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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

TODAY, we should attract one of our best gates for many years. Hull are a tremendous drawing card in their own right, but they can also be expected to bring a few thousand of their loyal supporters from Humberside.

To all you Hull people, we extend a hearty Lancashire welcome! Over the past year or two there have been several occasions when Humberside RL supporters have done the game proud.

One thinks of that unique Hull versus Rovers Wembley final when the black and white and the red and white mingled superbly to provide a spectacle that will always be remembered, not only on Humberside but throughout the Rugby League.

Then there was that magnificent Challenge Cup replay at Elland Road last May. What a night that was for Hull fans! And what a magnificent advert, too, for the game we all love!

If recent results between our clubs are any guide today's game should be a real snorter. In the autumn of 1978, we suffered a somewhat humiliating 61-10 reverse at the Boulevard and doubtless there are many Hull fans in the crowd today, who will recall that match.

Since then, however, our record against Airlie Birds has been a creditable one.

Towards the end of that 1978-79 season we took on Hull at Watersheddings and lost only 10-5 in a game that was wide open until the end.

We did not meet the following season, but in 1980-81, when the Oldham club was relegated from the First Division, one of our victories was against Hull here at Watersheddings.

We lost 11-6 at the Boulevard in the September but when Hull returned to Watersheddings at Christmas, we beat them by the odd score of 2-1, with a penalty goal by Alan Platt doing the trick.

The Oldham team that day was: Murphy, Munro, O'Neill, Parrish, Caffery, Ashton, Ogden, Alexander, O'Mahoney, Herbert, Platt, Hawkyard, Flanagan. Subs: Worrall, Littler.

We met Hull again last season, of course, in the semi-final of the John Player Trophy at Headingley. Though Hull finally won 22-6 on their way to winning the trophy, it was only 7-6 midway through the second-half, at which point we scored two tries to one, our touchdowns coming from Ashley McEwan and Mick Parrish.

So everything points to a great game of Rugby League football today and we hope the better side wins and that everyone, from both camps, gets full value for money in the entertainment stakes.

Our congratulations go out to Alan McCurrie, our hooker, who retains his place in the Cumbria side to play the Australians at Carlisle on Tuesday. Congrats, too, to Hull quartet of Steve Evans, Lee Crooks, Steve Norton and Trevor Skerrett, who were selected for the Great Britain side that met the Aussies in the first Test at Boothferry Park last Saturday.

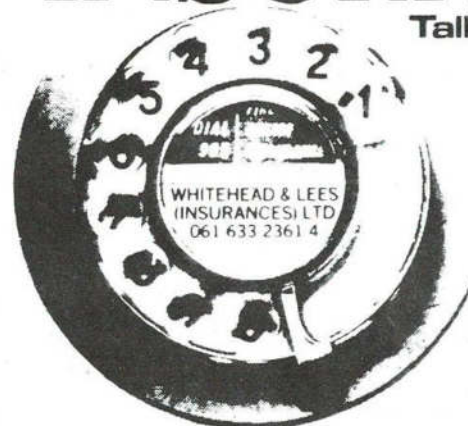
We extend our unbeaten First Division run to six games with another cliff-hanging victory at Castleford, and it is important that we pick up as many points as possible in the next week or two before the start of the John Player Trophy and then, a few weeks later, the Challenge Cup.

Next week we go to Barrow (2.30) ... always a tough task ... and then we meet Workington at home on the 21st before we get a breather on the 28th, along with other clubs, for the third Test at Leeds.

After that we are into December and the John Player Trophy will occupy the first two Sundays. If we were to enjoy a run like we had last year, we would inevitably build up a back-log of league matches, so the more points we get now the better for all concerned.

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HISTORICAL NOTES ON HULL FOOTBALL CLUB By Tom Webb

Rugby Football was first played in the Third Port in 1865 and that was the year in which the Hull club was formed. At times games were played with soccer being played in one half and rugby in the other. This was common practice as late as the 1880's. Being so far from the West Riding of Yorkshire, Hull found difficulty in persuading teams to play in Hull so a 'home' ground was often used at Selby.

When the Yorkshire Rugby Union was formed in 1871, Hull were credited with being the first club to join. A local rival, Hull White Star competed with Hull for the title of local champions but this was sorted out when the two clubs amalgamated. The club played on one side of Holderness Road until 1895 when the Northern Union was established. The club moved to the Boulevard which had been the home of Hull Kingston Rovers for the previous three years. At the time Hull played in all black.

'Hockey' Driscoll from Cardiff is credited with scoring a length of the field try against Manningham (which became Bradford City soccer club). Harry Dannatt who had been a Hull director for upwards of thirty years said that Hockey picked up the ball in his own in-goal and instead of touching down to make the ball dead, as many a man would have done, he set off down the field. A crack winger who could normally have given him 10 yards in 100, chased him for 40 yards always looking as though he would tackle him, finally gave up and Hockey made as fine a try as Harry Dannatt had ever seen in half a century.

In 1908-09 Hull secured their first Colonial players in Jim Devereux and Andrew Morton, with Sid Deane joining them later after a spell with Oldham. Herbert Gilbert and Steve Darmody also joined the club from Australia.

The legendary Bill Batten signed from Hunslet at a record fee of £600, or £150, more than the record fee paid by the club for Bert Gilbert. It is said that in the remaining games of the season, the outlay for his transfer had been recovered in increased gate receipts.

Billy Batten at the time was the highest paid player in the game. One of his contemporaries, Jack Harrison was the only footballer to win a Victoria Cross in the first world war. His death in action robbed the game of a wonderful winger. In 1914-15 he scored 52 tries and from his four seasons at the Boulevard he contributed 106 tries and 2 goals. Incidentally he was a lieutenant in the army and also gained the Military Cross.

Bob Taylor signed for Hull from Barrow, after the Oldham club had made abortive efforts to sign him. During the 1920's he was one of the best forwards in the game. In eleven active seasons at Hull he scored 165 tries, plus another dozen in representative games, including 36 in 1925-26. At another period in the 1930's Hull had seven Yorkshire County forwards on their books, four of them, Laurie Thacker, Harold Ellerington, Jack Dawson and Charlie Booth being full internationals.

Many great players have graced the Hull colours over the years. Looking back in my scrapbooks I find pictures of Bruce Ryan, George Watt, Keith Gittoes, (Australians all), Tom Herridge, Don Burnell, Dimmy Franks, Wilson Harmer Freddie Miller, Greg and Ned Rogers and Joe Oliver among a host of others.

In 1955-56 Hull became League champions and of that team Johnny Whiteley and Colin Hutton became international team coaches with Colin Hutton and Tommy Harris becoming directors of clubs in due course. The Drake twins, Jimmy and Bill, were members of the pack.

Hull has sent its quota of tourists to Australia. Among the earlier ones were Frank Boylin, Alf Francis, Billy Stone, Harold Bowman, Stan Whitty, Emlyn Gwynne, Harold Ellerington and two others had the honour when with other clubs, Billy Batten at Hunslet and Joe Oliver at Batley.

HERE COME HULL!

TODAY we welcome to Watersheddings the players, officials, and spectators of the Hull club, without doubt the game's biggest crowd-pullers of the last few years.

Since the Boulevard boys went up to the First Division to stay at the end of the 1978-79 season, they have quickly emerged as one of Rugby League's outstanding teams of the past decade.

It wasn't always like that, of course, and as recently as 1976-77, Oldham were in the First Division and Hull in the second.

They ended the 1975-76 season in fifth place in the Second Division as Oldham retained their place in the First Division and Barrow, Rochdale, Workington and Leigh pipped them for promotion.

A year later, Hull made no mistake and went up as champions - passing Oldham on the way - but they could not retain their First Division status and tumbled back to the Second Division at the end of the 1977-78 season.

In 1978-79, therefore, Oldham and Hull were in the Second Division together and the Airlie Birds' rapid rise to the top can perhaps be traced back to that season when they won each of their 26 league games top go up with a 100% league record.

Since then they have gone from strength to strength. In 1979-80, on their return to the premier division, they won the Floodlit Trophy and ended up at Wembley as Challenge Cup runners-up. Perhaps more important they finished third in the First Division, behind Bradford and Widnes, with 18 wins and three draws from their 30 matches.

In 1980-81 they slipped to seventh place, but ended up in the premiership final, where they were beaten. So to 1981-82 - and a season that will forever be remembered at the Boulevard!

They lost only six of their 30 league games and, in a nerve-jangling championship battle with Leigh and Widnes, they finished second to Leigh. The title went to Hilton Park's men, who had 49 points - two more than Hull and third-placed Widnes.

But that was only part of the Hull story during that never-to-be-forgotten season. They beat Oldham in the semi-final of the John Player Trophy at Headingley in the autumn and went on to lift the trophy for the first time.

Towards the end of the season they finished runners-up again in the premiership, but it was the Challenge Cup that really caught the imagination. Who will ever forget that draw at Wembley against Widnes or that superbly entertaining replay at Elland Road played before a crowd of 47,000?

When Hull skipper David Topliss lifted the trophy high into the night sky it was the fulfilment of a dream - a dream that had its origins in humble beginnings a few years earlier.

But Hull's success story does not end there. They have already won the Yorkshire Cup this season and it would be a brave man, indeed, who backed against them picking up more silverware before next May.

Over the past four or five years, Hull have spent heavily in their bid to take the best players to Humberside from all over the world. The presence of their three New Zealand Test stars, Dean O'Hara, James Leuluai, and Garry Kemble is testimony to that.

Talent from other English clubs has also poured into the Boulevard - players like Trevor Skerrett, Steve Norton, Dave Topliss, Steve Evans, Mick Crane, Terry Day, Sammy Lloyd.

Paul Prendiville came north from Wales to star on the wing, while home-grown Lee Crooks, a second-row man of immense talent, has stormed into the limelight with numerous five-star displays, culminating in his selection - at only 19 - for the first Test against Australia last Saturday.

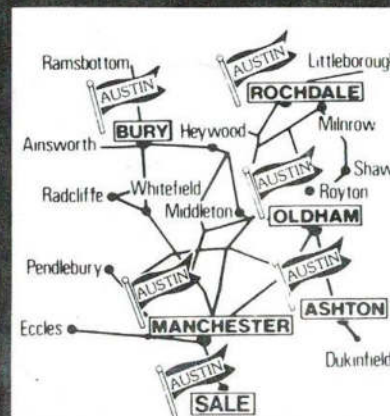
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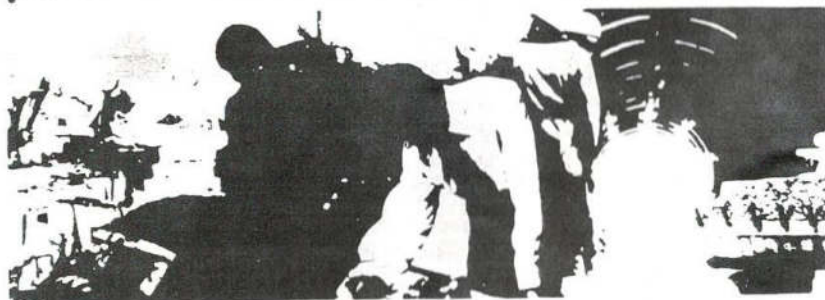
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Terry Flanagan scoring the opening try against Carlisle.



Andy Goodway caught in action against Carlisle.



Ray Ashton - receiving the Supporters Club Player of the Year Award.



Photographs by courtesy of the Oldham Evening Chronicle

Rugby League's controversial ruling over ball stealing is going to be put through the mangle once again with the Australians striding menacingly through their tour.

There are enough critics of this aspect of our game already but now we could get some interesting issues developing with a Test series at stake on top of other vital clashes.

Test official Billy Thompson who has the experience of handling the game at every level throughout the world, is under no illusions about the situation. 'I reckon the present ruling is ruining the game,' he told me.

'We have the situation where the referee can see what is going on but the fans can't and they get upset about certain decisions'.

'Then there is the other side to it where the fans are well placed to see something that the referee cannot'.

'So again there is the inconsistency which aggravates things'.

'But whatever happens the referee is the loser - he just cannot win and it is not helping the game as a spectacle'.

With the Aussies building their game on power and bonecrushing tackling they should be in a position to exploit the ruling to their advantage.

'This season has seen no sign of an improvement in the basic features by British players and the ball has been hitting the deck more times than I care to remember'.

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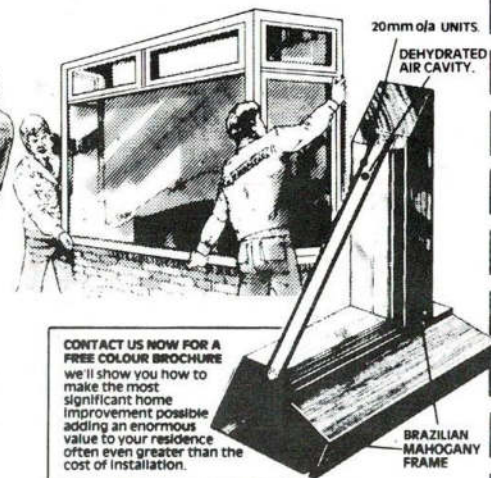
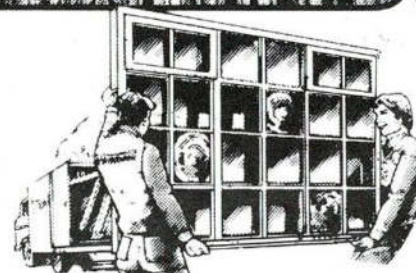
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FLASHBACK by Tom Webb*How many of our supporters remember the corresponding day 5,10,15 years ago?***FIVE YEARS AGO**

Huddersfield 3 5 21 Oldham 4 1 11 (Second Division)

Huddersfield: Hooson, Cyrus (2 tries), Leathley, Rowe (try), Senior, Knight (try), Shepherd, Hepplestone, Wroe, Lyons, Jeanes, Fox (3 goals and a try), Branch. Substitutes: Leese for Shepherd, Wilson did not play.

Oldham: Murphy, Jackson, Larder, Barton, Stondin (4 goals) McCone, Bates, Hughes, O'Mahoney, Frodsham (try), Jewitt, Herbert, Peters. Substitutes: Anglin and Hall played but the writer does not know who were replaced.

Referee: J. V. Moss, Manchester. Attendance 3,900. Half-time 5-11.

TEN YEARS AGO

Oldham 2 1 7 Huddersfield 2 1 7 (The Northern League had only one division.)

Oldham: Murphy, Elliott, Larder (2 goals), Wainwright (try), Hodgkinson, Hill, McCone, Wilson, K. Taylor, Foster, Ashcroft, Munro, Reynolds. Substitutes not known.

Huddersfield: Bedford, Hooson, Bennett, Pickup (try), Senior, Shepherd, Loxton, Hepplestone, Weavill, Hall (2 goals), Vievers, Chawner, Clark. Wild went on for Chawner, name of other sub. not known.

Referee: R. Moore, Wakefield. Attendance 1,922. Half-time score 2-2.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

St. Helens 1 4 14 Oldham 0 0 0 (Floodlit Competition first round)

St. Helens: Barrow, Volenhoven (try), Benyon, Douglas, McNeil, Gartland (try), Bishop (2 tries), Halsall, Sayer, Hogan, Warlow, Mantle, Coslett (goal).

Oldham: Murphy, Dolly, Holroyd, Donovan, Buckley, Warburton, Davies, Smith, Wood, Fletcher, Irving, McCourt, Hughes. Substitute: Curry.

Referee: D. S. Brown, Preston. Attendance 6,700. Half-time score 8-0.

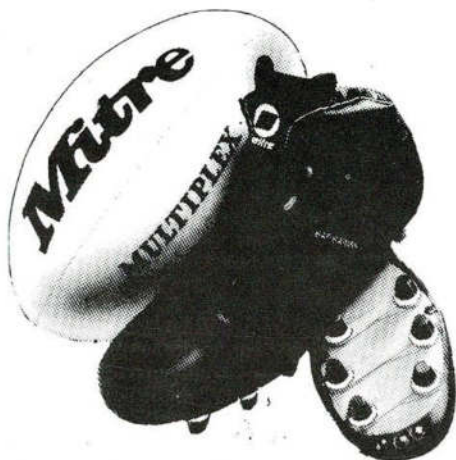
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STEVE DIAMOND Joins Kevin Dick as the only player to have scored a century of points this season. The Fulham back made it exactly 100 points with seven goals and a try in the 23-7 win at Swinton. DIAMOND's 47 goals also make him the new leading marksman and another Fulham player is back at the top of the try scoring list. JOHN CROSSLEY shares the try scoring lead with Bramley's CHRIS BOWMAN. Both have 12.

CLIVE SULLIVAN: Clive Sullivan made a surprise return for Hull on Sunday when he scored their only try in the 8-2 win at Halifax. The 39-year-old ex-Test winger, who announced his retirement after the State Express Challenge Cup Replay last May, now needs only one try for a total of 250 in two spells with Hull. He scored 247 between 1961 and 1974 before moving to Hull Kingston Rovers and has added two since returning to the Boulevard last season.

MILESTONES: HARRY PINNER (St. Helens) needs one drop goal for a total of 50 since they were reduced to one point.

TERRY RICHARDSON (Castleford) needs two tries for a career total with Castleford of 100.

JOHN ATKINSON (Carlisle) needs three tries for a career total of 400.

BIGGEST VICTORY GREAT BRITAIN's biggest victory over Australia was in the Third Test at Sydney in 1958 when the Kangaroos were thrashed 40-17. The British Lions ran up their highest score and won by their widest margin to take the Ashes after being beaten 25-8 in the First Test.

Mick Sullivan led the try-scoring with a hat-trick, other touchdowns going to Ike Southward, Alan Davies, Alex Murphy, Abe Terry and Johnny Whiteley. Eric Fraser kicked eight goals.

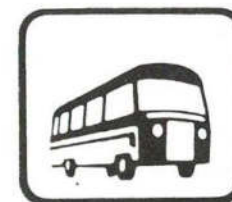
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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

1982				
Aug.	22	Widnes (3.00)	H 7-17	*
	25	Leeds (7.30)	H 8-15	✓
	29	Bradford Northern (3.30)	A23-10	
Sept.	5	Blackpool Lancs Cup	27-10	
	12	St. Helens (3.00)	A15-20	-
	15	Warrington (7.30)	H22-12	
	19	Warrington Lancs Cup (3.00)	A14-16	
	22	FRANCE XIII (7.30)	H11-15	
	26	Halifax (3.00)	A5-20	
	29	Featherstone R. (7.30)	H10-1	-
Oct.	3	Wigan (3.00)	H11-11	
	10	Workington T. (3.30)	A 8-4	
	24	Castleford (3.30)	A 14-12	-
	31	Carlisle (3.00)	H17-14	
Nov.	7	Hull (3.00)	H	
	14	Barrow (2.30)	A	
	21	Workington T. (3.00)	H	
Dec.	5	JOHN PLAYER TROPHY (1)		
	12	JOHN PLAYER TROPHY (2)		
	19	Hull (3.00)	A	
	27	Hull K.R. (3.00)	H	
1983				
Jan.	3	Leeds (3.00)	A	
	9	Featherstone R. (2.30)	A	
	16	Bradford Northern (3.00)	H	
	23	Warrington (3.00)	A	
	30	Halifax (3.00)	H	
Feb.	6	St. Helens (3.00)	H	
	13	STATE EXPRESS CHALLENGE CUP (1)		
	20	Carlisle (3.00)	A	
	27	STATE EXPRESS CHALLENGE CUP (2)		
Mar.	6	Leigh (3.00)	H	
	13	Widnes (3.00)	A	
	20	Hull K.R. (3.00)	A	
Apr.	1	Leigh (3.30)	A	
	4	Barrow (3.00)	H	
	10	Wigan (3.00)	A	
	17	Castleford (3.00)	H	

'A' TEAM FIXTURES

1982				
Aug.	20	Widnes (7.30)	A13-17	
Sept.	3	Wigan (7.30)	H17-12	
	10	St. Helens (7.30)	H 3-34	
	18	Warrington (2.30)	A P	
	25	Whitehaven (3.00)	H22-20	
Oct.	1	Wigan (7.30)	A P	
	9	Workington (3.00)	H18-15	
	15	Salford (7.30)	H27-15	
	22	Widnes (7.30)	H18-10	
	30	Whitehaven (2.30)	A 19-2	
Nov.	13	Barrow (3.00)	H	
	20	Workington (2.30)	A	

COLTS FIXTURES

1982				
Aug.	14	Wakefield	A11-27	
	18	Huddersfield	A 5-31	
	21	Hull K.R.	H11-11	
	24	Leigh	H19-20	
	28	St. Helens	A18-20	
Sept.	4	Castleford	H15-26	
	11	Rochdale	A10-10	
	18	Leeds	H21-14	
	25	Halifax	A14-11	
Oct.	2	Wakefield	H26-35	
	9	Salford	H 41-7	
	16	Hull	A 25-3	
	23	Huddersfield	H 23-7	
	30	Barrow	A	
Nov.	6	Hull	H	
	13	Featherstone	A	
	20	St. Helens	H	
	27	Hunslet	A	
Dec.	4	Barrow	H	
	11	Salford	A	
	18	Featherstone	H	
	28	Leigh	A	
1983				
Jan.	1	Bradford	H	
	8	Bramley	A	
	15	Halifax	H	
	22	Hull K.R.	A	
	29	Rochdale	H	
Feb.	5	York	H	
	12	Cup (1st round)		
	19	Leeds	A	
	26	Cup (2nd round)		
Mar.	5	Hunslet	H	
	12	York	A	
	19	Bramley	H	
	26	Bradford	A	
Apr.	9	Castleford	A	

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