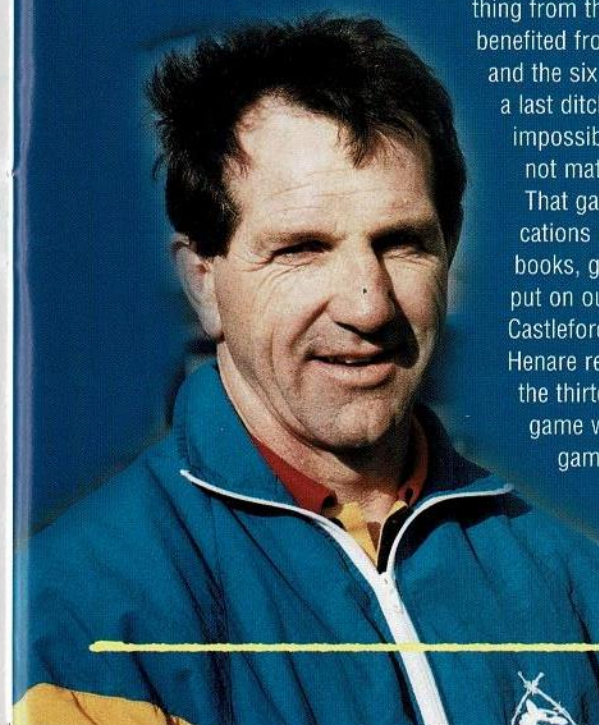
The importance of our away game to London Broncos was there for all to see with six teams having some sort of chance to occupy the fourth spot in the Super League table and the consequent place in the Super League Premiership semi-finals. Broncos, having no import restrictions place on their recruiting opportunities are packed with experienced Australians and enjoyed the boost of the dual operative Martin Offiah and media hype demanding great expectations. Our vibes were not too good with Lee Penny, Mark Hilton and Gary Chambers casualties

from the Sheffield trip and Live Wire Richard Henare not available. As a coach I can only call for total commitment from the seventeen players on the team sheet so it was very disappointing to be hit in addition with the late withdrawal of Iestyn Harris. The availability of Kelly Sheldford, despite an absence of two months and eight matches, took on major proportions and seventeen year old Warren Stevens was thrown in at the deep end against top opposition. Chris Holden also was added to the squad. The guys wearing the Warrington jersey put in maximum effort and with five minutes to go still had a chance of taking something from the game. Broncos benefited from a poor decision and the six points gathered made a last ditch effort a virtual impossibility. The effort was not matched by the result.

That game with all its implications is now in the history books, greater pressure was put on our home game with Castleford Tigers. Richard Henare returned but the rest of the thirteen beginning the game were as the London game with Mafi dropping to sub. Mark Forster returned to his helmet to protect a head wound

gathered in the fourth minute of the previous game. To see Kelly Sheldford, back to fitness, perform at the level which puts him in the top bracket brought inspiration to the side and despite defensive hiccups the Castleford game was highly entertaining and the result well deserved. It keeps alive our top four hopes even though we now have to look at other results instead of being able to shape our own destiny. Castleford in their previous five games had won three and lost to Saints by four points and Wigan by one (a last minute controversial penalty). We should not then under sell our performance last week. Tonight's game against Oldham will be our last at home in the current Super League series. We have had some disappointing results but I hope that the standard of play has been entertaining. We are a young side and there is better to come. Thanks a lot for your support throughout the season.

John Dorahy





PAUL HULME



Paul pulled the plug on fourteen brilliant playing seasons at Widnes dating back to 1982, when signing for the Wire and making his debut at Oldham in June.

After a Testimonial with the Chemics, the former Great Britain star forward had gained so many honours that his Trophy Cabinet would not close.

Under coaches like Vince Karalius, Doug Laughton and Phil Larder, Paul aged thirty, has a tremendous knowledge of the game and still has ambitions to play at the highest level

Lining up with Paul Cullen gave him the strangest feeling after being in direct opposition for so many years...but they had a mutual respect. He has blended magnificently in the Wire pack and was sponsors 'Man of the Match' here against Wigan and Castleford.

His brother, David, was snapped up by Leeds. It is the first time the duo have been separated in their playing days. 'We are professionals and I suppose our careers had to take different paths one day.' Paul now joins twelve new brothers in arms, at Wilderspool, against the might of Super League.

Unassuming by nature but a giant of the game, Paul says "It was a bitter blow when Chemics lost out on the Big Time, but I am delighted to be here and intend to give it my best shot - the great welcome I received both from staff and spectators put me immediately at ease.

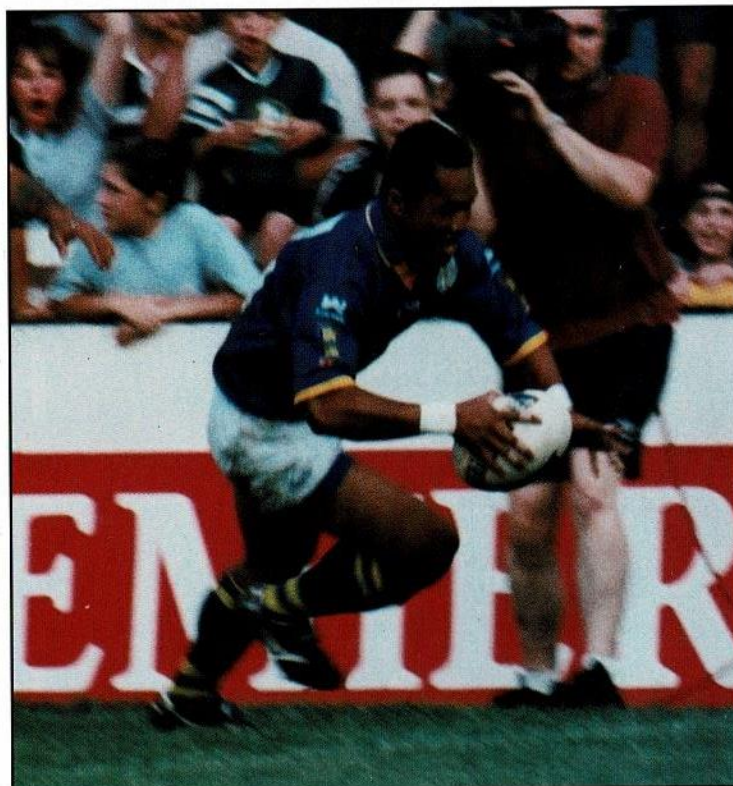
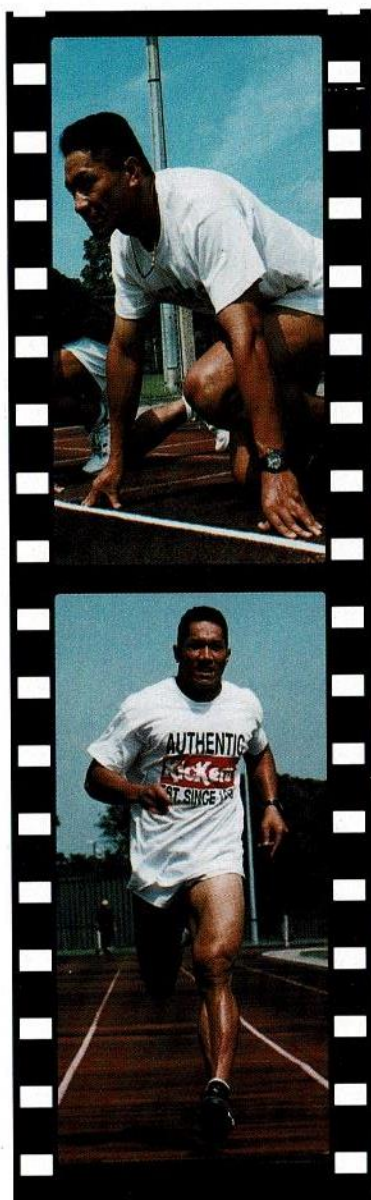
Love and marriage has blossomed for Paul. He is married to Marcelle. The couple have two future contenders for Super League in Liam aged 4 and Lewis aged 2.

Murphy says "He is a quality player, we beat off five top teams for his signature. Versatile and mobile he can be a great asset, being able to fill in, if necessary, at back row, scrum half or hooker."

Experience and total reliability in his performances have made him an automatic choice for coach John Dorahy who says "I played against Paul many times - he's as tough as nails, a fit guy, we were lucky to sign a man of his class."

...IN FOCUS

BY
EDDIE FULLER



TRY DOUBLE TAKE

Mateaki Fonua-Ma'a-Tonga-Mafi can scorch 50 meters in the time it takes to say his name...and that's a fact! He lined up alongside Linford Christie in the Barcelona Olympics and has clocked 10.4 seconds for 100 meters.

Powerhouse Mati, built like a gladiator on Tongan food and

pure orange juice loves his rugby wherever it is played and whoever it's played against. He's represented his country at Union, League and Athletics, a unique achievement, and played in World Cups for both codes. "I prefer physical contact sports and turned down the Atlanta games for rugby.

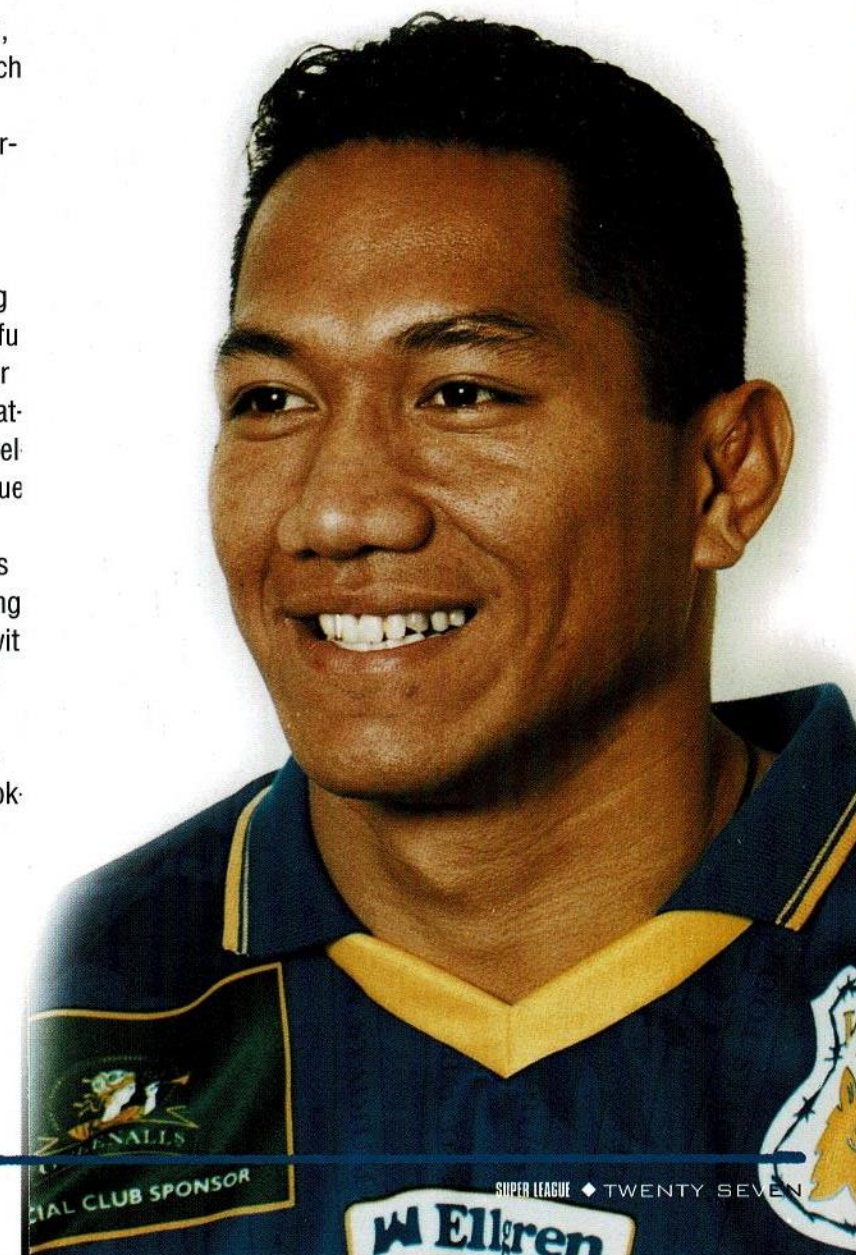
MATEAKI MAFI

Playing for Barbarians in South Africa was tremendous but Super League is more than a bit special. It's the toughest team game going, you can be exciting to watch score tries, but the most important thing is team performance and the result...I want to be a winner with Warrington," he said.

Standing 6'1" and weighing 15 1/2 stone he was a useful basket and volleyball player back home and with dedicated gym work-outs has developed a magnificent physique Atlanta could be a million miles away, but the spirit is here in Warrington. Sharing that spirit of competition with Mati is his room-mate and best pal Richard Moses Henare. "I've expected the coming of Moses since looking over my shoulder in sprint training to see how determined he was to catch me," quipped Mati. A running rivalry now prevails with Henare scorching ahead in the 'Wire' try scoring chart

with some electrifying bursts. So, who's the fastest?...We went to Victoria Park

together on holiday and intend to sprint train on the beach.



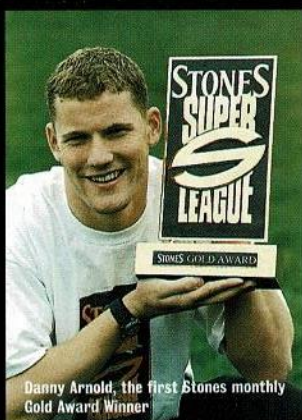
STONES GOLD AWARDS

**STONES
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The glittering Stones Gold Award ceremony featuring the superstars of the first Stones Super League season will take place in Manchester on 3rd September.

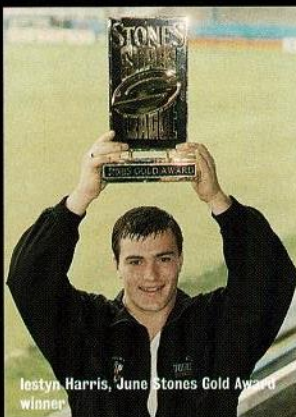
The players, coaches and even referees will be recognised for their efforts in making the Stones Super League such a success in its first season.

A panel of experts from all areas of the game will select winners for the Stones Super League Player and Stones Young Player of the Year, Coach of the Year, Referee of the Year and First and Second Division Player of the Year.



Danny Arnold, the first Stones monthly Gold Award Winner

The highlight of the evening will be the prestigious Stones Man of Steel Award. The lucky winner will be joining the hall of fame alongside great names such as Dennis Betts, Garry Schofield, Ellery Hanley and Joe Lydon.



Iestyn Harris, June Stones Gold Award winner



Dennis Betts, 1995 Stones Man of Steel

Lastly, new to the awards will be the first Stones Super League Dream Team, where the summer's top players will be selected for each position. Keep your eyes peeled on the press to see who the winners will be.

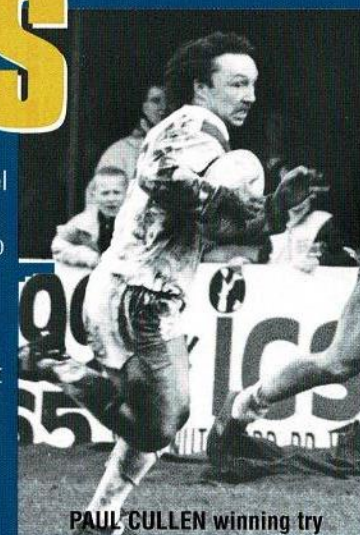


Memories

1985-86 WARRINGTON 8, OLDHAM 4

A physical contest which particularly took its toll on the visitors, as they had full back Liddiard sent off and Mick Morgan sin binned. Despite numerical advantage, Wire failed to exploit the gaps and relied on an excellent drive to the corner by Les Boyd for 4-0 lead. Hobbs responded for Oldham with two penalties, the second of which was from his own half and bounced off the cross bar to equalise the scores at 4-4. Wire defended for much of the second half as they continually lost possession but with only two minutes left on the clock, a superb 30 yard defence splitting pass from Phil Blake found Paul Cullen, and the centre stormed to the line for a memorable winner.

beneficiary, as he crossed to level the scores at the break at 8-8. A more confident Wire eased out to 18-8 via tries from Mann and Bateman and a Lyon conversion. Desperate Oldham responded with a try by Foy, goalled by Platt but Wire were not to be denied and Bateman ensured top flight RL at Wilderspool for another season with a last minute try. Battling Oldham were relegated.



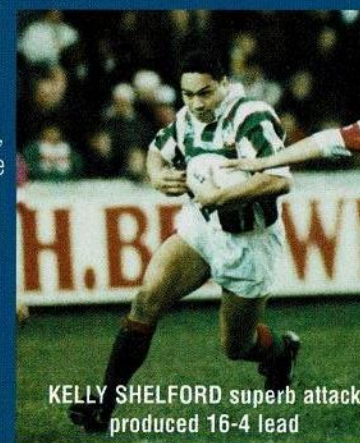
PAUL CULLEN winning try

1994-95 OLDHAM 52, WARRINGTON 22

Hampered by injury problems, Wire also had to contend with having made a fruitless midweek trip to Halifax. Two Sheldford tries and one from Bennett helped Wire to a 16-4 lead. Failure to defend the 'bomb' cost Wire dearly shortly before the break, as Topping and Green collected tries for a half-time score of 16-14 to Wire. From the visitors point of view, the second half was a total nightmare. Although Bennett collected his second try, Wire were overrun, the initial burst of tries coming from Green, Kuiti and Ranson. The home side continued to find holes in the leaky Wire defence and enjoyed further tries from Abram, Marsh, Topping and Crompton. Topping ended the game with a fine tally of 24 points from his eight goals and two tries.



Two Try ALAN BATEMAN.



KELLY SHELFORD superb attack produced 16-4 lead

1990-91 WARRINGTON 22, OLDHAM 14

The last home game of the season was a crucial fixture for both sides, in order to avoid the dreaded drop to Division 2. Oldham were undoubtedly the more desperate and the visiting support swelled the crowd to a near 6,000 figure. The 'Roughyeds' stormed into an 8-0 lead through a Ford drop goal, Round try, Platt conversion and a Ruane drop goal. A Forster interception led to an Ellis try and Forster later became the

MATCH REPORTS

ROUND 19 AT THE VALLEY

NO JOY IN LONDON TOWN

The previous week's press hype was all about two players. Offiah who arrived all-be-it late at the Valley, having had his future sorted by the legal people and Harris a notable absentee from the depleted Wire ranks, joining Penny, Hilton, Chambers as casualties after the Sheffield game and Henare a casualty of the 'cross fists' malady. Wire's shuffling of the cards brought in Ian Knott at full back. Kelly Sheldford at stand off and Warren Stevens at prop. Chris Holden found a place on the bench.

Whilst Offiah's performance hardly lived up to the billing, he did finish on the winning side, collecting a mammoth pay packet and contributing to Broncos first try which gave his side the initiative. A scrappy game with Wire concentrating on shoring up their leaky defence. The first points came from an exchange of penalties then on 27 Barwick sent Offiah away. Drawing the defence the winger lobbed the ball inside to **McRAE** who had a simple run in. **BARWICK** added the two. Wire were struggling to get their act together with handling errors hindering progress. Relief on 34 saw **ROPER** score with **KNOTT** bringing the score level. That's how it remained at half time. Little improvement in the general standard of play in the second period but Wire did go into the lead by virtue of a **SHELFORD** drop goal - a lead held for just ten minutes. The lively **BARWICK**, a prominent figure in the previous fixture at Wilderspool followed up a McRae skier and won possession from Knott as they both went up for the ball. He then converted his own touchdown and the writing, it seemed, was on the wall. Not so, as Mestrov broke up a Wire attack on 62, broke clear, then lost possession. Kohe-Love accepted the ball and sent **MAFI** diving in at the corner. No goal but 14-13 gave hope. Four minutes from the end came the statutory controversy which seems to follow Wire's recent decline in form. Rea picked up a ball to pass to Gill who appeared to be interfering with play and his pass to **PITT** brought a close range try which **BARWICK** converted. Wire again were lagging in the penalty stakes. Warren Stevens put in forty minutes in stages and turned in a honest effort against top opposition which is his hallmark. At seventeen, his immediate future needs gentle handling.

Meanwhile don't worry about the goal kicking department Ian Knott can follow a great history of Wire top kickers after Hesford, Woods, Whitehead and others.

SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST 1996

AT THE VALLEY

LONDON BRONCOS 20 WARRINGTON 13

MARTIN	1	KNOTT
OFFIAH	2	FORSTER
BARWICK	3	KOHE-LOVE
KRAUSE	4	ROPER
ROSKELL	5	MAFI
TOLLETT	6	SHELFORD
MCRABE	7	SWANN
ALLEN	8	JONES
REA	9	WATSON
MESTROV	10	STEVENS
ROSOLEN	11	HULME
SHAW	12	CULLEN
GILL	13	SCULTHORPE
ROSS	14	RUDD
MCGUIRE	15	FINAU
PITT	16	HOLDEN
CARROLL	17	BARROW

PENS: 7-4

SCORE RATE 0-2, 2-2, 8-2, 8-8, (HT) 8-9, 14-9, 14-13, 20-13

SUBSTITUTES

BRONCOS: CARROLL NOT USED

WIRE: ALL USED

REFEREE: R SMITH

ATTEND: 6903



Caught in the act... Broncos ball steal.



Knott takes on Broncos.



Wire hold up "Chariots"

...THE SUPER LEAGUE

ROUND 20 AT WILDERSPOOL

TIGERS AT BAY

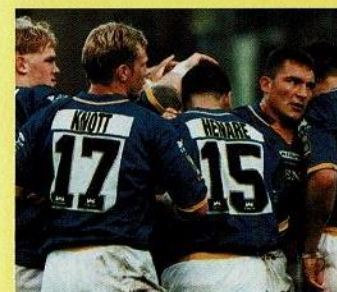
With off field matters hogging the RL press it was good to see one man return to the fold and completely dominate at least the first half of the game by sheer talent and class. The best player in the world is of little use if, for whatever reason, he is not employing his abilities where they matter most.

Kelly Sheldford, occupying his former No. 7 jersey and playing at six (Is this numbering business something to do with the lottery?) brought life to this Wire side with crisp accurate spinning passes which were finding their target and opening up the Tigers' lair. On three minutes Cullen went in at the 'Gym' Corner. 'No Try' said the T.J. The Ref sought a second opinion. 'No Try' said the big screen. On 11 Sheldford and Watson took play close and from a play the ball Swann 'scored; looked good, 'No Try' said the big screen. Wire scrum (? held over the line?) said the ref. Suitably chastened Wire upped the pressure and **HENARE** flew in at the corner. Well one out of three not bad. Five minutes later on 17 Wire indulged in their most annoying habit, losing possession, a blatant forward pass went unseen and **FLYNN** followed up a tap ahead to good effect (4-4). Wire came back quickly as good work by Sheldford and Roper was well supported by **CULLEN**. **KNOTT** improved (10-4). On 29 **SHELFORD** went in for a super solo. Despite the ref being on the spot judicial investigation was again called for 'Try, Try, Try', yelled the screen - we all knew it was. **KNOTT** took the tally to 16-4. On 33 a determined Swann dribble produced a knock on and **SCULTHORPE** beat the cover. Knot hit the upright. Three after resumption Cullen passed to **HENARE** near the Wire line, sheer pace and skill took the winger the full length of the field for a brilliant touchdown, earning a petulant shove off the ball by Flynn. **KNOTT** converted and the crowd invited the referee to seek retribution on Flynn. Belatedly he produced the Yellow Card. then one of those annoying wrong options cost Wire. A kickable penalty was spurned and two minutes later a Botica chip found Knott in trouble and **BOTICA** was under the posts. Easy goal (26-10). Five minutes later with Cas still pressing, masterly handling by Crooks set up **SCHICK**, mercifully Botica hit the post. (26-14). On 60 a bout of wild passes ended with Swann sending **HULME** in at the corner. Great goal by **KNOTT** who quickly followed up with a penalty, (this time Captain Cullen prevented any more frivolity). The Wire defence relaxed and on 64 **SMITH** waltzed in. On 69 sub Sampson earned a 'red' for an assault on Stevens but as Wire once more lost possession at the back it was CAs who benefited with a fortuitous **GODDARD** try in the corner. **BOTICA** got the range (34-24). A late Roper run and some more flashy passing ending happily when Swan and Sheldford put **MAFI** in at the corner (38-24). Hulm-sponsors MOM, - fair enough but the game was won by Sheldford for an impeccable first half. Stevens can be very happy with his home debut. He is seventeen, his adversary Sampson twelve years older. I hope he has a long memory....

Some of the rugby played was Wire at its best. Consistency and stamina can complete the picture.



Sculthorpe scores against Castleford



A Tough time scoring for Cullen



SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST 1996 6PM AT WILDERSPOOL

WARRINGTON 38

CASTLEFORD TIGERS 24

KNOTT	1	FLOWERS
FORSTER	2	MIDDLETON
KOHE-LOVE	3	CHAPMAN
ROPER	4	GODDARD
HENARE	5	FLYNN
SHELFORD	6	BOTICA
SWANN	7	TONY SMITH
JONES	8	CROOKS
WATSON	9	RUSSELL
STEVENS	10	SYKES
HULME	11	SCHICK
CULLEN	12	SMALES
SCULTHORPE	13	TUITI
RUDD	14	GAY
FINAU	15	SAMPSON
DAVIES	16	HARLAND
MAFI	17	RICHARDSON

PENS: 7-10

SCORE RATE: 4-0, 4-4, 10-4, 16-4, 20-4. (HT) 26-4, 26-10, 26-14, 32-14, 34-14, 34-18, 34-24, 38-14

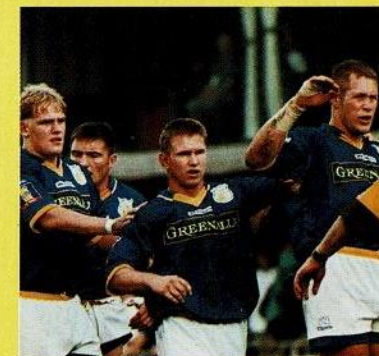
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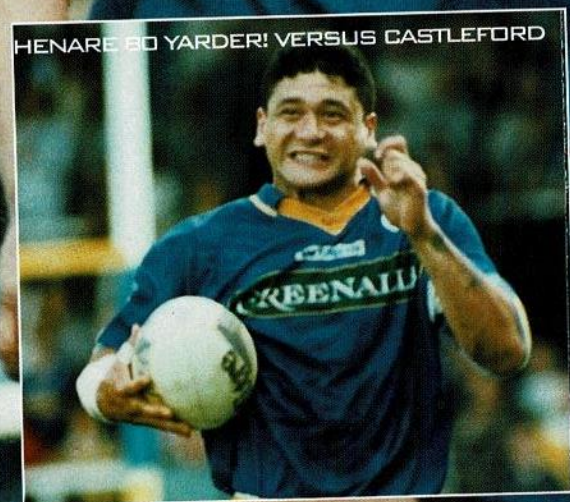


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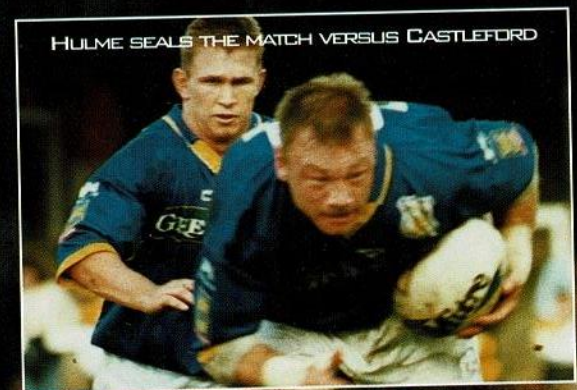
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Barrow P.	8	-	2	-	-
Bennett A.	2	-	2	-	-
Bretherton L.	13	1	6	-	-
Carney M.	2	1	1	-	-
Causey C.	-	2	-	-	-
Close G.	7	2	2	-	-
Davies G.	12	1	3	-	-
Eckersley C.	11	4	12	-	-
Finau S.	9	-	4	-	-
Fisher P.	2	-	-	-	-
Geritas S.	3	-	-	-	-
Heaton S.	14	3	4	-	-
Henare R.	1	-	-	-	-
Highton C.	5	3	-	-	1
Holden C.	10	2	-	-	-
Hough J.	6	5	1	-	-
Kettlewell R.	8	2	2	18	-
Knott I.	3	-	1	17	-
Lee J.	15	-	6	6	-
Lowe G.	1	-	1	-	-
Mafi M.	7	-	3	-	-
Milligan P.	14	1	1	-	-
Moxham B.	4	6	2	-	-
Murray A.	7	1	5	-	-
Prest L.	-	5	-	-	-
Price A.	-	1	-	-	-
Roden C.	6	2	-	-	-
Roper J.	1	-	-	-	-
Roy N.	-	7	-	-	-
Rushton L.	5	-	-	-	-
Shelford K.	-	1	-	-	-
Stevens W.	12	-	1	-	-
Sumner P.	4	-	-	-	-
Thursfield J.	7	2	2	-	-
Wainwright M.	3	-	-	-	-
Whitter D.	2	-	-	-	-
Wingfield P.	8	1	4	14	-
Triallists	5	2	-	-	-

ALLIANCE FIXTURES

28th March	Leeds	H	7.30pm
4th April	Hull	A	8.00pm
11th April	Halifax	A	7.30pm
18th April	Salford	A	8.00pm
2nd May	Bradford	H	7.30pm
10th May	Hull KR	A	7.30pm
16th May	St Helens	A	7.30pm
30th May	Castleford	H	7.30pm
6th June	Oldham	H	7.30pm
13th June	Leeds	A	7.30pm
20th June	Hull	H	7.30pm
27th June	Wigan	A	7.30pm
4th July	Halifax	H	7.30pm
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18th July	Bradford	A	7.30pm
25th July	Hull KR	H	7.30pm
8th August	Castleford	A	7.30pm
15th August	Oldham	A	7.30pm
22nd August	St Helens	H	7.30pm
29th August	Wigan	H	7.30pm

THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST 1996

CASTLEFORD 36 WARRINGTON 22

WARRINGTON: ANO: Lee, Davies, Wingfield, Mafi: Bretherton, Close: Milligan, Murray, Sumner, Heaton, Moxham, Barrow. Subs: C Highton, Hough, Eckersley, Price. Poor tackling left an easy path for the Tigers Chris Allen to go behind the posts making Tonks conversion a formality. Wire responded with a fine Wingfield run over fifty yards but the move fizzled out when a poor pass went to ground. Cas capitalised and the home winger Burns scored for Tonks again to add the two. Sixteen minutes - 12 nil down.

Improvement on 18 as the alert **ANTHONY MURRAY** darted over from acting half back from 15 yards. No goal. Showing some enterprise Wire kept up the pressure and on 24 a pin-point cross field kick by Close was swallowed up on the full by **ECKERSLEY** to score by the corner post. A fine conversion by **WINGFIELD**. Back in the game at 12-10 Wire needed to consolidate but their leaky defence saw the home full back Richard Gay on the end of a three man overlap. **WINGFIELD** pulled back two points with a 31st minute penalty but good support play resulted in hooker Palmer running in a try on 33. Tonks' conversion put the home side ahead 22-12 at the break.

Early hope for Wire as on 45

BRETHERTON won the dash for a touch-down from a kick ahead with Gay in his wake, **WINGFIELD** pulled Wire back to 22-18 with the conversion. Any hope of a recovery was quickly banished as inadequate tackling saw Tigers run in three tries by way of Gay (55), centre Allen (60) and the veteran Paul Round (65). Tonks improved one and at 36-18 Wire were out with the washing. A late penalty helped Wire on to the attack and good passing found **MAFI** an overlap and path to the corner.

An entertaining game with Close ever likely for Wire against a CAs side looking the sharper and generally keeping their game together as opposed to Wires' burst of enthusiasm surrounded by mediocrity.

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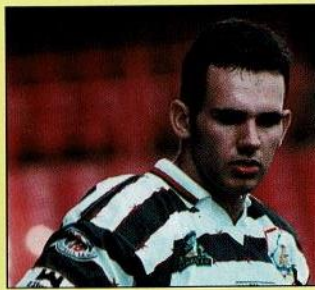
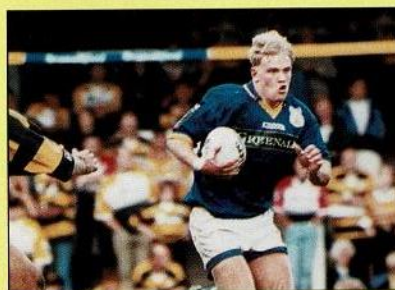
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Thursday 22nd August

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ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE AT 12.8.96

Team	Pla	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Bradford Bulls	17	14	-	3	497	310	28
Halifax Blue Sox	18	10	1	7	471	396	21
Salford Reds	17	10	-	7	477	388	20
Leeds	17	9	2	6	424	352	20
Castleford Tigers	17	8	2	7	386	333	18
Hull	16	9	-	7	337	351	18
Wigan	17	8	-	9	469	445	16
St Helens	17	7	-	10	427	437	14
Oldham Bears	16	6	-	10	303	489	12
Warrington	17	5	-	12	379	486	10
Hull KR	17	4	1	12	292	475	9



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SATURDAY 10th AUGUST 1996 at Wilderspool. **WARRINGTON:** Arnold: Wingfield, Fisher, Bretherton, Rushton: Roden, Close: Price, Murray, Causey, Geritas, Howard, C. Highton. Subs. Duffy, D. Highton, Keenaghan, Whitter. Wire had lost narrowly at Wheldon Road earlier in the season and the expected tough encounter was no let down for the supporters. An early Benn penalty for the visitors was quickly wiped out by two from **WINGFIELD**. On 16 a kick and collect by **CHRIS HIGHTON** resulted in the first try of the game and Wire looked comfortable at 10-2 following the **WINGFIELD** conversion. On 22 when a Wingfield break faltered a quick play the ball saw **ARNOLD** fly in. **WINGFIELD** took the tally to 16-2. Two needless penalties brought Cas back into the game with a 16-6 interval score. Yet another penalty was followed up on 50 by a try for Cas' Steve Hill and things were getting serious at 16-12. A wild punch earned a 'red' for Anthony Murray then Benn booted home his fourth penalty, now 16-14. Wire struck back in great resolve as first **WINGFIELD** (64) then **FISHER** (67) ran in tries, the latter producing another **WINGFIELD** goal. On 74 a **WINGFIELD** penalty gave Wire breathing space but Cas have not remained in top spot for most of the season without courage. In the last five minutes there was plenty of excitement for both camps with a Finntery try and Benn conversion for Cas answered by a drop goal by **DUFFY**. On 80 Allen ran in a try and **BENN** took Cas to 26 points with the conversion. A frenetic three minutes of injury time in which Cas threw the proverbial kitchen sink at Wire brought a great finish to a highly entertaining and spirited game. Price, Whitter and Murray dug in deep up front and Close a great motivator at the back. Penalties are still a big worry (3-8 half time, 5-11 full).

ACADEMY TEAM AT LONDON BRONCOS

RESULT - LONDON 25 WARRINGTON 12

Warrington: Arnold: D. Highton, Wingfield, Fisher, Rushton: D. Dorahy, Roden: Whitter, Ure, Causey, Howard, Geritas, C. Highton. Subs. Duffy, Price, Keenaghan, Tuman.

Despite a solid start for Wire and much territorial possession, it was London who opened the scoring after 20 minutes with an unconverted try. This gave the Londoners the confidence they needed and some flowing rugby soon saw another try on the board, again unconverted.

Wingfield reduced the arrears after 30 minutes with a penalty, but an excellently worked try from the home side just before half time saw a sorry looking Warrington team turn round with a 2-14 deficit. The Wire were looking a very undisciplined outfit and much improvement was needed for the second half.

The fact that London soon raced into a 20-2 lead soon proved that this was not happening and at this point the game began to deteriorate as certain players from both teams began effecting personal vendettas on one another. Indeed after an alleged spear tackle Dane Dorahy received the red card and one began to fear the worst.

This seemed to bring the Wire to their senses, and they quickly realised that by playing the rugby they are capable of, then they would have more chance of scoring than conceding needless penalties. Ian Ure who had a good game at hooker went in after 60 minutes with Wingfield adding the two, but when it seemed that a comeback was on the cards, slack tackling allowed London to break up the middle once again and the move ended with a slick touchdown between the posts.

8-24 down, the Wire came back again with Ian Ure crossing for his second try 10 minutes from the end. Wingfield failed with the touchline attempt. Tempers were fraying in the latter stages as Wire gave away countless penalties, and the final piece of scoring was a London drop goal.

A sorry performance and one that cannot be condoned or tolerated. Discipline, or lack of it cost Wire the game as they were undoubtedly the better team when it came to playing open rugby.

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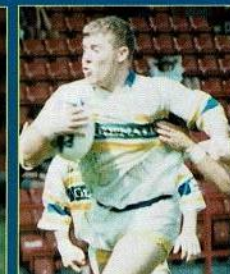
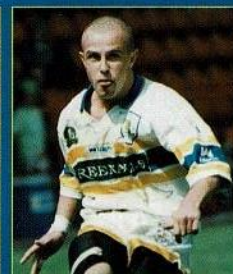
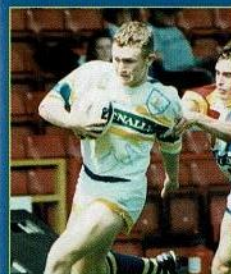
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Arnold S.	17	-	7	-	-
Bretherton L.	12	-	16	-	-
Carney M.	14	1	6	-	-
Causey C.	16	2	5	-	-
Close G.	10	3	7	-	-
Dorahy D.	9	-	4	10	-
Dorahy J.	4	2	-	-	-
Duffy J.	2	4	-	-	-
Fisher P.	10	1	3	-	-
Gardner P.	8	-	5	-	-
Geritas S.	17	-	6	-	-
Highton C.	4	3	-	-	1
Highton D.	10	3	3	-	-
Holden C.	1	3	-	-	-
Howard G.	9	4	2	-	-
Keenaghan D.	7	9	-	-	-
Leech T.	5	10	2	-	-
McAvoy R.	7	2	-	-	-
Moore D.	-	2	-	-	-
Murray A.	7	2	3	-	-
Price A.	18	2	-	-	-
Roden C.	15	2	6	-	-
Rushton L.	13	3	13	-	-
Stevens W.	4	5	-	-	-
Thair C.	4	1	-	-	-
Tyman L.	-	7	1	-	-
Ure I.	4	-	4	-	-
Welsh J.	14	-	4	-	-
Whitter D.	3	1	1	-	-
Wingfield P.	18	1	24	79	-

ACADEMY FIXTURES

31st March	Leeds	A	Lost	0-52
5th April	Hull	H	Won	42-24
8th April	Wigan	A	Won	42-38
12th April	Halifax	H	Won	42-4
21st April	Leigh	H	Won	76-16
5th May	Bradford	A	Won	36-12
12th May	Featherstone	H	Won	38-22
17th May	St. Helens	H	Won	30-16
25th May	London	H	Won	70-12
31st May	Castleford	A	Lost	22-26
9th June	Wakefield	A	Won	42-14
16th June	Leeds	H	Lost	16-36
23rd June	Hull	A	2.30pm	25-18
30th June	Wigan	H	3.30pm	2-34
7th July	Halifax	A	4.30pm	56-10
14th July	Leigh	A	2.30pm	
21st July	Bradford	H	3.30pm	
29th July	Featherstone	A	8pm	
4th August	London	A	5.30pm	
10th August	Castleford	H	3.30pm	
16th August	Wakefield	H	5pm	
25th August	St. Helens	A	5pm	

All Academy games are 'curtain raisers' to Super League

LEFT: PETER WINGFIELD MIDDLE: DAVE DORAHY RIGHT: SHAUN GERITAS





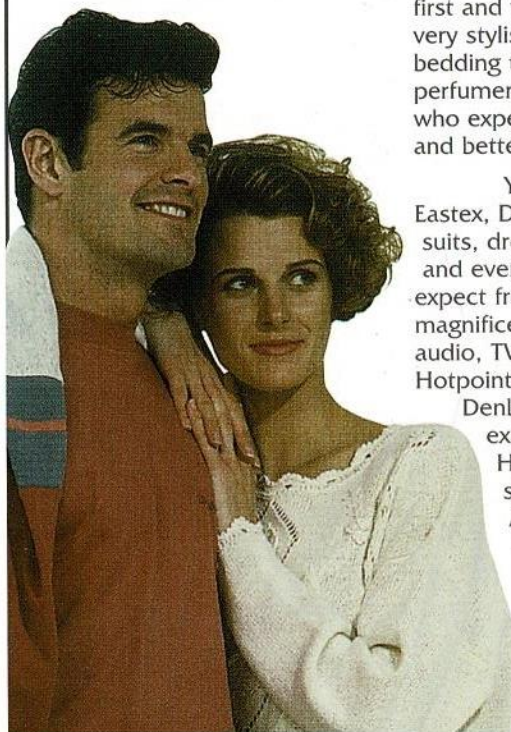
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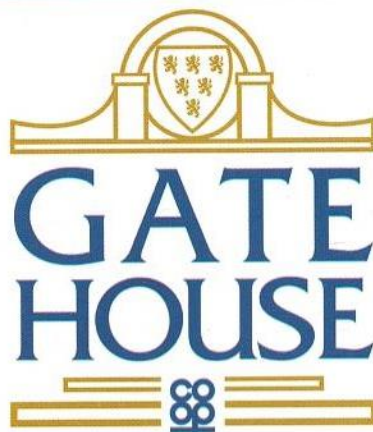


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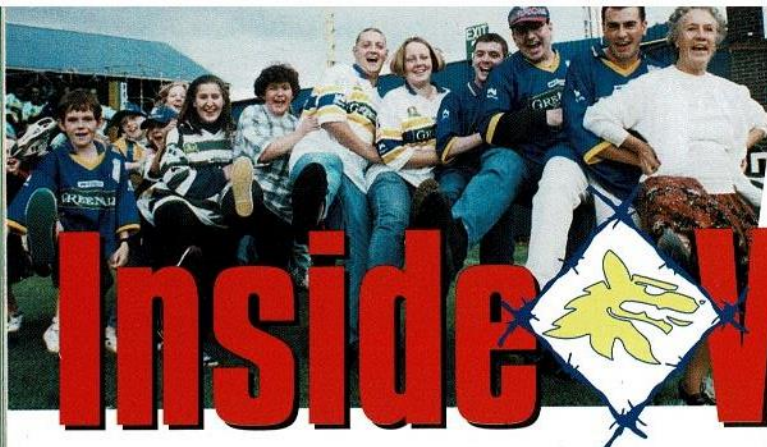
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PLAYERS NEWS

PHIL SUMNER made a more than welcome return to action in the Alliance game at Wheldon Road last week.

WARREN STEVENS made his first team debut at the age of seventeen at the Valley, home of Charlton Athletic and the London Broncos. He again impressed in his home debut against Castleford last Saturday.

CHRIS HOLDEN put his first Super League appearance also at the Valley when coming on as a substitute. He has made one previous substitute appearance in the Centenary Season. Sadly he collected a hamstring injury last week.

GARETH DAVIES who was progressing nicely last season until the injury bug struck, he was filling Jonathan Davies spot, also made his first Super League appearance against Castleford, substituting for Paul Cullen.

RICHARD HENARE bounced back in typical fashion after his two match ban to show an exciting talent which could prove one of the club's shrewdest 'buys'.

PAUL HULME took the sponsors 'Man of the Match' award against Castleford after collecting the pre-match £250 cheque from Greenalls representative John Walker for 'Player of the Month' for July. The lively **ANTHONY MURRAY** took the £75 cheque as Alliance choice.

MARK FORSTER collected a head wound necessitating fourteen

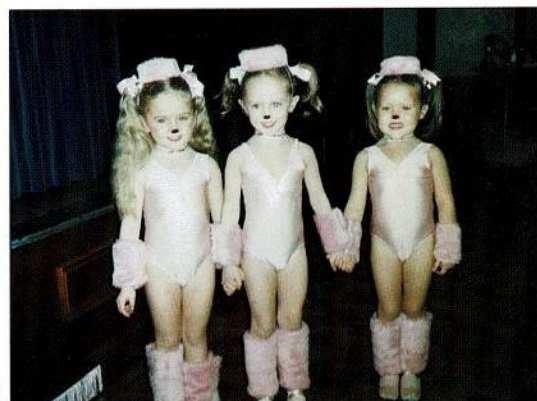
stitches after only four minutes into the Broncos game. This meant a return to the now familiar blue helmet but the Blood Bin was necessary again in the 53rd minute against Cas. He still returned for the final whistle when the battered Paul Hulme reluctantly left the arena.

TYRONE MEARS is another name in the Academy production line, currently from Sheffield United, Oldham Athletic and Rochdale in the round ball game. Fans will have to wait, however, for the dashing three quarter - he is still only 13. Another name to conjure with is **DALLAS MEAD** a 21 year old prop from Auckland Warriors. Another member of the Junior Kiwi tour party of 1993 to blossom with experience. Wigan's Henry Paul and our Willie Swann area already big names in Super League.

IAN KNOTT currently occupying the No. 1 spot, if not jersey, played in that position both at Academy and Alliance levels.

DANCING GIRLS

The girls (pictured below) dancing today are aged between 5 & 12 years. They enter many competitions throughout the year and have won over 2000 medals and trophies in the past 3



years. The whole school (which is based at Sankey) is rehearsing for a 2 night show at the Parr Hall in aid of St. Rocco's on November 29th and 30th.

The first dance is "Come to the Circus", performed by the junior group. The second is a modern dance by the intermediates, which is being danced to "The Swamp Thing" - by the grid.

REGAL TROPHY PRIZE DRAW

Two of the five winners of the Regal Trophy Competition for a fortnight in Australia for two, are from the North West.

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Living a stones throw from the ground, Latchford lovers Neil Rimmer and Susan Daley (pictured below) are well accustomed to the sound of Wilderspool crowds. But the deafening roar of Wire's winning ways against Castleford drowns



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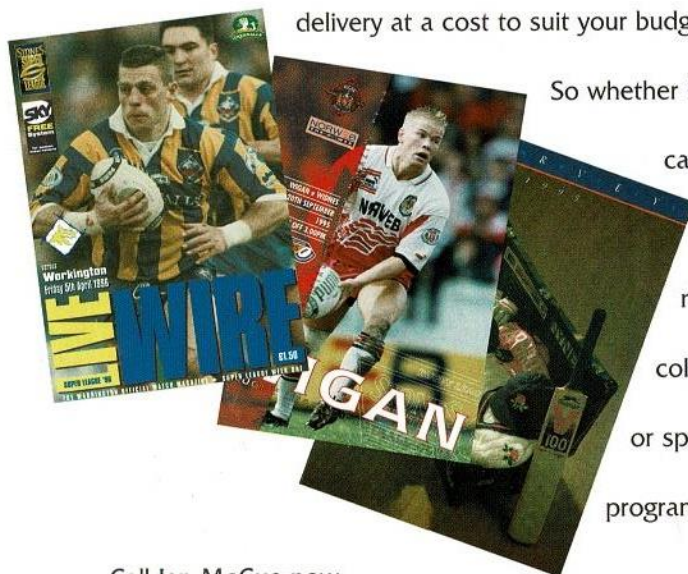
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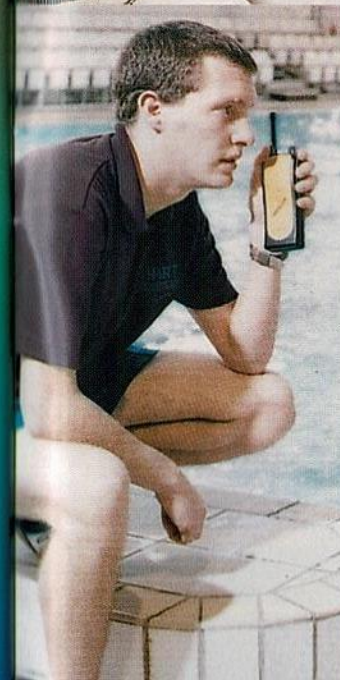
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St Helens	20	18	0	2	816	439	377	36	Salford Reds	18	17	0	1	663	263	400	34
Wigan	20	17	1	2	790	309	481	35	Keighley Cougars	18	12	2	4	454	307	147	26
Bradford Bulls	20	16	0	4	714	368	346	32	Huddersfield G	19	12	0	7	539	286	253	24
London Broncos	20	11	1	8	542	428	114	23	Featherstone R	18	11	2	5	519	335	184	24
Warrington	20	11	0	9	513	475	38	22	Hull	18	12	0	6	489	367	122	24
Sheffield Eagles	20	10	0	10	572	628	-56	20	Widnes	18	9	1	8	385	358	27	19
Halifax Blue Sox	20	8	1	11	576	526	50	17	Wakefield Trinity	18	8	1	9	409	431	-22	17
Oldham Bears	20	8	1	11	415	614	-199	17	Dewsbury	18	5	1	12	233	548	0315	11
Castleford Tig'e'rs	20	8	0	12	526	525	1	16	Whitehaven	18	4	1	13	282	478	0196	9
Leeds	20	5	0	15	463	653	-190	10	Rochdale Hornets	19	9	9	15	330	572	0242	6
Paris St.Germain	20	3	1	16	366	746	-380	7	Batley Bulldogs	18	2	2	14	210	568	-358	6
Workington Town	20	2	1	17	293	875	-582	5									

Appearances, Tries & Scorers Super League 1996 upto & including v Castleford 10/8/96

BARROW P	1	9	1	-	-	3	14	2	-	-
BENNETT A	6	5	1	-	-	17	44	13	-	-
CHAMBERS G	14	1	-	-	-	86	31	6	-	-
CLOSE G	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
CULLEN P	17	-	2	-	-	328	20	55	-	-
CURRIER A	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	6	-	-
DAVIES G	-	1	-	-	-	8	-	3	-	-
DUSHER M	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
ECKERSLEY C	1	-	-	-	-	7	1	4	-	-
ELLIOTT D	-	-	-	-	-	24	12	2	-	-
FINAU S	3	8	1	-	-	9	9	2	-	-
FORD M	3	-	-	-	-	15	3	4	1	1
FORSTER M	20	-	5	-	-	344	15	146	3	-
HARRIS I	16	-	4	63	2	89	1	37	179	4
HENARE R	16	1	13	-	-	16	1	13	-	-
HILTON M	18	-	1	-	-	56	26	3	-	-
HODKINSON C	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
HOLDEN C	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
HOUGH J	6	-	1	-	-	26	-	5	-	-
HULME P	9	1	2	-	-	9	1	2	-	-
JONES M	7	11	2	-	-	18	18	2	-	-
KETTLEWELL R	-	1	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-
KNOTT I	9	5	8	10	-	17	9	12	11	-
KOHE-LOVE T	19	1	9	-	-	19	1	9	-	-
LEE J	-	-	-	-	-	11	1	4	-	-
MAFI M	6	6	6	-	-	10	7	6	-	-
PENNY L	13	1	5	-	-	121	4	46	-	-
ROPER J	13	2	12	-	-	41	3	26	1	-
RUDD C	13	7	5	3	-	124	12	38	98	-
SANDERSON G	-	-	-	-	-	198	38	14	-	-
SCULTHORPE P	20	-	4	-	-	38	10	14	-	1
SHELFORD K	6	3	2	-	1	145	5	39	1	7
STEVENS W	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
SUMNER P	-	5	-	-	-	49	16	3	-	-
SWANN W	13	1	4	-	-	13	1	4	-	-
THURSFIELD J	-	-	-	-	-	61	7	1	-	-
WAINWRIGHT M	-	1	-	-	-	20	9	7	-	-
WATSON K	9	2	1	-	-	9	2	1	-	-
WHITTER D	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-


Round	Date	V	Opponent	Score	Attd
ROUND 1	18-22	A	Leeds	18-22	10,036
ROUND 2	Friday 5th April	H	Workington T.	45-30	4,511
ROUND 3	Monday 8th April	A	Wigan	12-42	14,620
ROUND 4	12th April	H	Halifax	16-10	3,721
ROUND 5	21st April	H	Paris	48-24	4,123
ROUND 6	5th May	A	Bradford B.	14-36	9,278
ROUND 7	12 May	H	Sheffield E.	36-26	3,906
ROUND 8	19th May	H	St. Helens	24-25	6,508
ROUND 9	25th May	H	London B.	28-24	3,772
ROUND 10	31st May	A	Castleford	22-17	2,874
ROUND 11	9th June	A	Oldham	24-35	3,243
ROUND 12	14 June	H	Leeds	36-12	5,580
ROUND 13	22nd June	A	Paris	26-24	5,254
ROUND 14	30th June	H	Wigan	0-21	8,103
ROUND 15	7th July	A	Halifax	18-25	4,247
ROUND 16	14th July	A	Workington T.	49-4	2,269
ROUND 17	20th July	H	Bradford B.	20-30	8,431
ROUND 18	28th July	A	Sheffield E.	22-28	3,500
ROUND 19	4th August	A	London B.	13-12	6,903
ROUND 20	11th August	H	Castleford	38-24	4,274
ROUND 21	16th August	H	Oldham	7-30pm	
ROUND 22	25th August	A	St. Helens		

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LC 3 DARREN ABRAM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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PF 19 IAN GILDART	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H 23 GARY BURNS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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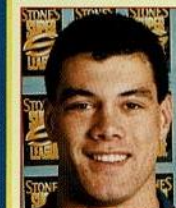
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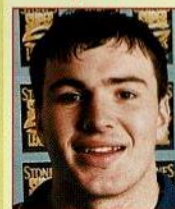
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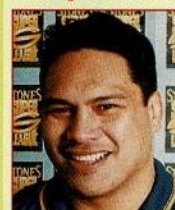
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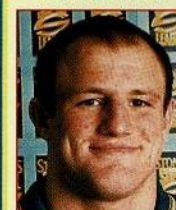
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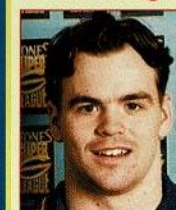
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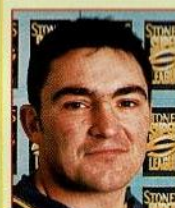
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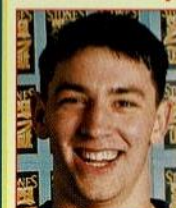
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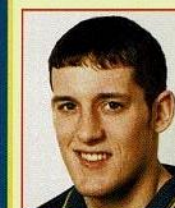
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