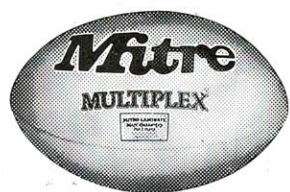


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## THE HISTORY OF HUNSLET R.L.F.C.

1977—78

The season 1977/78 signalled the completion of the first stage of Hunslets Rehabilitation and the start of the second stage — Survival in the First Division.

Hunslet were determined to spend wisely on players and not be rushed into adding to the squad for the sake of it. In fact Hunslets directors decided the best value for money way to add to the clubs playing strength was a trio of one year contracts to top New Zealand players. At the end of September Lindsay Proctor (forward), Murray Netzler (Hooker) and Gary Kemble (a young full back) would arrive to become Hunslets first Kiwis since Edgar Wrigley in 1913.

The season started with the Yorkshire Cup and an excellent success marred by crowd trouble. Hunslet beat Hull K.R. 14-8 with Dickie Brown scoring a try and setting up another. After the game some Hull K.R. "supporters" overturned a police car and caused trouble, police reinforcements making six arrests.

Hunslet went out in the second round at Keighley and at the beginning of September the league season started with a visit from St. Helens. In a performance rated as "stunning" Hunslet raced to a 15-0 lead after 16 minutes, as Saints tried to get their bearings on the tight Elland Road pitch. Paul Daleys instructions were to tackle and keep the ball six tackles every time. By the end of the game Hunslet had won 22-17.

The club were looking for 11 home wins to ensure a "safe" total of 22 points. Anything that could be picked up away would be a bonus. After defeat at Featherstone, Hunslet surprised everyone with a 13-10 win at Castlefords Wheldon Road.

The scene was set for the visit of Salford and Hunslet scored two tries to one but the boot of David Watkins (7 goals) saw the visitors home 17-14 and Hunslet entered a losing sequence of five league games in six which took the club into the bottom four.

Hunslet signed Tony Halmshaw from Rochdale for £5000 and were delighted when Bob Gaitley was chosen for the GB shadow squad. Stuart Smith joined from Featherstone, but Dickie Brown, who had scored 9 tries in 10 games before breaking a thumb, lost interest and asked for a transfer. Later in the season Brown would be replaced by Tony Dean.

As Proctor and Kemble settled in and Davies and Griffiths hit top form Hunslets fortunes changed. Hunslet had been knocked out of the Players Trophy at Wigan and returned to Central Park in the league as the first of a run in to Christmas 1977 of five games. Three Davies penalties and three drop goals from the same player were instrumental in an excellent 9-7 win. Victories followed at home to Dewsbury and Castleford and away to Hull (23-3) but a crucial fixture at Wakefield was lost 7-8 and an out of luck Hunslet missed out on two points that in the final analysis would have saved Hunslet and sent Wakefield into the second division.

The new year turned out to be a dour struggle for the club and the club slipped from their New Year position of 8th to 13th as the seasons final run-in commenced. The cruelest blow was a home game with Wigan which Hunslet were winning with two minutes to go. Wigan winger Vigo crashed in at the corner to snatch a victory that denied Hunslet two valuable points. In the remaining seven games Hunslet managed only one victory and were relegated from 13th position with 22 points (which would have been enough to stave off relegation in previous years). For the first time since the re-introduction of two divisions all four promoted teams had been relegated.

Behind the achievements of the first team in capturing victories over Wigan, Wakefield, St. Helens, Hull, Hull K.R. and Castleford, the second team took the 'A' team Y.S.C. Cup. The side was well led by Kenny Sykes but contained only three possible stars of the future — Foster, Kirk and Watts.

Over at Belle Isles, the Hunslet Parkside junior teams were winning all the trophies and club scouts were queuing up to sign them. Hunslets inability to re-create the "production-line" of talent was inherent at Parkside and would hamper them but not stop them looking for a quick return to the first division in season 1978/79.

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Organised school groups can obtain a 25 per cent reduction with £8 seats available at £6.

Fans will be encouraged to book for all three British Coal Tests by being offered £1 off each ticket in a triple order.

The Wembley encounter on 27th October — the first Rugby League Test in the capital since 1973 — is followed by the Second Test at Manchester United's Old Trafford on 19th November and the Third and Final meeting at Elland Road, Leeds, on 24th November, all kicking off at 2.15 pm. Tickets for the northern venues are priced £12, £10 and £8.

The League's Director of Marketing and Television, Maurice Lindsay, said: "The Board of Directors has decided that the massive 50 per cent ticket price reduction offers an across-the-board incentive for supporters — old and new — to witness this clash of giants at the countrys top stadium.

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## OLDHAM R.L.F.C. — PEN PICTURES — 1989/90 SEASON

**JOHN FIELDHOUSE:** Recent signing from St. Helens. Gt. Britain International — Man of the Series against the Kiwis has settled in and playing the sort of rugby that made him an International.

**RICHARD IRVING:** Signed for Oldham in August, 1987 from Moldgreen ARLFC and impressed coach Eric Fitzsimmons with his strong running wing displays, scoring tries against Keighley and Rochdale. Scorer of just two tries — against Wigan and Wakefield — last season.

**JOHN HENDERSON:** Signed from Leigh club, this prolific try-scoring centre suffered through injury for much of last season and scored 8 tries. Scored 31 tries in 1985-86 and another 27 in 1986-87 for Leigh, gaining selection for Lancashire and scoring a try in a 22-22 draw with Papua New Guinea in 1987. Guested for Sydney Wests in 1985.

**CHARLIE McALISTER:** A sensational capture from Bradford and Bingley RUFC in February 1988, scoring 9 tries and 15 goals in 18 appearances in his debut season. Had a summer spell in Australia with the Newcastle Knights in 1988, improving his defensive abilities. Kicked four goals in the 1988 Second Division Premiership Final. New Zealander with great strength and pace and the ability to play in a variety of back roles.

**KEVIN MEADOWS:** One of the First Divisions most under rated wingers, having previously played for St. Helens and Warrington. Scored 16 tries in 38 appearances in 1987-88. In his second spell at Oldham where he once scored 5 tries in a First Division match against Salford in 1984. Seven tries last season included a hat-trick in a 64-2 Lancashire Cup slaughter of Workington.

**DUNCAN PLATT:** Goalkicking full-back signed in November, 1988, from Widnes. Brother of Wigan and Great Britain forward Andy, he was in Widnes' Premiership winning team in 1988 and contributed 80 points from 16 appearances in their championship win. Excelled for Oldham and scored 41 goals and 96 points in his debut season. Kicked 2 goals on his debut at Thrum Hall in the 12-0 win last December.

**RICHARD RUSSELL:** Oldham's major off-season signing, coming from Wigan, where he had gained Great Britain, Colts and two Under 21 international selections in 1987 and 1988. Played in every back role at Central Park but received very few opportunities last season. Represented Wigan in the 1987 Lancashire Cup and Premiership Final.

**MIKE FORD:** BARLA Young Lions tourist to New Zealand, in 1983, signed for Wigan from Oldham, St. Annes ARLFC in August of that year. Won Challenge Cup (1986), Lancashire Cup (1985 and 1986) and John Player (1986 and 1987) honours, before joining Leigh. Gained four Under 21 international caps between 1986 and 1987 and also had a spell with Sydney Club Eastern Suburbs. Toured Down Under with the Lions last summer, scoring 5 tries in 7 appearances. Signed for hometown Oldham in January, 1988, after an unhappy spell at Hilton Park, and was outstanding as Oldham defeated Featherstone in an epic Second Division Premiership Final. Totalled 8 tries and 3 drop goals in 19 appearances as Oldham swept to the Second Division Championship in 1987-88. Three tries last season.

**STEVE ROBINSON:** Signed from Saddleworth Rangers 2 seasons ago and has progressed to be a very fine winger.

**NEIL CLAWSON:** Son of much-travelled former Trinity and Great Britain prop forward Terry. Neil is another front-rower with lots of ability. Joined Oldham from Featherstone in May, 1986 and scored 2 tries in 26 appearances in 1988.



**JOHN FAIRBANK:** Former BARLA international forward signed from Leeds in November, 1987, from Elland ARLFC. One of five League-playing brothers and son of former Leeds and Huddersfield forward Jack. Played 19 games in his debut season for Leeds, but was surprisingly allowed to leave Headingley last August. Strong, forceful 21 year-old whose best is yet to come.

**ANDY RUANE:** Former Widnes and Rochdale Hooker, signed for Oldham by Eric Fitzsimmons, his former coach at the Hornets. A great worker in the loose, with goalkicking skills, he scored 12 tries, 15 goals and 2 drop goals for Hornets in 1987-88. Made his presence felt at Watersheddings, claiming the No. 9 jersey and kicking his first goal against Workington Town in the Lancashire Cup Tie. One of the most impressive performers in the relegation year, scoring 4 tries and 18 goals.

**PAUL ROUND:** Signed for £66,000 from St. Helens in August, 1987, instantly repaying Oldham with 16 tries in 26 appearances and gaining inclusion in the Lancashire teams which opposed Yorkshire (scoring a try) and Papua New Guinea in 1987. Originally a back-row forward who has played on the wing and at full-back. Nine tries last season including ones in home and away meetings with Halifax.

**LEO CASEY:** Recruited from St. Annes ARLFC in April 1988, this hard grafting prop-forward scored 3 tries in 8 appearances for the club in 1987-88. 7 tries last season.

**JOHN COGGER:** An outstanding signing from Runcorn Highfield last season. This inspirational Aussie had picked up the Second Division Player of the Year award in 1987 and starred in Oldham's end-of-season matches, scoring a try hat-trick against Featherstone and totalling 6 tries for the club, to go alongside seven scored for the league's wooden spoonists. Can play loose-forward or stand-off.

**SHAUN ALLEN:** Appeared for St. Helens in 1985 and 1988 Premiership Finals and also in their 1984 Lancashire Cup winning side, gaining an Under 21 international debut for Great Britain against France in 1984. Played centre and in the back-row for the Knowsley Road club, joining Oldham, initially on loan, last season, scoring a try against Widnes.

**PAUL LORD:** Signed from Stanley Rangers ARLFC as a stand-off but recently playing on wing. Represented Yorkshire at Under 21's level and Great Britain. Has great pace.

**COLIN HAWKYARD:** Current beneficiary and an unsung workhorse of the Roughyeds pack, being a frequent scorer and a tireless defensive player. 3 tries in 37 appearances in 1987-88, and a further 4 tries last term. Played for Oldham in the 1986 Lancashire Cup Final against Wigan. Had a 3-match loan spell at Huddersfield in 1981-82.

**KEITH NEWTON:** Strong back-row forward signed from champions Widnes last season, opening his try account for Oldham with two in the 40-9 Cup win at Dewsbury in the first round. Adding another two in a big defeat of Featherstone at Watersheddings.

**GARY HYDE:** Another of Tony Barrow's recruits, joining Oldham from Castleford, after winning Great Britain Under 24 international honours as a centre in the early 80's. Has played centre and loose-forward for Oldham, scoring the first of four tries in a 23-22 defeat at Salford. Played in 7 major Finals for Castleford, including their 1986 Wembley defeat of Hull K.R.

**BRETT CLARK:** St. George half back who has recently signed a 1 year contract for Oldham. Will need no introduction to fans. Brett played at Knowsley Road in the 1986/87 season. One of the most popular of Saints recent overseas signings.

Oldham continued to build for the future during the summer, with England Schools Skipper **CRAIG MORT** (16) being added to the starlets already at Watersheddings.

**NEIL FLANAGAN, TOMMY MARTYN** and **STEVE ENTWISTLE** all starred on the BARLA Youth Tour of Australia this summer.

## COMMENTS by our Coach Graeme Jennings

As this is the last home game for the year, it's time to reflect upon the 1989-90 season.

I found it astounding that we had to play 5 games in the first 2 weeks of the competition, while other sides had played only one game after 3 weeks. From these early games our injury toll was always mounting. Now we are in the position of having to wait 3 weeks between our 2nd last game to our last game, these situations should never arise and would put any club at a disadvantage.

Criticism of referees has been considerable, in particular dismissal of players from the field. At the time of writing, Hunslet has had 10 players sent off, 9 of whom were exonerated. Needless to say such exonerations don't help after the fact.

Hunslet have proved themselves in the latter stages of the season, in both Alliance and First Team. I am sure the strength with which Hunslet are finishing, the foundations for good performances against leading teams in 2nd division are evident.

Finally I would like to thank everyone associated with the club both on and off the field for the efforts this season and in particular the supporters for their loyalty and support.

This club is blessed with some fine young players as well as good experienced campaigners, I have no doubt that their efforts will bring success once again to Hunslet.



Andy Petch is halted Hunslet v Trafford B.  
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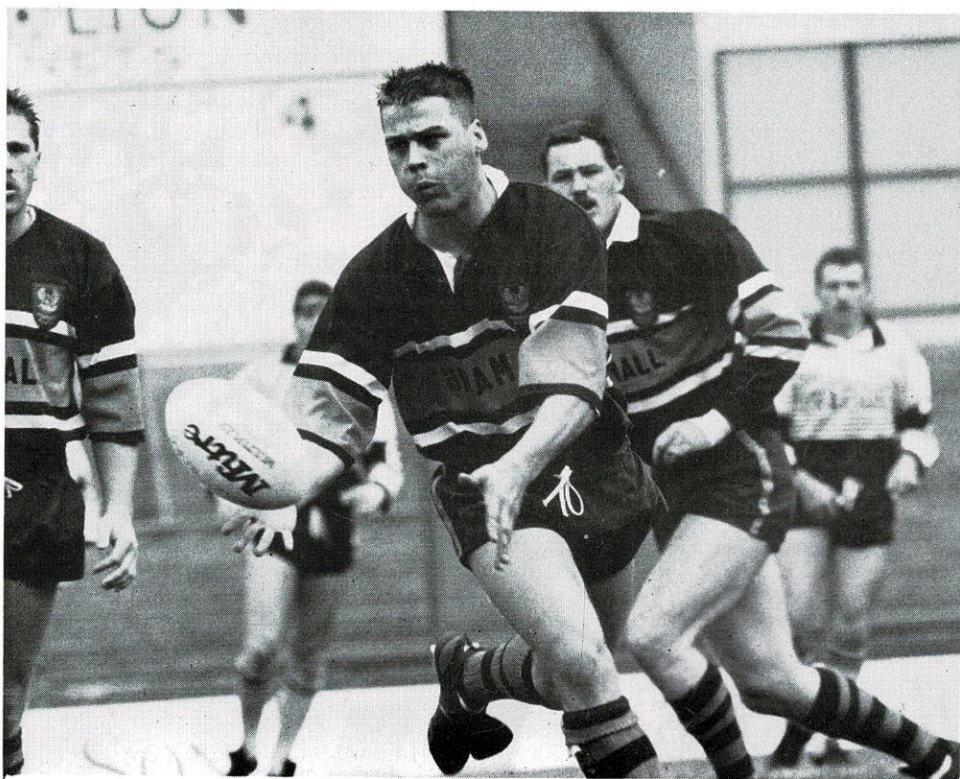
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James Lowes in action.

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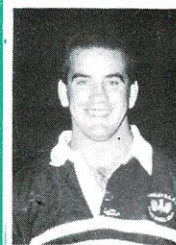
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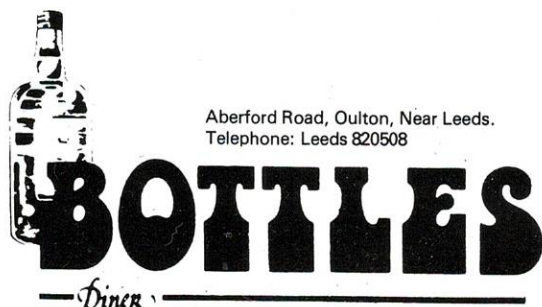
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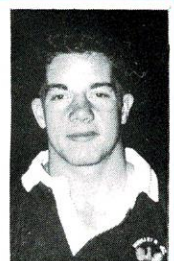
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## SLALOM ALLIANCE REPORTS

by Trevor Leathley



In my last report I said that we hoped to have beaten Hull K.R. in the Cup well as you all know by now we did, 36-30 in extra time and what a cracking game it was, the spectators that travelled to Huddersfield all said that it was one of the best matches they had seen for a long time, well worth the entrance fee.

Hull K.R. had a very strong side out and opened the scoring after two minutes and we all thought here we go, but that was not to be the boys came back and were rewarded with a good try by Paul Burrow too far out for Steve Lay to kick the goal. It was Steve who gave the final pass to Paul to score 4-4 on our way. Tim Lumb's two wonderful tries and a couple of Gary Rowse goals 16-4, looking good value for our winning margin. Back came Rovers with a couple of tries and at half time it was 16-12 to Hunslet.

Rovers hit us again with a well worked try too far out to kick the goal, we were level 16-16. Had to lift our game and we did just that, with Rouse making a superb try for Colin Penola but he could not land the goal. Back in front 20-16, two goals from Rowse 24-16. Could we hang on, 8 minutes left, penalty to Hull, 24-18. 4 minutes to go surely we had done it! But no, good passing from Rovers and they got us stretched and they scored under the posts and kicked the goal 24-24, extra time.

Had we any more to offer? Yes! and it was little Tim scampering away to complete his hat-trick of tries 30-24. It must be over now, but no Hull K.R. came again to score, again 30 points all with 15 minutes left. Keep them in their own half were our instructions and tackle hard, out came Rovers with some good hard running and passing the ball about. They had us stretched a few times but we held out and then an interception by Wayne Lewis our trialist winger, could he score the winning try? Yes he did, total excitement, we must have done it this time, 34-30, 2 minutes to go, seems like a lifetime. The whistle went and we had done it and with only twelve men, Paul Morgan being sent off in the first 20 minutes, what a marvellous victory, well played everyone.

Semi Final and Bradford Northern, could we go one better than last season and reach the Final, but it was not to be. All the boys worked hard and were very unlucky to lose 10-17, the big Bradford forwards gave a good lead at the start of the game and they were up 10-1, but we fought back well with two tries by Colin Penola and Gary Rowse to be only 10-9 down at half time. A drop goal at the start of the second half made it 10-10. We were getting on top of them, their forwards tired quickly but we were giving too many penalties away and from one they scored a try under the posts and a goal 10-16, followed by a drop goal 10-17. But for most part of the second half we attacked them but we could not get a score that would have got us back in the game. Colin Penola, Tim Lumb, Richard Brook, Graham King, Gary Rowse all stopped just short. One score in the first half by Wayne Lewis was disallowed, if we would have got that who knows what might have been the result. Hard luck lads, you deserved to win the Cup.

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### FREDDIE WILLIAMSON

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One such 'great' was Freddie Williamson, born in 1921 and brought up in Middleton attending the local council school. From the school he was chosen for Hunslet City Boys and played with the side from 1934-1936.

Fred was a great all rounder at sport and so was his brother William. Sprinting, Hurdling, Boxing, League and Union were all mastered by the Williamsons.

Both lads started in open age rugby at Morley R.U.F.C. where they worked their way up the teams. William got to the first team first but by the time Freddie was ready to be selected the club dropped William to make way for him. This took the edge off Freddie's "Promotion".

Freddie worked in engineering as did so many Hunslet men at the time. It was while on war work in 1940 that Freddie badly burned his hand to the point where amputation was considered. Freddie battled his way to recovery and after six months of hospital, he was back at work. It was still touch and go whether Freddie could play rugby again, but under the encouragement of Aubrey Casewell, Freddie turned out for the Hunslet Engine Company amateur side.

All the old skills returned to him and in 1943 at the age of 22 Hunslet signed him on, for a fee of £115. After the period of wartime football Freddie settled in at Hunslet as first choice winger.

Freddie was noted mainly for his tough tackling and was probably the best tackling winger in the league. This was remarkable for a time when wingers were employed solely for their speed. Freddie though possessed plenty of pace and the tries came regularly, over 126 in 10 years.

Freddie achieved County Honours and was respected throughout the game. He suffered a number of semi-final defeats with Hunslet and was unlucky with injuries, breaking fingers, nose, ribs and shoulders. He bounced back from disappointments every time to give the Parkside crowds continued pleasure until at the age of 35, Hunslet had to ask him to stand down for the younger men such as Potter, Child, and Alan Snowden.

There was no packing in though and Freddie moved to Doncaster to continue his career, with a mind to play as long as possible and then move into coaching. A man of Freddie's experience and ability could have gained him coaching positions at any club, but inevitably it was back to Parkside where he coached the younger players for a number of years.

"Fearless" Freddie Williamson the local hero was known as "Ahr Freddie" by Hunslet fans and significantly that term of endearment was one held by the great Albert Goldthorpe so many years before. A Hunslet "Hall of Fame" would never be complete without him.



Freddie (Front Row 3rd from left) turns out for "whites" in this 1946 practice match. The photo is at Parkside with the old Dewsbury Road end terracing in the background.

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**ROY SAMPSON**  
**CAPTAIN OF HUNSLET R.L.F.C.**  
**Reflects on the Season**

On behalf of all the players I would like to thank all our spectators for their support throughout the season.

It has not been a good a season as everyone would have liked. There have been many reasons for this. The season started with a fine win against Bramley, only to lose the following Wednesday night against York. We played five games in the first twelve days of the season resulting in many injuries, some of which were quite serious and long-term.

The arrival of our player-coach Graeme Jennings was a much needed boost along with fellow country men Brett Welch and John Adams.

After we had lost one of our best players Andy Bateman to a top club, Hunslet didn't waste any time going into the transfer market and buying Steve Langton, who is probably regarded as a buy of the season.

Ironically it was Steve who was one of five players sent off for Hunslet, which resulted in us losing games, but all were found not guilty at R.L. headquarters.

But the spirit in the changing rooms was always high, especially with Crusher Mason and Billy Bowden, with their own brand of humour.

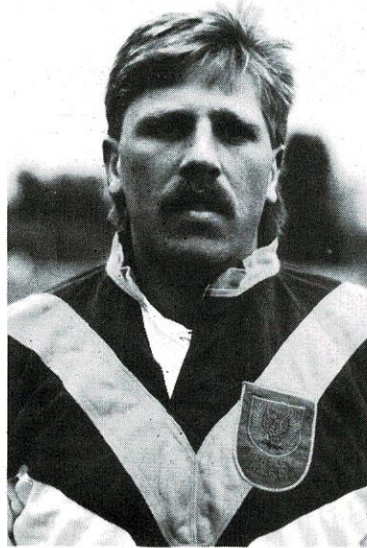
Hunslet played well against top clubs and had a good win against first division Barrow in the Regal Trophy, but didn't quite have the class in Round 2 against Featherstone Rovers.

Nottingham at home proved to be the turning point of the season, five league games later we were still unbeaten.

Also at the same time Trevor Leathley had seen our A Team beat Wigan, Widnes, Leigh, Hull K.R. and progress into the semi-final of the Alliance Challenge Cup.

The season has also seen good individual performances with no one doing more than Colin Penola a hat-trick against Rochdale.

With so many young up and coming players and talent at the club, the confidence is high and the future looks good for a great 90/91 season.



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**SPOTLIGHT ON THE**  
**AMATEUR SCENE**  
**MIDDLETON MARAUDERS**

The 1989/90 Season promises to be our best so far. The U19s have already taken the U19s Yorkshire Cup and are also progressing into the latter stages of the Yorkshire Youth Cup and National Cup.

The U17s are into the final of the U17 Yorkshire Cup, and are doing very well in the Yorkshire Youth Cup and are in the final of the Car Care Plan 7 aside. Both the U17 and U19s are also chasing honours in their respective leagues.

The Under 15s were beaten in the Semi-Final of their Yorkshire Cup match but are already in the finals of the Car Care Plan 7 aside and are very successful in their league.

The U13s, while not as successful in the trophy front continue to develop a pace and are enjoying their rugby, and will become the winners of years to come.

The open age are holding their own in division 4 of the Yorkshire league after a shakey start.

Big things are expected in the next few seasons as our U19s come through.

Many of our players at U17 and U19s are attracting the attention of professional clubs as we become one of the best nursery clubs for the pro game.

Next year we hope to restart our U11 side, so if any parents or players would like to turn out for any age group, please contact our club secretary Bill Crann on 701616 or P.R.O. Ralph Burness on Leeds 705750.

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**STEPHEN PICKLES & NEIL YOUNG**

Stephen Pickles Cockburn High School and Neil Young Middleton Park High.

Both these Hunslet and Morley boys have been chosen for the England Schoolboys Rugby League Team to tour France at Easter, 1990.

Both boys have represented Yorkshire & Humberside Schoolboys. Stephen has also represented Leeds & District U17s and Yorkshire U17s.

Both boys play for the highly successful Middleton Marauders U17 team who have reached the Yorkshire Cup Final, Yorkshire Youth Cup Semi-Final and Leeds & District Semi-Final.

Stephen Pickles wishes to thank Hunslet R.L.F.C. and Mitre Sports for their kind support.



## BRETT WELSH

Date of Birth: 31.3.61.

Marital Status: Married to Annette.

Children: Kade aged 3, Zachary  
8 months.

Previous Club: Nambucca Heads.

Job: Builders Labourer.

Favourite Food: Sirloin Steak.

Favourite Drink: Tooheys Draught.

Favourite Player Past: Peter Sterling.

Favourite Player Present: Bradley Clyde.

Favourite Female Singer: Linda Ronstadt.

Favourite Male Singer: Phil Collins.

Favourite Group: Eagles.

Favourite Ground: Coronation Park,  
Nambucca Heads.

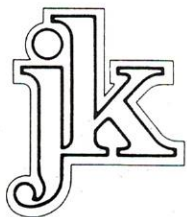
Hobbies: Water Skiing, Surfing,  
and Rugby.

Memorable Moment: Playing in the  
Grand Final in 1986. Signing for  
Hunslet.



Ambitions: To beat Hull K.R. the last  
match of the season. To coach  
a Junior Side.

Acknowledgments: To my family and  
wife Annette and to Graeme  
Jennings.



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Paddy Lyons scores Hunslet v Trafford B.  
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# SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

Well today is the last home game of the season, and it really couldn't have come at a worse time for the players with their tremendous form and winning run of late. Let's hope they can start next season on the same good form as they've ended this one.

I must mention that contrary to certain remarks, and rumours going about "The Supporters Club" has NOT and is NOT about to be DISBANDED.

Membership is fairly low, but about on par with last season. The Souvenir Shop is now in the foyer of the clubs office (in front of the Phoenix Bar) Souvenirs have been our main source of income this season, and have sold particularly well. Bookings for away travel can still be made in the souvenir shop as well.

Thanks to everyone who has helped the supporters club this season.

## TRAVEL

### Rochdale — Sunday 25th March

The coach will depart Hunslet Parish Church at 1.15, picking up at Middleton Arms, Tommy Wass and finally Elland Road at 1.30 — Kick off is 3 O'Clock.

Price is £3 members — £3.50 Non-Members

### Hull Kingston Rovers — Monday 16th April

The coach will depart Elland Road at 1.00, picking up at Tommy Wass, Middleton Arms and finally Hunslet Parish Church at 1.15 — Kick off is 3 O'Clock.

Price is £3.50 Members — £4 Non-Members

Bookings for both games are being taken today in the Souvenir Shop.

## PLAYER OF THE SEASON

All voting forms for the player of the season must be in by tonight's game at the latest. Complete forms can be handed in at the Souvenir Shop or to a Committee Member.

Don't forget the "Player of the Season" presentation evening on Sunday 1st April in the "Phoenix Bar", as well as presentation there will be a Disco Buffet and Raffle.

Tickets £3 on sale in the Souvenir Shop NOW!

## WEMBLEY

Today is the last official day for payment of the remaining money for the Wembley trip. Could anyone who still owes money try and ensure that this is paid.

N.B. For anyone who for whatever reason cannot pay the remaining money at tonight's game, we will be accepting final payments on Tuesday 27th March in the "Phoenix Bar" where we will be holding our committee meeting — however this will only be between 7.30 and 8.30.

Anyone who has not paid up by this date will have their seats and tickets cancelled, with no money refunded.

In closing I must mention an important date to put in your diary.

The Supporters Club "Annual General Meeting" has already been arranged and will take place on Thursday 12th July at 8 O'Clock in the "Phoenix Bar". We would like as many people as possible to attend, particularly because we are in dire need of more committee members to assist in all the various fund raising activities.

**Your Committee — 1989/90** — Alan Stevenson, Alan Ingham, Steve Holden, Andrea Jackson, Peter Whiteley, Ian Dutton, Kevin Poole, Ted Walking, Gary Cheetham, John Burton.

**Chairman** — David Rhodes.



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