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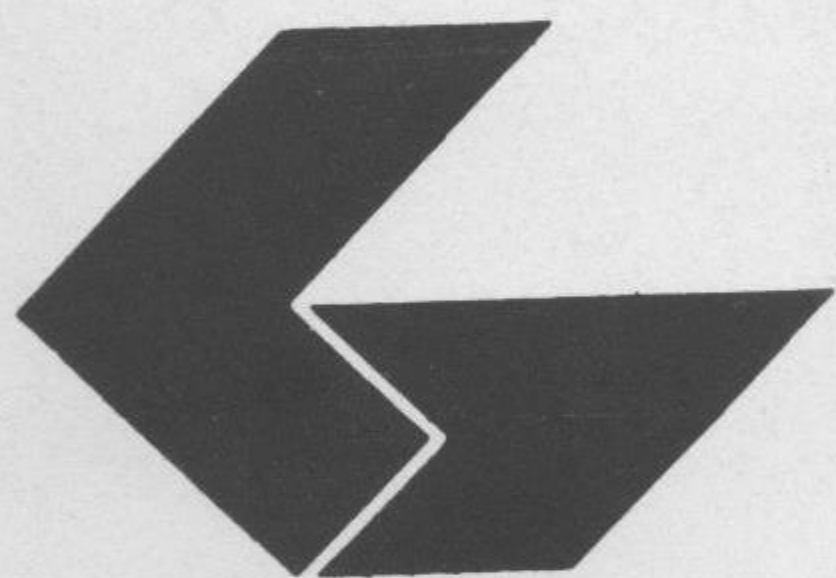
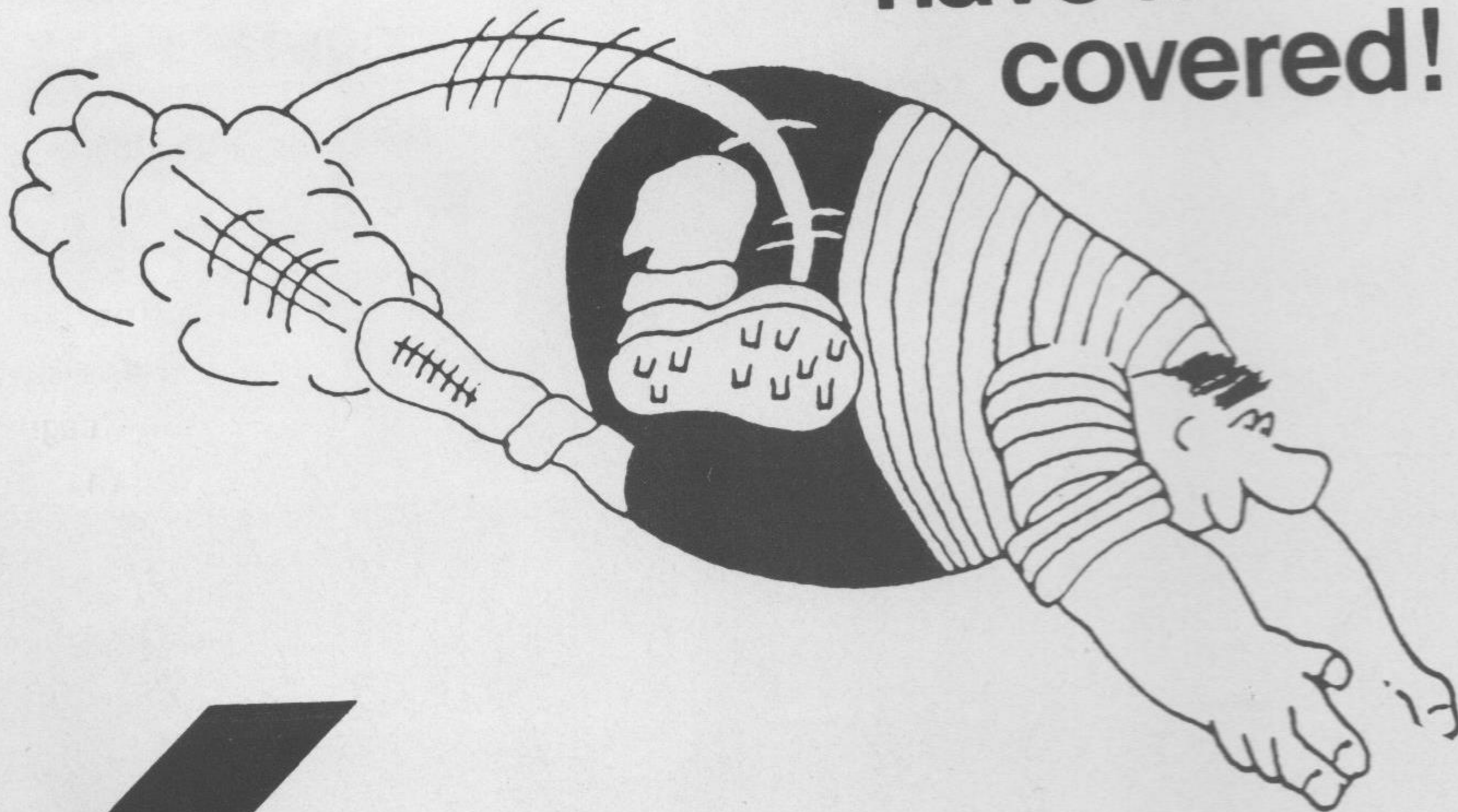


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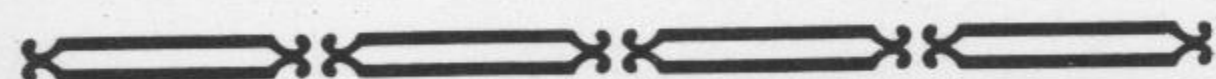
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1931, 1938, 1950, 1952, 1957.

WELCOME

TO

OLDHAM

A one hundred per cent start to the season for today's visitors has heralded their return from the First Division. Despite several new signings the run of the ball didn't go Oldham's way, and of course this is what any team needs provided it has the ingredients to succeed. Few departures from the Watersheddings in the playing staff means that most of our opposition played last season in the top flight which will serve as a good pointer to our aspirations.

We had a blank weekend last week which will allow us to get Rochdale out of our systems and set about building our reputation for this season. Due to the promotion and relegation system it is now some seasons since we have entertained Oldham in the league, so past results give no pointer to the outcome of today's match.

One thing is certain however, and that is that all who have travelled over the hill, Directors, Players, Staff and Supporters are most welcome at Fartown.

A warm Fartown welcome also for today's match referee, Mr. Jim Smith of Halifax, and his touch judges, Mr. Larvin and Mr. Crisp.

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EARLY season observations would appear to reveal a most interesting new slant to strategies within the game. The new scrummaging laws, together with their rigid interpretation by referees have very important ramifications.

As in Rugby Union, there is now a clear advantage to be had in scrummaging with the loose head. Formerly, because of the way that hookers were allowed to lie across the scrum the advantage invariably went to the side serving the scrum.

The consequences are that since the loose head is now the prerogative of the attacking side (the defending side serves the scrum) it will be easier for sides to sustain an attack for longer periods, since they are likely to regain possession from a scrum after six tackles. In other words, frantic manoeuvres and wild kicking on the last tackle should be eliminated by the attacking side.

Conversely it is vital for a defending team to break out of its own half of the field within six tackles. As a result, accurate field kicking from defence will be at a premium, as will

the ability of teams to play adventurously out of their own half.

Good technique in the front row of the scrum will become an increasingly decisive factor in the supply of possession and it will be interesting to see how our front-row forwards adapt to the changes.

In mentioning front-row forwards it naturally brings me to welcoming our three latest acquisitions, props Nigel Murray and Tony Rose from Wakefield Trinity and Gary Hetherington from Leeds. All are young and have been nurtured in fine breeding grounds of the game and will assist the side in developing the style of play I advocated in the last programme. Gary, the most experienced of the three, will assume the club captaincy and influence the side from his midfield possession. I know that all three new recruits possess the correct mental application and physical ability to be influential forces in the advance of our club.

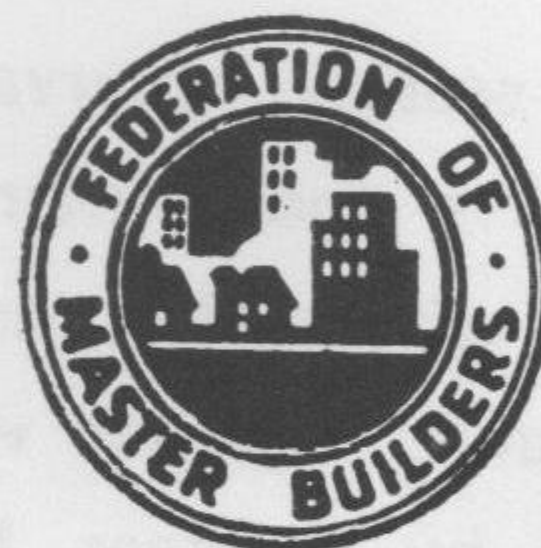
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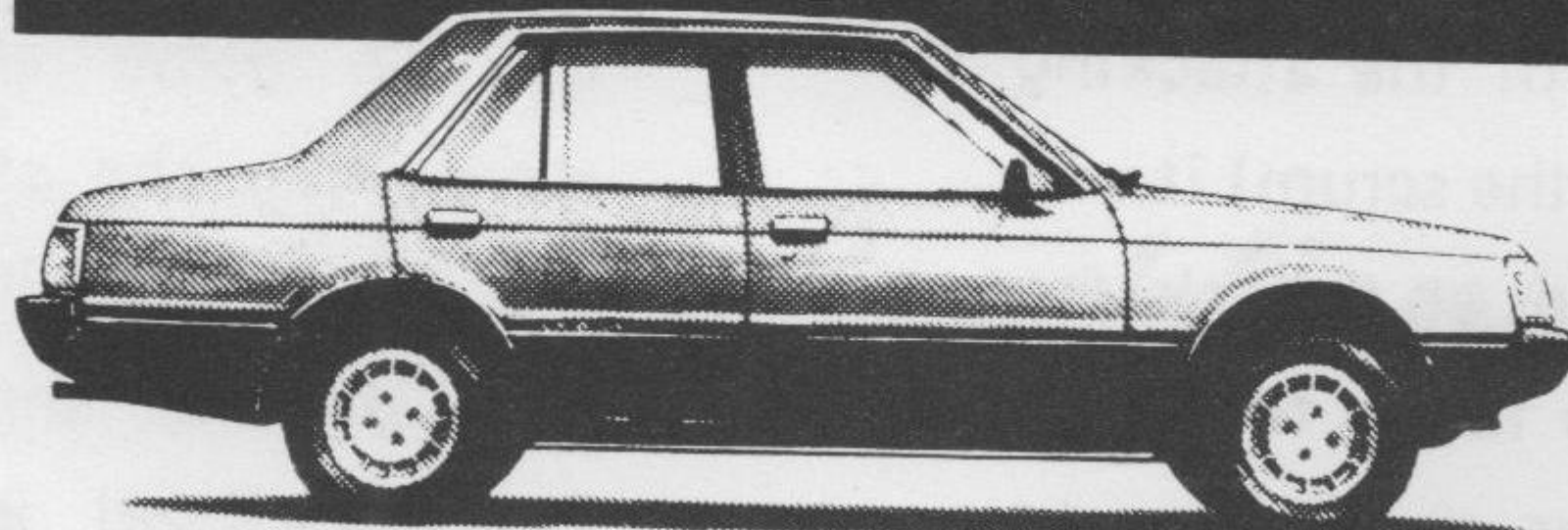
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Front Row (left to right): R. O'Mahoney, P. Kirwan, P. Ward, T. Flanagan, R. Ashton, C. Hunter, M. Murphy, A. Taylor
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OPPONENTS 1st TEAM POSITIONS PLAYED	Hull K.R. Yorks.Cup	Keighley home	Rochdale away	1ST TEAM APPEARANCES
BARTON, E.	1	1	1	
CRAMP, P.	2	2	—	
LEATHLEY, T.	3	3	3	
SHEARD, L.	4	4	—	
GEORGE, W.	5	5*	—	
SLATER, I.	6	*6*	—	
SHEPHERD, M.	7	7	7	
JOHNSON, J.	8	—	*8*	
WROE, D.	9	9	—	
WALKER, A.	10*	8	—	
CLARKE, P.	11	12	12	
McHUGH, G.	12	11	11	
SWALE, G.	13	13	14*	
MULLANY, S.	14	*14	4	
EASTWOOD, M.	15*	—	—	
ROSE, T.	—	10	10	
CHESTER, D.	—	*15	—	
HIRST, R.	—	—	2	
POTTS, D.	—	—	5	
KNIGHT, G.	—	—	6	
HETHERINGTON, G.	—	—	9	
JOHNSON, A.B.	—	—	13*	
MURRAY, N.	—	—	*15*	

Top Scorers: Slater, Mullany, Clarke — 1 each Goals: Swale (5), Hirst (3) *denotes substitute or substituted

'A' TEAM APPEARANCES 1981/82

Player	Appearances	Tries	Goals	Drop Goals	Total Points
Barton, E.	2	—	—	—	—
Bush, J.	1	—	—	—	—
Chester, D.	2	—	—	—	—
Clarke, P.	1	—	—	—	—
Cyrus, J.	2	—	—	—	—
Eastwood, M.	3	—	—	—	—
France, G.	3	—	—	—	—
Greenwood, A.	3	—	—	—	—
Hirst, C.	2	—	—	—	—
Hirst, R.	2	—	5	—	10
Jarvis, P.	1	—	—	—	—
Johnson, A.B.	1	—	—	—	—
Johnson, J.	1	—	—	—	—
Knight, G.	2	—	—	—	—
Leathley, T.	1	—	—	—	—
Mullany, S.	3	1	1	—	5
Murray, N.	2	—	—	—	—
Morton, J.	2	—	—	—	—
McHugh, G.	1	—	—	—	—
Potts, D.	2	—	—	—	—
Shepherd, M.	1	2	—	—	6
Swale, G.	3	1	4	2	13
Thornton, G.	1	—	—	—	—
Ward, M.	4	—	—	—	—
Walker, A.	2	—	—	—	—
Trialists	—	2	—	—	6

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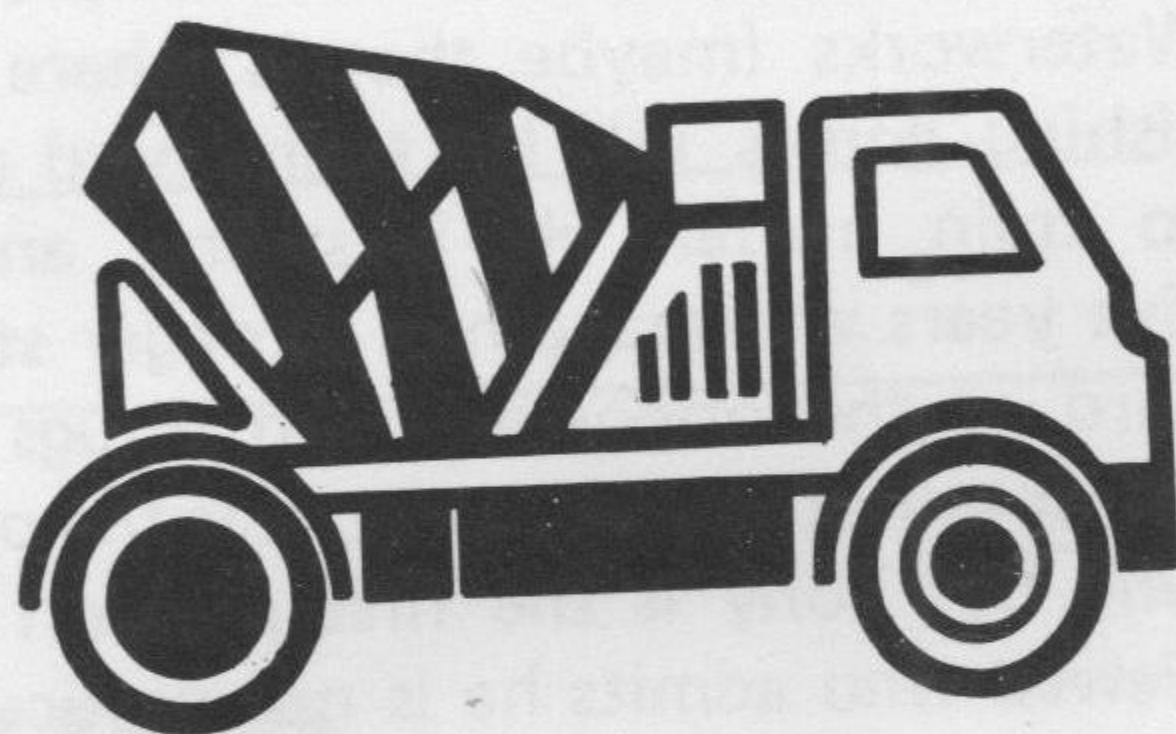
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1981					
Fri. Aug. 14	*Hull K.R.	away	3.00	7	34
	(Webster's Yorks. Cup 1st Rd)				
Sun.	30 KEIGHLEY	home	3.30	12	10
Sun. Sep.	6 Rochdale H.	away	3.00	6	18
Sun.	20 OLDHAM	home	3.30		
Sun.	27 Bramley	away	3.00		
Wed.	30 SWINTON	home	7.30		
Sun. Oct.	4 Blackpool B.	away	3.00		
Wed.	7 Keighley	away	7.30		
Sun.	11 ROCHDALE H.	home	3.30		
Sun.	18 *John Player Trophy, 1st Rd.				
Sun.	25 Hunslet	away	3.00		
Sun. Nov.	1 *John Player Trophy, 2nd Rd.				
Sun.	8 BLACKPOOL B.	home	3.30		
Sun.	15 Carlisle	away	3.00		
Sun.	22 CARDIFF CITY	home	3.30		
Sun.	29 Doncaster	away	2.30		
Sun. Dec.	13 BATLEY	home	3.30		
Sun.	20 Cardiff City	away	3.00		
Sun.	27 HUYTON	home	3.30		
1982					
Fri. Jan.	1 Huyton	away	2.30		
Sun.	3 HALIFAX	home	3.30		
Sun.	10 Workington T.	away	2.30		
Sun.	17 DONCASTER	home	3.30		
Sun.	24 Oldham	away	3.00		
Sun. Feb.	7 Dewsbury	away	3.30		
Sun.	14 *State Express Chall. Cup. 1st Rd.				
Sun.	21 BRAMLEY	home	3.30		
Sun.	28 *State Express Chall. Cup. 2nd Rd.				
Sun. Mar.	7 CARLISLE	home	3.30		
Fri.	12 Salford	away	7.30		
Wed.	17 Swinton	away	7.30		
Sun.	21 DEWSBURY	home	3.30		
Sun.	28 Batley	away	3.00		
Sun. Apl.	4 HUNSLET	home	3.30		
Sun.	11 Halifax	away	3.00		

Sun.	18 SALFORD	home	3.30	
Sun.	25 WORKINGTON T.	home	3.30	

YORKSHIRE SENIOR COMPETITION

1981					
Sat. Aug. 22	Bramley	away	2.30		
Fri.	28 Keighley	away	7.30		
Fri. Sep.	4 CASTLEFORD	home	7.30		
Fri.	11 HULL	home	3.00		
Sat.	19 Featherstone R.	away	3.00		
Fri.	25 *Leeds	away	7.30		
	(Yorks. Sen. Cup. Comp. 1st Rd.)				
Sat. Oct.	3 HALIFAX	home	3.00		
Fri.	9 Hull K.R.	away	2.30		
Sat.	17 FEATHERSTONE R.	home	3.00		
Sat.	24 *Yorkshire Senior Cup, 2nd Rd.)				
Fri.	30 LEEDS	home	7.30		
Sat. Nov.	7 York	away	3.00		
Sat.	14 BRADFORD N.	home	3.00		
Sat.	21 Wakefield T.	away	2.30		
Fri.	27 DONCASTER	home	7.30		
Sat. Dec.	5 BRAMLEY	home	3.00		
Sat.	12 Batley	away	2.30		
Fri.	18 WAKEFIELD T.	home	7.30		
1982					
Sat. Jan.	2 Halifax	away	2.30		
Sat.	9 HULL K.R.	home	3.00		
Sat.	16 Doncaster	away	2.30		
Sat.	30 YORK	home	3.00		
Sat. Feb.	6 DEWSBURY	home	3.00		
Fri.	12 Bradford N.	away	7.30		
Sat.	20 Dewsbury	away	3.00		
Sat.	27 Hunslet	away	3.00		
Fri. Mar.	5 Castleford	away	7.30		
Fri.	12 Leeds	away	7.30		
Fri.	19 Hull	away	7.30		
Fri.	26 BATLEY	home	7.30		
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TRIES:

JOHN BUCKTON continued his extraordinary League try-scoring run with two in mid-week and Doncaster's only try at Swinton on Sunday to become joint top scorer of this season. The stand-off has now scored in nine successive Division Two matches stretching back to last season with a sequence as follows: 1 - 2 - 2 - 1 - 3 - 4 - 1 - 2 - 1

His League try-scoring sequence began with Doncaster's only try at Wigan on 29th March, 1981, and has accounted for 17 of Doncaster's 25 League tries in this period when they have won only two matches. This season, BUCKTON has totalled eight tries to share the lead with Workington Town centre JOHN JONES. One try behind is Widnes winger STUART WRIGHT and then come the St. Helens pair PETER GLYNN and CHRIS ARKWRIGHT on six.

GOALS:

STEVE RULE is the leader of this season's first Top Ten Goals Chart. The Salford full-back has scored 34 in six matches and with a try is also top points scorer with 71 points.

1. Steve Rule	(Salford)	34
2. Mick Burke	(Widnes)	32
3. John Woods	(Leigh)	27
4. Lynn Hopkins	(Workington Town)	25
George Fairburn	(Hull K.R.)	25

6. Ian Birkby	(Castleford)	24
7. Chris Gibson	(York)	22
Peter Glynn	(St. Helens)	22
9. Henry Oulton	(Batley)	20
Graham Beale	(Keighley)	20

GRAHAM BEALE (Keighley):

GRAHAM BEALE has taken over as the player with the current longest sequence of scoring in club matches. He has scored in 23 successive matches for Keighley starting with two goals at Swinton on 21st December, 1980. The sequence has brought him 81 goals, 9 tries, 189 points.

DAVID SMITH (Leeds):

DAVID SMITH is two tries short of a career total of 100 for Leeds since moving from Wakefield Trinity in August 1976.

CURRENT LONGEST WINNING RUN:

LEIGH'S defeat at St. Helens leaves WIDNES as the only team with a 100% record this season after six matches. They have won three Forshaws Lancashire Cup Ties and three Slalom Lager Championship matches.

CURRENT LONGEST LOSING RUN:

HUYTON have now lost 13 in a row, all in Division Two.

Profile - Tony Rose

TONY ROSE is twenty years old and a young man with a mission - to win a full Great Britain cap - sooner rather than later. He is purposeful, friendly when approached, but not the chatty type; and he will not be easily diverted from anything he sets his heart on, or his mind to. He has played Rugby League since he was thirteen; a few times at No.8, once or twice at loose-forward and all the rest at No.10. At No.10 he has played for English Schools v. France; for BARLA v. France and for English Colts v. France. He signed for Wakefield Trinity when he was just seventeen.

Tony lives for rugby. Any other interests he has had you would hardly notice. He has done a little boxing, and has just begun a little coarse fishing and weight training. He does not smoke, drinks only a little and not often, enjoys his food, but enjoys rugby most of all.

He used to be an apprentice plumber, but when he was refused French leave for his second overseas trip, he took leave of his apprenticeship. He is now employed at the Waterworks (maybe that is where the coarse fishing comes in). He trains hard and intends to train harder. He is strong, and the next five years will make him stronger still. He runs hard at the opposition and shrugs off injury. He does not bruise easily; it is the other people who do. Tony is the first player I have interviewed who admits he is not particularly interested in getting to Wembley. A Great Britain cap, he says, is what really matters. He is right. I do not think he will be disappointed, nor will we.

Tony has two younger brothers. One has been to France already. I asked him if the Rose family were fond of France - 'not particularly, but we all like good Rugby!'

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THE SCRUM

1. The hooker will bind with his arms OVER the shoulders of his props.
2. The loose forward does NOT have to pack down at the scrum.
3. Forwards CAN push once the scrum has been correctly formed.
4. At ALL scrums, the attacking team shall have the loose head and the defending team the put in.
5. The ball shall be put in the scrum in a downward throw from waist height or below; or by rolling it along the ground. This shall be done without undue delay or dummy the scrum half immediately retiring behind his own pack.
6. The non-feeding scrum half does NOT have to keep his hand on the rearmost forward.

BALL STEALING

Until a tackle has been completed, the ball can be stolen from the player in possession.

YELLOW CARD

The yellow card, as a signal for an official caution, is scrapped. A booking will be recorded by the referee in the presence of the player's captain.

DIFFERENTIAL PENALTY

The differential penalty has been extended to offer the choice of a tap penalty or a kick for touch with the resultant second phase tap. A kick for goal is NOT permitted.

CONTACT WITH REFEREE

If the ball makes contact with the referee during play, a scrum shall be formed ONLY if the referee decides that play is irregularly affected.

NEW INTERNATIONAL LAWS OF THE GAME

'3 POINT' DROP GOAL

When a player is fouled in the act of scoring a drop goal, he will be awarded the scoring value of one point and his team will be awarded a penalty underneath the posts with the opportunity of adding a further two points.

DIFFERENTIAL PENALTY SIGNAL

When a Differential Penalty is awarded, the referee will adopt the signal for a traditional penalty but will raise and lower his arm twice to indicate that it is a differential award.

SUBSTITUTES

The use of two substitutes shall be permitted provided their names are made known to the Referee prior to the kick-off.

A side may make a maximum of four substitutions.

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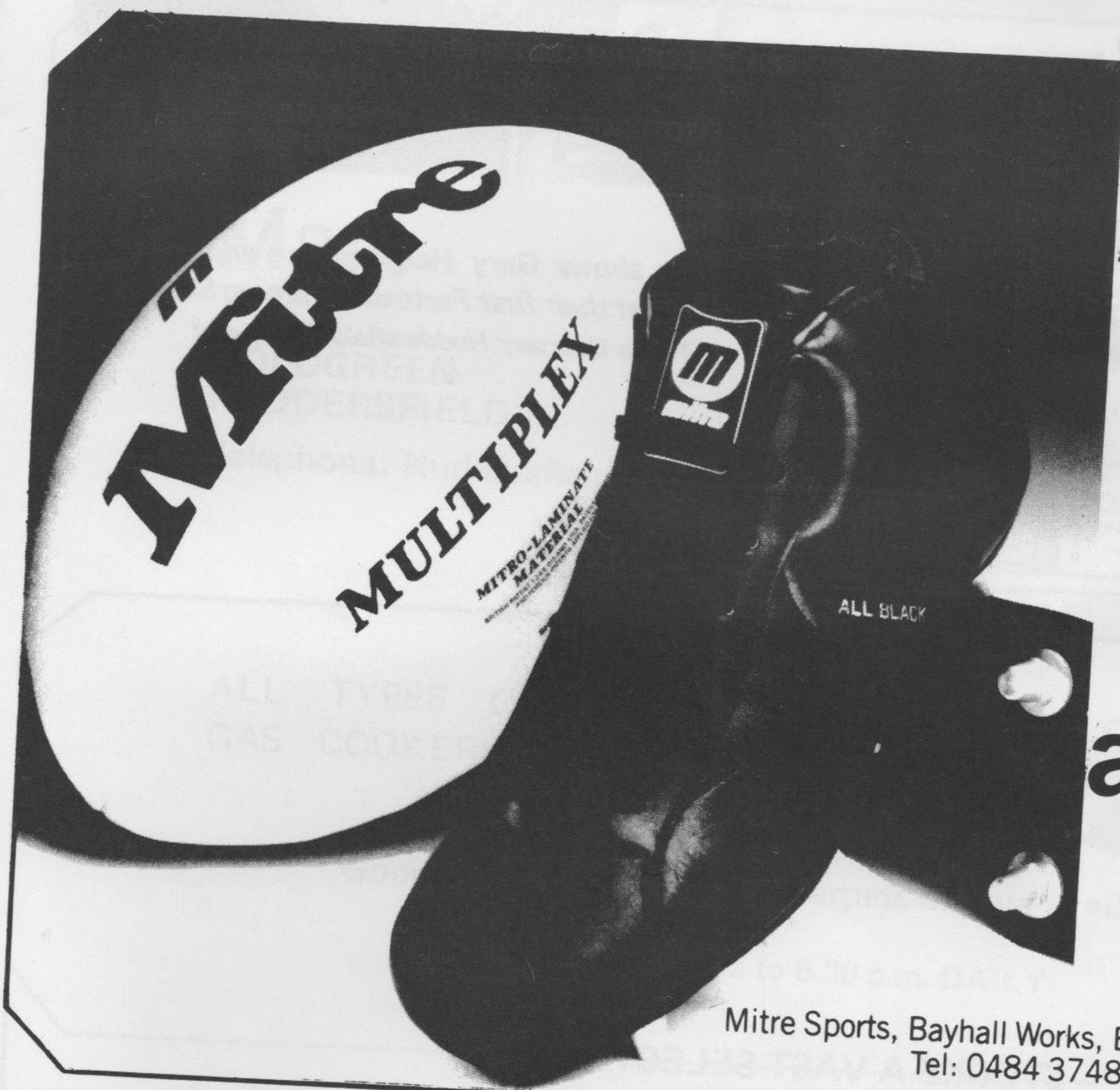
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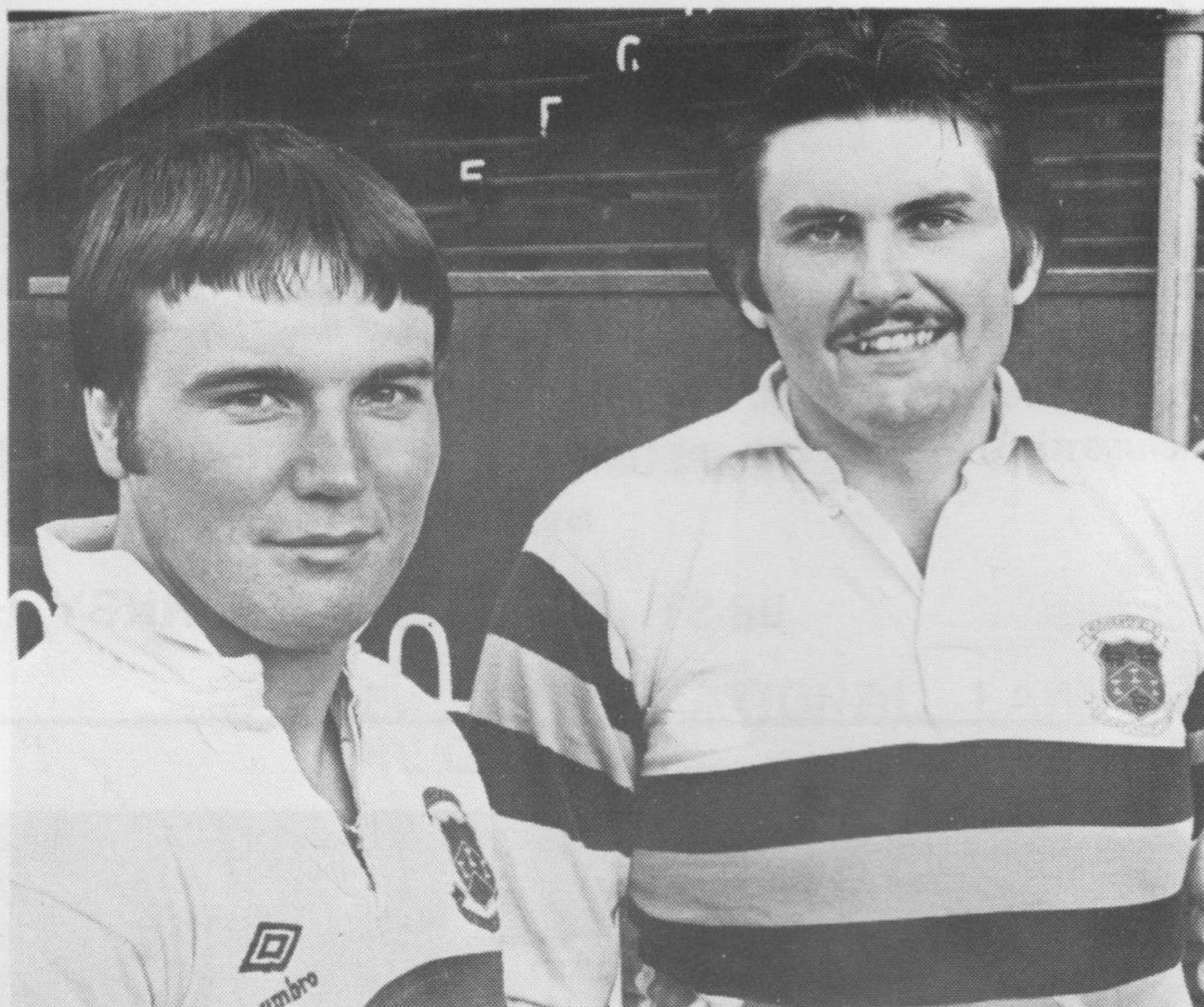
Sheard signs two more

LES SHEARD has completed the signing of a new front-row — in just over a week!

Following the debut of Tony Rose against Keighley — the coach swooped for Rose's front-row partner Nigel Murray (24) from Wakefield Trinity.

He also signed Under-24 International goal-kicking hooker Gary Hetherington, from Leeds for a £5,000 fee.

Both Hetherington and Murray made their debuts at Rochdale.



*Picture shows Gary Hetherington and Nigel Murray at their first Fartown Training Session
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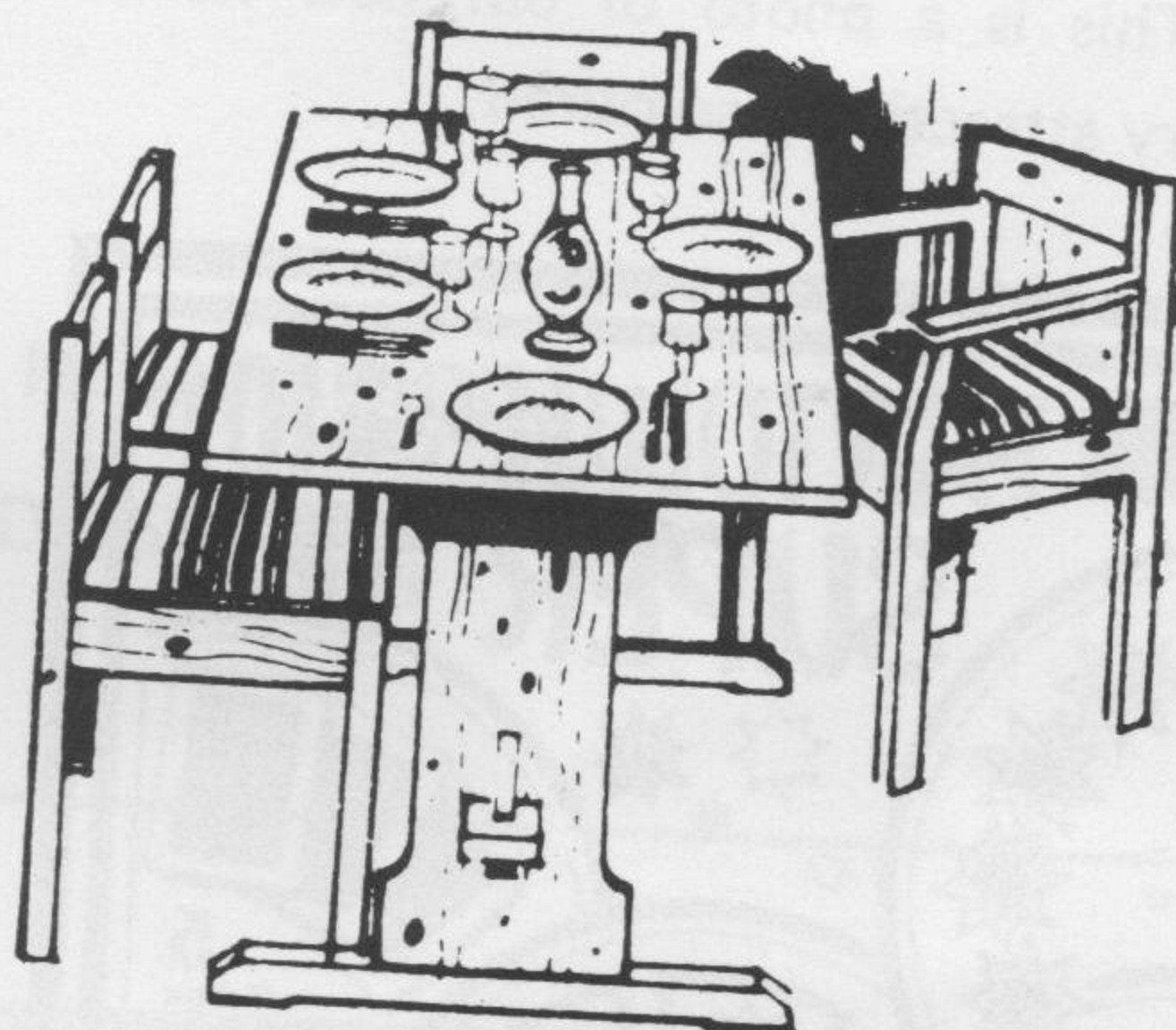
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We are also in the throes of re-organising the 'Weekly Pool'. Due to the ever-increasing costs even the Football Pools companies have put up their stakes by a large percentage and unfortunately clubs such as ours have been hit more acutely than the big boys so we have to be logical and make moves to (a) reduce our running costs, but at the same time (b) try and make the pool attractive to existing and new customers alike. It would be difficult

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Supporters' Club Notes

FOR the first time since the Supporters' Club opened in 1965 we now have a full-time steward and stewardess. Mr and Mrs Bert MacKay took over the duties, which had been done on a voluntary basis since the Club was built. Bert and Trish are well known members of the Club and we wish them well in this new venture.

The second Programme Fair was held in the Supporters' Club last Sunday and was again a big success. Dealers came from as far away as Selby to sell their stocks of programmes. The Supporters, H.C. & A.C. Ltd., Steve Mullany and Huddersfield Town also had stalls to sell their wares.

Members had plenty of laughs last Monday watching The Wolfe Comedy Oompah Band performing at the Steve Mullany Benefit Concert. Attending to make the Final Draw for Steve's '200 Club' were the Mayor of Kirklees, Councillor Fred Pickles, and the Mayoress.

The Supporters' Diary is now on sale in the Club Shop, The Pavilion, and behind the bar in The Supporters' Club. These are excellent value at 30p. containing many photographs and playing records.

Michael Rhodes

(Secretary, Huddersfield R.L.C. Supporters' Club)

FOOTNOTE:

Mike Rhodes has been admitted to hospital for a small operation on his arm. Everyone connected with the Club wishes him a speedy recovery.

Players' Association Notes

NEXT March may seem a long way off but not for the P.A. Committee. For March 26 is the date of the next Annual Dinner and plans are already being made. The speakers are booked and the venue. The Dinner will be held at the Ladbroke Mercury Motor Hotel at Ainley Top and the following guest speakers should ensure a full house:—

Ray French
John Lindley
Tim Heley
and Ced Beaumont

Prices and ticket availability will be published nearer the time.

The 'Where Are They Now' feature is being held over until the next home programme. If anyone has any queries about past players, post them to:

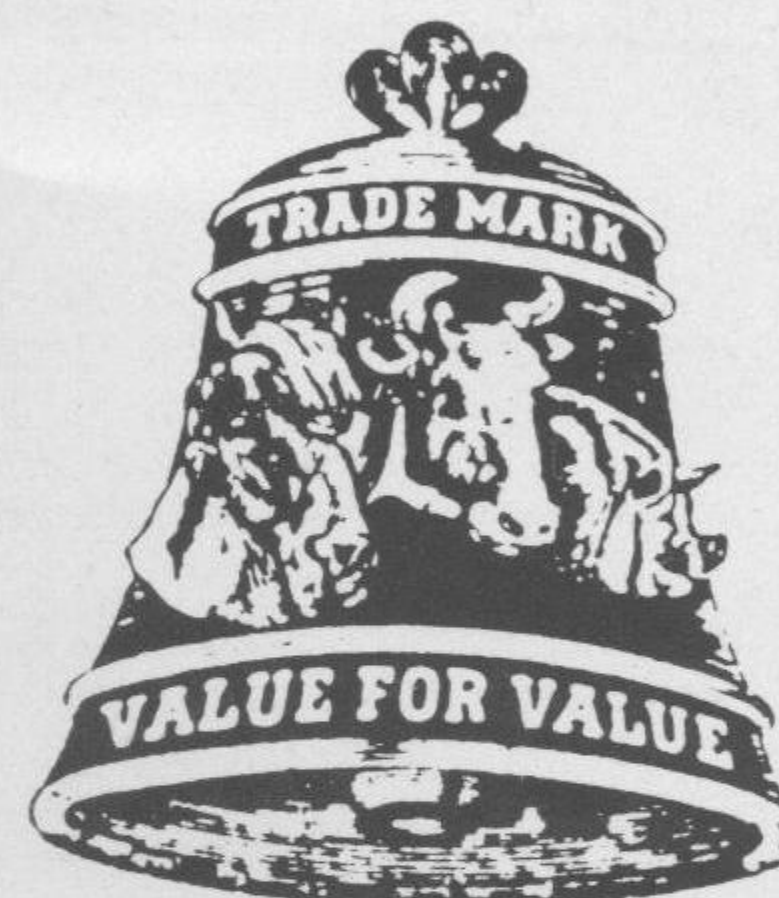
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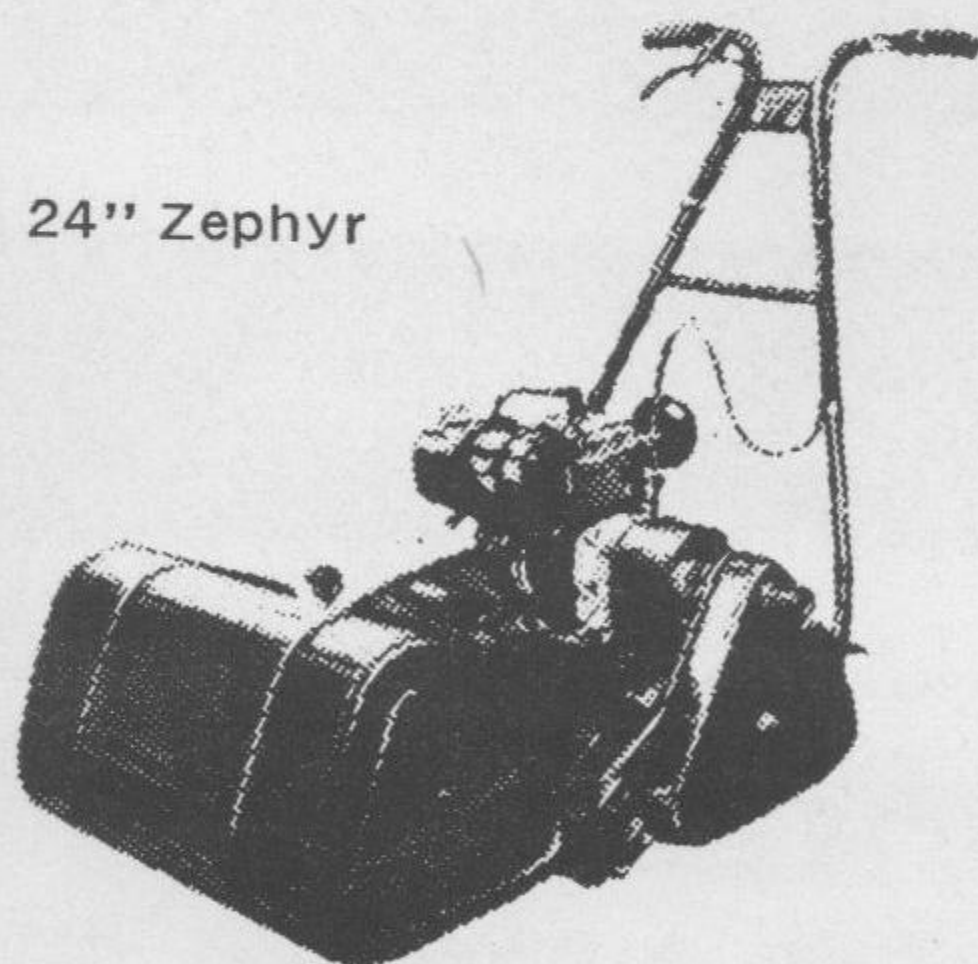


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Glen KNIGHT	6 Stand Off	Ray ASHTON
Mick SHEPHERD	7 Scrum Half	Paddy KIRWAN
Dave CHESTER	8 Openside Prop	Adrian ALEXANDER
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Nigel MURRAY	10 Blindsides Prop	Billy HARRIS
Mike EASTWOOD	11 2nd Row Fwd.	Mick WORRELL
Philip CLARKE	12 2nd Row Fwd.	Dave NICHOLSON
Gordon McHUGH	13 Loose Forward	Terry FLANAGAN
	14 Substitute	
	15 Substitute	

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Mr. J. SMITH (Halifax)

Touch Judges:

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Mr. G. CRISP (Gold Flag)

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