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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, 1985.

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

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(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:

8, Mick Crane, December 1975 to February 1976. 8, James Leuluai, August to September, 1983

11, J. Harrison, Sept. to Oct. 1914. 8, E. Rogers, March to April 1911.

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.

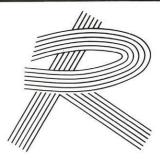
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### HULL F.C. v OLDHAM

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Our second home league fixture in four days brings Frank Myler's Oldham side to the Boulevard and the Roughyeds will be hoping to improve upon a disappointing start to the new campaign which culminated in a heavy Lancashire Cup first round defeat at Leigh last Sunday. Oldham portray one or two new faces in their line-up with former Fulham favourite **Hussein M'Barki** now taking up a new challenge, and 1983 Wembley Lance Todd Trophy winner David Hobbs hoping to find that same form following his move from Featherstone Rovers during the Summer. However, Hull fans will reserve a special welcome for former Airlie Birds skipper David Topliss who makes his first return to the Boulevard since his Summer departure and Toppo will be very keen to impress against his former team mates.

### Oldham

Founded in 1876. Ground: Watersheddings. Nickname: The Roughyeds.

Championship Winners: 1909/10, 1910/11, 1956/57.

Runners Up: 1906/07, 1907/08, 1908/09, 1921/22, 1954/55.

Division One Champions: 1904/05.

Division Two Champions: 1963/64, 1981/82.

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Lancashire League Winners: 1897/98, 1900/01, 1907/08, 1909/10, 1921/22, 1956/57,

1957/58.

Lancashire Cup Winners: 1907/08, 1910/11, 1913/14, 1919/20, 1924/25, 1933/34, 1956/57, 1957/58, 1958/59.
Runners Up: 1908/09, 1911/12, 1918/19, 1921/22, 1954/55, 1966/67, 1968/69.

Lancashire Shield Winners: 1975/76, 1979/80. Colts Premiership Trophy Winners: 1979/80.

#### Club Records

Record Attendance: 28.000 v Huddersfield 24/2/12. Record Score For: 67-6 v Liverpool City 4/4/59. Record Score Against: 11-67 v Hull K.R. 24/9/78.

Tries in a game: 7 Miller v Barry 31/10/08.

Goals in a game: 14 W. B. Ganley v Liverpool City 4/4/59.

Points in a game: 30 A. Johnson v Widnes 9/4/28.

Tries in a season: 49 R. Farrar 1921/22. Goals in a season: 200 B. Ganley 1957/58. Points in a season: 412 B. Ganley 1957/58. Tries in a career: 174 A. Davies 1950 to 1961. Goals in a career: 1365 B. Ganley 1951 to 1961. Points in a career: 2775 B. Ganley 1951 to 1961.

Appearances in a career: 634 J. Ferguson 1899 to 1923. Consecutive appearances: 115 T. E. Rees, March 1933 to December 1936.

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	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Against
Home League Games	47	25	1	21	653	420
Away League Games	46	9	0	37	304	755
Total League Games	93	34	1	58	957	1175
Home Premiership Games	1	1	0	0	24	21
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Neutral Venue Championship Play Off Games	1	Ó	Ö	1	14	15
Total Premiership/Championship Games	3	2	0	1	58	44
Home Challenge Cup Games	3	2	0	1	14	32
Away Challenge Cup Games	3	1	Ō	2	29	62
Neutral Venue Challenge Cup Games	1	1	0	0	12	9
Total Challenge Cup Games	7	4	0	3	55	103
Home John Player Trophy Games	2	2	0	0	43	24
Neutral Venue John Player Trophy Games	1	1	0	0	22	6
Total John Player Trophy Games	3	3	0	0	65	30
Home B.B.C. Floodlight Games	1	1	0	0	6	0
Total All Games	107	44	1	62	1141	1352
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#### **Previous Division One Meetings**

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1982/83	L	2-8	W	5- 2
1983/84	W	20-8	L	12-18
1984/85	W	30-8	W	22-10

Hull F.C. and Oldham meet for the 108th time today in all competitions and the Roughyeds hold a 62-44 lead in games won with one draw. Since the reintroduction of two divisions the sides have clashed eight times in the First Division with Hull winning five and Oldham three in what have generally been close low scoring games. The sides met on three occasions last season with the Airlie Birds coming out on top in a John Player Trophy second round tie as well as completing the double over Oldham in Division One. The league game at the Boulevard took place on 17/3/85 when Hull won 30-8 in a scrappy game which will be probably most remembered for Steve Norton being sent off. The sides on that day were:-

Hull F.C.: Kemble, James, Schofield 1t 5g, Topliss, O'Hara 1t, Evans, Portz, Skerrett, Puckering 2t, Rose, Crooks, Muggleton 1t, Norton. Subs: Edmonds for Rose, Sterling for Topliss.

Oldham: A. Taylor, Birkby, Parrish 2g, M. Foy, M. Taylor, P. Taylor, Ashton 1t, Jones, McCurrie, Morgan, Hawkyard, Platt, Flanagan. Subs: Kirwan (DNP), Chadwick for Jones.

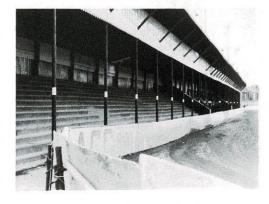
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# The Threepenny Stand Saga

Early in June, just over two weeks after the fire disaster at Bradford City's ground, Valley Parade, we received a visit at the Boulevard from the enforcement authorities. We were advised that provided exit gates were provided in the perimeter fence to allow quick exit from the stand on to the playing area in the event of an emergency the Threepenny Stand could continue to be used.



However, on 11th July the Secretary of State using his powers under the Safety of Sports Ground Act, 1975 "designated" the Boulevard Stadium along with 21 other Rugby League grounds as requiring a Safety Certificate. Further visits by the enforcement authorities resulted in a directive dated 15th August informing the club that the Threepenny Stand must be closed forthwith. The club requested reasons for the total closure and these were subsequently challenged with a formal appeal against the conditions imposed in the provisional safety certificate.

Thus the directors were faced with the problem of two pre-season friendly matches against Wakefield Trinity and Mansfield Marksman and the first league match against Widnes on 1st September knowing that they were unable to open the Threepenny Stand to the public. The first league match made everyone aware, if they were not aware already, of the depth of feeling the Threepenny Standers have for their favourite part of the ground. The main reason given for the closure of the Threepenny Stand was **not** the fire risk as many supposed but the evident inability to confirm the strength of the timber structure. Mr. G. L. West of Lab Furnishings and Services Ltd., a lifelong supporter of the club, and an expert on timber surveyed the Threepenny Stand and gave his opinion regarding the strength of the timbers. We were told that the timbers used are virtually as good as when the stand was constructed, there having been very little, if any, deterioration over the years. We were also informed that if a similar structure was constructed today there would be far less timber used, the present Threepenny Stand being able to support 10,000 spectators if it were possible to house them.

Armed with this encouraging report further discussions were held with the enforcement authorities with the result that, on a temporary basis, the Threepenny Stand has been re-opened for the use of 1,500 spectators provided that the bottom 4 steps and the concrete terracing in front ONLY are used. It is believed that this a major step forward for Threepenny Standers and your co-operation at the Dewsbury game last Wednesday, whilst expected, was nevertheless greatly appreciated — thank you.

Now for the future. It is **possible** that the Threepenny Stand could be made available for **full** use for a number of years into the future — we don't know until we have further discussions and have available the financial cost of the alterations and improvements which would have to be made.

Another alternative we are investigating is the cost of rebuilding in steel and concrete a structure similar to the present Threepenny Stand so that we can compare the cost of the options available to us. What do you want? bearing in mind that what you would like might not be possible or financially feasible? Whatever we decide to do will have regard to the wishes of the Threepenny Stand supporters so it will be useful if you will write in with your views.

ROY WAUDBY Chairman.

### Threepenny Stand Fund

Whether the Threepenny Stand is improved or demolished and rebuilt considerable financial demands will fall on the club. It is impossible to undertake capital works of this magnitude out of income and therefore a Threepenny Stand Fund was inaugurated by Mr. Jack Porter of 5 Brooklands Close, Beverley at the last Annual General Meeting of the club held at the end of July.

We would like to thank all those who have contributed to this Fund which now stands at £6,363.38 and we list their names below:-

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### **Match Comments**

Sunday, 8th September, 1985 Slalom Lager First Division Championship CASTLEFORD 22 HULL F.C. 14

Hull F.C.: Kemble, James, Eastwood, O'Hara, Prendiville, Portz, Gascoigne, Crooks, Patrick, Skerrett, Proctor, (Puckering), Dannatt, Divorty.

Scorers: Tries: Puckering, Portz. Goals: Crooks 2, Prendiville.

Just over four months after our epic Challenge Cup semi-final tussles with Malcolm Reilly's Castleford we clashed again at Wheldon Road and our victory hopes received a major blow before the game when Steve Norton and Fred Ah Kuoi both reported unfit following injuries sustained at York. Character was certainly demanded when Castleford went ahead in the opening minute as Rob Beardmore and Barry Johnson linked for Keith England to draw the cover and leave former Fulham star Steve Diamond a free run to the line to give Beardmore an easy conversion. Our young side responded magnificently to the lead given them by Lee Crooks and Trevor Skerrett who announced that he is back to full fitness with a classic display. Another player to make his mark was Jimmy Portz who despite being given the difficult task of replacing Fred Ah Kuoi, impressed throughout and featured in both the scores which gave us a golden chance of a surprise win. After some resolute defensive play had held Castleford at bay and Lee Crooks had reduced the deficit with a penalty we just nosed in front just before the break as Neil Puckering's pass was deflected and Portz alert to the situation darted in and threw back a return pass for the young prop to score between the posts with Lee Crooks' conversion a formality. On the restart we again retained our composure to nullify Castleford's attacking flair and Trevor Skerrett's determined running reaped the perfect reward when Jimmy Portz supported to cut through the cover, beat two players and then use Andy Gascoigne as a foil to crown a memorable score. With Lee Crooks' conversion we had an eight point leeway and Castleford were visibly rocked both physically and mentally yet we relaxed momentarily and paid a costly price. Two tries in five minutes by Tony Marchant and John Joyner left us devastated and naturally gave the home side a new lease of life. Try-saving tackles on Dane O'Hara and Andy Gascoigne denied us a deserved victory and our misery was complete when Stuart Horton took advantage of our fatigue to walk in unopposed and leave a scoreline which hardly did justice to our devoted efforts. Despite the disappointment the manner of defeat provided encouraging signs for our defence of the County Trophy which could not have been given a sterner test than a derby tie at Craven Park.

# Sunday, 15th September, 1985 John Smith's Yorkshire Cup First Round Tie HULL K.R. 12 HULL F.C. 10

Hull F.C.: Kemble, James, (Prendiville), Portz, Leuluai, O'Hara, Ah Kuoi, Gascoigne, Skerrett, Patrick, Puckering, (Arnett), Rose, Crooks, Divorty.

Scorers: Tries: O'Hara, Crooks.

Goal: Crooks.

Our three year tenure of the County Trophy came to an end in heart breaking fashion at Craven Park when neighbours Kingston Rovers snatched victory from the jaws of defeat. **Steve Norton's** absence through a hamstring injury sustained in training meant Team Manager Arthur Bunting giving **Paul Rose** a return to action following his decision to come out of retirement.

As derby games go this will not be remembered as a classic for both sides made too many mistakes, the result of nerves and a driving wind. With the Robins having the benefit of the wind at their backs in the first period we defended stoutly as our neighbours enjoyed territorial advantage but fortunately were unable to turn that superiority into points. Paul Harkin's brilliant touch-finding kicks continually pegged us back into our twenty-five and with David Watkinson dominant in the scrums those tactics seemed likely to reap dividends. Ironically after overriding the pressure we opened the scoring with a classic score after twenty three minutes. Lee Crooks stormed on to Fred Ah Kuoi's pass and though our skipper threatened to turn inside broke clear down the wing and timed his pass perfectly to Dane O'Hara who shrugged aside Garry Clark's challenge to score in the corner. Just before the break Rovers levelled matters when Phil Hogan for once found a gap in our cover to score too wide out for John Dorahy to convert. Just as at Wheldon Road the previous Sunday we came back on the restart to forge into a precious lead as Lee Crooks showed his prowess by supporting James Leuluai to saunter over following Fred Ah Kuoi's clever switch of direction. Gary Divorty's conversion gave us a six point advantage to defend and it could have been all over for Rovers when Andy Kelly turned a pass straight to Jimmy Portz but unfortunately the youngster held on too long and Kevin James was unable to take the final pass with a try certain. It proved to be a turning point as the Champions inspired by Gavin Miller and David Watkinson and assisted by six successive penalties edged their way back. John Dorahy closed the gap when Neil Puckering was penalised for handling at the play-the-ball and then just seven minutes from time Phil Hogan ran onto a short Miller pass to take advantage of our only second defensive lapse. Dorahy's conversion ultimately settled the issue and we had reason to be downhearted for our efforts deserved at least a draw. Still the revival is in motion and one can only hope that this performance provides the basis for a sustained run of success in our league fixtures.

### Wednesday, 18th September, 1985 Slalom Lager First Division Championship HULL F.C. 48 DEWSBURY 6

Hull F.C.: Kemble, (Eastwood), Prendiville, Portz, Leuluai, O'Hara, Ah Kuoi, Gascoigne, Skerrett, Patrick, Puckering, Rose, (Gerard), Crooks, Divorty.

Scorers: Tries: Ah Kuoi 2, O'Hara 2, Eastwood 2, Puckering, Prendiville, Portz, Skerrett. Goals: Prendiville 4.

For the second time in fourteen days First Division newcomers Dewsbury visited Humberside and found life in the top flight rather disconcerting as the Airlie Birds returned to peak form. Sadly the appearance of Australian Geoff Gerard could not attract the missing fans back to the Boulevard and our lowest attendance of the decade (4,991) witnessed a scoring spree which must have done wonders for our confidence and morale. With the test series drawing nearer the form of Fred Ah Kuoi and Dane O'Hara in particular must be alerting the attention of Great Britain coach Maurice Bamford as both celebrated with a brace of tries. Ah Kuoi was the instigator of numerous moves and his two early tries set us on the path to a handsome victory. The West Yorkshire outfit battled resiliently throughout with stand-off Paul Shuttleworth particularly impressive yet when we moved the ball they had few answers to our craft and artistry. Prop forwards Trevor Skerrett and Neil Puckering did so much damage with their strength and power and it was particularly pleasing to see two of the youngsters take the limelight in the second period. Paul Eastwood had replaced Gary Kemble at the break and two dazzling pieces of wing play leaving Dewsbury's cover in fragments thrilled the crowd whilst Jimmy Portz also scampered in for the easiest of touchdowns as we took our score within range of the half century milestone.

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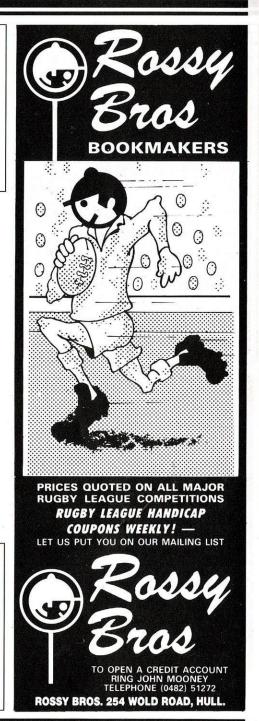
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### Welcome to Geoff Gerard

Following the uncertainty of whether he would be actually playing for Hull F.C. this season because of the Rugby League's restrictions of five overseas players per club (subsequently altered for those clubs possessing New Zealanders with long term contracts) Geoff Gerard finally made his Boulevard debut last Wednesday evening when replacing Paul Rose at half time. This powerfully built Australian has already sampled British football with Wakefield Trinity back in 1976. Has starred for Penrith in the Sydney league this season.

I am sure he will prove to be a big favourite with Hull supporters. We wish Geoff all the very best in his new environment.

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### Hull F.C. Quiz No. 3

- Which former Oldham player appeared in 2 games for Hull F.C during the 1979/80 season?
- Which former Hull F.C. player played for Oldham during the 1980/81 season?
- 3. Against which club did Steve Norton make his debut for Hull F.C.?
- 4. Which Hull F.C player dropped 3 goals in a league game during the 1980/81 season?
- Which player did Hull F.C. sign from Keighley at the end of the 1978/79 season in a straight swap for George Clark?
- How many Hull F.C. players played for Great Britain against Australia during the 1982 Test series?
- 7. Which player made his one and only appearance for the club in a league game at Castleford on 11/11/77?
- 8. Which former Hull K.R. player appeared for Hull F.C. against Hull K.R. in the 1979 B.B.C. 2 Floodlight Final?
- 9. In the Hull K.R. v Hull F.C. derby games on 2/10/77 two brothers appeared on oposite sides. Who were they?
- 10. Which player did Hull F.C. sign from New Hunslet in 1976 for £8,000?

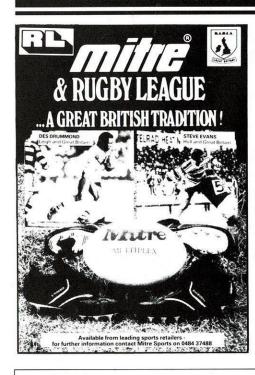
The first two all correct (or nearest) entries will each receive a pair of ground tickets for Hull's next home game.

Entries please on a postcard to:- The Editor, Hull F.C. Programme, Boulevard Stadium, Airlie Street, Hull. Closing date is Wednesday, 2nd October, 1985. Many thanks to Alan Hall for compiling the questions.

### The Hull F.C. (West Yorkshire) Supporters Club

Meeting being held at the Adelphi Hotel, Leeds on Wednesday, 25th September at 7.30 p.m. All welcome. A coach is being run to St. Helens on Sunday, 29th September departing Queens Hotel, City Square, Leeds at 11.00 a.m. Non members welcome.

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### LINKS BETWEEN HULL F.C. AND OLDHAM

### **Barry Kear**

There have only been a handful of players to wear both a Hull shirt and Oldham shirt within the last 20 years. One of these was Barry Kear a second row prop who was signed from Salford in January 1974 after a spell with Featherstone Rovers. Barry made his debut at Batley on 27/1/74 and scored a try which was not enough to prevent Hull from a 14-16 defeat. The following week he sustained a bad injury in a first round Challenge Cup tie against Hull K.R. which was to keep him out for the rest of the season. Barry was a regular at the start of the 1974/75 season after his long absence and played a part in Hull's memorable Yorkshire Cup win over Leeds after they had been reduced to 11 men. He scored his 2nd try and last try for the club again at Batley on 26/10/74 but was unable to secure a regular place during the remainder of the season. His final appearance in a Hull shirt was as a substitute v Huddersfield on 23/3/75. The following season Barry moved to Oldham

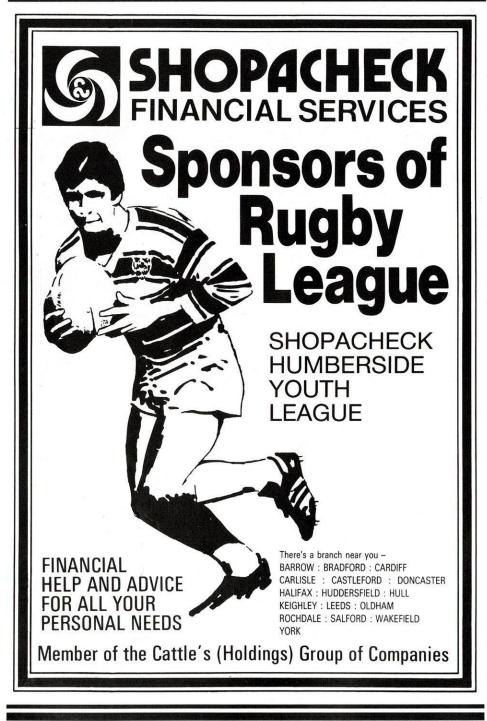


on loan and after some impressive trial games was signed by the Roughyeds at the end of October for £2,000. This transfer was somewhat unique at the time as the Oldham club held collections at their Watersheddings ground and the deal was finalised thanks to the generosity of the Oldham supporters. Barry became a big favourite during his first season at the Watersheddings making 26 appearances. Unfortunately his appearances were restricted during the 1976/77 season mainly due to injury and he made his final appearance for the club against Rochdale on 8/4/77 when he signed off with a try. Barry retired from the game for a few seasons to concentrate on his business but resumed his career with his home town club Castleford in 1980 where he spent a short spell before retiring for good.

Hull F.C. 1973/74 1974/75	A 2 11	SA 0 3	T 1 1	G 0 0	DG 0 0	P 3 3	
Total	13	3	2	0	0	6	_
Oldham 1975/76 1976/77	A 26 10	SA 0 4	T 1	G 0 0	DG 0 0	P 3 3	
Total	36	4	2	0	0	6	

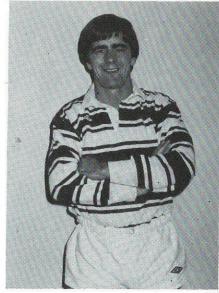
Debut 27/1/74 v Batley (a) 1st try 27/1/74 v Batley (a) Last try 26/10/74 v Batley (a) Last app. 23/3/75 v Huddersfield (h) sub.

Debut 12/10/75 v Huddersfield (h) 1st try 2/11/75 v Dewsbury (h) Last try 8/4/77 v Rochdale (a) Last app. 8/4/77 v Rochdale (a) sub.



### **David Topliss**

David Topliss makes a quick return to the Boulevard this afternoon in the colours of his new club Oldham. David signed for Wakefield Trinity in 1968 from the very successful Normanton amateur side and scored 194 tries in over 400 appearances for the Trinity side in his 13 years there. The high point of David's career at Belle Vue was undoubtedly the 1979 Challenge Cup Final when after he had masterminded the semi-final victory over St. Helens he captained Trinity against Widnes at Wembley. David was in fine form and took the Lance Todd Trophy but was unable to prevent the Chemics from taking the Cup 12-3. David spent successful spells in Australia in the mid seventies playing for top Sydney sides Penrith and Balmain and returned as a replacement on the 1979 Great Britain Tour. After receiving a testimonial during the 1979/80 season David began to look for fresh challenges and moved to the Boulevard at the end of the 1980/81

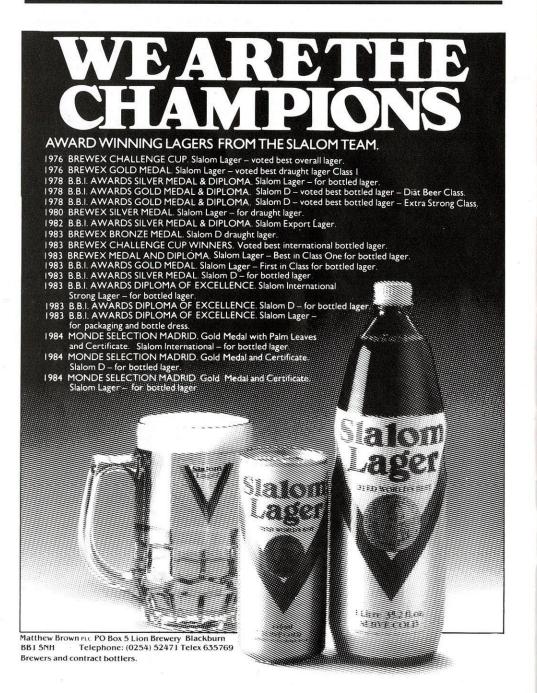


season for £15,000. He made his debut in a Yorkshire Cup tie v Leeds on 16/8/81 but played only 5 games before he sustained a serious leg injury against Featherstone on 16/9/81. He spent a frustrating 5 months on the sidelines missing Hull's John Player Trophy triumph before returning to the side ironically at Wakefield on 7/2/82. The remaining 3 months were probably the most memorable of even David's illustrious career as Hull swept through to a Challenge Cup Final clash with Widnes. In the Final against Widnes David was a target for some heavy Chemics' tackling as Hull came back from the dead to draw 14-14. That never to be forgotten replay was the scene of probably Toppo's finest performance in a Hull shirt when he scored two memorable tries in the 18-9 win and he became the first Hull captain in 68 years to hold aloft the trophy. The 1982/83 season saw David score 24 tries in 37 appearances as he led Hull to Yorkshire Cup and Division One Championship triumphs. Unfortunately his dream of a Wembley success was shattered as Hull failed to regain the Cup against unfancied Featherstone Rovers. Earlier in the season David had returned to captain the Great Britain side against the all conquering Australians after he had scored a fine individual try against them in the Tour match at the Boulevard. The 1983/84 season saw David reach 50 tries for the club in less than 3 years as he led Hull to another Yorkshire Cup triumph, and helped the club's promising youngsters through their tough baptism in Division One. Last season saw David making somewhat infrequent appearances in the side due to the form of Steve Evans and Fred Ah Kuoi although he was still turning in reliable performances as ever. During the close season Frank Myler moved in to sign David to help dictate matters in the middle of the field and he has already scored tries against Great Britain in a trial game and in his debut v Leeds though a thigh injury denies him the opportunity of playing against his former team mates this afternoon.

#### Hull F.C. Playing Record

Total	113	7	11	56	0	2	189
1984/85	22	4	3	4	0	0	16
1983/84	29	1	4	15	0	0	60
1982/83	37	0	4	24	0	0	72
1981/82	25	2	0	13	0	2	41
Hull F.C.	Α	SA	SN	T	G	DG	P

Debut 16/8/81 v Leeds (h) Y.C.1
1st try 16/9/81 v Featherstone R. (h)
1st drop goal 14/3/82 v Halifax C.C.3
Last drop goal 27/3/82 v Castleford C.C.S/F
50th app. (inc. sub) 13/2/83 v Blackpool (a) C.C.1
50th try 8/4/84 v Castleford (h)
100th app. (inc. sub) 21/10/84 v Leigh (a)
Last try 27/4/85 v Wigan (a) Prem.1
Last app. 27/4/85 v Wigan (a) Prem.1





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### Through the Years

1 YEAR AGO 23/9/84 DIVISION ONE Warrington 21 Hull F.C. 14 Hull: Kemble, Prendiville, Schofield 1t 3g, Evans, O'Hara, Topliss, Ah Kuoi 1t, Skerrett, Patrick, Rose, Dannatt, Crooks, Norton. Subs: Edmonds for Skerrett, Proctor for Edmonds. Attendance: 4.500. Referee: C. Hodgson (Maryport) Half time: 12-2. 2 YEARS AGO 25/9/83 DIVISION ONE Fulham 29 Hull F.C. 24 Hull: Prendiville 2g, Solal, Banks, Leuluai 1t, O'Hara 1t, Topliss 1t, Harkin, Skerrett, Wileman 1t, Stone, Rose, Norton, Crane. Subs: Evans for Prendiville 2g, Proctor for Wileman. Attendance: 3,838. Referee: F. Robinson (Leeds) Half time: 26-2.

5 YEARS AGO 21/9/80 DIVISION ONE

Hull F.C. 16 Oldham 11 Hull: 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.

10 YEARS AGO 28/9/75 JOHN PLAYER TROPHY ROUND ONE Doncaster 12 Hull F.C. 23

Hull: Hunter, Lane, Clark 1t, Crane, Portz, Hancock 1t 1dg, Foulkes, Ramsey, Duke, Wardell, Robson 1t, Boxall 5g, Trotter. Subs: Macklin 1t for Lane, Marshall for Robson.

Attendance: 570. Referee: J. V. Moss (Manchester) Half time: 10-15.

25 YEARS AGO 20/9/60 LEAGUE

Dewsbury 8 Hull F.C. 16 Hull: Dannatt. Harrison 1t. Cowan. Saville. Johnson 1t. Mathews. Finn 1t, Scott, Walters, J. Drake, Sykes, W. Drake 2g, P. Whiteley.

50 YEARS AGO 21/9/35 LEAGUE Hull F.C. 20 Wigan 3

Hull: Miller 1g, Gouldstone 1t, Wilson 1t, Bateman, Corner 1t, Fifield, Colling 1t, Stead 1t, G. Barlow, Thacker 1t, Dawson, Booth, Courtney.

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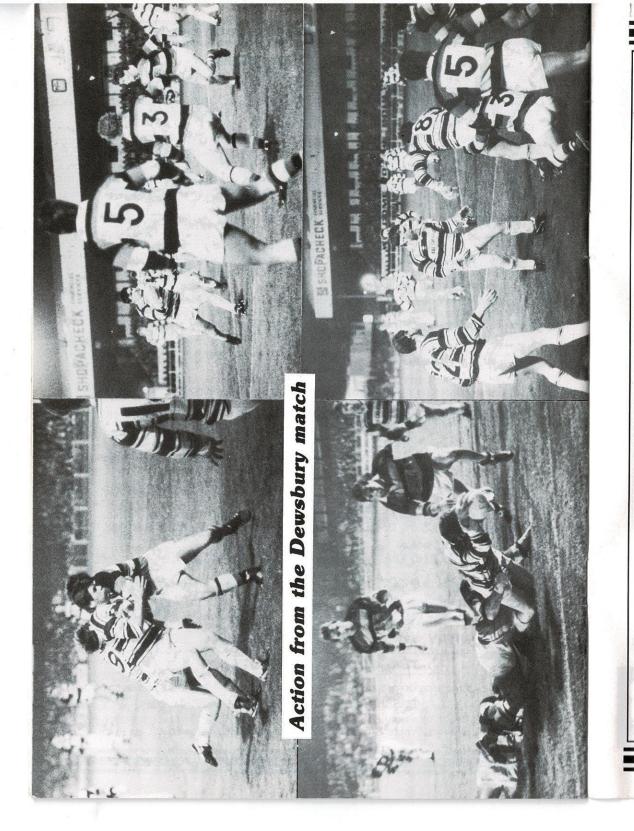
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