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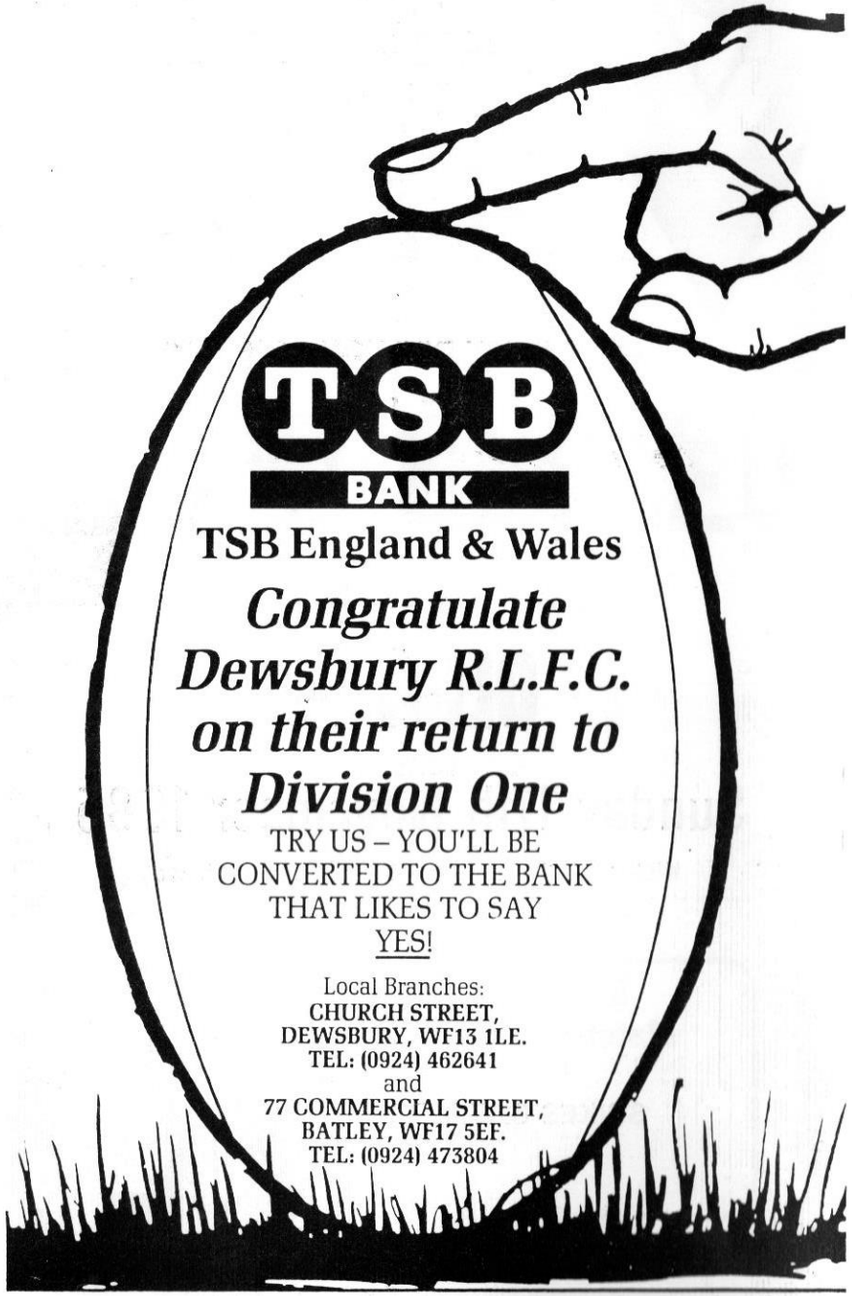

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As supporters may have read in the Press our Secretary for the past six and a half years asked to be replaced due to his now heavy work commitments. Bernard who lives in Leeds has found it increasingly more difficult to give the time that the job of Secretary demands. On behalf of the rest of the Committee I wish to express my sincere thanks for all the work Bernard has done. Bernard's replacement Mr. Geoff Parrish is no stranger to the Club having been the Sponsorship Secretary since early summer. Geoff who was Sales Director for a well known soft drinks firm before retiring intends to combine both jobs and also act as P.R.O. To assist Geoff with the financial aspects of the Club the Committee have appointed Mrs. Marguerite Winfield as Treasurer. I wish them every success in the jobs they have undertaken.

Our playing record has not improved losing to Castleford at home and last week at St. Helens, although there were some encouraging signs especially in the second half when a strong St. Helens side were held to a solitary try.

The A' Team's record of not being beaten at home this season finally went last week when a side missing quite a few regulars lost by a couple of points to Batley late in the game. The 'A' Team is where we have to test new players and there were five trialists in this team.

Our Colts are making a comeback but urgently require more youngsters to come along and swell the ranks. See Colts Column for details.

Its congratulations this week to Graham Marsden and his wife Diane on the birth of their second daughter, we wish them both well. — I'm also pleased to report that Graham has recovered from injury and is back in training.

Finally, I extend a warm welcome to the Officials, Players & Supporters from Oldham who are currently riding high in the League and we look forward to an entertaining game.

ROY HARTER, Chairman.

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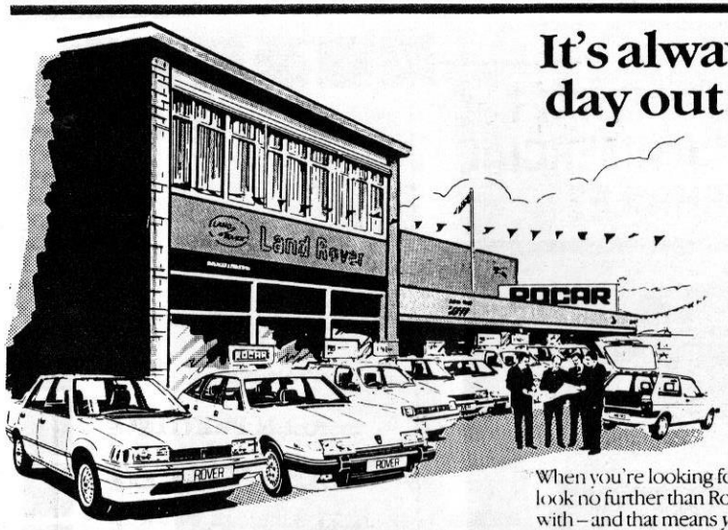

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BRIAN GARTLAND, Coach. St. Helens born coach who has spent most of his career in the Oldham area coaching the Oldham Colts and Reserve grade sides in recent seasons before stepping up to First Team duties in the middle of the 1983-84 season, doing an excellent job for the club in a crisis period which saw the resignation in quick succession of former coaches Dave Cox and Frankie Barrow.

DAVID TOPLISS, Stand off (Captain). Aged 35, 5ft. 8ins. 11st. 2lb. A former Normanton Junior who served Wakefield Trinity brilliantly for 13 seasons, winning the Lance Todd Trophy in the 1979 Wembley defeat. Played for Penrith Panthers in the mid-70's and joined Hull F.C. in 1981, captaining the Airlie Birds to six major finals, his finest hour being the 1982 Challenge Cup replay with Widnes at Elland Road, scoring 2 tries of outstanding courage and importance. His brilliance gained him only 4 caps making his debut versus the 1973 Aussies at Wembley and his last as captain in the Final Test at Headingley in 1982. Was a replacement tourist in 1979 and has scored over 200 tries in a great career. Joined Oldham this summer.

DAVID LIDDIARD, Full back. Age 24. An Australian in his first season in England has earned rave reviews for his attacking play from full back berth. Signed from Parramatta Eels but will return to play for the Penrith Panthers at the end of the British season.

HUSSEIN M'BARKI, Winger. Age 29. Was brought to England by Fulham in 1981 for £25,000 from the French club Cahors, traded under the name of Des Smith for a while at Craven Cottage and became one of only 7 players to score a try against the 1982 Australians in Fulham's tour match. Joined the exodus to Warrington last season before joining Oldham. The first and only Moroccan player in British Rugby League.

DES FOY, Middle back. Age 21. Boy wonder who signed for Widnes in July 1980 for a then record £17,000 contract from Saddleworth Rangers after playing for England Schoolboys. Made only 18 appearances for the Chemics before transferring to Oldham in Jan. 1983, scored a try on his Test debut in Avignon in Jan. 1984 and went on the 1984 tour playing at stand-off opposite the great Wally Lewis in the first Test at Sydney Cricket Ground, his only Test appearance on tour.

MICK PARRISH, Centre. Age 27. Signed from Hunslet for £20,00 in Sept. 1980 whom he had joined from Morley R.U.F.C. Is the only man in the history of the game to play and score in every match in a season for two different clubs, Hunslet in 1979-80 and Oldham in 1981-82. The elder brother of our Steve.

MICK TAYLOR, Winger. This is Mick's second season at the Watersheddings being signed from Huddersfield Amateur club Britannia Works (now Paddock).

RAY ASHTON, Scrum half. Age 25. Widnes born half back signing for Oldham in 1978, went on tour in 1984 as third choice number 7 to Holding and Gregory, injuries ruining his tour, playing in only four matches.

WALLY JONES, Open prop. Signed from Rochdale Hornets, the rugged prop was Oldham's Player of the Year in 1983-84 and was at one point in Frank Myler's pre 1984 tour Gt. Britain training squad.

IAN SANDERSON, Hooker. Age 20. The Leigh born player has come through the ranks at Oldham, given his chance he has retained his place on merit, playing well.

MICK MORGAN, Blind side prop. Ageless trouper who is taking a Rugby League approved benefit this season celebrating 20 years as a pro. A star for Yorkshire in the War of the Roses match this season Mick has found fame as an auctioneer with the Rugby League Roadshow.

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TERRY FLANAGAN, Second row. Age 24. Signed from Saddleworth in 1979, was club captain at only 19, captaining the side to the Second Division title. Was Britain's lock versus France in the 1983 Tests and went on tour as a late replacement for Arkwright playing in two Tests in 1984.

DAVID HOBBS, Second row. A club record £40,000 signing from Featherstone who was one of the few '84 tour successes. Seems unfortunate to be out of this season's Test squad, won the Lance Todd Trophy at Wembley in 1983.

GARY WARNECKE, Loose forward. Signed from Wests, Sydney, and scored the try that earned a valuable draw at Naughton Park last Sunday. Can also play centre.

MAL GRAHAM, Second row. Injured today, Mal found fame with Hunslet last season being outstanding in the side relegated to Division Two. A Newcastle, N.S.W. player.

PADDY KIRWAN, Half back. Signed with Ashton & Flanagan in 1979 from Oldham Colts, creative player, graduate of Manchester University, also played for Saddleworth.

MICK WORRALL, Forward. Age 23. Warrington born former Colt, went on tour in 1984 playing in two Tests versus Australia. Guested for Brisbane Norths this summer but has suffered a knee injury in his first match back, that will probably keep him out today.

DAVID FINCH, Forward. Age 27. On loan from Castleford for whom he kicked two goals against Northern in the 1981-82 Yorkshire Cup Final.

BACK INTO HISTORY

We move now to the 1877-78 season and the first issue of fixture cards. Fixtures included games with the leading clubs in Yorkshire including Kirkstall, Halifax and Bradford Caledonians, also with Oldham who were the first Lancashire club to play in Yorkshire. In that season 11 matches were won and 6 lost. At the general meeting on Oct. 1st, 1878 Mr. John Haigh was elected President with Mr. A. Fearnside, Treasurer & Charles Holdsworth, Secretary. The club was now firmly established and made rapid strides. In the Annual Report for 1880 it states "The popularity of the game has got such a hold on the public that it is no uncommon occurrence to have assembled 5,000 or 6,000 people to see a match". The following season 1881-82 Dewsbury won the Yorkshire Challenge Cup (nicknamed 'The Tin Pot') they had a stiff task in the competition having to meet Huddersfield, then an exceptionally strong team, Bradford, Halifax and Wakefield Trinity. The Final was an exciting affair, Dewsbury won with a splendid drop goal by Alfred Newsome. The win was more noteworthy as Purdy one of the forwards was carried off with a leg injury (no substitutes in those days) and played most of the game a man short. It is worthy of note that W. E. Hanson scored all the tries in the Cup ties. The victorious team had a great reception on their return to Dewsbury and a public subscription raised £133 which went to purchase presents for the team. The players were presented with "Marble Timepieces and solid silver Alberts & Watches". The men who played in the cup-ties were: G. E. Pigran, A. Newsome & Mark Newsome, W. E. Hanson, S. Mortimer, C. J. Marsden, W. K. Fisher, D. Varley, J. Flizz, J. Scholes, E. L. Fisher, S. Wolstenholme, A. Hirst and J. A. Ibbotson. As a result of the success and the ground improvements the club were granted a seat on the County Board and Mark Newsome was elected Representative.

Mark Newsome and his brother Alfred played a big part in Dewsbury's advancement. Alfred Newsome became known as the 'Man in White', this came about in Oct. 1879 when Dewsbury were playing the Badsworth Hunt team some 3 miles from Pontefract. Alfred turned up without kit and his brother loaned him his white Yorkshire County jersey to play in. It is recorded that he played one of the finest games of his career and after he scored a magnificent length of the field try, the cry of the Badsworth team was "Watch the man in white."

(to be continued—Editor)

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(Up to November 10th)

	Goals	Tries	D/Goals	Points
C. Vasey	9	1	0	22
P. Shuttleworth	9	0	0	18
M. Collins	0	4	0	16
A. Ramsden	0	4	0	16
P. Jennings	0	3	0	12
C. Mita	0	3	0	12
S. Dunford	4	1	0	12
M. Keyworth	0	2	2	10
N. Kelly	0	2	0	8
N. Stephenson	0	2	0	8
K. Mason	0	1	0	4
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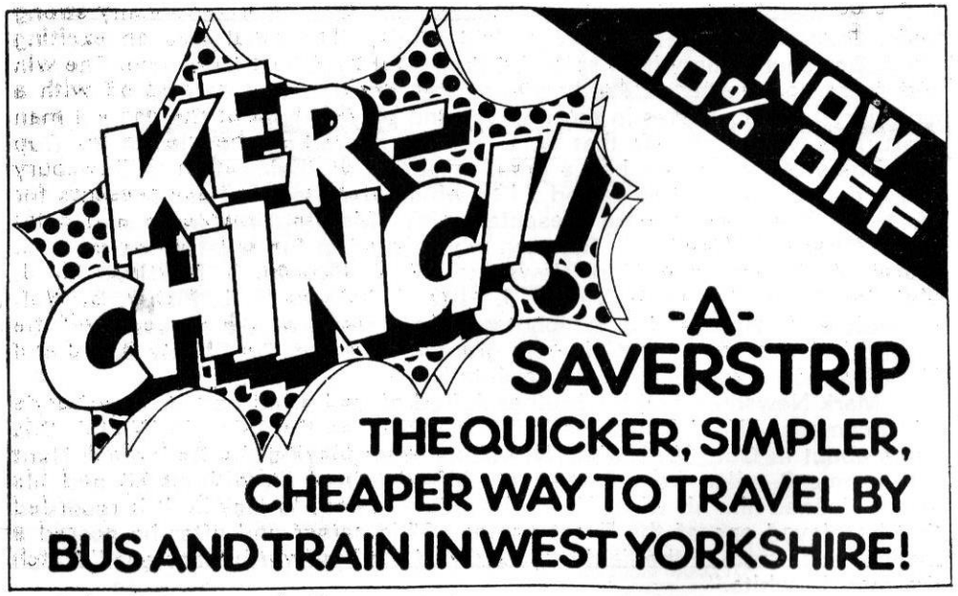

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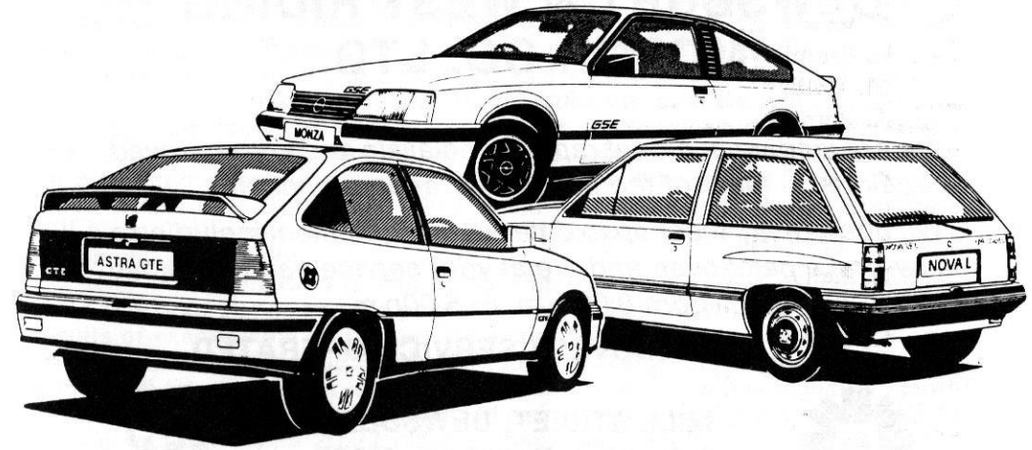

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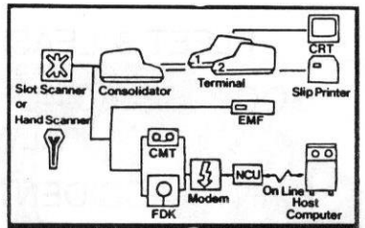

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COACH'S CORNER

As I said in the previous report we have a young side who are learning their trade the hard way in the 1st Division. After holding Castleford for most of the first half with good defensive work we then slipped up with lack of concentration. Its all a matter of patience at the moment, we are slowly getting round to working as a unit. The pace of 1st Division football is proving hard to get used to but if we continue to tackle well and attack at our own pace instead of trying to emulate the top clubs I'm sure we will increase our pace. Last Sunday at St. Helens we got our act together in the second half and stopped the Saints running, in fact the second half was only 4—0 but for a five minute spell just before half time when they scored 2 tries the end result would have been close. What I am hoping for is that our supporters will have a little patience and continue to get behind the lads and I'm sure things will come right.

Our injury situation is improving, Peter Garner is now in light training and Chris Squires has had his plaster removed. Paul Shuttleworth is awaiting results of examination carried out by a specialist as to whether or not a cartilage operation is required. Graham Mook has had a further operation on his arm which does not seem to be healing properly and now has to wait a month before he sees the specialist again. My aim when those players are fit is to have a squad of some 20-22 players competing for places.

JACK ADDY.

HALF TIME QUIZ ? ?

Compiled by JOHN SPENCER

1—Which was the last professional club that Arthur Keegan played for?
2—Which Dewsbury players had spells on loan last season at :
(a) Doncaster & (b) Batley?
3—For which clubs do these former Oldham players now play?
(a) Steve Herbert, (b) Andy Goodway, (c) Billy Harris.
4—Who are the regular goalkickers for the following clubs?
(a) Hunslet, (b) Runcorn Highfield, (c) York.
5—Who won the 'Man of the Match Award' in this season's Yorkshire Cup Final?
6—Which four players place kicked goals for Dewsbury last season?

* Answers on Page 18.

COLTS COLUMN

Having had set-backs against Leigh, Bramley, York and Halifax, Dewsbury went to Swinton under a cloud. The first half ended with Dewsbury 10—4 down and lacking leadership. The second period was a complete contrast to the first, the half time team talk worked wonders. Dewsbury tackled like lions and ran the ball with far more purpose. Try scorers for Dewsbury were D. Bailey 2, D. Garforth & P. Howley. Stuart Sowray was the outstanding forward on show. Sammy Martin had a fine game on the wing.

One of our problems is shortage of players in the Colts section. I'm sure there must be lads between 16-18 in the district wanting to play rugby with a professional Colts side, anyone interested should come along to Crown Flatt and contact me, Peter Wright.

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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES 1985/86

				F.	A.
Sep.	Sun. 1	LEEDS	home 3.30	13	22
	Wed. 4	Hull K.R.	away 7.30	0	42
	Sun. 8	SWINTON	home 3.30	20	12
	,, 15	Batley (Y.Cup)	away	14	10
	Wed. 18	Hull	away 7.30	6	48
	Sun. 22	Halifax	away 3.30	16	12
	Wed. 25	Y.Cup 2nd Rnd. LEEDS	home 3.30	2	48
	Sun. 29	FEATHERSTONE	home 3.30	20	23
Oct.	Sun. 6	Bradford N.	away 3.30	10	8
	,, 13	WIDNES	home 3.30	15	18
	,, 20	Wigan	away 3.00	8	58
	,, 27				
Nov.	Sun. 3	CASTLEFORD	home 3.30		
	,, 10	St. Helens	away 3.00		
	,, 17	OLDHAM	home 3.30		
	,, 24	John Player Rnd. 1			
Dec.	Sun. 1	John Player Rnd. 2			
	,, 8	Castelford	away 3.30		
	,, 15	Oldham	away 3.00		
	,, 22	BRADFORD N.	home 3.30		
	Thu. 26	Leeds	away 3.30		
Jan.	Wed. 1	SALFORD	home 3.30		
	Sun. 5	York	away 3.30		
	,, 12	HALIFAX	home 3.30		
	,, 19	WARRINGTON	home 3.30		
	,, 26	Featherstone	away 3.30		
Feb.	Sun. 2	WIGAN	home 3.30		
	,, 9	Chall. Cup Rnd. 1			
	,, 16	Widnes	away 3.00		
	,, 23	Chall. Cup Rnd. 2			
Mar.	Sun. 2	Swinton	away 3.00		
	,, 9	HULL	home 3.30		
	,, 16				
	,, 23	ST. HELENS	home 3.30		
	Fri. 28	Salford	away 3.00		
	Mon. 31	HULL K.R.	home 3.30		
Apr.	Sun. 6	Warrington	away 3.30		
	,, 13				
	,, 20	YORK	home 3.30		

"A" TEAM FIXTURES 1985/86

Aug.	Wed 28	Leeds	away 7.30
Sept.	Thur 5	KEIGHLEY	home 7.30
	Sat 14	Barrow	away 2.30
	Thur 19	HALIFAX	home 7.30
	Thur 26	Featherstone R	away 7.30
Oct.	Thur 3	LEEDS (YSC Cup)	h 7.30
	Sat 12	Batley	away 2.30
	Sat 19	YSC Cup 2nd Rnd.	
	Sat 26	BARROW	home 2.30
Nov.	Fri 1	Castleford	away 7.30
	Thur 7	BATLEY	home 7.30
	Fri 15	Keighley	away 7.30
	Thur 21	HULL KR	home 7.30
	Wed 27	Hunslet	away 7.30
Dec.	Thur 5	CASTLEFORD	home 7.30
	Thur 12	HUDD'SFIELD	home 7.30
	Fri 20	Bradford N	away 7.30
	Sat 28	LEEDS	home 2.30
Jan.	Thur 2	Wakefield T	away 7.30
	Fri 10	Halifax	away 7.30
	Thur 16	HULL	home 7.30
	Thur 23	FEATH. R	home 7.30
Feb.	Sat 1	Hull KR	away 2.30
	Thur 6	HUNSLET	home 7.30
	Sat 15	Alliance Cup Rnd. 1	
	Fri 21	Huddersfield	away 7.30
Mar.	Sat 1	Alliance Cup Rnd. 2	
	Fri 7	Hull	away 7.30
	Thur 13	BRADFORD N	home 7.30
	Thur 20	WAKEFIELD T	home 7.30

'A' Team matches may be postponed o. re-arranged at short notice. — Please see Local Press for details.

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Thur. 21st Nov. 7.30 p.m. Alliance **DEWSBURY 'A' v HULL K.R. 'A'**
Thur. 5th Dec. 7.30 p.m. Alliance **DEWSBURY 'A' v CASTLEFORD 'A'**
Thur. 12th Dec. 7.30 p.m. Alliance **DEWSBURY 'A' v HUDDERSFIELD 'A'**
Sun. 22nd Dec. 3.30 p.m. 1st Div. **DEWSBURY v BRADFORD NORTHERN**

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1—Batley. 2—(a) Adrian Plummer (b) Geoff Catling. 3—(a) Salford (b) Wigan (c) Sheffield Eagles. 4—(a) Gary Rowse (b) Peter Wood (c) Graham Steadman. 5—Gavin Miller. 6—Shaun Dunford, Chris Vasey, Neil Kelly, Shaun Womersley.

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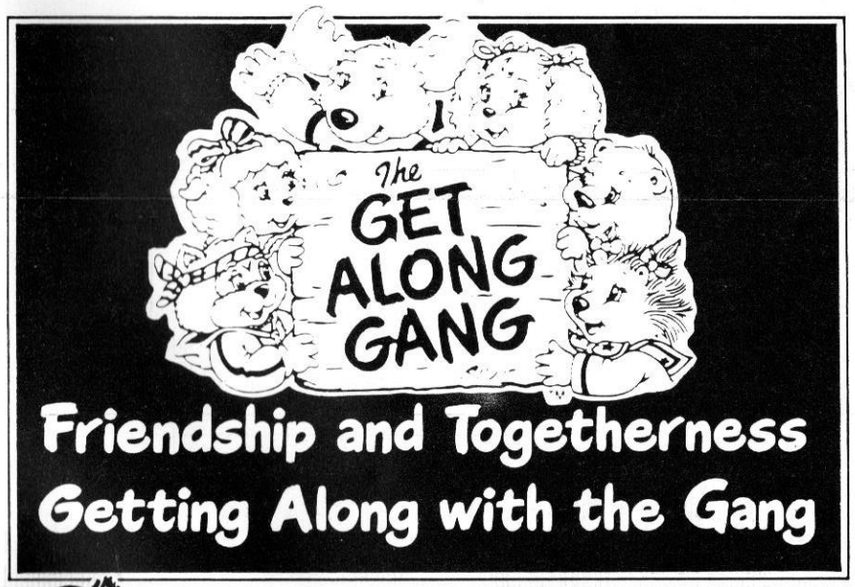

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