

MATCH DETAILS

Rovers

Oldham

Colours: BLUE & WHITE
Team Manager: ALLEN AGAR

Colours: RED & WHITE
Coach: FRANK MYLER

FULLBACK
NIGEL BARKER 1

BRIAN CAFFEY

THREEQUARTERS
STEVE QUINN 2 GREEN VIGO
PHIL JOHNSON 3 DES FOY
JOHN GILBERT 4 COLIN HAWKYARD
KEN KELLETT 5 STEVEN DOBB

HALF-BACKS
ALAN BANKS 6 MICK PARRISH
NEIL PICKERILL 7 RAY ASHTON

FORWARDS
MICK ATHERTON 8 MICK COOMBS
RAY HANDSCOMBE 9 ALAN McCURRIE
MICK GIBBINS 10 ANDY GOODWAY
DAVID HOBBS 11 WALLY JONES
PETER SMITH 12 MICK WORRALL
TERRY HUDSON 13 TERRY FLANAGAN

SUBSTITUTES

14

15

Referee: Mr. R. WHITFIELD

Touch Judges: Mr. J. Reed (Amber Flag)

Mr. A. Meredith (Cerise Flag)

ROVERS

GOALS				TRIES				PTS.			
Scrum											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14		15	16	17		18	19	20	
Penalties											
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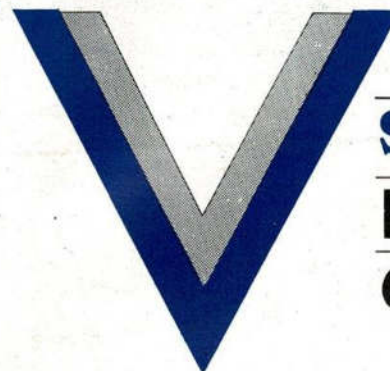
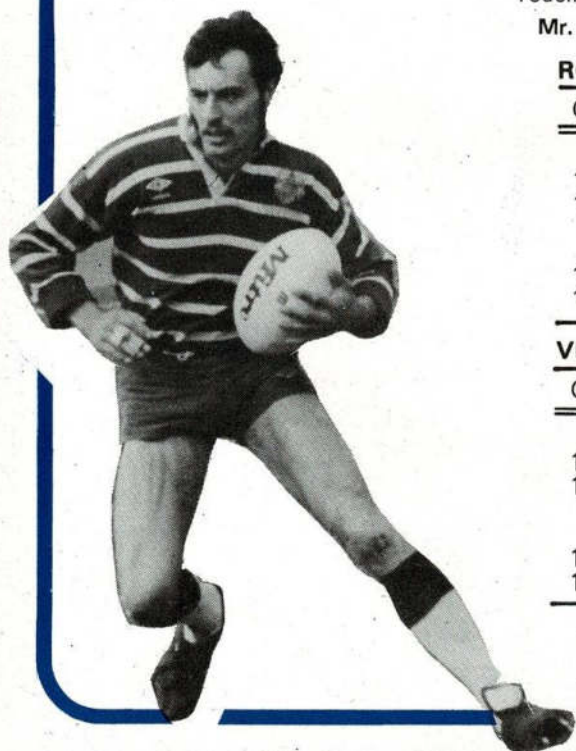
VISITORS

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SUNDAY

9 JANUARY 1983

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OLDHAM

PROGRAMME 30p.

Team Talk

ALLAN AGAR — Team Manager

ON behalf of everyone at Featherstone Rovers I would like to wish all our supporters a happy and prosperous New Year and at the same time hope that you will continue to give the club your support during a vital second half of the season.

A holiday double over my former team, Carlisle, provided us with four precious league points in our quest for first division survival. With so much pressure on both sides the two games were never going to be spectacular affairs, but I was delighted with the players' approach and particularly the 'will to win' that was evident in both games.

In the short time that I have been at the club I can see already that there is an immense amount of talent available to work with, so we should not be looking to other clubs to provide us with favours in league matches. With the correct attitude and approach, which means hard work in training and on the field of play the results will go our way, and the team will climb the table. Forthcoming fixtures this month against Leeds away and Wigan and Hull at home provide us with an excellent chance to pull away from danger but first of all we have to produce the goods against today's opponents, Oldham, who are coached by the new Great Britain boss, Frank Myler. The youthful Oldham team, who were promoted this time, have had an excellent season so far, reaching the top four of the division at one stage, so a hard game is in prospect, with a victory being well within our capabilities.

Finally I would like to congratulate Frank on his International appointment and wish him well in the difficult task of putting Great Britain back on top of the Rugby League world.

BRIAN BATTY — Daily Mail

ONCE again League clubs are being asked to make a momentous decision on their future with the campaign for a return to one division.

It is a hot chestnut that has been burning a few more fingers among certain clubs as it gains support.

At the same time it's giving some clubs a chilling sensation for they see

the game being set back even further on its already shaky heels by such a step.

One has to have sympathy for the smaller clubs to some extent but that, at the same time, is not going to be a quality capable of keeping the game alive.

In any crisis it's always the weakest who go to the wall first and by delaying the inevitable there is no sense in dragging down the few strong clubs with a chance of survival.

I feel that the game cannot afford the backward step of scrapping two divisions and if that happens then I don't see the game ever recovering.

I cannot for the life of me see how players of top sides are going to maintain a high standard if one week they are playing a tough match and the following week one against a team 20 or more places further down the table.

Just as I cannot see the fans of a top club, used to tightly fought games, going along to pay good money when their team faces weak and unattractive opposition.

Okay, so we might get a few better gates for the lowly clubs through derby fixtures but the loss at the top would be tremendous and a lot of money would be missed in the long run.

In my opinion the playing standards would drop further and, with the crowds, never return.

I can see there is pressure and panic at times with clubs battling to avoid relegation, but on the other hand the clubs fighting for honours and promotion should be raising the standards.

In any case we should have reduced promotion to two up and down a couple of years ago and that would have made the vital difference in this respect.

And we certainly have no need for panic in such competition as the County Cups, the John Player trophy and the Challenge Cup which gives players enough opportunity to show their ability.

COMMENT

The two up, two down system has a lot of merit but the proposals put forward by our own Chris Hewison caters for both the big and small clubs which two divisions does not do.

Club Page

Founded: 1908. Elected to Northern Rugby Football League, June 1921

Patron: The Earl of Swinton

Chairman: B. Ashby, Vice-Chairman E. Gardner

Committee: R. Barker, S. Fitton, C. Hewison, D. Hunt, T. Mullaney

Secretary: T. Jones, 21 The Croft, Batley Road, West Ardsley, Wakefield.

Time Keeper: R. Chalkley

Senior Coach: Vince Farrar

Assistant Coaches: 'A' Team—A. Griffiths
Colts—B. Gains

Physio: J. Williams; Asst. A. Millward

Club Doctor: Dr. N. R. Pal

Representatives: R.L. Council—B. Ashby
Yorkshire County Committee—E. Gardner.
Yorkshire Senior Competition—S. Fitton. Colts—C. Hewison

Groundsman: F. Lavine.

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Club Honours: R.L. Cup—Winners 1967, 1973; Runners-up 1952, 1974
R.L. Championship—Winners 1977;
Runners-up 1928, 1976

R.L. Championship 2nd Division—Winners 1980

Arrowfast Try Scoring Trophy—Winners 1980

Yorkshire Cup—Winners 1940, 1959; Runners-up 1928, 1963, 1966, 1969; 1970, 1976, 1977

Yorkshire League—Runners-up 1928, 1962

Y.S.C. Cup—Winners 1946, 1974; Runners-up 1955, 1960

Y.S.C. Shield—Winners 1946, 1962, 1972

Ground Records: R.L. Cup—Attendance 17,531 v St. Helens, 1959; Receipts: £12,287 v Widnes 1981

Yorkshire Cup—Attendance: 10,700 v Leeds, 1959; Receipts: £8,681 v Hull, 1980

League—Attendance: 14,990 v Wakefield Trinity, 1962; Receipts: £6,001 v Hull, 1981

Representative Players: Great Britain—T. Askin, J. H. Bridges, T. Clawson, M. Dixon, S. Evans, D. Fox, G. Jordan, M. Morgan, S. Nash, P. Smith, J. Thompson; Under 24s—K. Bell, S. Evans, D. Fennell, V. Farrar, M. Gibbins, J. Gilbert, D. Hobbs, T. Ramshaw, P. Smith, V. Thomas, J. Thompson, L. Tonks
England—J. H. Bridges, M. Dixon, S. Evans, V. Farrar, J. Hirst, A. Morgan, J. Mullaney, P. Smith, R. Stone, J. Thompson, A. Wood
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Rovers round up

OLDHAM

COACH of the side is former international Frank Myler. Frank was recently appointed Great Britain coach. He had spells as a coach with Widnes and Swinton before taking over at the Watersheddings. His assistant Peter Smethurst recently left following his appointment as coach at Leigh. Oldham boast the youngest side in the first division (average age 22). Their enthusiasm and honest endeavour make them a difficult side to beat and they have one of the best defences in the league. Oldham's youth policy is now paying dividends with many of the side coming through the Colts and 'A' Team.

At full back is Alan Taylor who was signed from Frank's former club Swinton last year. Alan made 35 appearances last season scoring 10 tries. A good attacking full-back, Oldham will be losing his services as the player is emigrating. Green Vigo former Wigan and Swinton star is well-known for the sensational tries he scored against Leeds for Wigan a few years ago.

Like most coloured wingmen he is a powerful runner. 19-year-old centre Des Foy after a spell on loan has joined the club on a permanent basis in exchange for Brian Hogan (to Widnes). Mick Parrish can operate at either stand-off or in his normal position at centre. Mick, a club record signing from Hunslet (£18,500 in September 1980) has been a prolific scorer for the club. Mick is the best defensive threequarter in the game as well as a good attacker. Brian Caffery and Colin Hawkyard are rivals for the centre spot. Brian (who can also play at full back) made 39 appearances last season — more than any other player, he scored 11 tries. Colin did not make one appearance in Oldham's championship winning run, but he has shown good form this season. Clive Hunter also comes into contention for a threequarter spot. Clive made 18 appearances last season, scoring 8 times. Ashley McEwen plays on the left flank. He has edged out former regular Geoff Munro who has

been on loan with Workington and Stephen Dobb, a colts international last season is on the fringe of the first team. At half-back are two promising youngsters Ray Ashton and Paddy Kirwan. Both are scrum-halves, Ray played against Rovers earlier this season, scoring a try and he created havoc from acting half-back. A future international, he was in tremendous form last season scoring 26 tries from 33 appearances. Paddy played in the same Great Britain Colts side as Ray scoring a try when he came on as sub back in March 1980 at Oldham.

The forwards were led by one of the games stalwarts — Brian Hogan. Brian, signed last year from Widnes was recently transferred back to that club. Mick Coombes played at No. 8 against Leeds, with Alan Platt another former colt international taking over. Wally Jones a former Blackpool player has forced his way into the side this season. He was a try scorer against Leeds, operating from the second row spot. Alan McCurrie was signed from Wakefield in October 1981. Alan, a County hooker with Cumbria, is an attacking player always looking to try something different, dangerous with his little kicks. At No. 10 is Andrew Goodway. Andrew is now firmly established in the side after coming through the Colts and 'A' team. He was signed from local club Redhill, and the club's scouting policy has certainly succeeded with this choice. An eighty minute player he is good on both defence and attack. Oldham have several contenders for the second row spots. Bob Mardell, the former rugby union international was in and out of the side last season. Dave Nicholson signed back in August 1981 from Swinton in a £20,000 deal which included Alan Taylor, was a regular in the pack during Oldham's second division campaign. Mick Worral was in the second row along with Mick Coombes in the triumph over Rovers at the Watersheddings. At loose forward is Under-24 international Terry Flanagan. Terry has made two appearances for the international side. A very good ball playing forward he is one of the key men in the side.

In town today...

TODAY'S GAME

OLDHAM have made a great impact this season on their return to the first division. They have gained 20 points from 17 games and are currently in joint fourth spot with Castleford. Coach Frank Myler has produced a team of tacklers and with away wins at Hull, Castleford and a recent draw at Leeds they will be a tough nut to crack. The Great Britain Under 24 side includes four Oldham players: Ray Ashton, Andrew Goodway, Mick Worrall and Terry Flanagan.

PLAYERS

Gary Siddall is back in light training. Andy Mortimer has a broken bone in his hand, Steve Hankins is having treatment for a back injury. Mick Atherton made his debut at Carlisle, Mick is on a month's loan from Bradford. Congratulations to Alan Banks on his selection for Great Britain Colts. The Rogers players have a great opportunity to day to shine in front of Great Britain coach Frank Myler the Oldham coach. Frank has yet to see his young pack be outplayed this season, so our opponents will be a real test. John Gilbert has come off the transfer list, this is a tremendous boost to the club and reflects the great team spirit which now exists.

MATCH STATISTICS

v Carlisle (home) score 20-10. Scrums 13-7 to Handscombe. Penalties 12-all. Man of the Match Dave Hobbs. Tackle count: Forwards — Gibbins 19, Handscombe 22, Hankins 19, Hobbs 16, Smith 22, Hudson 14.

v Carlisle (away) score 11-0. Scrums 17-5 to Handscombe. Penalties 13-8 against. Man of the Match Peter Smith. Tackle count: Forwards — Atherton 16, Handscombe 10, Gibbins 14, Smith 26, Hobbs 16, Hudson 13.

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TEAM OF THE MONTH

The Open Rugby Team of the Month is Steve Tickle, Des Drummond, Dean Bell, Joe Lydon, Terry Richardson, Dave Topliss, Gordon Smith, Kevin Ward, Brian Noble, Greg Sharp, Eric Prescott, Graeme West, Mick Crane. Subs.: Roy Haggerty, Peter Smith.

From: Yorkshire clubs 8, Lancashire clubs 5, Cumbrian clubs 2.

The Under-24 side: Mick Burke, Gary Clark, Ron Duane, Joe Lydon, David Moll, Tony Myler, Ray Ashton, Mick O'Neill, Brian Noble, Andrew Goodway, Mike Worrall, John Fieldhouse, Terry Flanagan. Subs.: David Hulme, Ron Smith.

From: Yorkshire clubs 8, Lancashire clubs 12, Cumbrian clubs nil.

There are only two Under-24s in the team of the month — Joe Lydon (Widnes) and Brian Noble (Bradford). The strong Lancashire bias in the Under-24s obviously reflects the appointment of Lancashire coach — Frank Myler, who is now in charge. However this only reverses the previous Humberside/Yorkshire bias when Johnny Whiteley was in charge of the National side.

SUPPORTERS' NEWS

On behalf of my committee I would like to wish all our supporters a very happy and prosperous new year.

I would also like to thank our committee and Don Hunt, Roy Barker and Chris Hewison of the Parent Committee, secretary Terry Jones, Stringers Motorways and Lin-Pac for their kind donations to our Xmas Draw. Also to all the supporters who did a great job in selling them.

I. ALLISON, Chairman.

The bus for Leeds departs from the ground at 1-45. To book ring 700703 or Supporters' Office.

The winning numbers for Christmas Draw are: 3748, 6857, 5186, 0177, 3217, 4673, 3628, 2504, 7394, 8133, 6090, 1560, 1383, 6114, 8363, 6566, 3880, 3961, 1678.

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PLAYER PROFILE . . .

PETER SMITH

Date of Birth: 17th September 1955
Birthplace: Featherstone
School: South Featherstone Secondary
Occupation: NCB Fitter
Married to: Janis
Children: Karen, Fay, John
Height 6ft. 1in.
Weight: 14st. 4lbs.
Position: Second Row
Honours: Great Britain, England Under
24s and Yorkshire
Biggest influence on Rugby Career:
Jimmy Thompson
Ambition in Rugby: To play at
Wembley
Biggest Disappointment: Losing in the
1977 World Cup Final against
Australia
Most Memorable Match: As above
Most Embarrassing Moment: Coming
out late after half-time at Carlisle
by myself to a sarcastic cheer
Favourite Player: Jimmy Thompson
Favourite Referee: None
Hobbies: Reading and Crosswords
Favourite TV Programme: M.A.S.H
Favourite Personality: Hawkeye in
above.

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds ...	15	12	1	2	298	212	25
Hull KR ...	16	12	0	4	290	153	24
Hull	15	11	1	3	234	138	23
Castleford	16	10	0	6	297	263	20
Oldham	17	9	2	6	210	176	20
Wigan ...	14	9	1	4	217	111	19
St. Helens	15	9	1	5	250	225	19
Leigh ...	17	7	3	7	265	223	17
Widnes ...	15	7	1	7	226	200	15
Barrow ...	15	7	1	7	249	241	15
Warrington	14	6	1	7	185	180	13
F/stone	17	6	1	10	211	280	13
Bradford	15	5	1	9	136	168	11
Halifax ...	17	3	1	13	130	348	7
W'kington	15	2	1	12	152	322	5
Carlisle ...	15	1	0	14	148	249	2

★ STAR QUIZ ★

TRY to beat Steve Hankins when
answering these RL questions:—

- 1 Who were the first professional players to be sent to the sin bin?
 - 2 Which team won the BARLA Lancashire/Cumbrian Cup this season?
 - 3 Which famous RL player received recognition in the New Year's Honours List?
 - 4 Who refereed last season's John Player Final?
 - 5 Which player in recent years has set up try-scoring records for 2 clubs?
 - 6 Name the two clubs who took part in the highest score draw in the First Division.
 - 7 Which club has scored most points in a first division match?
 - 8 Who is the oldest referee currently in the professional game?
- ANSWERS ON THE INSIDE SCENE

Facts & figures

THE RUGBY LEAGUE SLALOM LAGER CHAMPIONSHIP — FIXTURES 1982-83					Result (last year's in brackets)		Name in Bold—Man of the Match															Subs *				
FEATHERSTONE ROVERS					Kick-off	Attendance F A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5					
AUGUST																										
Sun. 22	Warrington	H	3-30	1847	12-12 (18-11)	Barker	Reed	G'bert1t	Quinn3g	Kellett	Johnson	Pickerill	Siddall	H'combe	Gibbins	Hobbs	Dakin1t	Bell	O'Toole	Hudson						
Sun. 29	Workington T	H	3-30	1535	41- 8	Barker1t	Reed	Gilbert	Q'n1t7g	Kellett2t	J'nson2t	Pickerill	Siddall	H'combe	Gibbins	Hobbs1t	Smith*	Bell*	H'yden1t	Hudson						
SEPTEMBER																										
Sun. 5	Hunslet	A	3-30	2500	19- 7	Barker	Reed	Gilbert	Quinn5g	Kellett	J'son*1t	P'kerill1t	Siddall	H'combe	Gibbins	Hobbs*	Smith*	H'son1t	Hayden	Yard						
Wed. 8	Bramley (Yorks Cup)	H	6-00	1403	21- 8	Barker	Reed	G'bert2t	Quinn4g	Kellett	J'nson1t	Pickerill	Siddall	H'combe	Gibbins	Hobbs	Smith1t	H'son*	Hayden	Bell*1dg						
Sun. 12	Widnes	H	3-30	2403	12-14 (16-20)	Barker1t	Reed	Coventry	Quinn3g	Kellett	Johnson	Pickerill	Siddall	Shaw	G'bins1t	Hobbs	Hankins	Bell	Hayden	Hudson						
Wed. 15	Bradford (Yorks Cup)	H	5-45	2569	0-11	Barker	Reed	Coventry	Quinn	Kellett	J'nson*	Pickerill	Siddall*	Shaw	Gibbins	Hobbs	Hankins	Bell	Hayden	Hudson						
Sun. 19	Leigh	A	3-30	4000	7- 5 (12-24)	Barker	Reed	Cov'try*	Quinn2g	Kellett	Johnson	Pickerill	Siddall	H'combe	Hankins	Hobbs1t	Smith	H'son*	Hayden	K Hobbs						
Fri. 24	FRANCE XIII	H	6-00																							
Wed. 29	Oldham	A	3-00	2725	1-10	Barker	Gilbert	Coventry	Quinn	Kellett	J'son Pl	P'krill1d	Siddall	H'combe	Hankins	Hobbs	Smith	Hudson	Hayden	J'sonPtr						
OCTOBER																										
Sun. 3	St. Helens	H	3-30	2107	12-29 (8- 8)	Barker	Gilbert	Coventry	Qn1t3g	Kellett1t	J'son Pl	Pickerill	Siddall	H'combe	J'snPl*	Hobbs	Smith	Hudson	Hayden	Bell*						
Sun. 10	Castleford	A	3-30	3531	13-30 (21- 5)	Barker	Gbert1t*	Coventry	Quinn2g	Kellett1t	Hayden	Pickerill	Siddall*	Shaw	Hankins	Hobbs	Smith	H'dson1t	M'sden*	Gibbins*						
Sun. 17	Leeds	H	3-30	3017	14-23 (28-15)	Barker	Coventry	Gilbert	Quinn4g	Kellett	JsnPl1t	P'krill1t	Siddall	A.N.O.	Hankins	Hobbs	Smith	H'dson*	Banks	Bell*						
Sun. 24	Hull KR	A	3-00	7500	12-26 (6-25)	Marsden	Qu'n1t3g	Gilbert	Coventry	Reed	J'son Pl	Pickerill	Siddall1t	A.N.O.	Hankins	Hobbs	Smith	Bell	Hayden	Hudson						
Sun. 31	Halifax	H	3-00	1923	13- 7	Barker	Quinn5g	Gilbert	Coventry	Reed	J'son*	Pickerill	Siddall1t	Wright	Hankins	Hobbs	Smith	Bell*	Hayden	Gibbins						
NOVEMBER																										
Wed. 10	Hull	A	7-30	10500	15-24 (7-18)	Barker1t	Quinn3g	Johnson	Coventry	Reed	Banks	Pickerill	Siddall	Wright	Gibbins*	Hobbs1t	Smith1t	Hudson	Hayden	Hankins						
Sun. 14	Bradford N	A	3-30	3995	5-17 (17-24)	Barker*	Marsden	Johnson	Quinn1g	Reed	Banks	Pickerill	Siddall1t	Wright	Gibbins	Hobbs*	Smith	Hudson	Hayden	Hankins						
Sun. 21	Barrow	H	2-30	1403	13- 7 (22- 8)	Barker1t	Marsden	Quinn2g	Johnson	Reed*	Banks	Hayden	Siddall	Wright	Hankins	Hobbs1t	Smith1t	Hudson*	Lyman	Bell						
Fri. 26	Wigan	A	7-30	4606	0-45 (3-12)	Barker	Marsden	Johnson	Hobbs	Gilbert	Banks	Pickerill	Siddall*	Wright	Gibbins	Hankins	Lyman	Hudson*	Hayden	Bell						
DECEMBER																										
Sun. 5	Hull—John Player Trophy	H	2-30	4398	14-18	Barker1t	Quinn4g	Johnson	Gilbert1t	Marsden	Banks	Pickerill	Gibbins	Wright*	Hankins	Hobbs	Smith	Hudson*	Lyman	Bell						
Sun. 19	St. Helens	A	3-00	2785	10-13	Barker	Marsden	Johnson	Gilbert	Kellett1t	Banks	Pickerill	Gibbins	H'combe	Hankins	Hobbs1t2	Smith	Hudson*	Mortimer	Bell						
Sun. 26	Carlisle	H	2-30	1749	20-10	Barker1t	Quinn4g	Johnson	Gilbert*	Kellett	Banks1t	Pickerill	Gibbins	H'combe	Hankins	Hobbs2t	Smith	Hudson*	Marsden	Bell						
JANUARY																										
Sun. 2	Carlisle	A	3-00	1691	11- 0	Barker	Q'n1t1g	Johnson	Gilbert*	Kellett	Banks	Pickerill	Ath'ton*	H'combe	Gibbins	Hobbs1t	Smith	Hudson	Marsden	Bell1t						
Sun. 9	Oldham	H	2-30																							
Sun. 16	Leeds	A	3-00																							
Sun. 23	Hull	H	2-30																							
Sun. 30	Wigan	H	3-00																							
FEBRUARY																										
Sun. 6	Workington T	A	3-30																							
Sun. 13	STATE EXPRESS CHAL. CUP 1																									
Sun. 20	Castleford	H	3-00																							
Sun. 27	STATE EXPRESS CHAL. CUP 2																									
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Sun. 6	Warrington	A	3-00																							
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Sun. 27	Leigh	H	3-30																							
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E Mon. 4	Halifax	A	3-00																							
Sun. 10	Barrow	A	2-30																							
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BANKS ALAN	8	1	—	—	3	9	1	—	—	3	JOHNSON PHIL	20	5	—	—	15	20	5	—	—	15			
BARKER NIGEL	20	6	—	—	18	57	8	—	—	24	KELLETT KEN	14	5	—	—	15	342	123	—	—	369			
BELL KEITH	15	1	—	—	3	281	43	8	42	185	LYMAN PAUL	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—			
DAKIN ALAN	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	MARSDEN JOHN	9	—	—	—	133	20	—	—	60				
GIBBINS MICK	16	1	—	—	3	246	11	—	—	33	PICKERILL NEIL	20	2	—	1	7	26	4	—	2	14			
GILBERT JOHN	15	5	—	—	15	175	59	—	—	181	QUINN STEVE	19	4	56	—	124	213	53	726	3	1614			
HANDSCOMBE RAY	10	—	—	—	111	16	—	—	—	48	REED STEVE	12	—	—	—	58	9	—	—	27				
HANKINS STEVE	14	—	—	—	79	9	—	—	—	27	SHAW MARK	3	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—				
HAYDEN PAUL	11	1	—	—	3	42	8	—	—	24	SIDDALL GARY	17	3	—	—	9	63	11	—	—	33			
HOBBS DAVID	21	8	2	—	28	134	40	96	5	317	SMITH PETER	15	4	—	—	12	271	76	—	1	229			
HOBBS KEVIN	1	—	—	—	30	2	—	—	—	6	WARD GARY	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—			
HUDSON TERRY	18	3	—	—	9	159	26	3	2	86	WRIGHT CRAIG	4	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—			

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Off the record...

DURING his commentary on the Wigan v Warrington John Player Trophy semi-final Ray French said that Wigan's teenage substitute Clare had to play as an amateur so that it would not affect his status in athletics.

It all seems rather odd when compared with the boot money controversy in rugby union internationals and the contracts made by top-line athletes. Does it only matter when you are a youngster just starting out on a sporting career? It is time that all sports were "open" and sportsmen able to make what they can while they can before Old Father Time takes their talent away.

I see that Rochdale Hornets are claiming a lot of support in Yorkshire for their bid to revert to one league next season. They will need it because it will take 22 votes in favour to get it through at the league's AGM. I don't fancy their chances. By the time the meeting is held next summer there will be 12 clubs who know that they have not been relegated and another four who know that they are to be promoted.

Out of those 16 five have got to decide that they do not want Division One football next season. Based on the leagues as they stand today can you find five possibilities — I can't.

Although three of last year's promoted teams look like going straight back down again Oldham will be hoping that they have escaped this season. I wonder if they will vote for one league, or more sensibly, in my opinion, for two up and two down which would go a long way towards stability in the league system.

One thing is certain, there will be plenty of new schemes to consider before the meeting because everyone seems to have his own pet idea.

by
IRVIN SAXTON
Rugby Leagues
Number One
Statistician.

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Records: Attendance 28000 v Huddersfield 24 Feb. 1912. Highest score for 67-6 v Liverpool C 1959; against 67-11 Hull KR 1978. Tries in a match 7 Miller v Barry 1908; in a season R. Farrar 1921-22. Goals in a match 14 B. Ganley v Liverpool C 1959; in a season 200 B. Ganley 1957-58. Points in a match 30 A. Johnson v Widnes 1928; in a season 412 B. Ganley 1957-58. Appearances 634 J. Ferguson 1899-1923.

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Season 1955-56

Position in League: 6th out of 30 teams. Played 36, Won 23, Drawn 2, Lost 11. Points for 579, Points against 458. Points 48.

Opponents	Home	Away
Batley	W24-13	W14- 7
Brad. N.	W26-12	W21- 8
Bramley	W27-15	W 7- 6
Castleford	W23- 8	L 9-18
Dewsbury	W26-12	W27-12
Doncaster	W21- 8	D 5- 5
Halifax	W11- 7	L 9-27
Huddersfield ...	D 7- 7	W25-18
Hull	W13- 5	L 9-14
Hull KR	W41- 7	W17- 8
Hunslet	W23- 9	L10-23
Keighley	W22-16	L 5-12
Leeds	W35-16	L 9-22
Oldham	W14- 4	L 6-25
Wakefield T. ...	L 9-21	W15- 4
Wigan	W13- 6	L 7-11
Workington T. ...	W17- 9	L 9-23
York	W19-16	L 4-24

Challenge Cup 1st round v Wigan (a)
L11-24

Yorks. Cup 1st round v Huddersfield
(h) W24-9; 2nd round v Hull (a)
L5-12

Tour Match v New Zealand (h) L6-7

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London) L7-8

Leading scorers: **Goals** Fennell 102,
D. Fox 19, P. Fox 14; **Tries**: D. Fox
19, Metcalfe 16, Clamp 15, Lambert
10, Fennell 8, Mullaney 8, Smales
8, Johnson 7; **Points**: Fennell 228,
D. Fox 95, Metcalfe 48, Clamp 45,
P. Fox 31.

Leading Appearances (Possible 41):
Fennell 40, Clamp 37, Lambert 36,
Hulme 35, Metcalfe 35, Mullaney
30.

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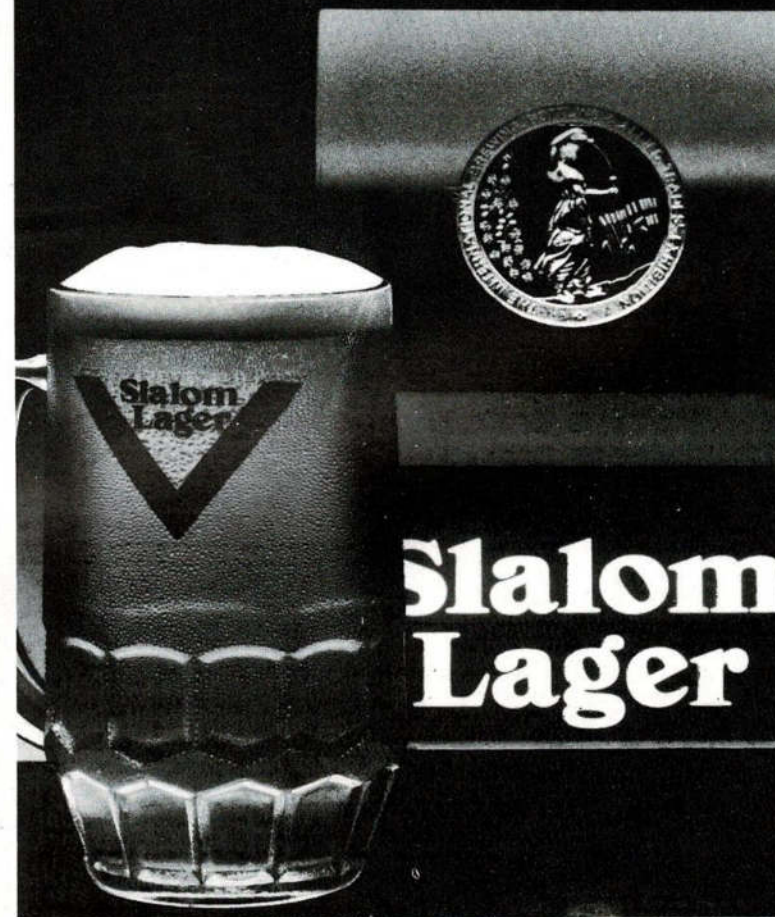
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'A' TEAM FIXTURES

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Sun.	15 Aug.	v Halifax	L 0-23	A. Griffiths
Wed.	18 Aug.	v Kelghley	L 13-14	S. Barker
Sat.	28 Aug.	v Bramley	L 18-33	S. Barker
Sat.	4 Sept.	v Dewsbury	L 13-15	S. Barker
Thurs.	9 Sept.	v Wakefield T	L 9-13	S. Hankins
Sat.	18 Sept.	v Hull KR	L 23-50	A. Griffiths
Sat.	25 Sept.	v Kelghley	L 7-13	P. Johnson
Fri.	1 Oct.	v Hull	W14-12	G. Ward
Sat.	9 Oct.	v Castleford	L 3-21	A. Banks
Fri.	15 Oct.	v Leeds	L 15-23	C. Wright
Sat.	8 Nov.	v Wakefield	W27-20	P. Hayden
Sat.	13 Nov.	v Hunslet	L 12-21	A. Mortimer
Fri.	19 Nov.	v Dewsbury	L 8-10	T. Nicholson
Sat.	27 Nov.	v Bramley	L 10-18	Triallist
Sat.	4 Dec.	v Kelghley	L 14-22	T. O'Toole
Sat.	11 Dec.	v Halifax	L 6-20	Triallist
Sat.	18 Dec.	v Hull KR	P'pone	
Sat.	8 Jan.	v Hull	W11-8	T. O'Toole
Sat.	15 Jan.	v Leeds	H 2-30	
Sat.	22 Jan.	v York	A 2-15	
Sat.	29 Jan.	v Hunslet	A 2-30	
Sat.	5 Feb.	v Bradford N	H 2-30	
Sat.	12 Feb.	v Batley	A 3-00	
Fri.	18 Feb.	v Castleford	A 7-30	
Sat.	26 Feb.	v Batley	H 2-30	
Sat.	5 Mar.	v York	H 2-30	
Fri.	11 Mar.	v Bradford N	A 7-30	

'A' TEAM DETAILS

THE match will Hull was the most exciting game of the season with Rov-ers, led by player coach Sammy Wind-mill, showing lots of character and determination.

v HULL W11-8

Scorers. Try Lyman; Goals O'Toole 4; Scrums 17-5 for; Penalties 18-12 for; Man of the Match Tony O'Toole.

Team: Watts, Welburn, Nicholson, Marsh, Chapman, Reed, Barker, Wind-mill, O'Toole, Mortimer, Triallist, Rob-inson, Lyman. Subs.: Marsden, Ward.

Playing record: P16 W3 L13 F196 A323 Pts.6.

ANSWERS TO STAR QUIZ

1 Trevor Leathley (Huddersfield), Clive Pickerill (Wakefield). 2 Rosebridge (Wigan) beat Crossfields (Warrington) 25-5. 3 Roger Millward (Hull KR). 4 Fred Lindop. 5 John Crossley at York and Fulham. 6 Wakefield 27, Workington 27 (1979). 7 St. Helens v Halifax 71-7 (1978). 8 Ronnie Moore (11.6.33).

STEVE HANKIN scored 7 (incorrect answer No. 2).

COLTS' CORNER — LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	D	For	Ag	Pts.
Hull	18	16	1	1	465	150	33
Wake. T	19	15	3	1	667	321	31
Leigh	20	15	4	1	565	253	31
Hull KR	19	13	4	2	466	173	28
Hunslet	19	13	5	1	540	224	27
St. Helens	19	13	6	0	376	218	26
Feath. R	15	11	3	1	351	191	23
Brad. N	19	11	8	0	436	351	22
Halifax	22	9	12	1	288	451	19
Castleford	17	9	8	0	443	339	18
Oldham	20	8	10	2	335	284	18
York	22	7	14	1	298	529	15
Leeds	19	7	12	0	488	312	14

RECORDS TO LOOK OUT FOR

Tries—Match: 6 M. J. Smith (1968)
Season: 31 C. Woolford (1958-59)
Career: 162 D. Fox (1953-1966)

GOALS—Match: 12 D. Fox (1964)
Season: 163 S. Quinn (1979-80)
Career: * S. Quinn (1976-)

POINTS—Match: 29 S. Quinn (1979)
Season: 375 S. Quinn (1979-80)
Career: *S. Quinn (1971-)

APPEARANCES—Season: 46 C. Woolford (1959-60)
Career: 440 J. Denton (1921-34)

FASTEST CENTURY OF POINTS — T. Smales (1966-67) and S. Quinn (1976-77 and 1979-80)—9 matches.

MOST CONSECUTIVE WINS — 12 (1972-73).

MOST CONSECUTIVE LEAGUE WINS —11 (1979-80).

HIGHEST SCORE — v Whitehaven 1971 — 65 points.

*See current players' records