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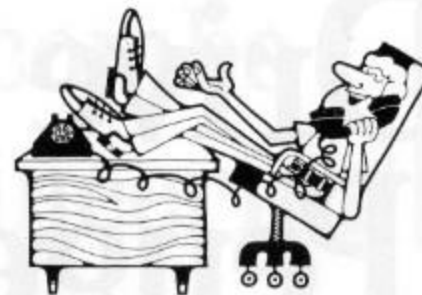


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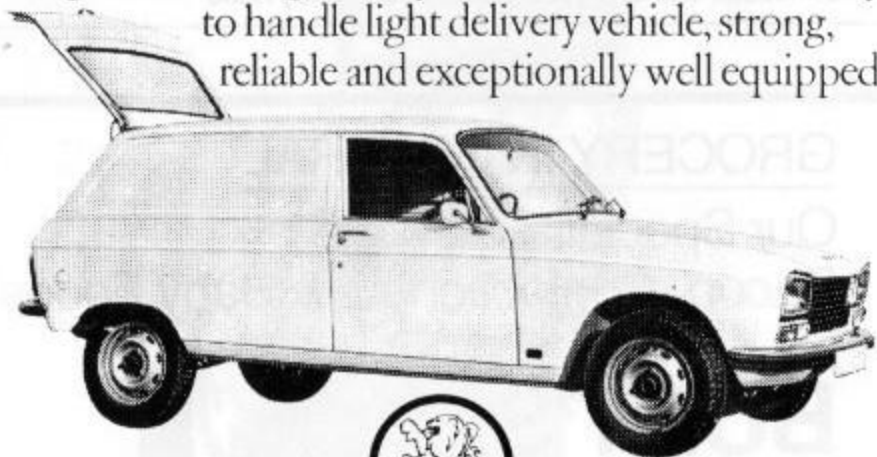
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Newsletter

MIKE SINCLAIR
(Doncaster Evening Post)

The summer's over — if we ever really had one — and it's back to the thrills, spills, tries, goals, transfers, injuries and drama which make the Rugby League season so compelling.

The game which seemed to be dying on its feet at one time, has made great strides forward in recent seasons and, even though attendances were marginally down last season, the blame can be put fairly and squarely on the appalling winter.

There is every reason for optimism over the state of the domestic game.

But the summer, which failed to provide much sun, has put a cloud over British Rugby League at international level and the question that everyone in the game must be prepared to meet head-on is: "Are we prepared to be second best?"

Although Rugby League in this country is on a very firm footing as far as public interest, attendances sponsorship are concerned we are struggling to match the super-fit Aussies when it comes to playing at the very top level.

And it is not just the top players who have got to do something about it.

The whole problem needs to be considered at grass roots level and even Rugby League secretary David Oxley admits that there must be a drastic re-thinking when it comes to training and preparation.

Rugby training has not altered much in the last few years and, after the Australian debacle, clubs must realise that there is tremendous scope for improving the performance of their teams by improving their attitudes to training and playing.

The six-tackle rule means that forwards have got to be able to make the brakes and cover a lot of ground.

The days of the boozy pie-and-chip eating British forwards must be buried for ever in the chase for faster, fitter, stronger forwards who can take on the Aussies at their own game.

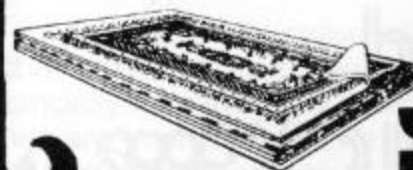
Mobility is the key to success and the clubs who tackle the problem head on and get their players to put points before pints will be the ones to find success.

An improvement in general standards will bring out an improvement at the top and that can only be for the good of British Rugby League when they take on the Aussies again. Then we'll really have something to drink to.



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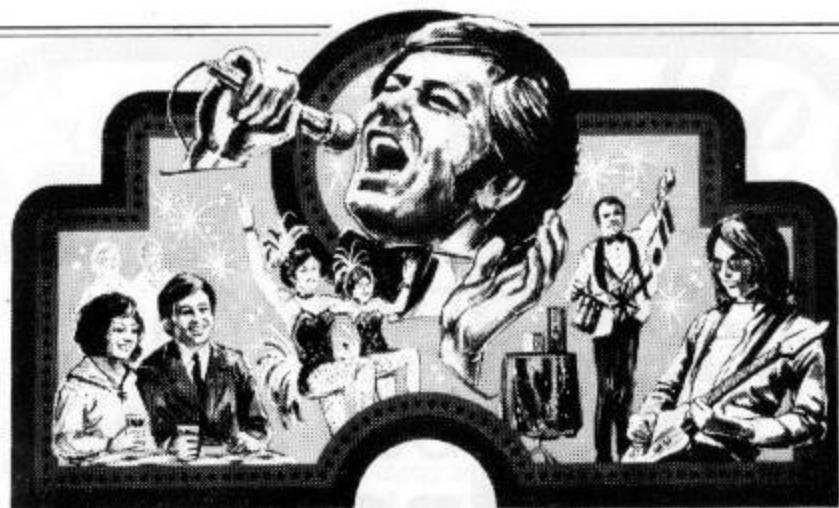
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BEHIND THE SCENES

HARRY BARTON TAKES A LOOK AT GROUND IMPROVEMENTS DURING THE CLOSE SEASON

Close on £6,000 has been spent on materials and equipment to improve the Playing Surface and the general appearance of Tattersfield. As you will have noticed new fencing outside and inside the ground has been repaired and erected. The unsightly mound that stood at the end of the Social Club has been removed in hope of a grant towards New Dressing Rooms, but in the meantime can be used as a Players and Officials Car Park.

The Ground itself has been reseeded and fertilised, but due to a late start we will not see the benefit until later in the season. New goalposts to replace the old wooden ones and Keith Hudson has been putting in his usual close season stint by erecting New Turnstyles to improve admission to the ground.

As you all must realise a lot more improvements are necessary, but it is heartening to see a few improvements taking place when financially we can't really afford them. I am looking forward to the day when any improvements we require can be made straight away, and any player we need can be bought, but a lot of hard work and co-operation from everyone at Tattersfield; Players, Directors, Staff and Supporters is the Number One Priority!

Look out for the next programme when I shall be giving you the views of the people who care.

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Left to Right: Steve Carrington, Peter Naylor, Trevor Denton, Ian Markham, Jimmy Irwin and Don Brookes receive their awards at the Players Presentation Evening at The Tyrham Hall Motel.



Ian Markham who will be out of action for four weeks after aggravating a back injury against Batley. We all wish you a speedy recovery Ian.



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CLUBnotes

The Season 79-80 started off badly with the away defeat in the Yorkshire Cup to an average Batley team.

Playing up the notorious Batley Slope, the lads did very well to turn round 2-0 down at half time and came out for the second half full of confidence, unfortunately some terrible tackling let Batley in and they ran out easy winners.

Try scorers for Doncaster were Ian Markham and Tony Banham, Alan Walker kicked a goal.

Several injured players from the Batley match are still under treatment, Ian Markham being the most serious with a back injury which threatens to keep him out of the game for about a month. Don Robson trapped a nerve in the back of his neck, but should be fit for our next match. New signing Terry Ottaway was another victim this time, a groin strain led to his substitution.

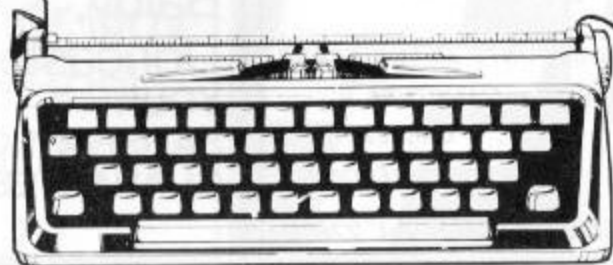
Man of the Match was John Saxby, the pack leader with Dave Hossell second and Ian Markham third.

The 'A' Team had a good win over Batley A by 26-8 with a unnamed trialist scoring 4 tries.

Two new signings will be added to the Doncaster list this weekend, when terms should be agreed with ex-Hull KR junior Stuart Wainman and ex-Under 19 International Neil Gray, from a Normanton Junior Club.

Other signings in the close season include of course Terry Ottaway from Hull Junior Football and the return of Keith Millet from Rugby Union and Graham Guy in exchange for Calvin Wilkes from Keighley.

Also signed as Player Coach to the Second Team is one of Rugby Leagues' characters Peter 'Flash' Flanagan. Peter though several times retired turned out against Batley 'A' and had a tremendous game. Bob Woodhead has been loaned to Halifax for a four week trial.



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Well here we are with our first home game of the season. One of the most important happenings of this season is that it is the "**Benefit Year**" of two of our most popular players of recent years, **Graham Arrand** and **Ted Strawbridge**. I never had the pleasure of watching Ted play, but I have seen the hard work he has done for the youngsters in this area, and the results have been rewarding both for the club and Rugby football. I have seen Graham play and if the supporters of Rugby, whether it be in Doncaster or Wigan give as much effort and support to their benefit fund as these two lads have given, they will have a wonderful year. They have asked me to act on their behalf, so if you wish to help in any way possible, whether it be a Sponsored Walk or a small donation then write to me, **Harry Barton, c/o DRLFC, Tattersfield, Bentley Road, Doncaster** or **Phone 62921**. **THEY HAVE EARNED IT!**

Another note to end is that I am organising a "200" Club for members and supporters, and affiliation forms are behind the bar or see me at the ground today. A Draw will be made every month with **Cash Prizes** — The membership will close at "200" so don't delay — get in today.

In the next programme I will be able to inform you how we have fared regarding the Sports Council Grant for the new Dressing Rooms — Let's hope it's positive.

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Our visitors

Our first visitors of the Second Division campaign are Oldham one of the teams likely to be challenging for second division honours. Oldham are one of Rugby's most forward looking clubs with a set up many Football League Clubs would envy.

They are: Team Manager Graham Starkey, Assistant Team Manager Terry Gorman and Player Coach, that excellent close season signing from St. Helens, Bill Francis who will surely be making his presence felt in the second division.

Among the other close season signings are two of last year's Great Britain U18 Team, Terry Flanagan, loose forward and Ray Ashton, stand off half.

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August

19 Sun. County Cup Comp 1st rd 25— 8
26 Sun. County Cup Comp 2nd rd

September

2 Sun. Oldham 3:00 H
9 Sun. Dewsbury 3:30 A
16 Sun. John Player Trophy 1st rd
23 Sun. Huddersfield 3:00 H
30 Sun. John Player Trophy 2nd rd

October

7 Sun. Keighley 3:00 H
14 Sun. Rochdale H 3:00 A
21 Sun. Halifax 3:00 H
28 Sun. Huyton 3:00 A

November

4 Sun. Featherstone R 11:00 A
11 Sun. Whitehaven 3:00 A
18 Sun. Bramley 2:30 H
25 Sun. Batley 2:30 A

December

2 Sun. Whitehaven 2:30 H
9 Sun. Halifax 3:30 A
16 Sun. Batley 2:30 H
23 Sun. Dewsbury 2:30 H

January

6 Sun. Huddersfield 3:30 A
13 Sun. Swinton 3:00 A
27 Sun. Huyton 3:00 H

February

3 Sun. Barrow 3:00 H
10 Sun. State Express Challenge Cup 1st rd
17 Sun. Featherstone R 3:00 H
24 Sun. State Express Challenge Cup 2nd rd

March

9 Sun. Bramley 3:30 A
16 Sun. Swinton 3:00 H
30 Sun. Oldham 3:00 A

April

6 Sun. Rochdale H 3:00 H
13 Sun. Barrow 2:30 A
20 Sun. Keighley 3:15 A

August

18 Sat. Batley 3:00 H 26— 8
24 Fri. Hull 7:30 A

September

1 Sat. Hull K.R. 2:30 A
8 Sat. Dewsbury 3:00 H
15 Sat. 1st rd Y.S.C. Cup
Huddersfield 3:00 H
21 Fri. Huddersfield 7:30 A
29 Sat. Hunslet 3:00 H

October

6 Sat. Keighley 3:00 A
13 Sat. Y.S.C. Cup 2nd rd
20 Sat. Halifax 2:30 A
27 Sat. York 3:00 H

November

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