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RUGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

1909-10, 1910-11, 1956-57 Runners Up

1906-07, 1907-08, 1908-09, 1921-22, 1954-55

FIRST DIVISION CHAMPIONS

1904-05

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

1897-98, 1900-01, 1907-08, 1909-10, 1921-22, 1956-57,

1957-58

RUGBY LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS

1899, 1925, 1927 Runners Up 1907, 1912 1924, 1926

LANCASHIRE CUP WINNERS

1907, 1910, 1913, 1919, 1924, 1933, 1956, 1957, 1958,

Runners Up 1908, 1911, 1918, 1921, 1954, 1966, 1968, 1986,

1989

SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONS

1963-64, 1981-82, 1987-88

SECOND DIVISION PREMIERSHIP WINNERS

1988, 1990 Runners Up, 1992

CLUB RECORDS

RECORD VICTORY

63-0 v Goole, March 18th 1899 (Challenge Cup Rd 1)

67-6 v Liverpool City, April 4th 1959 (League)

RECORD SCORE

70-10 v Bramley, Feb 12th 1995 (Challenge Cup Rd 4)

67-6 v Liverpool City, April 4th 1959 (League)

RECORD ATTENDANCE

All Time 28,000 v Huddersfield, 4th Feb 1912

Last 20 years 11,254 v Bradford Bulls, 9th March 1997

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

TRIES IN A SEASON

REG FARRAR 49 1921-22

TRIES IN A CAREER

Alan Davies 174 1950-61

TRIES IN A MATCH

James Miller 7 v Barry, Oct 31st 1908

GOALS IN A SEASON

Bernard Ganley 200 1957-58

GOALS IN A CAREER

Bernard Ganley 1,358 1950-61

GOALS IN A MATCH

Bernard Ganley 14 v Liverpool City, April 4th 1959

POINTS IN A SEASON

Bernard Ganley 412 1957-58

POINTS IN A CAREER

Bernard Ganley 2,761 1950-61

POINTS IN A MATCH

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

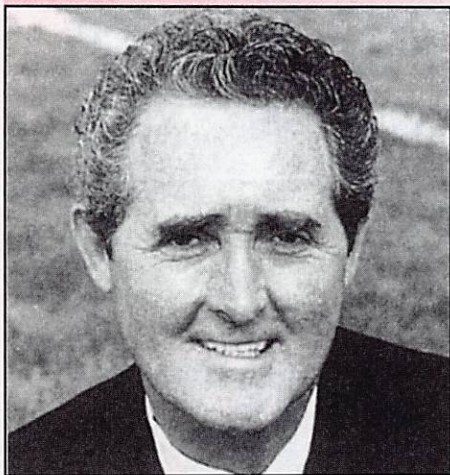
MOST APPEARANCES

Joe Ferguson 628 Sept 1899 - April 1923

MOST CONSECUTIVE APPEARANCES

Joe Lawton 134 Sept 1897 - Nov 1902

A Message FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Our defeat at Halifax coupled with Castleford's win over St Helens leaves us with a mountain to climb to keep our Super League status. And that job starts tonight with our visitors from Central Park.

Opposition doesn't come much tougher than Wigan, even when the Warriors are seemingly going through a rough patch, so we know exactly what we are up against. Words like crucial, do-or-die and pressure are all used and over-used at various stages of a season but when it comes down to the last three matches they are all pretty close to the mark.

Oldham, as everybody keeps reminding us, is a rugby-mad town that, despite all the calls for franchises in places such as Glasgow, Dublin or

Bristol, has to be part of any Super League set-up.

But they said that about another "rugby" town up in Cumbria. When Workington lost their Super League place a year ago they were widely tipped to make a challenge for a quick return. Instead, we all know what happened - the club went into freefall, finished bottom of Division One, went into administration and is now fighting for its survival as it goes into cold storage for the winter to prepare for life in the Second Division.

That is not a rosy picture of life outside Super League and it's true that Hull Sharks have shown that a club can bounce back, but it has been a long, hard road and has taken an injection of hard cash to turn things round on Humberside.

The Bears are not blessed with mega-rich friends to buy us out of trouble. We had to rely on you, our loyal supporters, to lift the team with vocal backing, by getting behind the players and letting them know you care.

The Coach, the players and the entire staff know how important the next three games are. After tonight's game we are off to Paris and, win, lose or draw tonight, that is one game we have to win otherwise the French/Australians will be out of reach.

The battle of survival could go right down to the wire - the last match of the season against Warrington.

Whether we stand or fall could depend on the luck of the bounce at a crucial moment. Or it could depend on the extra lift the supporters can give the players when they need it. You can be certain everyone at the club will be pulling out all the stops in the scramble to safety. Why not make it a joint effort by getting right behind the team tonight. The lads would appreciate it.

Jim Quinn



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Down Memory Lane

by Don Yates

Don Yates looks back to a match from yesteryear

In six weeks time Wigan will be heading the British challenge in the World Club Championship. They are no strangers to this form of competition having figured in four of the five World Club Challenge matches which preceded this ambitious tournament.

The first World Challenge took place in 1987 when Wigan beat Manly 8-2 in a torrid match at Central Park. Four years later Penrith were beaten 21-4 at Anfield where Ian Gildart came off the Wigan bench for the closing 15 minutes. Wigan met their match in 1992 when Brisbane Broncos came up with a magnificent performance to win 22-8 at Central Park. Martin Crompton was a substitute for Wigan that evening, replacing Andre Stoop in the 27th minute.

It was decided that the 1994 Challenge would be staged in Australia. Wigan won their fifth consecutive Championship and Brisbane clinched the Winfield Cup, so setting up a repeat of the 1992 match. The line up at the ANZ Stadium, Brisbane that June evening was as follows:

Brisbane: Willie Carne; Wendell Sailor, Steve Renouf, Chris Johns, Michael Hancock, Kevin Walters, Allan Langer, Glen Lazarus, Kerrod Walters, Andrew Gee, Mark Hohn, Alan Cann & Julian O'Neill.

Substitutes: John Plath, Peter Ryan, Brett Galea & Chris McKenna.

Wigan: Gary Connolly; Jason Robinson, Sam Panapa, Barrie-Jon Mather, Martin Offiah, Frano Botica, Shaun Edwards, Neil Cowie, Martin Dermott, Billy McGinty, Denis Betts, Andy Farrell & Phil Clarke.

Substitutes: Va'aiga Tuigamala, Martin Hall, Paul Atcheson & Mick Cassidy.

Wigan's hopes of winning the World Club Challenge rested with their superb defence and a line up which contained match winners in every department of the team. Their defence was certainly tested that evening for Wigan spent much of the match desperately defending their own line. When the Riversiders did attack, they made good use of every opportunity provided.

The first opportunity came in the seventh minute when full-back Willie Carne was unable to cope with a well directed Shaun Edwards' bomb. Denis Betts was on hand to score a try which was converted by the reliable Frano Botica. After 15 minutes Phil Clarke made the decisive break which put Barrie-Jon Mather away. Mather had plenty to do but he made it to the line for Botica to again convert. Twelve-nil up after 15 minutes meant only one thing. The Broncos would

be throwing everything at Wigan. And so they did. There was heroic defence from Connolly, Robinson, Panapa and even Martin Offiah as well as the Wigan pack, but Wigan's 12-4 interval lead was extended early in the second-half when Jason Robinson seized upon a Michael Hancock handling error and scored. Frano Botica's conversion took Wigan's lead to 18-4. Brisbane wave upon wave of attack were launched on the Wigan line and no defence on earth could withstand such pressure.

In the 46th minute Hancock made up for his earlier mistake by scoring to pull back the deficit to 18-8. At this point Paul Atcheson entered the fray, taking over from Barrie-Jon Mather. Still Brisbane attacked and on the hour loose-forward Julian O'Neill scored a try which he converted himself. The score was now 18-14 and the match was building up to a tremendous climax for the 54,220 crowd. Most of them did not witness the finish which they had hoped. With 15 minutes remaining Frano Botica landed a penalty which proved to be the final score of the match despite further intense Brisbane pressure. Wigan had won 20-14, a victory which must stand as the best win in the history of the club.

Will we be seeing a repeat of October 18th?

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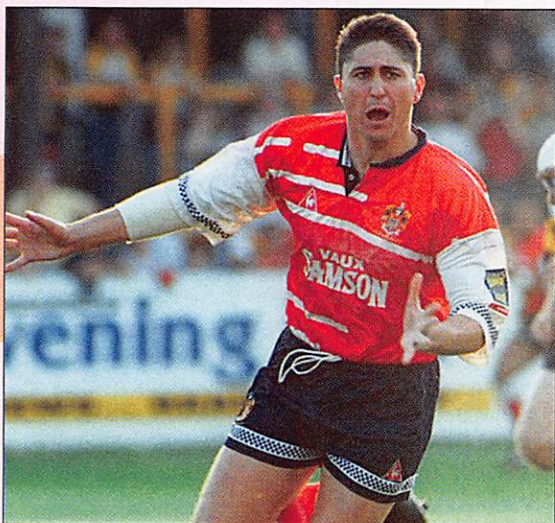
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PLAYER QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1. Name** Luke Goodwin
- 2. Date of Birth** 18.1.73
- 3. Birthplace** Sydney, Australia
- 4. Height** 5'10"
- 5. Weight** 82kg - 13st
- 6. Nickname at Club** Spook
- 7. Occupation** Prof.Footballer
- 8. Home** Australia, Parkes
- 9. Car** Sponsored Car
- 10. Married** Yes, Jeanette
- 11. Children** Yes, Daughter, Maddison Dakota
- 12. What was your ambition as a child?**
To play pro rugby league
- 13. Who was your boyhood hero?**
Mal Meninga
- 14. What has been your biggest thrill in Rugby?**
- 15. Which present day player do you admire most?**
Laurie Daley
- 16. Who is the greatest player there has ever been?**
Wally Lewis
Mal Meninga
- 17. What is the best part of your job?**
The people I meet. The mates I make.
- 18. If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would buy?**
Motorised Gold Cart
- 19. What is your best quality?**
- 20. What is your worst quality?**
- 21. What other sports and hobbies do you have?**
- 22. What is your biggest phobia?**
To see Brett Goldspink naked
- 23. Which famous person would you most like to meet?**
Eric Cantona
- 24. What is your most prized possession?**
My family
- 25. Do you have an unusual food that improves your game?**
No
- 26. Favourite TV programme?**
Friends
- 27. Favourite Pop Star?**
R-Kelly, Babyface
- 28. Favourite Food?** BBQ T.Bone
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Oldham Evening Chronicle

By Roger Halstead, Rugby League Writer

Does pride in performance still have a role to play in Super League - or is everything geared to the power of the pound?

Judging by strained club-player relationships at several clubs, among them London Broncos, St Helens and Wigan Warriors, it would appear that many coaches and chairmen feel they are being short-changed by the lads on lucrative full-time contracts.

Barry Maranta and Tony Currie had some harsh things to say about some of the London players after they had crashed 36-8 at Leeds last Sunday.

Saints boss Shaun McRae publicly criticised his team's performance after they had beaten the Bears at Knowsley Road a fortnight ago.

And Wigan's management was furious after their 21-14 defeat by Salford Reds at Central Park - the Warriors second defeat in three outings.

"We have some players who are not earning their money", blasted Wigan boss Eric Hughes - a theme later taken up by chairman Jack Robinson with his well-documented comment: "Some players are too busy wearing party hats".

In Yorkshire, Halifax Blue Sox ended a run of 13 consecutive defeats with their 40-12 victory against the Bears last weekend and many Thrum Hall fans were expressing the view before the game that their players were not playing for each other.

At various times during the season Darryl van de Velde at Warrington and even Andy Gregory at Salford (and what a good season they've had in their first shot at Super League) have been critical of their players' attitude and commitment.

And all Bears fans will still recall how former coach Andy

Goodway publicly attacked his players after their 44-10 defeat at Wigan in April, his last match in charge.

The feeling seems to be that there are no hungry players around these days: that the wheel has turned full circle from the days when players signed for a pittance for life and could claim with a touch of justification that they were rugby slaves.

In the modern game, certainly at the highest level, winning bonus isn't attraction it once was because most full-time Super League players are doing very nicely indeed on their contracts whether the play or not.

It's a worrying scene for those who run clubs in these difficult times - and especially so for those clubs, such as the Bears, who face the very real prospect of losing their Super League status, and with it a good chunk of Murdoch's money, over the course of the next few days.

The Bears have three games left in which to overhaul Castleford or Paris in the bid to stay up, and they are currently three points behind.

The importance of this evening's game cannot be over-estimated, but the clash with Goodway's Paris in the French capital on Tuesday is without doubt a crucial encounter that can truly be dubbed as LE CRUNCH!

If Paris lose at Bradford tonight, they will take on the Bears in the knowledge that their only game is against St Helens at Knowsley Road.

Oldham must win in Paris to take the race for Super League survival into the final weekend of the season. Hold on to your hats.

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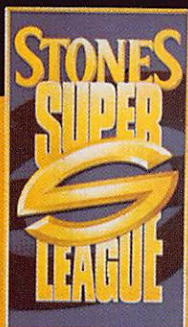
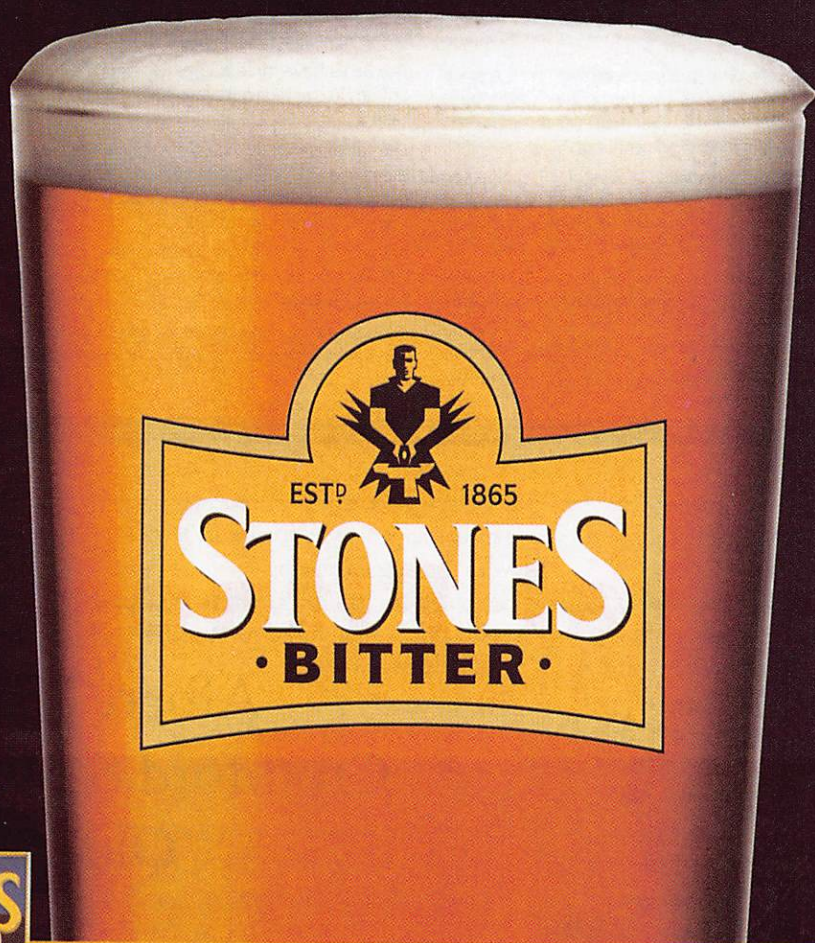


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Statistically Speaking

Compiled by Don Yates

Tonight's visitors to Boundary Park are Wigan who have beaten Oldham on 14 of the last 15 occasions that the two clubs have met. Altogether Oldham have met Wigan on 237 occasions with the Roughyeds having won 86 of those games, the Riversiders 145 with six matches drawn. Oldham's biggest victory over Wigan came way back in March 1899 when winger S. Williams scored a hat-trick of tries as the Roughyeds crushed Wigan 43-0 up at Watersheddings. Oldham's biggest win at Central Park came in November 1955 when they scored 12 tries as the Roughyeds registered a 48-23 victory. Wigan have twice beaten Oldham 54-2 at Central Park, Oldham's biggest defeats at that venue. The first occasion was in August 1934 when winger Jack Morley scored four tries and the Riversiders repeated that scoreline in April 1987. Oldham's biggest home defeat against Wigan came in September 1994 when Martin Offiah scored four tries as Wigan rumped home 58-10.

RESULTS OF OLDHAM V WIGAN MATCHES

DURING THE PAST TEN SEASONS

1987-88	did not meet
1988-89	Wigan 40 Oldham 18 Oldham 4 Wigan 12 (Challenge Cup)
1989-90	Oldham 21 Wigan 27 Oldham 19 Wigan 18 (Lancashire Cup)
1990-91	Wigan 38 Oldham 15 Oldham 16 Wigan 30 (Challenge Cup semi-final at Bolton)
1991-92	Oldham 4 Wigan 10 did not meet
1992-93	Wigan 48 Oldham 8 (Lancashire Cup)
1993-94	Wigan 38 Oldham 12 Oldham 8 Wigan 16 (Regal Trophy)
1994-95	Oldham 6 Wigan 50 Oldham 10 Wigan 58
1995-96	Wigan 46 Oldham 0 Wigan 42 Oldham 12 Oldham 28 Wigan 26
1996	Oldham 16 Wigan 56 Wigan 44 Oldham 16
1997	Wigan 44 Oldham 10

DETAILS OF WIGAN'S LAST VISIT TO BOUNDARY PARK

Saturday 30th March 1996
OLDHAM 16 WIGAN 56
 HALF-TIME 0-36
 ATTENDANCE: 7,709

Oldham tries	Darren Abram, Rob Myler & Francis Maloney
Goals	Francis Maloney (2)
Wigan tries	Gary Connolly (3), Kris Radlinski (2), Martin Offiah (2), Shaun Edwards (2), Henry Paul & Martin Hall
Goals	Andy Farrell (6)
Oldham:	Paul Atcheson; Afi Leuila, Paul Topping, Darren Abram, Rob Myler, Francis Maloney, Martin Crompton, Ian Sherratt, Jon Clarke, Jason Temu, Gary Lord, Joe Faimalo & David Bradbury.
Substitutes:	Matt Munro, Howard Hill, Ian Gildart & Andrew Patmore.
Wigan:	Kris Radlinski; Jason Robinson, Inga Tuigamala, Gary Connolly, Martin Offiah, Henry Paul, Shaun Edwards, Neil Cowie, Martin Hall, Terry O'Connor, Mick Cassidy, Scott Quinnell & Andy Farrell. Substitutes: Kelvin Skerratt, Simon Haughton, Rob Smythe & Andy Johnson.

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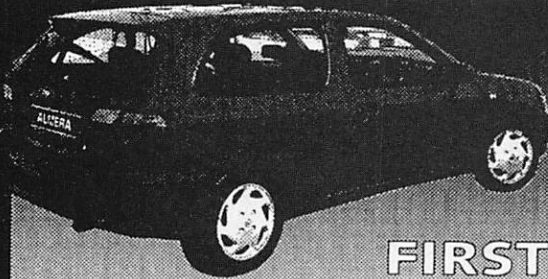
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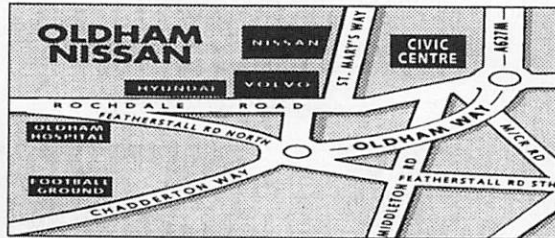
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Academy News

Our winning run of six games came to an end against Huddersfield Giants. An apt name for the Fartowers. They did have some Big Boys who can all play a bit as well. We started off really slow and before we knew what had hit us we were 12 points down in as many minutes. We did eventually get to grips with the game and in the Second half I thought we were the better side and held them to six points each. Miles Mitten our young centre from Wigan gave a good account of

himself scoring a try and always making in roads with his jinking runs. On Saturday we travelled up to Whitehaven and got stuck in a traffic jam after making really good time and only arrived at the ground with twenty five minutes to kick off we lost 22 points to 12 but the score didn't reflect the effort the boys put in. Half backs Svabic and Wilkes were the pick of the back with Orriss and Hardacre the pick of the forwards.

Brian Gartland

Alliance Report

We have played 3 Alliance team games since the last set of programmes. At home to Hull. At Hyde we produced yet another terrific performance to avenge our heaviest defeat of the season, at Hull in April.

Playing against an excellent Hull side with a lot of 1st team experience we ended their title hopes with an 18-12 victory.

David Stephenson, playing for match practice put us in the lead from acting half back and Paul Deacon added two goals to give us an 8 - 0 half time lead. After half time Hull came back strongly, however strong defence restricted them to two converted tries. A well worked try for the fast improving Joe McNichols meant we did not surrender the lead, and a Mike Prescott try converted by Paul Deacon, 15 minutes from time confirmed the victory.

The performances in the last two weeks have been affected somewhat by calls to the first team of players such as Jimmy Cowan, Jason Temil, Paul Deacon, Chris McKinney and Scote Ramson. Against St Helens in a game switched from Thursday to Wednesday night the 1st team game at London on the Tuesday night severely hampered preparations and team selection, Jimmy Cowan and Tony Nuttall dropped out arriving back in Oldham at 4.30a.m. on Wednesday morning. In the end we lost a very competitive game 14-40.

Darren Abram returned after an 8 week lay off but suffered a serious recurrence of a groin injury, which unfortunately will put him out of action for the rest of the season. Scott Ramson however suffered no reaction on his return from an ankle injury.

Last week we played Halifax, and made history by

playing at Manor Park. Whilst greatful to the Rugby Union officials and glad to be back in Oldham it does not compare with playing a home game at Watersheddings. Halifax came with probably more Oldhamers than we had in the Oldham team. After such a good run of results it was very disappointing to lose 22-16 and even more worrying was the manner in which we failed to take chances and lack of intensity in the tackle. We are now in a safe position in the Alliance Championship with a side changing each week due to injury and the return of full-timers. As coach I now have to find a way to stop the deterioration I have seen in our performances over the last two weeks for the final games of the season at Wigan and at home to Warrington.

The highlight of the Halifax games was an 80 yard individual try by Joe McNicholas with two other well worked tries coming from Afi Leuila and Tony Nuttall.

Paddy Kirwan

Dixons

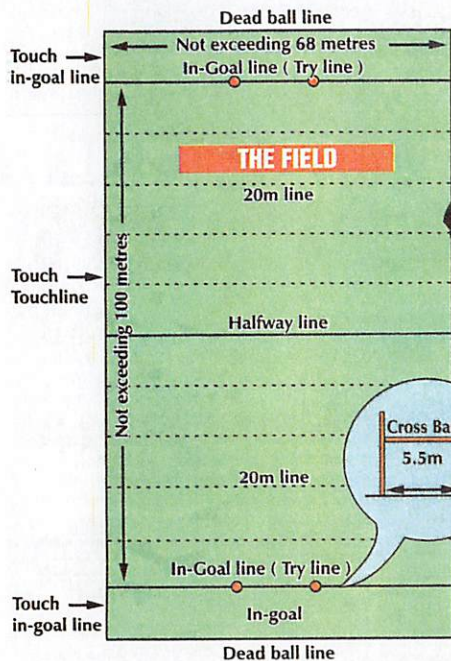
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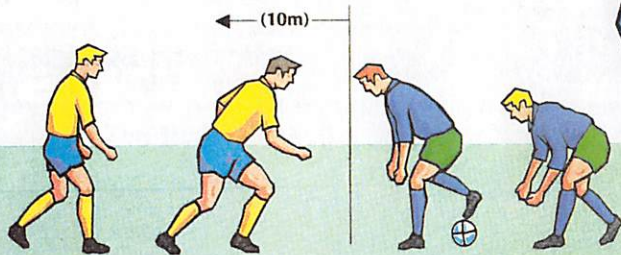


TACKLING

Defending players prevent the opposition from scoring by tackling the player with the ball and bringing him to the ground. An attacking team can be tackled six times. On the sixth tackle, most teams will kick the ball but, if they decide to run and are tackled, the ball is handed over to the defending team, which then has six tackles to make a try. It is illegal to tackle a player 'head high'.

THE PLAY-THE-BALL

A tackled player regaining his feet places the ball on the ground and rolls it with his foot to a team mate immediately behind him. All other team mates must be behind where the ball is played. Two opponents may stand in front of the tackled player but all other oppositions must be at least 10m away.



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TRY



SCORING

A try is scored when a player grounds the ball in the opposition's goal area. A try is worth four points. A conversion kick (must be a place kick) is taken after each try. The kick is taken directly in line with where the try was grounded. The kicker can take the ball back into the field of play as far as he likes. A conversion kick is successful if the ball travels over the cross bar between the uprights. A successful conversion is worth two points. The same applies to a penalty kick during the course of play and is two points.

DROP KICK

Drop kick is to restart play from the try line or 20m line. It can also be used in general play to score and if it goes between the posts and, over the cross bar, it will earn a team one point. This is termed a field goal.



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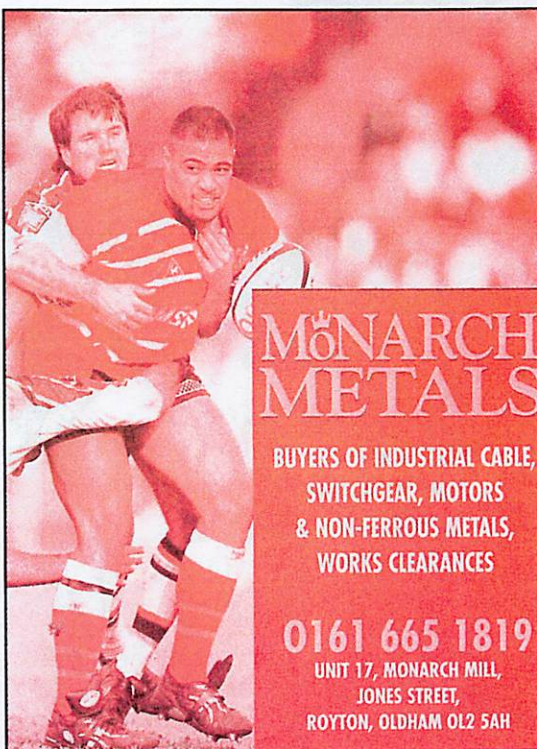
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On This Day . . .

Don Yates recalls this day in history.

This evening Bradford Bulls are likely to be presented with the 1997 Super League Championship, exactly 33 years since the club re-appeared after folding during the 1963-64 season. The new club was reformed in July 1964 and it was on this day in 1964, Saturday 22nd August, that the revived club played their first competitive match. It was a home league match against Hull Kingston Rovers which attracted a crowd of 14,500 to Odsal Stadium. The 13 players who represented Bradford that afternoon had been recruited from 11 different clubs and they included centre Brian Lord and loose-forward Johnny Rae who were both signed from Oldham. Bradford led 10-7 at half-time but Rovers had a powerful side in those days and they came back to win 34-20.

On that very same afternoon, Saturday 22nd August 1964, Oldham won a league match at Dewsbury by 17-4. Making his debut for the Roughyeds that afternoon was centre Jim McCormack went on to make 160 appearances for Oldham during the following seven seasons during which time he scored 29 tries.

It was on this day in 1982, Sunday 22nd August, that Andy Platt made his professional debut as substitute in the St. Helens team which drew 19-19 at Leigh in a First Division match. Platt had joined Saints the previous June from Wigan St. Patricks. He has continued to enjoy a

tremendously successful career ever since, serving Saints, Wigan, Auckland and now Salford.

It was on Wednesday 22nd August 1928 that Great Britain met New Zealand in an exhibition match which was staged at Invercargill. Although the Lions beat the Kiwis 2-1 in the test series during that tour, they lost this match 27-26.

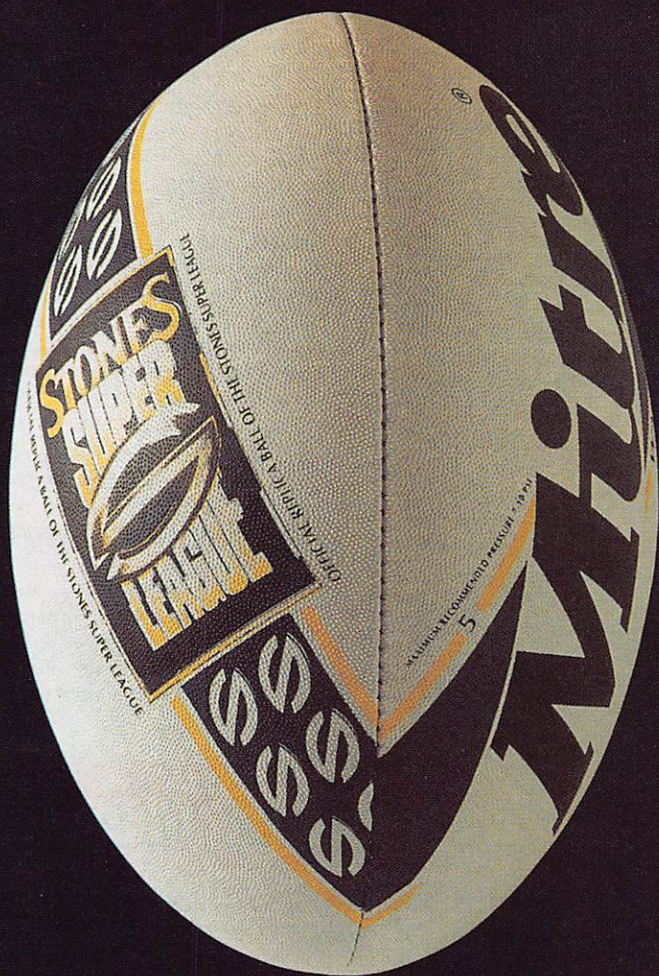
It was on Sunday 22nd August that the British Lions wound up their 1954 tour of Australasia with a match against the Newcastle Coalfields in Maitland. A crowd of 9,585 saw the tourists beaten 28-22. Full-back Lewis Jones (Leeds) scored a try and five goals for the Lions. The other British try scorers were the Wigan duo of centre Ernie Ashcroft (2) and Nat Silcock, a second-row forward, who turned out on the wing that afternoon.

Wednesday 22nd August 1956 was another good day in the career of Lewis Jones. On that day he scored 31 points from three tries and 11 goals as Leeds beat Bradford Northern 40-14 in a league match at Odsal Stadium.

Another high scoring performance took place on Sunday 22nd August 1993 when Canberra defeated Parramatta 68-0. Second-row forward David Furner landed 10 goals for the Raiders that afternoon although their win was marred when scrum-half Ricky Stuart broke his ankle.

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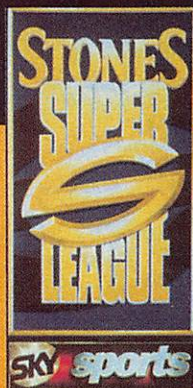
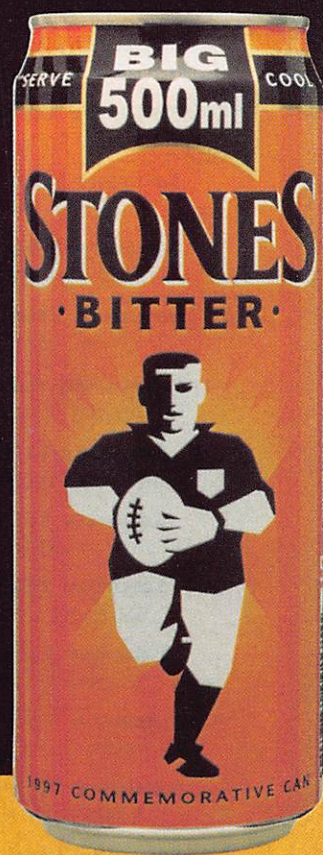
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Tomorrow marks the opening Saturday of the 1997-98 National Conference League season. Visiting supporters will note that St.Patricks are at home to Egremont Rangers in a Premier League match. Next Saturday 30th August, St.Judes are at home to Oulton in a First Division match. Those two clubs are at home on alternate Saturdays during most of the season thereby providing excellent fare for Wigan fans throughout the winter season.

Here in Oldham we are fortunate enough to have a Conference League Premier Division match in the town every Saturday throughout the season with just one exception. Saddleworth Rangers play at Shaw Hall Bank Road, Greenfield and St.Annes play at Higginshaw Road, Oldham Edge. Matches at Saddleworth kick-off at 2.30pm throughout the season because Rangers' ground is equipped with floodlighting. Most of Saints' matches also kick-off at 2.30pm although during the dark months the kick-offs are brought forward to 2pm. There is excellent coverage of the local amateur game in the Oldham Chronicle with Roger Halstead and his team not only covering Conference matches but also every amateur club in the Oldham area including youth and schoolboy teams. All kick-off times appear in the Friday evening edition of the Chronicle.

The standard of rugby produced by the Conference clubs is first class so any fan wishing to continue with his weekly 'fix' of rugby should get along to the following matches throughout the winter months.

Tomorrow, Saturday 23rd August

Saddleworth Rangers v West Hull

Saturday 30th August

St.Annes v Heworth

Saturday 6th September

Saddleworth Rangers v Dudley Hill

Saturday 13th September

St.Annes v St.Patricks

Saturday 20th September

Saddleworth v St.Annes

Saturday 27th September

St.Annes v Woolston Rovers

Saturday 4th October

Saddleworth Rangers v Beverley

Saturday 11th October

St.Annes v Egremont Rangers

Saturday 18th October

Saddleworth Rangers v Heworth

Saturday 25th October

St.Annes v Lock Lane

Saturday 1st November

No matches, first test at Wembley

Saturday 8th November

Saddleworth Rangers v Askam

Saturday 15th November

St.Annes v Beverley

Saturday 22nd November

St.Annes v Walney Central

Saturday 29th November

Saddleworth Rangers v Egremont Rangers

Saturday 6th December

Challenge Cup (1) Both clubs at home

Saturday 13th December

St.Annes v Leigh Miners

Saturday 20th December

Challenge Cup (2)

Saturday 3rd January

St.Annes v Saddleworth Rangers

Saturday 10th January

Challenge Cup (3)

Saturday 17th January

Saddleworth Rangers v Mayfield

Saturday 24th January

St.Annes v West Hull

Saturday 31st January

Saddleworth Rangers v Walney Central

Saturday 7th February

St.Annes v Dudley Hill

Saturday 14th February

Saddleworth v St.Patricks

St.Annes v Askam

Saturday 21st February

Saddleworth Rangers v Lock Lane

Saturday 28th February

Saddleworth Rangers v Leigh Miners

Saturday 7th March

St.Annes v Mayfield

Saturday 14th March

Saddleworth Rangers v Woolston Rovers

Junior Bears Page

Hi there Junior Bears

A big Buster Bear welcome back to Boundary Park, it seems a long time since I've come out of that tunnel before the team.

Friday night again and lets offer a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Wigan Warriors in our penultimate game of this years Super League.

Results haven't been going our way of late (I have had to write these notes before the Halifax game) but lets hope we can try and turn things round tonight.

Having lost a number of high class players, Wigan seem to have had an up and down season this year but I am sure that next season they will be back to their very best, however they always provide us with an entertaining game of Rugby whenever they play the Bears and I am sure tonight will be no exception.

Let me offer my apologies to one Junior Bear, and that is **Sam Kershaw**. Sam won the reporting competition for Junior Bears and I have never put it in these notes. The match report that Sam has written should appear in the Oldham Chronicle in the very near future I hope you enjoy reading it.

Well done Sam. . .

**Come on OLDHAM,
come on OLDHAM.**

To all the children who attended a very wet Oldham Carnival 'Thank you' and a special mention must go out to Luke Goodwin for braving a wet and windy day (which he is not used to) for supporting us.

Thanks Luke

Answers to the teasers set for the game against Adelaide Rams

- Q. Which of the Walters Brothers play for the Rams
A. Kerrod (Steve plays for the Cowboys)
- Q. Name the other tow Australian teams in Pool B of the World Club Championships.
A. Hunter Mariners & Perth Western Reds
A couple for you to try tonight
1. Which other Super League team did Eric Hughes formally coach.
 2. Which Wigan player is also known as 'Billy Wizz'

Mascot for the match this evening is **Sarah Robinson**.

Sarah is eleven years old and will attend St.Augustines school next term.

Her favourite player is Paul 'Patch' Atcheson. Sarah is dedicated to Rugby and has played prop for her Junior School, St.Edward's and also for Saddleworth. She is presently playing for Oldham Junior Ladies. Whilst playing for St.Edward's she played at Central Park in the Lancashire Youth Cup Final.

Sarah also has her own rugby team whom she coaches they go by the name of 'Robbo's Rhinos', anyone interested in joining can find them training on Saturday evenings at Beckett Meadow Clarksfield between 6.15pm and 7.00pm

Keep up the good work Sarah and good luck.



**Junior Bears
MASCOT**

We have a number of Junior Bear Birthdays left this month, they are:

August 23rd	Robert Kilvin
August 24th	Paul Brooks
August 27th	Adam Lawton, Lisa Connor
August 30th	Bryan Mottram
August 31st	Jonathan Mills

Happy Birthday Junior Bears!!!!

Let's wish all our injured players a 'speedy' return from injury and to all you Junior Bears enjoy the match this evening.

Come on, Come on OLDHAM

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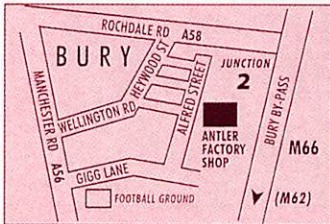
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ANDY FARRELL (13)

POSITION: LOOSE-FORWARD
 DATE OF BIRTH: 30-5-1975
 HEIGHT: 6FT 4INS
 WEIGHT: 16ST 2LBS
 CAPS: GREAT BRITAIN 10,
 ENGLAND 4
 HONOURS: CHALLENGE CUP
 WINNER: 1993, 1994, 1995
 PREMIERSHIP FINAL WINNER:
 1994, 1995, 1996
 (HARRY SUNDERLAND TROPHY
 WINNER AS MAN OF THE MATCH)
 REGAL TROPHY WINNER: 1996
 WORLD CLUB CHALLENGE: 1994

HENRY PAUL (6)

POSITION: STAND-OFF/FULL BACK
 DATE OF BIRTH: 10-2-1974
 HEIGHT: 5FT 11.5INS
 WEIGHT: 14ST
 CAPS: NEW ZEALAND 6
 HONOURS: CHALLENGE CUP
 WINNER: 1995
 PREMIERSHIP: 1995, 1996
 REGAL TROPHY: 1995, 1996

GARY CONNOLLY (4)

POSITION: CENTRE
 DATE OF BIRTH: 22-2-1972
 HEIGHT: 6FT 11INS
 WEIGHT: 14ST
 CAPS: GREAT BRITAIN 14+3
 ENGLAND 1+1
 HONOURS: CHALLENGE CUP
 WINNER: 1994, 1995
 PREMIERSHIP TROPHY WINNER:
 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996
 REGAL TROPHY WINNER: 1995, 1996
 WORLD CLUB CHALLENGE WINNER:
 1994

JASON ROBINSON

POSITION: WINGER
 DATE OF BIRTH: 30-7-1974
 HEIGHT: 5FT 7.5INS
 WEIGHT: 12ST 6LBS
 CAPS: GREAT BRITAIN 4 ENGLAND 4
 HONOURS: CHALLENGE CUP
 WINNERS 1993, 1995
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 MAN OF THE MATCH)
 PREMIERSHIP TROPHY WINNER:
 1994, 1995, 1996

REGAL TROPHY WINNER: 1993,
 1995, 1996
 WORLD CLUB CHALLENGE WINNER:
 1994

KRIS RADLINSKI (1)

POSITION: FULL-BACK OR CENTRE
 DATE OF BIRTH: 9-4-1976
 HEIGHT: 6FT 11INS
 WEIGHT: 14ST 4LBS
 CAPS: GREAT BRITAIN 5, ENGLAND 4
 HONOURS: PREMIERSHIP FINAL
 WINNER: 1995, 1996
 (HARRY SUNDERLAND TROPHY
 WINNER AS MAN OF THE MATCH)
 REGAL TROPHY WINNER: 1996

SIMON HAUGHTON (11)

POSITION: SECOND-ROW
 DATE OF BIRTH: 10-11-1975
 HEIGHT: 6FT 2.5INS
 WEIGHT: 16ST 5LBS
 CAPS: ENGLAND 1+3
 HONOURS: PREMIERSHIP TROPHY
 WINNER 1995, 1996
 REGAL TROPHY: 1996

DARYL CARDISS (21)

POSITION: UTILITY BACK
 DATE OF BIRTH: 13-7-1978
 HEIGHT: 5FT 10INS
 WEIGHT: 12ST

MICK CASSIDY (9)

POSITION: SECOND-ROW OR
 HOOKER
 DATE OF BIRTH: 8-7-1973
 HEIGHT: 5FT 10.5INS
 WEIGHT: 15ST
 CAPS: GREAT BRITAIN +2
 ENGLAND 2+3
 HONOURS: CHALLENGE CUP
 WINNER 1994, 1995
 PREMIERSHIP TROPHY WINNER
 1994, 1995, 1996
 REGAL TROPHY WINNER 1995, 1996
 WORLD CLUB CHALLENGE 1994

ANDY JOHNSON (15)

POSITION: UTILITY
 DATE OF BIRTH: 14-6-1974
 HEIGHT: 6FT 11INS
 WEIGHT: 14ST

TERRY O'CONNOR (10)

POSITION: PROP
 DATE OF BIRTH: 13-10-1972
 HEIGHT: 6FT 3INS
 WEIGHT: 18ST 6LBS
 CAPS: GREAT BRITAIN 5
 HONOURS: PREMIERSHIP TROPHY
 WINNER 1996
 REGAL TROPHY WINNER 1996

NEIL COWIE (8)

POSITION: PROP
 DATE OF BIRTH: 16-1-1970
 HEIGHT: 6FT 11INS
 WEIGHT: 17ST 4LBS
 CAPS: GREAT BRITAIN 1 WALES 1+2
 HONOURS: CHALLENGE CUP
 WINNER 1992, 1995
 PREMIERSHIP TROPHY WINNER
 1992, 1994, 1995, 1996
 REGAL TROPHY WINNER 1993,
 1995, 1996
 WORLD CLUB CHALLENGE 1991,
 1994

GAEL TALLEC (25)

POSITION: SECOND-ROW OR
 LOOSE-FORWARD
 DATE OF BIRTH: 15-8-1976
 HEIGHT: 6FT 11INS
 WEIGHT: 14ST 8LBS
 CAPS: FRANCE 2

STEPHEN HOLGATE (17)

POSITION: SECOND-ROW
 DATE OF BIRTH: 15-12-1971
 HEIGHT: 5FT 11INS
 WEIGHT: 15ST
 CAPS: ENGLAND 1

MARTIN HALL (27)

POSITION: HOOKER
 DATE OF BIRTH: 5-12-1969
 HEIGHT: 5FT 10INS
 WEIGHT: 14ST
 HONOURS: CHALLENGE CUP
 WINNER: 1995
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 1994



The Bear Facts Super League '97

Rd	Date	Team	Venue	Time	Score	Att
1	Sun 16th March	Leeds Rhinos	A	3pm	L 32-22	11,516
2	Fri 21st March	Bradford Bulls	H	7.30	L 30-18	5461
3	Fri 28th March	Salford Reds	(A)	3pm	L 35-26	5295
4	Tues 1st April	London Broncos	(H)	7.30pm	L 32-22	3556
5	Sun 6th April	Warrington Wolves	(A)	3pm	L 28-18	5370
6	Sun 13th April	Paris St Germain (BSKYB)	(H)	6.35pm	W 19-18	3396
7	Sun 20th April	Wigan Warriors	(A)	3pm	L 44-10	7885
8	Sun 27th April	Halifax Blue Sox	(H)	3pm	L 30-29	4236
9	Sun 11th May	Sheffield Eagles	(A)	3.15pm	W 18-14	4245
10	Sun 18th May	Leeds Rhinos	(H)	3pm	L 43-26	4500
11	Fri 23rd May	Bradford Bulls	(A)	7.30pm	L 42-28	13,262
12	Mon 26th May	Salford Reds	(H)	3pm	L 19-10	4254
13	Fri 30th May	Castleford	(H)	7.30pm	D 12-12	3667
14	Sun 29th June	St Helens	(H)	3pm	L 30-34	
15	Sun 6th July	Sheffield Eagles	(H)	3pm	L 20-21	2168
16	Fri 11th July	Castleford Tigers	(A)	7.30pm	L 20-25	5048
17	Fri 18th July	Queensland Cowboys	(H)	7.30pm	W 20-16	2961
18	Fri 25th July	Adelaide Rams	(H)	7.30pm	L 2-18	3513
19	Tue 5th Aug	London Broncos	(A)	7.30pm	L 34-26	
20	Sun 10th Aug	St Helens	(A)	6pm	L 36-26	
21	Sun 17th Aug	Halifax Blue Sox	(A)	3pm	L 40-12	4124
22	Fri 22nd Aug	Wigan Warriors	(H)	7.30pm		
23	Tues 26th Aug	Paris St Germain	(A)			
24	Sun 31st Aug	Warrington Wolves	(H)	3pm		

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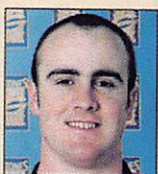
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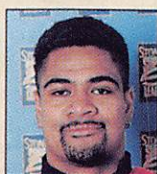
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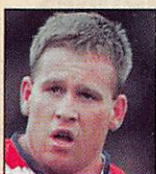
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Today's Teams

Oldham Bears v Wigan Warriors

NO	PLAYER	NO	PLAYER
1	Paul Atcheson	1	KRIS RADLINSKI
2	Scott Ranson	2	JASON ROBINSON
3	Darren Abram	4	GARY CONNOLLY
4	Paul Topping	5	ROB SMYTH
6	Francis Maloney	6	HENRY PAUL
7	Martin Crompton	8	NEIL COWIE
9	John Clarke	9	MICK CASSIDY
11	Gary Lord	10	TERRY O'CONNOR
12	Joe Faimalo	11	SIMON HAUGHTON
5	Rob Myler	12	STEVE BARROW
16	Howard Hill	13	ANDY FARRELL
20	Afi Leuila	14	CRAIG MURDOCK
23	Brett Goldspink	15	ANDY JOHNSON
26	Luke Goodwin	16	DANNY ELLISON
27	David Stephenson	17	STEPHEN HOLGATE
28	David Jones	18	STUART LESTER
29	Tony Nuttall	19	DAVID MURRAY
		20	NIGEL WRIGHT
		21	DARYL CARDISS
		22	PAUL JOHNSON
		23	IAN SHERRATT
		24	SEAN LONG
		25	GAEL TALLEC
		26	MATTY KNOWLES
		27	MARTIN HALL
		28	PAUL KOLOI
		29	LEE HANSON
		30	TONY SMITH
		31	IAN TALBOT
		32	NEIL BAYNES
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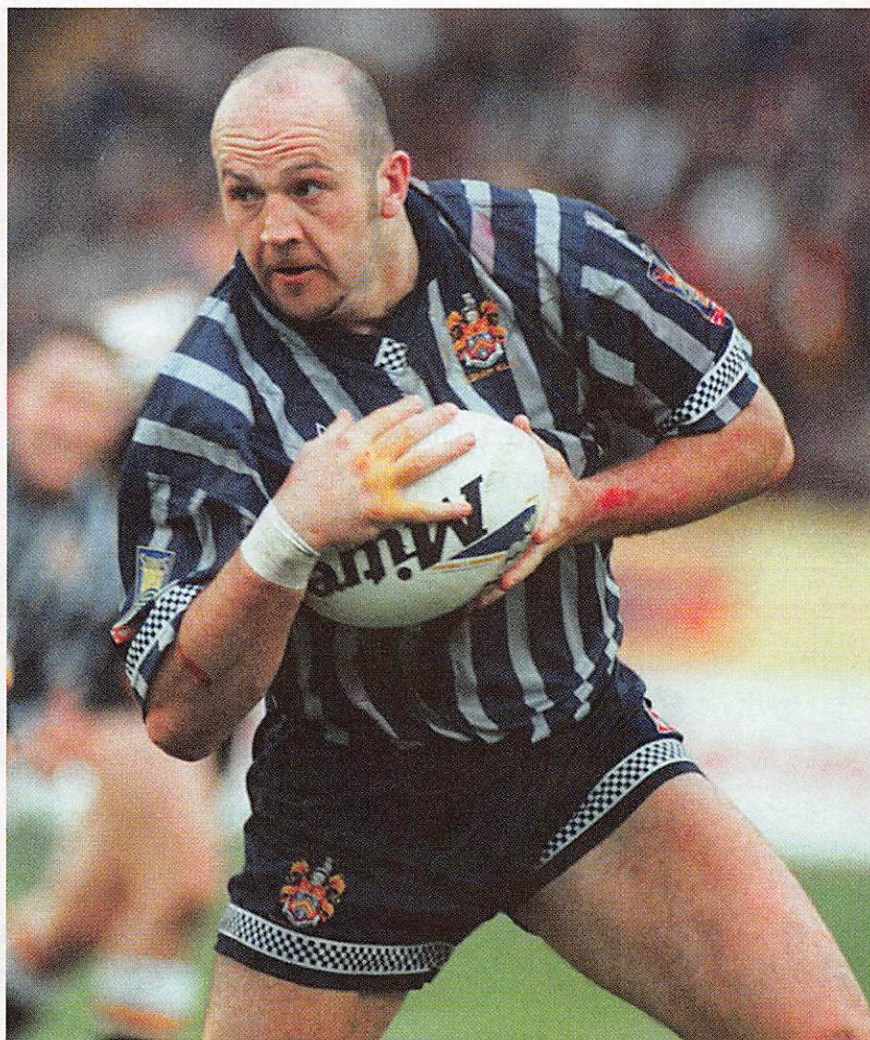
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