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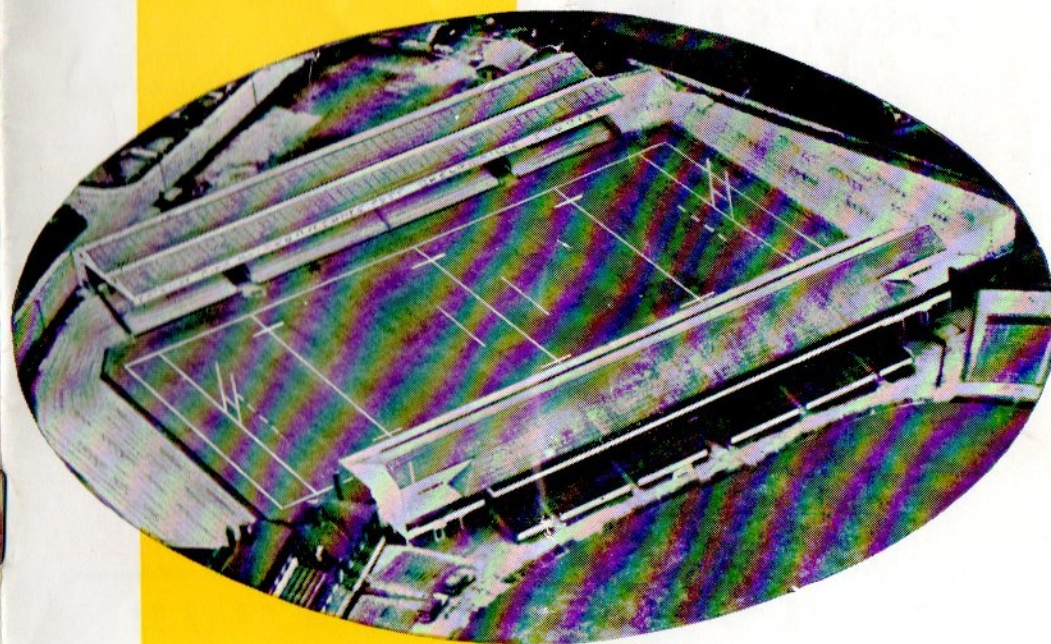
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CLUB NOTES

MR. E. C. WHITEHEAD. It was with feelings of deepest regret and shock that we received the news this week of the death of Mr. Ernest Whitehead, a member of the Football Committee, and a former Leeds player.

Mr. Whitehead gave wholeheartedly great service to Leeds both on and off the playing field and his loyalty and devotion to the Leeds club were qualities which always commanded the affection and admiration of all with whom he was associated at Headingley. In recent times he had special care of our "A" Team and the help he rendered, as a football-wise ex-player himself, was of great value to team coach Trevor Foster, and to our young second team men. His primary consideration always however, was for the further advancement of the First Team and in this connection his wisdom in transfer negotiations was so greatly appreciated. Indeed, Mr. Whitehead was more instrumental than anyone in obtaining the services of Harry Poole, from Hull Kingston Rovers, two months ago, and this was one of the last official duties, of many, he performed for our club.

His cheerful presence will be sadly missed by all who knew him at Headingley and on behalf of the officials, players and supporters of the Leeds club we extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Whitehead and family at this time.

THE MATCH AT LEIGH. Following our team's unbeaten six match League run we met a Leigh side at Hilton Park last Saturday on a day when Gerry Helme's men hit peak form, and on an occasion too when our own team was never able to really attain the high standards it has produced in recent times. Leigh's second-row pair, Danny Harris and irrepressible Mick Martyn, struck up a combination they never showed in our meeting at Headingley in October, and early in the game these two began to lay the foundations of a sound and well-earned victory for the Lancashire side, who thus became the first team from across the Pennines to defeat Leeds in League football this season. Ken Rollin's try—his first score since joining Leeds—gave us a good lead and appeared to put us well into the game with a chance, but once again, as was the case last season, we came away from Hilton Park without the points which would have been of great importance in our League campaign.

PLAYERS' DANCE. This event will take place in the Pavilion Ballroom, Headingley Grounds, next Wednesday night, 15th December. There has been a big demand for tickets, but a number are still available from the Club Office, Pools Office, or from any of the players. Dancing is from 8.0 p.m. until 1.0 a.m., and the tickets—price 5/-—include a Buffet, and the opportunity to win some of the excellent spot prizes which have been donated for the occasion from numerous sources.

THE CHRISTMAS GAMES. Our next home game is against Wakefield Trinity on Monday 27th December and since this traditional fixture normally has a morning kick-off, supporters are particularly requested to note that on this occasion the kick-off time will be at 2.30 p.m.

Another scheduled game to which we would like to draw attention is the Castleford v. Leeds match on the following day. At the special request of the Castleford club this game, due to be played at Wheldon Road on Tuesday 28th December, has now been postponed and it will be re-arranged for later in the season.

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PEN PICTURE — H. POOLE

Harry Poole was born at Castleford in 1934 and attended Wheldon Lane School, near Castleford Rugby League Ground, as a youngster. He played very little football at school but living in a real hot-bed area of enthusiasm for Rugby League it was natural, with his physique and football ability, that Harry would come into the game at some stage of his sporting career, and upon leaving school he joined the Wheldale Colliery Juniors R.L. Club. Even at the age of fifteen he showed early evidence of those inspiring qualities of leadership among Rugby League players.

He became an outstanding forward, both at prop and second-row, for the Colliery side, with whom he enjoyed three happy and successful seasons. Shortly before he became eighteen Harry joined the Army and after spending only a few months in this country, as part of his training in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, he was posted to Egypt, where he was to serve for more than two-and-a-half years.

He played two seasons of Rugby Union in the Suez Canal Zone and gained Services representatives honours both as a forward and also on the wing! By this time Harry's overall progress had made tremendous strides as a result of the very considerable amount of rugby he was playing and it was to be expected that the professional Rugby League clubs, several of which had noted his early promise at Wheldale, would be renewing interest in him upon his return to England.

In 1955 Harry was released from the Services and such was his unquenchable enthusiasm for football that he was playing in a vigorous and exciting amateur cup-tie within twenty-four hours of becoming a civilian again! He had arrived home late one Friday night to find Lock Lane officials awaiting with a request for Harry to play in their match against Dewsbury Celtic on the following day. He turned out for Lock Lane, and within two weeks he signed professional forms for Hunslet. His first match in the Parkside colours was on the following Saturday, after signing, when he turned out for Hunslet's First Team in a home game against York. A truly remarkable feature of his career—and indeed a feature which must be unique in the annals of Rugby

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League—is that in more than ten years as a professional, Harry Poole has never played in "A" Team football, for with each of his three clubs he has always been regarded as a first team requirement when fit.

Harry served the Hunslet club with great distinction for over five years and he was a vital cog in that powerful back-row footballing machine of Gunney, Shaw and Poole. He gained a Yorkshire Cup Runners-up Medal while with Hunslet, and also a N.R.F.L. Championship Runners-up Medal when he was a member of the Parkside's team which was defeated by St. Helens at Odsal in the Championship Final of 1959. Meanwhile his outstanding ability and lion-hearted spirit had not gone unnoticed by the Yorkshire County Selectors and Harry played six times for Yorkshire in Inter-County games and matches against touring teams, during his period of club service with Hunslet.

After five years at Parkside Harry joined Hull Kingston Rovers, who at that time were anxiously searching for the type of experienced player to mould a young but promising pack into a formidably cohesive unit. The Robins found their man in Harry Poole. His initial appearance in the Craven Park jersey was at Oldham and during the game the established Rovers' skipper was injured and compelled to leave the field. Harry was asked to take over the captaincy during this, his first game for his new club, and he subsequently skippered his team in every match in which he played for Rovers during the next five years.

Further County honours followed for him with three more games for Yorkshire and he was a member of the Rovers' team which met Hunslet in the 1962 Yorkshire Cup Final at Headingley, in addition to playing for his club against Widnes in the Rugby League Cup Final of 1964 at Wembley, when Rovers were beaten by 13 pts. to 5.

Harry took a bad knock in the 1962 County Cup Final—one of many he has taken in ten years in one of the toughest sports in the world—when he was carried from our ground with a broken ankle. A further serious injury, this time a fractured arm, prevented Harry from gaining his second International Cap after he had been chosen

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5 Left Wing	RATCLIFFE	Leeds
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7 Scrum Half	ROLLIN	Wakefield T.
8 Field Prop	CLARK	Salford
9 Hooker	LOCKWOOD	Hull K.R. & Yorkshire
10 Blind Prop	FIRTH	York
11 2nd Row	JOYCE	Brookhouse R.L.F.C.
12 2nd Row	DAVIES	Neath & Wales R.U.
13 Loose Fwd.	POOLE (Capt.)	Hull K.R., Yorks. & G.B.

14—**MORGAN**

15—**HYNES**

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3 Right Centre	McCORMACK	Wigan
4 Left Centre	SIMS	Leigh
5 Left Wing	SIMMS	St. Helens R.U. & Lancs.
6 Stand Off	WARBURTON	Tyldesley R.U.
7 Scrum Half	CANNING	Vulcans R.U.
8 Field Prop	BOTT	Old Thornesians
9 Hooker	TAYLOR	Werneth & England U.24
10 Blind Prop	BURNS	Whitehaven
11 2nd Row	SMETHURST	Swinton
12 2nd Row	IRVING	Huddersfield St. Joseph's
13 Loose Fwd.	PARKER (Capt.)	Manchester RU, Lancs. & GB

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for Great Britain last season. He had earlier represented his county for the first time when he played for Great Britain against France at Perpignan in 1964.

His brand of rugby—non-stop effort allied to sound ability—has gained affection and respect from spectators, playing colleagues and opponents during an honourable career in Rugby League. At the end of last season the Hull Kingston Rovers Supporters' Club nominated Harry as their "Player of the Year," and the popularity which this modest and likeable forward enjoyed at Hunslet and Hull, has followed him to Headingley.

Harry Poole is a tremendous enthusiast for our game—he will "talk Rugby League" for hours—and he is a shining example to youngsters coming into football. We wish him continued success and happiness in his career in the blue and amber colours of our Club. He has already played for Yorkshire yet again, since joining Leeds, when he had a storming game in the County's victory over Lancashire at Swinton a few weeks ago, and he will surely be well in the minds of the International Selectors when Great Britain's team to visit Australasia is chosen in the Spring of next year.

OUR VISITORS. This afternoon we take pleasure in extending a sincere welcome to all our good friends from Oldham. Their side has been passing through a disappointing spell, by traditional Watersheddings standards, since the commencement of this season, and that so elusive quality, consistently successful rugby, has proved difficult to achieve for popular coach Frank Dyson and his men. We are only too well aware, however, from past experience at Headingley that Oldham are a side never to be under-rated and our team will have to produce vastly improved form over last Saturday's display if Leeds are to register the "double" over our visitors today.

They have some fine young forwards in Wilson, Cumbrian Alan Burns, Charlie Bott, and clever ex-Huddersfield St. Joseph's second-rower Irving. Last Saturday's blank day for Oldham will have given their numerous injured players the opportunity to regain complete fitness and we may well see them at full-strength this afternoon.

TRANSPORT TO HALIFAX. Messrs. Wallace Arnolds Ltd. will be running coaches to Thrum Hall next Saturday for the Halifax v. Leeds game. The coaches depart from The Calls, Leeds 1, at 1.15 p.m. and the return fare is 4/3d.

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES — SEASON 1965-66

(All matches, but excluding substitutions, up to and including 27th November)

	App.	Tries	Goals	Pts.		App.	Tries	Goals	Pts.
Batten, R.	4	—	—	—	Lockwood, A.	18	4	—	12
Broatch, A.	15	1	—	3	Morgan, R.	9	—	—	—
Chamberlain, L. .	3	—	—	—	Neumann, L.	20	2	—	6
Clark, M.	17	1	—	3	Owens, K.	1	—	—	—
Coulthard, S. ...	3	—	—	—	Poole, H.	9	1	—	3
Cowan, R.	18	11	—	33	Ratcliffe, E.	13	11	—	33
Davies, J.	6	—	—	—	Rollin, K.	19	1	—	3
Dewhurst, R. ...	11	3	50	109	Seabourne, B. ...	1	—	—	—
Firth, A.	14	—	—	—	Shoebottom, M. ..	18	5	19	53
Gemmell, R. ...	19	6	—	18	Sykes, J.	11	1	—	3
Hynes, S.	1	—	—	—	Thornett, K.	9	2	—	6
Joyce, M.	13	—	2	4	Wriglesworth, G.	16	7	—	21

LEEDS R.L. SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

Our opponents from Watersheddings are having a very lean season, and we cannot visualise them returning with winning points to Lancashire today, but nevertheless the red and white jerseys will no doubt spur our team to extra effort in an attempt to compensate for last week's disappointment. Supporters and officials of Oldham are invited to visit our new Social Club, where a warm welcome will await them.

The Headingley Grounds Branch Secretary, Mr. Joe Wager, has resigned his position, and in thanking him for the tremendous work and encouragement he has shown, we hope to announce a new secretary in due course.

Don't forget the dances arranged for the Pavilion—the Players' Dance next Wednesday and the Beauty Queen Dance on February 19th.

The Social Club Bingo Sessions on Monday evenings are very popular and in addition to a regular pianist a new Entertainments Committee has been formed to further encourage the success of the first few months. The club now has over 600 members.

Just a final word on vocal support to the younger supporters—let's hear you singing our "Club Anthem," "Keep Right on to the end of the Road!" It will give tremendous encouragement to our players!

HALF-TIME SCORES

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First Team

Date 1965	Opponents	Venue	Time	Result	Date 1966	Opponents	Venue	Time	Result
Aug. 16 (M)	Hunslet— (Lazenby C.)	Home	7.00	D 5-5	Jan. 1 (S)	Hull K.R.	Away	2.30	
" 20 (F)	Doncaster	Home	7.00	W 26-9	" 8 (S)	Castleford	Home	2.30	
" 26 (Th)	Bradford N.	Away	7.00	W 17-12	" 15 (S)	Doncaster	Away	2.30	
" 28 (S)	Hull	Away	4.30	L 6-24	" 22 (S)	Batley	Away	2.30	
" 30 (M)	Hunslet	Home	6.45	W 37-7	" 29 (S)	Bradford N.	Home	3.00	
Sept. 4 (S)	Bramley (Yorks. C. 1st Round)	Home	3.00	W 40-4	Feb. 5 (S)	Dewsbury	Home	3.00	
" 11 (S)	Keighley	Home	3.00	W 10-2	" 12 (S)	Halifax	Home	3.00	
" 15 (W)	Huddersfield (Yorks. C. 2nd Round)	Away	5.45	L 6-16	" 19 (S)	Keighley	Away	3.00	
" 18 (S)	New Zealand	Home	3.00	L 13-28	" 26 (S)	R.L. Cup 1st Round			
" 25 (S)	York	Away	3.00	L 6-8	Mar. 5 (S)	Hull	Home	3.00	
Oct. 2 (S)	Bramley	Away	3.00	L 18-19	" 12 (S)	Warrington	Away	3.00	
" 9 (S)	Warrington	Home	3.00	W 16-6	" 19 (S)	R.L. Cup 2nd Round			
" 16 (S)	Dewsbury	Away	Postponed		" 26 (S)	York	Home	3.00	
" 23 (S)	Wakefield T.	Away	Postponed		Apl. 2 (S)	Vacant			
" 26 (Tu)	Castleford (Floodlit Comp.)	Away	7.25	D 7-7	" 8 (F)	Hunslet	Away	6.30	
" 30 (S)	Leigh	Home	3.00	W 22-2	" 9 (S)	Hull K.R.	Home	3.00	
Nov. 6 (S)	Featherstone R.	Away	3.00	W 13-7	" 11 (M)	Wakefield T.	Away	3.00	
" 13 (S)	Batley	Home	2.30	W 23-0	"	Leeds v Bramley match to be arranged later			
" 16 (Tu)	St. Helens (Floodlit Comp.)	Away	7.25	L 9-21					
" 20 (S)	Oldham	Away	2.30	W 10-2					
" 27 (S)	Featherstone R.	Home	2.30	W 19-7					
Dec. 4 (S)	Leigh	Away	2.30	L 7-17					
" 11 (S)	Oldham	Home	2.30						
" 18 (S)	Halifax	Away	2.30						
" 25 (S)	Vacant								
" 27 (M)	Wakefield T.	Home	2.30						
" 28 (Tu)	Castleford	Away	2.30	P'oned					

YORKSHIRE SENIOR COMPETITION

FIXTURES FOR 1965 - 66

Date 1965	Opponents	Venue	Time	Result	Date 1966	Opponents	Venue	Time	Result
Aug. 21 (S)	Halifax	Away	3.00	W 25-12	Jan. 1 (S)	Hull K.R.	Home	2.30	
" 28 (S)	Doncaster	Home	3.00	W 38-2	" 8 (S)	Hull	Away	2.30	
Sept. 4 (S)	Huddersfield	Away	3.00	W 19-12	" 15 (S)	Castleford	Home	2.30	
" 10 (F)	Wakefield T.	Away	6.30	W 20-0	" 22 (S)	Halifax	Home	2.30	
" 18 (S)	Hull K.R.	Away	3.00	W 14-9	" 29 (S)	Keighley	Away	3.00	
" 25 (S)	Hunslet	Home	3.00	W 22-16	Feb. 5 (S)	Hunslet	Away	3.00	
Oct. 2 (S)	York	Home	3.00	P'oned	" 12 (S)	Featherstone R.	Away	3.00	
" 9 (S)	Bramley	Away	3.00	W 22-2	" 19 (S)	Dewsbury	Home	3.00	
" 16 (S)	Keighley	Home	3.00	p'oned	" 26 (S)	Featherstone R. (Y.S.C. Cup 1st Round)	Away	3.00	
" 23 (S)	Doncaster	Away	3.00	W 21-8	Mar. 5 (S)	Vacant			
" 30 (S)	Castleford	Away	3.00	L 14-15	" 12 (S)	Huddersfield	Home	3.00	
Nov. 6 (S)	Featherstone R.	Home	3.00	W 15-7	" 19 (S)	Bradford N.	Away	3.00	
" 13 (S)	Vacant				" 26 (S)	Vacant			
" 20 (S)	Bradford N.	Home	2.30	W 17-3	Apl. 2 (S)	Wakefield T.	Home	3.00	
" 27 (S)	Batley	Away	2.30	P'oned	" 9 (S)	Vacant			
Dec. 4 (S)	Bramley	Home	2.30		" 11 (M)	Batley	Home	3.00	
" 11 (S)	Dewsbury	Away	2.30						
" 18 (S)	Hull	Home	2.30						
" 25 (S)	Vacant								
" 27 (M)	York	Away	2.30						

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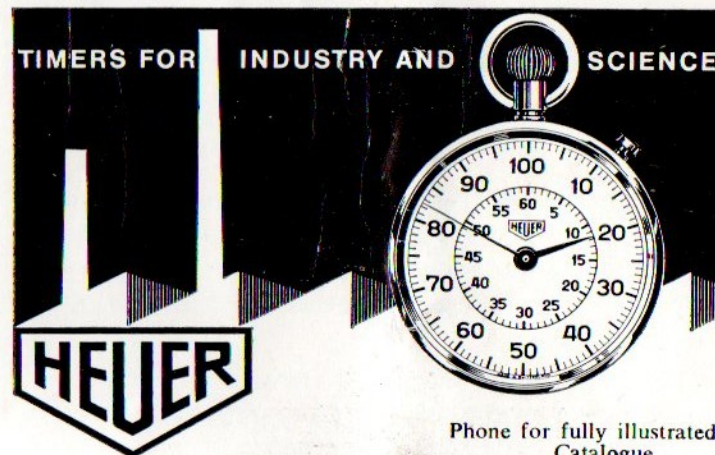
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