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## CLUB NOTES

**CUP WIN IN CUMBRIA.** Derwent Park has been the graveyard of visiting teams' cup hopes for a number of years, and after Salford had gone the way of many other teams before them, when they lost in the second round at Workington two weeks ago, a lot of people inside and outside Rugby League felt sure Leeds would become the next victims in round three. It was all the more encouraging to see from the outset, therefore, that this was a view which had certainly not been entertained by the Leeds players. The Leeds forwards took a firm grip on the game from the first whistle, and after the ball was won from scrum after scrum in the opening quarter, and Workington were being starved of possession, it became obvious that the reputation of the powerful Cumbrian pack held no terrors for the Leeds forwards. Driving in with relentless determination on attack, and tackling every reply in defence, David Ward and his colleagues up front took on their Workington counterparts at their own game and won handsomely. It was from this base that the foundations of a notable victory were established and the Leeds backs responded to the lead given with some equally sound defensive work, and some attacking football which would have led to more than Alan Smith's solitary fine try, had not Workington too defended well on the many occasions when they were required to do so.



This was a match in which the tackling of both sides proved to be the dominating feature, and the rugby was not always so open as in many other games this season, but at all times it was a match which held the attention of the biggest crowd for years in Cumbria, and may be counted among the best cup-tie victories by Leeds, at home or away, for many seasons. Congratulations go to all the Leeds players on a magnificent success, for everyone played his part in a cup win which will be talked about with pride for a long time by Leeds followers who enjoyed the game and the victory so much.

**OUR VISITORS.** A damaging crop of injuries during the past few weeks has caused difficulties for our visitors, Oldham, whom we welcome tonight, and these circumstances have brought about the introduction of a number of young players earlier than intended.

Inevitably, it has not been possible for Oldham to get the results they have been seeking, in order to stave off the threat of relegation, and they come to Leeds tonight after a run of seven successive defeats. From twenty-one League games they have won six matches and they have spent most of the season among the lower clubs, though a spell in the Autumn brought a few wins for the Lancashire side and a promise that they could break out to move up among the leaders. The list of injuries since has prevented fulfilment of the promise, however, and one of the players missed most has been goal-kicking three-quarter Phil Larder, who has enjoyed a long and outstanding career at Watersheddings. Phil fractured an arm before Christmas and has been absent ever since.

Oldham have a number of players in their side who have been with other clubs, on both sides of the border, and in this category are former Featherstone and Hull forward Barry Kear, ex-Bradford Northern half-back

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David Treasure, and speedy and skilful stand-off half Glen Knight, who began his career with Castleford and then moved on to Huddersfield and later to Warrington before joining Oldham earlier this season. Our visitors have a dependable and stylish full-back in Martin Murphy, a courageous player who tackles fearlessly in defence and links up well with his three-quarters on attack. Another long serving player, wingman Mike Elliott, is leading try scorer with thirteen and he is followed by opposite wingman, Steve Lund, who has scored ten tries this season. Barry Kear is only one of a well-built pack of forwards with Oldham, and one young player who has been prominent in this department is Steve Herbert, who came on as a substitute in the match when Leeds won at Watersheddings by 18 points to 10 last September. Steve is the son of former Workington Town forward Norman Herbert, who won Cumbria County and Great Britain International honours during his career, which included the Australian Tour of 1962.

Oldham played some very good rugby on their last visit to Headingley, and were only beaten by 18 points to 15, in October, 1975. In the return game at Watersheddings one month later, the winning margin was even narrower, for Leeds completed the double with a 12-11 victory.

**LATEST SIGNING.** We are pleased to welcome to Headingley goal-kicking three-quarter Willie Oulton, who joined Leeds from Wakefield Trinity, just two weeks ago, and had the unusual experience of playing for the Leeds first team within twenty-four hours of signing the transfer forms. He is a member of a Rugby League playing family from Castleford — a brother of Trinity's Henry and Castleford's Arthur Oulton — and Willie has already shown good goal-kicking ability, since coming to Leeds, in the matches against Widnes and at Barrow, where he was successful with five attempts. A former Association Footballer on York City's register, he is an all-round sportsman and we wish him a long and enjoyable career in the Leeds colours.

**POSTPONED MATCHES.** The Salford v. Leeds fixture, due to be played next Friday, 18th March, has been postponed because of calls on Salford players for the International match in France next weekend. The new date for this game will be announced as soon as it is agreed upon with Salford. One other match postponed this weekend is the Leeds "A" v. Hull "A" match, due to be played at Headingley next Saturday, 19th March. The new date for this game will also be given in the Press when it has been arranged.

### FIRST DIVISION TABLE (At 14th March)

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Points
Featherstone Rovers .....	20	14	2	4	398	230	30
St. Helens .....	22	14	1	7	372	268	29
Hull Kingston Rovers ...	21	13	1	7	332	281	27
Castleford .....	19	12	1	6	341	230	25
Widnes .....	19	12	0	7	274	217	24
Warrington .....	21	12	0	9	361	307	24
Salford .....	22	11	1	10	428	346	23
Bradford Northern .....	18	10	2	6	323	230	22
Wigan .....	20	10	2	8	307	283	22
Workington .....	21	10	1	10	241	261	21
Leeds .....	22	9	2	11	301	336	20
Wakefield Trinity .....	21	8	2	11	324	350	18
Rochdale Hornets .....	22	6	0	16	253	374	12
Oldham .....	21	6	0	15	249	405	12
Leigh .....	20	5	1	14	221	365	11
Barrow .....	19	4	0	15	209	451	8



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- 6—HOLMES
- 7—BANNER
- 8—HARRISON
- 9—WARD (Capt.)
- 10—PITCHFORD
- 11—ECCLES
- 12—COOKSON
- 13—FEARNLEY
- 14—
- 15—

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- 1—O'BRIEN
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- 3—MUNRO
- 4—HILL (Capt.)
- 5—LUND
- 6—WHITTLE
- 7—TREASURE
- 8—OWEN
- 9—O'MAHONEY
- 10—HICKS
- 11—FLANAGAN
- 12—POLLARD
- 13—TAYLOR
- 14—PATERSON
- 15—

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## LEEDS R.L. SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

It seems a long time since we had the pleasure of receiving our good friends from Oldham at Headingley, but as usual they can rely on a cordial Leeds welcome for Oldham Supporters, with whom we have always enjoyed pleasant relations. The last visit by their team produced a good match which entertained followers of both sides and we hope that tonight's match, re-arranged from last Saturday, gives us another one of that calibre.

Last Sunday's long journey to Workington proved well worthwhile for all Leeds Supporters who travelled, and we take this opportunity of sending warm congratulations to team captain David Ward and his players for the excellent way they went about their task in a hard cup-tie. Workington were never allowed to assume the initiative, and it was pleasing to see the Leeds forwards dictating the game virtually from start to finish. Alan Smith's try was typical of this popular wingman, who must be among the best finishers ever in Rugby League, and the general play of all the Leeds backs was of a high standard. So it's well done, once again, to all the players, coupled with the hope that they can reach the same standards in the Semi-final against St. Helens, for a place in the Final would then be assured.

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## FIXTURES FOR 1976-77

Date 1976	Opponents	Venue	Result
AUG.			
13 (F)	Bramley (Lazenby Cup) .....	A	W 25-18
22 (Su)	Bradford Northern (Yorkshire Cup Round 1) (3-30) ...	A	W 11-9
27 (F)	Castleford (Yorkshire Cup, Round 2) ...	A	D 12-12
31 (Tu)	CASTLEFORD (Yorks. Cup Replay) .....	H	W 21-20
SEPT.			
4 (S)	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS .....	H	D 12-12
12 (Su)	Oldham (3-30) .....	A	W 18-10
19 (S)	Workington .....	A	L 3-18
21 (Tu)	DEWSBURY (Yorkshire Cup Semi-Final) (7-30) ...	H	W 31-15
25 (S)	LEIGH .....	H	W 19-10
OCT.			
3 (Su)	Widnes .....	A	W 20-17
9 (S)	ST. HELENS .....	H	W 23-13
16 (S)	LEEDS v. FEATHERSTONE ROV. Yorkshire Cup Final (at Headingley) ..	H	W 16-12
19 (Tu)	NEW HUNSLET (Floodlit Trophy Round 1) (7-25) ...	H	W 22-10
23 (S)	ROCHDALE HORNETS (Player's No. 6 Trophy Round 1) ...	H	W 34-10
27 (W)	Wigan (7-30) .....	A	L 8-10
30 (S)	ROCHDALE HORNETS .....	H	W 22-16
NOV.			
6 (S)	SALFORD (Player's No. 6 Trophy Round 2) ...	H	W 18-17
9 (Tu)	CASTLEFORD (Floodlit Trophy Round 2) (7-25) ...	H	L 2-17
15 (M)	Leigh (7-30) .....	A	L 11-25
20 (S)	CASTLEFORD (2-30) .....	H	L 14-20
27 (S)	BARROW .....	H	W 26-10
DEC.			
12 (Su)	St. Helens .....	A	L 6-17
19 (Su)	Warrington .....	A	L 10-14
27 (M)	WAKEFIELD TRINITY (11-30) ...	H	L 8-18

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## FIXTURES FOR 1976-77

Date 1976	Opponents	Venue	Result
AUG.			
21 (S)	BRADFORD NORTHERN .....	H	W 32-5
28 (S)	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS .....	H	D 12-12
SEPT.			
4 (S)	Featherstone Rovers .....	A	W 21-3
11 (S)	HALIFAX .....	H	P'oned
18 (S)	YORK (Y.S.C. Cup Round 1) .....	H	W 23-16
25 (S)	Wakefield Trinity .....	A	W 15-9
OCT.			
9 (S)	Vacant .....		
16 (S)	Vacant .....		
26 (Tu)	CASTLEFORD (Y.S.C. Cup Round 2) (7-30) .....	H	W 11-10
30 (S)	Bradford Northern .....	A	L 6-15
NOV.			
6 (S)	Hull K.R. (Y.S.C. Cup Semi-Final) ..	A	L 5-23
13 (S)	WAKEFIELD TRINITY .....	H	L 16-27
19 (F)	Halifax (7-30) .....	A	W 25-18
DEC.			
4 (S)	Vacant .....		
11 (S)	Batley (2-30) .....	A	P'oned
18 (S)	Hull Kingston Rovers (2-30) .....	A	L 13-22
22 (W)	Bramley (7-30) .....	A	W 15-9

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## FIXTURES FOR 1976-77

Date 1976	Opponents	Venue	Result
SEPT.			
4 (S)	WIDNES (1-30) .....	H	L 15-23
11 (S)	BRADFORD NORTHERN (1-30) ...	H	W 6-5
18 (S)	Bradford Northern (Friendly) .....	A	W 25-10
25 (S)	Wakefield Trinity (1-25) .....	A	L 6-28
OCT.			
2 (S)	YORK .....	H	P'oned
9 (S)	ST. HELENS .....	H	W 22-9
23 (S)	Rochdale Hornets .....	A	L 18-19
30 (S)	ROCHDALE HORNETS .....	H	L 5-11
NOV.			
6 (S)	Castleford .....	A	L 10-11
13 (S)	WAKEFIELD TRINITY (2-30) .....	H	W 13-5
20 (S)	Warrington (2-30) .....	A	W 49-7
27 (S)	CASTLEFORD (2-30) .....	H	W 31-0
DEC.			
4 (S)	WARRINGTON (2-30) .....	H	P'oned
11 (S)	Vacant .....		
18 (S)	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS (2-30) ..	H	L 10-20

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## FIRST TEAM

Date 1977	Opponents	Venue	Result
JAN.			
1 (S)	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS .....	H	W 23-8
8 (S)	Rochdale Hornets .....	A	L 7-8
15 (S)	WIGAN .....	H	D 13-13
23 (Su)	Hull Kingston Rovers (2-45) .....	A	L 9-25
FEB.			
5 (S)	SALFORD .....	H	L 13-28
12 (S)	BATLEY (R.L. Challenge Cup Round 1) .....	H	W 40-6
18 (F)	Castleford (7-30) .....	A	W 13-12
20 (Su)	Bradford Northern .....	A	L 13-20
26 (S)	BARROW (R.L. Challenge Cup Round 2) .....	H	W 21-11
MAR.			
3 (Th)	WIDNES (7-30) .....	H	L 8-24
6 (Su)	Barrow (2-30) .....	A	W 16-8
13 (Su)	Workington Town (R.L. Challenge Cup Round 3) .....	A	W 8-2
16 (W)	OLDHAM (7-30) .....	A	P'oned
18 (F)	Salford (7-30) .....	A	P'oned
26 (S)	WORKINGTON TOWN .....	H	P'oned
APR.			
3 (Su)	Featherstone Rovers (3-30) .....	A	
9 (S)	CASTLEFORD .....	H	
11 (M)	Wakefield Trinity (3-30) .....	A	
14 (S)	BRADFORD NORTHERN .....	H	
20 (W)	WARRINGTON (7-30) .....	H	
30 (S)	Premiership Round 1 .....	H	
MAY			
7 (S)	R.L. Cup Final (at Wembley)		
10/11 (Tu/W)	Premiership Semi-Finals 1st Leg		
14 (S)	Premiership Semi-Finals 2nd Leg		
28 (S)	Premiership Final (at Swinton)		
JUNE			
6 (M)	Wills' Sevens (at Headingley)		

## 'A' TEAM

Date 1977	Opponents	Venue	Result
JAN.			
1 (S)	Vacant .....		
8 (S)	BATLEY .....	H	W 52-6
15 (S)	Dewsbury (2-30) .....	A	P'oned
22 (S)	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS .....	H	P'oned
FEB.			
1 (Tu)	YORK (7-30) .....	H	P'oned
4 (F)	Keighley (7-30) .....	A	L 11-18
12 (S)	HUDDESFIELD .....	H	P'oned
15 (Tu)	Huddersfield .....	A	L 7-16
19 (S)	KEIGHLEY .....	H	P'oned
26 (S)	York .....	A	P'oned
MAR.			
5 (S)	DEWSBURY .....	H	P'oned
12 (S)	Hull (2-30) .....	A	L 15-27
19 (S)	HULL .....	H	
26 (S)	New Hunslet .....	A	
APR.			
2 (S)	Vacant .....		
9 (F)	Castleford (7-30) .....	A	
19 (Tu)	BRAMLEY (7-30) .....	H	
23 (S)	HALIFAX .....	H	

## COLTS TEAM

Date 1977	Opponents	Venue	Result
JAN.			
1 (S)	Salford (2-30) .....	A	L 12-18
8 (S)	York .....	A	W 32-5
15 (S)	Vacant .....		
22 (S)	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS (2-30) ..	H	P'oned
30 (Su)	Widnes .....	A	P'oned
FEB.			
5 (S)	SALFORD .....	H	W 23-6
12 (S)	Vacant .....		
19 (S)	Warrington (Challenge Cup Round 1) ..	A	L 22-25
26 (S)	SALFORD (Challenge Cup Round 2) ..	H	L 3-6
MAR.			
5 (S)	St. Helens .....	A	L 17-23
12 (S)	Hull .....	A	W 23-8
19 (S)	HULL .....	H	



## First Team Appearances — Season 1976-77

ALL MATCHES TO AND INCLUDING 15th MARCH)

	App.	Sub. App.	Tries	Goals	D. Goals	Points
ATKINSON, J. ....	10	2	7	—	—	21
ADAMS, B. ....	5	1	—	—	—	—
BANNER, P. ....	23	1	4	—	—	12
BURTON, C. ....	9	5	1	—	—	3
COOKSON, P. ....	29	—	10	2	—	34
DICK, K. ....	10	2	2	16	1	39
DICKENS, S. ....	10	6	—	—	—	—
DICKINSON, R. ....	26	1	3	—	—	9
DYL, L. ....	29	—	14	—	—	42
ECCLES, G. ....	34	—	8	—	—	24
FEARNLEY, S. ....	8	—	—	—	—	—
FLETCHER, P. ....	18	4	5	—	—	15
HAGUE, N. ....	33	—	6	—	—	18
HARRISON, M. ....	23	6	—	—	—	—
HERON, D. ....	3	2	2	—	—	6
HOLMES, J. ....	31	1	11	21	3	78
HOWARD, D. ....	1	1	1	—	—	3
HYNES, S. ....	6	—	1	—	—	3
JOHNSTON, S. ....	—	2	1	—	—	3
MARSHALL, D. ....	20	4	1	48	—	99
MASON, M. ....	1	—	—	—	—	—
McHUGH, G. ....	1	4	—	—	—	—
MILLER, S. ....	6	—	—	—	—	—
MURRELL, B. ....	9	—	2	5	—	16
OULTON, W. ....	2	—	—	6	—	12
PITCHFORD, S. ....	27	—	5	—	—	16
SANDERSON, C. ....	6	4	4	—	—	12
SMITH, A. ....	22	—	14	—	—	42
SMITH, D. ....	30	2	20	—	—	60
WARD, D. ....	29	1	3	—	1	10
WHITE, B. ....	8	2	—	—	—	—
WILBY, T. ....	1	2	—	—	—	—
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