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Rugby League Championship: 1920, 1921, 1936, 1956, 1958, 1983. (Runners-up): 1957, 1982, 1984.

Rugby League Second Division Championship: 1977, 1979.

Rugby League Challenge Cup: 1914, 1982.

(Runners-up): 1908, 1909, 1910, 1922, 1923, 1959, 1960, 1980, 1983.

John Player Trophy: 1982. (Runners-up): 1976, 1985.

B.B.C. 2 Floodlit Trophy: 1979.

Slalom Lager Premiership: (Runners-up): 1981, 1982, 1983.

Yorkshire League Championship: 1919, 1923, 1927, 1936.

(Runners-up): 1914, 1920, 1921, 1935, 1941, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1960.

Yorkshire County Challenge Cup: 1923, 1969, 1982, 1983, 1984.

(Runners-up): 1912, 1914, 1920, 1927, 1938, 1946, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1959, 1967.

CLUB RECORDS

Highest win: 86-0 v Elland (Northern Union Challenge Cup 1st Round) April 1st, 1899.

Highest defeat: 8-56 v Wigan, October 12th, 1957.

Highest attendance: 28,798 v Leeds (R.L. Challenge Cup Round 3) March 7th, 1936.

Points in career: 1,776, Joe Oliver, 1928-1938.

Points in season: 369, Sammy Lloyd, 1978-1979.

Tries in career: 250, Clive Sullivan, 1961-1974 and 1981-82.

Tries in season: 52, Jack Harrison, V.C., 1914-1915.

Tries in season: Post War: 37 Garry Schofield 1983-1984.

Goals in career: 674, John Maloney, 1965-1971 and 1972-1973.

Goals in season: 170, Sammy Lloyd, 1978-1979.

Points in match: 36, Jim Kennedy v Keighley, January 29th, 1921.

Tries in match: 7, Clive Sullivan v Doncaster, April 15th, 1968.

Goals in match: 14, Jim Kennedy v Rochdale Hornets, April 7th, 1921.

14, Sammy Lloyd v Oldham, September 10th, 1978.

Appearances in career: 503, Ned Rogers, 1906-1925.

Consecutive club games in which Tries were scored:

11, J. Harrison, Sept. to Oct. 1914.

8, Mick Crane, December 1975 to February 1976.

8, E. Rogers, March to April 1911.

8, James Leuluai, August to September, 1983

8, Steve Evans, November 1983 to January 1984

Consecutive club games in which Goals were scored: 36, John Maloney, February to December, 1967.

Consecutive club appearances: 101, Freddie Miller, April 1934 to Sept. 1936.

101, M. G. Short, Oct. 1927 to Nov. 1929.

Record receipts: (Cuptie) £20,578, v Halifax, 14th March, 1982. (State Express Quarter Final Tie).

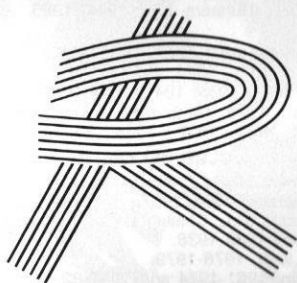
Record receipts: (League) £21,700, v Hull K.R., 8th April, 1983. (All time League game record).

Record receipts: (other match) £29,058, v Australia, 16th November, 1982.



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HULL F.C. v OLDHAM

Slalom Lager First Division Championship

Sunday, 17th March, 1985

Kick off 3.00p.m.

With the dust hardly having settled from our titanic cup struggles with Widnes we return to league action this afternoon for a most important date with fellow top-four contenders Oldham. The Roughyeds have flattered to deceive in a season of mixed fortunes for them. Earlier in the campaign they headed the Championship race but after suffering a heavy home defeat at the hands of neighbours Hull K.R. they seemed to lose their way somewhat and a recent midweek home defeat by Castleford was the latest blow to their title aspirations. However they returned to winning ways a week last Friday with a thrilling 20-18 victory over fellow contenders St. Helens in "R.L. Action's" televised fixture. The Roughyeds visit the Boulevard with a score to settle for they suffered a second round John Player Special Trophy exit here in December and last month we took the honours in a memorable league fixture at the Watersheddings so victory this afternoon would provide our first league double of the season.

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Hull F.C. v Oldham

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Against
Home League Games	46	24	1	21	623	412
Home Premiership Games	1	1	0	0	24	21
Home Challenge Cup Games	3	2	0	1	14	32
Home John Player Games	2	2	0	0	43	24
Home B.B.C. Floodlight Games	1	1	0	0	6	0
Away League Games	46	9	0	37	304	755
Away Championship Play Off	1	1	0	0	20	8
Away Challenge Cup Games	3	1	0	2	29	62
Neutral Venue Championship Play Off Games	1	0	0	1	14	15
Neutral Venue Challenge Cup Games	1	1	0	0	12	9
Neutral Venue John Player Games	1	1	0	0	22	6
TOTAL	106	43	1	62	1111	1344

Division One Games

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Against
Home	3	2	0	1	38	27
Away	4	2	0	2	40	32
TOTAL	7	4	0	3	78	59

Previous meetings (Division One).

	Homes	Away
1980/81	W 16-11	L 1- 2
1982/83	L 2- 8	W 5- 2
1983/84	W 20- 8	L 12-18
1984/85	W 22-10	

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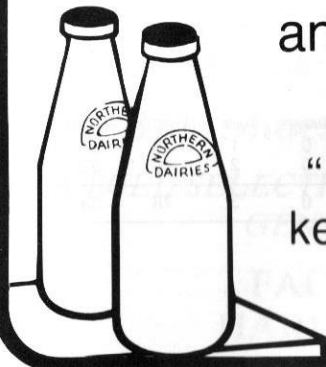
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Hull F.C. and Oldham meet for the 107th time this afternoon in all competitions and the Roughyeds hold a commanding 62-43 lead in games won with one draw. Percentage wise Oldham have the best record against Hull F.C. of any of the clubs in the Rugby League today. Since the reintroduction of two divisions the side have met seven times in Division One with Hull winning four and Oldham three in what have generally been close low scoring affairs. Oldham will be intent on stopping the Airlie Birds from completing a hat trick of wins over them this season for Hull have already returned with the spoils from the Watersheddings and knocked our visitors out of the John Player Special Trophy. The league game took place on 3/2/85 and Hull gained a rare win at Oldham by 22-10 which was their first victory in Lancashire for nearly 12 months. Steve Evans gave us the lead with a converted try before Green Vigo scored a typical blockbuster in the corner to leave us 6-4 ahead at the break. Wally Jones crashed over for a try early in the second half converted by Mick Parrish and the home side looked well set for victory before Gary Divorty was on hand to touch down following a Lee Crooks bomb and further tries by Kevin James and Steve Evans (again) gave us a welcome win.

Oldham: A. Taylor, Vigo 1t, Parrish 1g, Foy, M. Taylor, Ashton, P. Taylor, Jones 1t, McCurrie, Phelan, Goodway, Hawkyard, Worrall. Subs: Naidole for Hawkyard, Flanagan (DNP).

Hull F.C.: Prendiville, James 1t, Ah Kuoi, Leuluai, Schofield 3g, Evans 2t, Sterling, Edmonds, Patrick, Rose, Crooks, Proctor, Divorty 1t. Subs: Eastwood for Prendiville, Dannatt for Rose.

Attendance: 5,390

Referee: J. Smith (Halifax)

Half time 4-6.

The meeting in the second round of the John Player Special Trophy took place on 2/12/84 at the Boulevard when we were again successful 26-14 in a thrilling encounter. Great Britain skipper Andy Goodway gave the visitors a flying start showing tremendous pace to touch down from half way. However tries by Dane O'Hara and Lee Crooks converted by Garry Schofield gave us a 12-4 lead at half time. Second half tries by Andy Dannatt, Peter Sterling and John Muggleton saw us home but we were not allowed to relax at any stage as Andy Goodway and Mick Parrish tries kept the visitors well in contention.

Hull F.C.: Kemble, Evans, Leuluai, Schofield 3g, O'Hara 1t, Ah Kuoi, Sterling 1t, Edmonds, Patrick, Crooks 1t, Dannatt 1t, Muggleton 1t, Norton. Subs: Topliss for Evans, Divorty for Patrick.

Oldham: Caffery, Vigo, Parrish 1t 1g, Foy, M. Taylor, P. Taylor, Kirwan, Morgan, McCurrie, Ogden, Goodway 2t, Worrall, Flanagan. Subs: Ashton (DNP), Jones for Ogden.

Attendance: 11,496

Referee: R. Whitfield (Widnes)

Half time 12-4.

The last league meeting between the sides at the Boulevard was on 5/2/84 when the Airlie Birds ran out winners 20-8. Tries by Garry Schofield, Dane O'Hara and Gary Divorty together with four Lee Crooks goals gave us a comfortable win in a dour game and it was only in the dying seconds that Gary Bishop scored a consolation try for the visitors.

Hull F.C.: Kemble, Solal, Schofield 1t, Leuluai, O'Hara 1t, Evans, Ah Kuoi, Tindall, Patrick, Edmonds, Dannatt, Crooks 4g, Divorty 1t. Subs: Topliss for Evans, Proctor for Crooks.

Oldham: Littler, M. Taylor, Parrish 2g, Foy, Hornby, Bishop 1t, Jones, McCurrie, Goodway, Sinclair, Worrall, Flanagan. Subs: Willis for Lowndes, Lowndes for Worrall.

Attendance: 10,482

Referee: G. Berry (Batley)

Half time 14-2.

The previous season we met twice at the Boulevard the first being on 19/12/82 when in atrocious conditions Oldham became the only side to win a league game at the Boulevard during that season by 8-2. A first half try by Green Vigo gave the visitors a 3-0 interval lead and with defences dominating it was in the closing seconds before a further try was scored by Alan McCurrie which clinched the game by Oldham. Only points for Hull were a penalty by Paul Prendiville in a game best forgotten by the home side.

Hull F.C.: Kemble, O'Hara, Evans, Day, Prendiville 1g, Topliss, Dean, Sutton, Duke, Rose, Norton, Proctor, Crane. Subs: Harkin for Dean, Suddaby for Crane.

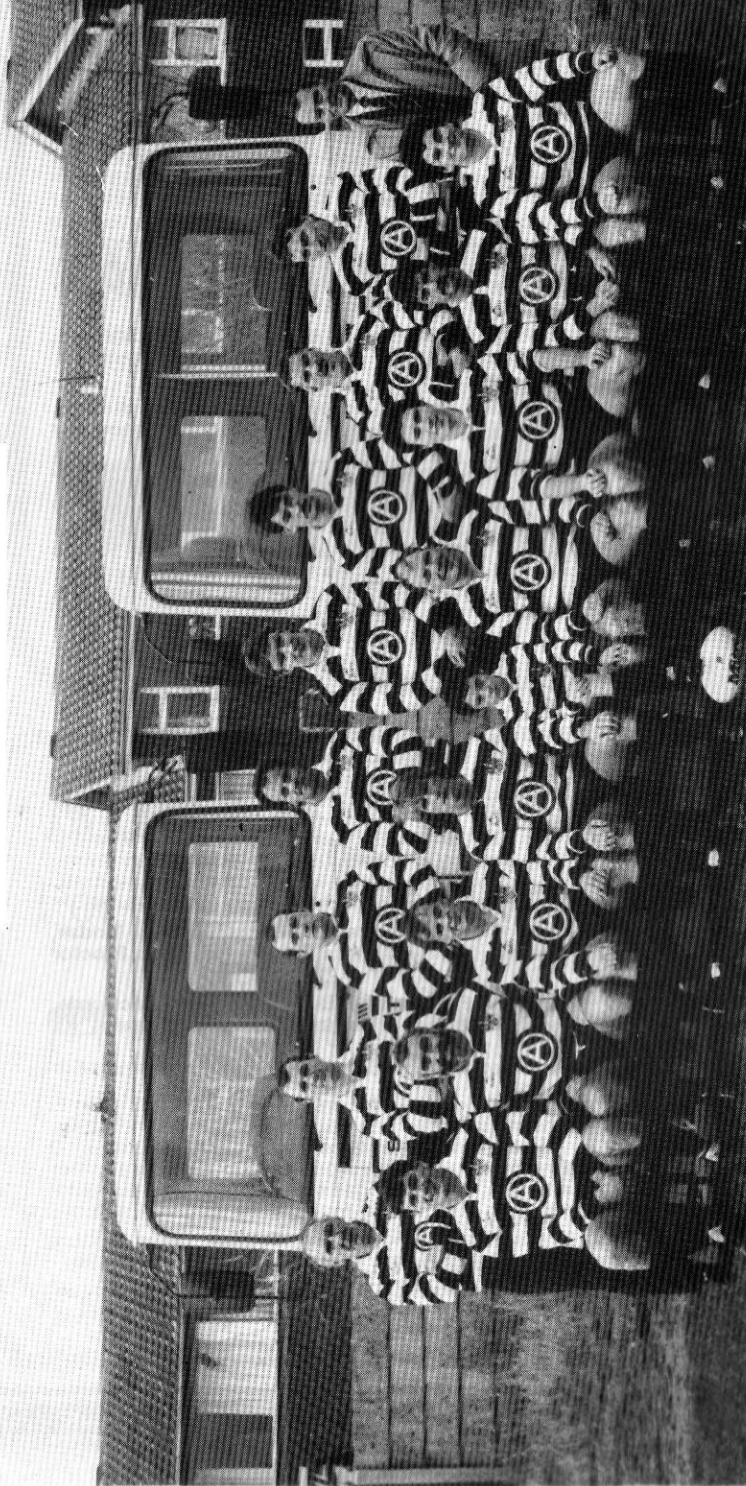
Oldham: A. Taylor, Vigo 1t, Caffery, Hawkyard, Dobbs, McEwan, Ashton, Hogan, McCurrie 1t, Goodway, Jones, Worrall 1g, Flanagan. Subs: Platt (DNP), Coombes (DNP).

Attendance: 5,385

Referee: T. J. Court (Leeds)

Half time 0-3.

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Back Row: Left to Right B. Gartland (Coach), A. Taylor, T. Flanagan, M. Taylor, M. Parrish, M. Worrall, W. Jones, C. Hawkyard, F. Myler (Manager). Front Row: From Left to Right A. Goodway, A. McCurrie, P. Kirwan, P. Taylor, M. Morgan, D. Foy, B. Caffery, R. Ashton.

On 24/4/83 however the Airlie Birds gained ample revenge for that league defeat when they beat Oldham 24-21 in a Premiership first round tie. However, Oldham again gave Hull plenty of problems and went behind to an early Green Vigo try. Hull reduced the deficit to 11-9 at the interval and with Lee Crooks in tremendous form (1t 1g) produced a vintage second half display to gain a commanding lead. However Hull relaxed their grip in the final minute and tries by Andy Goodway and Chris Willis gave the home fans a few scares before the hooter sounded.

Hull F.C.: Kemble 1t, Solal, Evans, Leuluai, Prendiville, Topliss, Harkin 1t, Edmonds 1t, Bridges, Stone, Skerrett, Crooks 1t 6g, Norton. Subs: Banks (DNP), Crane for Edmonds, Edmonds for Crane.

Oldham: Willis 1t, Vigo 1t, Parrish 6g, Foy, M. Taylor, Bilsbury, Ashton, Coombes, McCurrie, Morgan, Jones, Goodway 1t, Worrall. Subs: Hawkyard (DNP), Lowndes for Coombes.

Attendance: 13,357 Referee: S. Wall (Leigh) Half time 9-11.

The first meeting between the sides in the First Division took place on 21/9/80 at the Boulevard and Oldham included former Hull F.C. and Hull K.R. idol Clive Sullivan in their ranks together with the Lance Todd winner in the derby final of 1980 Brian Lockwood. It was to be no fairy tale return for Sully although Oldham put in a tremendous display before going down 16-11 to a Hull side who relied heavily on new signing Trevor Skerrett who continued his scoring run and the ever reliable boot of Sammy Lloyd who landed five goals.

Hull F.C.: Robinson, Bray, Walters 1t, Wilby, Prendiville, Dennison, Pickerill, Skerrett 1t, Crowther, Stone, Birdsall, Lloyd 5g, Norton. Subs: Wilson for Dennison, Farrar for Stone.

Oldham: Murphy, Munro 1t, Parrish 4g, Hunter, Sullivan, Francis, Ashton, Alexander, Martland, Lockwood, Herbert, Clarkson, Flanagan. Subs: Fitzsimmons for Herbert, Mordell for Clarkson.

Attendance: 12,109 Referee: T. J. Court (Leeds) Half time 9-9.

Probably one of the most memorable meetings between the sides in recent years (especially from a Hull point of view) was in the Second Division on 10/9/78 when Hull hammered the Roughyeds 61-10. This game marked the home debuts of Sammy Lloyd and Charlie Stone the former giving a never to be forgotten display of goal kicking from all over the field landing 14 goals from 14 attempts which equalled Jim Kennedy's club record. Both were also amongst the try scorers as most of the team got in on the points spree. This defeat probably marked the start of Oldham's revival as they earned promotion the following season and have since developed into a major force in the First Division.

Hull F.C.: Robinson 1t, Bray 1t, Hancock, Barr, Macklin 1t, Wilson, Hepworth, Tindall 1t, Crowther 1t, Farrar, Lloyd 1t 14g, Stone 1t, Norton 1t. Subs: Lynn for Hepworth 2t, Boxall for Tindall 1t, Hepworth for Norton.

Oldham: O'Brien, Stodin 2g, Larder, Ward 1t, Munro, Murphy, Bates, Charles, Newton, Taylor, Hall, Herbert 1t, Flanagan. Subs: Lund for O'Brien, Radcliffe for Munro.

Attendance: 7,195 Referee: P. A. Massey (Salford) Half time 26-2.

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Saturday, 9th March, 1985

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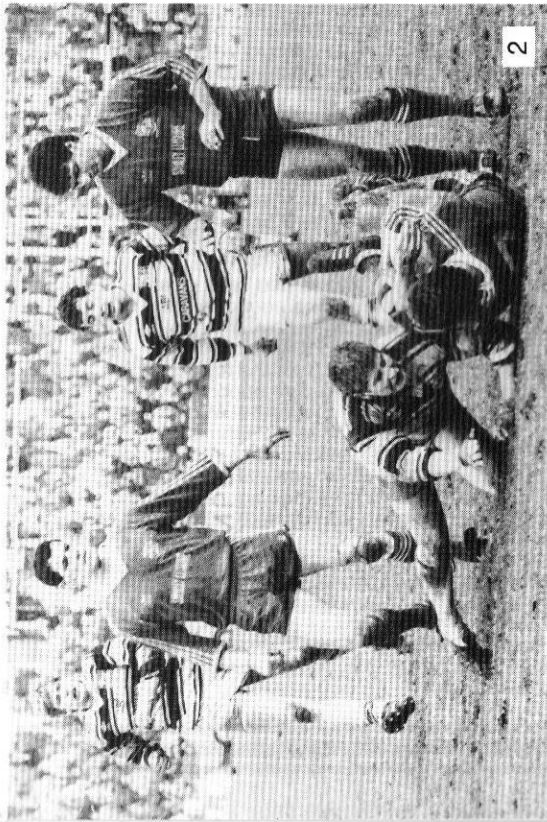
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Hull F.C.: Kemble, James, Schofield, Evans, O'Hara, Topliss, (Prendiville), Ah Kuoi, Edmonds, (Skerrett), Patrick, Crooks, Crooks, Muggleton, Norton, Divorty.

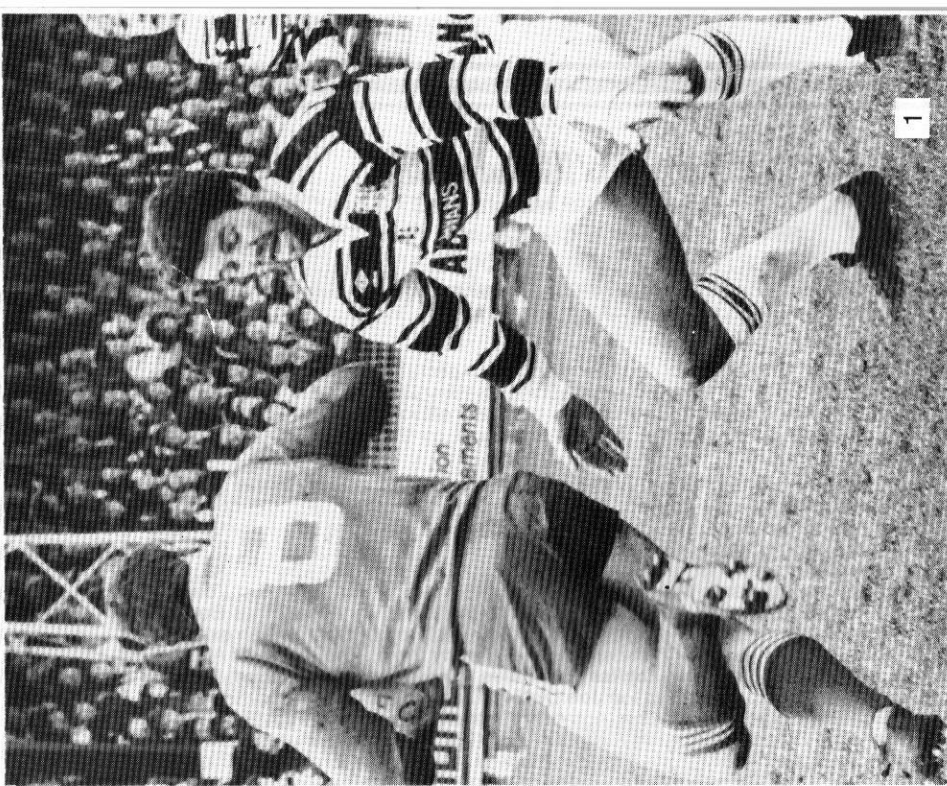
Scorers: Try: Divorty. Goal: Crooks.

This battle of the cup giants certainly matched expectations as both sides lived to fight another day after a tense, heart-stopping tussle. The final outcome perhaps satisfied the Chemics more than ourselves because not only had they now gained home advantage but also for long periods their hold on the game's premier trophy hung on a knife edge.

After dominating proceedings for much of the game and enjoying a far superior share of territorial possession it was obviously disappointing that we could not make that tell but credit has to be given to Widnes' magnificent defence. On reflection the loss of **Peter Sterling** through a hamstring injury sustained in training was decisive because the Aussie ace may well have provided the key to open the Widnes rearguard and the rhythm so well established in our recent performances was again disturbed by enforced positional changes. After due consideration Team Manager Arthur Bunting plumped for the experience of **Fred Ah Kuoi** at scrum half rather than give an exacting debut to the club's only other fit number seven — **Jimmy Portz**. The switch of Ah Kuoi meant a return for skipper **David Topliss** with **Steve Evans** reverting to centre, thereby opposing Wembley hero of last season **Joe Lydon**. The opening quarter set the pattern for ensuing events as both sides opted for safety first before adventure and concentrated on yielding nothing in their own half. The defensive prowess which has carried Widnes to such glory in the past decade was again to the fore as we made the most of a 6-2 first half scrum advantage to impose relentless pressure on the opposing line. **Steve Evans** looked certain to continue his scoring sequence when breaking clear but was stopped inches short by the combined efforts of **Mick Burke** and **David Hulme** and the cover again closed to stop **Gary Divorty**. **Lee Crooks** tried to break the deadlock with a drop goal but was well wide and both **Crooks** and **Garry Schofield** had been unsuccessful with penalty attempts. By the interval it was clear that one score could settle the issue and as the pattern continued into the second period and our frustration mounted desperation became apparent in our play. Hull fans began to visualise the worst as Widnes are always at their most dangerous with their backs against the wall but on the hour to our obvious relief the barrier was finally succumbed. From a scrum in the Chemics' twenty-five **Steve Norton** and **David Topliss** produced a flash of their vintage days to send in **Gary Divorty** near the posts and **Lee Crooks'** conversion produced sights of a passage into the semi final. Sadly our joy was short-lived as within four minutes the Cup holders had produced the perfect answer. In a rare venture into our half **Joe Lydon** managed to shake off **Steve Evans** and race clear down the touchline to give **Andy Currier** a scoring opportunity. The young winger finished clinically leaving a trail of defenders in his wake to touch down near enough to the posts for **Mick Burke** to level matters at 6-6. As a last resort Arthur Bunting introduced **Paul Prendiville** to allow **Steve Evans** to move to stand-off for the replaced **David Topliss** but the Chemics were in no mood to relinquish a replay opportunity. **Gary Divorty** and **Lee Crooks** tried to win the day with a one pointer but Widnes closed in rapidly to alleviate the danger. In fact the Chemics could have stole the game themselves in the dying seconds but the brave **Fred Ah Kuoi** (sporting a fractured jaw injury) spotted drop goal expert **Mick Burke** lining up for an effort and managed to smother the rising ball. So to Naughton Park the following Wednesday and as has become a regular occurrence Arthur Bunting's team selection was based more on developments in the treatment room. With **Paul Prendiville** (hamstring injury) and the particularly unfortunate **Fred Ah Kuoi** already ruled out and **Peter Sterling** making desperate efforts to overcome his hamstring trouble, further attention was directed to **Maurice Bamford's** Great Britain side for the Second Test against France for selected players are no longer allowed to represent their clubs in the week of an international fixture. When news filtered through that **Gary Divorty** had retained his place that meant further adjustments though **Andy Dannatt** was available to play at Naughton Park having been selected as one of the travelling reserves.



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(1) John Muggleton confronting Steve O'Neill.

(2) Lee Crooks prepares to stop David Hulme with Gary Divorty, John Myler, Garry Schofield and Joe Lydon close spectators.

(3) Phil Edmonds leads a charge.

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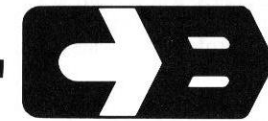
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Congratulations are in order for our young loose forward **Gary Divorty** who this afternoon will be gaining his second Great Britain cap in the second Test with France at Perpignan. Despite the mauling the new look British side handed the French at Headingley a fortnight ago today's clash is sure to be much closer but let's hope that the youngsters can complete a double and provide a basis for Maurice Bamford to build on for next season's visit of the New Zealand Tourists.

Andy Dannatt was also selected as one of the travelling reserves for today's game and so therefore was able to play a part in last Wednesday's memorable cup triumph.



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Peter Sterling looking despondent after failing a late fitness test before our Challenge Cup quarter final clash with Cup holders Widnes but what an impact the little Australian made in the replay at Naughton Park.

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Friday, 22nd March, 1985

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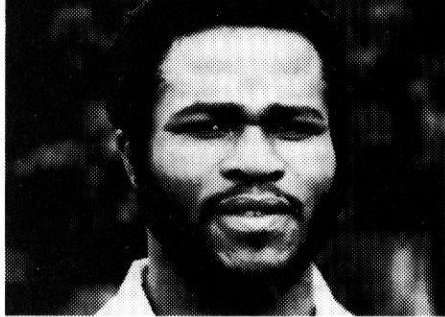
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Silk Cut Challenge Cup Quarter Final Replay

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Hull F.C.: Kemble, James, Schofield, Leuluai, O'Hara, Evans, Sterling, Skerrett, Patrick, Rose, (Dannatt), Crooks, Norton. Sub: Topliss.

Scorers: Tries: Evans, O'Hara, Schofield. Goals: Schofield 3. Drop Goal: Norton.

After almost three hours of gripping cup football we finally managed to suppress the Cup holders and by ending the Chemics' stubborn resistance we ensured our fourth Challenge Cup semi-final engagement in six years and our third consecutive meeting with Malcolm Reilly's Castleford. With the massive travelling Hull contingent relieved to hear of Peter Sterling's successful fitness test Arthur Bunting also plumped for experience in the pack with Paul Rose returning after a three week absence and Steve Norton taking over the loose-forward role from the unavailable Gary Divorby. A further unexpected bonus was the return of James Leuluai in the centre and that enabled Steve Evans to revert to the off-half role. Naughton Park has never been one of our happy hunting grounds and we hardly set off on the right foot to improving that record when the Chemics struck a devastating blow with their first touch of the ball. After we had forced our way into the Widnes twenty-five in search of an early score, Kurt Sorenson and Kevin Tamati combined to break our first line of defence and set Joe Lydon in the clear and the youngster showed blistering pace to leave even the speedy Kevin James in his tracks on a sixty yard race to the line. Mick Burke converted to leave us in no doubt as to the size of our task. Thereafter the game adopted a similar pattern to the first with Shaun Patrick monopolising the scrums and yet the Chemics still showing little sign of yielding under constant pressure. Our tackling also lacked punch and on several occasions the holders were able to clear their lines with comfort but fortunately Widnes were unable to alleviate their scrummaging problems. With the ubiquitous Peter Sterling leading the charge the ace Australian paved the way for our equalising score sending Steve Evans crashing over near the posts for Garry Schofield to level matters at 6-6. There the deadlock remained until just before the interval when Man of the Match John Myler illustrated Widnes' match winning qualities. With all avenues seemingly closed Myler spotted half an opening and that was all he needed to make the break to send Keiron O'Loughlin diving over in spectacular style. Mick Burke's conversion brought a disappointing conclusion to a breathless first half and there was a general feeling in the home crowd that we had sacrificed our opportunity for Widnes just had to gain a better share of possession in the second period. Their worst fears materialised as we encamped in the opposing half with our defensive play showing marked improvement and allowing the Chemics little room to manoeuvre. Long distance field kicks via Mick Burke in the main became Widnes' saving grace but with Gary Kemble impeccable in his handling the reprieve was only temporary. Still we had to find a chink in the Chemics' armour with the relentless driving of Trevor Skerrett and Lee Crooks and artistry of Steve Norton and Sterling apparently making no headway. As the minutes ticked by our Wembley dreams seemed to be fading. A glimmer of hope was provided on the hour when a crossfield move gave Dane O'Hara enough leeway to squeeze over near the corner flag but Garry Schofield's touchline kick floated agonisingly past the posts. Back we came in search of what would obviously be the decisive score and when Widnes were penalised in possession for an incorrect play-the-ball Garry Schofield was given a timely opportunity to level the scores from some forty yards out. To the relief of the Hull contingent his kick was perfect and that merely set the stage for our prolific youngster's grand finale. With the scores again locked at 12-12 and a successful drop-goal being the clear route to the semi-final for either side, Kevin James brilliantly fielded a touch seeking kick and left John Basnett leaden footed with a swift side-step and turn of speed which took him into familiar territory for us. There he found Garry Schofield in support and the international illustrated why he has caught the attention of the Australians with a swerving run to the corner. A memorable touchline conversion sealed a famous victory and brought the deserved reward for our patience and perseverance. Although Widnes made a last desperate effort to save the tie we had no intention of relinquishing that 18-12 lead and there was still time for Steve Norton to produce a rare drop goal. So the Wembley ambition remains intact and now only Castleford and Wigan stand in the way of an event which one thought would never be repeated this century - an all Humberside Challenge Cup Final. The devoted efforts of the players last Wednesday evening clearly illustrated that no stone will remain unturned in this quest.



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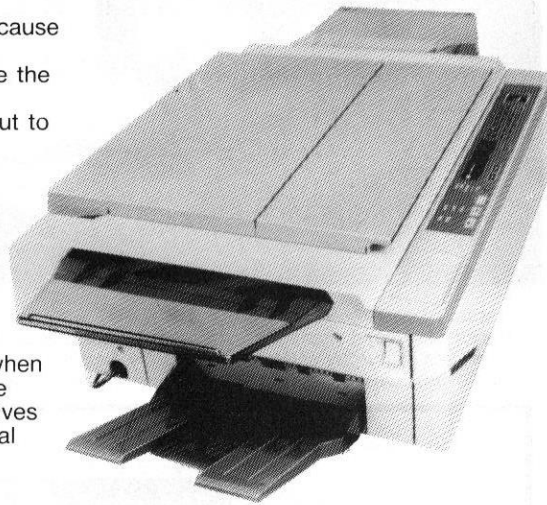
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QUIZ CORNER

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In our customary match day quiz we pose the following questions on Oldham.

1. Who were Oldham's joint top try scorers last season?
2. Which coach led the Roughyeds to their last success and what was it?
3. Five Oldham players represented Great Britain Under 24's last season. Name them and which player only appeared in one of the two Tests against France?
4. From which club did Oldham sign Joe Bardgett last season?
5. Who knocked Oldham out of last year's Challenge Cup?

The winners of the Leigh quiz were:- Ian Pickering of 8 Primrose Drive, Wold Road, Hull and Stuart Poole of 5 Fulford Crescent, Ganton Way, Willerby.

The correct answers to the Leigh quiz were:-

(1) Whitehaven; (2) and five from Eddie Cheetham, Kevin Ashcroft, Bill Kindon, John Mantle, Tom Grainey, Colin Clarke, Peter Smethurst, Tommy Bishop, John Woods and Alex Murphy; (3) Des Drummond; (4) Division One points in a season record (295); (5) Phil Fox and John Woods.

Entries please on a postcard to:- The Editor, Hull F.C. Programme, Boulevard Stadium, Airlie Street, Hull. Closing date is Tuesday, 26th March, 1985.

Many thanks to Cain Garnett for compiling the questions.

Who'd Be A Referee!

Unfortunately we did not receive any correct answers to the Leigh quiz so we hope you find today's questions a little easier. The correct answers were:-

(a) A player is tackled over his own goal line but the ball lies in the field of play. Play should restart by a play the ball where the ball lies.

(b) A touch judge comes onto the field to report a player's misconduct, the play had continued a further 40 metres down field before the referee stops the game. The referee awards a penalty to the attacking team. The penalty is taken from where the offence occurred, not where play is stopped.

Today we give you two more questions to ponder over.

Q—Player 'A' collects the ball in his own in goal and throws it forward to a colleague. Is this allowed?

Q—From a penalty the kicking team kick the ball over the touch in goal line on the full. How is the game restarted?

Remember the senders of the first two correct entries drawn from our mailbag will each receive two free tickets for the next home fixture. Please submit your entries on a postcard to:-The Editor, Hull F.C. Programme, Boulevard Stadium, Airlie Street, Hull. Closing date is Tuesday, 26th March, 1985.

Many thanks to local referee Steve Cross for compiling the questions.

