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Rugby League Championship Play-off winners:	1909-10, 1910-11 and 1956-57
Runners-up:	1906-07, 1907-08, 1908-09, 1921-22 and 1954-55
First Division Champions:	1904-05
Second Division Champions:	1963-64
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Runners-up:	1906-07, 1911-12, 1923-24 and 1925-26
Lancashire Cup winners:	1907-08, 1910-11, 1913-14, 1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-24, 1956-57, 1957-58 and 1958-59
Runners-up:	1908-09, 1911-12, 1918-19, 1921-22, 1954-55, 1966-67 and 1968-69
Lancashire Championship winners:	1907-08, 1909-10, 1921-22, 1956-57 and 1957-58
Runners-up:	1908-09, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1919-20, 1923-24 and 1954-55
Lancashire Shield winners:	1975-76 1979-80
Colts Premiership Trophy:	1979-80

LEEDS FOR 2nd DIVISION

THE way in which fortunes can fluctuate from one season to the next in the highly-competitive First Division of the Rugby League are well illustrated by the results of the Leeds club in the past 12 months.

Leeds come to Watersheddings today as a club, like ourselves, which is struggling to stave off the threat of relegation to the Second Division.

Leeds in the Second Division? Unthinkable! But then Wigan probably thought that when they went down at the end of last season.

The point is that with the present system of four teams going down a club can win nearly half its league games - and still face the big drop.

It naturally follows that any club which suffers a long string of crippling injuries, as Leeds have done this season, or a poor spell of form from which they find it difficult to extricate themselves, can be in trouble.

Last season Leeds won the Yorkshire Cup by beating Halifax in the final and finished fifth in the First Division with 19 wins from their 30 matches. They were five points clear of sixth club Leigh but only one point behind third-placed Hull.

The most impressive part of their league record, however, was the fact that they scored a massive 590 First Division points - 44 points more than their nearest challengers, Widnes, in the "points for" column.

The Leeds style has always been a bright, entertaining one and, in the past ten years, no team can really claim to have matched the Headingley outfit in terms of consistently producing fast, fluent football.

Leeds at their best have always been a splendid sight with fast-raiding forwards like Phil Cookson complementing the more subtle creative skills of John Holmes and the centre skills of Les Dyl, all finished off by the wonderful touch line talents of Test wingers John Atkinson and Alan Smith.

Maybe many of the Leeds household names have approached the twilight of their careers together; maybe, the famous blue and golds have had a pile-up of injuries; maybe they have had a poor spell of form and a lot of bad luck.

Whatever the reason or reasons the fact remains that at the time of writing Leeds had won only six of their 14 First Division games this season and, like St. Helens and Salford, were very much involved in the battle against relegation. It all adds up to make today's match a vital four-point affair - and if it is half as thrilling as the clash at Headingley earlier in the season the fans will be assured of their money's worth.

The record book shows that Leeds won 16 - 14 but it does not reflect the drama of a see-saw match in which Oldham led 10 - 7 at half-time and lost only in the dying seconds of injury time when another Oldham attack broke down and Leeds, like only they can, moved the ball brilliantly for virtually the first time in the match and right-winger Smith finished off at the corner flag.

Despite what by their own high standards is a poor League record this season, Leeds again retained the Yorkshire Cup, beating Hull KR in the final at Huddersfield, and they can call upon many fine players.

Possibly in the line-up today will be internationals like Holmes, Dyl, Atkinson, the Smiths, Dick, Ward, Pitchford - the sort of team that, on paper, should be in a much higher position in the table.

As the league points from today are vital to both clubs the fans should be in for a real thriller.

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ROUGH HOUSE CLAMP DOWN

By Roger Halstead

(Oldham Evening Chronicle)

THE Rugby League have shown their willingness and determination to clamp down on rough-house tactics by their 13-match ban on Brian Hogan of Widnes and the ten-match suspension imposed on Paul Rose of Hull KR. Attention was again focussed on high and late tackles when Roger Millward had his jaw broken for the third time in a matter of months and was forced into a premature retirement early in the season.

Those closely connected with League are convinced that there are now more incidents involving head, facial or jaw injuries than ever before.

Indeed, the recently-formed association of club doctors and physiotherapists expressed grave alarm at a meeting several weeks ago about what they aptly described as non-accidental injuries.

It was agreed that each club doctor and physiotherapist should keep a record of such injuries from his own club and that the information should later be pooled and sent off to the League.

Just what sort of affect that might have had on the League bosses is difficult to gauge though it was interesting to see League secretary David Oxley making reference last week to the findings of the medical men.

Throughout the game there now seems to be a growing movement to rid the code of foul tactics - and that just has to be one of the most encouraging aspects of the season so far.

Following the stiff suspensions handed out at the last disciplinary committee meeting it will indeed be interesting to see how many players are "on the agenda" at the next meeting - and for what reason.

The danger, of course, is to ease off if it appears that we are moving in the right direction.

This has happened so many times in the past on a variety of issues: a quick purge and then a gradual easing off until we are right back to where we started almost before anyone has noticed.

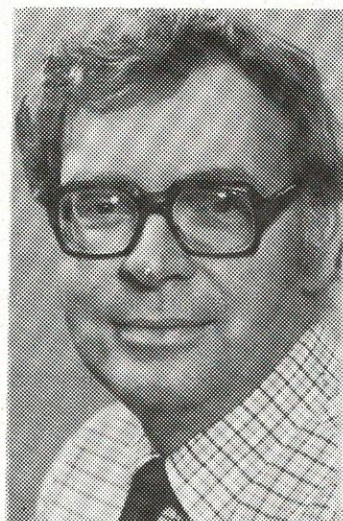
The classic case of that involved the various attempts that have been made - over the years - to put to rights all the problems in the scrums.

I can well remember Gerry Kershaw of York hitting the headlines for repeatedly and consistently sending off hookers or front-row forwards for technical offences at the scrum.

It followed a League campaign to clean-up the scrums. But when referees like Gerry attempted to do just that in the only method open to a referee there were those who threw up their hands in horror!

In no time the campaign had been forgotten, the situation was as bad as ever, and we were all paying little more than lip service to sorting out the scrums.

That must not be allowed to happen on the disciplinary front. Now we have started to get tough let's make sure we keep the gloves on!



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By Alex Givvons
(RL Grade 1 Referee)

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1. At a scrum, the red scrum half is penalised for feeding. After signalling the penalty the Referee sees the touch judge coming towards him. He reports that Blue No. 10 had struck a red player before the ball entered the scrum.
2. From a penalty kick at goal, the kick fails but the ball strikes the touch judge in the in-goal area.
3. A player throws the ball up into the air in a forward direction intending to kick it but does not. Instead, he catches the ball himself.
4. The ball is kicked from one 25 yards line to the other and the defending full back fails to gather the ball and knocks on. The ball is gathered by an injured (not being attended) attacking player who is 10 yards away from the full back. The player, however, is too injured to play the ball.
5. An attacking player in possession is fouled in his opponents in-goal area and prevented from grounding the ball.

- Answers:**
1. It is now a penalty to reds (prior incident).
 2. Drop out, defending side, centre and posts.
 3. Penalty, (deliberately throwing the ball forward).
 - 4a. Penalty against attacker (voluntary tackle, injured player on the ground should not interfere with play).
 - b. Penalty against attacker (if injured player was being attended to by trainer).
 - c. "Scrum Down" (if injured player was on his feet, but injured further after being tackled).
 5. "7 Point" penalty try (i.e. try is given under the posts).

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A coach will run to Castleford on Sunday 18th January, at 2pm. **Price:** Adult members £2.10 Non-members £2.30. Junior members £1.40 Non-members £1.60.

If anyone is interested in going to watch The Colts International on January 31st at Leeds, will they please give their names in at any canteen or in the Social Club (624-0368) as soon as possible. If there are enough people interested we will run a coach, or coaches.

A presentation will be made to MARTIN MURPHY, before todays match, for his record number of appearances for the club on behalf of the Supporters Club, also to the six Colts who will represent the club in the International at Leeds.

We would like to thank all the General Supporters for their support in our collection at the Hull KR match, which amounted to £72.70p, and all the supporters who donate to our raffles in the Social Club after the matches.

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CLUB NEWS

STATEMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE

In the past four years the committee has methodically worked its way through every department of the club, putting things right. What we had planned did not always work at the first attempt. We were not automatically successful. But neither were we reluctant to change again in our quest to get things right. On the playing side we started a youth policy which meant the formation of a colts team which has been highly successful. We will always continue to develop that.

Short term, our first target was to gain promotion. While that was achieved we were not really satisfied with the style with which we achieved it.

The next target was to avoid relegation from the First Division in our first season. Short term, we were buying time in which to develop our younger players.

We prefer to introduce them to League football in the First Division rather than the Second and it was felt that if we could get through this season some of our younger players would be ready for First Division football next season.

To this end more experienced players were acquired in order to help us achieve our target - First Division survival.

Results in the early part of the season were poor. There were a few problems in the area of the first team which were giving the committee cause for concern. About one third of the way through the season the short-term policy was clearly not working too well and efforts were made to sort one or two things out.

Unfortunately there was no improvement.

If the short-term plan was not going to achieve its single objective of keeping the club in the First Division there was absolutely no point in carrying on with it. The prerogative of scrapping, altering or trying alternatives always lay with the committee and it was not just a question of what to do - but when to do it.

One of the major concerns of the committee was that the failings of the short-term policy should not be allowed in any way to have a detrimental affect on the long-term plans.

Bearing that point in mind, the committee decided enough time had been given and rather than wait and longer the committee took certain actions which virtually meant the scrapping of the short-term plans.

Consequently, the club's playing fortunes have been placed into the hands of our younger players a little sooner than originally anticipated.

The committee, however, are in no way apprehensive because we are confident that the club's playing future is in good hands.

When you have plans and people operating plans there are only two things that can go wrong - either the plan is wrong or the people operating it.

The committee has never neglected its duties in this respect and it will continue to keep a close eye on every department of the club.

We cannot guarantee what will happen in the future but we can say that we will never hesitate to effect changes of plan or changes of personnel if and when it is felt desirable.

CUP-TIE AT BLACKPOOL

YOU will doubtless have read in the Press that we have been drawn away to Blackpool in the first round of the Three Fives Challenge Cup. The tie will be played at Borough Park on Sunday, February 15th.

Though Borough are currently down towards the bottom of the Second Division it would be a grave mistake if we were to underestimate them.

After a poor start to the season they have begun to pick up points of late, one of their more recent results being drawn at Wigan where they looked like winning until they conceded a disputed penalty in the dying seconds.

Borough have never beaten Oldham in the Challenge Cup in which the teams have clashed three times.

We won a second-round tie at Blackpool in 1958; a home first-round tie at Watersheddings in 1970; and another home tie in the first-round on 1975.

That was to be the second of three occasions during the seventies in which we reached the third round, losing at Castleford (1973), at home to Widnes (1975), and at St. Helens (1976).

But Oldham supporters will not need reminding that Borough have made something of a habit of handing out shocks to Watersheddings teams. When we met them twice in the Second Division programme of 1978-79, in fact, they did the double over us, winning 8 - 7 at Watersheddings and 9 - 7 at Borough Park.



Alan Platt was one of our best forwards in the defeat at Warrington - seen here preparing to release an inside pass to the supporting Ian Ogden.



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THE FINAL RUN-IN - A CRUCIAL TIME

TODAY'S game sees the start of a crucial three months for the Oldham club in which we will not only have to contend with the Three Fives Challenge Cup but fight every inch of the way for our First Division survival.

At the time these notes were written half the clubs in the Slalom Lager championship were anxious to pick up points - St. Helens, Salford, Barrow, Leeds, Oldham, Leigh, Workington and Halifax.

Halifax had eight points in bottom place and the remaining seven clubs were separated by just three points. It is clearly going to be a terrific race to the tape in mid-April and at present our position does not look too good because most of our rivals have games in hand.

What a difference there would have been if we had not conceded five league points in the last minute of matches!

That Mal Reilly drop goal in injury time robbed us of a point against Castleford on the opening day of the championship, we lost in injury time at Leeds and were desperately unlucky to lose two minutes from the end at St. Helens.

Bemoaning one's luck does not keep one in the First Division, however, and we have to start picking up points quickly if we wish to achieve our target.

We have one major factor in our favour. Of our 12 remaining games no fewer than eight are at Watersheddings where we have already beaten Leigh, Workington, Bradford and Hull and drawn with Castleford.

Indeed, before our trip to Barrow last week-end, we had picked up only one victory away from home: that at Salford.

Our remaining fixtures are: HOME - Leeds, Barrow, Warrington, Widnes, Halifax, Wakefield, St. Helens, Salford. AWAY - Castleford, Halifax, Hull KR, Leigh.

Another factor in our favour is that we finish off with three consecutive home matches in April against Wakefield, St. Helens and Salford.

Of the 12 games left, seven are against teams in the bottom end of the table and as the jockeying for position goes on interest is bound to be retained right until the end of the season.



Alan Forster, now back in the fold after a three-month absence, makes a strong run at Warrington before he is held by home hooker Tony Waller.

The cup winner.



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RL VIOLENCE CLEAN UP!

By Brian Batty
Daily Mail

Rugby League enters another New Year with an old problem needing to clean up its image at a critical time.

This season's soaring list of sendings off have again left a nasty taste in the mouths of a lot of people.

The game has been tarred with acts of violence taking over when we need skill, style and dedication to survive these days.

Soccer has lost a lot of ground this season for one reason and another and Rugby League has reported to be cashing in on the crowd factor.

But I cannot see us winning over any of Soccer's fans if we continue to have the sort of trouble on the field that the other sport suffers from on the terraces.

Rugby League has to stamp out this problem before it gets out of hand.

And there is nothing to stop the clubs stepping in with their support for the League in helping to weed out the trouble-makers.

Two clubs - Hull KR and Hull - felt strongly enough about this sort of situation to take some positive action earlier this season.

Rovers reacted to Great Britain forward Paul Rose suffering the 12th dismissal of his career by transfer listing him shortly afterwards at £60,000.

Neighbours Hull hauled Welsh international full back Paul Woods onto the carpet after he had been suspended for the third time since joining them.

Woods was warned that if he did not change his ways then he would be transfer listed.

To his credit Woods took the warning to heart and vowed 'I will make every effort to change my approach, my trouble is that I am so competitive. But I regret what I have done as soon as I am in trouble'.

There is certainly nothing to prevent Rugby League clubs following the example of Soccer clubs who hand out punishment to players who get on the wrong side of the law.



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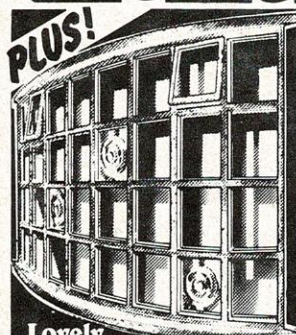
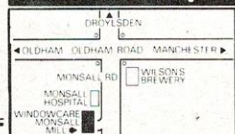
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A Aug. 17 Sun.	Swinton (County Cup)	11 - 5
A Aug. 24 Sun.	County Cup 2nd Round	15 - 13
A Aug. 31 Sun.	Castleford	14 - 14
H Sept. 7 Sun.	Bradford	10 - 21
H Sept. 14 Sun.	Featherstone	17 - 32
A Sept. 21 Sun.	Hull	11 - 16
A Sept. 28 Sun.	Leeds	14 - 16
H Oct. 5 Sun.	Leigh	15 - 12
A Oct. 12 Sun.		
A Oct. 19 Sun.	Widnes	18 - 28
A Oct. 26 Sun.	Workington	18 - 10
A Nov. 2 Sun.		
A Nov. 9 Sun.	Featherstone	10 - 31
H Nov. 16 Sun.	Bradford	9 - 2
A Nov. 19 Wed.	Salford	22 - 7
A Nov. 23 Sun.	John Player York	9 - 11
A Nov. 30 Sun.	Wakefield	15 - 24
H Dec. 7 Sun.	Workington	4 - 25
H Dec. 14 Sun.	Widnes	
H Dec. 21 Sun.	Hull K.R.	9 - 27
A Dec. 26 Fri.	St. Helens	10 - 11
H Boxing Day		
A Dec. 28 Sun.	Hull	2 - 30
A Jan. 1 Thurs.	Warrington	11 - 27
H New Years Day		
A Jan. 4 Sun.	Barrow	
A Jan. 11 Sun.	Leeds	
A Jan. 18 Sun.	Castleford	
H Jan. 25 Sun.		
A Feb. 1 Sun.	Barrow	
A Feb. 8 Sun.	Halifax	
A Feb. 15 Sun.	Challenge Cup 1st Round	
A Feb. 22 Sun.	Hull K.R.	
A Mar. 1 Sun.	Challenge Cup 2nd Round	
A Mar. 8 Sun.	Warrington	
A Mar. 15 Sun.		
A Mar. 22 Sun.	Halifax	
A Mar. 29 Sun.	Leigh	
H Apr. 5 Sun.	Wakefield	
H Apr. 12		
H Apr. 17 Fri.	St. Helens	
H Good Friday		
H Apr. 20 Mon.	Salford	
H Easter Monday		

'A' TEAM FIXTURES 1980/81

Date	Opponent	F. A.
H Aug. 7 Thurs.	Higginshaw (Friendly)	26 - 2
H Aug. 14 Thurs.	Saddleworth Rangers	P 6-13
A Sept. 3 Wed.	Salford	2 - 8
A Sept. 9 Fri.	Warrington L.C.C.S.	27 - 23
H Sept. 18 Thurs.	Swinton	6 - 15
H Sept. 25 Thurs.	St. Helens	10 - 23
A Oct. 2 Thurs.	Leigh	16 - 13
H Oct. 9 Thurs.	Rochdale Hornets	12 - 11
H Oct. 16 Thurs.	Widnes	18 - 10
A Oct. 18 Sat.	Whitehaven	20 - 14
A Oct. 25 Sat.	Workington	15 - 29
A Oct. 30 Thurs.	Wigan	7 - 8
A Nov. 8 Sat.	Blackpool	
A Nov. 14 Fri.		
H Nov. 20 Thurs.	Salford	P 16-11
A Nov. 27 Thurs.	Swinton	14 - 13
H Dec. 4 Thurs.	Wigan	18 - 7
A Dec. 11 Thurs.	Widnes	10 - 8
H Jan. 3 Sat.	Barrow	
A Jan. 9 Fri.	St. Helens	
H Jan. 17 Sat.	Whitehaven	
A Jan. 31 Sat.	Barrow	
H Feb. 5 Thurs.	Warrington	
H Feb. 19 Thurs.	Blackpool	
A Mar. 6 Fri.	Warrington	
H Mar. 14 Sat.	Workington	
A Mar. 19 Thurs.	Rochdale	
H Mar. 26 Thurs.	Leigh	

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A CODE OF FRIENDSHIP

Agreements have now been reached between the British Amateur Rugby League Association and the Rugby Football League with regard to the organisation of the 13-a-side code at youth level. For many years the amateurs willingly accepted several teams into their ranks who, despite their amateur status, were organised by a professional club. This situation however came to an abrupt halt last year when BARLA imposed a ban on such teams, claiming that the senior clubs were taking all the top amateur players from their regions and thus dominating the local leagues to the detriment of the amateur game in general.

The Rugby Football League were therefore forced to form their own league for under-17 teams run by their senior clubs, while both organisations then put forward their own demands before they would consider reaching a solution. Eventually it was Rugby League secretary-general David Oxley who produced a suitable five-point plan, and which was unanimously accepted by BARLA officials at their meeting last Sunday. The suggestions put forward to the amateur body were that the players currently associated with the senior clubs' under-17s

would be accepted back into the amateur leagues, and be eligible to play for already established local league clubs. The team coaches would also receive a similar clearance, while the person presently in charge of the under-17s teams at senior club level would be accepted onto the amateur club's committee. Playing kit would also be handed over to the amateur teams concerned, while the professional clubs grounds and facilities would be made more readily available to local sides.

It is therefore hoped that the differences between the two organisations have finally come to an end, although the recent rift has brought to light the fact that too many people concerned with both codes, from top-ranking officials to players and spectators, bear some form of grudge against the other, and which can only constantly halt the progress being made by both BARLA and the Rugby Football League. The amateur code can not survive without the professionals, and the senior clubs can not continue without close liaison, with BARLA, and so until these so-called Rugby League followers bring to an end their own senseless personal vendettas the 13-a-side game will never achieve the nationwide recognition it rightly deserves.

BARLA also announced last week that they have acquired the services of a new sponsor for their National Cup competitions at both open-age and under-19 levels. The Stimorol chewing gum firm have agreed to provide the financial backing for the tournaments, which will conclude when the National Cup Finals are played at Borough Park, Blackpool, on Saturday May 23rd. A total of 133 teams have entered this season's open-age event with the draw for Round One scheduled to be made this weekend. Local interest will be with three clubs, Saddleworth, Saint Anne's and Waterhead, all of whom have entered both competitions.

The Oldham Standard Cup has now reached the semi-final stage, although one quarter-final is still to be resolved with Langworthy Juniors from the North-West Counties area entertaining Waterhead, who are still awaiting their first-ever Standard Cup success. The draw for the last four was to be made on last Friday's 'BARLA Reports' programme on B.B.C. Radio Manchester, while the three teams already in the semi-finals are Saddleworth Rangers, the current holders, Mayfield, last season's Pennine League and Oldham Champions, and Higginshaw, who have won the Standard Cup for a record twelve times.

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