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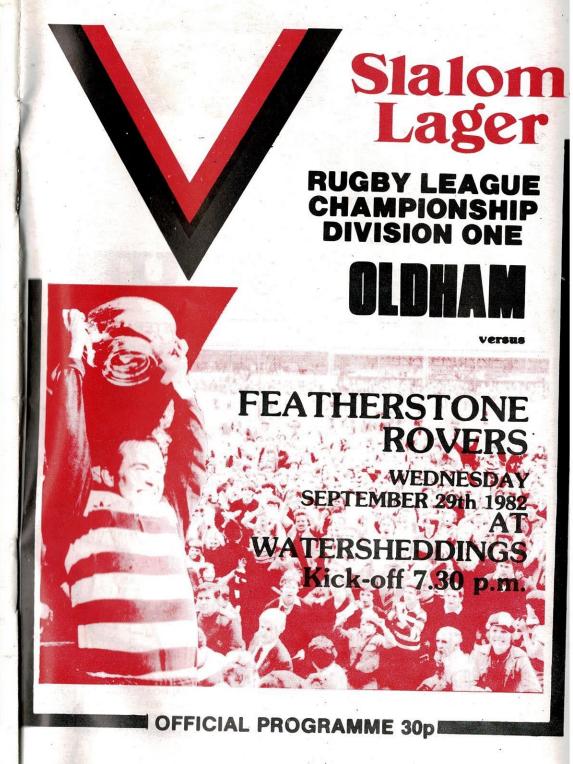
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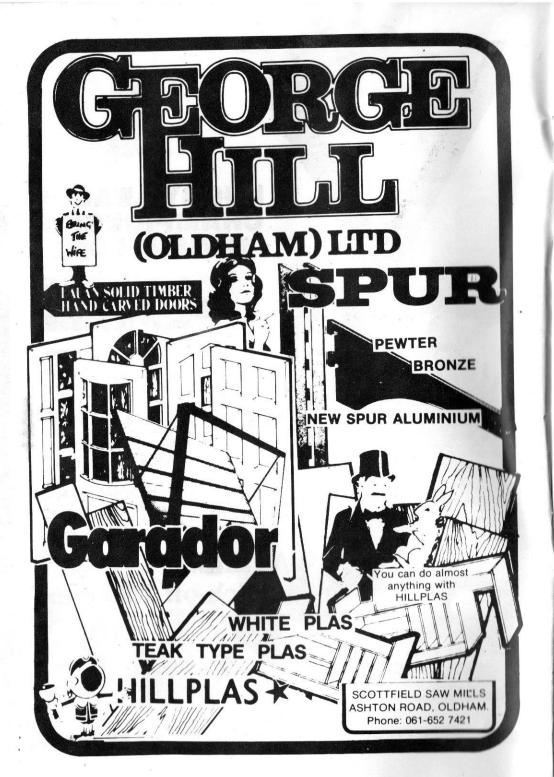
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### WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

Mick Parrish is now more than half-way towards beating David Watkin's record of playing and scoring in 92 consecutive matches for Salford between August, 1972 and April, 1974.

Before last week-end's game at Halifax, our goalkicker had again established himself among the top marksmen in the game after finishing third overall last season behind Lynn Hopkins of Workington and George Fairbairn of Hull K.R.

Hopkins kicked 190 goals, Fairbairn 168, Parrish 164 - the biggest haul by an Oldham player since Bernard Ganley more than 20 years ago.

After the two Warrington games recently, Mick's total in seven competitive games this season was 25, including four at Bradford, six at Blackpool in the Forshaw's Lancashire Cup, five in the League victory over Warrington, and four at Wilderspool in the county cup defeat.

That put him in third place at that stage behind Kevin Dick of Leeds (28) and Fulham's Steve Diamond

More importantly, by continuing his run of scoring in successive games, Mick took his sequence to 47 matches before the Halifax game, his scoring run stretching back to the last match of the 1980-81 season.

The record is not affected by the fact that Mick did not play last Wednesday night against the French national team.

A check with League headquarters in Leeds confirmed that, for record purposes, the only games taken into account are competitive matches in the first or second divisions and the various cup knock-out tournaments, including the end-of-season premiership for the top eight teams in the First Division.

We were unable to field a strong squad to entertain the French because of a pile-up of injuries and the obvious need to avoid the risk of adding more problems at a time when we are mainly concerned with establishing ourselves in the First Division.

The Halifax game last week-end is followed by tonight's encounter then we have another excellent game on Sunday when Wigan come to Watersheddings.

No way could Frank Myler risk taking chances against the French!

The Lancashire Cup defeat at Wilderspool was perhaps dissapointing in some respects, but our priority this season is holding our own in the First Division.

If we had won the Lancashire Cup and ended up getting relegated next April few fans would give a jot about our county cup success!

Talking of First Division matches it is as well to point out we picked up two wins from our opening five games and at that stage we had not played any of the teams we were banking on to beat.

To beat Warrington at home and Bradford away and to lose narrowly at St. Helens and at Warrington in the cup county cup, when we were perhaps below our best, shows the immence strides we have made in the past couple of years or so.

We now look forward to tonight's match against Featherstone Rovers and to Sunday's game, again at Watersheddings, when we hope to pick up one of our best crowds of the season for the visit of Alex Murphy's Wigan.

Under the controversial Murphy, Wigan made a sensational start to the season which included home wins against champions Leigh and Hull.

They slipped a little with a league defeat at Warrington and a shock home reverse by Fulham in the county cup, but what a way to bounce back when, with an injury-depleted side, they went to Hull K.R. and pulled off a memorable win!

The gates are building up again at Wigan and that must be a good sign for Rugby League.

They are certain to bring good following on Sunday. Let's hope that Oldham support is just as good and just as vocal.

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### HISTORICAL NOTES ON FEATHERSTONE ROVERS By Tom Webb

The first Featherstone Rovers club took the field in 1902-03 season. George Johnson knew of some lads who wanted a team of their own so he formed one and rented a ground not far from the present one. They were a ready made team and played in the Wakefield and District League and the Wellington Cup and won both. They also won more trophies in the following seasons. However, Mr. Johnson moved away from Featherstone for a spell and the club folded. Of the players Mottram went to Broughton, Shaw and Walker to Hull and Jukes, Randall, Higson and Hoyle went to Hunslet. The four players became part of Hunslet's 'Terrible Six' (although the six were never established, as seven players took part in the 'Six'.)

In 1909 Mr. Johnson returned to Featherstone and revived the Rovers who played in both the Wakefield League and the Leeds League. The old ground had been secured. Until the 1914-18 war Rovers won trophies each season, becoming known as the 'Huddersfield of the Juniors.'

After the war, with virtually a new set of players they resumed in the amateur game and played senior 'A' teams on equal terms with such good results that Rovers were elected to membership of the Northern Rugby League. Their ground at 'Post Office Lane,' now known as Post Office Road was taken and a stand erected after several money raising efforts persuaded the R. L. Council to grant a loan.

There was always a good grounding of amateur clubs in the district and George Johnson said, 'Give me Streethouse, Sharlston, Knottingley, Ackworth and Featherstone, and the others can have the rest of the country and Wales as well. I'm satisfied with what I can get at home. Our finances say we must make our own, and I'm satisfied with them.' The Dentons, Jack Hirst and the bulk of the forwards were 'real good club men - Featherstone men plaving for Featherstone.'

When Rovers were elected to the Northern Rugby League, the main players in that first season, 1921-22, included Jack Hirst, Jim Denton, Sid Denton, Jimmy Williams, Joe Kirkham, Billy Clements, Tom Wynard, Joe Morgan, Arthur Haigh, Bill Seymour, John W. Higson, Bert Woolley, J. Morrell, Austin Gill, Dick Jones, Pep Hepworth; Ernie Barraclough, Harry Dooler and Charlie Smith, while Norman Reeves missed many games through injury.

Jack Higson had been a member of the first Rovers club before joining Hunslet where he took a most active part in the club winning all four cups open to them, the Challenge Cup, Championship, Yorkshire Cup and Yorkshire League. Later he moved to Huddersfield and was a member of the side which also won all four cups.

Rovers did not have long to make their first score as a senior club, Jimmy Williams dropping a goal after just one minute of play. Rovers defeated Bradford Norther 17-3 in that first game but finished in a lowly 24th position in the final league table of 1921-22. The following year the club finished in 12th. By 1927-28 the club finished third in the table, losing the final of the championship to Swinton. Six months later the club reached the final of the Yorkshire Challenge Cup. They fell to the mighty Leeds side.

The industrial depression hit Featherstone hard and star players had to be sold to make ends meet, with a resultant loss of support. Eventually George Johnson gave up a club chairman to be succeeded by Mr. A. Bullock. A new policy of buying instead of selling was introduced and things began to look up for Rovers.

In 1939-40 season, Featherstone Rovers won the Yorkshire Challenge Cup, defeating Wakefield Trinity by 12-9. The team was Haley, Longley (try), W. Tennant (try), Higes, J. Blackburn, Hamer, Moxon, Hemmingway, Golby, Dyson, Pearson, G, Taylor, Sherwood (3 goals). Eli Butterworth of Halifax presented the the cup to skipper Sherwood who had played an important part in the success.

The war period brought more financial troubles, the selling of players, lowly positions in the final league tables. However by 1951-52 the club reached its highest pinnacle so far. The team played in the Wembley final only to lose 18-10 to Workington Town.

The Yorkshire Cup was won again and finally Featherstone Rovers won the Rugby League Challenge Cup, overcoming Barrow 17-12. The club won the Challenge Cup in 1967 and 1973 and topped the first division in 1976-77. A drop to the second division was remedied by promotion back again and the club is still in the top rank of the clubs.

### RAMPANT ROVERS!

FEATHERSTONE ROVERS, this evening's visitors to Watersheddings, can always be relied upon to produce a strong and accomplished footballing side whenever they take the field.

The little South Yorkshire mining town has had a remarkable tradition for producing top-line Rugby League stars - and still they come off the conveyor belt at Post Office Road.

Early this year, the club pulled in a record £70,000 for stand-off or center Steve Evans and it says much about the thinking of long-term planning the Rovers management that a share of that money went on signing six players from their under 17s team.

Like most other clubs these days, Rovers operate on a shoe-string budget and, sadly, the Post Office Road gates do not do justice to a side that is always there or thereabouts despite having to compete with the big city clubs such as Bradford, Leeds and the Humberside giants.

When these notes were written, Rovers had lost only two games out of a total of seven played in the Slalom Lager championship and the Yorkshire Cup.

They lost to Bradford at Post Office Road by 11-0 in the Yorkshire Cup semi-final, but of their first four league games only Widnes picked up two points from the Colliers.

Even that match could have ended in a draw because, with the score 14-12 in Widnes's favour, Steve Quinn was off target with a penalty chance.

Rovers drew with Warrington at Post Office Road but beat Warrington at home and then enjoyed that teriffic win against champions Leigh at Hilton Park.

Their side is a mixture of youth and experience, and there are many household names in the camp, such as Paul Coventry, Steve Quinn, John Gilbert, Ken Kellett, Phil Johnson, Neil Pickerill, Ray Handscombe, Peter Smith, David Hobbs and Keith Bell.

Paul Coventry who had a benefit last season, forms a useful back-line with the prolific-scoring Quinn and the pacy Gilbert all pressing for the centre-threequarter positions.

In 1979-80 when Rovers were Second Division champions and went up with Halifax, Oldham and Barrow, Quinn was the leading marksman in the game that season with 163 goals. A total of 332 of his 375 points were scored in Second Division games - a record for the division at that time.

While Oldham and Halifax floundered the following season in the top flight, Rovers finished just outside the relegation zone with 12 wins from their 30 matches.

Quinn again finished among the top scorers. His 123 goals put him second only to Steve Hesford of Warrington and he was fourth in the points scoring list.

Last season Rovers picked up 12 wins and a draw to finish seventh off bottom - three places above the relegation zone.

This time Quinn kicked 120 goals to finish sixth place, so his consistency cannot be denied.

The Rovers half-backs, Phil Johnson and Neil Pickerill, are comparative newcomers to the Post Office Road scene. Johnson moved from nearby Castleford during last season in a deal that took prop Kevin Anderson to Wheldon Road.

A short time afterwards Pickerill was signed from Batley for a club record fee of £12,000 - part of the pick-up from the sale of Evans.

The Rovers pack looks a superb blend of skill, strength, pace and graft and there should be a grand duel tonight between Oldham hooker Alan McCurrie and Ray Handscombe, whom Rovers reckon to be one of the top three ball-getters in this game.

Mick Gibbins, in his benefit season, is a hard-working prop and few clubs can boast the experience and skill of a back-trio which features Great Britain Test man Peter Smith, the high-scoring David Hobbs, and the man whose ball-playing technique created so many of Hobb's tries last season, loose-forward Keith Bell.

The speedy Hobbs scored 21 tries last season to stake his claim to be one of the game's highest-scoring forwards.

He finished with 21 tries and there was only one other forward in the League with more - Mick Morgan , the Carlisle prop, who scored 25.

It meant that Hobbs scored more tries than any other forward in the First Division, so he is clearly a player who will have to be closely watched tonight, running off Bell, or perhaps, the half-backs.

Coached by Vince Farrar, Rovers are clearly a team who will take some beating - and if our clashes against them in the Second Division of three seasons ago are any guide it should be quite a match!



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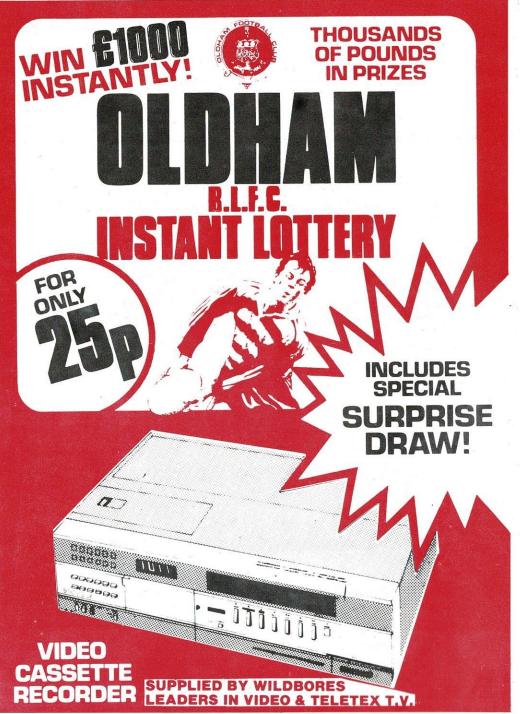
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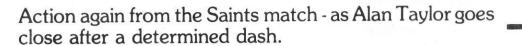
The Saints defence flex their muscles to keep out Gareth Owen during an Oldham attack at Knowsley Road.



Des Foy touches down for a 'try' at St. Helens, but it was disallowed for a forward pass.



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### **BRIAN BATTY** Daily Mail

Ray French has become on of the most active figures in the expanding world of Rugby League, particularly on two fronts.

This season schoolmaster Ray can be heard both on T.V. and radio covering games and is equally busy bursting into print.

On top of producing a weekly column he has found time to write another book on the game.

After the enjoyable edition of 'My Kind Of Rugby' he has now moved into another area of the game.

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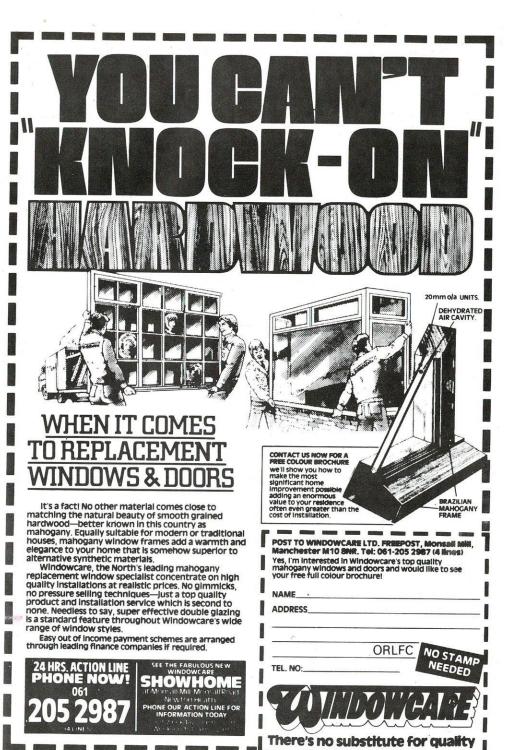
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### **TEN YEARS AGO**

Wigan 9 Oldham 12.

Wigan: Francis (3 goals), Whittle (try), Melling Keiron, O'Loughlin, Fuller, D. Hill, Nulty, Watts, Clarke, A. N. Other, Ashcroft, Cramant, Kevin O'Loughlin. Molyneux went on for A. N. Other but the name of the other substitute is unknown to the writer.

Oldham: Murphy, Elliott (try), Larder (3 goals), Wainwright, Hodkinson, C. Hill, McCone, Wilson, O'Mahoney, Ashcroft Irving (try), Owen, Reynolds. Daley and Davies for Owen and Reynolds.

Referee: W. H. Thompson, Huddersfield. Attendance 3,000. Half-time score 5-5.

#### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Oldham 13 Wigan 17

Oldham: Curry (5 goals), Elliot (try), Shelton, McCormack, Murphy, Donovan, Canning, Ogden, Wood, Wlison, Irving Hill, Hughes.

Wigan: Tyrer (4 goals, 2 tries), Rowe (try), Holden, Ashton, Francis, Hill, Parr, Gardiner, Clarke, Stephens, Fogerty, Webb, Laughton. Ashby and Lyon substituted Clarke and Holden.

Referee: E. Lawrenson, Warrington. Attendance 5,053. Half-time score 9-10.



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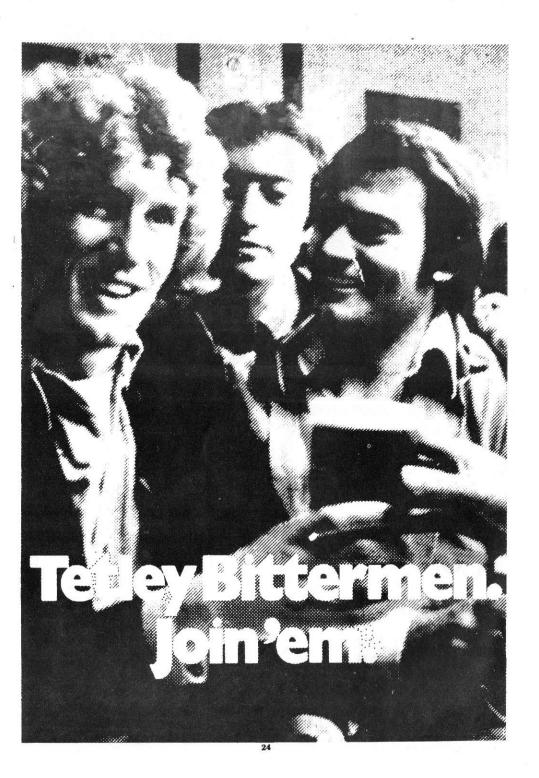
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### OLDHAM R.L.F.C. FIXTURES 1982-83

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**FIRST TEAM FIXTURES** 

		FINST TEAM FIXTURES			COLTS FIXTURES
1982			1982		
Aug.	22	Widnes (3.00)	Aug.	14	WakefieldA11-27
	25	Leeds (7.30)	Aug.	18	Huddersfield
	29	Bradford Northern (3.30)		21	Hull K.R
Sept.	5	Blackpool Lancs Cup		24	
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	15	St. Helens (3.00)	6	4	St. Helens
	19	Warrington (7.30)	Sept.		
	22	Warrington Lancs Cup (3.00) A14-16 FRANCE XIII (7.30)		11	Rochdale
	26			18	Leeds
	29	Halifax (3.00)	0-4	25	HalifaxA
Oct.	3	Featherstone R. (7.30)H	Oct.	2	WakefieldH
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	24	Workington T. (3.30)A		16	HullA
	31	Castleford (3.30)		23	HuddersfieldH
Nov.	7	Carlisle (3.00)H		30	BarrowA
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		Barrow (2.30)		13	Featherstone
D	21	Workington T. (3.00)		20	St. HelensH
Dec.	5	JOHN PLAYER TROPHY (1)	_	27	HunsletA
	12	JOHN PLAYER TROPHY (2)	Dec.	4	BarrowH
	19	Hull (3.00)		11	SalfordA
	27	Hull K.R. (3.00)		18	FeatherstoneH
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	9	Featherstone R. (2.30)	Jan.	1	BradfordH
	16	Bradford Northern (3.00) H		8	BramleyA
	23	Warrington (3.00)		15	HalifaxH
	30	Halifax (3.00)		22	Hull K.R
Feb.	6	St. Helens (3.00)		29	RochdaleH
	13	STATE EXPRESS	Feb.	5	YorkH
		CHALLENGE CUP (1)		12	Cup (1st round)
	20	Carlisle (3.00)		19	Leeds
	27	STATE EXPRESS	- 2	26	Cup (2nd round)
		CHALLENGE CUP (2)	Mar.	5	HunsletH
Mar.	6	Leigh (3.00)		12	York
	13	Widnes (3.00)		19	Bramley H
	20	Hull K.R. (3.00)		26	BradfordA
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