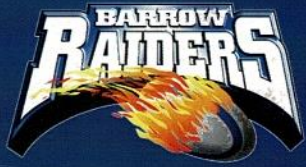


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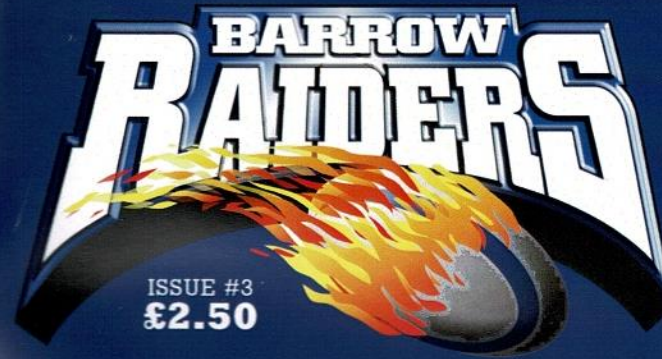
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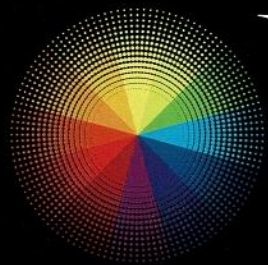


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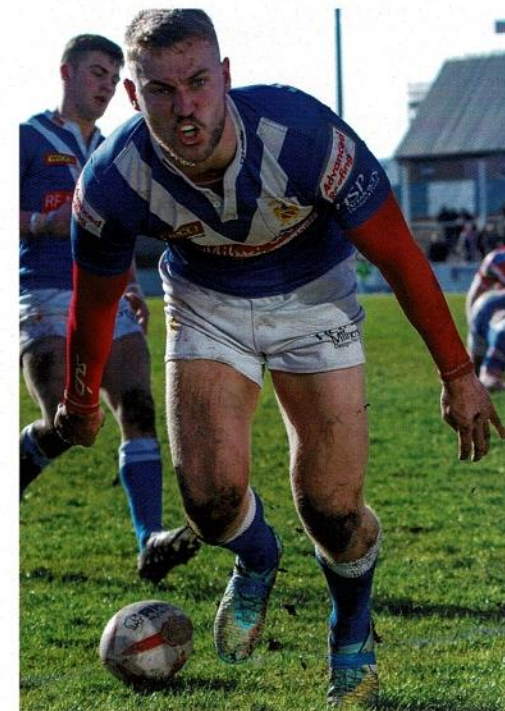
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Today we welcome Oldham back to Craven Park for our second round tie in the League 1 Cup. Despite a good victory for the Raiders in our recent friendly game, i'm sure today will be a much harder game with the possibility of a semi-final awaiting the winners, with the draw taking place on Radio York at 4-45pm today.

We are delighted to announce that Josh Ward is now a contracted player with the Raiders and the signing of Brad Crellin from Whitehaven and Cameron Pitman from Leigh will further strengthen the squad and create even greater competition for places.

Off the field the floodlights are now down to the wiring up of the electrics, and the work is

ongoing two ensure we are up and running for our first home game with Swinton.

As you will be aware, we have gone for several seasons without a home cup tie and now four have come at once. The team can't wait to lock horns with Halifax and i'm sure this is a tie they won't be looking forward too.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for the team to see how we can cope at a higher level and i'm sure with a big crowd and a great performance we can cause the upset of the round. So have a great day and I look forward to seeing you all in the Raiders bar after the game.

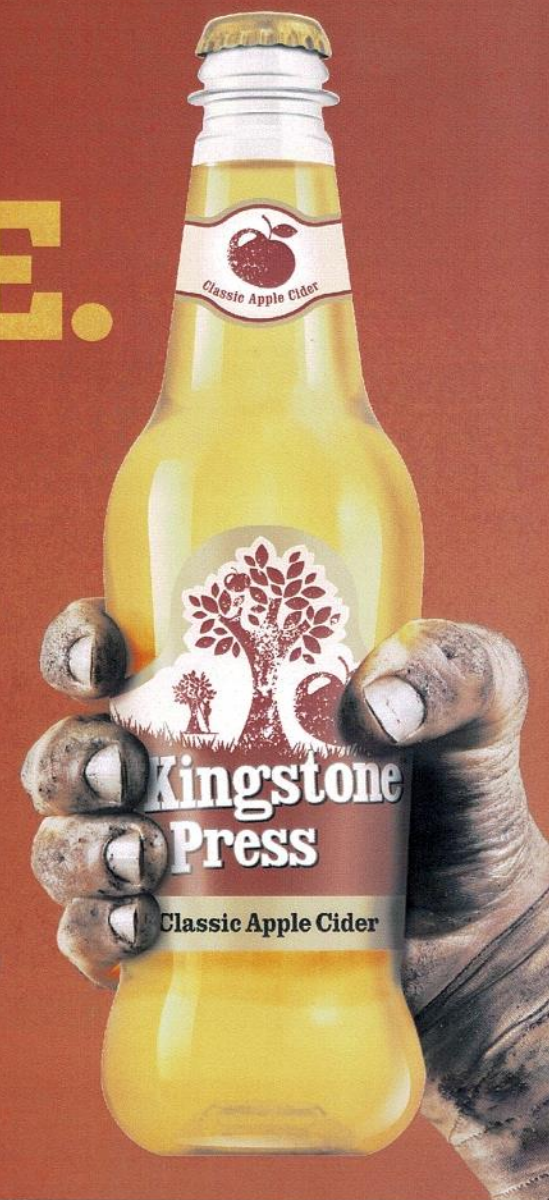
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FROM THE TOP



Oldham today and hope we can keep hanging on in the competition.

A home game with Halifax next weekend. That's the reward for our Ladbrokes Challenge Cup Round 3 victory over Keighley Cougars.

All I really wanted was another home tie to reward the great effort by our lads last Sunday. And they will be dreaming of getting the chance to eventually have a crack at one of the big boys.

But hang on a minute. The only change to the draw from the last round was the entry of the 12 Kingstone Press Championship clubs. I believe we won't be seeing the Super League teams in the competition for another couple of rounds. And then it will only be those who finished in the bottom four places in the table last season.

Disgraceful. They all should have gone in the hat for the draw on Tuesday.

We wanted a home tie to reward you fans – but we also wanted a home tie against a top Super League team so we would have a full-house at Craven Park and a welcome boost to the club's finances.

Mind you we could have done a lot worse than drawing Halifax. It is a tough draw, they have some good personnel and it will be a physical challenge with Scott Murrell leading them round the park.

But they also have some passionate fans and they should bring plenty of support. So we have to roll up our sleeves, beat Halifax, hang on in and hope we are still around in the competition when the star names get involved.

I hope you enjoyed our League One Cup win over Keighley last Sunday. It went well apart from the worries over Lee Haney after he crashed into team-mate Josh Ward.

Fortunately we don't see the Air Ambulance landing on the Craven Park pitch very often. The good news is that Lee is not as badly hurt at first feared but his head and neck injuries will keep him out for some time.

I thought the lads worked hard against the Cougars and the dry conditions were a big help. Other clubs know we are not the biggest of sides but our team-work is paying dividends.

The benefits of everyone training together three times a week is showing with our great spirit and the camaraderie. We can only get better.

I feel Oldham will be a different type of opposition today but if we keep a good shape we can pull off another victory.

PAUL



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FROM THE EDITOR



A warm welcome to all supporters of Barrow and Oldham to today's game, I hope you all enjoy the eighty minutes. Last week's Ladbrokes Challenge Cup tie with Keighley was well contested by both teams with Barrow having the edge scoring some very good tries. What is most pleasing is the fact that when they break the cover and support work is fantastic and this is why the team is scoring so many tries.

I'm sure everyone wishes Lee Haney a speedy recovery following his head and neck injuries last week. Lee is a tough nut and although he will have to tread carefully and take a rest he will be eager to get back on the field of play.

Like many others I tried to take in the Challenge Cup draw on Tuesday but like many others couldn't connect to the Ladbrokes streamline site, most annoying but I quickly got on the Raiders website and at 6:42 there it was Halifax at home. Four home cup ties on the trot these four consecutive weekends have been a joy to see the lads in action, what else could we do on a winter's afternoon.

Halifax are going well in the opening games in the Championship and I don't think for one minute that they will take Barrow lightly, I am sure they would have picked up on our last few games and we could be looking towards a gate in the region of 1600-2000.

Talking about gates, did many of you see the poor attendance at the Gloucester All Golds game with Skirlaugh last weekend 87. YES 87, for a team that played so well here at Craven Park two weeks ago. And this one, Hemel v Oxford 125. Oldham v Coventry, today's visitors 256. London Skolars v Swinton 165.

Kells v Rochdale 587, Wath Brow v Newcastle 550, these two being Amateur teams but in their favour they are from the hot bed of Amateur rugby up in West Cumbria.

Looking ahead to next week's Challenge Cup ties and Leigh Miners have a very good chance of reaching Round 5 as they have a home tie with Oxford. I will bet a penny or two they go through and become the first ever Amateur club to reach round five.

I read with interest Warrington's Coach Tony Smith's comments in League Weekly regarding two referees coming into our game.

"We haven't got the personnel to do an efficient job with one" he said, adding "Maybe one just marking out the ten meters each then letting the senior referee concentrate on watching the ball."

I don't go along with that, we don't want two referees on the field, we have got by for over a hundred years, what are touch judges for?

Their job is to keep an eye on matters which the match official may miss. It's the same with the video referees. They cause more problems than "soft mick".

In days of yore the man in the middle ruled and there was very little arguing, the players accepted his decision right or wrong and just got on with the job.

See you all next week and tell those friends of yours who still hesitate to come down to Craven Park to get themselves along. Barrow are playing good rugby.

PADDY



Back to form, Captain Fantastic Liam Harrison shows why they call him 'The Bull'.



Every supporter is entitled to have a second favourite team - the one you look for when your home club have had a bad day and you are looking for something to cheer you up. For most fans that is probably a Super League club, for years mine was today's visitors Oldham.

Of course, those were the days of Watersheddings, beating Wigan and even providing Great Britain with a handful of tourists. There were coaches like Frank Myler, Tony Barrow and Australian star Bob Linder. The club produced Andy Goodway, Des Foy, Ray Ashton, Terry Flanagan and Mike Worrall for the Lions tour to Australia in 1984.

This was all after the golden age of Bernard Gangley (great full back) and Co when Oldham was a name to be feared in the world of Rugby League.

Watersheddings was a dump and had to go, but dreams of a new stadium vanished as quickly as any cash from the ground sale. The club moved in with Oldham Athletic-and from experience that was a marriage made, perhaps not in hell, but certainly in purgatory. The first thousand spectators through the turnstiles just about covered the cost of rent.

Along came Super League and the Oldham Bears-a disaster if ever there was one. The club were forced to employ several News International-backed players and it was on a downhill spiral from the off. They left Boundary Park, playing games at Ashton United FC's ground and Stalybridge Celtic.

But nothing could have prepared them for the state of the club 2015 style. Anybody who has been to the latest "home" of Oldham RL will confirm that Whitebeck is among the leading contestants for the title of worst stadium in professional sport.

And when it drew in only a scattering of spectators-256 was the official figure-for the Challenge cup tie against Coventry Bears, then it is clear that the club's fans have no love for the place either.

I still have a genuine soft spot for Roughyed Supporters and to witness such a decline of fortunes in such a short space of time is a blot on the game.

Where the blame lies for this collapse of a once proud rugby town is for other people to decide. I do know then when Jim Quinn "did a flit" from the club's headquarters without looking back some 20 years ago, it was the beginning of the end for a lot of supporters. That was back in the early days of Super League and the long last and hardly lamented Paris St.Germain were immune from the big drop.

Today Oldham are hanging in there by their fingertips-like several of the old clubs cast adrift with the arrival of full time professionalism for the chosen few. I refuse to believe that the pro game is ready for the graveyard in a town that has offered so much history of Rugby League. It must not be allowed to happen even if it is only to save this columnist from the hassle of finding another "second" club.

PETER WILSON



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We also have built up a sound relationship with the West Cumbria Referees Society exchanging ideas and match officials to cover games in the West and South of the County. We now have a Cumbria League Development programme for Referees who meet four times a year during the season to help them reach their potential.

We have come a long way in the last 12 months with Super League referee Ben Thaler holding a development night in Penrith with two senior Referees in attendance. With the success we have had over the past year we have personnel that are going up the ladder.

We held a session with Tony Brown (experienced ex match official) along with Ben Thaler in September which was very successful, and have further sessions planned. It is our intention to bring in other Senior RFL experienced Referees to help develop personnel.

We have several long serving personnel who without them the Society would have folded, they are the backbone to which we are grateful. Even those would be new recruits whose wishes are not to take up the whistle immediately and would like to become a touch judge first to get experience can rely on a experience referee in the middle.

The Barrow and District Referees Society are looking for personnel to referee/touch judge in local Youth and Open Age games. The Barrow and District have 100 club referees qualified to officiate youth fixtures.

We have now recruited our own development officer and we will bring in experience personnel from the RFL through John McMullen to help develop them.

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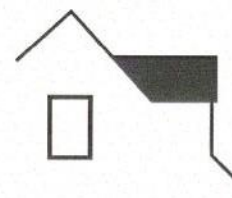
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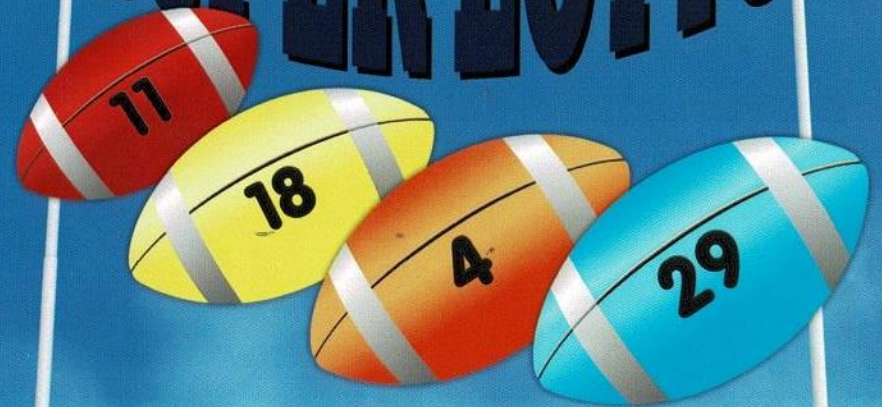
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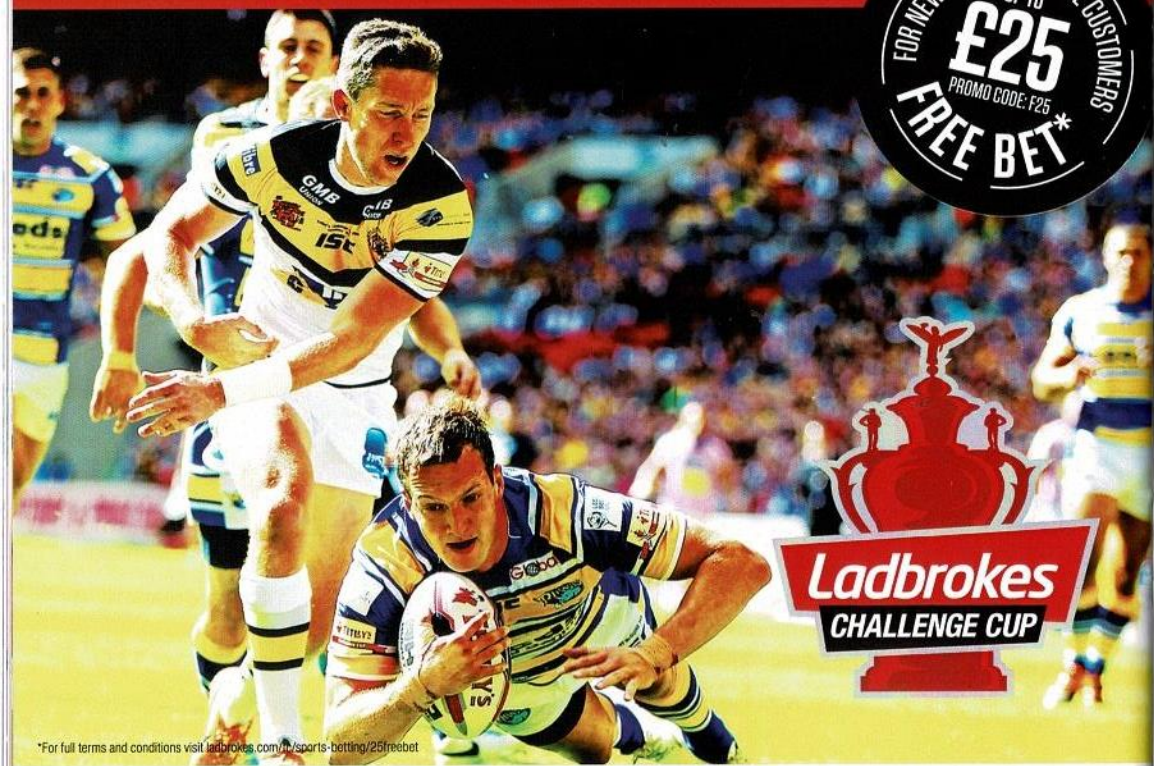
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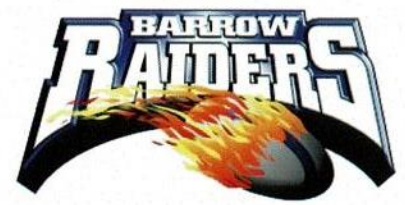
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BY PADDY McATEER at Craven Park

Former Super League player Peter Lupton returned to the field on 61 minutes and turned this game on its head with two pieces of brilliance to steer the Raiders to victory at Craven Park.

The game was held up on 53 minutes with a serious injury to home winger Lee Haney with the game hanging in the balance at 20-16. Lupton replaced Josh Ward who was not a happy chappie on being relegated to the bench, but his misery soon disappeared as the Raiders took the game away from the visitors.

Barrow should have been out of sight at half time instead of being only four points ahead at 20-16 with Ward missing four consecutive attempts at goal. He handed over to Chris Fleming for try number five and he failed miserably.

It was a tough encounter with Barrow opening the scoring on five minutes, and Lupton was the instigator as he brought Liam Campbell and Liam Harrison into the attack and it was Haney who went in at the corner 4-0.

However it wasn't long before the Cougars were in the lead, a fine attack saw Jesse Sheriffe break through would be tacklers and Paul Handforth shot over for the try goaled by Danny Jones 4-6.

However it took only three minutes before the lead was back in the hands of the home side. Skipper Harrison on his first outing for several weeks broke in midfield going upfield and the supporting Ward raced over but was unable to add the goal points 8-6.

Two minutes later and another fine try for the Raiders, Campbell broke on half way, Nicholson took up the running and Wiper finished off in the corner for 12-6.

The Cougars almost replied, hooker James Feather was held under the posts, from the play the ball Jones sent out a long ball but only into touch. Barrow almost added to their tally when Ward's chip through saw Haney touchdown, but he was ruled offside.

A counter-attack caught Barrow cold, Handforth and Jones broke downfield at speed and Josh Lynam crashed over for a good try goaled by Jones 12-12.

It was end to end as Barrow regained the lead on 33 minutes. Cougars Jones lost possession, Briscoe and Haney linked for Matty Heaton to score to the side of the posts, 16-12, Ward making it four misses from four.

Three minutes further on, Campbell tore through with a fine break and the supporting Mossop raced over. Fleming took over the kicking duties and he failed, 20-12.

As half time approached and following two successive penalties, March came onto the ball strongly to force his way over, Jones hitting the post with his kick 20-16 at the break.

Minutes into the second half Harrison had a try ruled out for a forward pass.

A Cougars attack came to an abrupt halt on 53 minutes with Haney flat out on half way. Both physios and the team Doctor attended to the winger, who after several minutes was stretched off to warm applause.

The game resumed and nine minutes later Lupton replaced Ward and made his presence felt as he dummied to tear down the middle of the park, and Campbell in support took his long ball to race over to big cheers all round, Chris Hankinson sent the ball between the posts for 26-16.

Five minutes later it was Lupton again in the thick of the action, his break and long ball found Campbell who cut inside to score, Hankinson adding the goal 32-16.

The Cougars worked hard to get back in touch with Jones to the fore but it was the home side adding to their tally. Campbell swooped on a loose ball sending Bullock haring to the line and he fed Mossop to touchdown, Hankinson tagging on the goal for 38-16.

From the re-start the Cougars gained possession and swift hands saw Jode Sheriffe crash over. Jones rounded off the scoring with the goal just in time for the North West Air Ambulance to land on the half way line for the injured Haney who was taken to the Preston Royal Infirmary with neck and head injuries.

Barrow Kristian Tyson 6, Lee Haney 6, Chris Hankinson 6, Max Wiper 6, Chris Fleming 6, Josh Ward 6, Liam Campbell 8, Joe Bullock 7, Peter Lupton 8, Liam Harrison 6, Adam Nicholson 6, Craig Briscoe 9, Anthony Bate 7

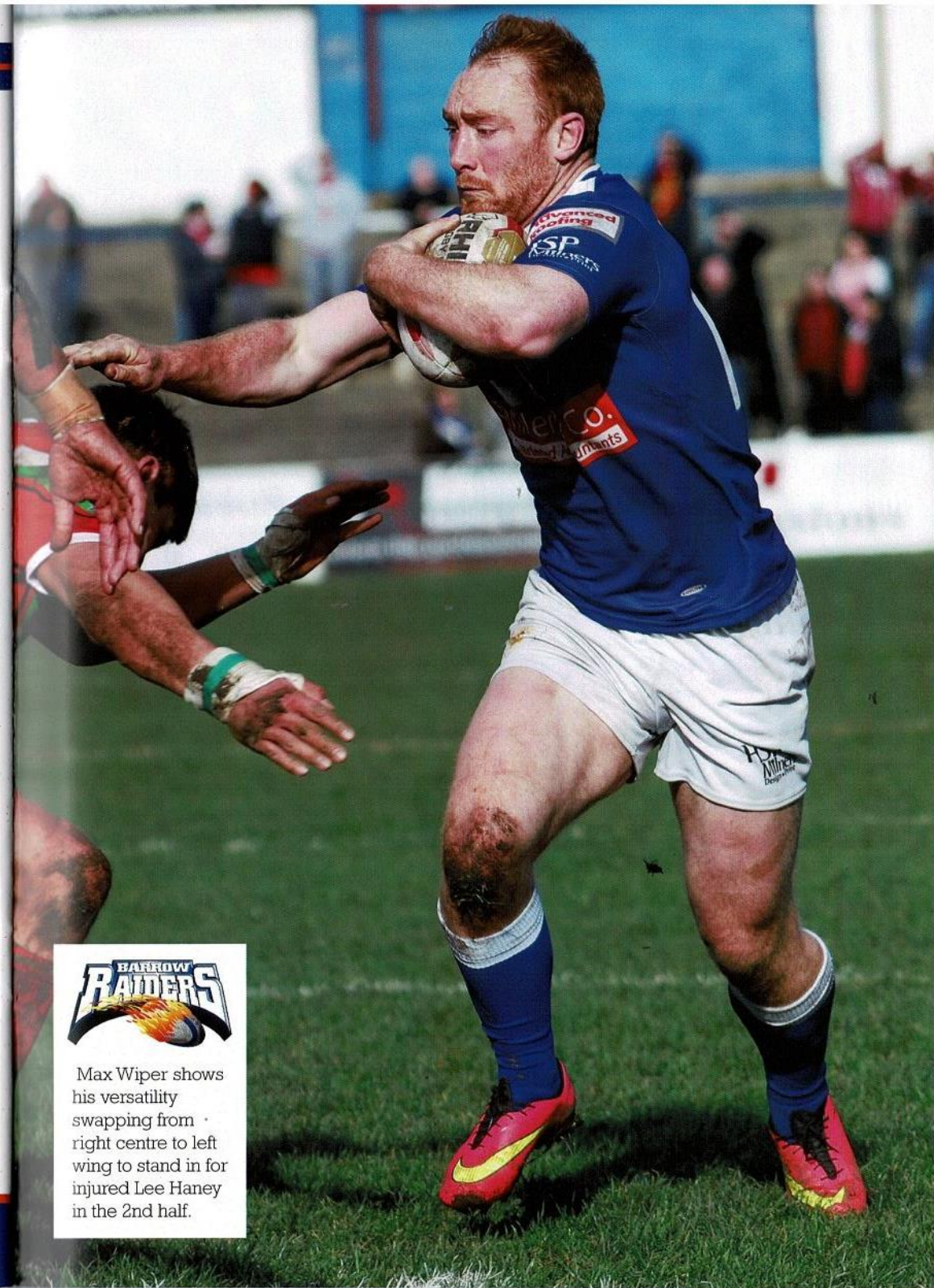
Subs Nathan Mossop 7, Andrew Dawson 6, Danny Jones 6, Matty Heaton 6

Tries Haney (5), Ward (14), Wiper (16), Heaton (33) Mossop (36,78), Campbell (62, 67),

Referee Rating Gareth Hewer 70-100

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Man of the Match Craig Briscoe (Barrow)



Max Wiper shows his versatility swapping from right centre to left wing to stand in for injured Lee Haney in the 2nd half.

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1954 was the year Barrow brought the Lancashire Cup back home to Craven Park following a 12-2 victory over high riding Oldham at Swinton's now demolished Station Road ground, the attendance of 25,462 included 4,602 from Barrow.

Regular full back Clive Best and international winger Jim Lewthwaite were declared unfit, into their positions came Millom lad Colin Poole and local boy Derek Hinchley, eleven of this team were to go to Wembley later in the season for the Challenge Cup final with Workington (21-12) with Best and Lewthwaite returning.

Barrow took the lead when good work from scrum half Ted Toohey created the opening try for centre Dennis Goodwin 3-0 (try three points back then). Willie Horne failing with the conversion. Barrow gradually got on top and in the 18th minute Horne slotted over a penalty goal stretching the lead to 5-0.

Conditions were poor and it got better for Barrow mid-way through the half as Reg Parker swooped on a loose ball to pick up and cross the line, Horne tagged on the goal 10-0. The great full back Bernard Gangley pulled back two points when he slotted over a penalty goal as the half came to a close at 10-2.

With Horne covering every blade of grass and Phil Jackson spearheading attacks along with a brilliant display from Jack Grundy, Barrow were always in the driving seat but it was defences on both sides that really dominated with the only points of the second half coming from the boot of Horne for 12-2 at the final whistle.

Colin Poole would have been proud of picking up his winners medal as he never featured in too many games after the final with Welshman Best reclaiming his place in the side.

Barrow could well of felt proud that they kept their line intact against one of the leading teams in the division.

Barrow. Poole, Hinchley, P.Jackson, Goodwin, Castle, Horne, Toohey, Belshaw, McKeating, Barton, Grundy, Parker, Heale.

Oldham. Gangley, Campbell, Barrow, Davies, O'Grady, Daley, Pitchford, Ogden, Keith, K Jackson, Winslade, Little, Goldswain.

Penalty count Barrow 11 Oldham 22
Referee Mr Ronnie Geldart, Wakefield.

Strangely enough in those days "A" teams were in action on the same day and Barrow won at Widnes with Mick Duice star man.

Many supporters were on the same train as the players coming back from Manchester and enjoyed their journey with the Cup for them to hold.

A Civic reception was held at the Barrow Town Hall on the monday night where two other trophies were on display, the Blackpool Coronation Cup and the Ward Cup, a trophy Barrow and St Helens played for prior to the new season. Skipper Willie Horne said "I am proud to be captain of a great set of lads who all worked well together.

PADDY



Barrow line-up that played Widnes in 1971

Back L-R. George Crayston, Frank Foster, Joe Robinson, Mick Murphy, "Spanky" McFarlane, Mike Sanderson, Frank Billingham, Rodney Singleton.
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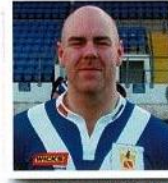
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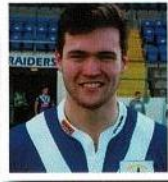
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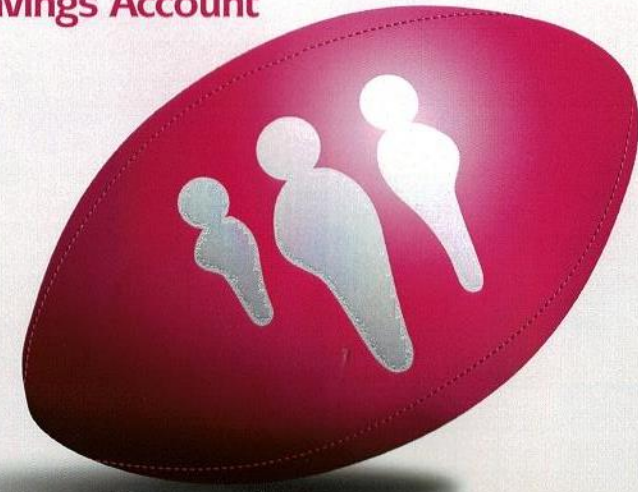


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