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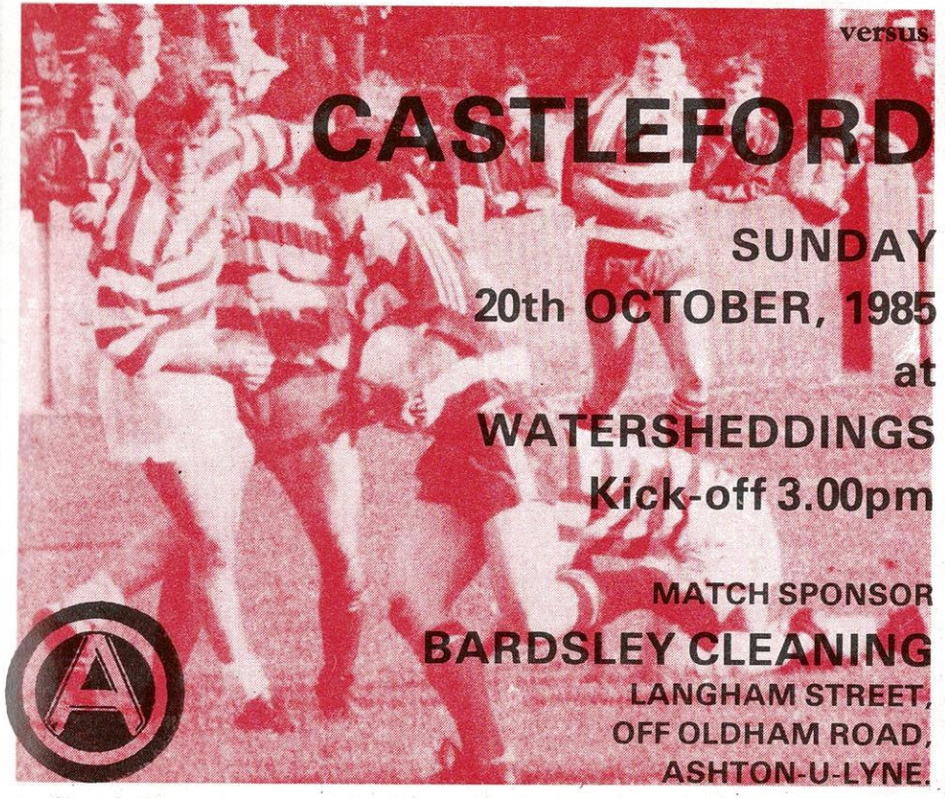

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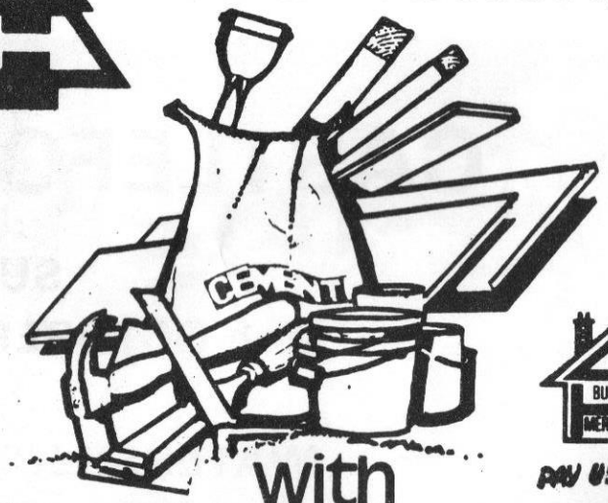

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Record transfer fee paid	£40,000 to Featherstone for David Hobbs, February 1985
Record transfer fee received	
Record try scorer	Reg Farrar, 49 tries, 1921/22 season
Record goal scorer	Bernard Ganley, 224 goals, 1957/58 season
Record point scorer	Bernard Ganley, 28 points v. Liverpool City, April 1959
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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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

AFTER a disappointing start to the season, in which the club was crippled by injuries, we now seem to be heading in the right direction.

The win over Warrington and the draw at Featherstone did everyone a power of good, especially as we did enough to win at Post Office Road and would have done had we taken our chances.

Our Australian contingent has now arrived in full and we extend a hearty Watersheddings welcome to Mal Graham, Gary Warnecke and David Liddiard, as well as to young Glenn O'Leary, who has joined us from Sydney for trials.

Mal and Gary took part in the games over Warrington and Featherstone, while David, who arrived later, made his debut last Sunday at Salford.

His younger brother, Glen, who is only 15, has also crossed the world and he will be playing for Saddleworth Rangers.

We have also signed Castleford forward David Finch on loan, and we will be looking at him closely as he bids to rebuild his career again following a series of injuries.

The signings of the Australians, plus the captures of David Topliss and Hussein M'Barki, means that we will be able to field a vastly-different side from the one we had out last season and we expect to enjoy a good season after our difficulties early on.

You will have read in the press that we have been trying to build up our pack strength. Several avenues have been explored and the latest was a move for the Australian prop Keith Neller, who was at Halifax last season.

Whether or not this move has been completed, supporters can rest assured that we will continue to look for good players as and when the need arises and when they become available.

Ray Ashton has now been taken off the transfer list, but Alan McCurrie has been involved this week with talks at Halifax, who are on the look-out for a ball-winning No. 9.

Halifax wanted Alan on loan, but neither Alan nor the Oldham club was keen on that idea and everything would depend on what happened when Alan went to Thrum Hall for talks this week.

Away from the rugby field, it has been a busy time for the club recently with all the work that has had to be put in on ground safety.

Like most clubs — and many soccer clubs — we have had exhaustive talks with the local fire and police chiefs since our ground became designated under the Safety of Sports Ground Act.

We have had to spend a lot of money already on work which is merely of a temporary nature and in the long term it is impossible to say at this stage what the future holds.

Anyone can see, though, that we now face an even greater financial burden than hitherto and it is imperative that we all pull together in these difficult times to try and ensure that we have a jolly good season despite the problems.

We have put up the turnstile prices from £2.30 to £2.50. This decision was not taken lightly but because the committee felt it had no alternative in view of the current financial situation.

It does, of course, only bring our prices into line with clubs such as Widnes, Wigan, St Helens and Warrington — our chief competitors on this side of the Pennines.

We have also done a costing exercise on what it takes to stage a match at Watersheddings now that we have to employ considerably more stewards and police.

The minimum is £800, and we have thus been forced to re-assess our position in terms of letting out the ground to other organisations.

Sadly, we just cannot continue to allow amateur matches to be staged here unless some financial agreement is reached with the local league. This again is a decision which we have made reluctantly but which was inevitable in terms of the good of the club.

However, we will allow the Standard Cup Final to be played here as usual on Good Friday with the normal conditions. This, we feel, is a gesture on the club's part which we feel sure the local league will appreciate.

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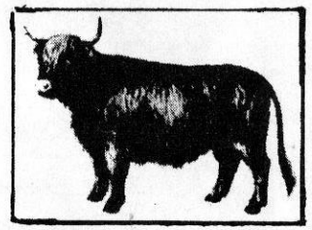

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If the referee sees the offence, he must obviously make his mind up immediately, whether he is going to penalise or play-on. Once he has stopped play, he cannot re-commence with a play the ball.

He **MUST,** either, award a **penalty** where the incident occurred, or a **scrum** where play stops.

This does not eliminate the power of the referee to dismiss the offender at the next stoppage if he has played advantage, (i.e. the non-offending side may well have scored a try) whether by his own decision, or following a touch-judge intervention.

2. Foul on a player dropping at goal.

a) If the drop at goal is successful, one point will be awarded, AND, the referee will award a penalty kick at the centre of the 10m line, in front of the posts, and a kick at goal is MANDATORY.

b) If the drop at goal is unsuccessful, the referee will award a penalty kick at the centre of the 10m line, in front of the posts, but the kicker need not kick at goal.

N.B. In either a) or b) above, the player awarded the penalty kick MAY drop at goal.

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1. There is only ONE occasion during the game when the defending team may drop out from the centre of the 22m line.

2. There are TWO occasions during the game when a tackle/play the ball will NOT be included in the tackle COUNT.

ANSWERS

1. After an unsuccessful penalty kick which has gone dead.

2a. The play the ball often the "handover" (i.e. after one team has had 6 tackles).

2b. If an attacking player, in possession, falls over the trainer who is attending an injured player, and thereby succumbs to a tackle by an opponent.

WELCOME TO CASTLEFORD

CAS CHASING THE HONOURS

CASTLEFORD come to Watersheddings today after one of their best-ever starts to a First Division season which has seen them reach the top four as well as qualify for the final of the Yorkshire Cup.

They meet Hull KR next weekend in the county cup final after an impressive run through to the final in which they beat Sheffield Eagles 22-6, Hunslet 60-2, Halifax 24-4 and Leeds 14-10.

Prior to last Sunday's home game against St Helens they had won four of their six league games, going down at Warrington and at Halifax with injury-weakened sides.

Remarkably, Oldham invariably do well at Wheldon Road and Cas normally do well here at Watersheddings so if tradition is anything to go by, Oldham will be in for a tough match against a side which fancies its chances of honours this term.

Castleford are a strong all-round side coached by the longest-serving team boss in the game in Mal Reilly.

He plotted our downfall in the first round of the Challenge Cup at Boundary Park last season, so revenge will be sweet if it can be extracted today.

The Castleford backs have been in try-scoring mood this season, with right-wing David Plange having scored seven tries before last weekend, centre Tony Marchant, nine, and fellow centre Gary Hyde, six.

David Roockley normally plays fullback but he could be challenged by one of the club's Australian recruits, Jamie Sandy from Eastern Suburbs.

Roockley, Marchant, Hyde and left-wing Chris Chapman are all former club colts — a theme that runs right through the side.

Plange was signed from Doncaster, while stand-off Steve Diamond is the much-travelled Welshman, who began his career with Wakefield and then had spells with Fulham, Warrington and Hunslet before arriving at Wheldon Road.

Bob Beardmore is one of the game's best and most intelligent scrum-halves, while he also kicks goals for good measure and is among the leading marksmen so far this season.

Up front, Castleford have lost the services of prop Gary Connell, who was seriously hurt in last season's Challenge Cup semi-final against Hull and has been advised to retire.

Kevin Ward has now taken over as the No. 8, with Test player Kevin Beardmore at hooker and the ball-playing Barry Johnson at No. 10.

Keith England is a forceful second-row, but he picked up a two-match ban at a recent disciplinary committee meeting and will probably have to sit out today's match.

His place could go to Martin Ketteridge, while there could be a debut today in the second-row for Aussie Ian French, a Sydney-based player who is highly-rated and said to be on the fringe of the Kangaroo Test team.

Finally, at loose-forward, there is John Joyner — Mr Castleford himself, with 400 senior appearances behind him in a long and distinguished career in which he has represented his county and his country on many occasions.

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On Tuesday last, we held our first birthday party for Lifeline when members of the Lifeline, officials, and players met at the Queen Elizabeth Hall to enjoy a first birthday party.

If the Lifeline was essential when it was launched a year ago, it's success is even more crucial now, so we would appeal to all of you, if you are not already in the scheme, to give us a lift and stake your chance to win £1,000 EVERY WEEK.

Finally, it is with the deepest regret that we record the death of one of our former players. Clive Sullivan passed away in Hull last week at the age of 42, and the game was robbed of a true sportsman and a great ambassador. Clive made only a brief stay at Watersheddings in his long and distinguished career, but it was long enough for him to leave his mark as a fine fellow and an excellent player. In Rugby League, he will be sadly missed.

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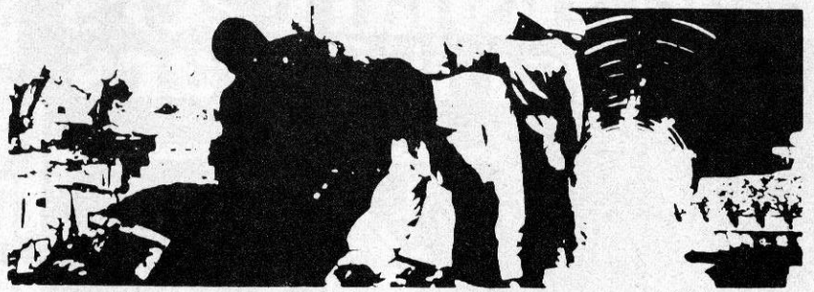

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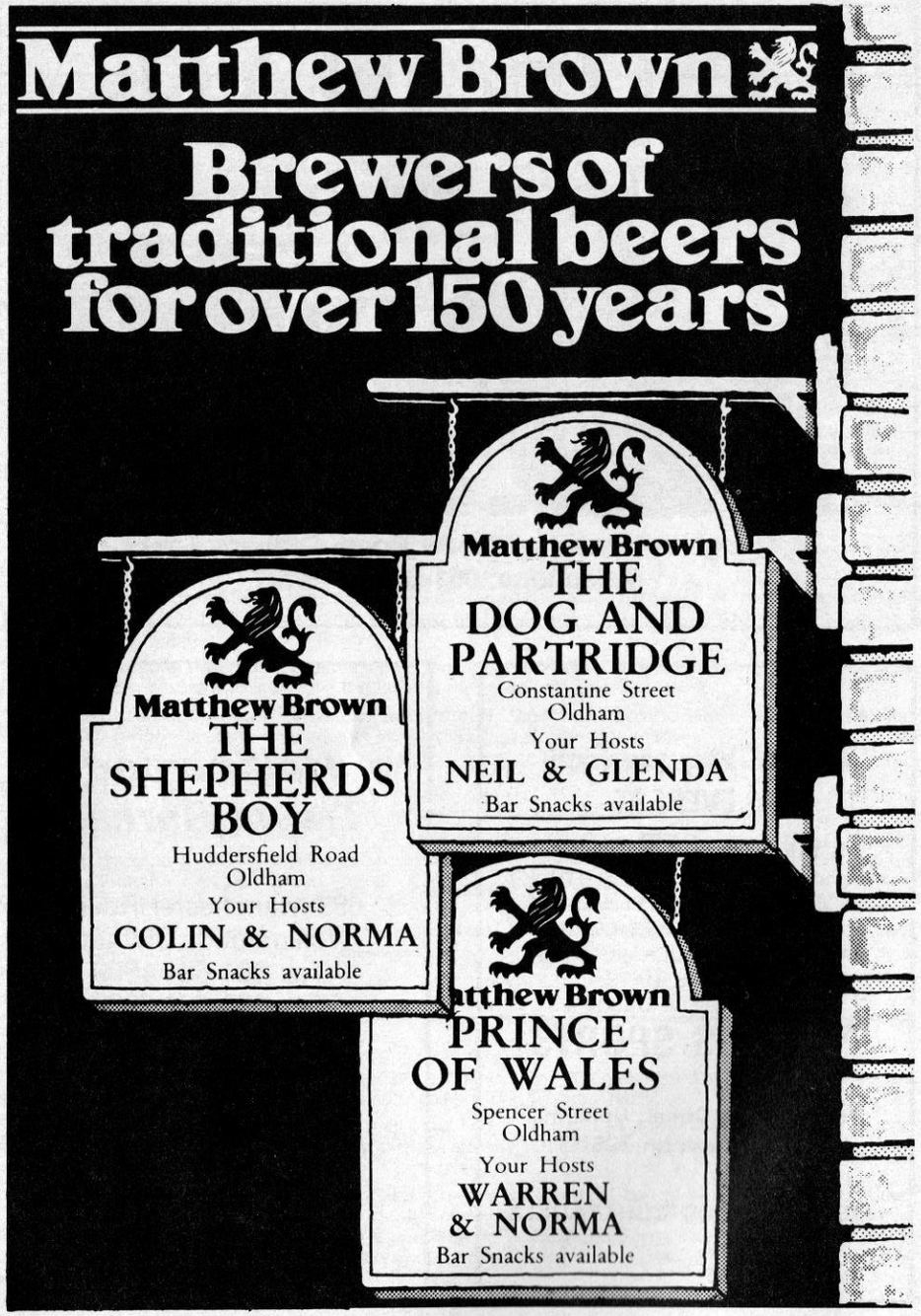

BRIAN BATTY Daily Mail

New Zealand's tourists not only look like proving a talented and powerful side but fine ambassadors for the game of Rugby League.

Coached by the successful Graham Lowe and managed by Jim Campbell, the Kiwis bring a friendly but disciplined air to to the sport that can prove a great stimulus for the English season.

The 24-strong squad possesses plenty of experience right through from brilliant skipper Mark Graham to the youngsters of the side like Vaun O'Callaghan, the 19-year-old son of former tour boss Bill.

A lot of the Kiwis appeal stems from the fact that while they have recognised stars in the Sorenson brothers Kurt and Dane, Clayton Friend and Olsen Filipaine, there is a rich crop of new boys for the English fans to assess.

Hooker Howie Tamati, who proved such a likeable character in his Wigan days, is back to team up with Warrington based star Kevin Tamati.

Also back in this country after a sparkling spell with Leeds is skilful back Dean Bell while I am looking forward to seeing forwards Hugh McGahan, James Goulding and Owen Wright show their paces.

The dedicated approach of coach Lowe is illustrated by his views on the Test series. He says: We may have beaten Britain 3-0 in the last Test series at home but now we start from scratch.

'It is 1971 since we won a series in England and we have a tough tour ahead of us.

'I have always believed Rugby League is about entertainment and I hope our style will bring in the crowds. If we finish this tour as enthusiastically as we have started it then I will regard it as a success'.

A lot of the squad can put themselves in the shop window to tempt offers from English clubs for the next season.

Although Sydney clubs may have creamed many of the top Kiwi players there are always players on a tour who emerge as future stars and I don't think this trip will be any exception.

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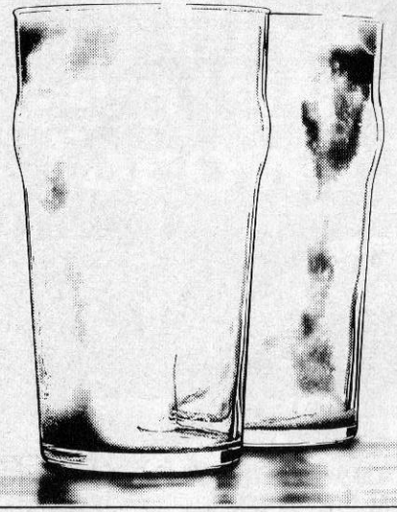

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The Supporters Club and Committee would like to welcome all the players and supporters of todays opponents Castleford, hoping that we can have a good, clean and entertaining game. We would like to invite all the supporters to visit our Souvenir Shop and Canteens situated at different parts of the ground.

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The Supporters Club subscriptions are now due. Come and join the Supporters Club membership £1.00 (including diary). Please pay at any canteen. Also to all our Junior Reds, their membership to Mr J. Gallagher in the Social Club.

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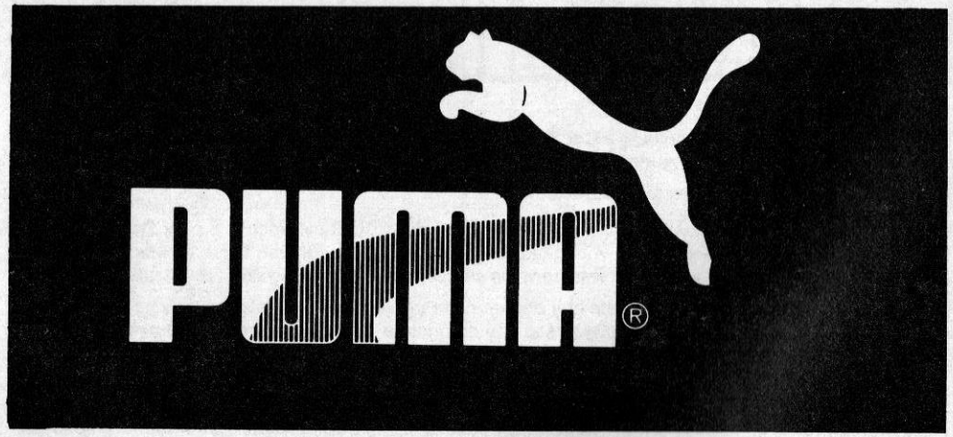

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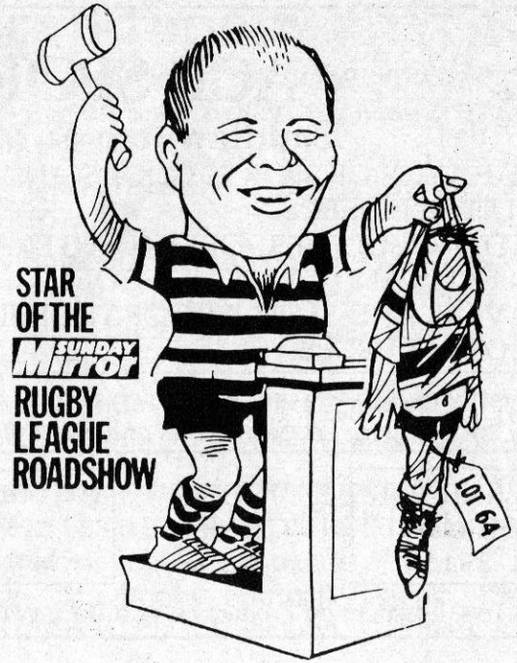

MICK MORGAN TESTIMONIAL

The final event of Mick's benefit is a Sportsman's Dinner at Royton Assembly Hall on Friday 29th November. Guest Speakers will be Billy Beaumont, ex England R.U. Captain, John Lindley of Wakefield Trinity, ex Players Association, Rugby League Pro David Howes and Mick himself. Tickets priced £12 can be obtained by ringing Mick on 061-620 4870.

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CLIVE SULLIVAN M.B.E.

IT was sad to hear of the death of former Oldham and Great Britain star Clive Sullivan.

Clive thrilled crowds all over the world, with his blistering pace and wonderful sense of balance, he was one of Rugby League finest sights when in full flight for the line.

He scored hundreds of tries throughout his wonderful career, but the one he scored against Australia in the 1972 World Cup will always stand out in my memory, taking the ball in his own 25 line he out stripped the Aussie Cover to score one of the finest tries I have had the pleasure to witness, but more important it was the try that won Great Britain the 1972 World Cup.

Having played and roomed with Clive on the 1970 Tour, I got to know him well and it was no surprise to me in later years when he was awarded the M.B.E. for services to our game of Rugby League, one of the true gentlemen of our game.

I shall miss seeing him in person myself over the future years and all in Rugby League will regret his early demise.

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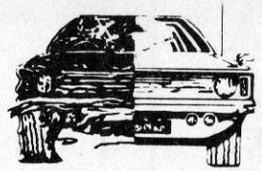

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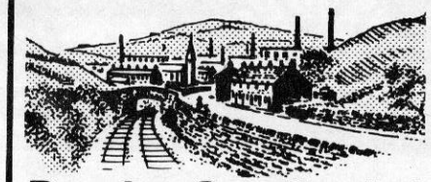

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1985			1986	
SEPTEMBER			**JANUARY**	
1—Halifax	D 12-12	A	1—Leeds	A
4—Swinton (7.30)		H	5—Featherstone	H
8—Leeds		H	12—York	H
15—County Cup (1)			19—Castleford (3.30)	A
22—Hull		A	26—St. Helens	H
29—Warrington		H	**FEBRUARY**	
OCTOBER			2—Warrington	A
6—Featherstone (3.30)		A	9—Silk Cut Challenge Cup (1)	
13—Salford		A	16—Halifax	H
20—Castleford		H	23—Silk Cut Challenge Cup (2)	
NOVEMBER			**MARCH**	
3—Bradford (3.30)		A	2—Hull K.R.	H
10—Hull		H	16—Widnes	A
17—Dewsbury (3.30)		A	23—Wigan	H
24—John Player Special (1)			28—Swinton	A
DECEMBER			31—Wigan	A
1—John Player Special (2)			**APRIL**	
8—Salford		H	6—Bradford	H
15—Dewsbury		H	13—York (3.30)	A
22—Hull K.R.		A	20—St. Helens	A
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