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CLUB RECORDS

Record Victory: 67-6 v Liverpool City, April, 1959

Record Defeat: 11-67 by Hull K.R., September, 1978

Record Attendance: 28,000 v Huddersfield,
24 February, 1912

Record Receipts: £30,388.70 v Wigan,
4th February, 1987

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £65,000 to St. Helens
for Paul Round August 1987
and £65,000 for Mike Ford January 1988

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: 21st October, 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

CLUB HONOURS

Rugby League Championship Play-off Winners:
1909-10, 1910-11, 1956-57

Runners-up: 1906-07, 1907-08, 1908-09,
1921-22, 1954-55

First Division Champions: 1904-05

Second Division Champions: 1963-64, 1981-82,
1987-88

Rugby League Challenge Cup Winners: 1898-99,
1924-25, 1926-27

Runners-up: 1906-07, 1911-12, 1923-24, 1925-26

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, 1986-87

Lancashire Championship Winners: 1907-08,
1909-10, 1921-22, 1956-57, 1957-58

Runners-up: 1908-09, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1919-20,
1923-24, 1954-55

Lancashire Shield Winners: 1975-76, 1979-80

Colts Premiership Trophy: 1979-80

Second Division Premiership: 1987-88

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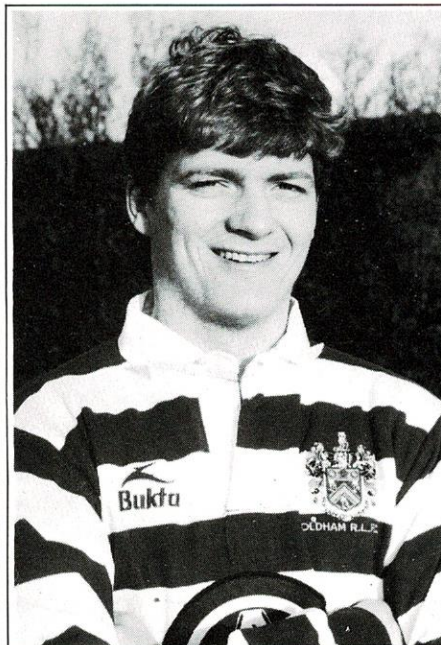
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PLAYERS PROFILE

LEO CASEY

PLAYER PROFILE



Full Name:	<i>Leo Casey</i>
Nick Name:	<i>None</i>
Birthdate:	<i>17.9.65</i>
Birthplace:	<i>Northern Ireland</i>
Marital Status:	<i>Wife, Helen</i>
Occupation:	<i>Labourer</i>
Car:	<i>Cortina</i>
Fav. TV Show:	<i>Sport Programmes</i>
Fav. Film:	<i>None</i>
Fav. Music:	<i>Heavy Metal</i>
Fav. Food/Drink:	<i>Chicken/Milk</i>
Fav. Reading:	<i>Horror</i>
Hobbies:	<i>Swimming</i>
Fav. other sports:	<i>Football</i>
Likes about game:	<i>Enjoyment</i>
Dislikes:	<i>Getting dirty</i>
Superstitions:	<i>None</i>
Fav. position:	<i>Second-row</i>
Fav. ground:	<i>Headingley</i>
Best moment:	<i>BARLA player-of-the-year 1984-5</i>
Worst moment:	<i>Losing at Leigh in Lancs Cup</i>
Hardest player to tackle:	<i>Johnson (Castleford)</i>
Hardest tackler:	<i>All</i>
Fav. all-time player:	<i>Wayne Pearce</i>

CAREER WITH OLDHAM

Date signed on:	<i>22.4.85</i>
Debut:	<i>v Leigh (away) Lancs Cup 15.9.85</i>
Appearances:	<i>16</i>
Tries:	<i>4</i>
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Total points:	<i>16</i>

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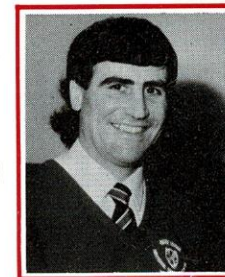
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THE BOSS TALKING

(A personal view by Oldham coach Eric Fitzsimons)



A WARM Watersheddings welcome tonight for our friends from down the road in Salford. This is their second visit this season and we expect to see a hard-fought tie tonight in the second round of the Grunhalle Lancashire Cup.

My experiences with Salford have always been happy ones. It is very much a player's club and it is always an open and entertaining game against the Red Devils, home or away.

Salford have a fine back line and we are all looking forward to meeting the challenge that the new signings will obviously provide.

We have ignored the Salford coach's comments after the draw was made. I don't believe everything that is reported in the Press, Kevin, and I cannot see a coach of your experience giving Oldham an extra reason for beating you. That would be foolish.

Cup success is just the icing on the cake, really. It is not as important to us at this stage of our development as is a successful First Division campaign. The weekly bread-and-

butter should be given 100-per-cent priority in my opinion.

The new lads at Oldham have settled in quickly and their presence is felt not only on the park, but in training and also socially.

Bad news for Mick Bardsley, who had to stay in hospital for two nights following the 'A' team match at Bramley. Mick had been my most valuable 'A' team forward this year and we all wish him a quick recovery from his injury. Likewise, Tom Foley, who will be out for several weeks with a neck injury. We wish him a speedy recovery, too.

John Fairbank quickly got on nodding terms with the team when he picked a verbal sparring partner in Paul Round. The contrasting dialects are a strain on the ears, but the quick wit and sense of humour would certainly interest the more accomplished after-dinner speakers.

John was asked if there was an 'S' on the end of his surname. "When I'm on me own — no. When I'm with our kid — yes," came the reply.

As a farmer, John is up at 5 a.m. each day and he works until 6 p.m., so he has little problem with Saturday morning training sessions, unlike one or two who do 'naff' all day and moan about the starting time.

The 'A' team are at Leigh on Friday in the Lancashire Shield. Several players are showing improvement in their play, particularly Martin Hall with his defence, Ian Bates for his enthusiasm on the field, and Tony Morrison for his improved running and ball control.

They are all pleased with the support you continue to give them in 'A' team matches. Many a Second Division team would be pleased with the turn-out we get for our reserve matches.

See you again on Sunday.

ERIC FITZSIMONS



Mick Bardsley . . . facial injury

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CORKY'S COMMENTS

Iain MacCorquodale on the local scene

Niel Wood, Greater Manchester's Rugby League development officer, based in Rochdale, is keen to promote the game in sixth forms and this afternoon teams from North Chadderton, St. Augustine's and Royton and Crompton schools took part in a competition he had organised with 13 other schools at Leigh.

Favourites to win sixth-form competitions are the sixth-form colleges from Leigh and Wigan, which have several hundred boys, between the ages of 16 and 19, from whom to choose. But St. Augustine's, the first local school ever to win a major Lancashire Trophy, look strong enough to provide a few shocks, with forward Brian Pimblett an outstanding prospect.

Town-team activity starts next week with the Breeze Hill teacher and Keighley loose-forward Mark Ragan in charge of what should be an exceptionally strong under-16 side. Fred Laughton of St. Augustine's takes the under-13s, who are full of lots of quality players, but lack size and strength to compete with the stronger towns.

Unfortunately, the junior town team has not yet got a coach for this season and for the first time in many years Oldham may well not compete at this age group.

The town team under-19 side (BARLA), after a narrow defeat at Leigh, beat Rochdale and must now beat Manchester to stand a chance of qualifying for the play-offs. Competition is fierce this year and as the rewards for good performance may well be selection for next summer's Southern Hemisphere tour there is no lack of commitment at this level.

Chris Tessier, of St. Anne's, who played against the Junior Kiwis last year when he was only 16, is captain of the Oldham side that

could well have several representatives in the touring party. Already selected with him for the Lancashire side are Neil Flanagan, Brian Best and Martin Kay. Congratulations to St. Anne's coach Steve Deakin for carrying on this fine production line of quality youngsters.

Steve spent a week with Oldham 'A' team coach Ian Taylor on the new advanced RL coaches' course at Loughborough last summer and they both said it was much harder that being at work!

Congratulations also to Chris Eckersley of Saddleworth, who won an Oldham replica jersey for writing the best diary on the recent under-13s tour to Australia.

Incidentally, if there are any second-row forwards in the 20-plus age-group who fancy a season playing for the Montpellier club in France they should contact Alan Bell on 0706 341607. The French club is keen to rekindle its association with the Oldham Schools' RL and would also like an English player for the forthcoming season, preferably from Oldham.

The first-round draw for the Standard Cup, to be played on Saturday, October 22, is: Salem Hornets v British Aerospace; Tameside v Fitton Hill; Higginshaw v St. Anne's; Hollinwood v Saddleworth; Waterhead v Welcome; Shaw v Folly Lane; byes, Seddon Atkinson, Chadderton.

The second-round will take place on November 19 as follows: Shaw or Folly Lane v Seddon Atkinson; Salem Hornets or British Aerospace v Hollinwood or Saddleworth; Higginshaw or St. Anne's v Chadderton; Waterhead or Welcome v Tameside or Fitton Hill.

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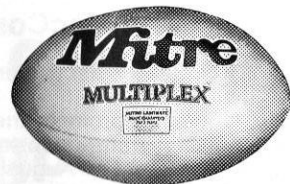
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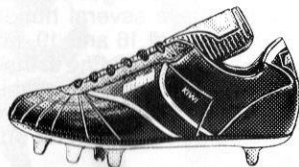
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Thanks are also due to Mrs. B. Rogers, Mr. Noel Brady, Mr. Jim Knox, Mr. B. Gallagher and Mr. Whittaker for kind donations to the juniors' half-time draw. We give a lucky member of the Junior Reds a £5 donation from a draw made at each home match and if any supporters would like to make a contribution to this worthy cause — the kids are the future life blood of the club and the game — they should see any member of the Supporters' Club Committee.

We were due to hold a social evening for the juniors tonight, but this has been cancelled now because of this evening's cup-tie.

Membership for both adults and juniors is now due at the bargain price of £1. This represents great value for juniors especially because of the reduced admission prices at first-team matches and free admission to 'A' team games. Socials and discos are organised every month and most of last year's junior members will have received, by

now, a memorandum with dates of all our events. Due to tonight's cancellation, the next event will be on Wednesday, October 26, more details to be given later as and when they are known.

A big Watersheddings welcome tonight to all our friends and fellow fans from Salford. We hope for a good, clean cup-tie in true Rugby League style. We still have a small tuck shop open at the end of the main stand for the sale of chocolate, crisps etc., but this only applies to first-team games. For all 'A' team matches we revert to our usual fare of our famous pies, soup, coffee etc.

Incidentally, we are still getting late calls for coach bookings for away trips. We cannot stress too much that bookings must be made on 665 1832 or 627 0235 as soon as possible and definitely before Friday each week to help us to help YOU.

Finally, we must all remember that this great game of Rugby League depends on the super behaviour of fans on the terraces and we believe it is up to everyone associated with clubs, not least the supporters' organisations, to play their part. Please remember to report any unsavoury incidents — we don't expect there will be many — to the police or to club officials. You will have read in the Press that the police do not want fans changing ends at half-time so please co-operate in that respect, too.

We are at home again, of course, on Sunday when Hull KR come here in a First Division clash. Don't be a fine-weather fan. The crowds are going up and we want Oldham to be part of the boom. See you Sunday.

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BRING ON THE RED DEVILS

REJUVENATED Salford come to town tonight in what should be a classic Lancashire Cup confrontation. The Reds have spent a lot of money in recent times in a bid to restore the glory days to the Willows and they have not been afraid, as is the tradition down at Weaste, to lay out big sums on Rugby Union stars.

We all remember the days of David Watkins, Keith Fielding, Maurice Richards and their contemporaries, and we are now entering the era of Peter Williams and Adrian Hadley, two ex-union stars who look like giving Salford good service for many years to come.

Williams, the former England RU star, has already proved in League, as did Welshman Watkins a decade ago, that he can turn his hand equally successfully to stand-off half or centre. The capture of Aussie whiz-kid Paul Shaw, from Manly club in Sydney, will probably mean that Williams is on duty in the centre this evening if he has recovered from a groin injury that caused him to miss Lancashire's Rodstock War of the Roses clash with Yorkshire at Headingley last Wednesday night.

Hadley has played many times for Wales and if he gives Salford the sort of wing service that his fellow countryman Richards provided, he will do very nicely indeed thank-you.

From full back to loose-forward, the Reds management, under the shrewd handling of chairman John Wilkinson and coach Kevin Ashcroft, have put together a more-than-useful squad which should be capable of taking Salford up the First Division ladder over the next few months.

Fast-raiding full back Steve Gibson comes from Brisbane and like many of the Salford backs he doesn't need more than half a chance to link up in attack and show the best defence a clean pair of heels.

In recent games, the Reds have played FOUR wingers in their back line — Tex Evans, signed from Swinton, Ken Jones, Keith Bentley and Hadley. No wonder, there is a bit of pace there!

Choice of scrum-half will be between local lad Darren Bloor, son of the club director Mick Bloor — our good friend from across Ripponden Road at Saffron Construction — and former Barrow boy David Cairns.

Shaw, the spring-heeled lad from Manly, who was substitute in the world club championship match against Wigan at Central Park last October, is fancied to wear the No. 6 jersey and his clash with Oldham's Aussie Chris O'Sullivan should be worth the admission money alone.

In the forwards there are two ex-Oldham players in Steve Herbert, still going strong, and Mick Worrall, who joined the Reds in a £55,000 deal last year. Hooker Mark Moran is said to be in splendid form and coach Ashcroft has a strong panel of forwards to choose from, including David Major, Ian Gormley, Ian Blease, Mick McTigue and Dave Bullough.

Still not content, Salford aim to add to their squad with the signings of New Zealand internationals Peter Brown and Mark Horo. Both are due to arrive at the Willows after the World Cup final clash between New Zealand and Australia in Auckland next month.



Playing in their first Lancashire Cup tie tonight will be Oldham's two new boys from the Canberra Raiders club in Australia — Ashley Gilbert (left) and Chris O'Sullivan

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AUGUST

28 WiganA L 40-18

SEPTEMBER

4 LeedsH L 22-28
11 Featherstone R (3.30)A L 18-14
18 County Cup—WorkingtonH W 64-2
25 Castleford (3.30)A L 22-19
28 County Cup

OCTOBER

2 Hull K R.....H
5 County Cup Semis
9 Wakefield T (3.30)A
23 St. Helens.....H
(or Lancashire Cup Final)

NOVEMBER

6 Warrington.....A
13 John Player Special Trophy
20 Halifax.....H
27 John Player Special Trophy

DECEMBER

4 Bradford N (3.30)A
(or John Player Special Trophy 3rd Round)
10 John Player Special Trophy semi
11 Warrington.....H
17 John Player Special Trophy semi
18 Hull.....A
26 SalfordH

JANUARY

1 LeedsA
7 John Player Special Trophy final
8 Widnes.....H
15 Hull KR.....A
22 Bradford N.....H
29 Challenge Cup 1st round

FEBRUARY

5 Widnes.....A
12 Challenge Cup 2nd round
19 Hull.....H
26 St. Helens.....A
(or Challenge Cup 3rd round)

MARCH

5 Featherstone R.....H
11 Challenge Cup semi
12 Halifax.....A
19 Wakefield T.....H
24 SalfordA
25 Challenge Cup semi
27 WiganH

APRIL

9 CastlefordH
23 Premiership 1st round
29 Challenge Cup final

MAY

7 Premiership semis
14 Premiership final

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'A' TEAM

AUGUST

24 York (7.30).....H W 38-2

SEPTEMBER

3 Dewsbury (2.30)A L 24-22
10 Featherstone R (2.30).....H L 12-18
15 Bramley (7.30)A W 6-18
21 Huddersfield (7.30).....H W 44-7

OCTOBER

1 Lancashire Shield (1st round)
5 Wakefield T (7.30)H
15 Lancashire Shield (2nd round)
21 Huddersfield (7.30).....A
26 Runcorn (7.30).....H

NOVEMBER

5 York (2.30)A
9 Bramley (7.30)H
12 Runcorn (2.30)A
25 Leigh (7.30)A
30 Bradford (7.30).....H

DECEMBER

10 Barrow (2.30)A
17 Workington (2.30)H
31 Doncaster (2.30).....H

JANUARY

7 Trafford (2.30).....A
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20 Bradford (7.30).....A
25 Dewsbury (7.30).....H

FEBRUARY

4 Challenge Cup (1st round)
11 Doncaster (2.30).....A
18 Challenge Cup (2nd round)
22 Leigh (7.30).....H

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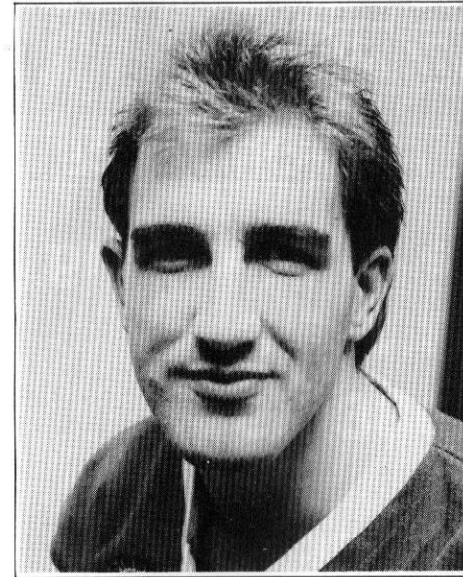


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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY



John Henderson — our new signing

IN our last programme we welcomed Paul Taylor, Ashley Gilbert, Chris O'Sullivan and John Fairbank. Tonight we offer a welcome on the mat to John Henderson. Times are certainly changing here at Watersheddings.

John, bought from Leigh for a fee in the region of £50,000, was due to make his debut last Sunday in the First Division fixture at Castleford but, unfortunately, he cannot play this evening in the Lancashire Cup as he represented Leigh at Swinton in the first round and is, therefore, cup-tied.

Our transfer-market activity over the past two or three weeks can now be assessed. It isn't over yet, but so far we have signed 21-year-old prop John Fairbank — one of the best prospects in the game — and 24-year-old centre John Henderson — definitely one of the fastest inside backs in Rugby league — for roundabout the fee we got from Leeds for Hugh Waddell, and Hugh is considerably older than 24.

An Oldhamer born and bred, Henderson attended Fitton Hill school as a boy and his teacher was Iain MacCorquodale. He had a short spell in the Oldham Colts team and Saddleworth Rangers but when he was still only 17 he turned down a very lucrative offer from Rochdale Hornets to sign for Leigh. In about 150 games for the Hilton Park men — a good percentage of them in the First

Division — John has scored 90 tries and has also represented Lancashire on a few occasions.

A fitter at Cunnington and Cooper, and still living down Fitton Hill, John has Oldham Rugby in his blood and he was delighted to join us on a three year contract even though his offer from Leigh was a better one in purely financial terms. "It's always nice to play for your home-town team," he said, "and I honestly believe that the Oldham club has fantastic potential. That's why I wanted to come. I wouldn't have fancied it even if I felt there were no good prospects."

In the lead-up to the signing, Leigh rejected our 'final' offer but then came back to us and the deal went through quickly for the money we had already offered. We thus sign another local lad. . . and one wonders how long it is since we had two Oldhamers, Henderson and Des Foy, in the centre spots together, to say nothing of club skipper Mike Ford at scrum-half, and several forwards in the senior panel, including Ian Sherratt, Leo Casey and Terry Flanagan.

Our signings have not finished yet, either. We still need another pacy man in the back division and you can rest assured that we will do everything possible to get our man to ensure that we have a very strong squad for the important season that stretches before us.

There is a very positive and confident mood around the club just now and much of this is due to the fact that the supporters are getting right behind us at every possible opportunity.

We aim to repay that backing by putting a team on the field that will do the club and the town proud. We now believe we have a squad of forwards that can match the best and the signing of John Henderson shows that we mean business in our attempts to get a back division that can capitalise on the work up front of the forwards and the experience and skill of stand-off Chris O'Sullivan.

Speed is essential in the First Division and our team-strengthening plans over the past week or two have centred first on assembling a young and powerful set of forwards and then obtaining a quick and pacy back division to go with them.

These plans will continue to be operated as we gear up for the launch of our big issue in the limited company, details of which will be announced soon.

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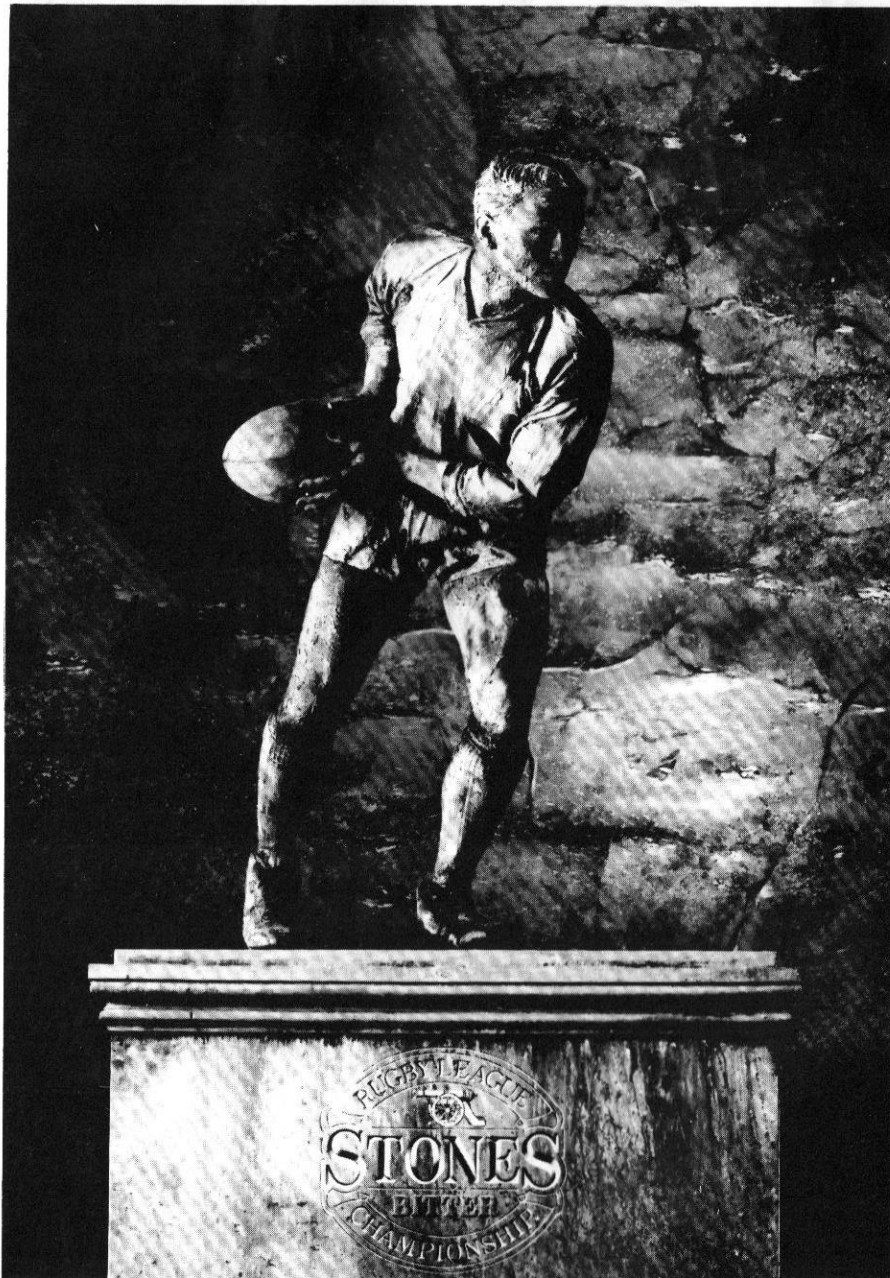
1988 GREAT BRITAIN TOUR

	P	W	D	L	T	G	For			Against		
							Dr	Pts	T	G	Dr	Pts
Papua New Guinea	2	2	0	0	13	13	0	78	7	6	0	40
Australia	13	8	0	5	59	47	0	330	42	36	1	241
New Zealand	3	1	0	2	8	8	0	48	10	10	0	60
	18	11	0	7	80	68	0	456	59	52	1	341

Date	Result	Score	Opposition	Venue	Attendance
May 22	W	42-22	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	Port Moresby	12,107
24	W	36-18	Nthn/Highland Zones	Lae	3,270
27	W	66-16	North Queensland	Cairns	5,500
June 1	W	28-12	Newcastle Knights	Newcastle	6,649
5	L	12-36	Northern Division	Tamworth	2,192
7	L	0-30	Manly	Manly	11,131
11	L	6-17	AUSTRALIA	Sydney	24,202
15	W	28-14	Brisbane Residents	Brisbane	1,810
17	W	64-8	Central Queensland	Rockhampton	4,418
22	W	28-12	Toowoomba	Toowoomba	3,874
25	W	14-0	Wide Bay	Gympie	2,310
28	L	14-34	AUSTRALIA	Brisbane	27,103
July 3	W	28-26	Western Division	Orange	3,520
5	L	16-24	President's XIII	Canberra	6,037
9	W	26-12	AUSTRALIA	Sydney	15,994
13	W	24-18	Wellington	Wellington	4,428
17	L	10-12	NEW ZEALAND	Christchurch	8,525
19	L	14-30	Auckland	Auckland	8,000 (est)

PLAYING SUMMARY

Player	Club	App	Sub	T	G	Pts
BEARDMORE, K.	Castleford	9	—	—	—	—
CASE, B.	Wigan	7	1	—	—	—
CURRIER, A.	Widnes	5	—	3	5	22
CROOKS, L.	Leeds	3	2	—	5	10
DIXON, P.	Halifax	6	2	1	—	4
EDWARDS, S.	Wigan	1	—	—	—	—
EYRES, R.	Widnes	3	—	1	—	4
FAIRBANK, K.	Bradford N	9	1	6	—	24
FORD, M.	Oldham	7	—	5	—	20
FORD, P.	Bradford N	13	—	9	1	38
GIBSON, C.	Leeds	9	1	2	—	8
GILL, H.	Wigan	10	2	7	—	28
GREGORY, A.	Wigan	8	—	—	—	—
GREGORY, M.	Warrington	10	—	5	—	20
GROVES, P.	St. Helens	8	—	1	—	4
HAGGERTY, R.	St. Helens	5	2	—	—	—
HANLEY, E.	Wigan	10	1	8	—	32
HULME, D.	Widnes	11	2	1	—	4
HULME, P.	Widnes	4	3	—	—	—
JOYNER, J.	Castleford	3	—	—	—	—
LOUGHLIN, P.	St. Helens	11	2	1	43	90
MEDLEY, P.	Leeds	5	—	3	—	12
OFFIAH, M.	Widnes	11	2	19	—	76
PLATT, A.	St. Helens (Now Wigan)	5	—	—	—	—
POWELL, R.	Leeds	12	2	1	—	4
SCHOFIELD, G.	Leeds	5	—	5	1	22
STEPHENSON, D.	Leeds	11	—	1	13	30
WADDELL, H.	Oldham (Now Leeds)	10	3	—	—	—
WARD, K.	Castleford	10	—	1	—	4
WILKINSON, I.	Halifax	6	—	—	—	—
WRIGHT, D.	Widnes	7	1	—	—	—



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Beef in Guinness with Herb Dumplings
Potatoes and Two Fresh Vegetables

Chicken Marengo
Potatoes and Two Fresh Vegetables

Chilli con Carne
Rice, Jacket Potatoes
Herb and Garlic Bread

Beefsteak and Potatoe Pie
Mushy Peas, Red Cabbage, Pickles

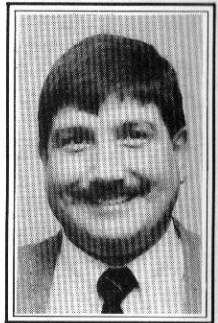
SWEETS

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It comes with wine, silver service and all the trimmings so I think you will agree that we are trying to give value for money and providing the business men among our loyal friends with the opportunity to entertain as they are accustomed in their day-to-day business world.

At Sunday's match against Hull KR, of course, we will make the draw for the lucky Lifeline member who has won the new car that was featured in our programme for the Workington game.



If you were not here on that occasion or you attended but did not obtain a programme, you will need to know that we are following up the new-car prize later in the season by offering a holiday of a lifetime for two in the sunny, calypso islands of the Caribbean.

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To be eligible for the prize, of course, you must be a member of our £2-a-week Lifeline scheme which offers a weekly prize of £1,000, so if you are not already in — now is the time to act. Just ring 620 4870.

What we must all remember, of course, is that every little bit helps. It is all very well talking of executive sponsorships but it is equally important for the future well-being of the club that the keen supporter who cannot afford such luxuries can also feel that he or she is doing a bit to help. How? Attendance at matches, supporting schemes like Lifeline and Cashline, and also contributing in directions which you may not consider as particularly helpful.

For instance, if you are reading this programme, enjoying it and considering that it attempts to give a value-for-money 'read' and provide you with useful information about the club, please ensure you purchase one again at the next home match and also mention it to a friend.

Likewise, why not give a call to our new service for fans on the *Roughyed Review*, our new ring-a-round service which gives match reports, interviews, news and information about the entire club scene.

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MATCH REPORTS

OLDHAM 64 — WORKINGTON 2

OUR passage into the second round of the Grunhulle Lancashire Cup — and what promises to be an epic clash with Salford at Watersheddings this evening — was a somewhat easy 64-2 stroll against Second Division Workington Town. The game marked the Oldham debuts of our two latest Aussie recruits, Chris O'Sullivan and Ashley Gilbert, and each opened their accounts in England with a try.

We scored a total of ten tries and established a club record by achieving the biggest victory margin in the club's history, beating the previous best of 61 points, which was established way back in 1959 v Liverpool City.

Mick Burke kicked ten goals and Andy Ruane 2, while in the try-scoring charts Kevin Meadows led the way with a hat-trick and others were scored by Paul Round, Des Foy, Colin Hawkyard, Gilbert, O'Sullivan, Mike Ford and a trialist winger, whom we know as A N Other.

CASTLEFORD 22 — OLDHAM 19

AGAIN, it was a case of so near, yet so far. Unbeaten Castleford led 4-2 at half-time, but we cut the deficit with an Andy Ruane drop goal only to see Cas stretch their lead to 12-3 midway through the second half. Far from letting our heads drop, we again roared back and Paul Round, who had a most encouraging game in his new role as full back, linked up to score off Terry Flanagan's pass. Ruane kicked the goal and at 12-9 we were back in it.

Sadly, Cas hit us hard with two more tries before we pulled ourselves off the floor to give them a mighty scare in the last few minutes. John Henderson got over in the corner on his debut and then a terrific break by Round sent Ashley Gilbert in, for Ruane's goal to cut the deficit to three points. Time ran out then, but one of the bright spots was the performance of Round at full back.

BRAMLEY 'A' 6 — OLDHAM 'A' 18

HIGHLIGHT of this match was the terrific performance at prop of Ian Sherratt. On attack and defence, he was almost unstoppable. He scored a vital try when the match was finely balanced and then sent in Tony Morrison for the try that clinched it. Loose-forward Tony Miller also shone when he came on as substitute for Mick Bardsley, who was later found to have broken his nose in three places. Bad luck, Mick. The third Oldham try was scored by Steve Robinson.



OLDHAM 'A' 44 — HUDDERSFIELD 'A' 7

PAUL ROUND played full back for the first time in this match and, as an attacker, impressed a large 'A' team crowd with his ability to link up with the backs and run the ball out strongly from defence. He had little to do on defence, however. We scored nine tries and if we had taken our chances we could have had nearly double that number.

A feature of the performance was the way in which Tony Morrison and Bob Marsden punched holes in the Huddersfield defence, often off the slick passes of loose-forward Miller.

The nine tries were scored by Miller, Richard Irving, Paul Sherman (2), Paul Lord, A N Other (2), Steve Robinson and Ian Sherratt, while Martin Hall landed four goals.

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FACE IN THE CROWD Jack Dearden — Our Man on the Terraces

Some of you may already be aware that, due to other work commitments, my programme notes for this season will have to alter in format slightly. The reason for this is that I may not be able to attend as many games as in previous seasons. Therefore, instead of a "man on the terraces" view, it is my intention to write on more general topics which are relative to R.L. at all levels of the game, with particular reference to the local scene.

With this in mind, it is especially rewarding to see someone like one of our ex-players, (Ray Ashton) taking on the responsibilities of the new Seddon Atkinson R.L. team.

Having attended their inaugural dinner, they appear to have gathered together a good bunch of "back room staff," and a very enthusiastic set of players. Add to this their link-up with Royton Tigers and one feels that they have certainly done their homework. So good luck lads, and if success isn't immediate, don't be too discouraged. It can take time.

Another shrewd move in the amateur league is the appointment of Brian Gartland as town team coach, and I wish him every success in the development of the town's amateur players.

Unfortunately results here at Water-sheddings have not gone our way in the league, but the arrival of the three Australian players will allow the coaching staff more options.

Both Hull teams and Warrington have also had a hard start. It makes you realise just how competitive the First Division is, but there is a long way to go yet. Encouragement, and not discouragement, will help our lads, and it was very encouraging to see them beat Workington by a record breaking 64-2 in the Lancashire Cup.

Finally, a warm welcome to our overseas players and John Fairbank and commiserations to Charlie McAlister, over his recent injury.

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APPEARANCES AND SCORERS 1988/89

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	App	G	DG	T	Pts	Total App
K. Meadows	5			5	20	47
R. Irving	2			1	4	17
D. Foy	5			2	8	181
C. McAlister	3	6			12	21
P. Lord	2			1	4	13
M. Ford	5			2	8	24
I. Bates	1					3
I. Sherratt	1					20
M. Hall	1					9
H. Waddell	2					54
C. Hawkyard	5			2	8	181
P. Round	5			2	8	37
T. Flanagan	5					278
S. Patterson	3					3
L. Casey	5			1	4	17
M. Burke	3	11			22	46
A. Ruane	4	5	1		11	4
N. Clawson	4					56
P. Taylor	3			1	4	26
K. Atkinson	1	2			4	30
J. Fairbank	3					3
C. O'Sullivan	2			1	4	2
A. Gilbert	2			2	8	2
A. N. Other	2			1	4	2
J. Henderson	1			1	4	1

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Castleford	4	2	0	0	52	19	1	1	0	32	22	7
Widnes	4	2	0	0	96	8	1	0	1	50	40	6
Wigan	4	2	0	0	72	34	1	0	1	40	42	6
Leeds	4	1	0	1	46	30	2	0	0	60	40	6
Salford	4	2	0	0	49	32	1	0	1	54	60	6
Wakefield	4	2	0	1	57	66	1	0	0	16	10	6
St. Helens	4	1	1	0	37	30	1	0	1	25	46	5
Halifax	4	2	0	0	52	34	0	0	2	4	42	4
Featherstone	4	1	0	1	36	46	1	0	1	32	73	4
Bradford N	4	1	0	1	59	38	0	0	2	30	49	2
Warrington	4	1	0	1	34	39	0	0	2	28	39	2
Hull KR	4	1	0	1	27	34	0	0	2	30	56	2
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