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Record Victory	67-6 against Liverpool City April 59
Record defeat	11-67 by Hull K.R. Sept. 78
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
Record transfer fee received	£11,002 10s. from Workington for Ike Southward Jan. 62
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
Most tries	Pre 1900 Jack Hirst 233. Since 1900 Alan Davies 182

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Rugby League Championship Play-off winners:	1909-10, 1910-11 and 1956-57
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First Division Champions:	1904-05
Second Division Champions:	1963-64
Rugby League Challenge Cup winners:	1898-99, 1924-25, 1926-27
Runners-up:	1906-07, 1911-12, 1923-24 and 1925-26
Lancashire Cup winners:	1907-08, 1910-11, 1913-14, 1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-34
	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

CONGRATULATIONS are in order to all concerned for the terrific display our team produced to beat Leeds last Sunday and thus establish us in the semi-finals of the John Player Trophy. It was a memorable match which we won 14-5 with tries by Terry Flanagan and Dave Nicholson and four goals from Mick Parrish.

The breakfast-time semi-final draw last Monday paired us with Hull and another Second Division side, Swinton, with Hull K.R. Both semi-finals will take place at Headingley. The Oldham tie is the first semi-final and will take place on Saturday, kick-off 2.15.

Tickets for the tie are priced at £3 for centre stand and £2.50 for wing stands. Turnstile admission will be £1.50 with a charge of £1 for pensioners and boys.

If everything has gone according to plan these tickets will be on sale at Watersheddings today and we would appeal to all fans who are planning on buying seats to do so as quickly as possible.

Hull will have a vast following at Headingley and the Oldham players, more than anyone, will appreciate as much vocal support as possible in our first major semi-final since 1964.

The players were delighted with the support given to them against Leeds and it will be a great boost to their hopes and aspirations if as many fans as possible travel to Headingley on Saturday. Don't be a fireside fan on this special occasion - go along and give the players a cheer!

The Oldham club followed up the capture of hooker Alan McCurrie from Wakefield by clinching the signing last week of Widnes prop Brian Hogan.

It is not our policy to reveal the size of transfer fees, but suffice to say that the committee is well pleased with the deal and they believe that in Brian Hogan they have acquired the services of one of the best and most experienced front-row forwards in Rugby League.

It is no secret that our coach Frank Myler is of the opinion that our young forwards need some experience around them and the committee hope that Brian Hogan and Alan McCurrie will help to provide it.

Brian is a prop of vast experience, having played twice for Widnes and twice for Wigan after starting at St. Helens and also representing Workington Town and Bradford Northern. He is an international, having represented England several times, and has played in most of the major domestic semi-finals and finals, including a couple of appearances at Wembley.

We wish Brian an enjoyable stay at Watersheddings and hope that he will help us not only to win promotion to the First Division but also help us to stay there.

That, really, is the object of the exercise as the club rings the changes to try and build a side capable of holding its own in the top flight next season, always providing, of course, that we qualify.

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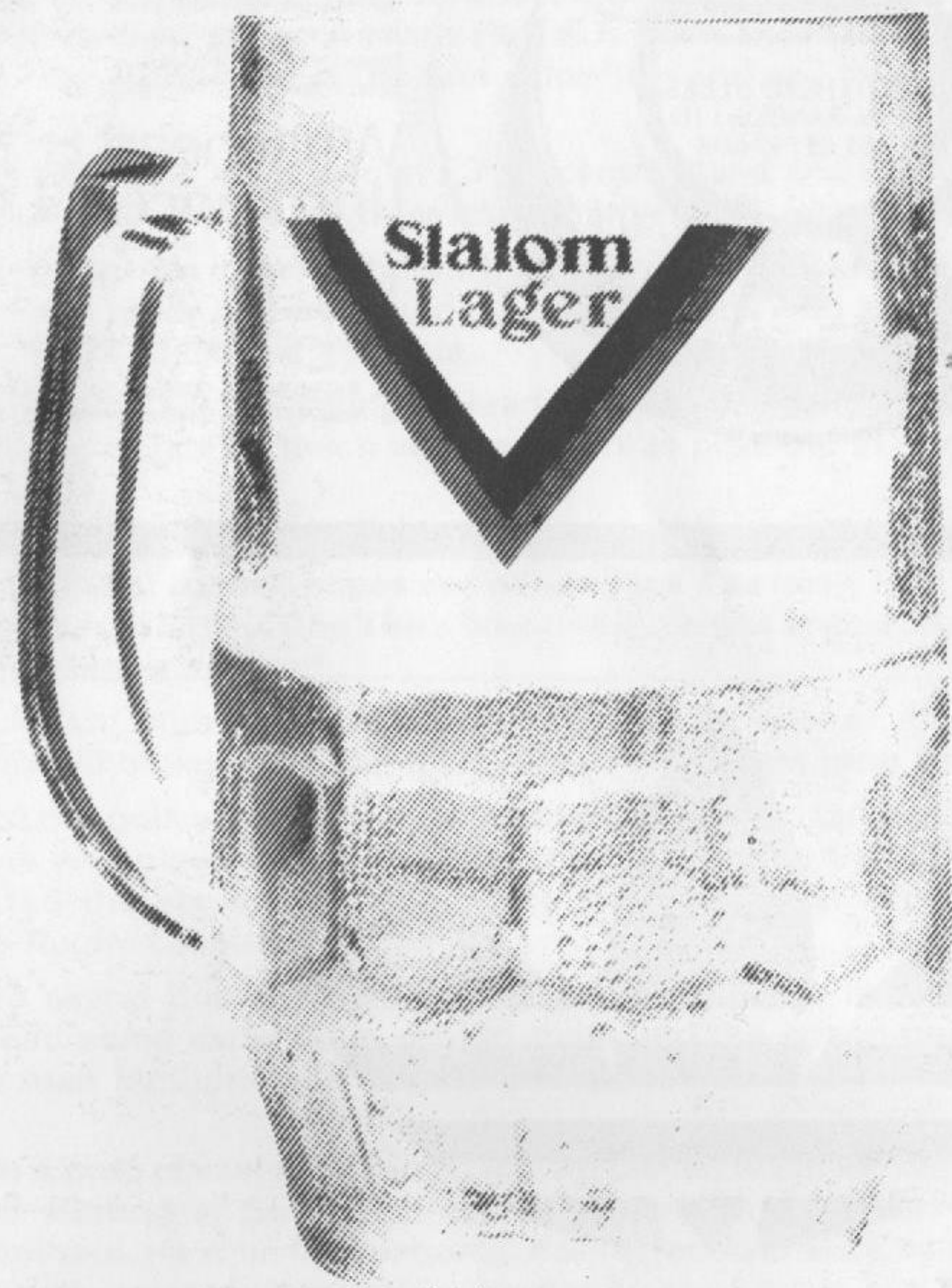


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PERSONALITY PROFILE

BOB MORDELL

Age: Over 21.

Born: Isleworth, Middlesex.

Height: 6ft 2in.

Weight: 15 stone.

Car: Ford Escort.

School: Thames Valley Grammar School, Twickenham, Middlesex.

College/University: Borough Road Teacher Training College.

Previous clubs: Wasps R.U.F.C., Rosslyn Park R.U.F.C.

Favourite players: Steve Hartley, Andy Ripley, Steve Fenwick.

Favourite other teams: Rosslyn Park, the Oldham Selection Committee.

Most difficult opponent: Peter Dixon, Terry Cobner.

Most memorable match: England v Wales (Rugby Union) 1978.

Biggest disappointment: Losing in John Player Cup Final 1976. Rosslyn Park v Gosforth.

Best country visited: South Africa.

Favourite captain: Philip D'Arcy Keith-Roach (Rosslyn Park).

Miscellaneous likes: Being late for work, rugby tours abroad.

Miscellaneous dislikes: Tea on its own. Sergeant Bilko.

Favourite T.V. shows: Soap, Different Strokes, Mork and Mindy.

Favourite singer: Diana Ross.

Favourite actor/actress: Charles Bronson, Diana Ross.

Favourite film: Lady Sings the Blues, Airplane, Stripes.

Favourite comedians: Stanley Baxter, Russ Abbott.



Favourite L.P.: "Parallel Lines" — Blondie.

Favourite single: "I Can't Help Myself" — Four Tops.

Favourite group: Madness.

Favourite food: McDonalds Quarter Pounder with Chips, and Strawberry Milk Shake.

Best friend: My dad.

Biggest influence on career: Leighton Williams (former coach at Wasps R.U.F.C.).

Biggest drag in rugby: Playing 'A' team rugby.

International debut: England v Wales, 1978.

Personal ambition: To be a millionaire by the time I'm 30.

Rugby ambition: To play regular first team rugby.

Who I would most like to meet: Mohammed Ali.

TODAY'S VISITORS

HALIFAX AGAIN

TODAY's game against Halifax at Watersheddings should not only be one of the best Second Division matches of the season but it will give us a chance to revenge for the beating we took at Thrum Hall a few weeks ago – the first of only two defeats we have suffered in the league.

Things have not gone too well for Halifax since they beat us at Thrum Hall and then, seven days later, travelled down to South Wales and pulled off a memorable 31-21 win against Cardiff at Ninian Park.

Mick Blacker and Co had every reason to be well satisfied at those two results but they were to be the forerunner of a surprising mini-slump which saw Halifax lose three successive games – two of them in the Second Division.

Goalkicking centre Malcolm Agar broke his thumb at Cardiff and his loss seemed to upset things in the Halifax camp.

Humberside giants Hull turned on a magnificent display of pace and power to win a first-round John Player Trophy tie quite comfortably at Thrum Hall and in the next match, against Swinton, Halifax were made to pay dearly for missed chances early on and again slipped to defeat against the Second Division's "form" side.

So to a trip to Bramley a fortnight ago – and yet another set-back for a side that one might have expected to be in with a big shout for the Second Division title.

The month of November is certainly a crucial one for Halifax. Last Sunday they were at home to more promotion rivals in Workington and today they come to Watersheddings, no doubt determined to try and complete the "double".

Agar was due to return to the side against Workington after a lengthy lay-off but winger Mick O'Byrne damaged his cheek bone at Bramley and he now faces an absence of several weeks after a facial operation.

His place on the flank has gone to Graham Hirst, who is expected to keep the wing spot today, with Graham Garrod back at stand-off and Agar slotting into the centre spot Garrod has been holding down during his absence.

In a few recent games Hunslet stand-off Steve Lane has been wearing the Halifax No. 6 shirt while on trial at Thrum Hall but the powers-that-be have decided not to pursue their interest and Lane has been transferred back to Hunslet.

Halifax possess a strong and experienced side with player-coach Mick Blacker now operating at full back and his right-hand man, Terry Langton, still providing sterling service at the base of the scrum.

The Oldham forwards will not need reminding that prop Alan Ackroyd and front-row man Tony Garforth had great games in the previous clash between the sides at Halifax and that second-row man Dave Callon scored two tries.

If last week's pack formation against the Cumbrians is any guide, Garforth could be in the second-row today with George Standidge, who was on holiday in Malta when the teams last met, holding down the No. 10 shirt.

Halifax have slipped a few places down the table with those Second Division defeats by Swinton and Bramley and they will be keen to boost their top-four challenge today by trying to inflict the double on their old enemy from the other side of the hill.

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To that end today's game against Halifax is a very important one for us, particularly after dropping two home points – our first Watersheddings defeat – to Carlisle two weeks ago.

We do not want to be dropping more home points and it is important that we return to winning form today against a Halifax side that traditionally always gives us a good game.

Last week-end the "A" team lost 27-16 against a more experienced Widnes "A" side at Naughton Park. The match marked the return to action after a long lay-off of Gordon Pollard and we wish him well after being out so long with broken ribs, received on the opening day of the Second Division season way back at the end of August.

Joe Warburton, Derek Seabrook, Alan Forster and Colin Hawkyard crossed the Widnes line, with Mick O'Rourke kicking two goals.

Our Colts suffered a 23-7 defeat at Bradford against a Northern side which fielded 11 professionals to Oldham's two. The home side scored three tries to our one – a cracker by Stephen Dobb – but the big difference was the accurate goalkicking of Mick Parrish's younger brother, Steve, who was playing centre for Bradford. He landed seven goals from seven shots including one from half way and another off the touchline.

Things went against our Colts team and in the second-half both Les Chadwick and Paul Roscoe were taken off injured and there were fears that Roscoe might have broken his arm.

Our young full back Anthony Callaghan had a good game and centre Keith Atkinson kicked two goals to add to the try by Dobb, a 70-yard effort after a clearing run by Paul Lowndes.

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with Franny Ward at Watersheddings

First Big Winner on our NEW LOTTERY TICKET

The first big winner on our New Lottery ticket was Mrs. A. Mountford who received her cheque for £100 from one of our office workers at the Development Offices in Clegg Street.

Agent F. Coverley sold her the ticket.

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.

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 Quiz Night

The next Roadshow is to be held next Wednesday at 8-30 p.m., 25th November, at the Ship Inn, Rochdale Road, Middleton, and your hosts invite you to come down for a drink and a really enjoyable evening. Meet the players and officials after the quiz for a chat and a drink.

John Player Trophy — Semi-Final

Talking the other day to club captain Terry Flanagan. I asked him what would he most like in the semi-final; he replied, "Well, besides beating Hull I would like to run out on to the field with the lads and be greeted with a massive cheer, see a mass of red and white to equal that of the expected large contingent from Hull."

To try and help Terry with his wish we have received a supply of red and white heavy knit scarves and bob hats priced at £2.00 for a scarf and £1.00 for a bob hat. These items will be on sale at today's game and all next week at the development offices in Clegg Street, Oldham.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

President: Mr. D. Blackburn
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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.

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.

Membership

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

Challenge Cup Final

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

Christmas Draw

Christmas Draw Tickets now on sale. Help us to help the club to make this a success. Buy or sell some now.

Coaches to Leeds

Coaches to Leeds leaving Social Club at 12 noon. Seats can be booked any night in Social Club or any Canteen on match day.

Souvenir Shop

Now on sale in Souvenir Shop — Rugby Shirts, Sweaters, Ties, Car and Bag Stickers, Old Programmes, Scarves and Bob Hats.

ACTION FROM LEEDS GAME

Bob Mordell was one of our pack stars in our Player's Trophy win over Leeds and he is seen here releasing a slick pass in the tackle.



Photographs by courtesy of Oldham Evening Chronicle



Terry Flanagan moves away from the scrum against Leeds

. . . . and then drives for the line to score Oldham's first try in our march to next Saturday's semi-final.



FINANCIAL SUCCESS

by Brian Batty (Daily Mail)

RUGBY LEAGUE chief Bill Oxley enjoyed that warm glow of satisfaction that comes after successfully sticking out one's neck.

Chairman Oxley was making his way North after the Wales-England clash in the first League international at Cardiff's Ninian Park.

He was also ready to admit to a sense of relief after 8,102 fans had paid just below £13,000 to justify the League's gamble in going back to South Wales for an international.

As the man who had tipped the scales with the decision which met with plenty of criticism he enjoyed watching the crowd show their appreciation of an entertaining clash.

"I spoke to quite a few people taking their first look at Rugby League and others who had seen the odd game before," Oxley told me afterwards.

"They expressed the view that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They were impressed with the sort of football they saw and the spirit in which it was played.

"They compared the game favourably to Rugby Union and will, I am confident, be back for more."

League official David Howes stressed afterwards that the League were hoping there would be a spin off from this game for Second Division Cardiff City.

It seems that the League were left with around £3,000 clear after expenses had been met but it was obviously more than a slight financial success if you take the long term view.

With the prospect of further Rugby Union recruits coming into the game the climate could be just right for the staging of a Wales-Australia game next season.

"If the recruitment of Rugby Union players continues along present lines then we have to consider the possibility of taking the Australians to Cardiff for an international," confirmed chairman Oxley.

I was one of those who feared that with a full League programme in the North we might have to be satisfied with a crowd of around 5,000 at Ninian Park.

There is surely a great chance now of topping five figures for a well presented Wales-Australia game early next season and even the possibility of playing a game at Fulham's Craven Cottage.

The Londoners have a steady following and there are enough Aussies living around the capital to swell a crowd for say an Under 24 international against the Kangaroos or a club match.

A SHORT HISTORY OF HALIFAX R.L.F.C.

by Tom Webb

THE "Halifax Guardian" of November 1st, 1873, contained an advertisement which read, "Persons desirous of joining a Football and Athletic Club are requested to meet on Thursday next, November 6th, at 8.30 p.m. at the Upper George Hotel." The prime movers were few in number, only eight attending the meeting but two more attended a fortnight later. A. Walsh was appointed captain, M. Brown vice-captain and A. Nicholl secretary.

The first match took place at Leeds on November 21st when Halifax fielded two backs, one three-quarter, two halves and nine forwards. It was customary to have such a back division. Halifax played in their ordinary clothes as their strip had not arrived in time. Leeds won by six tries to one touchdown by Halifax but as only goals counted, the result was adjudged to be a draw.

During the first season Halifax normally played practice games and the first home game was on Boxing Day 1874 when Halifax scored one try and three touchdowns to one try and one touchdown by Wakefield Trinity. A touchdown was when the defending side made the ball dead by touching down. A dead ball was when the attacking side made the ball dead. The other minor points of those days were awarded or claimed when the ball went into touch in goal.

After using two or three grounds a move was made to Hanson Lane in 1876 and James Dodd played his first match in the first match played on the ground and never appeared in a losing Halifax team on the ground.

In 1877 the first final for the Yorkshire Cup (T'Owd Tin Pot) was played at Holbeck and Halifax, after defeating Wakefield, Wakefield Trinity and Bradford met York in the final for the cup which was valued at 50 guineas. Halifax won by one goal, one try, seven touchdowns and one touch in goal to nil. Between the original Halifax club and the Rugby Union club which was formed later, Halifax had won the cup 16 times by 1978.

When the Rugby Football League was formed under its original title of Northern Union, Halifax was among the first 22 clubs. The club won the Northern League championship in 1902-03, 1906-07 and 1964-65. The Rugby League Challenge Cup has been won in 1902-03, 1903-04, 1930-31 and 1938-39. The Yorkshire Cup has been won five times and the Yorkshire League championship on four occasions.

Early stars were Rigg, Joe and Jack Riley, Toothill, Bartle and Winskill. Later players included Oldham's Arthur Smith, Frank Williams, T. H. Grey, Beames, Langhorn, Willie Metcalfe, Asa Robinson and Stuart Prosser.

In the 1960s we saw Colin Freeman, Johnny Burnett, Stan Keilty, Ken Roberts, Terry Fogerty, Barry Robinson, Charlie Renilson and Jack Scoby among others while directors Lingard and Bill Hughes (the club secretary for 30 years) helped to keep the club in the top echelons of the game.

Like Oldham the club gradually declined and support dwindled but happily a resurgence has taken place and the club is improving each season since a disastrous John Player Cup defeat by Hull junior side, Cawoods.

Like Oldham the club descended from the first division at the end of last season and no doubt the lads from Thrum Hall will be keenly contesting this year's promotion struggle.

Last year Jimmy Birts kicked over a hundred goals but he has since left for Wigan. Mick Scott has gone with him. The Halifax directors are steadily building up a side which will restore their playing fortunes, in spite of such departures.

FLASHBACK

by courtesy of Tom Webb

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

OLDHAM 9, ST. HELENS 20

OLDHAM: Murphy; Elliott, Barton, Jackson, Lund; Wainwright, Paterson, Ramshaw, O'Mahoney, Welding, Herbert, Pollard, Reynolds.

ST. HELENS: Gwilliam; Jones, Benyon, Slattery, Mathias; Glynn, Ashton; Courtney, Karalius, Charles, Nicholls, Chisnall, Pinner.

Scorers — Oldham: Pollard 3 goals, Lund 1 try.

St. Helens: Pinner 4 goals, Jones, Mathias, Slattery and Ashton 1 try each.

Referee: K. Allatt. Attendance: 2,219.

TEN YEARS AGO

YORK 9, OLDHAM 8

OLDHAM: Murphy; Elliott, Larder, Collins, Wilde; Blair, Sayer; Wilson, K. Taylor, Walker, Irving, Reynolds, Clark. Kellett for Blair.

YORK: Rippon; Young, Maloney, Wrigglesworth, C. Hill; Broatch, Whitaker; Macklin, Hunter, Forsyth, Dunham, Neale, R. Hill.

Scorers — Oldham: Blair 2 goals, Larder 2 goals.

York: Maloney 3 goals, Wrigglesworth 1 try.

Referee: M. J. Naughton. Attendance: 1,312.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

WIDNES 11, OLDHAM 14 (Floodlit Competition)

OLDHAM: Curry; Elliott, Holroyd, Donovan, McLeod; Warburton, Canning; Wilson, K. Taylor, Fletcher, Hill, Irving, Mooney. Simms and Bott for McLeod and Hill.

WIDNES: Whitfield; Hare, Aspey, Myler, Gaydon; Lowe, Walker; Hurstfield, Kemel, Walsh, Larkin, Foran, Bonser. Newton for Foran.

Scorers — Oldham: Curry 4 goals, Donovan and Warburton 1 try each.

Widnes: Whitfield 1 goal, Myler 2 tries and Aspey 1 try.

Referee: D. S. Browne. Attendance: 4,500.

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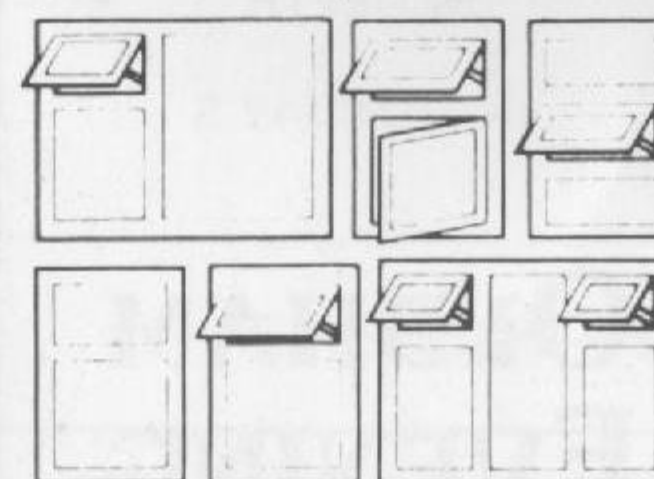
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AMATEUR RUGBY LEAGUE FINAL AT BOUNDARY PARK

by Alan Burke

(Public Relations Officer, Oldham Amateur Rugby League)

ANOTHER piece of BARLA history will be made in Oldham next Sunday when local amateur team Saddleworth Rangers take on one of the code's giants Leigh Miners Welfare in the final of the BARLA Lancashire-Cumbria Cup, and with the match to be played at Boundary Park – the home of Oldham Athletic Football Club (3 p.m.)

Having qualified for their first appearance in the County Final since they defeated Roose of Barrow in the 1963 decider, Saddleworth won the draw for the choice of venue, although the Oldham senior club were unable to stage the fixture due to prior commitments. Officials of Saddleworth and the Oldham League therefore met with the local professional soccer club to discuss the possibility of erecting rugby posts at Boundary Park and re-marking the playing area. Athletic, obviously aware that a similar procedure has already been successfully operated at Cardiff City, Carlisle and Fulham, immediately agreed to the local amateurs' requests, and will thus host the first ever Amateur Rugby League game to be played on a professional soccer ground.

Saddleworth and Leigh Miners are among the best supported amateur sides in the country, and with many people also expected to attend because of the novelty of having rugby posts at Boundary Park, local league officials are confidently expecting a large crowd. Both teams are also currently in excellent form, with Rangers having gained their Cup Final place with an away victory in Warrington against Crosfields, who themselves had put out trophy holders Pilkingtons in the quarter-finals. The two sides are also among the challengers for their respective Premier Division Championships, with Saddleworth competing in the Pennine League and Leigh Miners playing their fixtures in the North-West Counties League, while both clubs also organise extremely successful youth teams.

The ingenuity of the local amateurs and the co-operation of Oldham Athletic has already sent a wave of excitement through the Amateur League world, while the venture will no doubt also be carefully assessed by Athletic's fellow professional soccer clubs.

Several players from both Saddleworth and Leigh Miners met last month when the Oldham League's open-age town-team travelled to meet the Leigh League in the BARLA open-age Inter-town competition. Although that game ended in victory for Leigh, who therefore went into the quarter-finals as winners of the qualifying group, which also included Manchester and Rochdale, the Oldham town-team will also be involved in the next stages of the event. Oldham have won through as one of the two best runners-up by virtue of their high scoring record, and will now visit Humberside in the quarter-finals.

All three Oldham town-team outfits have therefore gained a place in the last eight of their respective Inter-League tournaments, with the under-19s now at home to Huddersfield, and the under-17s playing hosts to Warrington. The under-19s, who are defending the trophy they won last season, were scheduled to play their game next Sunday, although that has now been postponed due to the County Cup Final at Boundary Park, while the under-17s play their match on Sunday, December 13th.

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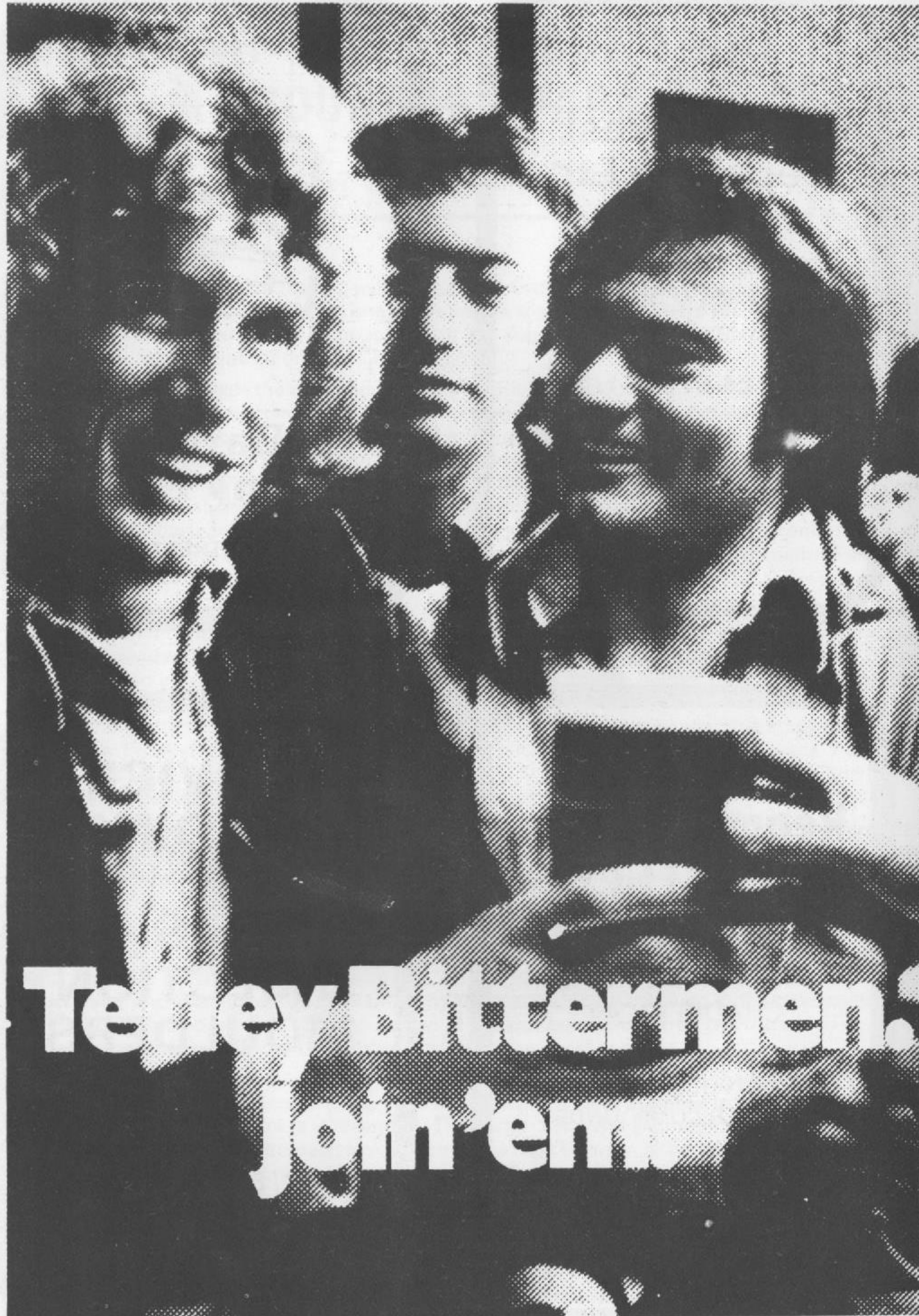
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Aug Rochdale (Law Cup)	A 31-15 800	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19										
Aug St. Helen's (Friendly)	H 12-8 1,652	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	14	12	16	13		11			9	15	17	18								
Aug Salford (Lancs Cup)	H 7-17 2,915	1	5	3	4	2	6	7	8	9	15		13							14	11	12							
Aug 30 Hunslet	H 24-16 2,007	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		15	13							14	11	12							
Sept 6 Blackpool	A 16-6 1,900		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		15	13							1	12								
Sept 13 Dewsbury	H 19-5 1,965		2		4	5	6	7		9			13	15					8	1	12	11	14						
Sept 20 Huddersfield 3.30 pm	A 37-4 1,935		2	14	4	5	6	7	8	9				11						1	12	13	3	15					
Sept 23 Swinton 7.30 pm	H 10-7 2,142		2	14	4	5	6	7	8	9				11						1	12	13	3	15					
Sept 27 Doncaster	H 38-10 1,806			5	4	2	6	7	8	9		13	15		15				1	12	11	3	14						
Oct 4 Halifax	A 9-15 4,598	1			4	5	6	7	14	9	15	13			8						11		3	12	2				
Oct 11 Keighley	H 21-12 2,243	1			4	5		7	8	9	15		13						6	11		14	3	12			2		
Oct 18 Doncaster JPT(1)	H 21-7 1,894	1			4	5	14	7	8	9		13							6	11		15	3	12			2		
Oct 25 Dewsbury 3.30 pm	A 17-12 1,329	1	14		4	5	6	7	8	9		12	13									11	3	15			2		
Nov 1 Huddersfield JPT(2)	H 13-0 2,284	1			4	5	6	7	8			15	13					9		14	10	12	3	11		2			
Nov 8 Carlisle	H 7-22 2,554	1			4	3	14	7	8			15	13							6	10	12	2	11		5	9		
Nov 15 Leeds JPT(3)	H 14-5 3,846	1	14		4	3		7	8		11	15	13							6	10		2	12		5	9		
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)																													
Feb 21 Keighley 3.15 p.m.	A																												
Feb 28 State Express Challenge Cup (2)																													
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																												

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LEAGUE TABLE AND FIRST TEAM SCORERS

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, Caffrey 1T, Goodway 1T, Nicholson 1T
v Carlisle	Parrish 2g, Murphy 1T.
v Leeds	Parrish 4g, Flanagan 1T, Nicholson 1T.

KEY: g, goal; dg, drop goal; T, try

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

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
H Oct. 24 Sat.	Hunslet	3.00pm	16-7
A Oct. 31 Sat.	St. Helens	3.00pm	14-12
H Nov. 7 Sat.	Castleford	3.00pm	15-23
A Nov. 14 Sat.	Bradford N.	2.30pm	7-23
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	
Feb. 13 Sat.	Colts Challenge Cup		
H Feb. 20 Sat.	St. Helens	3.00pm	
Feb. 27 Sat.	Colts Challenge Cup		
A 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
H Sept. 3 Thurs	Blackpool	7.30pm	24-9
A Sept. 19 Sat.	Barrow	2.30pm	6-24
H Sept. 24 Thurs	Warrington	7.30pm	16-8
H 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	16-27
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	

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