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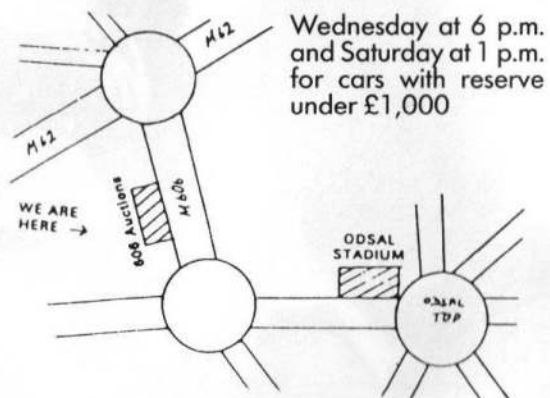
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Today's Visitors . . .

OLDHAM

This afternoon sees the opening of a new Rugby League season at Odsal and we extend a hearty welcome to our opponents from Oldham.

A BRIEF HISTORY

BRADFORD NORTHERN v OLDHAM (1895—1983 including Friendlies) up to 19th January, 1983

Played 72, Northern Won 37, Lost 32, Drawn 3

Points for 758 Points against 718

The first meeting between the sides dates back to the very first season of Rugby League held in 1895-96, when in their first ever encounter in a League fixture at Oldham on 19th October, 1895 Bradford (as they were simply known then) gained a narrow victory by 5—3.

A closer look at the 72 matches played shows three definite phases in the results between them. From 1895 to 1914 the honours were quite even result wise, but from 1920 to 1945 Oldham clearly had the upper hand with ten wins and a draw from the 18 games played. It was during this era that Northern suffered their highest ever defeat to date at the hands of Oldham, when in a League match at the Watersheddings on 8th November, 1930 they were hammered 49—16.

From 1945 to the present day the pendulum has swung more in Northern's favour with 17 wins, one draw and only eight defeats in the 26 games played during this period. A time that saw Northern gaining their highest victory to date over Oldham with a 39—16 win in a League game at Odsal on 11th April, 1976 and their highest ever draw against them on 24th February, 1968 when they drew 7—7 in a Second Round Challenge Cup match at Odsal. (This is also the last time the two sides have been involved in a drawn game).

In recent meetings, Oldham have won the last three in succession (all League) with a 9—2 win at Oldham in the 1980-81 season and achieving the double over us last season. Winning in fine style at Odsal on 29th August, 1982 23—10, with hooker Alan McCurrie scoring four tries to help register Oldham's biggest away League victory over Northern for 71 years. Their previous best being a 22—12 win on 12th September, 1911. In the return match on 19th January, 1983 Northern lost a very close fought game by 10—7.

During the close season Oldham have been very active in the transfer market both selling and buying, and their team today will show many changes from that of last season. It will be chosen from the following squad of players:

BRIAN CAFFEREY (Full Back) Now taken over at full back after the departures of Martin Murphy and Alan Taylor. Signed from local amateur Oldham side, Waterhead. Weighs 11st. 10lbs., is 5ft 10½ins. tall. A good strong runner and hard tackler. Will not be in the side this afternoon due to a pre-season Achilles tendon injury.

MICK PARRISH (Centre) Although Oldham's star centre, he will probably take the full-back position today. Started out with Morley R.U. side before joining Hunslet then moving on to Oldham for £17,000. A very powerful player who holds the unique record of scoring points in every game of a season for two separate clubs. The brother of Bradford Northern's Steve Parrish.

GREEN VIGO (Winger) Joined Oldham from Swinton. A South African who came into Rugby League with Wigan. One of the fastest wingers in the game today and always seems to be on the score sheet, famous for two brilliant tries he scored against John Atkinson in a televised match a couple of seasons ago.

COLIN HAWKARD (Centre) A young local player with a good future ahead of him. Played against Northern at the Watersheddings last season. At the time of writing was on the injured list, but may have a slight chance of playing today.

JIM HORNBY (Winger) Signed during the close season from Wigan. Been one of the games best for many seasons, holds Great Britain Under-24 honours. Very fast and a strong tackler.

STEPHEN DOBB (Winger) Signed from Saddleworth Rangers amateur club. Very fast and elusive type of player. He also played against Northern last season at the Watersheddings.

GEOFF MUNRO (Winger) Been with Oldham now over 10 seasons. One of the top try scoring wingmen in the game. When Oldham were promoted two seasons ago he set a Second Division record for tries scored in a season. Very fast and powerful when he has the ball.

ASHLEY McEWAN (Centre or Stand-off) A New Zealander who started with Blackpool Borough before moving to Oldham. He is a fine utility player and at his best when attacking. Stands 6ft. and weighs 13st.

RAY ASTON (Stand-off or Scrum-half) Signed from Widnes amateur rugby league and also a former Oldham Colt. Has an impressive try scoring record to his name. One of the most dangerous half-backs in the game on his day.

DES FOY (Stand-off) A young player signed from Widnes last season, but is Oldham born. A fine handler of the ball and very fast.

PADDY KIRWAN (Scrum-half) A former Oldham Colt who has just gained a university degree (proving the old myth a lie, that Rugby League players don't have brains, just brawn). A real bundle of energy at scrum-half in both attack and defence. Nearly joined Leigh last season.

IAN BIRKBY (Half-back) Signed during the close season on loan from Castleford. A very speedy and versatile player.

MICK MORGAN (Prop) One of the great characters in the game and has seen service with Wakefield Trinity, York, Featherstone and Carlisle. A great ball handler and hard tackler/runner. Holds the record for the most tries scored in a season by a prop.

GARTH OWEN (Prop) Been with the club for 11 seasons now. Suffered with injuries the last couple of years. A Welsh Rugby League International and a powerful forward in both the tight and loose.

ANDY GOODWAY (Prop) Surprise choice for Great Britain last season, but had two splendid games against France. Signed from Castleford Juniors. One of the best youngsters in the game at present.

ALAN McCURRIE (Hooker) Formerly with Whitehaven and Wakefield T. and a Cumberland County player. Alan is a fine hooker and a splendid ball handler. Last season he was Oldham's Man of the Match at Odsal in their 23-10 win here and he dominated the scrums in the return match at Oldham.

MICK WORRALL (Second Row) A former Oldham Colt and Warrington Junior. Only 22 but a tremendous prospect, hard and fast and takes some stopping when he has got the ball.

ALAN PLATT (Second Row) A former Oldham Colt and Leigh Juniors, a very promising young player who has already gained Junior International honours.

DAVE NICHOLSON (Second Row) Joined Oldham from Swinton shortly after Frank Myler and Peter Smethurst moved to the Watersheddings. A fine runner and strong tackler. At the time of writing he is on the injured list and should not take part in today's match.

WALLY JONES (Prop) Signed from Rochdale Hornets. A very experienced player indeed. Has had many first class games against Northern over the years.

TERRY FLANAGAN (Loose-forward) Great Britain's present loose-forward, a brilliant young player, marvellous ball handler and strong tackler. Joined Oldham from Saddleworth Rangers amateur side. Another Oldham player who has just gained a university degree.

CHRIS WILLIS (Stand-off half) Chris had a marvellous game against Leeds last Sunday making some telling breaks that created many gaps. Two of his passes created tries. Obviously a young man with a great future.

Apart from the above named, other Oldham players that might come into the reckoning for today's match are: MICHAEL TAYLOR, a former Huddersfield Junior. LES CHADWICK and GARY WALZAK formerly with Rochdale Rugby Union. LES COOKE a former Widnes Junior. STEVE DURHAM an amateur international from the Eastmore Junior Club. And finally TOM NADIOLE a Fijian who used to play for Wigan and is the son of a former Huddersfield player.

Season 1956 1957

With almost the entire experienced "heart" of the team gone, Northern got off to a disastrous start. Not even their new Welsh International signing from Leigh, Malcolm Davies, £750, could halt the slide. Eight successive League and Cup defeats with a total of 229 points scored against them, highlighted the need for more class players immediately.

On 13th September Joe Phillips announced he wanted to play rugby against, but not for Northern put him on the transfer list at £3,000. Phillips argued that with him retiring, he was now a free agent and Northern had no right to list him.

A special exhibition game between Northern and Huddersfield was staged on 8th October. They played the game using the Rugby Union style play the ball rule. Not too many of the League authorities were impressed with the idea.

A League meeting in early December ruled that Phillips was a free man, his retirement had ended the club's association with him. Northern put an appeal in on 22nd January, they lost, and Phillips signed for Keighley the same day.

With the sale of Malcolm Davies to Leeds for £3,000 on 12th January, shades of Birch Lane were showing once again. One by one they were selling their best players, gates were falling, poor team performances and the money from the speedway was drying up as interest waned. The even asked the Bradford Corporation for a reduction in the ground rent, as their finances were low. The Corporation offered a three year rent free period, but insisted on a £50 a day or 10% of takings (whichever the highest) on all activities held by the club at Odsal outside Rugby League.

The directors decided to call a public meeting on 28th January to discuss the club's plight.

A packed club room at Odsal saw a very heated meeting between the directors on one side, and the shareholders and supporters on the other. Repeated pleas for decisive action to stop the rot rained on the club officials. Why had they sold the good players? Why was there no new class signings? Where had all the money gone? Were the most popular questions asked.

The officials apologised for the sales, but stated they needed the money. There had been no class players up for sale, and those that had been had turned the club down. Due to the high costs of the Odsal Stadium upkeep, their money resources had dwindled. They ended with an appeal to all Northern fans to be patient, keep up their support, and given time they would weather their present crisis.

On 17th April they turned down the Corporation's offer, because they did not like the £50/10% clause. They would carry on the same in the hope that better fortunes lay ahead.

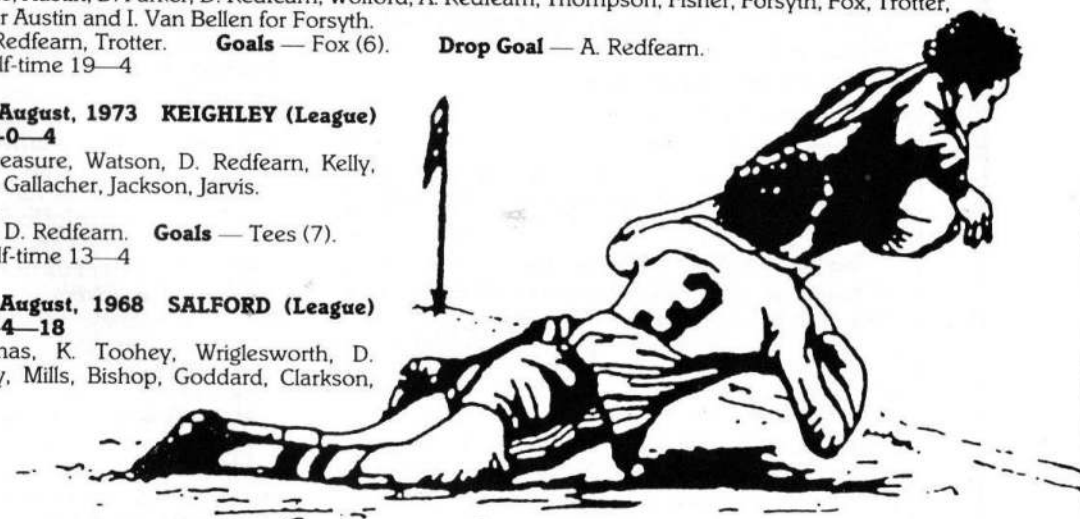
Over the season they lost £2,028 to increase their total debts to £4,877.

Do you remember . . . ? ? ?

5 YEARS AGO 27th August, 1978 HULL K.R. (Yorkshire Cup, 2nd Round) Home Won 1-6-5-28 4-3-17
Team: Mumby, Barends, Austin, D. Parker, D. Redfearn, Wolford, A. Redfearn, Thompson, Fisher, Forsyth, Fox, Trotter, Haigh.
Subs.: Joyce for Austin and I. Van Bellen for Forsyth.
Tries — Barends (3), D. Redfearn, Trotter. Goals — Fox (6). Drop Goal — A. Redfearn.
Attendance 8,373 Half-time 19-4

10 YEARS AGO 27th August, 1973 KEIGHLEY (League) Away Won 7-4-26 2-0-4
Team: Tees, Lamb, Treasure, Watson, D. Redfearn, Kelly, Blacker, Hill, Dunn, Long, Gallacher, Jackson, Jarvis.
Sub.: Earl for Gallacher.
Tries — Dunn (2), Lamb, D. Redfearn. Goals — Tees (7).
Attendance 3,829 Half-time 13-4

15 YEARS AGO 27th August, 1968 SALFORD (League) Away Lost 6-0-12 3-4-18
Team: Price, V. Thomas, K. Toohey, Wriglesworth, D. Toohey, Stockwell, Daley, Mills, Bishop, Goddard, Clarkson, Steele, Clawson.
Goals — Price (6).
Attendance 8,000 Half-time 5-12



Northern News and Views

Welcome to season 1983-84. Before we talk about our expectations and hopes for a new season, I think it appropriate if our newly elected Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Jack Bates, kicked off.

May I take this opportunity at the start of a new season to welcome all our supporters once again to Odsal.

I feel that a new enthusiasm is spreading not only through our Club but throughout the game in general. New Rules, new clubs and new ideas are being introduced and to succeed we must be at least one step ahead of all others. During the close season a tremendous boost has been given to our club with the formation of the Bradford Northern Action Committee.

Their fund raising activities will be presented to you throughout the season, but may I make my own personal appeal to all our supporters.

I think we all can appreciate the financial problems that are present in sport at the moment, and my appeal is for all our supporters to become Season Ticket Holders.

This will assist our club more than any other single effort at the moment. Season tickets are tremendous value and include a free pass for any child for the full season. If you buy your ticket or pay a deposit at the office today your admission charge for today's game will be refunded in full.

The present moment is vital.

Buy a Season Ticket.

Bring a friend to Odsal.

Rekindle the desire to help the club that we had almost exactly 20 years ago when this club was re-formed.

Support the Action Committee.

But most of all be proud to be a Member of this Club by calling at the office TODAY.

J. BATES, Chairman

"Northern completing a season of woe", not my words or anyone connected with things here at Odsal, but the introduction about Northern in the Leeds programme against us last season.

On that day, 1st April, I suppose the writer was correct at the time, but we didn't need reminding.

So near and yet so far on many an occasion throughout the season, but the Leeds scribe didn't know what was to come at the final run in. Northern picked themselves up after that fateful second half Challenge Cup to show us what might have been had they gained the same league results at the start of the season as they did at the end.

I suppose its all water under the bridge now, but I can't help wondering what might have been had the destiny been in our own hands instead of being influenced by others outside the Club. The successful late run and cup victories against Hull (John Player), Workington (Challenge Cup), Fulham (Challenge Cup) and Hull K.R. and Featherstone (Yorkshire Cup) showed the team had the potential but failed to sustain their ability at the critical moment. The thing lacking was a bit of arrogance that the Hull club showed until Wembley, and the killer instinct Widnes always seem to show in key matches. Inquest over! Now for the new season. For a long time now many people have been saying the team needs strengthening. If some philanthropist came along and said — here's the money, go out and buy the two or three players you want. I wonder which Club the average supporter would go to, to make an enquiry and which players and at which position they would plump for to bring the team up to the strength they feel is required.

Since the revival of 1964, Northern must have spent more than any other Club in the Rugby League in trying to draw in the crowds, the money, and the trophies. In the early days of the 70's we saw the crowds and the money that allowed the Directors at that time to dabble in the transfer market in an attempt to bring the trophies back to the Club, but with little success despite frequent changes at coaching level.

It wasn't until some of the present Board made the shrewdest signing since 1964, and it wasn't a player, it was the man who was known to know all about winning trophies, Peter Fox. Since his arrival, every trophy except the big one has arrived at Odsal and we came so near last season. I don't think it was Peter's or the players' fault. On that run to Wembley the successful Club needs every bit of luck or fate, call it what you will, to go with your skill and motivation, and it seemed it hadn't to be. Peter Fox has been quoted as saying that he knows the players he would like to sign, if he was given the money. We don't know who they are, whether they are established or potential international class. All we do know is that we can rely on his judgement.

We now arrive at a chicken and the egg situation, trophies, money, crowds. All three go together, but which do you give priority to. I have just mentioned that since 1964 we have had all three, but sadly never all together. In the most recent seasons, strangely

enough, we have seen more of the first ingredient than the other two.

How then do we bring in the crowds and ultimately the money? Many people say that we don't play attractive rugby. O.K. Leeds are renowned for it and would rather go out and spend big money on a name than sign two or three up and coming juniors. They swept all before them in the early days of last season, but finished up with a bigger "tale of woe" than we had.

Perhaps in the past we have made some unfortunate signings, but how do you know how things are going to turn out. A possible signing must have some form, otherwise attention would never be drawn to him. You sign him, treat him right, i.e. good pay and bonuses, good playing kit, good physiotherapy and playing under one of, if not the best coaches in the game. After all that, he turns out to be a bad club man. Everything in the garden's lovely. Bradford's the best club they've ever been at, but before the season is over they are discontented.

Perhaps we should follow the example of the East Europeans who produce the superb athletes. Besides the coaches, trainers, doctors, physiotherapists, they employ a psychologist. This addition perhaps adds the arrogance I previously mentioned we lacked.

Remember the Aussies, we gave them a fright and a run for their money. They had everything — skill, speed, fitness and above all arrogance. They entered the arena with the opinion that they were better than anything or anybody you confronted them with. This is what the game of rugby is all about.

I am not in a position to say whether the Club will enter the transfer market, but I will say that I am not happy about signing players from overseas on a one-off season basis. I would much rather see an exchange deal or a bargain buy from a Yorkshire Club and persevere with the Colts and Juniors. Surely with so much B.A.R.L.A. and Colts Rugby now being played at County and International level, we are missing out somewhere.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back to the Odsal scene two favourites of only a few seasons ago.

Firstly, Jimmy Thompson arrived almost at the end of last season to take over the coaching of the "A" team. During the closed season Barry Seabourne was tempted away from Leeds. Both of these ex-players and captains of Bradford Northern know what it's all about, having played the game at all levels and at every ground you care to mention. The acquisition of these two will surely take a lot of weight off Peter Fox's shoulders and give him more chance to concentrate on the first team with the possibility of him having the odd Friday night away from things. Although knowing Peter he won't be far away. Here at Odsal we must now have one of the best coaching squads in the League.

I suppose the foremost priority in the pre-season

training session will have been making the players conversant with all the new rules that have been introduced for this season. It has happened before and it will happen again. To change a thing, has now become a national disease, but seven at one go is a heck of a lot. The best of British to the players and referees.

We can't even blame the people at Chapelton Road. As I understand, it is all another International Agreement. What's the betting we see them play with a ball weighted with mercury in one end next season. Just in case you do not understand the new rules you can now read them and help each other to understand them from in this programme.

As the season progresses, I suppose the new rules will give us all another topic to talk about just as the "sin bin" did last season.

However, new rules or not I suppose we are all looking forward to another season of Rugby League and all its intrigues and each supporter wondering what's in store for their team and what the topic will be in the Clubhouses by the end of April 1984. At the time of writing these views, we had seen no departures or arrivals from or to Odsal, first team wise, but we have seen quite a few additions to the "A" team and Colts. As the season progresses I will try and keep you informed of their progress whilst reporting on the action of the "A" Team and Colts, although it would be great if you all came along to see the young lads for yourselves. I mentioned earlier money and crowds and I suppose to get the crowds you have to give value for money. I wrote in last season's programme suggesting to all season ticket holders one of the ways to get value is to come along and see the "A" Team, using your season ticket, for all home fixtures. Money is hard to come by for many people in today's financial climate and not everyone can afford to support the First Team home and away.

Again I would suggest that if you have to miss an away match, don't miss out on your weekends rugby altogether, look at your fixture list and you will find that the "A" Team could be at home on the Friday evening and the Colts on the Saturday afternoon.

I think if more people interested themselves in watching the juniors, it would help them to understand the Club's youth policy and the difficulty in entering the transfer market when we all know there is not a lot of money available for today's asking price. I'm sure the Directors will enter the transfer market if the right player comes along at the right price. We all know the efforts that the Directors and Action Group are making to put the Club's finances on an even keel, and that must be the number one priority for all concerned.

In the meantime we must content ourselves with team selection from the current register and hope our new coaching format brings out the best at all three levels. There is certainly going to be competition for all places.

NORTHERN TOPICS

VICE-PRESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

The recently formed Vice-Presidents Action Group hold meetings every Wednesday evening at 8.00 p.m. in the Vice-Presidents Lounge. All Vice-Presidents are welcome to come and exchange ideas and to be an active member on behalf of the club.

Any Vice-President who wants to take advantage of subsidised luxury coach travel to away matches contact: Mr. Archie Newall or Trevor Foster for details after today's match.



BRADFORD NORTHERN ACTION LADIES COMMITTEE

The Ladies Action Group wish to thank everybody for their support in recently held events.

The Ladies Action Committee held a Bring and Buy

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Next Event Disco/Supper to be held in the Vice-Presidents Lounge on Friday, 2nd September at 8.00 to 12 midnight. Price £1.25, tickets can be obtained from Mrs. Brenda Ward at the Northern Action Caravan before and after the match.

On Friday evening 21st October we are having a Jumble Sale in the Supporters Lounge. If you have any jumble we would be pleased to have it. If you have any items you want collecting please ring Bradford 602174 or see any action member and this will try to be arranged.

Brenda Ward, Secretary

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Chris Sands, Vice-Chairman

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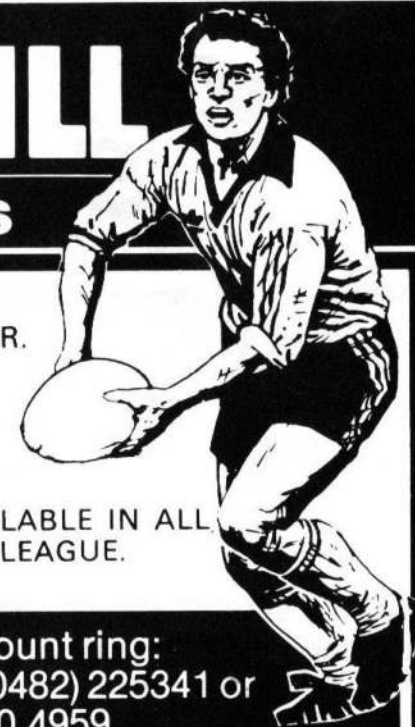
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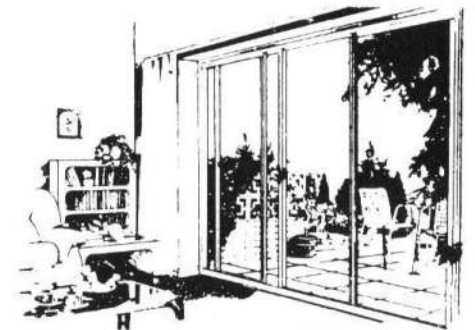
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Bradford Northern 1st Team Fixtures 1983-84

Month	Date	K.O.	Opponents	Ven.	Result	F	A	Tries	Goals	H/T	Att.	Man of the Match
Aug.	Sun 21	3.30	Whitehaven	A		45	-4	Noble 2, Hanley, Grayshon, Atherton, Whiteman, Fennell	Mumby 5, Hanley 2, I.D.G., Parrish 1	15-0	2,800	E. Hanley
	Sun 28	3.30	OLDHAM	H								
	Sun 11	3.00	Wigan	A								
Sept.	Sun 18	3.30	ST. HELENS	H								
	Sun 25	3.30	Leigh	A								
	Sun 2	3.30	SALFORD	H								
Oct.	Sun 9	3.00	Hull K.R.	A								
	Sun 16	3.30	FEATHERSTONE R.	H								
	Sun 23	3.00	St. Helens	A								
Nov.	Sun 30	3.30	FULHAM	H								
	Fri 11	7.30	Salford	A								
	Sun 27	3.30	WAKEFIELD T.	H								
Dec.	Sun 4	3.00	Warrington	A								
	Sun 11	3.30	WIGAN	H								
	Sun 18	3.00	Fulham	A								
Jan.	Mon 26	3.30	WIDNES	H								
	Sun 1	3.30	CASTLEFORD	H								
	Sun 8	3.00	Hull	A								
Sept.	Sun 15	3.30	LEIGH	H								
	Sun 22	3.00	Widnes	A								
	Sun 29	3.30	HULL	H								
Feb.	Sun 5	3.30	HULL K.R.	H								
	Sun 19	3.30	Castleford	A								
	Sun 4	3.00	Oldham	A								
Mar.	Sun 11	3.30	WHITEHAVEN	H								
	Sun 18	3.30	Wakefield T.	A								
	Sun 1	3.30	WARRINGTON	H								
Apr.	Sun 8	3.30	Featherstone	A								
	Fri 20	7.30	Leeds	A								
	Tue 24	7.30	LEEDS	H								
Sept.	Sun 4		Hull K.R. V.C., Rnd 1	H								
	Sun 6		J.P. Trophy, Rnd 1									
Nov.												
Feb.	Sun 12		Challenge Cup, Rnd 1									

YORKSHIRE SENIOR COMPETITION 1983-84

SEPTEMBER 1983				K.O.	Result
Fri 2	Halifax	A		7.30	
Sat 10	FEATHERSTONE	H		3.00	
Sat 17	Batley	A		3.00	
Fri 23	LEEDS	H		7.30	
OCTOBER					
Sat 1	Hull, Challenge Cup, Rnd 1	A		2.30	
Sat 8	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS	H		3.00	
Thu 13	Featherstone Rovers	A		7.30	
Sat 22	Challenge Cup, Second Round				
Thu 27	Keighley	A		7.30	
NOVEMBER					
Sat 5	YORK	H		3.00	
Wed 9	Hunslet (at Dewsbury)	A		7.30	
Fri 18	BATLEY	H		7.30	
Sat 26	Hull Kingston Rovers	A		2.30	
DECEMBER					
Sat 3	HUNSLET	H		3.00	
Fri 9	DEWSBURY	H		7.30	
Sat 17	York	A		2.15	
JANUARY 1984					
Sat 7	HULL	H		3.00	
Sat 14	Dewsbury	A		2.30	
Fri 20	CASTLEFORD	H		7.30	
Sat 28	Hull	A		3.00	
FEBRUARY					
Fri 3	Leeds	A		7.30	
Fri 10	HALIFAX	H		7.30	
Fri 17	KEIGHLEY	H		7.30	
MARCH					
Fri 2	Castleford	A		7.30	

COLTS LEAGUE FIXTURES 1983-84

AUGUST 1983				K.O.	Result
Sun 21	Wakefield Trinity	A		1.50	
Sat 27	OLDHAM	H		3.00	
SEPTEMBER					
Sat 3	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS	H		3.00	
Sat 10	Barrow	A		3.00	
Sat 17	ST. HELENS	H		3.00	
Sat 24	Leigh	A		3.00	
OCTOBER					
Sat 1	YORK	H		3.00	
Sat 8	Salford	A		3.00	
Sat 15	ROCHDALE HORNETS	H		3.00	
Sat 22	Hull	A		3.00	
Sat 29	LEEDS	H		3.00	
NOVEMBER					
Sat 5	Castleford	A		3.00	
Sat 12	CARDIFF CITY	H		2.30	
Sat 19	Huddersfield	A		2.30	
DECEMBER					
Sat 3	BRAMLEY	H		2.30	
Sat 10	Wigan	A		2.30	
Sat 17	HUNSLET	H		2.30	
JANUARY 1984					
Sat 7	Halifax	A		2.30	
Sat 14	Colts Challenge Cup, Prelim Rnd				
Sat 21	Colts Challenge Cup, Round 1				
Saturday, 28th January to Saturday, 31st March, 1984 Pool "A" and Pool "B" Fixtures					

MILESTONES

The following milestones all refer to Northern's matches played at the end of last season.

1. WORKINGTON, 13th April, 1983 at Odsal

Northern's second goal in this match was their 50th in all home League matches against Workington, and their fifth try in the game was their 8,500th in all games (home and away) played since 1895.

2. CARLISLE, 15th April, 1983 at Huddersfield

Northern's 55—13 win that day was the first time they had ever finished a game with a total of 55 points in their entire history.

Northern's fifth goal was their 3,000th goal in all away matches they have played since 1895.

In this game David Barend made his 200th appearance for the club.

3. FEATHERSTONE, 17th April, 1983 at Post Office Road

Northern's fourth point scored in this match was their 12,000th in all away League games since 1895.

In this game Jeff Grayshon made his 175th appearance for the club.

Featherstone's first try gave them the one point needed to register 1,000 points (1,002) in all their home games against Northern since their first meeting at Post Office Road in 1915.

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MICK ATHERTON ...	4
GRAHAM IDLE ...	3
KEITH MUMBY ...	2
JEFF GRAYSHON ...	1

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1982-83 Keith Mumby

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Rugby League Rule Changes

The 1983-84 Pre-Season games have been of more value than usual due to important changes to the laws of the game. Some will be immediately noticeable to spectators, others perhaps not so. Here are the seven changes:

1. Four points for a try, the first time the value of the touchdown has been changed since the formation of the game.
2. The sixth tackle. When the team in possession have been tackled six times in succession, without the opposition touching the ball, the tackled player has to place the ball on the ground at the point where he was tackled. The nearest opposing player will then play the ball and this will not count towards the six permitted tackles. Previously, of course, this would have meant a scrum.
3. Head and Ball — at a scrum the non-offending side will have both the loose head and the feet. For mutual infringement the attacking side have head and ball. When the ball is kicked into touch, having bounced in play, the non-kicking side will have head and ball.
4. The scrum feed. The ball must be put into the scrum by being rolled along the ground. The player feeding the scrum must hold the ball horizontally, point to point, rolling it from a position between his knees and ankles. The difference is that previously the feed was from below the waist in a downward direction.
5. Scrum formation. No more than seven players outside the pack, which means the loose-forward cannot detach himself.
6. The kick-off. When the ball is kicked off and bounces dead or into touch-in-goal, without being touched by a defender, play will be resumed by a drop-out from between the posts. Previously this would have meant a tap from the "25" and obviously poses problems now for defending teams on a windy day.
7. Offside at play-the-ball. Both teams must remain onside until the ball has come clear of the tackled player and the men marking him. Previously the defending team could move up once the ball had touched the ground.



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