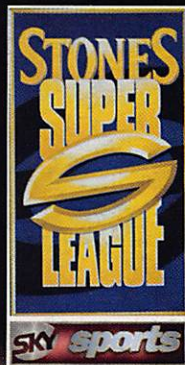


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Welcome TO ODSAL



Chris Caisley, Chairman, Bradford Bulls

Welcome to Oldham Bears and their supporters to this evening's round 11 Super League game at Odsal. Our visitors will feel that with a bit more luck their results so far this season would have been such as to raise them a few places in the Super League table. Oldham certainly gave us two hard matches in the Challenge Cup and later, in the Boundary Park league fixture, and we shall not be taking anything for granted tonight. We are all too aware that each club we play will want to be the first side to "get one over on us" and consequently it is important that we retain our level of intensity in the league games leading up to the World Club Challenge fixtures.

Time seems to be passing with great speed and it is hard to believe that we are only a little over two weeks away from the game at Odsal against Penrith. Anybody who saw the final Tri-Series match between Queensland and New South Wales will be under no illusions as to how difficult the WCC matches will be. One thing is for sure, the game will be immense events here at Odsal and they will provide us with the best opportunity to give full reign to our off-the-field activities. I can promise you that the pre-match entertainment and the whole game day atmosphere will be better than anything we have thus far put on - which is saying something.

Some of you may also have noticed that all three of our home matches in the WCC are now to be televised by Sky. This followed a direct request from the New Zealand Rugby League who were bemoaning the fact that the game against Auckland was not going to be beamed live to New Zealand. We agreed to Sky's request to film the match notwithstanding that we do not receive a fee for it (or for any of the other WCC televised games). We agreed to this because it will not only give people in New Zealand an opportunity to see the match, but it will also help us further heighten the profile of our Club both in England and overseas. What is more, whilst it used to be the case that television had a negative effect on live attendances recent evidence suggests that this is not so at Odsal these days. One of the reasons for this is that the Bulls now provide more than just a game of football. People come here to witness a day's entertainment both on and off the field of play and they want to feel a part of what is going on and play a role in helping the team succeed.

This fabulous participation from our supporters has been carried onwards, with great effect, to our away games. Never was this better illustrated than at Warrington last week where our supporters must have numbered over half the total attendance. The vocal support was absolutely tremendous and greatly appreciated by the players. This sort of highly-charged support will certainly be alien to the Australian sides and Auckland when they come over next month. You do not get that

sort of noise, excitement and atmosphere at rugby league games in Australia and I am sure that this is something we will be able to use to our advantage in our WCC home games.

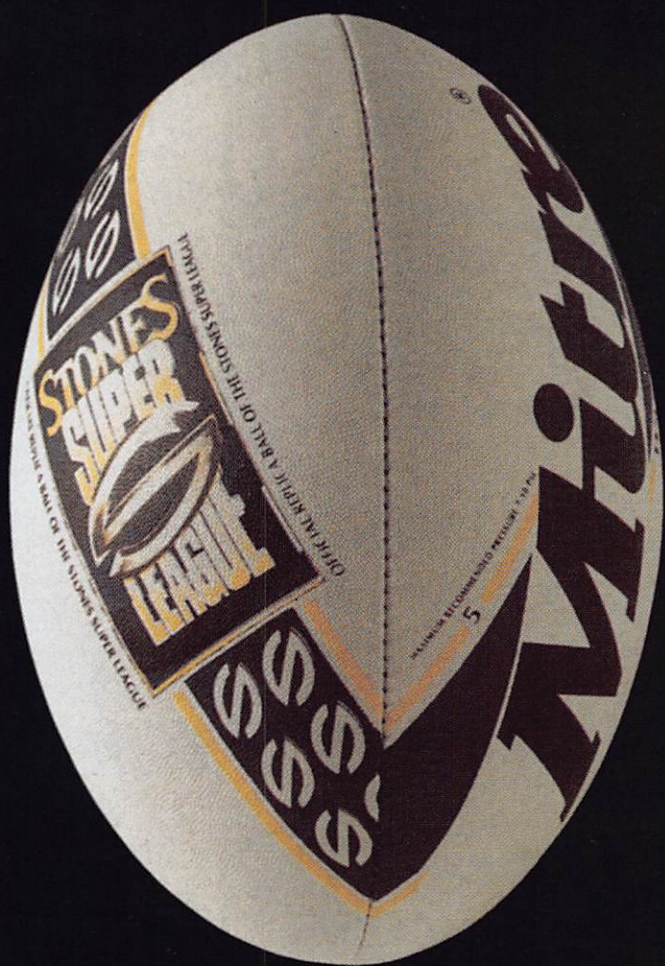
On a general point, most folk seem very upset at the Halifax decision to increase prices for their game against us on Tuesday. Whilst I cannot condone their actions it is not up to us to tell them how they should run their business, although it does seem like a short-sighted view which will lead to long-term harm. Having said that I shall hope that our supporters can get along to Thrum Hall to support the team for what will surely be a difficult game. One of our significant "boasts" at the moment is that we are, in terms of attendances, the biggest rugby club in Europe - of either code. Even Leicester Tigers averaged fewer supporters at their home matches last season than we are currently enjoying, and I firmly believe that we have nowhere near reached our potential. Our development services team is carrying out fabulous work throughout the region, enabling us to tap into new supporters. Put simply, if a quarter of our present "home" supporters introduced one additional potential supporter to our next home game we would at a stroke increase the crowd to something over 18,000. I know from what people tell me that this is happening all the time - proof of the fact that the late Walt Disney's philosophy actually does work - "Do what you do so well, that those who see you do what you do will tell others who will also come and see you do what you do". This is why it is essential that we keep our "eye" on the "ball" at all times and retain, and where possible, improve the high quality of various services we provide to our supporters and business partners. Our quality control systems apply to everybody within our organisation from players thought to game day and administrative staff, and whilst we are all committed to the job of moving the Club onwards and upwards it is important to remember that the season is only half over and there is still much to be done. There are trophies to be won, sponsorships and merchandise to sell and supporters to encourage and attract. However, whilst these are exciting times it is true that you only get out of life those rewards that are commensurate to the effort you put in. We must, therefore, keep our "foot" on the "gas" from now to the end of the season. Having said that, it is important that we all continue to enjoy what we are doing - something which, I have to say, we at the Bulls and particularly our supporters are also pretty good at! So, above all else, make sure you have some fun along the way and keep running with the Bulls...we're alright.

Chris Caisley
Chairman



Quitters don't win and winners don't quit!





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Footy Talk

MATTHEW ELLIOTT



It's still early days yet in the title race...



At Warrington we played some inspired Rugby particularly in the first half. But in the second, at times, we put the finesse before the physical and wanted to play the fancy stuff before the hard work.


The team has set itself the goal of the side with the best defensive record but we almost failed because we conceded so many cheap points.

"...We don't like being second at anything.. "

It's still early days yet in the title race and many a side well in front of the pack has fallen when the pressure is exerted on them. My players have plenty of character and we ourselves control our destiny.

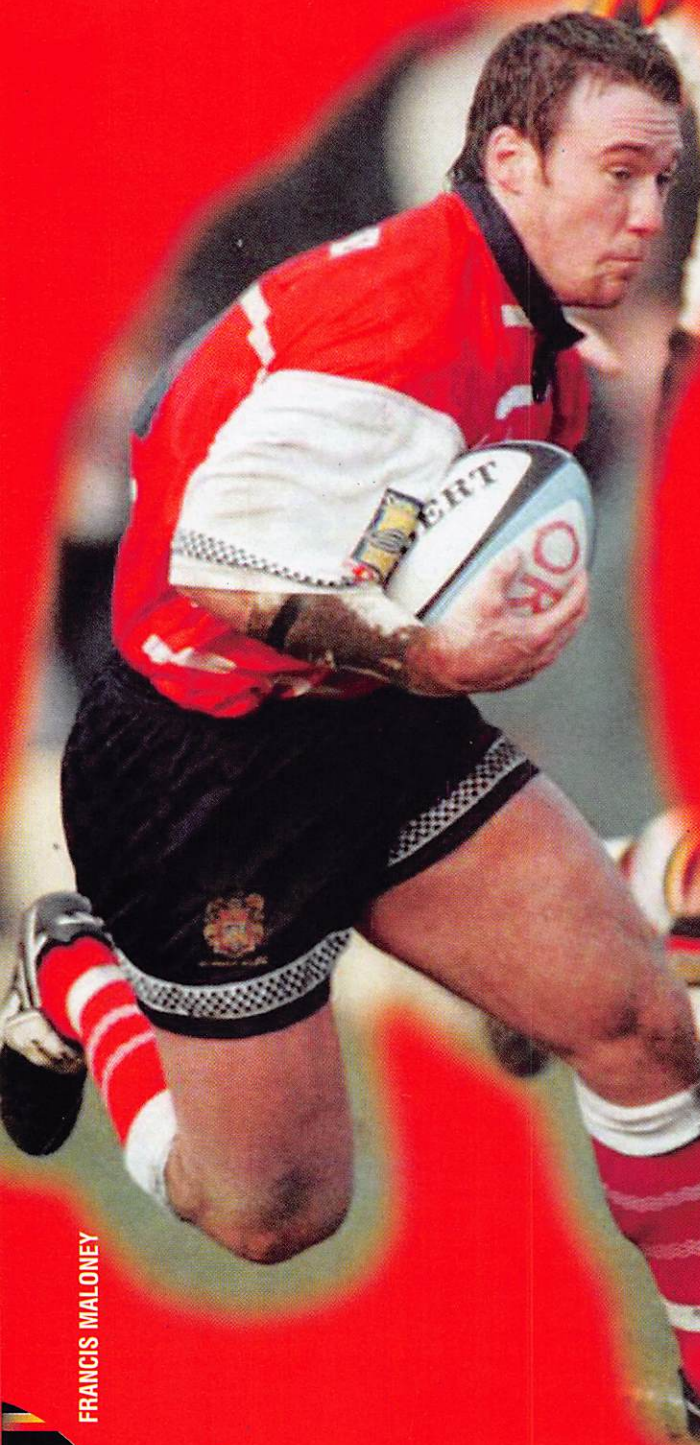
I must acknowledge both on a professional and personal level the support I receive from my Coaching Staff, Nobbie, Mick and Carl. They give me a 'Rev' when needed but more importantly they remind me not to take myself too seriously and enjoy the experience we are sharing.

The crowd of just over 7000 at Warrington had a sizeable proportion of Bulls supporters. Your presence and 'Com'on You Bulls' really do lift the side. I know everyone on the team coach gets a 'buzz' seeing the cars flying the flags and then the hats and the hand flags at the game. Just brilliant.

Enjoy today's outing. Oldham have given us two tough games and tonight will be no exception. 

OLDHAM BEARS

Visiting Odsal



1. Paul ATCHESON

Position: Full-back

Experienced full-back - and occasional centre - who started his professional career with Widnes. With little first team experience behind him he was snapped up by Wigan. He then joined Oldham for the start of the Stones centenary season. Paul has regularly gained representative honours - initially with Gt. Britain at Academy and Under-21 levels and more recently with Wales.

2. Scott RANSON

Position: Winger

Scott has been a regular for the Bears for the past five years during which time he has scored over 50 tries. Started his career with the St Helens-based Thatto Heath club before moving into the pro' game with Swinton with whom the former amateur international scored 69 tries.

3. Darren ABRAM

Position: Centre

It's a double take! The life and times of Ranson and Abram have run in parallel. Both born within a week of each other 30 years ago in September, they both had spells with Thatto Heath before turning pro. Abram has arguably been the most successful, a regular try scorer during his time with Oldham and earlier with east Lancashire rivals Rochdale Hornets. Darren spent the early part of his career with Warrington and had a season with both Chorley and Trafford. The similarities continue like Ranson centre Abram has also scored over 100 career tries.

4. Paul TOPPING

Position: Centre

It's a treble take! The third ex Swinton player on the Bears books, Paul had a spell with Swinton a la Ranson and Abram. He was also with Leigh for part of his career and has been a prolific goal kicker in his prime. A schoolboy tourist to Australia he has since represented Lancashire. A good utility player - able to play stand-off and loose forward.

5. Rob MYLER

Position: Winger

A player who has been unlucky with injuries during his time with the Bears. Spent the early part of his career with Warrington where he was a regular try scorer. Now also frequents the full back position. A £50,000 buy for the Bears after he had a loan spell with Salford.

6. Francis MALONEY

Position: Stand off

The Yorkshire-born stand off - son of former Hull and York player John Maloney - is a product of the St John Fisher club in Dewsbury and is aiming for his third consecutive "ton" for the Bears. He scored 113 points in 1995-6 and in the first Super League season scored 116 points. Could be on for the century mark tonight at Odsal. A former schoolboy international he joined Leeds on turning professional and has since had spells with Featherstone and Warrington. A Gt. Britain international at Under-21 level.

7. Martin CROMPTON

Position: Scrum half

The organiser behind the Bears. A good tactician who is now in his fifth



From the pen of Paul English... your exclusive Bulls extra info page on the Bears

ROLL CALL ON THE..... OLDHAM BEARS

1997 Season Records						Full Club Record							
App	Sub	T	G	D	Pts	Player	App	Sub	T	G	D	Pts	Form lines...Facts...Stats & Quirks
10		5			20	1. P Atcheson	49	1	21			84	Welsh international full back.
10		1			16	2. S Ranson	119		56			224	Long time Bears winger still on the try trail.
11		6			24	3. D Abram	119	3	64			256	King of the Oldham threequarters.
5	3	1			4	20. A Leuila	19	5	7			28	Ex Saint...has best try scoring form gone?
9		4			16	5. R Myler	24	3	9			36	Versatile performer...decent all-rounder.
11	1	6	31	2	88	6. F Maloney	45	3	17	124	3	319	Yorkshire born tactical kicker.
12		4			16	7. M Crompton	83	2	38		11	163	In Irish team recently.
12					0	8. I Gildart	36	9				0	Former pie eater...still looking for a Bears try.
7	3	1			4	9. J Clarke	71	4	9			36	Lost his spot in recent games.
1					0	10. J Temu	58	6	3			12	Missed most of Super League II.
9	1	3			12	11. G Lord	76	7	11			44	Full back turned forward.
11	1	2			8	12. J Faimalo	65	10	11			44	Brother of Reds star Esene.
6	3	3			12	13. D Bradbury	59	32	19			76	Transfer listed recently
12					0	23. B Goldspink	12					0	Aussie prop...son of Kangaroo tourist.
4	1	1			4	18. M Neal	16	11	6			24	Former Wigan and Doncaster back.
6		2			8	14. M Munro	22	3	7			28	Versatile Aussie.
5	6	1			4	16. H Hill	26	15	6			24	Young Cumbrian star forward.

BEARS FORM LINES...

The Bears arrive at Odsal this evening with just one victory from their five away games in the Stones Super League. The victory was achieved just under two weeks ago when Oldham gained an 18-14 victory over Sheffield Eagles at the Don Valley Stadium. Earlier in the campaign the Bears had lost at Leeds, Salford, Warrington and Wigan.

TRY TIME...

Winger Scott Ranson scored the first Oldham try in the 1997 season with an 8th minute touchdown against Rochdale in the Challenge Cup. The Bears' first Super League try scorer in the 1997 season was hooker John Clarke. It took the Yorkshireman just seven minutes to score against Leeds - his hometown club.

FACTS & FIGURES...

The Bears' biggest victory in the Super League this season was the 19-18 Boundary Park success against Paris, the widest margin was the 18-14 win at Sheffield. The heaviest defeat suffered by the Bears in '97 was the 44-16 setback at Wigan in April. *These notes were compiled prior to the Bears' encounter against the Rhinos on Sunday.



season with the Bears after service with Warrington and then Wigan. Martin made his 100th appearance for Oldham in the Boundary Park match against London Broncos in April. The captain of the Bears and a member of the Gt. Britain Nines squad earlier this year, he was a member of the Irish team which played against France recently.

8. Ian GILDART
Position: Prop forward

A former player with Wigan and then Wakefield, Ian has won representative honours including county and international recognition at Schools and Colts level, and gained Gt. Britain Under-21 honours against the French on no less than six occasions between 1988 and 1990. Ian joined the Bears at the start of the Centenary season and - at the time of writing these notes - he was still looking for his first score in Oldham colours.

9. John CLARKE
Position: Hooker

A former BARLA international John gained extensive recognition in the amateur game, twice winning the Youth Player of the Year award. During his time with the East Leeds amateurs he also toured Australia with the BARLA U-18 team and, since turning professional with the Bears, he has gained Gt. Britain Under-21 recognition - against the 1994 Kangaroos.

10. Jason TEMU
Position: Prop forward

Jason has missed the early rounds of Super League II through injury but on his day he can be one of the biggest impact players in the game. Originally with the Maris club in New Zealand he moved into the 1994 Lions Red Cup competition with the Counties-Manukau outfit. He represented New Zealand Residents during their 1995 tour of Australia and was a member of the Cook Island team which lifted the 1995 Emerging Nations Championship. Jason joined Oldham in 1994.

11. Gary LORD
Position: Second row

One of the most experienced players in the Oldham ranks. Gained BARLA honours at Under 19 level before joining Castleford. In those days he was a full-back and during his time with the Wheldon Road club he gained one Gt. Britain Under-21 cap. Moved to Leeds, Halifax and then Oldham where he has developed into a very good second row forward.

12. Joe FAIMALO
Position: Second row

Brother of Esene - the current Salford forward who previously played with Widnes and Leeds. Joe has also had spells with different English clubs, first with Workington Town before moving into Lancashire where he made his Oldham debut as long ago as the 1991-92 campaign.

13. Dave BRADBURY
Position: Loose forward

A product of the amateur game in the Leigh area Dave has been at Oldham club since the 1991-92 campaign - but his service to the Bears may be coming to an end as he has been placed on the transfer list recently at his own request at £200,000. Dave was a member of the 1996 Gt. Britain tour party to the South Pacific where he scored two tries in his four outings. He was one of the "non-Test" team but looks set for a full international debut at some stage of his career.

14. Matt MUNRO
Position: Utility forward

Australian who joined Oldham for the start of the first Super League season. Spent the 1995 Australian season with Sydney Tigers where he made 11 appearances - all from the substitutes bench. Generally a back row forward but can also fill in at hooker.

15. Paul DAVIDSON
Position: Second row

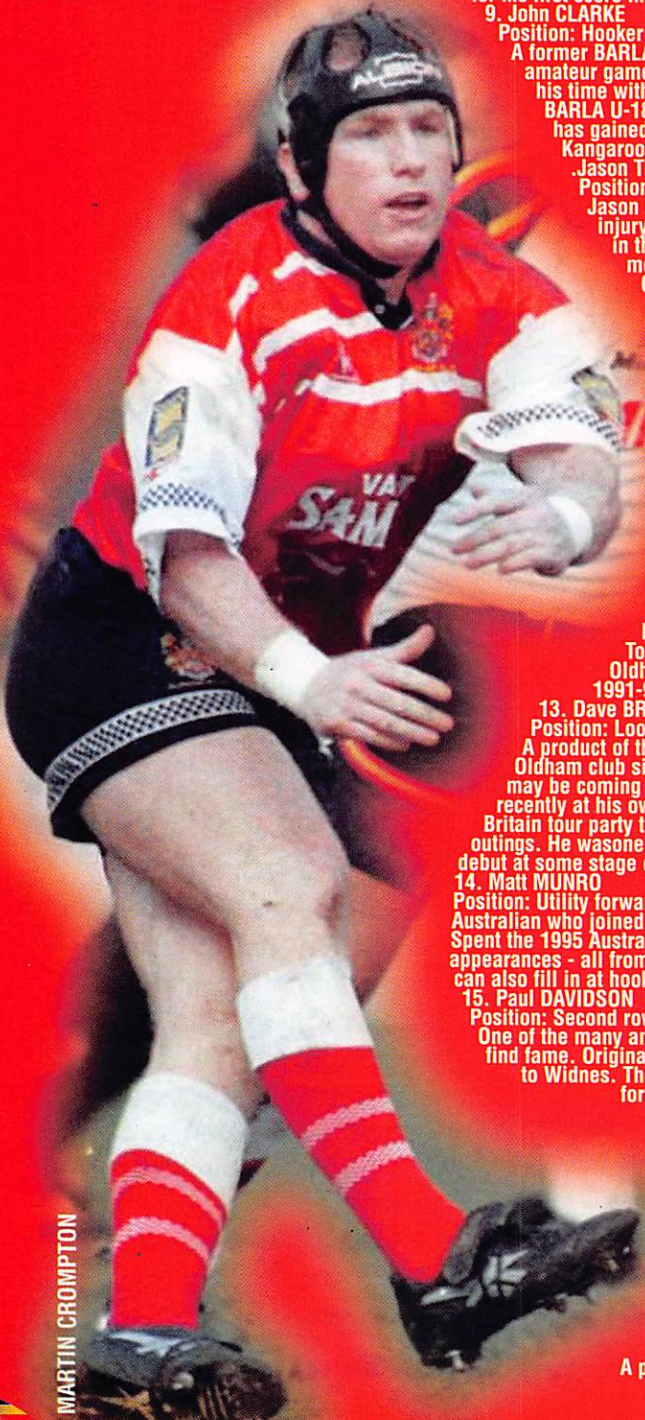
One of the many amateur products who have moved away from Cumbria to find fame. Originally with Whitehaven club Hensingham he journeyed south to Widnes. The move to Oldham was made in 1994 and the second row forward - who has occasionally turned out at centre - recently chalked up his 50th appearance for the Bears.

16. Howard HILL
Position: Loose Forward

Take two - again! Another fine product from the Cumbria region - and again from the Hensingham outfit. Howard was included in the Great Britain under-21 squad for the match against France in January 1996 which was unfortunately cancelled. Should eventually gain senior representative recognition to add to his BARLA honours.

18. Mike NEAL
Position: Winger

A product of the Wigan club but made his name during a loan



MARTIN CROMPTON

period with Doncaster when the south Yorkshire club enjoyed a season in the top division a few years back. Since joined the Bears and he is a useful squad member.

19. Chris MCKINNEY

Position: Forward

Take three! The triplet of former Hensingham players is completed by this promising young forward. The Cumbrian can play either hooker, second row or loose forward. Chris joined the Bears in August 1994 and toured New Zealand with the Gt. Britain Academy squad last October.

20. Peaufai "Afi" LEUILA

Position: Three-quarter

Afi was signed in September 1995 from the Counties-Manukau squad in New Zealand. Leuilua enjoyed spells with St. Helens in 1994 and North Queensland Cowboys the following year. He has played rugby union for Tonga and scored two tries in just two outings for Saints. Scored six tries in his first season with Oldham but his try scoring form has evaporated in recent seasons.

21. Jimmy COWAN

Position: Full back

Jimmy made his Oldham debut during the Centenary season and has only made the occasional appearance in recent seasons. Was signed from Waterhead amateurs, a true local as the Waterhead ground was adjacent to the Bears' former ground, Watersheddings.

22. Vince FAWCETT

Position: Centre

Useful three-quarter who returned to England after a spell in Australia with Sydney side Parramatta. Fawcett made eight appearances for the Eels and scored just one try in the 1996 season. Originally with Leeds he made the move to Workington when the west coast team entered the top division and probably played the best rugby of his career with the Cumbrian outfit.

Oldham had to pay £28,000 to Workington for the three-quarter after the RFL ruled in January that Fawcett was still registered with Workington. Vince has missed a number of recent games through injury.

23. Brett GOLDSPINK

Position: Prop forward

Oldham's new Australian prop is the son of the 1967 Kangaroo tourist Kevin Goldspink. The current Bears forward had spells in Australia with Illawarra, South Sydney and Perth Western Reds. He made his Oldham debut in the 48-6 Silk Cut Challenge Cup drubbing of

rivals Rochdale Hornets.

24. Nathan TURNER

Position: Centre

Goal kicking centre or full-back who joined Oldham during the close season from South Queensland Crushers where he played six games in two seasons. A former Queensland and Australia under-21 rugby union international. Has been restricted by a foot injury since joining the Bears.

25. Paul DEACON

Position: Half back

Young half back who is understudy to Martin Crompton and Francis Maloney at the Bears.

26. Luke

GOODWIN

Position:

Full-back or

Stand-off

Useful half-back

who joined

Oldham from Perth

Western Reds for

Super League II.

Experienced campaigner

who has also enjoyed

spells with Penrith

Panthers, Sydney Bulldogs,

Parramatta and

Canterbury. Has deputised at

full-back on occasions for the

Bears.

27. David STEPHENSON

Position: Hooker

Bears hooker David Stephenson

returned this season from a two-year


drugs ban. The 23-year-old has signed


a new one-year contract with the Bears,

but with a number of outings already in

the first team to his credit his future

seems assured.











Super League with Bull Power

ROB MYLER

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LIVE AT THE PPM'S

Monday 6th June
K/O 7:45pm
Penrith Bulls
V
Auckland Warriors
Penrith Panthers

Saturday 7th June
K/O 8pm
Bulls
V
Auckland Warriors
Penrith Panthers

Friday 20th June
K/O 7:30pm
Bulls
V
Cronulla Sharks
Penrith Panthers

Form: They looked worldbeaters when they beat the Brisbane Broncos in Round 5. Since then they've lost three in a row, and Tri-Series half. Opponents rarely get past him.
Line Break Champ: Winger Andrew Hinson, virtually unknown at the start of the season, is currently enjoying a try-scoring feast.
Hit-up Man: Second-rower Carl McNameara is up there with Auckland's Stephen Kearney as the best in the business. He averages around 20 a game.
Headliners: Gover, of course. He's the Man of the Moment in Australia. He can do no wrong in whichever position he plays.
Strengths: Ryan Girdler's goal-kicking. He's got a success rate of 93 per cent. Gover's scheming is a bonus. And stand-off Steve Carter's steady influence on some of the younger players is a major plus.
Weaknesses: Inconsistency. The Panthers have also lost a couple of matches through complacency.

Form: A club in crisis. They've sacked John Monte as coach, but can Frank Endacott do any better with the talent available? The Warriors made up most of the New Zealand side which stretched New South Wales last weekend, showing commitment for the full 80 minutes, so there is light at the end of the tunnel.
Top Tackler: When big prop Mark Horo hits an opponent there is a shudder. He is currently number six on the tackling lists.
Line Break Champ: Centre Tea Ropati is playing the best football of his career, with a major break of the opposition at least once a game.
Hit-up Man: Second-rower (and stand-in captain) Willie Maitheva Ridge has been injured) Stephen Kearney is arguably the best backrower in the Australian Super league. He leads the stats with 189 hits.
Headliners: Halfback Stacey Jones and winger Sean Hoppe. Jones is a sensational playmaker and Hoppe the ultimate finisher.
Strengths: If the opposition can shut down Jones they are halfway to success. His scheming in second to none.
Weaknesses: The defence of stand-off Gene Ngamu and the way stand-in full back Marc Ellis is too often caught out of position.

Form: Hot and cold. The Sharks started the season like a house on fire, then faltered. But with a five wins - five losses record record they are still in the hunt for Oz success.
Top Tackler: Hooker Dean Treister tackles anything that moves, with a second-best 263 tackles for the season.
Line Break Champ: Kiwi winger Richard Barnett is one of the most exciting returners of the ball from kicks, and regularly bursts through the defence.
Hit-up Man: Who else but the former Castleford star Tawera Nikau? He's benefited by having his first break from captain Willie Maitheva Ridge has been injured) Stephen Kearney is arguably the best backrower in the Australian Super league. He leads the stats with 189 hits.
Headliners: Andrew Ettinghausen and Mat Rogers. Et is the brains behind the Sharks, and Rogers is the man whose goal-kicking wins vital matches.
Strengths: The all-round strength in every position. Safe behind with full back David Peachey. A great play maker in halfback Paul Green. A tough pack. And the Australian coach John Lang planning the moves.
Weaknesses: The loss in confidence of second-rower Sean Ryan, and doubts about the fitness of prop Craig Greenhill.

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Dear Vice President / Stand Ticket Holder
We have written to you to inform you of the ticketing arrangements for the forthcoming World Club Series.

The priority ticket purchase deadline set for Vice Presidents and Season Ticket holders is to coincide with the expiry date for the three game discount which will be sold on a game by game basis only. After this date tickets will be sold on a game by game basis order and collect them before each game, subject to availability. We would also like to request that Vice Presidents and Stand Ticket Holders who choose to purchase their tickets on a game by game basis order and collect them before each game, subject to availability, to alleviate problems or delays caused by Vice Presidents attempting to purchase their tickets from vehicles on the day of the game. The Safety Team controlling the ground may not permit this operation anyway, giving the scale of the event. In relation to each game, we ask that a Vice President bring their passport with them to validate their VP status and confirm they have a seat reserved in the stand. Please also find detailed below our office opening hours:
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*The office will stay open until 2.00pm on Saturday 31 May 1997 (Deadline Day)
In addition, tickets can be collected at tonight's Oldham game. May we take this opportunity of thanking you for your continued

Support as we look forward to the most exciting period in the club's history.
Yours sincerely
Gary Tasker
General Manager

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Dear Debbie

Thank you very much for letting me be the Mascot for the Sheffield game a couple of weeks ago. I really enjoyed it. It was fun and exciting. I will remember it as one of the best days of my life. Thank you very much once again. I appreciate your kindness and for letting me be the Mascot for the day.

Yours Sincerely

Dominic Barker

The opposition runs out,
You hear no screams or shouts,
But when the Bulls come steaming in.
The fans scream and shout, dreaming of a win,
The teams wait for the hooter to go.
Both teams are standing in a row,
The hooter has gone,
The ball is with Glen Tomlinson,
He passes it to Graeme Bradley,
He will have the ball, gladly,
He runs, and passes to Stuart Spruce,
The opposition is in trouble with him on the loose,
He reaches 3 metres from the line,
The fans think his run was fine,
He passes to Simon Knox,
He scores and the whole place rocks,
Steve McNamara kicks the goal,
The Bulls are on a roll,
The hooter goes, it is now half-time,
The Bulls stand in a line,

Steve Long continues to entertain
He has a large bag, who knows what it could contain,
He pulls out a rugby ball,
And another signed by Robbie Paul,
He wishes everyone good luck,
as he kicks a ball signed by Paul Cook,
The ball is collected,
A fan is indebted,
The rest of the balls are kicked,
And the best banner is picked,
Both teams run out,
To hear the sound of the fans shout,
The hooter wails,
The ball is with Jon Scales,
He passes it to James Lowes,
He runs towards the post,
He is stopped and passes to Bernard Dwyer,
He scores and is treated like a messiah,
Once again the goal is scored,
The fans can't believe the score board,
The Bulls keep running tries in,
They are heading for a win,
It's the end of the game,
The Bulls have won and they have their moment of fame,
We've won again, another match we are able,
Afterall, we're at the top of the Super League table.

By

Wendy Davies (13)

Shipley



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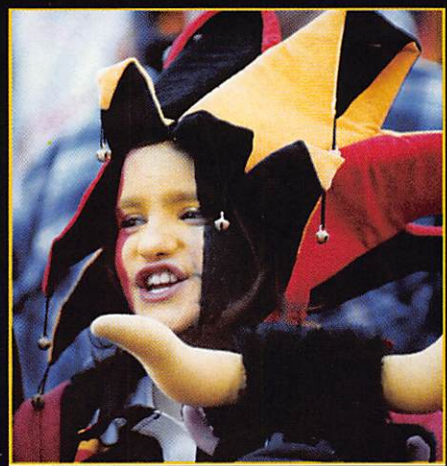
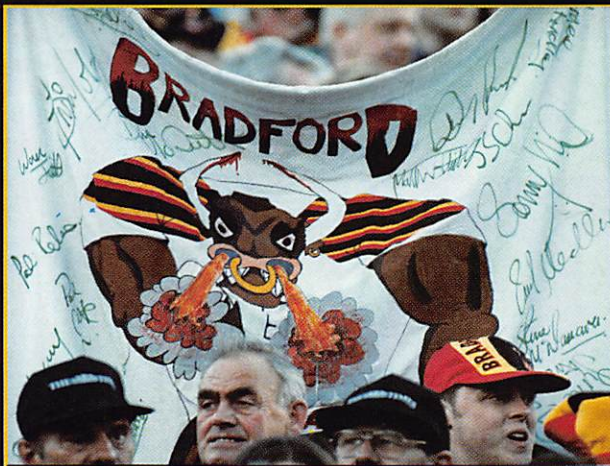


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In reply to the article in the Match Day programme (when we played St. Helens) about "can you beat the supporters bedroom" please find enclosed two pictures of my bedroom. I would be very grateful if you could print the picture in the Match Day programme on the 23/5 when we play Oldham Bears.

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Rachel North (Bedroom Top Left pics)



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DIFFERENT VIEW ON Summer Rugby

What was your first reaction to the suggestion of moving professional Rugby League from winter to summer? I know a lot of the Rugby League fraternity originally couldn't accept that a change would benefit the sport.

by Martin Bass

Which is not surprising considering that the more wintry months of the year had been used from the very conception of the game over one hundred years ago. Many gradually started to accept the concept but, thought it would never happen. Up to that point the Rugby League was not renowned for its radical liking for change. A few years prior to the switch, Bradford's chairman Chris Caisley together with his Oldham counterpart Jim Quinn produced a report/discussion document on the subject. Their efforts seem destined to spend the rest of the millennium on a shelf collecting dust at RLHQ. Some enthusiast namely Harry Brook (Dewsbury), Stuart Lake (Castleford), Jack Chantry (Doncaster) and myself started a "lobby" group entitled the Campaign for the Promotion of Summer League (CPSL). One of the interesting activities of the CPSL was to write to all RFL member clubs, to ask their opinion on summer rugby and how it could effect the sport. To my surprise and pleasure only two clubs objected to the move to the more clement months. Below is a selection of responses from various clubs. For a bit of fun try to identify the club responsible for each reply published.

1. Clearly we have to have more spectators if we are to survive. A season starting on the 1st

March and finishing 31st October, with perhaps Friday evening kick-offs would I think be viable.

2. My own view of summer rugby is that RL as a whole needs to change and adapt in order to thrive for the future. Part of that entails a change of attitude by all those concerned, i.e. players, directors and supporters and in my view summer rugby is an ideal

RL as a whole needs to change and adapt in order to thrive for the future.

opportunity to rejuvenate and regenerate RL.

3. We are emphatically in favour of summer rugby.

4. In principle my board are not against the idea but there are so many variations on the theme that they would like to look in considerable details before reaching any final conclusions.

5. Summer rugby would make it worse and would probably be the death knell to the game as we presently identify it.

6. The majority of clubs are virtually living from day to day and on the brink of insolvency. This situation will not last forever and change has to take place.

7. In response to your letter I

must say that I personally, am totally opposed to RL in the summer as I am certain that far from promoting greater interest in the game, because of alternative sporting and leisure attractions, the game would lose support. In view of this and the current financial situation of most clubs I feel that summer rugby would be a complete disaster and would probably bring about the demise of RL in this country.

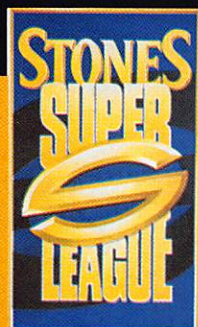
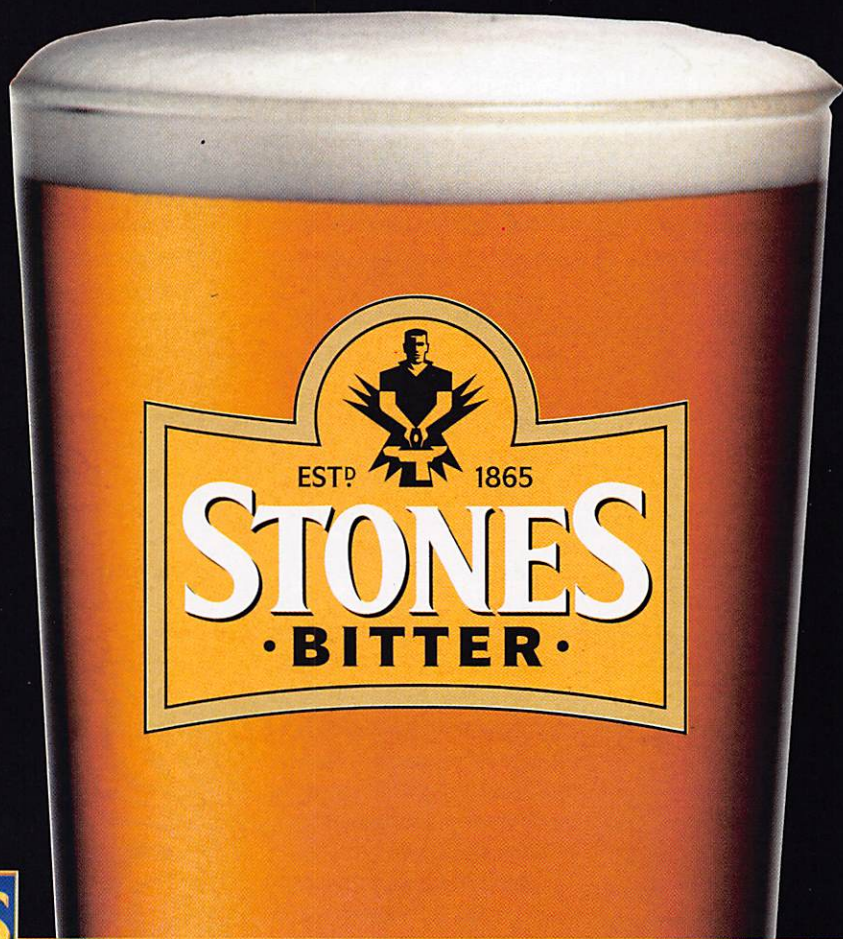
8. There are now far too many other options for people to consider on a wet or freezing weekend with the younger element playing computer games and the parents having the option of a myriad of television channels.

9. Basically yes we would be interested in summer rugby, ideally we would like to see the season run from March to October and mirror as near as possible the Winfield Cup operation.

10. Friday evening would be a good night for spectators. Just a point on the 4th round of the Challenge Cup this year (January 1995) 35,000 watched professional RL. On the same day 170,000 went through the gates of the Meadow Shopping Complex at Sheffield - enough said!

11. We do think that summer rugby would be a good idea. I would expect that attendances would be a lot higher therefore bringing more revenue.

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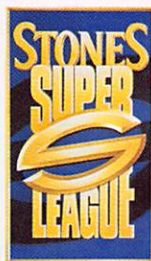
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To kick off, we're inviting your questions to Richard Thompson,

Sponsorship Manager of Bass Brewers, his replies to a selection of questions will be printed in the club programmes from the 2nd of June. What do you want to ask about the Stones sponsorship of rugby league?

We look forward to hearing from you!



COMMENTARY

A WAY FORWARD

by Joe Lydon,

Technical Director
The Rugby Football League

The importance of international competition has not been lost within Rugby League and that is why we are keen to maintain a level of competition below that of full Super League Test status.

Over the last two years the standard of rugby produced in the Super League has improved dramatically and that ensured that some of the developing nations as well as the lesser equipped such as France would have little to look forward to but a series of severe beatings if they entered that arena.

This would neither aid the game in such countries nor allow recent recruits to the international scene such as Ireland or Scotland any incentive to grow and develop.

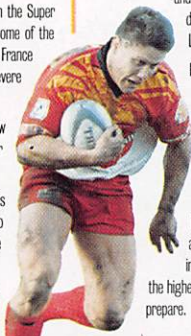
The Emerging Nations World Cup in 1995 proved that there is a need and desire for such competition and, if the game is to reach its full potential in Europe, then we have to nurture the delicate state of French Rugby League.

If you then add the need for Academy Under 19 International Rugby into the equation, it becomes even more important

to have Non-Test Internationals because it is through that route that the sport eventually hopes to bring Wales back into the fold... (although this time on a more lasting basis) as well as ensuring that other developing nations can enjoy worthwhile competition at the appropriate level.

There is only one way to find out if a player, or coach for that matter, can survive the transition from the comfortable and familiar cocoon of club rugby into the demanding world of the representative game, and that is to test him at a higher level.

Also if a potential player in a developing nation has the goal to represent and be capped for his country it may well swing his decision to take up, or stay with the game of Rugby League.

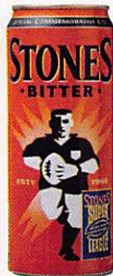


For anyone who thought that there were people within the League who didn't care about the international game, take it from me you couldn't be more wrong. I do however concede that we will still have a long way to go to overcome the somewhat selfish attitudes of many who believe the way forward is with quantity instead of quality. No matter how high we aim or how confident we are in the abilities of our players and coaches, our international sides will never develop or compete at the highest level if they aren't given the time and support to prepare.

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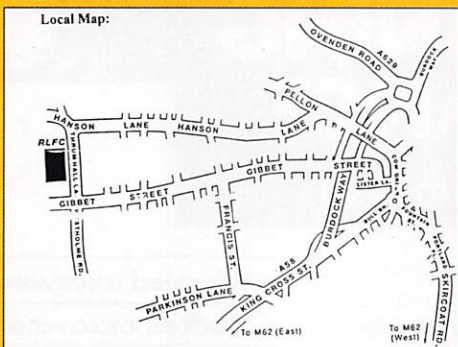
O' What a night! as the song says, could very easily describe our last home match. Over 18,000 fans witnessed our revenge meeting with St. Helens. A terrific performance from everybody as the Bulls completely turned around the previous week's despair into one of the best performances for a long time (well since last season's home match against St. Helens).

The atmosphere was something special, hopefully we can repeat that for every match from now on, including today's visit from the Bears. A hearty welcome to all who've travelled from Oldham, I hope you enjoy your visit to Odsal (Apart from the result).

Thrum Hall Directions

Tuesday 27th May K/O 7.30pm

Regret no coaches are running.



Tonight's Mascots

It is with pleasure we welcome 8 year old Andrew Hoffmann and 7 year old Damian Prendergast. Andrew is from Clayton and attends Larchmont First School. He also has a 'Bulls' bedroom painted by his mum.



Andrew



Damian attends Reevy Hill First School - he was 7 a couple of weeks ago and tonight is his grandmother's 50th birthday, so celebrations all round, coupled with being a Bulls mascot. Thank you lads - enjoy your evening with us.



Damian

Amendment to our Super League fixture list

Please note our home match against Salford Reds was scheduled for Sunday 13th July, this has now been changed to Friday 11th July K/O 7.30pm. (Even more exposure on Sky).

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The concept of such a glittering competition has been mulled over for years but sharp implements were quickly removed from those doing the talking.

Of course we have had clashes between the champions of the northern and southern hemispheres before and their passing was a major disappointment as they produced some incredible spectacles, especially the 1989 classic between Widnes and Canberra at Old Trafford.

But this year's mouth-watering event involving all the Super League clubs on both sides of the world

is really something else and a wonderful opportunity for the game to press ahead. And nowhere will expectations be greater than here at Odsal.

The atmosphere at the clash with Saints earlier this month was the heat I can recall at the stadium but even that should be bettered in the exciting weeks ahead.

After the Panthers come Auckland Warriors and Cronulla Sharks and the chance to see some of the greater names in world rugby.

If all goes according to plan we could all be back for the quarter finals and semi-finals in September and October.

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HEROES

by our Melbourne Correspondent Bruce Brunswick.

After that revenge win against Saints I got to thinking about heroes and heroics. I suppose I've nearly always had this thing about heroes and it probably all started when I was about six and began turning into John Wayne. Not all that noticeably at first, just the hint of a swagger and a marshal's badge pinned to my chest during every waking moment - which made bath time a fairly funny experience, I can tell you.

Of course it was the walk that was the critical factor. I still recall leaving the cinema after being enthralled by "How The West Was Won" using Wayne's distinctive rolling gait and wondering if he walked that way because he, too, had a plastic gun-holster that stuck to his leg and made his shorts ride up.

I'm not sure what it was that finally broke the spell. Maybe news that Wayne wasn't taken with being a hero. Or perhaps it was the lousy service I got down at the Vietnamese take-away after I took to wearing that green beret. Whatever it was, one day I realised I was no longer John Wayne.

I'd discovered sport and since walking like Fred Trueman hurt my ankles and my mum wouldn't let me grow a long strand of hair to paste across my head like Bobby Charlton, I decided to become Terry Ramshaw. Here at last was a hero I could truly emulate - anywhere without mirrors at least. He played for my team and I could see him at training and matches so as to perfect each and every nuance.

Remember that face - the hooded eyes, the jutting chin and the apparently perpetual scowl. I had it off to perfection, alarming a few of my teachers on the way. In fairness it wasn't that difficult since I'd already had quite a bit of practice with facial expressions, and Terry's was so like the one used by John Wayne when he looked down to see an arrow in his leg, it wasn't funny.

The years passed and I waited for another hero to occupy my psyche. It never really happened. Sure, I drove a car for a while that displayed the number 007 but that was only because the trip meter had stuck. Then there was the stage I went through, saying, "I'll


be back", quite a few times, but again, that was only telling everyone which position I wanted on the school team, due to a deep regard I had for Keith Mumby, but mainly because I wasn't game to play in the forwards. The other kids readily agreed too, since it was easier to play with Terry Ramshaw's face behind them.

Mind you it makes you wonder what today's kids are doing to emulate their heroes in the current Bulls set-up. Maybe a few back flips and they'll turn into Gary Christie, or perhaps they'll take to wearing long red undies in the hope of becoming the magical Graeme Bradley. You've got to feel sorry for any kids having a go at the facial expressions of big Brian McDermott - there are just so many of them. But if you see a kid with a slight hunch and a head on, bull-at-a-gate approach to any obstacles, don't be alarmed, we might have a new Bernard Dwyer on our hands. As for me these days, well, heroes have come and gone and I've been largely unaffected. Until now, that is. At first I put the hair loss down to genetics and the fact I wore a cowboy hat far too young. The growing midriff was surely only natural ageing and the odd extra calorie or two. After all, it's a bit late to become either Jimmy Thompson or Ken Roberts.



Brian McDermott...
facial expressions

Then I noticed I was watching too much television, even though that was only because they were showing all the old John Wayne movies. But the real worry arrived with the cravings for bacon, cheese-slices, doughnuts and chocolate dip. You don't think I'm turning into Homer Simpson, do you?

Still at my age I now have a more mature view towards my heroes. No longer do I try to become them, I settle for watching from afar, agog with admiration at their skill and courage. Thanks for a great effort from all you Bulls - Mattie and the lads on the pitch and all you lot, all 18,000 of you on the terraces. Bouncing back and stuffing Saints so soon after the disappointment of Wembley is what is really heroic and you're all the real bloody heroes. 

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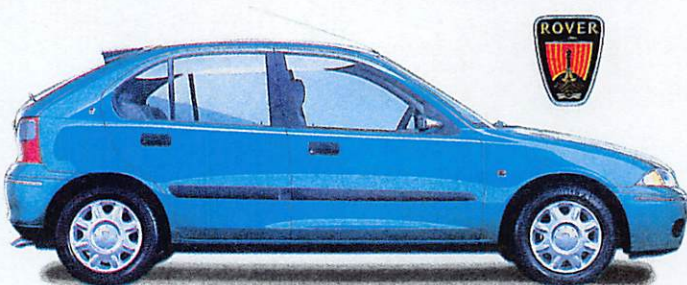
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YOUNG BULLS

by Ian Sutcliffe

YES! TOM'S OK!!

Many people have asked me how Tom Rhodes is feeling after he was the victim of an alleged 'spear tackle' in the game against Saints, Thanks! Tom tells me that he has been told that there is no lasting damage although he still has to wear a collar at the moment and hasn't any prospect of playing in the near future. As far as the incident itself is concerned the powers that be at Red Hall have looked at the video and the player was due to appear before the judiciary last night, I will let you know the outcome as soon as it has been confirmed to us. As far as the outcome of that game against Saints is concerned the result was a great disappointment after recent good performances, but the injury to Tom took all meaning out of the second half. After leading 16-4 at one stage to lose 30-20 was disappointing but some lessons were learned and things are generally moving in the direction that everybody wants. For the record the points scorers were:

Full time: Bulls 20 Saints 30

Half Time: Bulls 16 Saints 12

Tries: Parker (2), Walker (2)

Goals: Rhodes (2)

WHERE ARE WE?

There is no Academy curtain raiser today folks, the young Bulls are playing at Wakefield in a curtain raiser to their match and we will be dashing straight back to watch the main game at Odsal. I will let you know the result when we get here! This is one of a number of fixtures that don't coincide with the main game as not all the Super League club's academy sides play in the academy first division, which just creates more confusion at times!

WELL DONE MATT

Following the recent debut of Stuart Fielden for the Alliance side the latest member of the Academy side to play at the higher level is Matthew Walker who made a try scoring debut against Saints at Odsal last week. Well done Matt, this is what it's all about, moving to the next level, but more importantly playing well enough to stay there.

A GREAT WIN

With both Tom Rhodes and Stuart Fielden both missing through injury the task of turning the tables on a big Hull side that had beaten us at the Boulevard earlier in the season looked a difficult one but things only got worse! Unfortunately, Big Jim Fielden was sent off after sixteen minutes and the task looked an uphill one. Out of adversity people with big hearts come to the fore, this was one of those days.

Trailing 4-12 at the break with only a couple of Michael Banks penalties to show for their efforts it would have been easy to assume that Hull would run away with the game. The lads were having none of it! With Craig Horne buzzing in the middle the platform was set for big games from Chris Parker and Matt Walker and both came up trumps. But none of the twelve (not forgetting the subs) let anybody down and some terrific finishing by Banks, who finished with a personal haul of 16 points, typified the effort. The last ten minutes seemed to take forever as Hull closed to within four points and pressed for the winning score but the young Bulls held out for a great win.

Full time: Bulls 24 Hull 20

Half time: Bulls 4 Hull 12

Tries: Banks (2), Hamilton, Horne

Goals: Banks (4)

PLAYER PROFILE - STEPHEN THOMAS

ALL THE WAY FROM CARDIFF.....

All the way from Cardiff, via Headingley actually, is the route taken by Stephen Thomas to join the young Bulls. It's always nice to get one over on the Loiners (sorry Rhinos!!) and Stephen chose to join the Bulls after he wasn't convinced with the set up at Headingley after playing a couple of Academy games for them last year. After becoming disillusioned with the Rugby Union Game in Wales he decided to try his luck at the greatest game and was the only one selected from a group of sixty to play for the Leeds academy side after attending a trial. At the start of this season he played in a trial for the Bulls at Huddersfield and after a starring role signed a pro. contract.

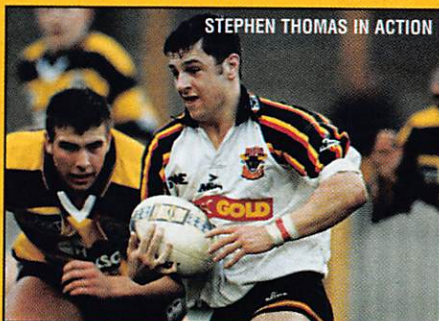
Stephen comes with a great pedigree having played for Wales RU under 19's against Cardiff when only 17, was his county captain and always played in the age group a year above his age. He holds his school's 200m sprint record amongst six other records and once scored seven tries in a game.

At the moment he is living with the Walker family (Matt, James and their parents) and commutes to Wales whenever he gets the chance. His parents have completed the round trip of over 500 miles for every Academy game so far, so he has to play well or his dad will be asking him for the petrol money!

He has already played two alliance games and says he is thoroughly enjoying his training and rugby and has never been fitter or stronger and just to prove it he is growing a beard (although I can't tell) and has had a 'Macca' style haircut to go with his new image!

He says his great ambition is to play for Wales (and beat?) England in a World Cup final at Wembley. With the recent announcement of a new Academy set up in Wales this may be possible one day but Stephen says the Welsh lads would be really shocked if they saw the standards that they will have to live up to to achieve such ambitions.

Good luck to this amiable Welshman in his short and long term ambitions and to his highly supportive parents on making that long haul every week.



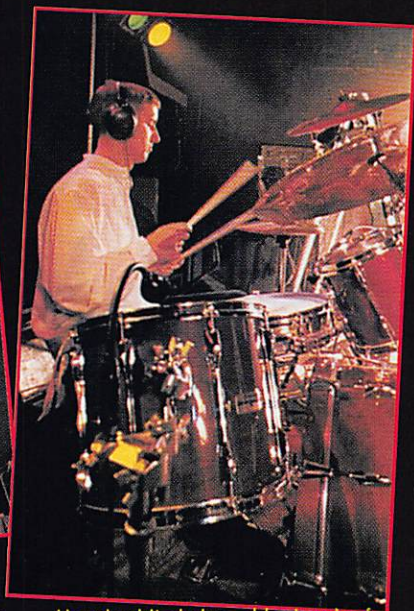
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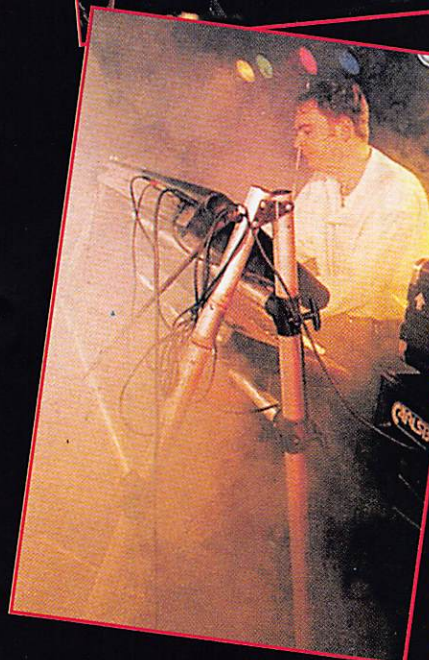


Smooth, polished professionalism oozes from every pore of the talented members of Tony Johnson's Soul House - the North East's classiest clubland draw. The line-up comprises of four male vocalists plus a drummer and keyboard player whose gadgetry would rival almost anything around for the sheer sophistication of the overall sound they produce. The Newcastle area is a terrific breeding ground for professional bands - and this is very much one of the key groups at the moment. Keeping it in the family is important to the band. Tony Johnson and son Leroy and cousins John and Dean Newsome make up the four front men, backed by Tony Wilson on keyboard and Chris Lilley on drums. Last, but not least, John

Hepplewhite helps add a touch of drama, and glamour, to the band's appearances as the skilled light and sound technician.

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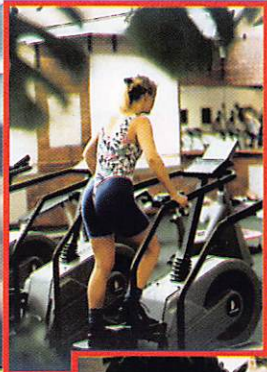
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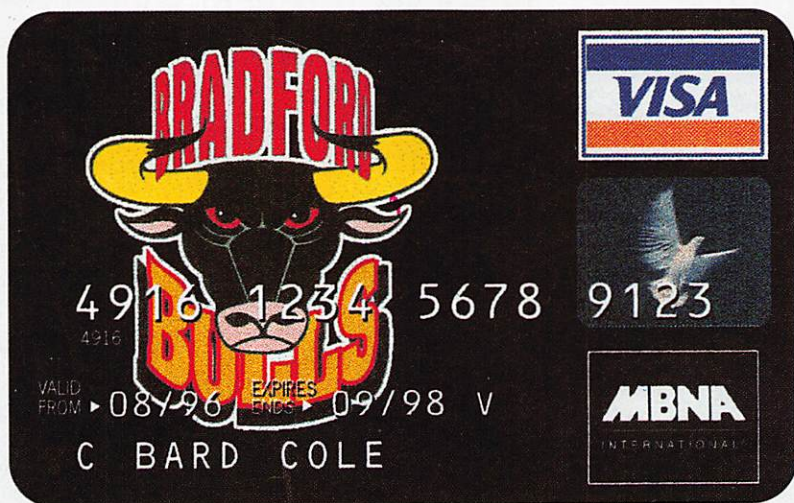
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Rugby League IN THE COMMUNITY



BURGER KING



BRADFORD YOUTH & JUNIOR CUPS 1997

QUEENSBURY PULL OFF CUP HAT-TRICK ON FINALS DAY

Queensbury pulled off a hat-trick of wins in the Bradford Youth and Junior Cup finals at Rawdon Meadows.

And they have a chance to add a fourth when their under-15's take on South Bradford in the second series of finals on Saturday. Best win came from Queensbury's under-18's who were inspired by Gareth McKinley as they chalked up a 34-8 success over West Bowling.

The under-8's squeezed home 12-10 against Wibsey with Edward Llewellyn scoring two tries, and they repeated the success at under-12 level in the game of the day with Dominic Brambini leading the way in an 18-12 success. Karl Walker was outstanding for Wibsey.

In the other final played at the weekend Dudley Hill under-10's recorded a 26-6 win over Keighley Celtic with Danny Holt in top form for the winners. Bradford Bulls star Jeremy Donougher presented the prizes.

Burger King/Sports match Bradford Youth and Junior Cup finals: U8's Queensbury 12, Wibsey 10; U10's Dudley Hill 26, Keighley Celtic 6; U12's Queensbury 18, Wibsey 12; U18's Queensbury 34, West Bowking 8.
Remaining games: Saturday, Rawdon Meadows: U9's Wibsey v Clayton, U13's Royds v Pudsey, U15's Queensbury v South Bradford, U17's Dudley Hill v Clayton.

Dear Mr Harland,

Just a little note to say thank you for all your efforts on Saturday at the Bradford Junior Challenge Cup finals at Rawdon Meadows. All your teams hard work and hospitality have paid dividend, it was a stunning day out.

Dudley Hill U10's played their and all the team had a wonderful day, it was great experience for them and the memories will last a long time. It was also a great privilege to meet so many Bulls players.

All the team went back to their different schools on Monday to show their trophies and tell the story of what a great day they all had.

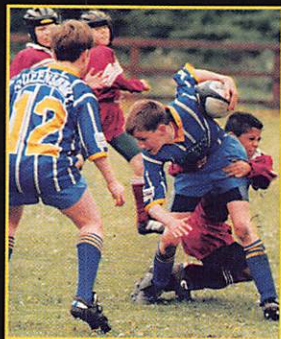
As coaches both Shaun and myself thought the day was very well organised and went like clock work. From the changing facilities, trophies, referees, playing field to Jeremy Donougher presenting the trophies at the end, it was all perfect.

Please pass on our thanks to all your staff, your all a credit to the Bulls. Fingers crossed we look forward to being there again next year. With kindest regards
Yours sincerely

Shaun Chamberlin & Graham Larkin
Dudley Hill Under 10's



Jeremy Donougher presenting Cup & Medals to winners of U10 Dudley Hill Juniors



Wibsey vs Queensbury U12
Cameron Nelson held in the tackle by Wibsey Juniors



Queensbury Under 8's celebrate their win over Wibsey. Back, from left, Lewis Dytiche, Nicholas Spight, Michael Boocock, Tom Armstrong, Dean Barber, Gregory Worthing, Matthew Ramsden, Thomas Horsfall; Front: Andrew Wood, Matthew Bain, Eddie Llewellyn, Paul Humphreys, Brett Wilcock, Nicholas McGee



BURGER KING BRADFORD YOUTH & JUNIOR CUPS 1997

VENUE RAWDON MEADOWS

DATE: SATURDAY 17TH MAY 1997

Under 9 years Kick off 9.30am

CLAYTON 12

V WIBSEY JUNIORS 34

outstanding for Wibsey, Jonathon Broadbent with 4 tries

Under 15 years Kick Off 11.15 am

QUEENSBURY 58

V SOUTH BRADFORD 0

Outstanding for Queensbury, Wayne Pryce 5 tries & Leon Pryce 4 tries & 6 Goals

Under 13 years Kick off 10.15 am

ROYDS 12 V PUDSEY 32

Under 17 years Kick Off 12.30 pm
DUDLEY HILL 16 V CLAYTON 32

Outstanding for Clayton were centres Andrew Reddiough, Dale Towler with half back Adam Mitchell controlling things well



Glenn Tomlinson with successful coaches & team from Wibsey Juniors... Winners under 9 years vs Clayton



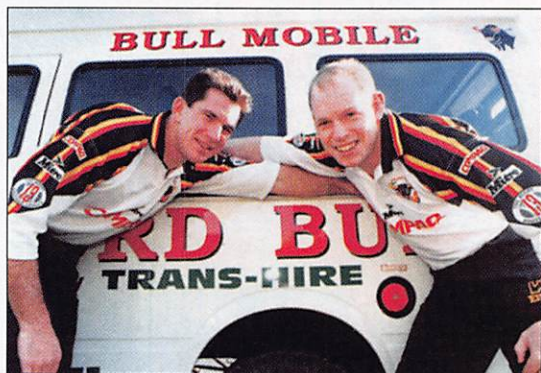
Action from Royds vs Pudsey U13 final



Successful Queensbury under 15 side

Leon Pryce 4 tries & 6 Goals with Wayne Pryce, 5 tries, both of Queensbury U15 winners





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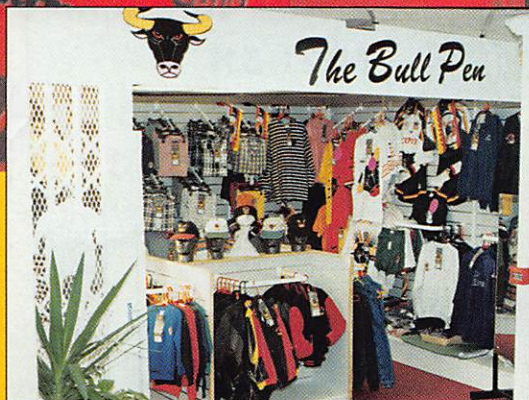


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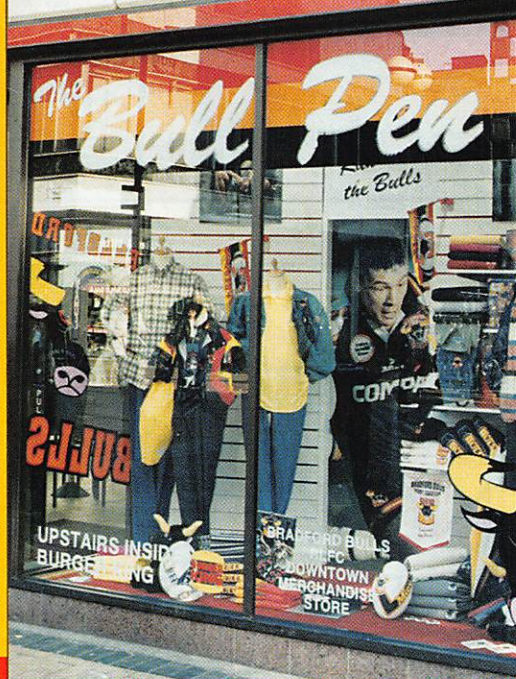
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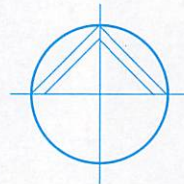
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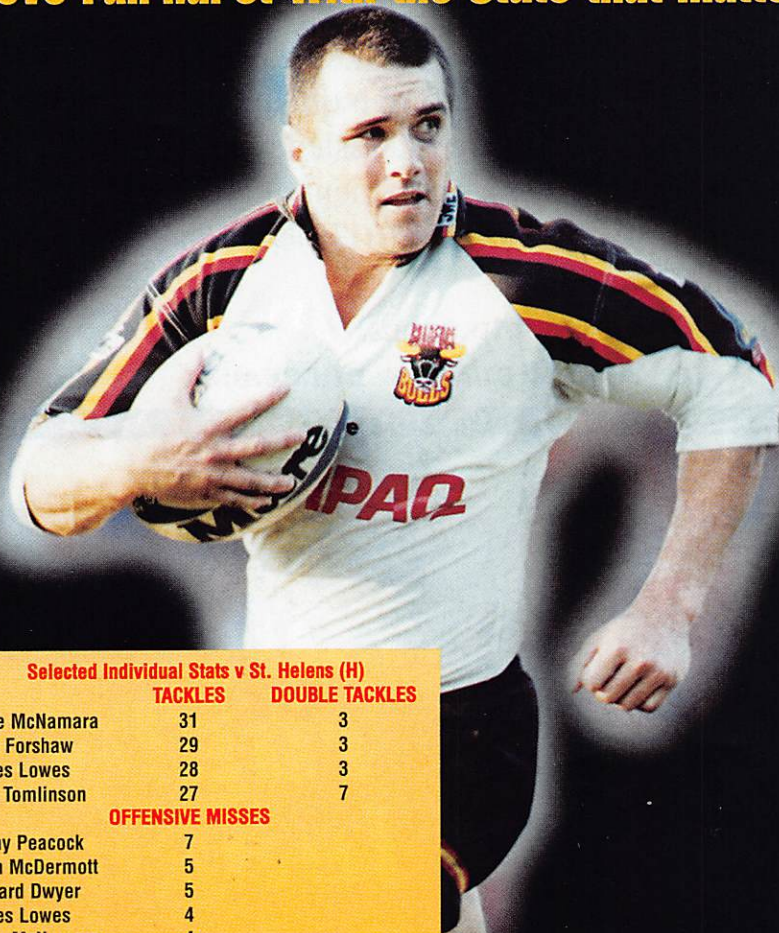
Statto's

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Steve Fairhurst with the Stats that matter



GLEN TOMLINSON... 27 TACKLES AGAINST SAINTS



Selected Individual Stats v St. Helens (H)

	TACKLES	DOUBLE TACKLES
Steve McNamara	31	3
Mike Forshaw	29	3
James Lowes	28	3
Glen Tomlinson	27	7

OFFENSIVE MISSES

Danny Peacock	7
Brian McDermott	5
Bernard Dwyer	5
James Lowes	4
Steve McNamara	4
Glen Tomlinson	4

Selected Individual Stats v Warrington Wolves (A)

	TACKLES	DOUBLE TACKLES
Jamie Lowes	42	12
Nathan Graham	30	5
Mike Forshaw	29	6
Steve McNamara	28	3
Brian McDermott	23	3

OFFENSIVE MISSES

Brian McDermott	9
Graeme Bradley	6
Stuart Spruce	6
Abi Ekoku	5
James Lowes	5

Possession Review v St. Helens (H)

	BULLS	SAINTS
Total no. of sets	41	37
Pens	13	10
Handling Errors	9	9
Tries	6	3

Possession Review v Warrington Wolves (A)

Total no. of sets	40	42
Pens	6	8
Handling Errors	13	10
Tries	7	3

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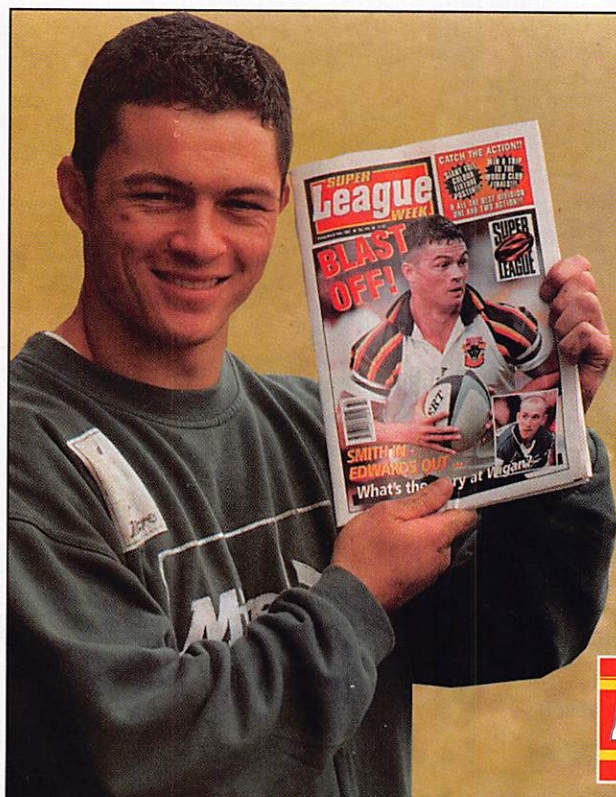
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BULLS BY NATALIE FARR

Well that is a magical ten out of ten including: one outstanding win against the mighty Wigan; An emphatic victory over super Saints and the whitewashing of Warrington. Add this to the other seven and you've got one hell of a season on the go. The Bulls are (at this point in time) the team in Super League. The whole squad has quality oozing from its pores. We knew the key to Super League was strength in depth and that's what we have. For example, the injuries to the forwards we have suffered and the players that have had to step into the breach in their place, have done a marvellous job. We have, lest we forget, five first team players injured and we are coping remarkably well considering. In contrast you look at a team such as St. Helens who everybody seems to think has strength in depth, so where is it? They had few out against London and it really did show. They failed to look anything like the outfit we have come to expect. If five points clear of them isn't enough for us to believe we can win the title then we will never win it. And so today's game, Oldham did give us fright at Boundary Park but we really ought to have the confidence and skill to overcome sides like Oldham early doors. Remember when we lost to Leigh and Hull KR and lost the championship on points difference. Would we like that to happen again I sincerely think not! Oldham have had mixed fortunes and they are as I again predicted not doing very well in Super League. Another huge plus factor is that we are at Odsal and as Eddie and Stevo said in front of this partisan crowd we could beat anybody. Let's hope so considering we have the Australians arriving in the coming month. Rumour has it that a certain Mr Paul may be playing tonight, if you are, welcome back and I hope your foot's better. Talking of poorly people whilst at Wembley my other half struck up a real rapport with Warren Jowitt (say no more) and discovered that from Wembley he had been told (I presume by someone in the medical profession) he would only be out for another six weeks. So, two have gone let's hope he's back in four. Speaking of injuries what news of JD? does anyone know when he is likely to return to the fray? Even if it's still a while we all wish you well. Well I feel like I am repeating myself at this point my player profile this week involves a certain person from Leeds R.L. This was my commentary against St.Helens but due to a technical hitch that programme piece did not reach you. When he played for Leeds I absolutely hated the way he played, but still thought he was a good player. Then when Leeds were willing to let him go for such a poultry sum I just couldn't believe it. I did hope however that he would leave some of his more questionable habits behind at Headingley. Since

his arrival James Lowes or Paddy has blossomed into the best hooker in the English game only Keiron Cunningham has stopped him playing full honours for Great Britain. But on this season's merits you would say that Jimmy tips him because defensively he is a better player. As Rugby League pundits would point out Jimmy is the more complete player of the two. I have to say that sometimes however he reverts back to old ways and you are extremely glad he now plays for you and not against you. The most important thing Jimmy has done this season however, is prove beyond any doubt that he is the master of the little dink to the line. What's that four or five tries from neat kicks! Along with sprogger if I was the G.B coach they would be the first couple of names on my squad list. Sky are here again, anyone would think that they like coming to Odsal, as Henry Paul said they were cheering for the Bulls against St.Helens. Eddie quickly added that they were neutral, but did like Bradford! They are here however to run with Bulls, so are you and so am I, so let's do it because we're alright.



POINT MAKERS

	T	G	DG	TOT
Paul Anderson	3	-	-	12
Graeme Bradley	3	-	-	12
Matt Calland	3	-	-	12
Jeremy Donougher	2	-	-	8
Bernard Dwyer*	1	-	-	4
Abi Ekoku	2	-	-	8
Mike Forshaw*	3	-	-	12
Warren Jowitt	3	-	-	12
Simon Knox	4	-	-	16
Paul Loughlin	11	-	-	44
James Lowes	6	-	-	24
Brian McDermott	4	-	-	16
Steve McNamara	5	70	1	161
Paul Medley	1	-	-	4
Sonny Nickle	6	-	-	24
Robbie Paul	5	-	-	20
Danny Peacock	9	-	-	36
Jon Scales	2	-	-	8
Stuart Spruce	4	-	-	16
Glen Tomlinson	6	-	-	24

* NEW ENTRY

APPEARANCES

	APP	SUB
Paul Anderson	6	2
Graeme Bradley	15	-
Matt Calland	2	6
Gary Christie	1	5
Jeremy Donougher	4	1
Bernard Dwyer	10	-
Abi Ekoku	7	-
Mike Forshaw	2	1
Nathan Graham	-	6
Warren Jowitt	1	2
Simon Knox	3	6
Paul Loughlin	14	-
James Lowes	15	-
Brian McDermott	10	1
Steve McNamara	13	-
Paul Medley	1	9
Sonny Nickle	11	-
Robbie Paul	11	-
Danny Peacock	14	-
Tahi Reihana	10	3
Jon Scales	9	-
Stuart Spruce	14	-
Glen Tomlinson	13	2
Jeff Wittenberg	1	5

Up to & including the 18th May

SUPER LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Bradford B.	10	10	0	0	355	168	20
Leeds Rhinos	11	8	0	3	283	220	16
St. Helens	10	7	1	2	299	169	15
Halifax B.S.	11	6	1	4	273	263	13
London B.	10	5	2	3	280	209	12
Wigan W.	10	6	0	4	243	176	12
Salford Reds	10	6	0	4	179	200	12
Warrington W.	10	4	0	6	240	352	8
Sheffield E.	10	3	0	7	196	241	6
Oldham B	10	2	0	8	208	306	4
P.S.G	11	2	0	9	179	287	4
Castleford T.	11	1	0	10	135	276	2

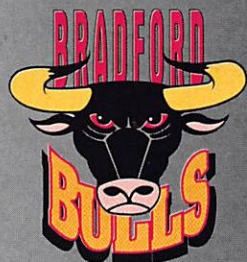
Up to & including the 18th May

BULLS

STATS

OUR SEASON SO FAR

DATE	VERSUS	VEN	K.O.	RES	ATT
FEBRUARY					
9	SCCC rd4	Hunslet Hawks	A	W 62-10	6,102
22	SCCC rd 5	London Broncos	A	W 34-12	6,102
MARCH					
9	SCCC qtr fin	Oldham Bears	A	W 38-12	11,284
Fri 14		WARRINGTON WOLVES (SkyTV)	H	7.30 W 58-20	15,017
Fri 21		Oldham Bears	A	7.30 W 30-18	5,604
29	SCCC Semi	Leeds Rhinos	McAlpine	W 24-10	18,193
APRIL					
Tues 1		Castleford Tigers	A	W 38-12	7,882
Sun 6th		LONDON BRONCOS	H	6.00 W 19-14	15,566
Fri 41th		Wigan Warriors (Sky TV)	A	7.30 W 22-18	10,710
Fri 18th		Paris St. Germain (Sky TV)	A	7.30 W 30-18	9,745
Wed 23rd		HALIFAX BLUE SOX	H	7.30 W28-26	13,225
Sun 27th		SHEFFIELD EAGLES	H	6.00 W54-10	14,834
MAY					
3	SCCC Final	St. Helens	WEMBLEY	3.00 L22-32	78,022
Sun 11th		ST. HELENS (Sky TV)	H	7.30 W38-18	18,387
Sun 18th		Warrington Wolves (Sky TV)	A	6.35 W38-14	7,043
Fri 23rd		OLDHAM BEARS	H	7.30	
Tues 27th		Halifax Blue Sox (Sky TV)	A	7.35	
JUNE					
Sun 1st		Salford Reds	A	3.00	
9th		PENRITH (WORLD SUPER LEAGUE)	H	7.45	
14th		AUCKLAND (WORLD SUPER LEAGUE)	H	6.00	
20th		CRONULLA (WORLD SUPER LEAGUE)	H	7.30	
Sun 29th		Leeds Rhinos	A	8.00	
JULY					
Wed 2nd		CASTLEFORD TIGERS	H	7.30	
Sun 6th		St.Helens	A	6.00	
Sun 13th		SALFORD REDS	H	6.00	
19th		Auckland (WORLD SUPER LEAGUE)	A		
26th		Penrith (WORLD SUPER LEAGUE)	A		
AUGUST					
2nd		Cronulla (WORLD SUPER LEAGUE)	A		
Sun 10th		LEEDS RHINOS	H	6.00	
Sun 17th		Sheffield Eagles	A	3.15	
Fri 22nd		PARIS ST. GERMAIN	H	7.30	
Mon 25th		WIGAN WARRIORS	H	6.00	
Sun 31st		London Broncos	A	3.00	
SEPTEMBER					
7th		STONES PREMIERSHIP PRELIMINARY			
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5.00pm Turnstiles Open
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6.50pm The team captains toss the coin to determine which goal line the Bulls will attack.

6.52pm More from **TONY JOHNSON'S SOULHOUSE**

7.15pm Team Check

7.20pm **BULLMAN** enters the stadium

7.30pm **GAME TIME**

8.10pm **HALF TIME**
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Special Announcements
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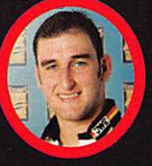
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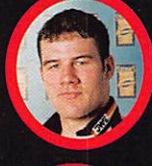
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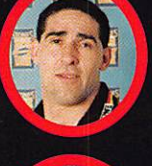
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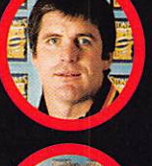
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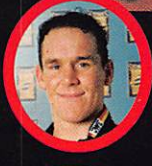
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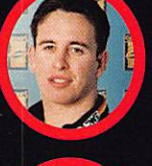
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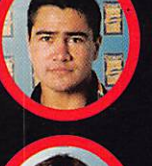
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- 8 Jeff Wittenberg
- 10 Nathan Graham
- 11 Jeremy Donougher
- 12 Paul Medley
- 13 Sonny Nickle
- 14 Mike Forshaw
- 15 Gary Christie
- 16 Warren Jowitt
- 17 Paul Anderson
- 18 Simon Knox
- 20 Matt Calland
- 22 Brian McDermott
- 23 Bernard Dwyer
- 24 Paul Loughlin
- 25 James Lowes
- 26 Steve McNamara
- 27 Tahī Reihana
- 28 Stuart Spruce

OLDHAM BEARS

- 1 Paul Atcheson
- 2 Scott Ranson
- 3 Darren Abram
- 4 Paul Topping
- 5 Rob Myler
- 6 Francis Maloney
- 7 Martin Crompton
- 8 Ian Gildart
- 9 John Clarke
- 10 Jason Temu
- 11 Gary Lord
- 12 Joe Faimalo
- 13 David Bradbury
- 14 Matt Munroe
- 15 Paul Davidson
- 16 Howard Hill
- 17 (was Paul Crook)
- 18 Mike Neal
- 19 Chris McKinney
- 20 Peuafi Leuila
- 21 Jimmy Cowan
- 22 Vince Fawcett
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WORLD SUPER LEAGUE

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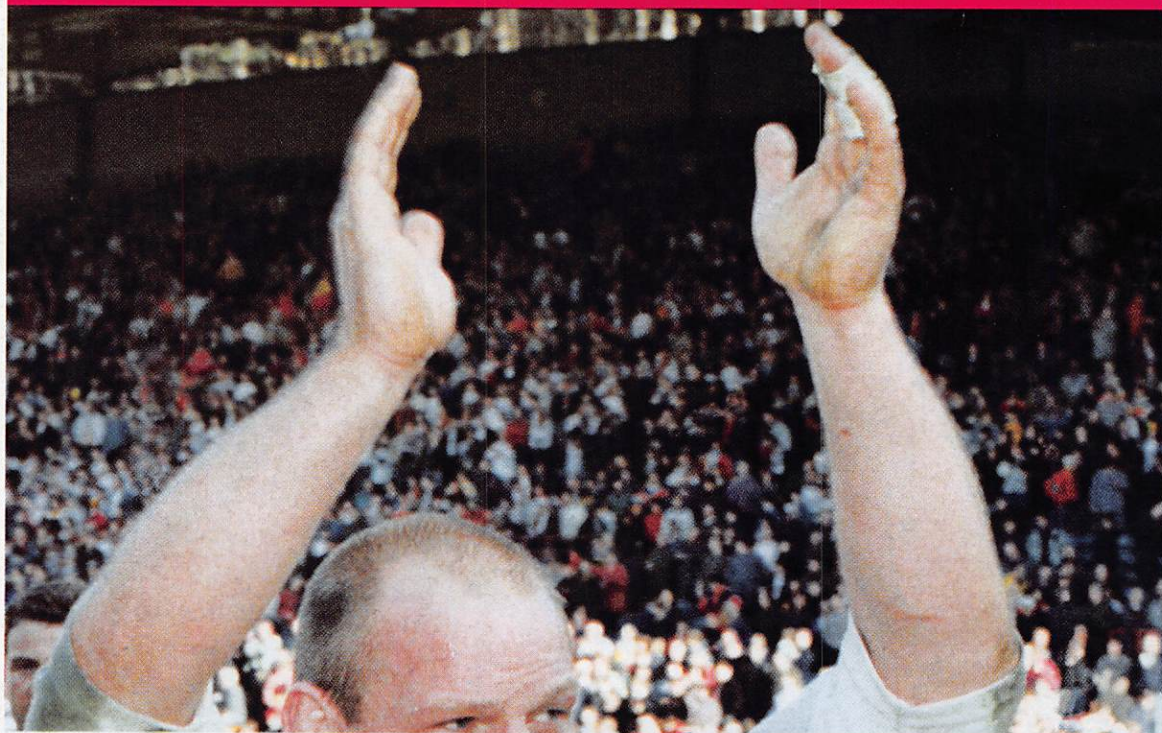
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