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Record transfer fee paid	£18,500 to Hunslet for Mick Parrish Sept. 1980
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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 pts v Liverpool City April 59
First game	October 21 1876 v Stalybridge
Highest number of Points Scored	Bernard Ganley 2881
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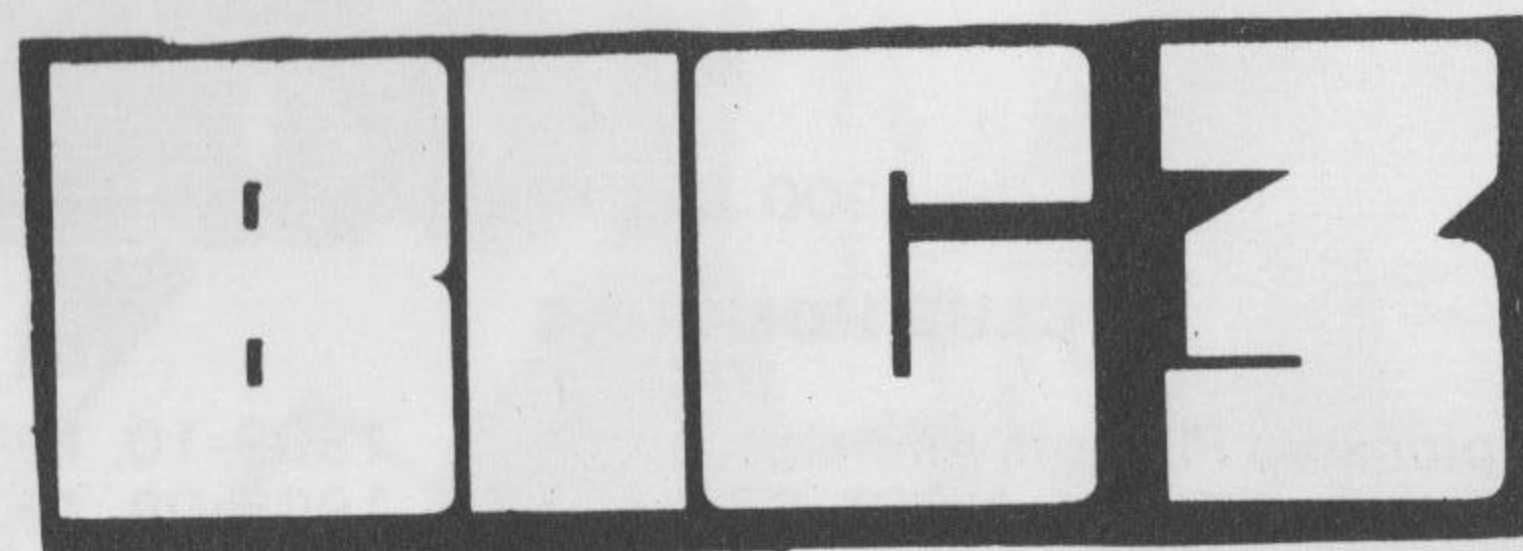
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Lancashire Cup winners:	1907-08, 1910-11, 1913-14, 1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-24, 1956-57, 1957-58 and 1958-59
Runners-up:	1908-09, 1911-12, 1918-19, 1921-22, 1954-55, 1966-67 and 1968-69
Lancashire Championship winners:	1907-08, 1909-10, 1921-22, 1956-57 and 1957-58
Runners-up:	1908-09, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1919-20, 1923-24 and 1954-55
Lancashire Shield winners:	1975-76 1979-80
Colts Premiership Trophy:	1979-80



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HUNSLET R.L.F.C.

Colours: Myrtle, flame and white jerseys, white shorts. Founded in 1973. Joined the Northern Rugby League in 1973. The early games were played at the Leeds Greyhound Stadium, but in 1980 this was taken over by Ladbrokes who refused to extend the lease to the Rugby Club, so Hunslet are having to play their "home" fixtures at nearby Mount Pleasant, Batley. However, a site has been found for a new ground which is only 150 yards from the original Hunslet club's ground at Parkside.



Highest attendance 5,859 v Warrington (R.L. Cup), 9th March, 1975. Goals: 100 by R. Gaitley 1975/76. Tries: 15 by A. Griffiths 1976-77. Points: 208 by R. Gaitley 1975-76.

Note: The old Hunslet club was founded in 1882 and became a Founder member of the Northern Union. It disbanded in 1973 and a few months later the present club was formed.

HUNSLET FOR STARTERS

Today sees the start of the Second Division campaign -- expected to be the toughest ever -- and we open up with a home fixture against a Hunslet team that has done much during the close season to strengthen its playing staff. Among players to join the club in the past few months are our own Eric Fitzsimons, the vastly experienced John Wolford from Dewsbury, Roy Appleyard, the former Bramley and Huddersfield scrum-half, Mark Dyson, a young winger from Castleford RU club, and Neil Lean, an open-side prop from Leeds.

Last season Hunslet picked up about £45,000 to £50,000 from the sale of Mick Parrish and Tony Handforth to Oldham, Bob Gaitley and Tony Dean to Hull, George Standidge to Halifax and Peter Muscroft, the England under-24 and Yorkshire winger to Hull KR.

Some of the money was spent on the capture of Steve Cooper from York, the permanent signing of New Zealander Murray Netzler and the signing of several promising youngsters from youth rugby in the Hunslet and Leeds areas.

One of the biggest changes of all came towards the end of the season when coach Drew Broatch resigned, thus making way for the appointment during the summer of Paul Daley.

Daley now returns to a Hunslet club where he was coach between 1974 and 1978, during which time he guided them to promotion -- a feat which is becoming something of a habit for Paul, who has also taken York and Featherstone into the top flight.

The Hunslet club will obviously be hoping that Daley can work the old magic again though, having sold the backbone of a side last season, they are in the process of rebuilding.

They are, of course, a club currently without a permanent home. For the second season on the trot, their home games will take place at Batley's Mount Pleasant ground, while efforts continue to secure a permanent home in their traditional South Leeds vicinity.

Hunslet hope that possibly by next season but certainly by the season after that they will once again be housed in their own ground, on a site not far from so many of their former glories at Parkside.

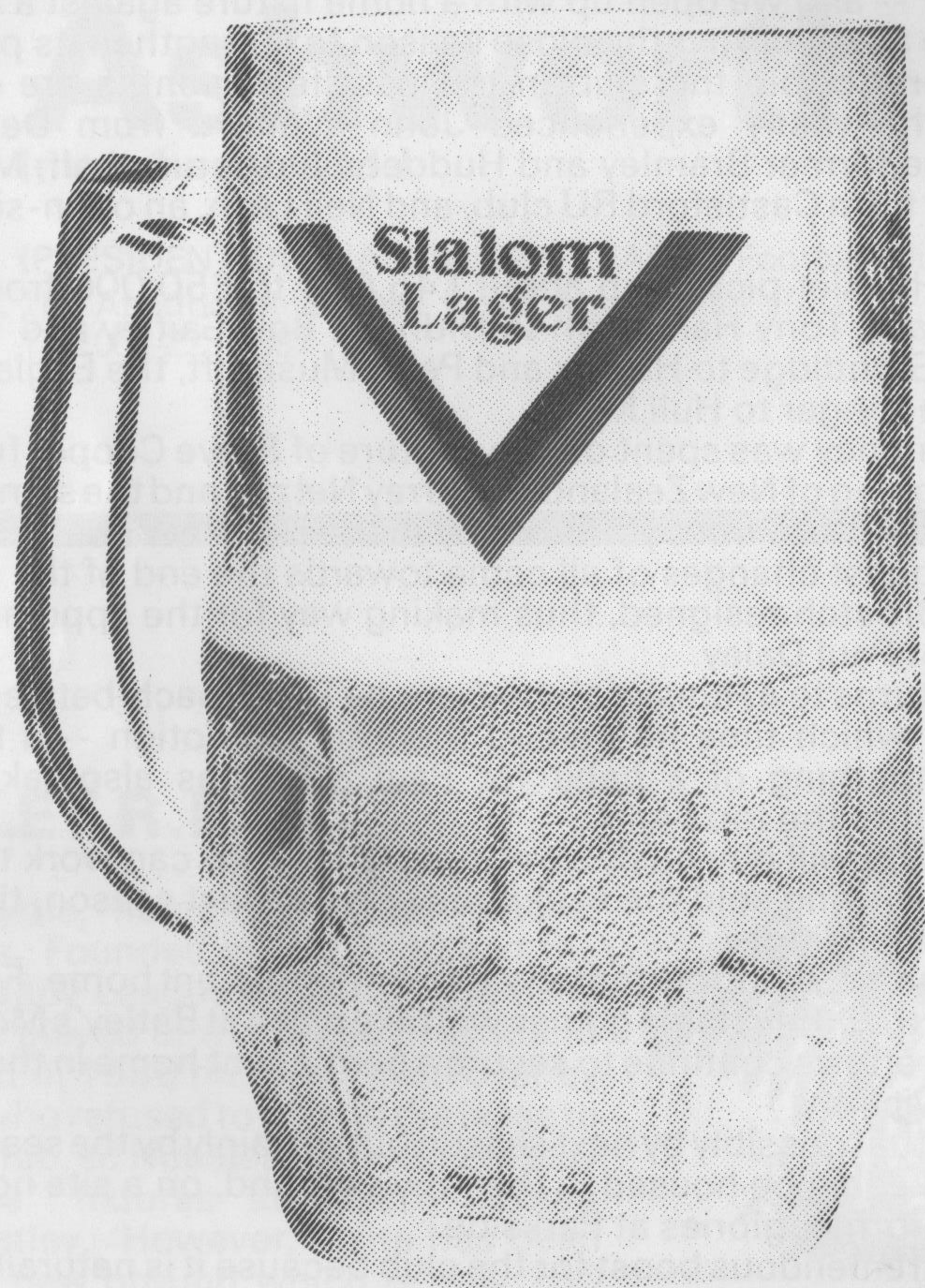
This will be a tremendous boost for the club because it is naturally difficult for the people of south Leeds, Hunslet loyalists, though they may be to identify with a team which is playing out of the area at Batley.

So far, Hunslet have lost a pre-season friendly at Rochdale and gone out of the Yorkshire Cup with a defeat at York.

But it would be a major mistake for Oldham to read anything into those two results.

The side at York was without six regulars because of holidays or injury and Oldham can rest assured that Hunslet will give them a few worries on this opening day of the League season.

END OF THE FIRST HALF



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Matthew Brown 

A Short History of Hunslet R.L.F.C by Tom Webb

Strange as it may seem, it was the amalgamation of two cricket clubs, "Evening Star" and "Peep of Day" in the 1860s which eventually caused the foundation of the Hunslet Football Club. It was in 1883 that the cricket club added football to its activities which were carried on at Woodhouse Hill, which staged county cricket matches before Headingley became established.

The inaugural meetings of the Hunslet Cricket and Football Club were held in the Cemetery Inn. The move to Parkside was made when the ground landlord raised the rents from £15 per year to £1 per day because there had been a big gate at a Yorkshire Rugby Union cup-tie. That was in 1888.

The story of how the club lost the Parkside ground will be remembered long after the club secures its new ground not far from the old one. The sale of the ground caused the football club to fold up but some great Rugby League men revived the club about six years ago as New Hunslet but recently the club has reverted to the old title.

For some time the club played at the Ellend Road Greyhound Stadium but lost the use of the ground and the Batley club allowed the South Leeds club to play at Mount Pleasant.

Albert E. Goldthorpe, "Eaur Albert" was the greatest drop goal kick expert we have ever known. In all he kicked something like 900 goals from conversions, penalties, marks and drops. He played in the Rugby Union days and the early ones of the Northern Union, the old title of our game. As I only keep records of Rugby League, I cannot give accurate figures for his career. He was one of five brothers who played for Hunslet.

The five brothers never played together in the same team, although on odd occasions four did so. Walter was a great full back and Jimmy became secretary at Leeds.

Jim Lewthwaite the club president became president of the Rugby League Council in 1934-35. His son, Jack, served on the Oldham club committee for some years. Jim hailed from Cumberland and after playing for Leeds became a staunch worker for the Hunslet club.

The club won many successes, the Yorkshire Senior Competition title, then a first team competition, was won and Hunslet became the first holders of the Yorkshire (Northern Union) Cup in 1905.

The greatest success was the winning of all four cups open to them in 1907-08. The Yorkshire Cup, the Yorkshire League Cup, the Championship Cup and the Challenge Cup all graced the Hunslet sideboard that year. Oldham were beaten 12-2 in the Championship final after the clubs had drawn seven points each at the first meeting.

Today Hunslet are well served by R. Teeman, G.E. Murray, D. Mason and G. Bottomley, Directors of the club and Clive Allsop and club Secretary-Manager. George Bottomley was a long serving director at Huddersfield before he settled in Leeds.

Geoff Shelton, Bob Gaitley and Mick Parrish among others have played for both Oldham and Hunslet or New Hunslet.

PERSONALITY PROFILE MICK PARRISH



Age: 23
Weight: 15 stones 8lbs.
Previous Clubs: Hunslet Morley R.U.F.C.
Born: Bradford
Car: Ford Fiesta Ghia

Mick joined us in October of last season from Hunslet for a club record fee of £18,500. He is a former grammar school boy who previously played the game of Rugby Union for Morley before changing codes with Hunslet. Mick, who is a great favourite of many of our lady supporters, is renowned throughout Rugby League for his ability in kicking for goal. He finished ninth best kicker in the League in season 1980/81 with 95 goals. In season 1979/80 he finished again in ninth place with 98 goals. Funnily enough he finished one place behind ex-Oldham player Eric Fitzsimons, who finished in eighth place with 108 goals in Oldham's promotion season. Mick is a very talented player who should go far in the game, and he has the talent for kicking goals from long range and difficult positions, like the one he kicked against Salford in the Lancashire Cup here at Watersheddings. In season 1979/80 whilst playing for Hunslet, he scored in each of his club's matches throughout the season.

DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWS with Franny Ward at Watersheddings

A warm welcome to everyone. For today's game I think that an introduction of myself would be in order, I take over the running of the lottery as of Monday morning 31st August, and might I add that I am very excited about our ticket. The game of Rugby at the present time is a little bit foreign to me, but I can tell you that I have taken in a few games already, and what little I have seen, I have enjoyed. I come to the club from Oldham Athletic, and I would like to be totally involved with the club and it's supporters; so if there are any events happening in the future I would be very proud to be invited along and help with my many years experience in the entertainment world. Well, that's the formal introduction over, now down to business. People are always asking me how they can be involved with a club other than paying their money through the turnstiles. The first thing to do is to become a member of it's supporters club and attend as many of it's events and meetings as possible throughout the year. Another way is to become a lottery agent and sell tickets to friends and workmates. Many people think that they would not be able to sell enough tickets to be an agent; but let me tell you that you only need to sell 25 tickets a week. The extra bonus you receive by becoming an agent can be very beneficial with the commission on sales and winners of £10 and over. If you would like any more information on becoming an agent please contact me at the Development Association offices at 13 - 15 Clegg Street, Oldham.

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 Many more smaller prize winners.

Programme Change

You will have noticed today's programme is slightly different in content, and we are presently looking to improve it overall, which should make our programme a collector's item and one that contains action packed news, photo's, statistics and competitions, so watch this page for further information.

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CLUB NEWS

WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

Hunslet kick-off the 1981-82 Watersheddings season today and it could be a special occasion for two of the players -- Mick Parrish and Eric Fitzsimons. Mick joined Oldham from Hunslet just less than a year ago for a Watersheddings club record fee of £18,500 and he will certainly be keen to do well against his old mates today, not only in kicking the goals but in his general play as well.

Eric went the other way -- from Oldham to Hunslet -- a few weeks ago and there is every chance that he will be making his debut for his new club at Watersheddings today.

Under Frank Myler and Peter Smethurst we made a good start to the new season with a 31-15 Law Cup win at Rochdale with tries coming from Alan Platt, Roger O'Mahoney, Paddy Kirwan, Brian Caffrey, Mick Parrish and Phil Ward (2). Goals were scored by Alan Platt (4) and Ray Ashton.

The following Sunday we met St. Helens here at Watersheddings for the Ward Cup and won that too, by 12-8 with Ray Ashton dropping a goal, Alan Platt landing one and Brian Caffrey, Phil Ward and Ray Ashton scoring tries.

That brought us to the first round of the Forshaw's Lancashire Cup against Salford at home -- and our first disappointment.

Before a crowd of 3,000 spectators we led 7-4 at half-time and looked capable of making progress. But it was not to be. Salford dominated the second period, or long spells of it, and ran out 17-7 winners. Our two goals were kicked by Mick Parrish while the try was scored by Brian Caffrey -- his third in as many games so far.

Phil Ward has also scored three tries as our two wingers jointly top the club list. In the three games to date -- admittedly two of them friendlies -- we have scored a total of 11 tries.

After today our next fixture is the traditional Holiday week-end one at Blackpool and with the Borough looking set on a major revival -- despite their disappointing hammering by St. Helens in the county cup -- we will have to be on top song to come home with the two points.

The following Sunday sees us here at Watersheddings again with Dewsbury the visitors.

The "A" team kicked off with a 17-11 home win against Wigan "A" but this was followed by two disastrous results -- a 4-0 home defeat by an Oldham Amateur League side and a 25-15 reverse at Swinton.

SUPPORTERS CLUB PRAM RACE

The Supporters Club are organising a Pram Race on Monday August 31st, 1981 with a disco in the club from 9pm. The first pram leaves the Social Club at 7pm. Anyone wishing to enter should contact any Supporters Club Officials in the canteens for an entry form and further details. At today's match.



Bob Mordell slips out a pass in Oldham; 12 - 8 win against St. Helens.

COACHES TO BLACKPOOL & HUDDERSFIELD

A coach will be running to Blackpool on Sunday 6th September, departing at 10am and returning at 11pm. Price: Adult members £2.20, non-members £2.50, Junior members £1.50, non-members £1.80.

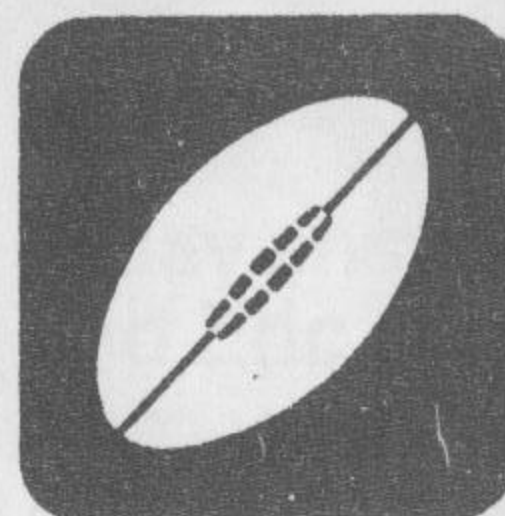
A coach to Huddersfield on Sunday 20th September departing at 2.15pm. Seats can be booked for these coaches at the canteens at today's match.

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COMPETITION TIME

Over the next few weeks a simple competition has been devised to test your knowledge of rugby players past and present. Altogether one hundred names will appear, but have been broken down into sections which will be published in future programmes. The first correct entry drawn will receive free admittance to the next home game. All entries must be in by noon Monday September, 7th, 1981 to:- The Supporters Club, c/o ORLFC Social Club, Watersheddings, Oldham. Post Cards Only.

SECTION ONE

Should not be too difficult, basically an Oldham team with a couple of guest players. The only other clue, look out for the Yorkshire based player.

1. Little Leonard is confused in a merry situation.
2. Very much alive so mourn wrong winger.
3. Sounds like a Scotsman or an Irishman.
4. Comedian O'Connor surrounds a six.
5. This one has Darrel puzzled.
6. Horseman Frank put his foot in it.
7. Not a cricketer but is in the M.C.C. one season.
8. It is mixed in slow nancy.
9. Rather warm or near enough for a hooker.
10. Confused Scottish mountain without Jimmy Jewels partner.
11. Could be a tiny forward.
12. Damaged lawn dies in the second row.
13. This big gun sounds like a revolver.

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PROBLEMS DOWN UNDER

Brian Batty
Daily Mail

Australia's domination of the international scene tends to overshadow the problems that have struck the game in Sydney this season. After several bonanza seasons the game has suddenly run into trouble - and opposition.

So far this season's crowds are down by at least 150,000 on last year's figures. The code's credibility is constantly in question with referees privately accused of cheating.

Also the standard of the game is under attack from many quarters yet two years ago it looked to have climbed to a tremendous level.

France's recent tour has done little to help the situation - possibly the reverse - and they turned in some rather predictably pathetic displays.

On top of the worries facing the New South Wales League as they bid to halt the fall in attendances they now have to cope with the threat of rivalry from Australian Rules football.

This sport has gained a lot of followers, particularly on television in Sydney during the past few years.

Now the Australian rules body are to base a team in Sydney to play in opposition to rugby league on a Sunday afternoon.

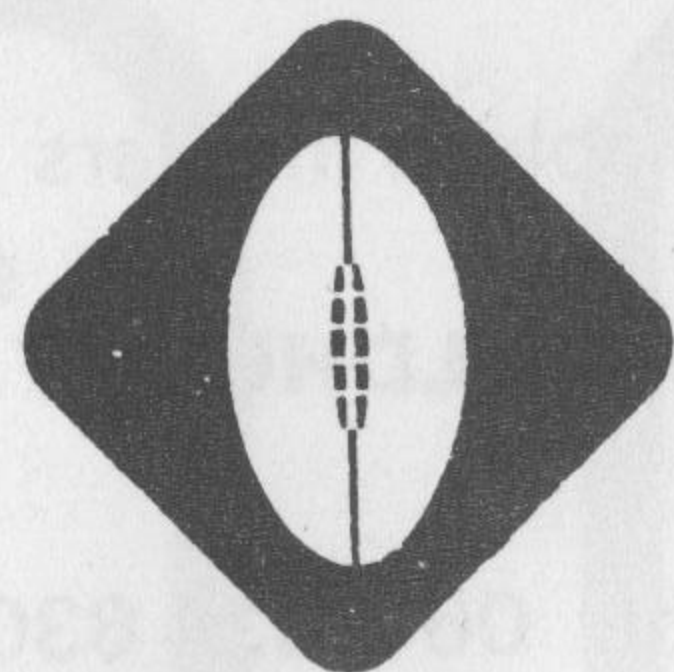
It is the 75th anniversary of the founding of Rugby League in Australia next year so the N.S.W. League are gearing themselves to a concentrated effort to show they still have plenty to offer the fans and can meet any challenge or crisis.

There is already talk of an Australia v Rest of the World game and this, on top of selecting the Kangaroo touring team, should create plenty of renewed interest in the game.

With so many splendid clubs, making handsome profits to back them it is difficult to imagine the Sydney scene not prospering.

But no sport can afford to stand still these days and it could be that the Aussies are suffering from having served up too many of the good things in life for too long.

I am sure they will rise to the challenge and recover their grip even if it means a witch-hunt to clean up the shadier side of the game and a fullblooded drive to regain the fans' confidence.



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WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

Oldham 12 - St. Helens 8. Bob Young, Oldham Evening Chronicle: "A triple substitution just after half-time put Oldham on the way to a morale-boosting victory in this friendly fixture. With Saints having edged ahead for the first time in a dour struggle, Oldham introduced new man Dave Nicholson, Gareth Owen and Roger O'Mahoney in place of Les Cook, Adrian Alexander and Bob Mordell.

"The fresh faces inspired Oldham to snatch the initiative from St. Helens with a match-winning burst of 12 points in as many minutes."

Oldham 7 - Salford 17, Bob Young, Oldham Evening Chronicle: "Oldham failed to contain a spirited second-half fight-back from Salford and slipped out of the Forshaw's Lancashire Cup at the first hurdle.

"When they had the ball Oldham had the best forward on show in Terry Flanagan. The youthful skipper led by example with speed, aggression, vision and a maturity beyond his years. But as the Salford pack began to take a marginal advantage after the break, the Red Devils were able to bring into action one of the most potent back divisions the Second Division will see."

Daily Mail: "Salford staged a magnificent second-half comeback to snatch a dramatic victory. Always sharper and more dangerous on the break, Oldham comfortably went in front with two Mick Parrish goals and a try by Brian Caffrey, which was superbly set up by busy loose-forward Terry Flanagan. But fortunes suddenly and dramatically changed after the interval. "Salford shrugged off their sloppiness and put together moves which left Oldham hopelessly outclassed."

Jack McNamara, Manchester Evening News: "Oldham had looked the better team in the first half, moving the ball more sharply and, but for poor finishing, would have led by more than 7-4 at half-time. "Salford, however, held Oldham to only one try, a superb move between Kirwan and Flanagan at a scrum and finished off strongly by left-wing Brian Caffrey."

Robert Cole of the Western Mail, Cardiff (on the birth of Cardiff City in Rugby League): "There are tactics and direction in Rugby League and it is even more of a handling game than our beloved Rugby Union. From the front-row of their strange scrummages to the wings, every player can run, handle and pass as well as each other.

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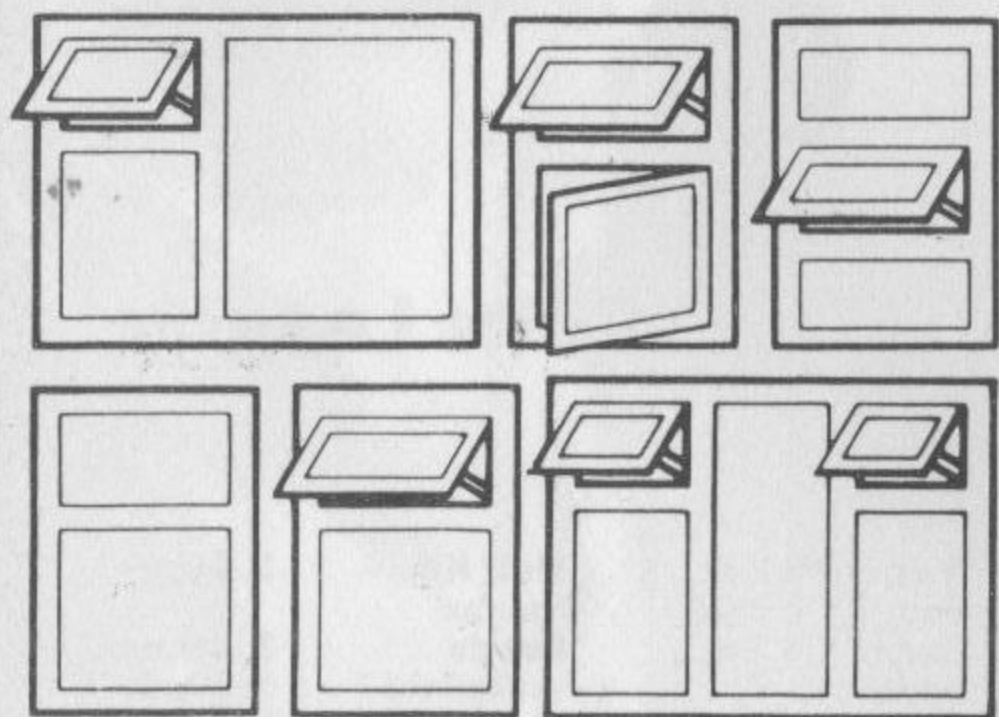
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