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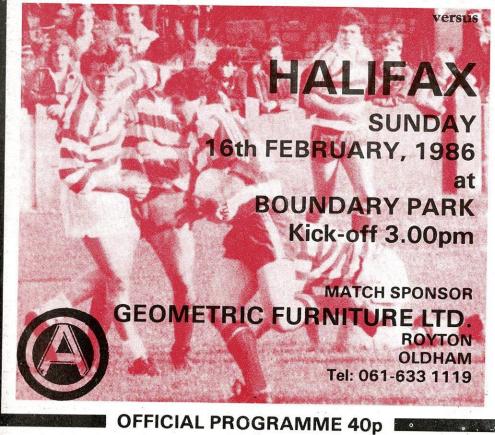
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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

WE are now entering a crucial part of the season, both on the field of play and on the financial front, and we would appeal for your continued loyalty and support in what are difficult times for most Rugby League clubs.

At Oldham we are no exception, and that is why it is crucial that we pull in good crowds over the next few weeks of the season.

Seven of our remaining 11 First Division matches are at Watersheddings and they include some of the potentially biggest crowds of the season when considering that the line-up includes Halifax, Hull KR, Hull, Wigan, Bradford and St Helens.

We lost our way a little bit after Christmas and successive away defeats at Leeds, Castleford and Warrington may well have cost us the chance of going for the title.

However, we were desperately unlucky at Warrington, and all games still assume great significance because we have to go all out for our highest possible position to make sure of either a top-four or, failing that, a place in the top-eight and qualification for the Premiership.

In short, there is a lot of tip-top football still to come at Watersheddings and that does not even take the Challenge Cup into account.

So we ask you all — please give us your support and try to encourage your relatives and workmates to come, too.

We feel there is a lot going for Rugby League football at present and there is certainly going to be plenty of 'bite' and atmosphere about our remaining games.

Off the field, it is important that we all start to work overtime on giving the club a financial lift.

You will have read in the press that we have advertised for a new commercial manager. Interviews have since taken place and an appointment will be announced soon if it has not been done already.

Recently, we met the town's publicans and that was a useful exercise too. You may also have noticed some improvement in the content and presentation of the club programme. The cover price has gone up from 35p to 40p but we believe you will think the extra is worthwhile in view of the better product.

You may also notice — if you have not done so already — that more effort is being made to sell the lottery tickets on match days.

All these things are designed to give the club the financial boost it so badly needs...and, here again, we trust we can rely on your continued support and backing.

Our 1st round 56-10 win over Carlisle in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup at Boundary Park last Sunday has earned us another home tie in Round 2-a real cracker against Warrington.

The difference between the 1st and 2nd Division was there for all to see as we scored 11 tries against Carlisle, by David Liddiard (4), Mal Graham (2), Ian Sanderson, Mick Taylor, Paddy Kirwan (2), Des Foy, with David Hobbs kicking 6 goals.

The pattern was set when David Liddiard received the ball from the kick off near the Oldham line and finished up under the Carlisle posts only 18 seconds later to score one of the quickest tries in Challenge Cup history.

The draw for the 2nd round was televised on Tuesday morning and we got what we wanted when we came out of the hat first.

Warrington will provide tough opposition and the tie is sure to arouse great interest in both towns. The match will be televised on Saturday 22nd February with a 2.15pm kick-off.

It goes without saying that we urge all our fans to turn up on the day to give the team vocal support in what should be a thrilling tie.

Watch the press for details next week and turn up on the day to see if we can take another step forward on the way road to Wembley.

In the Social Club on Monday night we held a highly successful Sportsmans Evening which will have raised a lot of money for the Club. The Raffle alone produced £1250 — a terrific result — and everyone present agreed it was a smashing night in which they had received value for money.

The raising of money is the most important challenge facing our Club right now and it is a challenge we must win if the Club is to have a successful future.

HERE COME HALIFAX

HALIFAX come to Watersheddings today with their sights set firmly on the Slalom Lager championship. The men from Thrum Hall have enjoyed their best season for quarter of a century and are currently placed second in the First Division — only two points behind leaders Widnes.

It was a blow to Halifax when Widnes won recently in a game that was switched to The Shay — home of Halifax Town soccer club —but Chris Anderson and his boys must still be among the favourites to lift the championship in a season which has revived memories of the great Halifax side of the early fifties and those all-time Thrum Hall greats like Dean and Keilty, Wilkinson, Ackerley, Palmer, Freeman, Fearnley, Schofield and many others.

Those were great days at Thrum Hall and one's mind could not help but go back to them on a recent occasion when Wigan played at Thrum Hall and there was a crowd of about 9,000 enthralled by a thrilling draw.

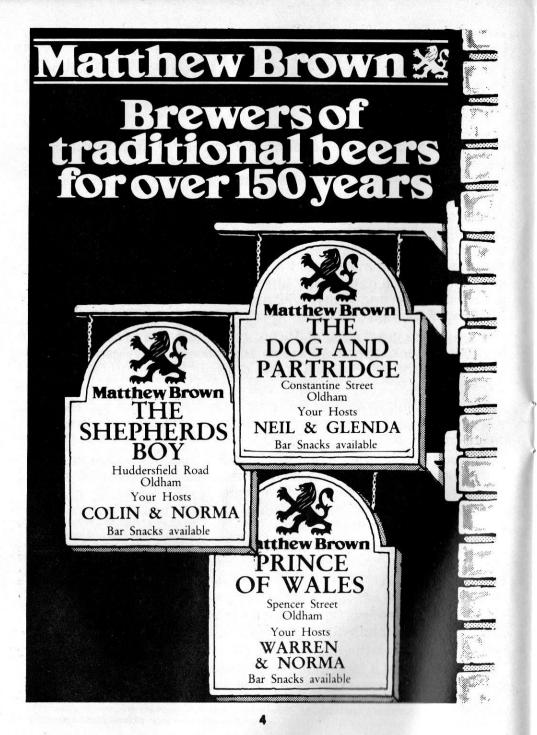
It was difficult to believe that only a few short years ago Halifax were in the lower reaches of the Second Division and attracting pitiful crowds of fewer than 1,000.

It all began to change when Mr David Brook, a business man from Harrogate and head of Modern Maintenance Products, who sponsored the 1984 Test series Down Under, took over as Thrum Hall president with the drive, determination and financial resources to put Halifax back on the RL map.

The Yorkshiremen began to make the rest of the league sit up last season, but they have made an even bigger impact this time with another massive influence from Australia to say nothing of the contribution from several Wigan old boys.

Mr Brook pinned his faith in Australia when he appointed former Kangaroo tourist and Widnes player Chris Anderson as player-coach last season.

There followed a large number of Aussie recruits and the better known of these were props Bella and Neller and half-backs Ryan and Hagan.



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BRIAN BATTY Daily Mail

With the season slipping past the halfway mark there is one aspect of the game which continues to strike a controversial note — as it has done for so many years.

There are no prizes for guessing that the area of play almost always under fire from fans and officials is the scrummaging.

A couple of seasons ago it seemed that the problem had reached the stage where the game's rulers were determined to do something positive to rid us of this eyesore.

Referees were instructed to weed out the offenders and enjoy the backing of the League in their actions. Soon we had the offenders being dismissed and the signs looked healthy.

Naturally this purge hit the headlines and some referees decided to back down and take the easy way out.

Things started to slide and although some refs stuck to their guns there was growing confusion, anger and plenty of controversy with club officials, coaches and players putting their side of the issue.

But we did appear to be getting an improvement for a spell and yet sadly it was a state of affairs that was not to last.

Now the scrums are, to put it bluntly, a shambles on many occasions and hopes of ever getting to the root of the problems look pretty bleak.

Certain refs continue to seek out the culprits but week in and week out we hear the fans quite rightly decrying the situation.

Now the role of hooker seems to have been devalued for who can tell most of the time just how the ball is being won in the scrums.

We have had plenty of comparisons with Rugby Union in the past and we used to envy the 15-a-side code for the way their scrummaging worked.

Now I am told that they have problems and they are no longer a good example to League. Just how far the state of League scrums is going to deteriorate to I don't know but it's alarming to say the least.

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The Supporters Club and Committee would like to welcome to Watersheddings all the players and committee and our visitors from over the Pennines, Halifax, hoping we have a good, clean and entertaining game. We also invite their supporters to our canteens and souvenir shop situated at different parts of the ground.

The Souvenir Shop has Sweaters, Sweatshirts, Ties, Badges, Pens etc.

Forthcoming attractions: We will be holding our Player of the Year Dance on Friday 16th May 1986.

Our Annual Fun Run will be held on Sunday 25th May 1986.

Also our Rugby Queen Dance will be held on Friday 19th September 1986.

We would like to thank Mr D. Taylor for his donation for the after-match raffle prizes. If anyone would like to donate prizes will they please put their names on the noticeboard in the Social Club.

The Supporters Club would like to apologise for the rugby shirts that were brought in for our souvenir shop. The red stripe runs up and runs into the white band. This is beyond our control and we have returned them to Bukta to find out the reason why this has happened. As soon as we know we will let the people know. May we say once again how sorry we are for what has happened, it is unfortunately out of our control.

The Supporters Club are appealing for any of their members to act as Fire Stewards or Match Stewards at home matches. If anyone is interested please give your names to any member of the Supporters Club Committee or ring Mr F. Howarth at the Club Office, any day of the week.

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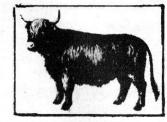
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Together, they provided the foundation for Halifax to consolidate in the First Division, and this they did to some tune.

Results were highly encouraging, the crowds continued to rise and Halifax were on their way to becoming a force once more in Rugby League football.

This season sees another major influx of Aussies to add to the two retained from last year — Chris Anderson and centre Tony Anderson, an inside back with exciting pace and penetration.

Five overseas men is the limit, of course, and Halifax complete their quota with Joe Kilroy, Cavil Heugh and Geoff Robinson.

Kilroy is a strong-running full-back from Queensland. He came to England on the same Queensland tour as former Oldham man Chris Phelan a year or two ago, and was once the subject of some interest by the Oldham club.

He is big and strong — exceptionally strong, in fact, when clearing the ball out of defence, as Wigan found to their cost in the recent game at Thrum Hall.

Cavil Heugh and Geoff Robinson are both props and they are making a similar impact as that made by Bella and Neller last season. Indeed, it is easy to see that much importance is attached at Thrum Hall to front-row strength, size and power.

Apart from the Aussie influence, Halifax owe a good deal to Wigan old boys such as Mick Scott and Gary Stephens and, more recently, Colin Whitfield.

It was like home-from-home for Scott, of course, when he returned to Thrum Hall from Central Park at the same time as Stephens returned home to his native county of Yorkshire.

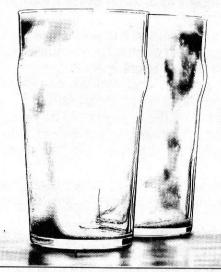
Two or three weeks ago Halifax then went back to Wigan to snap up Whitfield for £25,000, and it could well be that Whitfield will be operating in the centre today.

There was a doubt about Tony Anderson for the cup-tie against Leeds and if he is still unfit, John Crossley could be at outside-half today with Chris Anderson partnering Whitfield in the centre.

On the wings will probably be local lads Steve Smith and Scot Wilson with another local at hooker in Seamus McCallion.

Halifax have also strengthened their pack with signings on the home front — notably those of second-rower Neil James from Castleford, a player who has forced himself into Maurice Bamford's Great Britain squad, and loose-forward Paul Dixon from Huddersfield, who had a trial spell here towards the end of last season.

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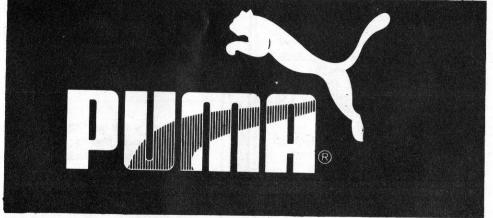
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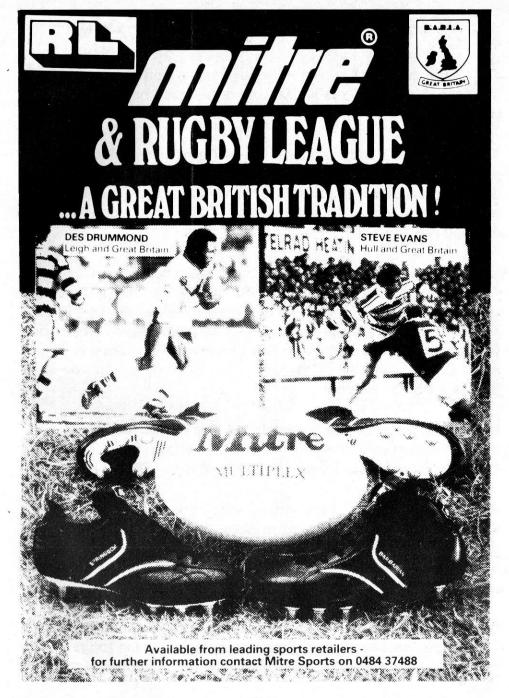
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Nominations are now being invited for this second annual Traveleads Top Fan Award, the inaugural 1985 title holder being Doncaster supporter Mrs. Joan Martin. The judging panel, chaired by B.B.C. Television Rugby League commentator Ray French, will select five finalists for the 1986 Traveleads Top Fan Awards ceremony at Wigan R.L.F.C. on Thursday, 24th April. The four runners-up will each receive a £50 rail voucher.

Nomination forms can be obtained from The Public Relations Department, The Rugby Football League, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds LS7 4HT. The closing date for entries is 31st March, 1986.

Rugby League P.R.O. David Howes said: "Tragic events of the past twelve months have continued to place the role of the modern-day sports spectator under the microscope. Rugby League's growing number of supporters, however, demonstrated their renowned knowledge and dedication to protect their enviable reputation.

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Date 1985	4th Sept.	8th	29th	20th Oct.	8th Dec.	15th	26th	5th Jan.	12th	26th	9th Feb.	16th	2nd Mar.	16th	Z3rd	6th Apr.

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19	85	Oppnts & Ven.	Att.	Result F A	1	2	3	4	5
Sept.	1	Halifax (A)	3967	12-12	Edwards	1T Birkby	Foy	1T,2G Parrish	Nadiola
	4	Swinton (H)	3047	12-16	Taylor A.	Birkby	Foy	2G Parrish	Nadiola
	8	Leeds (H)	3979	14-30	Taylor A.	M'Barki	1T Foy	1G Parrish	1T Edwards
	15	Leigh (A) LC1	3500	12-40	Edwards	M'Barki	Foy	1G Caffrey	2T Shermar
	22	Hull (A)	7094	12-54	2G Caffrey	Munro	M'Bark	i Sherman	1T Taylor M
	29	Warrington (H)	3780	26-20	Edwards	M'Barki	Foy	Warnecke	Taylor M
Oct.	6	Featherstone (A)	2190	14-14	Edwards	1T M'Barki	Foy	Warnecke	Taylor M
	13	Salford (A)	4195	34-20	1T Liddiard D	1T . M'Barki	1T Foy	Warnecke	1T Taylor M
	20	Castleford (H)	4210	46-22	1T Liddiard D	2T . M'Barki	1T Foy	7G Parrish	1T Taylor M.
i dina	27	Widnes (A)	5046	10-10	Liddiard D	. M'Barki	Foy	3G Parrish	Taylor M.
Nov.	3	Bradford N. (A)	5091	24- 6	1T Liddiard D	M'Barki	Foy	1T,2G Parrish	Taylor M.
	10	York (A)	3306	8- 2	Liddiard D	. M'Barki	1T Foy	Parrish	Taylor M.
	17	Dewsbury (A)	2250	37- 6	1T Liddiard D	M'Barki	Foy	1T Warnecke	2T Taylor M.
	24	Bramley (A)JPS1	2645	46- 8	2T Liddiard D	1T . M'Barki	Foy	1T Warnecke	Taylor M.
Dec.	1	Hull KR (A)JPS2	6952	7- 8	Liddiard D.	1T M'Barki	Foy	Warnecke	Taylor M.
	8	Salford (H)	4859	32-10	1T Liddiard	M'Barki	Foy	1T Warnecke	Parrish
3	15	Dewsbury (H)	3858	48-14	Kirwan	M'Barki	1T Foy	Warnecke	Taylor M.
	26	Widnes (H)	6811	10-10	M'Barki	Liddiard G	Parrish	1T Warnecke	Taylor M.
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Jan.	1	Leeds (A)	9014	6-22	M'Barki	Liddiard G	1G Parrish	Warnecke	Taylor M.
	12	York (H)	3581	24-16	1T M'Barki	Liddiard G	Parrish	Warnecke	Taylor M.
	19	Castleford (A)	3736	4-28	M'Barki	1T Liddiard G	Foy	Parrish	Taylor M.
eb.	2	Warrington (A)	3750	4- 8	Liddiard D.	Liddiard G	Foy	2G Parrish	M'Barki
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Taylor A	. Kirwan	Jones	Lowndes	Morgan	Hobbs	Morrison	Flanagan	Ashton	Ogburn
Edwards	Kirwan	Jones	1T Lowndes	Ogden A	Hobbs	Morrison	Flanagan	1T Ashton	Morgan
1T Topliss	Kirwan	Jones	Lowndes	Hobbs	Ogburn	Morrison	Flanagan	Ashton	Morgan
Topliss	Kirwan	Jones	Lowndes	Morgan	1G Hobbs	Casey	Morrison	Birkby	Chisnall
Edwards	Kirwan	Jones	1T Sandersor	Morgan	Marsden	Morrison	Chisnall	Atkinson	Cook
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Topliss	Ashton	Jones	Sanderson	Morgan	Graham	1T,7G Hobbs	Flanagan	Parrish	Lowndes
Topliss	Ashton	Jones	1T Sanderson	Morgan	Flanagan	1T Hobbs	1T Warnecke	Kirwan	Lowndes
Topliss	Ashton	Jones	Sanderson	Morgan	Flanagan	Hobbs	1T Warnecke	Kirwan	Finch
Topliss	Ashton	Jones	Lowndes	Morgan	Flanagan	Hobbs	3T Warnecke	Kirwan	Finch
Topliss	Ashton	Jones	Lowndes	Morgan	Flanagan	Hobbs	Warnecke	1T Kirwan	Finch
Topliss	Kirwan	Jones	Sanderson	1T Morgan	1dg,4G Hobbs	2T Graham	Flanagan	Parrish	Lowndes
Topliss	Ashton	Jones	Sanderson	Morgan	7G Hobbs	1T Flanagan	2T Graham	1T Parrish	Worrall
Topliss	Ashton	Jones	Sanderson	Morgan	Flanagan	1dg,1G Hobbs	Graham	Kirwan	Worrall
Topliss	1T Ashton	Jones	Sanderson	1T,6G Hobbs	1T Graham	Worrall	Flanagan	Kirwan	Morgan
Topliss	1T,2G Ashton	Morgan	Sanderson	3G Hobbs	3T Graham	3G Worrall	1T Flanagan	1T Liddiard G	Parrish
Topliss	Ashton	Morgan	Sanderson	3G Hobbs	Graham	Worrall	Flanagan	Kirwan	Casey
Topliss	Ashton	Morgan	Sanderson	Flanagan	Casey	1T Graham	Kirwan	Edwards	Marsden
2T Topliss	Ashton	Jones	Sanderson	Morgan	1T Graham	4G Hobbs	Flanagan	Kirwan	Worrall
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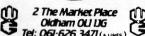
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