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# John Player Trophy 1981/82

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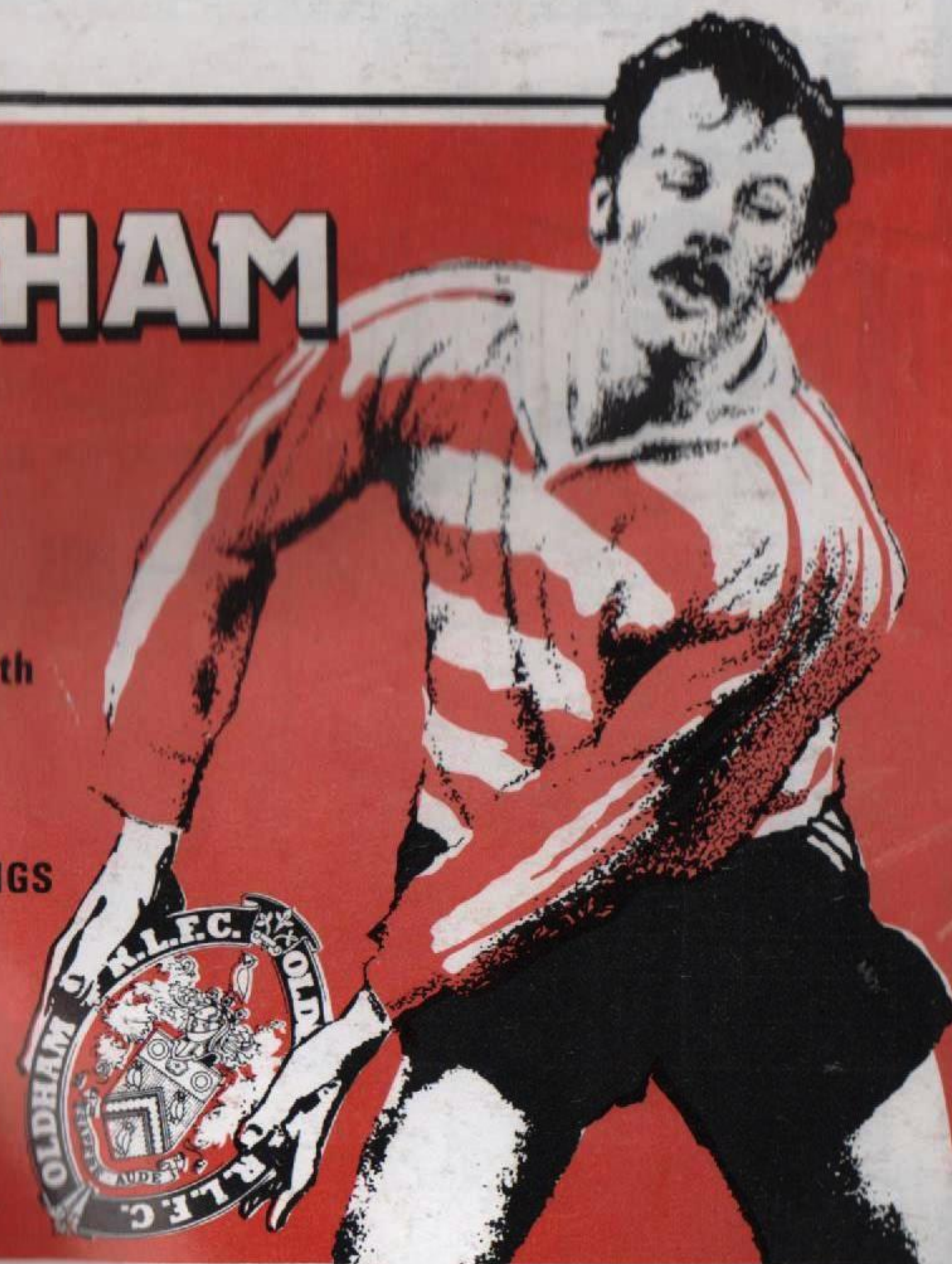
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Record attendance	28,000 v Huddersfield Feb 24th 1912
Record receipts	£9,100 v Wakefield 24th Feb. 1980
Record transfer fee paid	£18,500 to Hunslet for Mick Parrish Sept. 1980
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Record try scorer	Reg Farrar 49 tries 1921/22 season
Record goal scorer	Bernard Ganley 224 goals 1957/58 season
Record point scorer	Bernard Ganley 28 points v Liverpool City April 59
First game	October 21st, 1876 v Stalybridge
Highest number of points scored	Bernard Ganley 2,881
Most appearances	Joe Ferguson 685
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	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 and 1979-80
Colts Premiership Trophy:	1979-80



## WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

A LITTLE bit of Oldham history is made today because this is the first occasion in the 11-year-history of the John Player Trophy that we have reached the quarter-final stage of the competition.

It also means that, for the first time this season, we meet First Division opposition in a competitive match, the only previous occasion being the pre-season friendly with St. Helens in which we triumphed 8-5.

Leeds provide us with what should be a cracking third-round tie and we ought to get our best crowd so far this season despite the disappointment in our going down 7-22 to Carlisle at Watersheddings a week ago.

Carlisle's victory meant that we surrendered our unbeaten home record in the Second Division, but in terms of the promotion race the week-end's situation could have been considerably worse because Salford and Halifax also lost ground with defeats at Keighley and Bramley.

As things stand at present we are still on top of the division with the top-four made up with Workington, Carlisle and Keighley, though some clubs have a game in hand on us.

French referee M. Pierre Bonnefont handled the Carlisle game and it was interesting to compare his style and interpretation with that of English officials.

On the day Carlisle finished comfortable winners with Oldham's only points coming from two goals by Mick Parrish and a try from full back Martin Murphy.

Another tit-bit to the match was the debut of our new hooker signing Alan McCurrie who proved that he will be a good asset to the side when he is really settled in. Though the score might suggest otherwise, there were times in the first-half when we produced some of our best football of the season with the new boy playing a major role.

Next week we return to Second Division football with a visit to Watersheddings from one of our promotion rivals - Halifax.

They are one of only two sides to defeat us so far in the league and we certainly have plenty of reason for wanting revenge against a side that traditionally produces a tip-top game with Oldham.

The Cardiff game, which should have been played today at Ninian Park, has now been re-arranged for Sunday, January 31st.

We originally had a blank date on January 31st while Cardiff were due to play Huyton, a fixture that has been brought forward to today.

It meant that both Cardiff and Oldham were "free" on January 31st so no time was wasted in arranging our outstanding fixture at Ninian Park.

It is a welcome piece of news for the Oldham club because there were at one time fears that we might have to prepare to go to South Wales for an evening fixture towards the end of the season and that would have been no good to anyone.

By coincidence, the new date also means that we will play the Welshmen on successive Sundays because they are down to play here on Sunday, February 7th on the original fixture list.

The Sunday trip to Cardiff also means that we will be going ahead with the original plans to run a train for players and supporters and details will be announced as soon as they are to hand.

Our Colts came unstuck last Saturday when losing 15-28 to Castleford at Watersheddings, but they played some good, determined football to record tries by centre Keith Atkinson, winger Stephen Dobb and winger Stuart Collinge. Atkinson also kicked three goals.

The "A" team lost 14-16 at Wigan "A" on Wednesday night of last week but in view of the scarcity of possession against a Wigan front-row that included veteran hooker Peter Clarke and a prop of the calibre of Eddie Bowman, the Oldham performance had much to commend it.

Indeed, not only did Oldham tackle stoutly throughout the match but they scored four tries to Wigan's three.

Alan Platt kicked one goal and tries were scored by Bob Mordell, John Walls (2) and Derek Seabrook, whose performance earned him a place on the first-team sheet for the Carlisle match.

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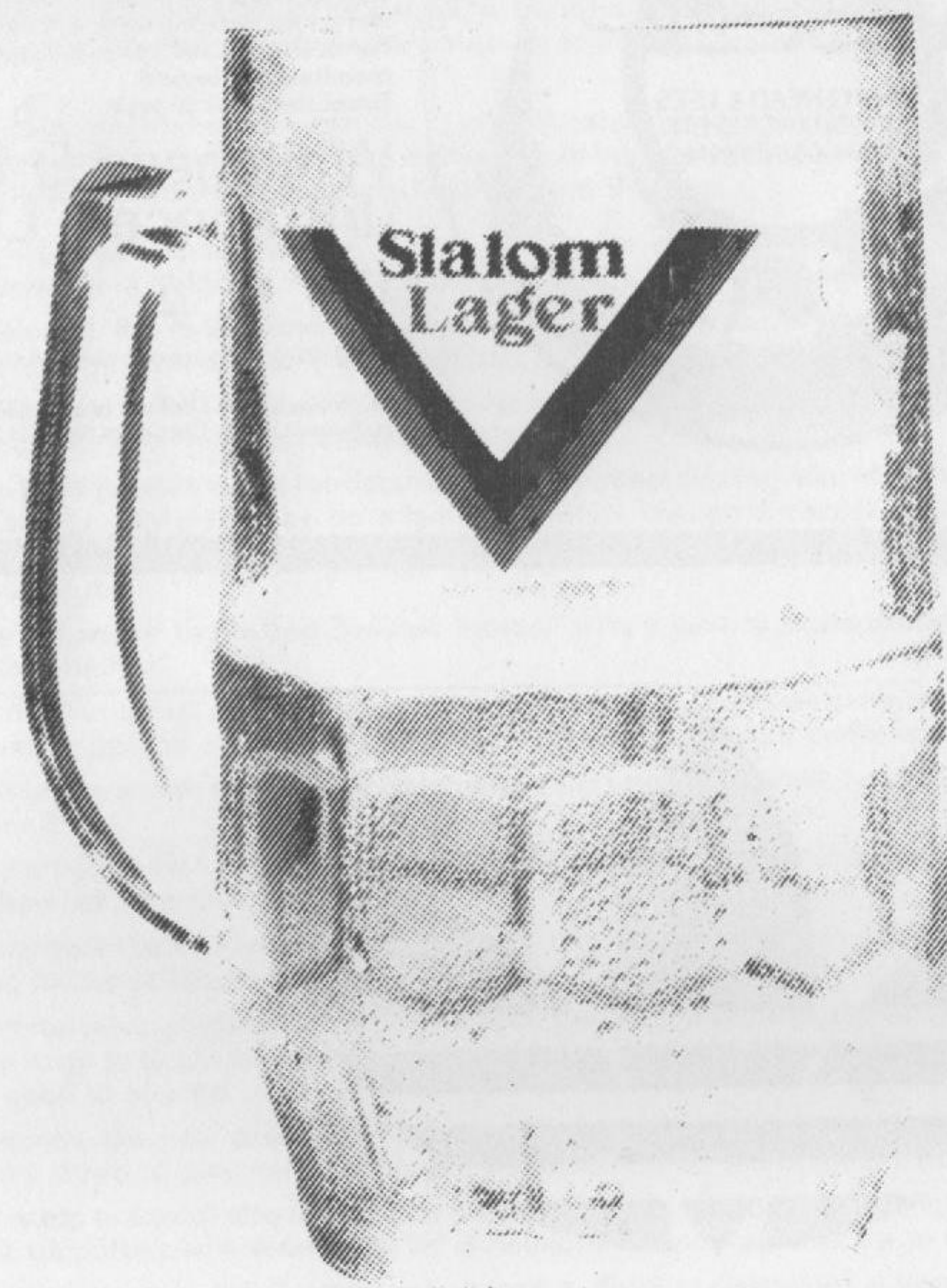
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## PERSONALITY PROFILE

### ALAN TAYLOR

**Age:** 29.

**Born:** Widnes.

**Height:** 5ft. 9½in.

**Weight:** 12 stone, 4 lb.

**Car:** Off the road.

**School:** Bankfield Secondary School.

**College/University:** Liverpool University.

**Previous clubs:** Wigan, Widnes and Swinton.

**Favourite player:** Roger Millward.

**Favourite other team:** Widnes.

**Most difficult opponent:** Steve Nash.

**Most memorable match:** John Player cup-tie, Wigan v Leeds, 1967.

**Biggest disappointment:** Losing Lancashire cup final to Workington whilst at Wigan.

**Best country visited:** France.

**Favourite captain:** Reg Bowden.

**Miscellaneous likes:** Honesty, good food and wine, fast cars.

**Miscellaneous dislikes:** Big-headedness and dishonesty.

**Favourite T.V. shows:** Morecambe and Wise, Weekend World.

**Favourite singer:** Joan Armatrading.

**Favourite actor/actress:** Clint Eastwood, Suzanna York.

**Favourite film:** "One Over the Cuckoo's Nest".

**Favourite comedian:** Tommy Cooper.

**Favourite L.P.:** "Catch Bull at Four" — Cat Stevens.



**Favourite single:** "Love and Affection" — Joan Armatrading.

**Favourite group:** The Beatles.

**Favourite food:** Greek food.

**Best friend:** Colleen (girlfriend).

**Biggest influence on career:** Mike Ryans (Widnes Rugby Union) and Peter Smethurst.

**Biggest drag in rugby:** Injuries and losing.

**International debut:** None.

**Personal ambition:** To run a marathon, to climb Mont Blanc, to try hang gliding.

**Rugby ambition:** Promotion to First Division with Oldham; to play at Wembley.

**Who would I most like to meet:** The man who invented the wheel (the greatest invention of all time).



## TODAY'S VISITORS

### WELCOME TO LEEDS

LEEDS, today's visitors to Watersheddings are the first First Division side to come here this season in competitive football and they cross the Pennines after a run of four games without defeat prior to their game at Hull last week-end.

The Headingley lads, under a new coach this season in Robin Dewhurst, did not make the best of starts in the league but they pulled off a shock first-round Yorkshire Cup win at Hull before going out to Bradford Northern in round two.

In the Player's Trophy they have knocked out Wigan 19-10 and Warrington 13-8, both at home, so they will be going into today's tie full of confidence.

The two Player's wins, plus victory against Wakefield and a home draw against Fulham in the First Division, gave them their four-match unbeaten spell before last week-end.

At that stage Leeds were in mid-table with three wins, one draw and five defeats from their nine games.

A new name on the Headingley first-team scene this season is that of full back Tony Binder, who has come through the "A" team to make the senior No. 1 job his own after two or three seasons in the reserves.

Alan Smith, David Smith, John Atkinson, Mark Massa and Terry Naylor have shared the wing duties but Atkinson will not be in the running today because of a shoulder injury.

Neil Hague and Les Dyl, who represented England against Wales in Cardiff last Sunday, will probably be in the centre with John Holmes and Kevin Dick operating at half-back.

Andy MacIntosh, the club's talented young stand-off, is recovering from a knee injury and will not be playing today.

In the forwards Mick Harrison, Roy Dickinson and Steve Pitchford are rivals for the prop positions while the No. 9 job goes to David Ward, who captained England at Ninian Park last week-end.

Keigh Rayne and Graham Eccles have been operating in the second-row with David Heron at loose-forward though other contenders for the back-row include Heron's brother, Wayne, and Joe Carroll.

Carroll, substitute forward against Warrington in the last round, made the tie safe for Leeds by setting up the try that sealed it.

Prior to last week-end, Leeds had not lost since suffering a 12-5 defeat at Leigh on October 7th and that is a measure of the task that confronts Oldham today.

What's more, Leeds won a first-round tie here 31-7 two years ago, so Oldham certainly have reason for wanting to extract some revenge.

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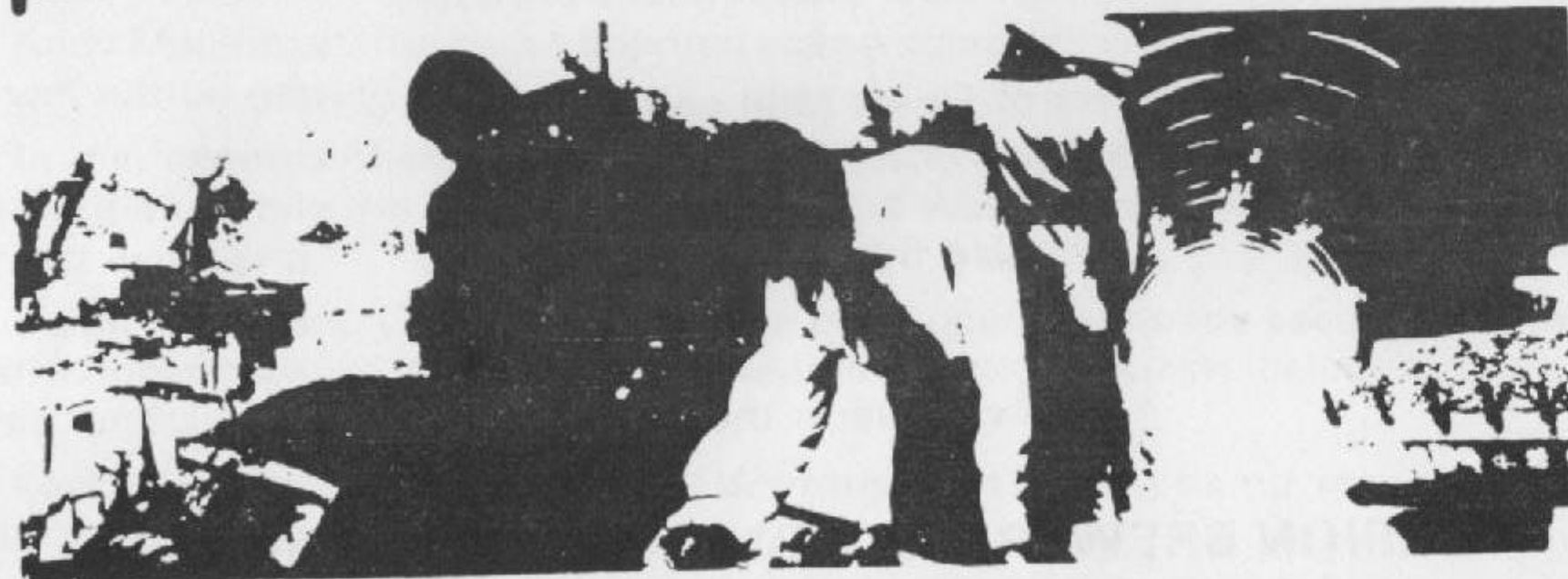
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## DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

with Franny Ward at Watersheddings

A VERY WARM WELCOME to all the visiting supporters from just over the Pennines.

Congratulations to Miss Sharon Urey who won the Rugby Queen Competition last Saturday night, Sharon is going to be extremely busy during the next twelve months helping out with all of the promotions involving both the club and the lottery.



Franny Ward and Alice Collinge welcome Sharon Urey at half-time at the Carlisle game last Sunday.

### Agents' Night

Will all Lottery Agents who have not already done so give in their names for the Agents' Christmas Night on December 4th. Will they please hand in names and addresses as soon as possible to the Lottery Office or Main Agent.

### New Lottery Ticket

On sale today our brand new 20p Lottery Ticket. It is the best value for money ticket in the area, so why not buy one today at half-time or in the various bars after today's game.

### Agents required

The Lottery is the club's main source of income and to keep the Lottery making a very good profit for the club we require new agents who can sell 20 tickets or more each week to contact the Development Offices as soon as possible.

### O.R.L.F.C. Roadshow

Many thanks to everybody who turned up to the Owd Tatts (late Commercial Hotel, Washbrook, Chadderton) for the first of many quiz nights to be held at various pubs and clubs in the town, the next one will be held in early December at the Westwood C.C. Special thanks to the players and rugby girls for giving up their time and making the night a great success.

## SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

President: Mr. D. Blackburn  
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Vice-chairman: Miss A. Collinge  
Treasurer: Mrs. A. Doleman  
Secretary: T. Heywood.

Committee: Mrs. H. Heywood, Mrs. J. Pilkington, Mr. I. Pilkington, Mrs. L. Wolstencroft, Mrs. E. Crowther, Mr. C. Clarke, Mr. S. Chadderton, Mrs. L. Chadderton, Mr. B. Doleman.

Anyone wishing to become a member of the Supporters' Club should contact any of the above named persons. Membership only £1 which includes a fabulous Supporters' Club diary.

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### Christmas Eve Dance Tickets

Christmas Eve Dance Tickets are available from any Supporter or Social Club committee members. Limited supply only. Adults £2.50; Children £1.50.

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### Jewellery and Leather Goods Sale

On Tuesday, December 1st, at 8 p.m. we are holding a Jewellery and Leather Goods Sale. Come and buy your Christmas presents. Admission free.

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### Membership

Membership for 1981/82 season now due. Still only £1 including diary.

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### Challenge Cup Final

A few seat tickets for the Challenge Cup Final 1982 are available. Enquire today at the Canteens.

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### Christmas Draw

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# ACTION FROM THE CARLISLE GAME

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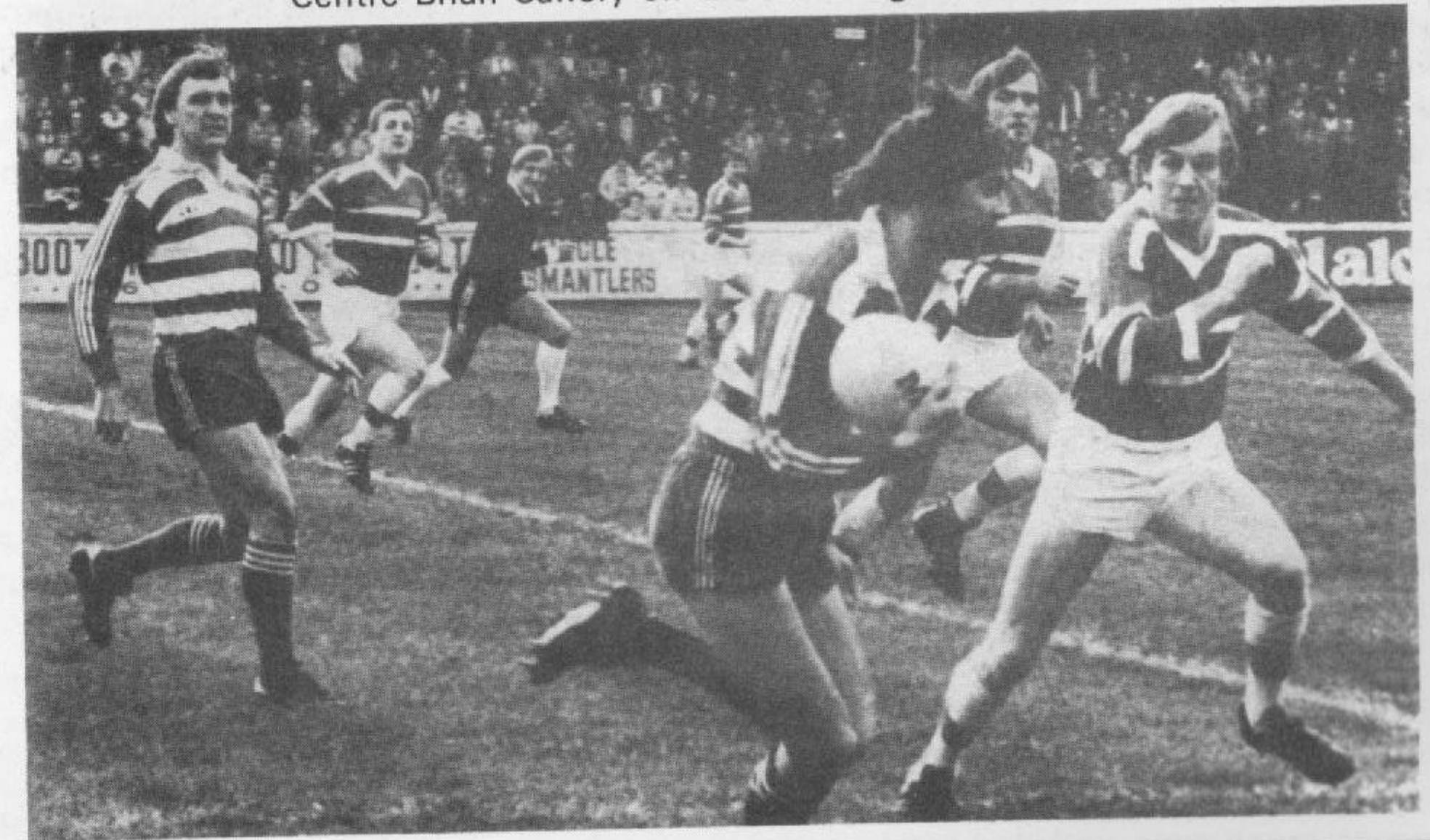
No way through for Alan Taylor as he falls to a tackle by Carlisle winger Wally Youngman.

Alan McCurrie in action on his Oldham debut against Carlisle.



French referee Pierre Bonnefont awards Martin Murphy's slide-over try against Carlisle.

Centre Brian Caffery on the break against Carlisle.





## GREAT LOSS

by Brian Batty

RUGBY LEAGUE has suddenly been robbed of two highly respected figures by the deaths of Sumner Baxendale and Jack Woodward.

These two men made a great impact on the game in their respective roles on the same side of the Pennines yet were well known in both Yorkshire and Cumbria.

Sumner Baxendale spread his wings that bit further in that while a long serving Wigan director he took on the important role of League chairman.

He filled so many different positions on committees during his distinguished service as a Council member that it is difficult to keep track of his varied work.

He thrived on involvement in the code was a popular and almost permanent figure on the trips to France with different international sides.

There is no question though that his greatest moment was, during his time as chairman, to tour Australia and New Zealand in 1979. The warmth of his personality, receptive manner and interest in the game and its products earned him friends in many corners of the world.

Jack Woodward's travels were perhaps a great deal more limited in his role of Widnes chairman, which he took on in 1975, but he was a powerful and proud figure behind the club's domination of the trophy winning scene.

When Jack Woodward welcomed you to Naughton Park as he did so warmly then it was with a handshake that left you in no doubt that he meant it and that you were in the grip of a former forward.

Jack Woodward possessed a single minded approach in his dedicated and determined aim to see Widnes remain on top and he was never afraid to speak his mind.

You had to admire his enthusiasm and I am sure he would look back on his finest moments with the club when he led them out at Wembley along the road to repeated Cup triumphs.

A second or front row forward he played 67 first team games for Widnes in a career hampered by a shoulder injury. He gained a reputation as the game's longest kicker when he came to touch finding.

He could carry the length of the pitch with his kicking and played alongside the club's acting chairman Jack Hayes who says: "Jack was a grand forward and a fine chairman. He is going to be greatly missed for his wonderful efforts."

There is no doubt that the game is going to be poorer for the loss of two men who gave so much time and dedication to improving it.

## A SHORT HISTORY OF LEEDS

by Tom Webb

AN advertisement in the "Leeds Mercury" in 1864 read, "FOOTBALL – Wanted number of persons to form a football club for play on Woodhouse Moor for a few days a week for 7 to 8 a.m." H. I. Jenkinson was the inserter of the advertisement and he was assisted in his efforts to form a club by J. G. Hudson and W. Dickinson.

The players used to start their football practices at 6.30 in the morning and members who were late were fined six pence. They had broomsticks with cotton flags for goal posts and they experimented with all sizes of balls up to one fourteen inches in diameter. Out of this club sprung the Leeds Athletic Club, which had a hand in the inauguration of the Yorkshire R.U. Challenge Cup.

However the present Leeds club which was formed in 1890-91 took as its football section the old Leeds St. John's club. This club had been formed in 1870 and played in amber and blue. The club's first ground was on the "cinders" of the Militia Barracks and later on the celebrated Cardigan Fields.

Like Wakefield Trinity the club was for a time confined to church members but membership was widened in due course. The club reached the final of the Yorkshire Cup in 1887 but lost to Wakefield Trinity. A year later a group of Leeds sportsmen and some of the leading citizens thought that the time was ripe for the formation of a superior organisation.

These gentlemen bought lot 17a, or part of it, when the Cardigan Estates were sold.

This Lot 17A is one of the finest enclosures in the land, comprising the cricket and rugby grounds at Headingley. The ground was not ready at the start of the 1890-91 season and Leeds played its first home game at Cardigan Fields and its second and most important one at Headingley on September 20th, 1890. The club colours on that historic occasion were terra cotta and green. Tommy Summersgill scored the first try at Headingley.

In 1895-96 the club joined the Northern Union but fared rather badly compared with later years. Not included in the original First Division of the Northern Rugby League the club had to fight its way up from the Second Division.

In recent years the Leeds club has been the dominant one in Yorkshire and at times has towered over the rest of the clubs in the Rugby League, having won the league championship on three occasions. In seven other seasons the club has lost in the final. Five times the League Leaders Trophy has been won. Leeds won the former Yorkshire League championship 15 times and has triumphed in the Yorkshire Cup 16 times. The Challenge Cup has been won 10 times, the League Premiership twice and the B.B.C. and John Player trophies once each.

Dipping at random in the records, some of the greatest players have included George Mosley, Cliff Evans, Gordon Brown, Eric Harris, Fred Harris, Joe Thompson, H. E. Cook, F. Webster, Dinny Campbell, Vic Hey, Drew Turnbull, Joe Brittain, Stanley Smith, and for a short spell the legendary Harry Varley of Oldham. Our own Joe Warham is now a leading official at Leeds, along with Harry Jepson, Bill Carter and one or two other celebrities.



## FLASHBACK

by courtesy of Tom Webb

How many of our supporters remember the corresponding day 5, 10, 15 years ago.

### FIVE YEARS AGO

BARROW 16, OLDHAM 23 (First Division)

BARROW: T. Thompson (try); Clegg, Knight, Nicholson, Fawkes; Mason, Dean (dropped goal); Hogan, E. Thompson, Flynn, Kavanagh, Clough (try), Secker (3 goals, 1 try). McConnell and Hughes for Nicholson and Kavanagh.

OLDHAM: Murphy; Elliott (try), Munro, Barton, Lund (try); Patterson (try), McCone (try); Ramshaw, Clarke, Ian Taylor, Welding, Pollard (4 goals), Reynolds (try). Jackson for Munro. Referee: W. H. Thompson. Attendance: 2,562.

### TEN YEARS AGO

WHITEHAVEN 5, OLDHAM 0 (John Player Trophy)

WHITEHAVEN: Donnelly (goal); Morris, Powe, Gracey, Gallagher (try); Cassie, Maddison; McLean, McCracken, Wilson, Cottier, Gainford, Martin. Hunter for Wilson.

OLDHAM: Murphy; Hodgkinson, Larder, Collins, Wilde; Kellett, Sayer; Wilson, K. Taylor, Walker, Reynolds, Alphin, Clark. Blair and Munro for Hodgkinson and Alphin.

Referee: K. Allatt. Attendance: 1,400.

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

WARRINGTON 21, OLDHAM 17

WARRINGTON: Affleck (6 goals); Large, Melling, Pickavance (try), Glover; Aspinall (try), Gordon; Brindle, Harrison, Brady, Winslade, Parr, Clark (try). Ashcroft for Clark.

OLDHAM: Curry (4 goals); Dolly, McLeod, Donovan, Simms; Warburton (try), Canning; Bott, K. Taylor (try), Fletcher (try), Wilson, Irving, Mooney.

Referee: J. P. Hebblethwaite. Attendance: 5,017.

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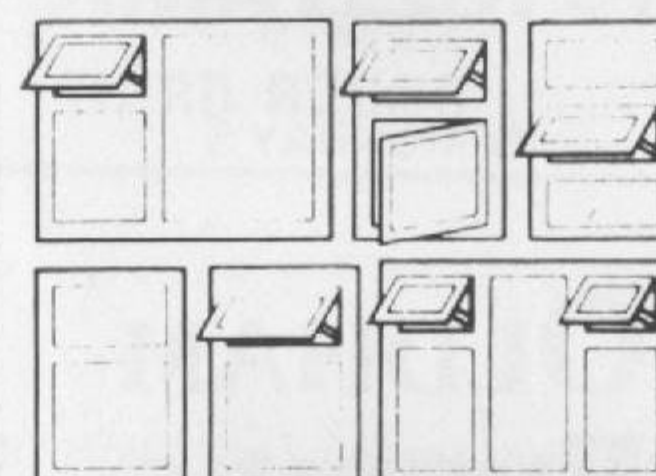
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## NEW SIGNING

A warm welcome to our recent signing Brian Hogan, the former Widnes and Great Britain forward. Brian's transfer deal was completed earlier this week and we would take this opportunity of wishing him a happy and successful time here at Oldham.

## JOHN PLAYER AMATEUR SEVENS TROPHY THIRD ROUND

WEST HULL v YEWTREE (Leeds)

West Hull, the current holders of the John Player Amateur Sevens Trophy visit Watersheddings for the second time in this season's event with a converted try in the last seconds having gained them a 10-8 success against Wigan St. Patricks in the previous round. Prior to that victory West Hull had defeated Hanging Heaton (Dewsbury), and now face a Yewtree outfit who have so far shown impressive form against Sheffield University and Leigh Miners.

The amateur game kicks off at 2-30 p.m., that is 30 minutes before the senior match, with the winner progressing into the semi-finals. Should the teams be level after 15 minutes play, extra time shall take place with the first team to score being the winners.

Local referee Stephen Bithell is in charge of the match, with Harry Fitton and Ronnie Walton as touch judges.

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## LET'S START TO FINISH RUGBY LEAGUE'S CIVIL WAR

by Alan Burke,  
Public Relations Officer, Oldham Amateur Rugby League

FOR many years prior to the formation of the British Amateur Rugby League Association in 1973, and also in the early years of the association history the amateur code had included several teams whose players although genuine amateurs were able to gain the benefit of professional club assistance.

These sides which operated at open-age level as well as in the youth leagues were used as "feeder" teams for the professional clubs, and were accepted wholeheartedly into the amateur game. At the formation of BARLA only a hand full of such teams existed, and although they had never previously been in the limelight, as soon as these sides began to win the major BARLA honours, other professional sides decided to follow the example, and amateur teams began their complaints about the assistance being given by senior clubs.

Naturally, the amateur leagues did not wish to receive an influx of such teams who would then take all the top honours, and the BARLA honours list for its early years certainly showed that this could be a possibility. The national youth cup was twice won by these teams, the youth 7-a-side championships were taken on three consecutive occasions, while in Yorkshire where almost every professionally organised amateur team existed, the county Under-19's cup went to these sides five years in succession with two finals being totally "professional".

The main complaints from their fellow amateurs was that such teams were training throughout the week at the senior club, while the players were taking part in Rugby Football League's Colts League on Saturday afternoon, with the entire side also appearing the following day in the amateur code. Unfortunately, in attempting to prevent the amateur leagues from being overrun by the progress of these sides, BARLA have possibly now become too stern on restrictions on youth players, with a ban now being placed on any youth who plays one game — even as an amateur — for a professional club's Colts or Youth team.

It is wrong for professional clubs to organise a Youth team to play in the local amateur league with R.F.L. Colts and Under-17 leagues now giving these sides an outside chance to oppose each other, while it is equally wrong for BARLA to prevent genuine amateur players from appearing in their events purely because they have tried to enhance their career.

One BARLA rule which has the backing of everyone is that no professional players be allowed to play in the amateur youth leagues, thus encouraging more youngsters to attempt the game and thus causing the present dispute between the R.F.L. and BARLA to be concerning genuine amateur players. It is perfectly understandable that professional clubs wish to attract the top youngsters as soon as possible, thus forming the foundation of their own youth teams, while BARLA's policy to protect their own sides can also be understood. However, it is surely of more benefit to the game itself if the youngsters were able to play Rugby League Football twice in a weekend instead of the present situation where many apply their talents to other sports on the day when they are banned from the 13-a-side code.

To allow this to occur the R.F.L. Colts and Youth leagues should naturally operate on Saturdays with the BARLA Youth games taking place the following day, and with the amateur organisation allowing all genuine players to appear. However, to prevent the previous situation where an entire team of amateurs could play together on both days BARLA could simply introduce a ruling where an amateur side could only field a total of three amateur players who are also on the books of a senior club. Thus no single team would be gaining the benefit of these more experienced players, who themselves could pass on their knowledge to their fellow amateurs.

The question of representative honours could also be easily overcome by BARLA having the pick of all the youngsters who are registered with any amateur team, and with the R.F.L. choosing the county and international sides from professional players or any amateurs who do not also appear in the local leagues. Although such solutions might not solve all the current problems, it could at least go part of the way to healing the split which, if it remains open, will eventually only bring harm to the entire game of rugby league football.

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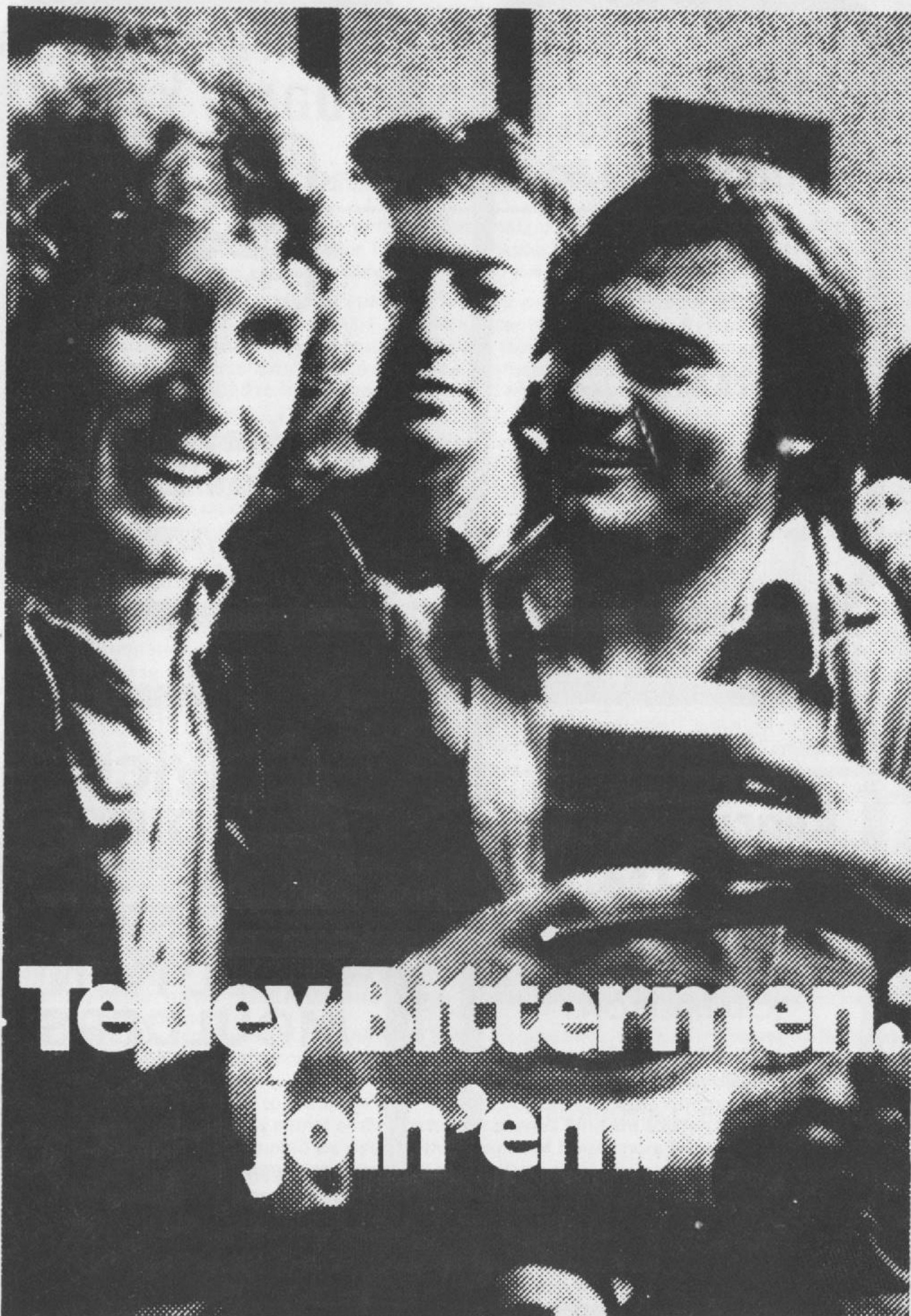
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Aug Rochdale (Law Cup)	A 31-15	800	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19								
Aug St. Helen's (Friendly)	H 12-8	1,652	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	14	10	12	16	13						9	15	17	18					
Aug Salford (Lancs Cup)	H 7-17	2,915	1	5	3	4	2	6	7	8	9	10	15		13							14	11	12					
Aug 30 Hunslet	H 24-16	2,007	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		15	13							14	11	12					
Sept 6 Blackpool	A 16-6	1,900		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		15	13														
Sept 13 Dewsbury	H 19-5	1,965		2		4	5	6	7		9	10			13														
Sept 20 Huddersfield 3.30 pm	A 37-4	1,935	2	14	4	5	6	7	8	9	10																		
Sept 23 Swinton 7.30 pm	H 10-7	2,142	2	14	4	5	6	7	8	9	10																		
Sept 27 Doncaster	H 38-10	1,806			5	4	2	6	7	8	9	10			13														
Oct 4 Halifax	A 9-15	4,598	1			4	5	6	7	14	9	10		15	13														
Oct 11 Keighley	H 21-12	2,243	1			4	5		7	8	9	10	15		13														
Oct 18 Doncaster JPT(1)	H 21-7	1,894	1			4	5	14	7	8	9	10			13														
Oct 25 Dewsbury 3.30 pm	A 17-12	1,329	1	14	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			12	13														
Nov 1 Huddersfield JPT(2)	H 13-0	2,284	1			4	5	6	7	8				15	13														
Nov 8 Carlisle	H 7-22	2,554	1			4	3	14	7	8				15	13														
Nov 15 Cardiff City	A																												
Nov 22 Halifax	H																												
Nov 29 Hunslet 2.30 pm	A																												
Dec 6 Huyton	H																												
Dec 13 Doncaster 2.30 pm	A																												
Dec 20 Workington Town	H																												
Dec 26 Rochdale Hornets	A																												
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Jan 3 Salford	A																												
Jan 10 Batley	H																												
Jan 17 Bramley	A																												
Jan 24 Huddersfield	H																												
Feb 7 Cardiff City	H																												
Feb 14 State Express Challenge Cup (1)	H																												
Feb 21 Keighley 3.15 p.m.	A																												
Feb 28 State Express Challenge Cup (2)	A																												
Mar 7 Workington Town	A																												
Mar 14 Bramley	H																												
Mar 21 Batley	A																												
Mar 28 Blackpool Borough	H																												
Apr 4 Swinton	A																												
Apr 9 Rochdale Hornets	H																												
Apr 12 Salford	H																												
Apr 18 Huyton	A																												
Apr 25 Carlisle	A																												



## COLTS AND "A" TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS

### COLTS LEAGUE

H	Aug. 29 Sat.	Hull KR	3.00pm	Post
A	Sept. 2 Wed.	Halifax		Post
H	Sept. 5 Sat.	Leeds	3.00pm	17-38
A	Sept. 12 Sat.	Wakefield T.	3.00pm	29-21
H	Sept. 19 Sat.	York	3.00pm	27-0
A	Sept. 26th Sat.	Bramley	3.00pm	4-4
H	Oct. 3 Sat.	Barrow	3.00pm	42-14
A	Oct. 10 Sat.	Hull KR	3.00pm	15-29
H	Oct. 17 Sat.	Leigh	3.00pm	33-12
A	Oct. 24 Sat.	Hunslet	3.00pm	16-7
H	Oct. 31 Sat.	St. Helens	3.00pm	14-12
A	Nov. 7 Sat.	Castleford	3.00pm	15-23
H	Nov. 14 Sat.	Bradford N.	2.30pm	
H	Nov. 21 Sat.	Featherstone	2.30pm	
A	Nov. 28 Sat.	Salford	2.30pm	
H	Dec. 5 Sat.	Bradford N.	2.30pm	
A	Dec. 12 Sat.	Hunslet	2.30pm	
H	Dec. 19 Sat.	Salford	2.30pm	
A	Jan. 2 Sat.	Featherstone R.	2.30pm	
H	Jan. 9 Sat.	Bramley	2.30pm	
A	Jan. 16 Sat.	Leigh	2.30pm	
H	Jan. 23 Sat.	Hull	3.00pm	
A	Jan. 30 Sat.	Leeds	3.00pm	
H	Feb. 6 Sat.	Wakefield T.	3.00pm	
A	Feb. 13 Sat.	Colts Challenge Cup		
H	Feb. 20 Sat.	St. Helens	3.00pm	
A	Feb. 27 Sat.	Colts Challenge Cup		
H	Mar. 6 Sat.	York	3.00pm	
A	Mar. 13 Sat.	Castleford	3.00pm	
H	Mar. 20 Sat.	Halifax	3.00pm	
A	Mar. 27 Sat.	Barrow	3.00pm	
A	Apr. 10 Sat.	Hull	3.00pm	

### "A" TEAM

H	Aug. 6 Thurs	Wigan	7.30pm	17-11
H	Aug. 13 Thurs.	Oldham A.	7.30pm	0-4
A	Aug. 20 Thurs.	Swinton	7.30pm	15-25
H	Aug. 29 Sat.	Workington	3.00pm	43-16
A	Sept. 3 Thurs	Blackpool	7.30pm	24-9
H	Sept. 19 Sat.	Barrow	2.30pm	6-24
H	Sept. 24 Thurs	Warrington	7.30pm	16-8
A	Oct. 3 Sat.	Whitehaven	3.00pm	22-10
A	Oct. 9 Fri.	Rochdale H.	7.30pm	14-8
A	Oct. 24 Sat.	Lancs. Shield	2.30pm	5-11
A	Oct. 29 Thurs.	Leigh	7.30pm	20-9
A	Nov. 4 Wed.	Wigan	7.30pm	16-14
A	Nov. 13 Fri.	Widnes	7.30pm	
A	Nov. 18 Wed.	Salford	7.30pm	
H	Nov. 26 Thurs	St. Helens	7.30pm	
H	Dec. 3 Thurs.	Widnes	7.30pm	
A	Dec. 19 Sat.	Workington	2.30pm	
A	Jan. 8 Fri.	Warrington	7.30pm	
H	Jan. 14 Thurs	Swinton	7.30pm	
A	Jan. 23 Sat.	St. Helens	7.30pm	
H	Feb. 13 Sat.	Barrow	3.00pm	
H	Feb. 18 Thurs.	Salford	7.30pm	
A	Feb. 27 Sat.	Whitehaven	3.00pm	
H	Mar. 4 Thurs.	Leigh	7.30pm	
H	Mar. 13 Sat.	Rochdale H.	7.30pm	
A	Mar. 27 Sat.	Blackpool	3.00pm	

## LEAGUE TABLE AND FIRST TEAM SCORERS

### RUGBY LEAGUE - Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Oldham	10	8	0	2	198	109	16
Workington	10	7	0	3	225	76	14
Carlisle	10	7	0	3	173	70	14
Keighley	10	7	0	3	152	115	14
Salford	10	6	0	4	218	110	12
Halifax	9	6	0	3	137	116	12
Swinton	9	5	0	4	127	95	10
Cardiff	8	5	0	3	155	149	10
Hunslet	10	5	0	5	169	184	10
Huddersfield	10	5	0	5	111	141	10
Bramley	12	5	0	7	136	185	10
Rochdale	9	4	0	5	81	114	8
Blackpool	11	4	0	7	95	133	8
Batley	9	3	0	6	95	135	6
Dewsbury	10	3	0	7	75	167	6
Doncaster	10	2	0	8	113	247	4
Huyton	8	0	0	8	47	161	0

Up to and including Sunday, November 8th

### SCORERS

v. Rochdale	Platt 4g, Ashton 1g, Platt 1T, O.Mahoney 1T, T. Kirwan 1T, Caffrey 1T, Parrish 1T, Ward 2T
v. St. Helens	Ashton 1dg, Platt 1g, Caffrey 1T, Ward 1T, Ashton 1T.
v Salford	Parrish 2g, Caffrey 1T.
v. Hunslet	Parrish 6g, Kirwan 1T, Ward 1T, Hunter 1T, Nicholson 1T.
v Blackpool	Parrish 5g, Hunter 1T, Worrall 1T.
v Dewsbury	Parrish 5g, McEwen 1T, Ashton 1T, Owen 1T.
v Huddersfield	Parrish 8g, Ashton 3T, Taylor 1T, Ward 1T, Worrall 1T, Kirwan 1T.
v Swinton	Parrish 3g, Ashton 1dg, Kirwan 1 T.
v. Doncaster	Parrish 7g 1T, Taylor 1T, Caffrey 1T, Ashton 1T, Kirwan 3T, Herbert 1T.
v Halifax	Parrish 3g, Flanagan 1T.
v Keighley	Parrish 3g, Goodway 1T, Flanagan 1T, Nicholson 1T, Murphy 1T, McEwen 1T.
v Doncaster	Parrish 3g, Parrish 2T, Taylor 1T, Alexander 2T.
v Dewsbury	Parrish 4g, Platt 1T, Kirwan 1T, Flanagan 1T
v Huddersfield	Parrish 2g, Caffery 1T, Goodway 1T, Nicholson 1T
v Carlisle	Parrish 2g, Murphy 1T.

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