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CLUB NOTES

CUP MATCHES FOR LEEDS. Next Tuesday evening, 21st October, we pay our first visit to New Hunslet's ground in Elland Road, when Leeds go there for a B.B.C. Floodlit Competition first round cup-tie. The kick-off time will be 7-25 p.m. and the winners of the tie will be at home in the second round to Wigan or Warrington. The Final of the Floodlit Competition is to be played on Tuesday, 16th December.

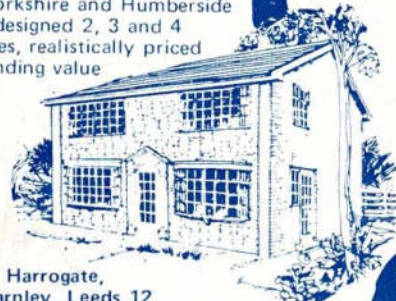
On Sunday, 9th November, kick-off at 3-0 p.m., Leeds travel once again in cup football, to play Hull at the Boulevard Ground in the second round of the Player's No. 6 Trophy Competition. Less than a week later, we shall of course be staging the Yorkshire County Challenge Cup Final at Headingley, between Leeds and Hull Kingston Rovers. Spectators are asked to note that the kick-off time for this match will be at 2-45 p.m.

The County Cup Final at Headingley last year, between Hull Kingston Rovers and Wakefield Trinity, was the best final seen for years on this side of the Pennines, and as Rovers, who will be seeking to retain the Trophy, are presently playing as well as ever again, there is a probability that once more the Yorkshire Cup Final will produce a tremendous game. Leeds were beaten by Rovers in a League match at Craven Park early in the season, when both teams played the kind of Rugby League which all supporters want to see, so Saturday, 15th November, will provide an opportunity for those who missed the League game to watch two of the best teams in Rugby League in opposition once again, in a Cup Final where there will be as many as fourteen or fifteen Internationals or County players on view. Hull Kingston Rovers have won the Yorkshire Cup six times in their history, and Leeds have won it twelve times.

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LEEDS **v** **OLDHAM**

SATURDAY, 18th OCTOBER, 1975

Kick-off 3-00 p.m.

7p

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

7p

Reserved seats for Leeds Members will be on sale at the Club from 9-0 a.m. on Monday week, 27th October, and members are reminded again that the Final commences at 2-45 p.m.

RECENT MATCHES. Once Leeds had forged ahead, after conceding an early four points deficit, in the League game at Wilderspool last Sunday, there was no doubt as to which team would win in the end, for in the second quarter of the match, Leeds took complete command at a time when Warrington should have been thinking of trying to increase their own lead. Consequently, indecision began to creep into the Wires' play, and by half-time, with the score at 21-6 in Leeds' favour, Warrington were already playing like a well-beaten team, and although they had two or three of last season's regulars still absent because of injuries, such as Wanbon, Nicholas and Martyn, Leeds too had gone into the game under-strength, for the late withdrawal of Keith Hepworth, due to a back injury, meant we were without five Internationals.

The victory brought Leeds the fourth successive win, three of which had been in Cup matches, and only one of the four was a home game. These are the kind of results upon which confidence can be built for the forthcoming Cup-ties against the two Humberside Clubs, though there will be no under-estimation by Leeds of the tasks to be faced.

While the seniors have been getting good results recently, Leeds "A" have also shown vast improvement upon their play at the start of the season. The Reserves have no match today, but next Saturday they receive Keighley "A" and will take the field unbeaten since the beginning of September, having made progress within that period in the Y.S.C. Challenge Cup Competition by reaching the semi-finals, which have not yet been drawn. Scrum-half Kevin Dick, who made his first senior appearance when he came on as a substitute towards the end at Warrington, has already kicked twenty-nine goals this season.

TODAY'S GAME. It is over two years since we had the pleasure of welcoming the Oldham team and officials to Headingley. 18th August, 1973, to be precise, was the last time they were here, when Leeds won a League game by 46 points to 2. Later in the same season, in the corresponding match at Watersheddings, we were to find Oldham much more determined opponents, and at the end of a hard game which was always interesting, it was a dropped goal from Keith Hepworth added to tries from Smith and Jeanes which enabled Leeds to come away with a point after an 8-8 draw.

Oldham visit Headingley today with a team containing several Yorkshire players, among them former Leeds men, Brian Hughes and Tony Wainwright, who have both settled well at Watersheddings. Loose-forward Dickie Brown, a versatile player, is from Castleford and was a player at Wheldon Road before going to France where he spent two years playing Rugby League. He has been at Oldham three seasons now. Their latest signing is another Yorkshireman, second row forward Barry Kear, formerly with Featherstone Rovers, Salford and Hull. Barry is at present on loan from Hull for one month's trials.

The captain of Oldham is full-back Martin Murphy, a player who has gained Lancashire County honours, and who was also a member of the England team which won in France last season. Like Dickie Brown, he too has played in club rugby overseas, for he had a season with the Newtown Club in Australian Rugby League in 1973. Longest-serving players in our visitors' side are right-winger Mike Elliott and hooker Kevin Taylor—an England under-24 player—who have both been at the Watersheddings twelve years. Elliott has scored seven tries this season, one of which was in that very good Oldham win over Widnes, by 16 points to 10, in their recent B.B.C. Floodlit Trophy first round tie. Dewsbury are their visitors for the second round. At left-centre today will be goal-kicking three-quarter Phil Larder, now in his ninth

season with the Club and alongside him will be Eddie Barton, a teacher at the same school as Larder, who in fact invited Eddie to go along to Rugby League training at Oldham two years ago, and the invitation led to Barton being signed by the Club. Each of these two were Rugby Union players originally, Larder having joined Oldham from the Sale Rugby Union Club.

Two of the bargain buys for the Oldham Club, among the present team, are scrum-half Mick McCone, who moved from Doncaster for a £450 fee some five years ago, and Oldham-born forward Fred Hall who was signed from Blackpool Borough for a similar fee over four seasons ago. Alongside Hall in the second-row will be well-built ex-Rochdale Hornets and Leigh forward Bob Welding, and another man in this useful-looking Oldham side who has played elsewhere is Wales R.L. International half-back David Treasure, scorer of some spectacular tries at high speed in his days with Bradford Northern.

Promoted from Division Two last season, Oldham have not enjoyed the best of fortune in their First Division programme, for their five results so far show home and away wins over Keighley, but defeats by Wigan, Featherstone Rovers and Huddersfield. In the Lancashire Cup they lost 17-19 at home against St. Helens, but Oldham are through to round two of the Player's No. 6 Competition after winning 20-14 at Huyton in the first round.

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THE FOOTBALL FIELD. All spectators are specially requested not to cross the football field at the end of the match. This has happened once or twice already this season, and we are anxious to stop the practice, which is only liable to cause unnecessary damage to the turf. Please help by keeping outside the boundary wall of the field at all times.

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This afternoon we extend a warm Headingley welcome to all from Oldham, a team we are always pleased to receive at Leeds, especially so as their visits have not been very frequent over the past decade.

The Supporters Club Committee to act in connection with the John Atkinson Testimonial has been formed and comprises Messrs. J. Brook, K. Nicholson, P. McGuire and H. Falkingham, and Mrs. J. Cawthra, Mrs. D. Hall and Mrs. A. Wood.

Delegates to the parent Committee are H. Falkingham and K. Nicholson. As always, the success of the effort will depend upon the full support of a great many people. All branches are earnestly asked to consider means of contributing by concerts and other arrangements. To avoid clashes of dates, please inform Mr. H. Falkingham, when details are available. It is sincerely hoped that all will rally to the cause of raising a fixed sum for this popular local International wingman.

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FIXTURES FOR 1975-76

Date 1975	Opponents	Venue	Result
AUG.			
8 (F)	BRAMLEY (Lazenby Cup) (7-30)	H	W 33-17
17 (Su)	Keighley	A	W 39-15
23 (S)	Hull Kingston Rovers	A	L 12-23
30 (S)	HALIFAX (Yorkshire Cup Round 1)	H	W 32-5
SEPT.			
6 (S)	BRADFORD NORTHERN	H	W 27-12
13 (S)	Bradford N. (Yorkshire Cup Rnd. 2)	A	W 22-2
16 (Tu)	St. Helens (7-30)	A	L 2-24
24 (W)	CASTLEFORD (7-30)	H	W 21-10
	(Floodlit Competition Prelim. Rnd.)		
28 (Su)	Swinton (Players No. 6 Rnd. 1)	A	W 23-7
OCT.			
1 (W)	Keighley (7-30) (Yorks. Cup S.F.)	A	W 11-2
3 (F)	Salford (7-30)	A	Postpo'd
12 (Su)	Warrington	A	W 29-12
18 (S)	OLDHAM	H	
21 (Tu)	New Hunslet (7-25)	A	
	(Floodlit Competition Round 1)		
24 (F)	Wigan (7-30)	A	
NOV.			
2 (Su)	Swinton	A	
9 (Su)	Hull (Players No. 6 Round 2)	A	
15 (S)	LEEDS v Hull K.R. (2-45)		
	(Yorks. Cup Final, at Headingley)		
23 (Su)	Dewsbury (3-30)	A	
30 (Su)	Oldham (3-30)	A	
DEC.			
6 (S)	SWINTON	H	
13 (S)	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	H	
19 (F)	Castleford (7-30)	A	
26 (F)	KEIGHLEY (11-30)	H	

BLOCK CAPITALS—Home Game Small Type—Away Game Kick-off Times 3-00 p.m. (except where stated otherwise)

FIRST TEAM

Date 1976	Opponents	Venue	Result
JAN.			
1 (Th)	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS	H	
3 (S)	SALFORD	H	
11 (Su)	Featherstone Rovers (2-30)	A	
17 (S)	ST. HELENS	H	
24 (S)	DEWSBURY	H	
FEB.			
1 (Su)	Bradford Northern (2-45)	A	
7 (S)	WARRINGTON	H	
14 (S)	R.L. Cup Round 1		
21 (S)	Vacant		
28 (S)	R.L. Cup Round 2		
MAR.			
7 (Su)	Widnes	A	
13 (S)	WIGAN	H	
20 (S)	CASTLEFORD	H	
28 (Su)	Wakefield Trinity (3-30)	A	
APR.			
3 (S)	WAKEFIELD TRINITY	H	
10 (S)	WIDNES	H	
17 (S)	HUDDERSFIELD	H	
20 (Tu)	Huddersfield (7-30)	A	
MAY			
8 (S)	R.L. Cup Final (at Wembley)		
15 (S)	Premiership Semi-Finals		
22 (S)	Premiership Final		
JUNE			
5 (S)	Wills' Sevens (at Headingley)		

FIXTURES FOR 1975-76

Date 1975	Opponents	Venue	Result
AUG.			
16 (S)	Batley	A	W 15-11
30 (S)	York	A	L 17-33
SEPT.			
6 (S)	Bradford Northern	A	L 16-30
12 (F)	Castleford (7-30)	A	W 20-15
20 (S)	HALIFAX (Y.S.C. Cup 1st Round)	H	W 45-4
27 (S)	Dewsbury	A	W 16-9
OCT.			
4 (S)	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	H	W 16-12
	(Y.S.C. Cup 2nd Round)		
11 (S)	HUDDERSFIELD	H	W 27-15
18 (S)	Vacant		
25 (S)	KEIGHLEY	H	
NOV.			
1 (S)	HULL	H	
8 (S)	Wakefield Trinity (2-30)	A	
14 (F)	Keighley (7-30)	A	
22 (S)	DEWSBURY	H	
29 (S)	New Hunslet (2-30)	A	
DEC.			
6 (S)	Featherstone Rovers (2-30)	A	
13 (S)	Vacant		
20 (S)	CASTLEFORD	H	
27 (S)	BRAMLEY	H	

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"A" TEAM

Date 1976	Opponents	Venue	Result
JAN.			
3 (S)	Halifax (2-30)	A	
10 (S)	HALIFAX	H	
17 (S)	Bramley (2-30)	A	
24 (S)	Vacant		
31 (S)	BRADFORD NORTHERN	H	
FEB.			
7 (S)	Huddersfield	A	
14 (S)	Hull (2-30)	A	
21 (S)	BATLEY	H	
28 (S)	NEW HUNSLET	H	
MAR.			
6 (S)	YORK	H	
13 (S)	Hull Kingston Rovers (2-30)	A	
17 (W)	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS (7-30)	H	
27 (S)	WAKEFIELD TRINITY	H	

FIXTURES FOR 1975-76

Date 1975	Opponents	Venue	Result
SEPT.			
6 (S)	Rochdale Hornets	A	L 17-46
13 (S)	Castleford	A	L 17-21
20 (S)	ST. HELENS	H	W 13-12
27 (S)	Widnes	A	L 17-20
OCT.			
4 (S)	ROCHDALE HORNETS	H	W 21-11
11 (S)	Vacant		
18 (S)	Wigan	A	
25 (S)	KEIGHLEY	H	
NOV.			
1 (S)	HULL	H	
8 (S)	Wakefield Trinity	A	
15 (S)	Keighley (2-30)	A	
22 (S)	LEIGH (2-30)	H	
29 (S)	Leigh (2-30)	A	
DEC.			
6 (S)	Bradford Northern (2-30)	A	
13 (S)	SALFORD (2-30)	H	
20 (S)	CASTLEFORD (2-30)	H	
27 (S)	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS (2-30)	H	

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COLTS TEAM

Date 1976	Opponents	Venue	Result
JAN.			
3 (S)	Salford (2-30)	A	
10 (S)	WARRINGTON (2-30)	H	
17 (S)	Vacant		
24 (S)	WIDNES	H	
31 (S)	Hull	A	
FEB.			
7 (S)	Warrington	A	
14 (S)	Challenge Cup Round 1		
21 (S)	St. Helens	A	
28 (S)	Challenge Cup Round 2		
MAR.			
6 (S)	YORK	H	
13 (S)	Hull Kingston Rovers	A	
20 (S)	Vacant		
27 (S)	WAKEFIELD TRINITY	H	
APR.			
3 (S)	BRADFORD NORTHERN	H	
10 (S)	York	A	
17 (S)	WIGAN	H	

First Team Appearances — Season 1975-76

(ALL MATCHES TO AND INCLUDING 12th OCTOBER)

	App.	Sub. App.	Tries	Goals	Points
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BATTEN R.	9	—	—	—	—
BUDBY H.	—	1	—	—	—
COOKSON P.	7	—	3	—	9
DICK K.	—	1	—	1	2
DICKENS S.	3	5	—	—	—
DICKINSON R.	—	4	1	—	3
DYL L.	6	—	2	—	6
ECCLES G.	4	—	—	—	—
FISHER A.	—	1	—	—	—
FLETCHER P.	1	1	—	—	—
HAGUE N.	6	2	4	—	12
HAIGH R.	11	—	8	—	24
HARRISON M.	11	—	—	—	—
HEPWORTH K.	9	—	1	—	3
HOLMES J.	8	1	6	33	84
HOWARD D.	2	—	2	—	6
HYNES S.	4	—	3	—	9
MARSHALL D.	11	—	1	12	27
MASON M.	7	—	4	—	12
MURRELL B.	1	1	1	—	3
PARKER D.	—	1	—	—	—
PAYNE I.	1	—	—	—	—
PITCHFORD S.	9	—	1	—	3
SANDERSON C.	2	4	3	—	9
SMITH A.	11	—	6	—	18
WARD D.	10	—	2	—	6
WHITE B.	1	—	—	—	—
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