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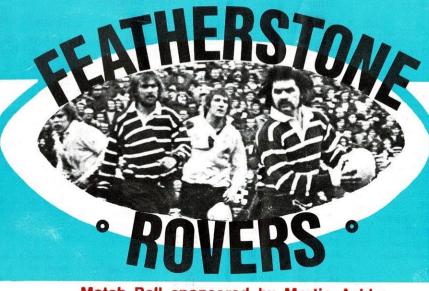
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SENIOR TEAM FIXTURES Date Opponents Att. 3.00...A 19-13 W 7541 Aug19 Su Hull (E.Y.C., 1st Rd.) 26 Su Dewsbury ... H 16-17 L 2544 (E.Y.C., 2nd Rd.) 2763 Sept 2 Su Halifax ...A 16-22 L 1626 9 Su Keighley ... H 34-20 W 2460 ...H 17- 7 W 16 Su Halifax (John Player, 1st Rd.) 450 ...A 29-17 W 23 Su Huyton 30 Su John Player, 2nd Rd. 5995 Wakefield T. ... A 12-21 L 1660 ...A 22-23 L Oct 7 Su Oldham 14 Su Barrow ...H 36- 7 W 2259

21 Su Dewsbury ... A 29-10 W

25 Su Rochdale ...H 44- 5 W

16 Su Hudd'field ... A 31-20 W

Nov 4 Su Doncaster ...H 47- 7 W

...H 24-15 W

...H 32- 8 W

...A 12- 7 W

...A 15- 0 W ...H 50- 5 W

3.00...A

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28 Su Hudd'd

11 Su Swinton

9 Su Huyton

26 BD Bramley 30 Su Oldham

13 Su Rochdale

27 Su Swinton

30 Su Keighley

Apr 6 Su Bramley

20 Su Batley

Feb 3 Su Dewsbury

Jan 6 Su Whitehaven 2.30...H

Mar 2 Su Whitehaven 3.00...A

10 Su Challenge Cup 1st Rd. 17 Su Doncaster 3.00...A 24 Su Challenge Cup 2nd Rd.

18 Su Barrow

Dec 2 Su Batley

23 Su

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22 Sa 28 Fr	Hull K B	A	10-36 6-23	L	D. Fennell K. Anderson
Oct 6 Sa	Hunslet	Н	22- 9	W	J. Marsden
20 Sa	Y.S. Cup 2n Dewsbury Hudd'd	н	30-24	W L	W. Allen M. Addison
10 Sa 15 Th	Doncaster Doncaster Wakefield Dewsbury	A	20- 5 15- 8	W W	S. Barker D. Fennell D. Downs B. Limb
8 Sa 15 Sa 22 Sa		H H	39-28 20-17	W	D. Edginton B. Limb G. Siddall
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	Bradford N. Hull K.R.				
26 Sa	Batley	3.00)A		
Feb 2 Sa 9 Sa	Bradford N.	3.00	Н		
16 Sa		3.00 7.30			
15 Sa 22 Sa 29 Sa	Castleford Halifax Bramley Keighley	2,30 3.00	H)A)A		
Apr 5 Sa 12 Sa 19 Sa	Hunslet Bramley	3.00 3.00			

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	Ρ.	W	D		-	A	DITT	Pts
Rovers	 15	13	0	2	445	171	274	26
Oldham	 14	11	2	1	263	120	143	24
Halifax	 13	10	2	1	211	86	125	22
Barrow	 15	9	1	5	264	155	109	19
Dewsbury	 15	7	1	7	205	184	21	15

Plenty of Points

Victory at Bramley gave Rovers their eleventh successive victory. During this run they have scored 344 points, which is an average of over 30 points a game. A lot of the credit for this must go to the teamwork which coach Paul Daley has worked hard to achieve. Featherstone are also fortunate in having two ball-playing forwards in Keith Bell and Mick Morgan.

Match Details

Rovers v Bramley (score 24 - 5). Tries to: Box, Evans, Hudson, Morgan, Quinn. Goals: Quinn 4 from 5; Quinn 1 d.g. **Player of the Season** points awarded as follows: Kevin Anderson 5, Peter Smith 3, Terry Hudson 2, Steve Evans 1.

Disappointment

With the team playing so well it was disappointing to have Steve Evans, John Gilbert, Peter Smith and Dave Vickers overlooked for the Under-24 side. Steve and Peter are now playing at their best and must find it difficult to understand the selection of some of the players. The selectors have not taken a look at Rovers in recent weeks, which must raise obvious question marks over the selection system.

Presentations

There are two presentations before today's match. The Daily Express / Hepworth Tailoring Award for the month of November goes to Steve Quinn. The awards are determined by a ballot of the readers of the national newspaper. Steve is the first Rovers player to win this award. The prize consists of both cash and a clothes voucher from Hepworths.

The other presentation is to three of our players who gained their county caps this season — Harold Box, Steve Evans and Mick

Gibbins. Congrátulations, lads!

Players

Martin Addison spent Christmas in hospital after undergoing a cartilage operation. Neil Tuffs had an exploratory operation on his knee and Mick Gibbins is having specialist treatment on his back. To these three unlucky players we send best wishes for an injury-free period in the New Year. The signing of a Sheffield Rugby Union player, John Gregory, has not caught the headlines like Oldham's signings, but John's performances in the A' team show an attitude and aggression that should succeed in Rugby League. He is 5ft. 11in.. weighs 15st. and is a P.E. Teacher. Steve Raybould was transferred to Hunslet in exchange for winger Ged Ward plus cash. Ged made several first-team appearances for Hunslet this season and provides much needed cover on the wings. Hooker Robert Noon has gone on loan to Keighley. Ian Westwood was all set to join York until the player failed to agree terms with the club.

Finally, on behalf of the club, we hope you have a Happy New Year and hope you will continue to encourage the team.

PLAYER OF THE SEASON

FOR THE JOHN JEPSON TROPHY

ROVERS v HUYTON — Steve Quinn 5, Dave Vickers 3, Terry Hudson 2, Ken Kellett 1.

ROVERS v HUDDERSFIELD — Peter Smith 5, Steve Quinn 3, Steve Evans 2, Keith Bell 1.

MATCH DETAILS

ROVERS v HUYTON (score 50 - 5). Tries to: Box, Marsden, Gilbert, Coventry, Kellett, Quinn, Evans, Handscombe, Morgan, Bell; Goals: Quinn 10 from 13. Scrums 7 - 4 to Handscombe (6 - 5 against Morgan). Penalties 11 - 9 against.

ROVERS v HUDDERSFIELD (score 31 - 20). Tries to: Evans 2, Quinn, Smith, Kellett; Goals: *Quinn 7 from 7, d.g. Smith, Bell. Scrums: 11 - 7 to Handscombe. Penalties 11 - 7 against.

*Steve Quinn 103 goals from 138 attempts in 18 games. Success Rate 75%.

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Harold Box — Featherstone's favourite full-back (Photo by courtesy of J. Atkin)



Guess who's getting to grips with the game. Answer under Player Profile.

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OUR VISITORS

OLDHAM, today's last opponents of 1979, are one of our main rivals for the second division championship. The team before the Christmas games had lost only one match in the league, and that was at Swinton. They have already the distinction of being second division champions back in 1963 - 4. In Oldham's league victory over Rovers early in the season Oldham demonstrated their fighting qualities by coming from behind to gain victory (23 - 22).

The club are at the moment an expanding force in Rugby League owing to a successful lottery. They have a very large coaching staff, with Graham Starkey (manager), Terry Gorman (asst. manager), Bill Francis (player-coach) and Bob Welding ('A' team coach).

On the playing front Oldham have strengthened their pack through the recent signing of two big-name Rugby Union players in prop forward Adrian Alexander from the Harlequins and second-row man Bob Mordell, an England international. Other players to watch out for are Bob Blackwood, an ex Widnes, Wigan and Workington forward; Alan Forster, a grafting prop formerly of Huddersfield; experienced backs Martin Murphy and Phil Larder: and a star of the future, half-back Ray Ashton.

The last meeting between the two sides at Post Office Road was on March 6th. 1977, when Featherstone were moving closer to their first-ever Championship and Oldham were on their way to the Second Division.

Despite an overwhelming 15 - 2 scrum advantage, Rovers did not give a particularly convincing display. The highlight was an 80-yard interception try by Steve Quinn, who also landed his 150th goal for the Club. The win kept Featherstone in second place, one point behind St. Helens, with three games in hand. Final score: Rovers 33, Oldham 17.

FEATHERSTONE - Box; Dyas, Gilbert, Quinn, Kellett; Newlove (N. Tuffs), Butler; Thompson, Bridges, Farrar. Gibbins, Smith, Bell (Spells).

OLDHAM — O'Brien; Elliott, Munro, Jackson (Lund), Stondin; Hill, Treasure; Hicks, O'Mahoney, Taylor, Pollard, Flanagan, Reynolds. Sub forward, Starbuck.

Scorers - FEATHERSTONE: (tries) Gilbert 2, Bridges 2, Dyas, Quinn, Spells; (goals) Quinn 6. OLDHAM: (tries) Elliott, Munro, Flanagan; (goals) Stondin 3, Flanagan. Referee: Mr. J. W. Mean (Leyland). Attendance: 2,226 (£868).

'A' TEAM MATCH DETAILS

ROVERS v WAKEFIELD (score 39 - 28, won). Tries to: Limb 2, Fennell 2, Robinson, Siddall, Barker; Goals to: Spragg 9 from 10. Scrums: 10 - 9 to J. McNeil. Penalties: 9 - 6 for. Man of the Match: Barry Limb.

ROVERS v HUDDERSFIELD (score 20 - 17, won). Tries to: Edginton, Downs, Robinson, Siddall; Goals to: Spragg 4 from 9. Scrums 13 - 14 against. Penalties: 12 - 9

for. Man of the Match: Garry Siddall.

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STAR QUIZ

DALE FENNELL v PAUL DALEY

- In football who won the second division championship for 1978-79 season?
- 2. Which team plays at Mount Pleasant?
- 3. Who was the last European Boxer to have won the Heavyweight Championship of the World?
- 4. Which Rugby Union team does J. J. Williams play for?
- 5. Name the manager of Malmo Football Club?
- 6. Who was the 1978-79 Champion Jump Jockey?
- 7. In test match cricket (excluding wicket keepers) who holds the record for most catches?
- 8. Name the last female British Swimmer to win an Olympic gold medal?
- 9. Who is the current coach of the Welsh Rugby League team?
- 10. The 1979 Australian Cricket team that toured India was captained by which player?

ANSWERS UNDER PLAYER PROFILE

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A DECADE AGO

THE Rovers gained their eighth consecutive win at home against Hunslet on 13th December 1969 by 23 points to 2 before a crowd of 1,989. Tries were scored by Malcolm Dixon, Dave Hartley (histhirteenth of the season), John Hay, Dave Kellett and Arnie Morgan. Cyril Kellett contributed four goals to take his total for the season to 76 goals. This game was an entertaining one, full of good football and was also well remembered for an invasion of the pitch by a fog-path which threatened to end the game abruptly. As a result of this win the Rovers moved into fourth position in the League Table.

The following week the Rovers sustained a **defeat at Headingley** against Leeds by 11 points to 7. Had the Rovers defeated Leeds they would have equalled the long-standing record of nine consecutive wins and in any event it was a magnificent attempt to become the first team to win a League match against Leeds at Headingley for over two years. The **luck deserted** the Rovers at several vital stages of the game making the difference between winning and losing.

A new signing by the Rovers was that of Chris Harding, who was a stand-off. He had been playing for Otley Rugby Union Club and was a schoolteacher living in Leeds, his previous clubs having been Worcester and Hereford. The current Rovers coach Paul Daley was playing for Bradford Northern in 1969 and was their best player in a match at Batley. However he was unable to prevent Batley pulling off a fine 9 points to 8 win despite their finishing with only 12 men.

Oldham were fifth from the bottom of the League ten years ago with five wins from 18 games. Wilf Briggs was their leading try-scorer with 14 at that stage of the season and was sixth overall in the Rugby League's try-scoring list. Unfortunately he was in dispute with the club, not having been seen at the club since late October. Another 'rebel' in loose forward Ray Clark had just returned. The left-wing position was proving something of a problem spot. Eight players had worn the number 5 jersey for that season including Martin Murphy and Phil Larder.

Sunday football was still being experimented with in 1969, Saturday being the main day for fixtures. Wakefield Trinity were the latest club to make an excursion into Sunday football and had arranged a Sunday game for early January 1970 at home against Salford. In fact, three of the 13 fixtures on the weekend of 20th December 1969 were played on Sunday, and those were the matches at Dewsbury, Halifax and Workington.

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Q1 — Do you think Eddie Waring and David Oxley promote a good image of Rugby League through the T.V. medium?

A — Eddie Waring is the worst thing that ever happened to R.L. He treats it as ITV treat all-in wrestling. On the other hand David Oxley does a good job and presents the game in the manner it should be. Q2 — How do you explain the apparent superiority of the Austra-

lians, and could you pick a team to beat them?

A — In Australia the grounds are rock hard and difficult for our lads to play on; when the Aussies come to our country the grounds are like a carpet in comparison. This gives them an advantage over us, plus the fact that in Australia our players are physically and mentally drained through too much travelling between matches. The itinerary also seems to be out of balance. When the Aussies play in this country they do not face much travelling, and also they play only two matches a week, with some of the opposition not up to standard. If I could pick a team to beat the Aussies in one match it would be: Fairbairn (Wigan); Fielding (Salford), Evans (Featherstone), Dyl (Leeds), Bevan (Warrington); Topliss (Wakefield), Bowden (Widnes); Clarkson (Hull K.R.), Handscombe (Featherstone), Thompson (Bradford), Skerrett (Wakefield), Lowe (Hull K.R.), Bell (Featherstone).

A — At the moment the standard is reasonable, but the wrong men are getting the big matches. For instance, there are better refs around than Mick Naughton, who thinks that people come to watch him and not the game. One referee who has impressed me is John Holdsworth — he is the best new referee to come on the scene for a long

time

Q4 — Can you recall any amusing event during your playing days? A — One incident that comes to mind concerns Dave Barends, the coloured winger who played with me at Trinity. Wakefield were playing Hull in the Floodlit Competition at the Boulevard. Dave was having one of those matches where nothing seems to be going right. Hull were given a penalty; the kick was falling short of the touchline — as Dave Barends attempted to catch the ball, he missed and the ball bounced off his head into touch. One wag from the Threepenny Stand shouted, "Seven away in off the black!"

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PLAYER PROFILE — PETER SMITH

Date of Birth: 17th September 1955

Birth Place: Featherstone

School: Featherstone High School

Occupation : Fitter
Married to : Janice

Children: Karen and Faye

Height: 6ft. 1½in. Weight: 14½st.

Position: Second Row

Honours: Yorkshire under 24's and

Great Britain

Biggest Influence on

Rugby Career: Peter Fox

Ambition in Rugby: Play at Wembley

Biggest Disappointment: Losing against Australia in

1977 World Cup

Most Memorable Match: 1974 Semi-final against Leigh

Favourite Player: Jimmy Thompson

Favourite Referee: None

Most Difficult Opponent: Eddie Cunningham

Hobbies: Records, Reading & Crosswords

Favourite TV Programme: Monty Python
Favourite Personality: John Cleese

ANSWERS TO STAR QUIZ

1. Crystal Palace 2. Batley

atley 3. Ingemor Johansson

Llanelli
 Bobby Houghton
 Colin Cowdrey
 Anita Londe

Johnny Francombe

10. Kim Hughes

8. Anita Londesborough 9. Ke

Kel Coslett

DALE FENNELL scored 8 (incorrect answers 6, 10)
PAUL DALEY scored 7 (incorrect answers 5, 8, 10)

In the next issue - Keith Bell v Mick Gibbins

ANSWER TO PHOTO CAPTION QUERY

PAUL COVENTRY

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N.R.I., Championship — Winners 1977; Runners-up 1928, 1976

Yorkshire Cup — Winners 1940, 1959; Runners-up 1928, 1963, 1966 1969, 1970, 1976, 1977

Yorkshire League —Runners-up 1928, 1962

Y.S.C. Cup — Winners 1946, 1974; Runners-up 1955, 1960

Y.S.C. Shield — Winners 1946, 1962, 1972

GROUND RECORDS

R.L. Cup — Attendance: 17,531 v St. Helens, 1959; Receipts, £7,315 v. Castleford, 1978

Yorks. Cup - Attendance: 10,700 v. Leeds, 1959; Receipts: £4,660, v. Hull 1978

i.eague — Attendance: 14,990 v. Wakefield T., 1962; Receipts: £2,463, v. Wigan

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

Great Britain - T. Askin, J. H. Bridges, T. Clawson, M. Dixon, D. Fox, G. Jordan, A. Morgan, S. Nash, J. Thompson

Under-24's — K. Bell, D. Fennell, V. Farrar, M. Gibbins, J. Gilbert, T. Ramshaw P. Smith, V. Thomas, J. Thompson, L. Tonks

Under-21's - M. Clamp, D. Fox, D. Metcalfe

England — J. H. Bridges, M. Dixon, S. Evans, V. Farrar, J. Hirst, A. Morgan J. Mullaney, R. Stone, J. Thompson, A. Wood

Wales - P. Banner, H. Box Other Nationalities - H. Box, J. Daly

R.L. XIII - M. Clamp, T. Clawson, L. Hammill, G. Johnson, B. Lockwood

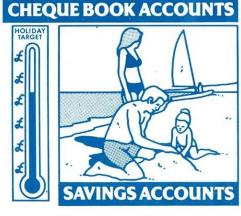
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Yorkshire - T. Askin, C. Annable, E. Barraclough, K. Bell, H. Box, J. H. Bridges, T. Clawson, W. Clements, C. Dooler, J. Denton, M. Dixon, S. Evans, V. Farrar, D. Fox, M. Gibbins, L. Hammill, D. Hartley, J. Hirst, M. Hirst, A. Longley, D. Metcalfe, A. Morgan, P. Morris, J. Mullaney, S. Nash, J. Newlove, C. Plenderleith, S. Quinn, J. M. Smith, P. Smith, R. Stone, W, Stott, W. Tennant, J. Thompson, G. Waterworth, E. Winter, A. Wood, C. Woolford

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ALLEN W.		1	-	-		-		1			-			
ANDERSON K.		6	-	-	-	-		19	-	-	٠.			
BELL K.		18	4	1	6	20		209	41	7	22	159		
BENCE A.		6			-	-		20	1	-		3		
BOX H.		14	6	0.00	-	18		280	53	476		1111		
BUTLER P.		3	-		•	-		64	10	-	6	36		
COVENTRY P.		14	7	-	•	21	•••	237	74		-	222		
EVANS S.		11	8		-	24		90	48		-	144		
FENNELL D.		3	1	-	-	3	•••	96	19	•	-	57		
GIBBINS M.		13		-	-	-		179	5	-		15		
GILBERT J.	•••	18	8	-	-	24		86	28	-	-	84		
HANDSCOMBE R.		16	6	-		18	•••	38	9	-	-	27		
HOBBS D.		16	2	3	•	12	•••	51	5	84	1	184		
HUDSON T.	• • •	13	2	-	-	6		74	10	3	-	36		
F. JARVIS		4	1	-	•	3		21	2	-		6		
KELLETT K.		16	7	-	-	21	• • • •	250	97	-	-	291		
MARSDEN J.	•••	10	4	-		12	•••	65	9	-	-	27		
MORGAN M.		18	8			24		44	15		-	45		
QUINN S.	•••	18	10	103	-	236	•••	111	24	378	-	858		
RAYBOULD S. (Tr.)		3					•••	12	3	-		9		
ROBINSON G.		10	3		•	9	• • • •	24	3	-		9		
SMITH P		10	5		1	16	•••	183	51	-	1	154		
TINGLE G. (Trans.)		2	1		•	3	•••	16	4	-	-	12		
TUFFS N.		6	-					126	25	61	1	198		
VICKERS D		15	5		-	15	•••	42	6		-	18		
WESTWOOD I.		3	-	-		-	•••	8	1	-	-	3		

RECORDS TO LOOK OUT FOR

TRIES — Match: 6, M. J. Smith (1968); Season: 31, C. Woolford (1958-59) Career: 162, D. Fox (1953-1966)

GOALS — Match: 12, D. Fox (1964); Season: 152, S. Quinn (1976-77)

Career: 557, C. Kellett (1968-1974)

POINTS - Match: 29, S. Quinn (1979); Season: 328, S. Quinn (1976 - 77)

Career: 1,492, D. Fox (1953 - 1966)

APPEARANCES — Season: 46, C. Woolford (1959-60); Career: 440, J Denton (1921-34)

FASTEST CENTURY OF POINTS — T. Smales (1966-67) and S. Quinn (1976 77 & 1979-80) — 9 matches

MOST CONSECUTIVE WINS — 12 (1972-73)

MOST CONSECUTIVE LEAGUE WINS - 10 (1979-80)

HIGHEST SCORE - v. Whitehaven 1971 - 65 points

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