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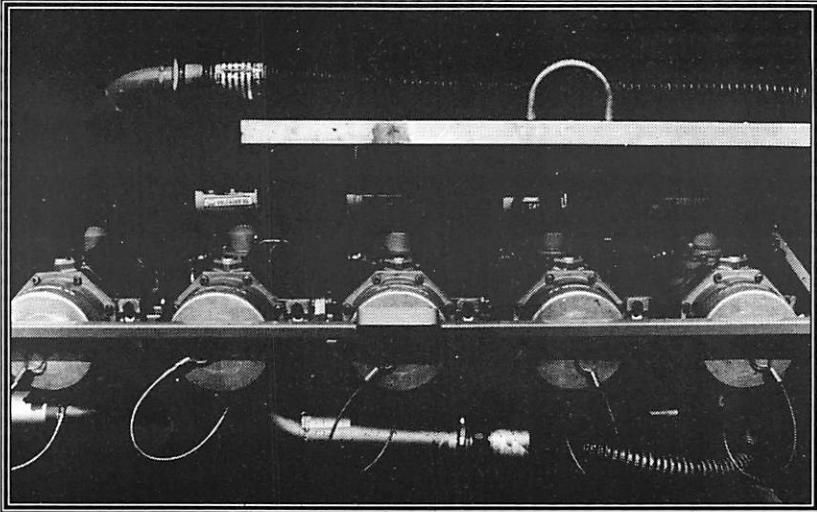
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Today we welcome Oldham to Craven Park and the lads will be hoping to stop the visitors completing a hat-trick of wins after two away defeats.

It was good to see a convincing win over Workington last week and our bid for a top three place continues.

So many clubs are in with a shout of promotion which makes the season most interesting. Well done to Dean Marwood and his Alliance side for their fine win at Workington - two successive away victories has seen the side go into second place in the First Division. Hemel Hempstead are well in front at the top of the ladder so it would be nice if we could clinch second place. When you consider the games we lost by only the narrowest of margins the team could have been sitting on top of the tree. Keep up the good work lads.

It will be interesting to see how many come through the turnstiles today. Last week was most disappointing but there were counter attractions. The Rotary Gala always attracts large numbers and Ulverston had their Mini R.L. Gala Day - this is not the first time this season that Amateur Clubs have arranged their event on the same day as Barrow have a home fixture. I understand it is a day they can raise money for club funds but surely the fixture list is out early enough in the year - is it asking too much for these clubs to just have a look at one and have their events the week before or after a home fixture. These kids, and also parents and friends, like to come to Barrow but they must support their own event.



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Views from the North

WHAT A DIFFERENCE a win makes! Last weekend we won at a canter against a very ordinary Workington side. Our success was due in equal parts to the Barrow side adhering to a disciplined game plan for about half an hour and to Workington errors.

If Stuart Wilkinson can now persuade the team to stay with the game plan and trust in each others abilities for the whole of the game, there is no reason why we can't attain promotion at the end of the season. There are no runaway leaders in this league and every team we play home or away for the rest of the season is beatable — but only by teamwork.

The high spots of the game, apart that is, from the win itself, were the massive performances from prop Stuart Rhodes and full back John McKelleher. Stuart Rhodes was taken off injured with what appeared at first sight to be a badly damaged arm. Thankfully, he appeared to receive his Man-of-the-Match award with nothing worse than a crepe bandage on his arm so we are hoping he will be fit this afternoon.

We are also hoping that top try-scorer Gary Ruddy is back after what by all accounts was a nasty deep cut sustained at work.

Our visitors this afternoon are the Oldham "Roughyeds" who gave us a torrid time at the Spotland home of Rochdale Hornets two weeks ago. In welcoming their players, officials and fans, I can only say that I hope for a great game, a Barrow win and for the Oldham return South to be as miserable as was ours coming North from Spotland.

Since arriving back in Carlisle (it is Sunday night) I have watched a great game on Sky TV between Huddesfield and Hull. Three ex-Carlisle favourites featured largely in the game.

Huddersfield's Captain Danny Russell was with Carlisle for three glorious seasons until he joined Huddersfield as a contract expired player in January 1997 for a fee determined by tribunal. Hull's Hitro Okasene left Carlisle to play for the New Zealand national side after two great seasons up to the end of the 1992 season. The other ex-Carlisle player in the Hull side was Brad Hepi who arrived at Hull from Carlisle via Workington where he saw his club climb from Second Division to Super League back to Second Division. In the event, Hepi who we signed in 1990, scored the winning try for Hull and had a big game throughout.

It is a pointless thought but one that I will indulge in. If only the Carlisle public had supported it's club and helped it to retain players, Carlisle could have been in Super League. Just imagined if we had not been forced to off load such players as Simon Knox (to Bradford), Hitro Okasene, Brad Hepi and Danny Russell (see earlier), Gary Charlton (Whitehaven), Darryl Menzies & Jonathan Hughes (returned to New Zealand), Tane Manihera (to Widnes) combined with present ex-Carlisle Barrow players such as Stuart Rhodes, Gary Ruddy and Darren Holt. There again, I imagine that most lower division clubs can tell a similar story — none more so than this afternoon's visitors Oldham!

Finally and most importantly, we would like to welcome and thank this afternoon's sponsors - Messrs DSG Vauxhall of Iron-works Road are our match sponsors whilst the match-ball is sponsored by Brown & Murray, Solicitors of Lawson Street.

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APRIL 1998

10 WORKINGTON T.	H	26	10	1748	
13 Lancashire Lynx	A	20	20		
19 BATLEY B.	H	19	17	1266	
26 York	A	6	38		

MAY 1998

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31 RED ROSE					
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7 LANCASHIRE L.	H	12	22	886	
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21 WORKINGTON T.	H	34	12	703	
28 OLDHAM	H				

JULY 1998

5 Lancashire Lynx	A				
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26 Workington Town	A				
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AUGUST 1998

2 LANCASHIRE L.	H				
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Barrow 34 : Workington 12

No one could have been more pleased at the above result than Barrow's away Mascot Daniel Austin. Stuart had said before the game the lads were going to win this one for Daniel.

Unfortunately Daniel couldn't be at the game, but his message to all lads and Stuart is THANKS.

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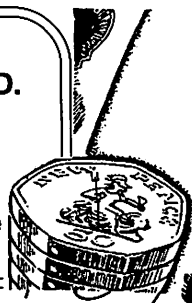
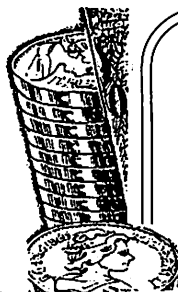
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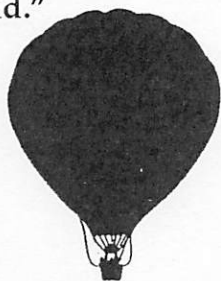
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CRAIG BARKER

Young stand-off half and a product of the Waterhead amateur RL club. Signed as a pro for the former Bears club and joined the Roughyeds as a free agent. Captained the Bears Academy side and graduated to the Alliance side, which he also led on occasions.

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Big Prop. Started in Union with Littleborough, moved into League with Littleborough based North West Pioneers and turned pro with Bradford Northern, (as they were then called), after being spotted by a Northern scout playing in a BARLA cup tie at Redhill (Castleford). Played several senior games with Bradford and later had a spell on loan with Batley.

SEAN COOPER

Former Saddleworth Rangers star, who was taken to Bradford in the Peter Fox era. Captained the Alliance side at Odsal, won numerous Alliance player of the year awards and joined Oldham as a free agent when the Bulls decided to scrap their reserve team. Impressive so far in the Roughyeds early games.

RICHARD DARKES

Former Huddersfield, Bradford and Dewsbury utility back. Ex-paratrooper. Signed after impressing in a pre-season match at Castleford. Played wing in his early days with Huddersfield & Bradford, but has since acquired considerable experience in the centre and in the back row of the pack.

CRAIG DIGGLE

A Rochdalian, Craig played with Rochdale Hornets when Roughyeds boss Paddy Kirwan was Alliance team coach at Spotland. Best position, wing. Scored two

tries in Oldham's first competitive match against Heworth in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

CHRIS ECKERSLEY

Former schoolboy sprint champion, who signed for the old Oldham club as a 15 year old on a club record contract for a teenager. A long running contract dispute ended with his move to Warrington before he returned to his new home town club as a free agent after a major shake up of personnel at Wilderspool.

MICHAEL EDWARDS

St. Helens born, Michael first joined the old club as a 15 year old scrum half. Was a regular in Alliance rugby for two or three seasons before Oldham coach Tony Barrow took him to Swinton. Now playing in the pack, he had a spell on loan with Salford last season and was delighted to return to Oldham when the opportunity arose.

NEIL FLANAGAN

Club skipper and an influential leader. A product of St. Anne's, Neil turned pro for his home town club and became its captain at the age of 19. Eventually moved on to Huddersfield, where he also had leadership responsibilities before joining Rochdale Hornets. Proud to be back in his home town and even prouder to be the skipper.

ANDY FLEMING

A Cockney who used to play soccer in the Tottenham and Chelsea youth sides, Andy took up League with London Crusaders in the days of Aussie boss Ross Strudwick. Had a spell in Australia and has played, on his return to England, with Bradford and Lancashire Lynx.

Preferred position: wing.

JOHN HOUGH

Made his name as the first player to be signed by the Roughyeds shortly after the new club was formed. A product of the Oldham schoolboy and youth game, John is a determined little hooker, who gained considerable experience from his 30 senior games for Warrington.

Expected to have a big season in division two.

AFI LUILA

Played 22 Super League games for the Bears last season after coming close to representing Tonga in the 1995 World Cup. First played for St. Helens. This strong, tough South Seas Islander, born in Tonga, raised in Auckland, will probably figure in the centre this season, although he is equally at home on the flank.

MARTIN MADERS

Young prop, who joined Huddersfield from Saddleworth Rangers as a club record buy for a teenager. Had a spell in Australia and later played with local amateurs Waterhead before joining Oldham for an undisclosed fee. His father Dennis played for Oldham in the sixties and seventies.

MICK MARTINDALE

Clever ball handler. Representing Oldham schoolboys on tour in Australia with Iain MacCorquodale, Eric Fitzsimons and Fred Laughton in 1988. Turned pro with Halifax, moved to Wakefield as part of a swap deal and joined his home-town club in January. Made his debut in the cup defeat at Widnes. Loose forward or stand-off.

JOE McNICHOLAS

Out and out winger. Fast, elusive and good on his feet. Still only 18. Signed for the Bears as a boy, but played only one senior game, at Leeds in the Premiership play-off last season. Rejected Bradford Bulls in a bid to make his name with the Roughyeds.

AIDRIAN MEAD

A Wiganer, Aidi first played in the Bears Academy side as a winger, but he switched to centre last season and impressed as a strong and pacy runner who could score tries. Keen to improve further and build on the success he enjoyed in the Bears 'A' team in 1997.

MIKE PRESCOTT

Back-row forward, also from Wigan. Made a big name for himself as a strong-running forward in the early days of Academy rugby. Since served his apprenticeship in the Alliance side and capable of doing well for the new Oldham club at prop or in the back-row.

BRIAN QUINLAN

Raised at St. Anne's, Brian was one of the three Oldham amateurs taken to Bramley by Maurice Bamford. The others were Jon Perks and Roy Jewitt. A strong prop or second-row, Brian is a useful goalkicker. He also plays, during the winter for Oldham RU but he is the first to admit that RL is his real sporting love.

PAUL ROUND

Veteran of the squad at 34, joined Oldham from St. Helens in 1987. The fee, £65,000 set by tribunal. Enjoyed the best days of his career at Watersheddings. Since had further experience with Wakefield, Halifax and Castleford. One of the 'old heads' in the young pack.

DARREN ROBINSON

'Baby' of the squad at 18. Scrum-half, who can also operate at stand-off. A Leeds lad, Darren played for the Bears Academy and Alliance teams, but never signed on. Signed for the Roughyeds as a free agent and has since caught the eye in warm-up matches, particularly in the 27-26 defeat at Castleford.

GRAEME SHAW

Son of former Oldham Athletic and West Brom soccer star David Shaw. Graeme played Union as a boy at Rakewood (Littleborough), but turned to amateur RL with Moldgreen when his family moved to Huddersfield. Represented the Young Lions against the Junior Kiwis and then signed for Bradford. Made a try-scoring Super League debut at Leeds. Second-row forward.

IAN SINFIELD

Made a big impression so far. Another Oldhamer, a product of Waterhead. Turned pro with Salford, who got an undisclosed fee when he signed for Oldham at Christmas. A natural back-rower, he is the elder brother of England schoolboys star and now Leeds youngster, Kevin Sinfield.

JOE NADIOLE

Big forward signed from Featherstone Rovers for an undisclosed fee. Huddersfield-born Joe played for his home-town club before moving on to Post Office Road. His elder brother, Tom, used to play for the former Oldham club and Joe made many visits to Watersheddings in those days to watch big brother in action.

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P. Burns	11	2			8
D. Carter	12	7	5		38
D. Holt	12	5			20
G. Hutton	13	3			12
G. Kerr	10	5			20
G. Luxon	13				
D. Marwood	13	1	29	2	64
G. Ruddy	12	9			36
P. McMillan	5	5			20
S. Quayle	4	5			4
S. Wallis	11	1			4
B. McDermott	5	2			4
N. Shaw	9	1			4
I. Halsall	6	1			12
P. Bent	2	4			
J. McKellener	7	2			8
D. Wilson	2	1			
J. Thurlow	2				
S. Rhodes	8	5	3		12
M. Kavanagh	3	3			
G. Chelton	1	1			
G. Spencely		11			
P. Atkinson	5	1			
J. Stevens		1			
I. Rawlinson		2			
M. Whitehead	1	1			

ALLIANCE TEAM STATISTICS - 1998 SEASON (20/6/98)

P. Atkinson	10	5	35		90
Jamie Marshall	13	6			24
Joas Marshall	12	4			16
M. Whitehead	9	2	1		10
S. Procter	4				
D. Thomas	4	2			
J. Wright	10	2			
M. McAllister	9		6		24
N. Caunt	7	3			
G. Hetherington	5	1			
N. Atkinson	4	3		3	6
P. Gardner	4	7	2		8
S. Magorian	8	1	3	12	
P. McMillan	7	3	3		12
M. Green	7	3	4		16
C. Burgess	3	6			
S. Quayle	4	2	2		8
R. Creary	3	3			
I. Halsall	3		1		4
G. Luxon	2		1		4
S. Neale	10	2		2	16
A. Whalley	2				
D. Wilson	9	1	1		4
J. Thurlow	9		2		8
S. Jackson	1	4			
B. McDermott		3	2		8
P. Bent	2	1			
G. Chelton	10	1		1	4
H. Waddell		1			
J. Stevens	3		1		4
M. Kavanagh	5		2	2	12

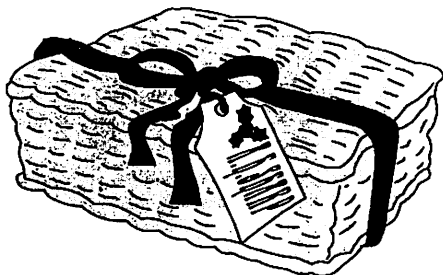
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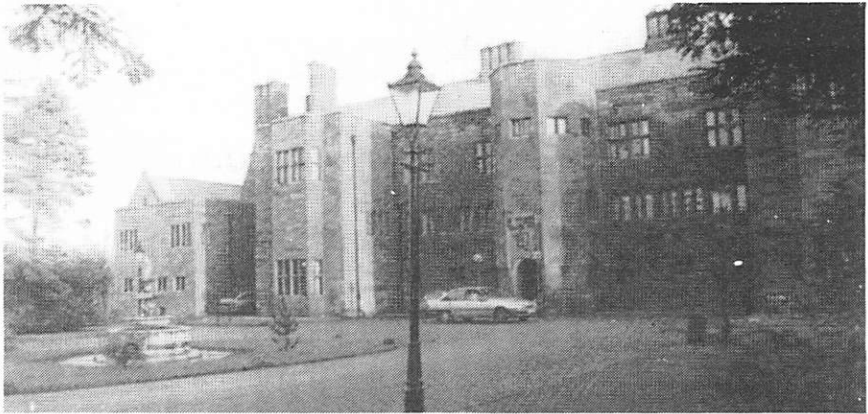
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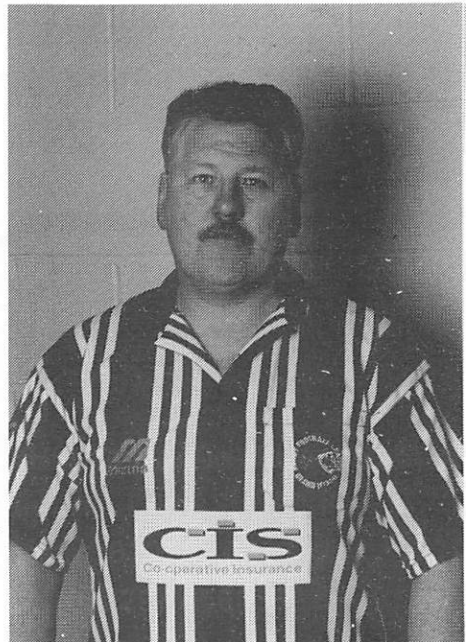
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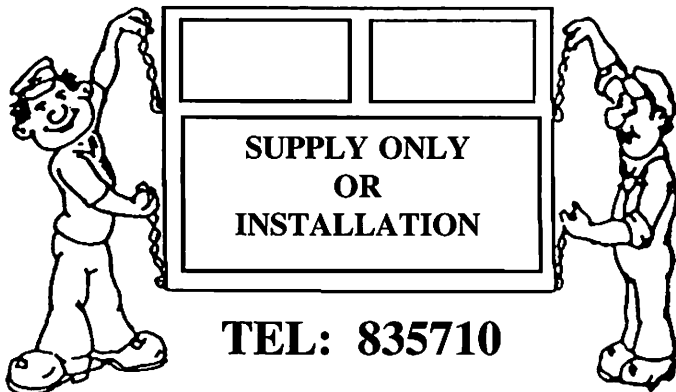
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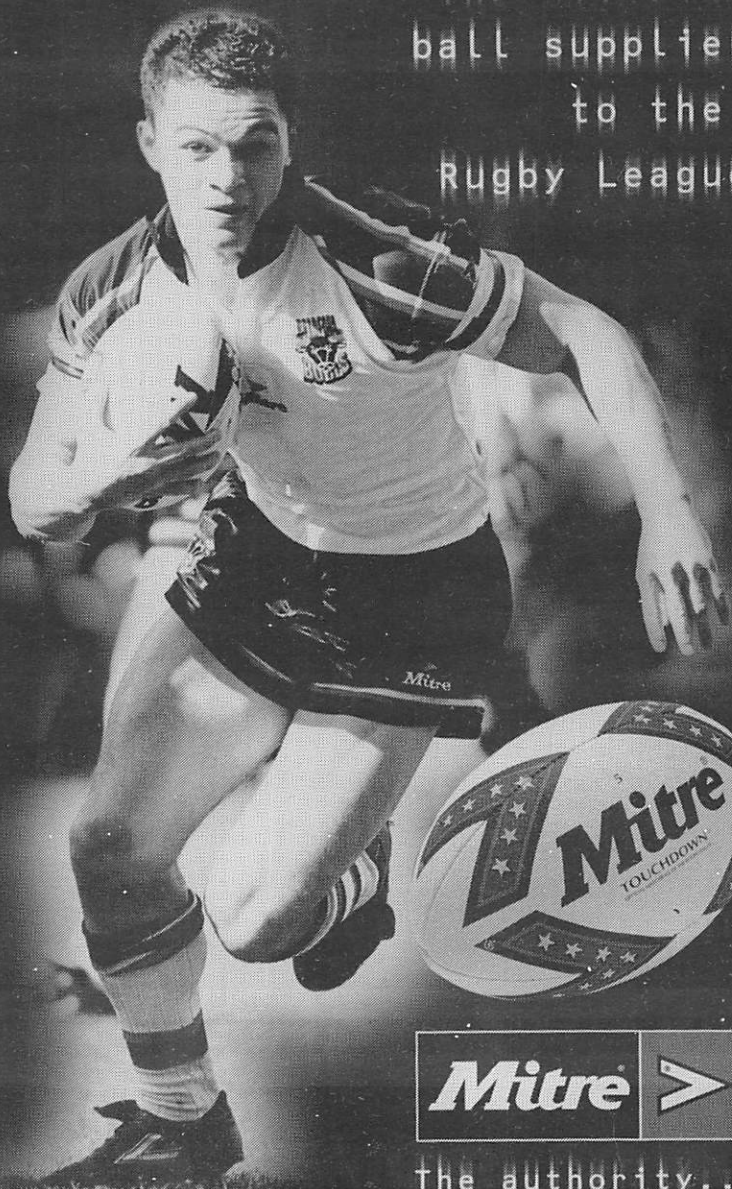
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