

## Fulham

Colours Black with  
White/Red Chevron

CHRIS GANLEY

STEVE BAYLISS

TREVOR STOCKLEY

STEVE DIAMOND

HUSSEIN M'BARKI

JOHN CROSSLEY

REG BOWDEN

HARRY BEVERLEY

JOHN DALGREEN

TONY GOURLEY

MARTIN HERDMAN

PETER SOUTO

TONY KINSEY

## Oldham

Colours Red & White hoops  
White Shorts

NICK WRIGHT

MIKE TAYLOR

MICK PARRISH

DES FOY

JIM HORNBY

PAUL SHERMAN

RAY ASHTON

WALLY JONES

ALAN McCURRIE

MICK MORGAN

MICK WORRAL

ALAN SINCLAIR

TERRY FLANAGAN

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Home Tries

Visitors Tries

Home Goals

Visitors Goals

Home Points

Visitors Points

Substitutes: Each team is allowed two substitutes and the players in the original 13 who are replaced by substitutes can themselves act as substitute, but only once.

Scoring: A try counts as 4 points. A penalty goal or a conversion counts as 2 points. A drop goal counts as 1 point.



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### TODAY'S OFFICIALS

REFEREE:  
P.A. MASSEY

TOUCH JUDGES:

W. BROWN (Red Flag)

B. SIMPSON (Yellow Flag)

### NEXT HOME MATCHES

CANON LEAGUE DIV. 2  
BLACKBURN ROVERS  
Saturday 26 November Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

RUGBY LEAGUE DIV. 1  
CASTLEFORD  
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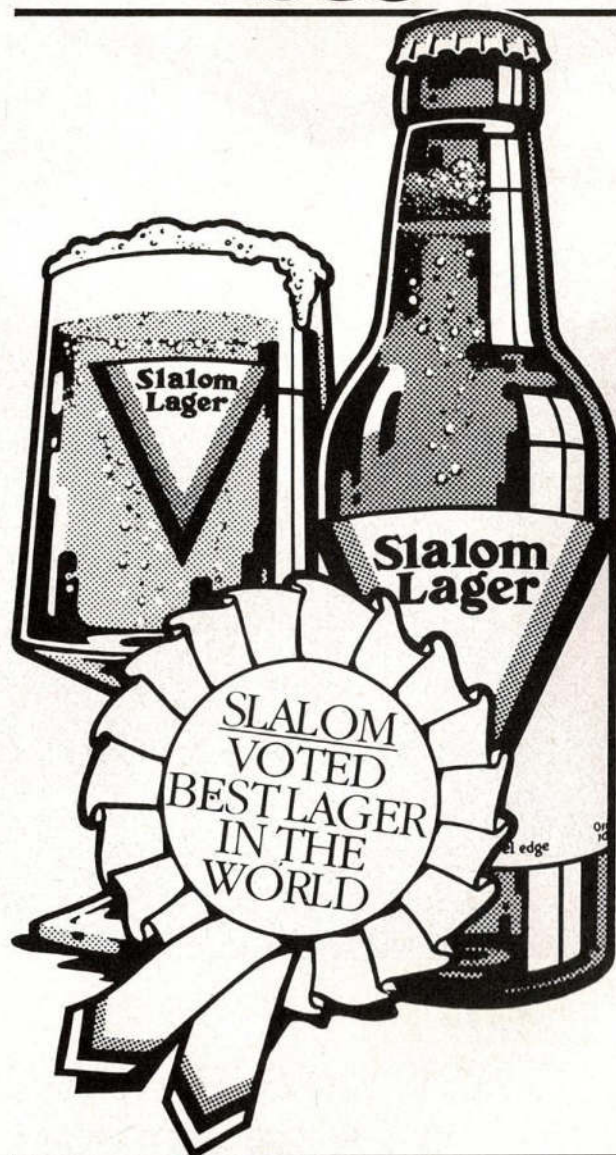
**RUGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**FULHAM v OLDHAM**

SUNDAY, 20th NOVEMBER 1983 KICK OFF 3 P.M.

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# WORLD CUP WINNERS 1983



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## COACH'S CORNER



### By Reg Bowden

It doesn't need me to tell you that we're not playing well at the moment. To be fair, once or twice lately we've been unlucky to finish on the losing side, and I certainly would say that there are signs that we can — and will — regain our winning form of last season.

Our biggest problem has got to be tackling, or the lack of it. This has shown quite clearly in all the games we've played in the past few weeks. At Bradford Northern we hardly put in a good tackle in the entire eighty minutes — with the exception of Charlie Jones, who went it alone, but had insufficient support. Once Bradford realised we weren't going to stop them, they were all over us. Maybe we didn't exactly deserve to win, but there's certainly no way we should have lost by a margin of 19 points!

The Cup game at Featherstone was a different kettle

of fish. The margin was only two points this time, and we came close to winning it. I can't say I was delighted with the team's performance, but at least we gave them a few frights and could have won if we'd only taken one or two of the chances we should have had. I thought we had a try unfairly disallowed, but then so did Featherstone, so the final scoreline was about right. The lads put a lot of effort into their tackling this time, and showed that there is scope for improvement.

Again I have to say that I'm sorry for the loyal fans who came up to Hull last Sunday. Realistically, Hull Kingston Rovers and Widnes are the two strongest teams in the League, and we didn't expect to beat Rovers. But on the other hand, we didn't go over there expecting to get wiped off the face of the earth, which is more or less what happened. There were times in that game when we had a good chance of upsetting Rovers, by using our speed against their strength, but we didn't, and ended up defending for ninety per cent of the time.

I thought our tackling again showed improvement — considering what we were up against — although we definitely gave away some silly, unnecessary tries. This must be worked on, and we must also learn to capitalise on our undoubted strengths. Speed, as I said, is one of them. We have some of the best wingers in the land, and when they're properly used, they're practically unbeatable. By the time you read this, the squad will have done some sound homework, and hopefully it will pay off today against Oldham.

Oldham won't be easy to play — they're a good side. Having said that, if we'd taken a couple of chances early on in that game up at the Watersheddings in September, we would have stood a good chance of beating them, because Oldham make it very hard for you to get back into the game once they're ahead. So we'll be going all out right from the start today.

At the time of writing I'm not sure whether we have a fixture on Sunday next (27th). If you want to know well in advance, please ring the Cottage at any time on Tuesday, and they'll tell you.

Claire and I, and other people at the Club, have had sackfuls of mail recently, mainly about Saturday rugby. It's highly unlikely we'll be trying it again in the near future, but for the full story, please turn to page 15. The Supporters' Club also have plenty of news for you on page 19.

Our injury problems to date: David Allen is making good progress with his recovery, and we look forward to having him back soon. Charlie Jones took a nasty knock on the knee against Featherstone and the same thing happened last week at Hull, so he's probably out of the reckoning this week. Unfortunately Steve Bayliss pulled a ligament in his leg and will be out for eight weeks — he'll be greatly missed. Finally, I would like to apologise on behalf of the Club for the fact that we had to increase the price of the programme to 45p. We still think that it is well worth it.

# WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

## OLDHAM

Ground: Watersheddings

Colours: Red and white hooped jerseys, red sleeves, white shorts

First Season: 1895-96

Nickname: Roughyeds

Secretary: John Clark

Coach: Frank Myler (May 1981-Apr. 1983)  
Peter Smethurst (Apr. 1983).

Honours: **Championship** Winners, 1909-10, 1910-11, 1956-57  
Beaten finalists, 1906-07, 1907-08, 1908-09, 1921-22, 1954-55  
**Division One** Champions, 1904-05  
**Division Two** Champions, 1963-64, 1981-82  
**Challenge Cup** Winners, 1898-99, 1924-25, 1926-27  
Beaten finalists, 1906-07, 1911-12, 1923-24, 1925-26  
**Lancashire League** Winners, 1897-98, 1900-01, 1907-08, 1909-10, 1921-22, 1956-57, 1957-58  
**Lancashire Cup** Winners, 1907-08, 1910-11, 1913-14, 1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-34, 1956-57, 1957-58, 1958-59  
Beaten finalists, 1908-09, 1911-12, 1918-19, 1921-22, 1954-55, 1966-67, 1968-69

Records: Attendance: 28,000 v Huddersfield (League) 24 February, 1912  
**Season**  
Goals: 200 by B. Ganley, 1957-58  
Tries: 49 by R. Farr, 1921-22  
Points: 412 by B. Ganley, 1957-58  
**Match**  
Goals: 14 by B. Ganley v Liverpool C., 4 April, 1959  
Tries: 7 by Miller v Barry, 31 Oct, 1908  
Points: 30 by A. Johnson v Widnes, 9 April, 1928  
Highest score: 67-6 v Liverpool C., 1958-59  
Highest against: 67-11 v Hull K.R., 1978-79

### 1982-83 PLAYERS' SUMMARY

|                        | App. | Tries | Goals | D/Gls | Pts |
|------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Alexander, Adrian .... | 8    | —     | —     | —     | —   |
| Ashton, Ray .....      | 35   | 8     | —     | 1     | 25  |
| Bilisbury, Terry ..... | 9    | 3     | —     | —     | 9   |
| Bishop, Gary .....     | 10   | 1     | —     | 1     | 4   |
| Boyd, Denis .....      | 3    | —     | —     | —     | —   |
| Caffery, Brian .....   | 28   | 1     | —     | —     | 3   |
| Chadwick, Les .....    | 1    | —     | —     | —     | —   |
| Coombes, Michael ...   | 12   | 2     | —     | —     | 6   |
| Dobb, Stephen .....    | 6    | —     | —     | —     | —   |
| Flanagan, Terry .....  | 24   | 3     | —     | 1     | 10  |
| Foy, Des .....         | 22   | 4     | —     | —     | 12  |
| Goodway, Andy .....    | 33   | 8     | —     | —     | 24  |
| Hawkyard, Colin .....  | 21   | 4     | —     | —     | 12  |
| Hogan, Brian .....     | 17   | 2     | —     | —     | 6   |
| Jones, Wally .....     | 17   | 1     | —     | —     | 3   |
| Kirwan, Paddy .....    | 7    | 1     | —     | —     | 3   |
| Lowndes, Paul .....    | 7    | —     | —     | —     | —   |
| McCurrie, Alan .....   | 35   | 8     | —     | —     | 24  |
| McEwan, Ashley .....   | 23   | 2     | —     | —     | 6   |
| Mordell, Bob .....     | 10   | —     | —     | —     | —   |
| Morgan, Mick .....     | 8    | 1     | —     | —     | 3   |
| Munro, Geoff .....     | 2    | —     | —     | —     | —   |
| Nicholson, David ..... | 10   | 2     | —     | —     | 6   |
| Ogden, Anthony .....   | 1    | —     | —     | —     | —   |
| Owen, Gareth .....     | 5    | 2     | —     | —     | 6   |
| Parrish, Mick .....    | 31   | 2     | 90    | —     | 186 |
| Platt, Alan .....      | 21   | 3     | 5     | —     | 19  |
| Taylor, Alan .....     | 19   | 3     | —     | —     | 9   |
| Taylor, Michael .....  | 4    | —     | —     | —     | —   |
| Vigo, Green .....      | 34   | 7     | —     | —     | 21  |
| Ward, Philip .....     | 1    | —     | —     | —     | —   |
| Willis, Chris .....    | 12   | 3     | 1     | —     | 11  |
| Worrall, Michael ..... | 28   | 5     | 1     | —     | 17  |
| Trialist .....         | 1    | —     | —     | —     | —   |
| <b>TOTALS</b>          |      |       |       |       |     |
| 34 players .....       | 76   | 97    | 3     | 425   |     |

## Away

### from the Cottage

#### BRADFORD NORTHERN 21 FULHAM 2 by Keith Evemy

To be brutally honest, Bradford looked anything but a Championship-chasing side and their margin of victory was mainly due to Fulham's poor tackling and thoughtless giving away of penalties in kickable positions.

After only four minutes, Steve Diamond put us ahead from a 30 yard penalty and with Tony Kinsey finding touch with long raking kicks, things looked promising. Dean Carroll reduced the deficit with a drop goal following an up-an-under before we gave away two silly penalties right in front of the posts which Steve Parrish gratefully put over. Hussein M'Barki grabbed a high bouncing ball and only a magnificent tackle by Gary Hale stopped him a yard short of the line. Carroll dropped another goal to put Northern 6-2 ahead in a first half in which although Bradford had had territorial advantage, their stereotyped play had rarely troubled our defence.

Yet another penalty conceded in front of our posts gave Parrish a simple kick. Man-of-the-match, Dean Carroll dropped another goal before a sad error and feeble tackling enabled him to score the first try of the game. The conversion and another penalty put Northern 17-2 ahead before a bulldozing run by Paul Mallinder brought their second try. This was a game Fulham will want to forget.

#### FEATHERSTONE ROVERS 12 FULHAM 10 John Player Special Trophy (1) by Claire Thompson

So Fulham failed at the first hurdle yet again — for the third time in four years. They tried hard — but somehow, it wasn't enough. The game was as close as the scoreline indicates and very frustrating to watch. Neither side had overall supremacy for any significant period of time. The real difference between the teams was that Featherstone took their scoring chances.

In the first twenty minutes it seemed that Fulham might be able to establish themselves for long enough to score, but it wasn't to be, despite hard work particularly from Tony Gourley, Harry Beverley and Steve Diamond. John Crossley, too, showed some of his old flair with a couple of clever dummies, but none of this led anywhere for Fulham, as they couldn't keep possession for long. Eventually after 20 minutes the deadlock was broken by Featherstone's right-winger, Dave Barends. He passed smartly to centre Richard Marsh, then received the

ball back from Marsh and touched down in the right hand corner. Scrum-half Deryck Fox, nineteen years old, converted well from a sharp angle, and the home team were six points ahead.

Fulham fought back, immediately taking the ball beyond Featherstone's 25, and Hull kicked an up-and-under. The kick was beautifully received by Steve Diamond, who hurled himself over the line, almost smothered by three opponents. Diamond improved his own try to bring the scores level.

Barends was immediately put through again on the right wing, and thought he had scored. But the touch-judge ruled that the ball had been taken into touch, and Fulham breathed again — but not for long. After 29 minutes Harry Beverley was penalised for tripping an opponent, and Deryck Fox scored from the penalty. The home team hung onto the ball until half-time, with loose forward David Hobbs and Deryck Fox adding a drop-goal apiece to bring the score at the break to 10-6.

Chris Ganley replaced John Crossley, who had sustained a rib injury, at the start of the second half, and Fulham flung themselves into the attack. Almost immediately Tony Kinsey kicked a drop-goal, followed by another. Fulham's passing began to look fluent, and this was the time when they could have asserted themselves. But all their efforts were in vain. At every turn they were frustrated by solid Featherstone tackling. The nearest they could get was yet another Kinsey drop-goal, but that vital try wouldn't come. Ganley's fine solo run took him through the Featherstone defence, only for the referee to pull him up, judging that he had knocked-on. The ball immediately disappeared down to the other end of the field, where Featherstone second-rower Hankin touched down, but saw his effort disallowed. Back went the ball with Fulham, and David Hull dived over the line. But his celebrations were cut short, as the referee had spotted an offside infringement.

Harry Beverley was again penalised after 63 minutes for kneeling an opponent in a tackle. Deryck Fox tried a kick at goal, but missed. Then came perhaps the most controversial moment of the match, for Fulham supporters at least. Tony Kinsey tried a drop-goal after the fourth tackle, when he could have been expected to hang on and attempt a try, which he must have known would make all the difference. But he lost the ball, and David Hobbs instead dropped a goal at the other end, taking the score to 11-9.

The final ten minutes were the most frustrating. Fulham came close to forcing their way through innumerable times, but just couldn't make that decisive break. Kinsey eventually managed his fourth drop-goal, equalling the record for drop-goals scored by one player in a match — a rather dubious distinction, given the circumstances! In any case, the two extra points were cancelled out by Deryck Fox at the other end with a drop-goal of his own.

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## Away from the Cottage Continued

In the dying minutes Sean Hoare replaced Charlie Jones, who had played well but was suffering from a badly-bruised leg. Hoare was unable to make any mark on the game before time was up. The attendance figure was poor — only 1,767 — but the local fans who did turn up were well-pleased with what they saw. For the Fulham faithful, however, it was another case of 'so near, and yet so far', and once again they were left wondering what their team has to do to win away from home.

### HULL KINGSTON ROVERS 42 FULHAM 10 by Keith Evemy

This was Rovers' seventh successive victory and it wasn't difficult to see the reasons. Although losing three players through injury as a result of their 56-6 win over Whitehaven the previous week, Rovers always looked a class above Fulham in all departments. Their New Zealanders, Gary Prohm and Gordon Smith often did the unexpected at speed and forwards Chris Burton and David Hall caused Fulham all sorts of problems. It was as well that George Fairbairn's kicking was neither lucky (he hit the posts twice) or very accurate (he missed 4 other not-too-difficult kicks) or Rovers could easily have scored 50 points again.

We were 10-0 down in as many minutes through tries by David Watkinson and David Hall, Fairbairn improving the second. Following our best period of the game, a clever overhead pass by Reg Bowden was held at full stretch by Hussein M'Barki who beat three men to touch down and Steve Diamond kicked the goal. We gave away two penalties in kickable positions but Fairbairn was off target. A great run by Man-of-the-Match Chris Burton sent David Laws in but he was bundled into touch a yard short. There was nothing though which Fulham could do to prevent Gary Prohm's brilliant solo try and fellow Kiwi Gordon Smith added another just before the interval and this time Fairbairn added the goal.

20-6 behind, Fulham needed some inspiration to keep going and an incredible penalty under the posts to Rovers was not required. The referee had blown his whistle when Andy Kelly laid out Tony Gourley with a right hook and followed up by kicking him on the ground. Obviously he had to go but suddenly a touch judge raced in, presumably having seen an offence by Gourley and the referee gave Rovers the penalty and forgot the more serious offences as he didn't even talk to Kelly. Fabulous runs by Prohm and Burton set up tries for David Laws and David Hall, both improved by Fairbairn to put Rovers 34-6 ahead.

Worse was to follow when John Dalgreen was sent off for kicking Gary Prohm and substitute Tracy Lazenby picked up a loose ball 25 yards out and raced in to score. Trevor Stockley dived over in the corner after Chris Ganley had been brought down just short but Rovers had the final say when Gary Clark finished off a good move in the final minute.

## Prize Quiz Answers

The winner of our Prize Quiz was Mr. Alan Cartwright from Acton, who receives £10-worth of goods from the Club Shop. Thanks to everyone who wrote in, and for those of you who didn't work it out, here once again are the questions, followed by the answers.

1. As most of you will know, the record crowd at the Cottage still stands at the 15,013 who watched Wakefield Trinity win a First Round Challenge Cup tie 9-5 in February 1981, but do you remember who scored the Fulham try?

*Answer: David Hull.*

2. Included in the Trinity team that day were a stand-off and a centre who have played against Fulham within the last three weeks. Can you name them?

*Answer: David Topliss (Hull) and Terry Day (Warrington).*

3. Wakefield finished in 8th position in Division 1 in Fulham's first R.L. season but were relegated the following year. Which other teams went down with them?

*Answer: Fulham, York and Whitehaven.*

4. Steve Diamond has only failed to score for Fulham in two matches since joining from Wakefield. Can you name our opponents and the score in each case?

*Answer: (a) Wigan (away) 4-19 on 12th April 1982. (b) Bradford Northern (home) (Challenge Cup) 4-11 on 27th Feb. 1983.*

5. There are only four clubs in the R.F.L. which Fulham have yet to meet in League action. Can you name them?

*Answer: Halifax, Workington, Carlisle and Kent Invicta.*

6. On which ground did Fulham clinch promotion to Division 1 for the first time?

*Answer: The Athletic Ground, home of Rochdale Hornets. Fulham won 19-5 on 16th April 1981.*

7. Can you name the first-ever Fulham scorer?

*Answer: Iain McCorquodale kicked a penalty goal for Fulham's first points against Wigan. Adrian Cambriani scored the first try.*

8. On which ground in Fulham's initial season in Division 1 were they so badly hit by injuries that they were able to name only one substitute?

*Answer: Post Office Road, home of Featherstone Rovers. Fulham lost 35-10.*

9. Which three former 'Londoners' have appeared in the colours of Kent Invicta this season?

*Answer: Ian van Bellen, Neil Tufts and Frank Feighan.*

10. Which former Fulham favourite is currently playing full-back for Carlisle?

*Answer: John Risman.*

## MALCOLM MACDONALD REPORTS ON FULHAM F.C.

We'll have played seven games since my last article by the time you read this — five in the League and two in the Milk Cup. It's been a testing time, and it's by no means over, for next Wednesday we face one of the toughest tasks in existence — Liverpool at Anfield. I was tremendously disappointed to draw the game at the Cottage, but I'll come to that in a moment.

Up at Shrewsbury, where we drew 0-0, I was pleased by the fact that the lads were creating the scoring chances, even if they weren't putting them away. We still haven't managed to get that elusive away victory — Fulham RLFC will know *that* feeling! — but at least we showed all the signs of working up to it. So really Cardiff should have been an easy side to beat at home, but it didn't happen. We knew beforehand that they would probably try to score from set pieces, and that's exactly what happened with both their goals. Certainly we created plenty of chances, but the ball just wouldn't go in.

The closest we have come to winning away from home this season was up at Newcastle, my old stamping ground. The facts say it all — 2-1 up with a few minutes to go, and we were so clearly the better side. I felt especially sorry for Robert Wilson, who scored two but still finished on the losing side. Even though we should definitely have won, and have only ourselves to blame for the fact that we didn't, I would still say that Newcastle are the best Second Division side I've seen, and must be promotion candidates.

I was quite satisfied — not completely — with the performance against Sheffield Wednesday last Friday week, although we only managed a draw. Wednesday are a tough, physical side, and once they get ahead, they make it very hard for their opponents to get back into the game, let alone score. But we did it, and equalised. Actually we had several scoring chances — but again, no matter how hard we tried, the ball only found the back of the net once.

The two cup games Fulham have played in the past three weeks were a total contrast. First, we entertained — if that's the word — Doncaster in a midweek match when the generators failed, and we kicked off eighty minutes late. I can see the funny side of it now, but it certainly wasn't too amusing at the time! Anyway, we got the result we wanted, and as I'm sure you know, drew Liverpool at home in the next round.

It turned out to be a truly memorable night, but for different reasons from the night of the Doncaster

game! Joe Fagan, Liverpool's manager and one of the most honest men in the game, paid us the ultimate compliment when he said that Fulham played like Liverpool — in fact, on the night they were the better side, and no-one was more surprised than he was when his men equalised. He said he would be proud to manage a team like Fulham. I can't say I was particularly proud at the time — just very, very disappointed that we conceded that goal, and now have it all to do again at Anfield. Anyway, having said that, we won't be going up there expecting to lose!

A few words about some young players who are performing especially well. The obvious choice is Paul Parker, who puts everything he has into each game and is incredibly versatile. John Marshall and Cliff Carr, too, deserve praise for their efforts recently. A word, too, about Roger Brown. We're having a few problems in midfield, which won't have escaped your attention if you've seen us lately, and Roger has given up his position on several occasions to see what happens with a different combination. This just goes to show that no-one's place is sacred, even the captain's! Roger played well against Sheffield Wednesday, but even so, I'm still not prepared to say that he's guaranteed a first-team place in any future game — and that goes for the rest of the lads too.

### CANON LEAGUE DIVISION TWO (Up to and including 15th November, 1983)

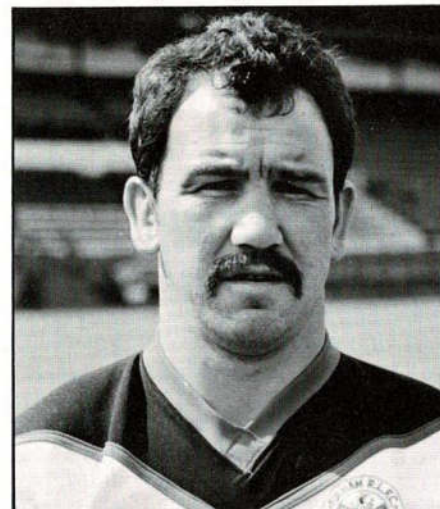
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| Sheffield Wed. | 14 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 4  | 4 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 5  | 34 |
| Man. City      | 14 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 19 | 5  | 4 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 11 | 31 |
| Chelsea        | 14 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 3  | 3 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 10 | 29 |
| Newcastle      | 14 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 7  | 3 | 2 | 2 | 9  | 10 | 29 |
| Huddersfield   | 14 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 9  | 4  | 2 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 7  | 24 |
| Grimsby        | 14 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 4  | 1 | 2 | 4 | 6  | 14 | 22 |
| Charlton       | 15 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 4  | 0 | 3 | 4 | 6  | 16 | 21 |
| Portsmouth     | 14 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 16 | 6  | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7  | 8  | 20 |
| Barnsley       | 14 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 11 | 10 | 20 |
| Blackburn      | 14 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 14 | 8  | 3 | 0 | 4 | 6  | 15 | 20 |
| Shrewsbury     | 14 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 7  | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4  | 12 | 19 |
| Middlesbrough  | 14 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6  | 7  | 18 |
| Carlisle       | 14 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3  | 1  | 2 | 2 | 3 | 8  | 9  | 18 |
| Crystal Palace | 14 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 6  | 7  | 2 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 11 | 18 |
| Leeds          | 14 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 8  | 1 | 2 | 4 | 8  | 15 | 18 |
| Brighton       | 14 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 8  | 2 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 19 | 17 |
| Cardiff        | 14 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 7  | 1 | 0 | 6 | 2  | 9  | 16 |
| Derby          | 14 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 8  | 12 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 3  | 15 | 14 |
| Fulham         | 14 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 4  | 11 | 13 |
| Oldham         | 14 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7  | 11 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 5  | 14 | 10 |
| Cambridge      | 14 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 3  | 18 | 8  |
| Swansea        | 13 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4  | 8  | 0 | 1 | 6 | 6  | 15 | 6  |

## PLAYER SPONSORSHIP 1983/84

| PLAYERS             | BOOTS<br>£36 | TRAINING<br>KIT<br>£30.00 | TRACK<br>SUIT<br>£25.00 | SHIRT<br>£15.00    | KIT<br>BAGS<br>£7.50 | SHORTS<br>£5.00    | SOCKS<br>£2.25      | BOOT<br>LACES<br>50p |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| DAVID ALLEN         |              |                           |                         |                    |                      |                    | JOANNA<br>FOX       | BEN<br>DAVIES        |
| STEVE BAYLISS       |              |                           |                         |                    |                      |                    | SUZANNE<br>DAVIES   | EMMA<br>WOODBIDGE    |
| HARRY<br>BEVERLEY   |              |                           |                         |                    |                      |                    |                     | DAVID<br>McAROLE     |
| REG BOWDEN          |              |                           |                         |                    |                      |                    |                     | DAVID<br>McAROLE     |
| ADRIAN<br>CAMBRIANI |              |                           |                         |                    |                      |                    |                     | ALAN<br>HOLMES       |
| JOHN<br>CROSSLEY    |              |                           |                         |                    |                      | MRS<br>HUMPHRIES   |                     | EMMA<br>WOODBIDGE    |
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| DAVID<br>ECKERSLEY  |              |                           |                         |                    |                      |                    |                     | DEBBIE<br>ALLEN      |
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## FULHAM PROFILE

By Gerry Parker



### John Dalgreen

For all his ten years in the game, John Dalgreen, Fulham's stalwart hooker, has rarely experienced such a heavy defeat as at the hands of last Sunday's opponents, Hull KR. Looking back at the biggest away-defeat in Fulham's 3-year history, which coincides with the unenviable record of 9 successive away-defeats, John says:

"Sunday's game at Hull was by far the hardest game of the season; perhaps the lads were feeling a little run-down. After all, there is a lot of travelling involved; one week we are playing at St. Helens, after training at the sports centre in Warrington; the next week we are playing at Craven Cottage entertaining Leeds."

John accepts that he deserved to be sent off for retaliation and that his reaction proved that the standards of behaviour in Rugby League have changed, not necessarily for the better.

"Hull KR played it hard, they played better as a team and ran onto the ball better. However, there were three or four incidents off the ball that were not penalised. Reg Bowden was hit off the ball, and nothing came of it. Anyhow, the Rovers' centre Gary Prohm fouled me, splitting my lip and gum, and in

the heat of the moment I hit him back."

John feels that there is less enjoyment in the game now than when he first played for Halifax in 1974, before joining Warrington three years later. "When I first started playing, for £6 a week, I really enjoyed Rugby League. People have been comparing last season's touring side, Australia, to the standard of English players and saying — 'Look at the difference.' Perhaps teams are having to try new and more complex techniques, the result being that there is less emphasis on entertainment."

John has probably more experience on the treatment table than any other player on Fulham's books. Because of major injuries suffered at critical times in his career, John has lost almost two seasons.

"In 1978 I was picked for Great Britain and was unlucky enough to break my leg and ankle, severing all my tendons. I was selected again for international honours only to dislocate my shoulder. I did not play for the rest of that season."

With four major operations behind him, three on his leg and one on his shoulder, in addition to the usual minor injuries suffered by all Rugby players, John shows his courage and love for the game every time he pulls on a Fulham shirt.

"My leg still feels a little sore after a match," admits John. John thinks the new rules have been good for the game, particularly the sixth tackle, which has made the game more interesting. Looking forward to today's game, John anticipates "a fast lively match, full of open attacking rugby" and expects Oldham to play the game out wide. "We can expect plenty of problems from players of the calibre of Worrall and Morgan who can read the game exceptionally well."

"If a team is able to win all their home games, and string a few away wins together, they should be capable of reaching the top eight, and qualify for the play-off at the end of the season."

The standard of play between the first and second divisions has already been vividly illustrated in the wake of recent defeats however, without the experience, courage and genuine effort that John Dalgreen has provided, most probably Fulham would have had a far greater struggle to stay in the premier table.

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# AT HOME WITH....

## BRENDA BOWDEN

When Reg and Brenda Bowden first met at school in the mid-sixties, it was hardly a case of love at first sight for Brenda.

"He was two years older than me. He was a horrible boy who stole the girls' ball in the playground and ran off with it!" Brenda remembers. "I'm afraid I didn't like him much in those days."

But she must have made a more favourable impression on Reg. They met again at a dance in Widnes a couple of years later, and he asked if he could walk her home. Brenda refused, and went on refusing for three months.

"Eventually I got tired of him mithering me, so I went out with him — and that was it! We got engaged three years later and were married in 1970."

Reg was playing for an amateur team in Widnes when he and Brenda met, and although she never went to watch him play — "He was in hospital more than he was on the field!" — she would never have tried to stop him playing rugby.

"I knew all along that it was his greatest dream to play for his home side — Widnes", she says. "Playing for them meant the world to him. The only time I was worried about his chosen career was when he was thinking about going to play for Hull Kingston Rovers. There was no easy way of get-

ting to Hull from Widnes, so he would have had to move over to Yorkshire, and I didn't want that."

But Brenda's fears were unfounded, and Reg remained with Widnes until Harold Genders asked him to come and join the new London club.

"My feelings were mixed," says Brenda. "On the one hand, Widnes Rugby Club was like a second family to us, and I knew it would be a hard wrench to leave them, although we'd still be living in Widnes. But Reg had always said he'd like to start a club up from scratch. This was his big opportunity, so I was pleased for him in that way."

Has she regretted it since? "No, definitely not! We've met some wonderful people in London and through Fulham, and we still have our contacts with Widnes whenever we want them."

The Bowdens have three children, Paula (12), Carly (6 in December) and Michael (4). Brenda gave up her work as a secretary when Paula was born. What do the children think of their famous dad?

"They're not interested," says Brenda. "It doesn't mean a thing to them — they don't really care about Rugby. Actually, it embarrasses Paula!"

What about little Michael — has he any ambition to follow in Dad's footsteps?

"I doubt it," says his mother. "Reg is trying to get him interested in golf — he's even bought him a little set of clubs!"

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Season 83-84

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DATE OPPONENTS RES ATT.

Aug. 21 Wakefield Trinity 14-18 2,254  
Aug. 24 Leigh 8-22 3,000  
Aug. 28 Featherstone Rovers 21-11 2,401  
Sept. 4 Salford (LC1) 15-16 1,986  
Sept. 11 Whitehaven 24-6 2,010

Sept. 18 Oldham 12-30 3,222  
Sept. 25 Hull 29-24 3,838  
Oct. 1 Lancashire Cup Final

Oct. 2 Warrington 9-29 3,039  
Oct. 9 St. Helens 14-18 3,129  
Oct. 16 Leeds 10-44 2,972

Oct. 22 Wakefield Trinity 16-14 1,570  
Oct. 30 Bradford Northern 2-21 437  
Nov. 6 Featherstone Rovers JPT 10-12 1,767  
Nov. 13 Hull Kingston Rovers 10-42 6,200

Nov. 20 Oldham  
Nov. 27 Whitehaven  
Dec. 4 Castleford

Dec. 10 John Player Trophy SF (1)  
Dec. 11 Hull  
Dec. 17 John Player Trophy SF (2)

Dec. 18 Bradford Northern  
Dec. 26 Leeds  
Jan. 2 Salford

Jan. 8 Hull Kingston Rovers  
Jan. 14 John Player Final  
Jan. 15 Castleford

Jan. 22 St. Helens  
Jan. 29 Featherstone Rovers  
Feb. 5 Widnes  
Feb. 12 State Express Cup 1

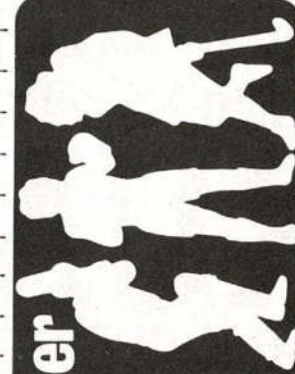
Feb. 19 Wigan  
Feb. 26 State Express Cup 2  
Mar. 18 Wigan  
Mar. 24 State Express Cup SF (1)  
Mar. 25 Leigh  
Mar. 31 State Express Cup SF (2)  
Apr. 1 Widnes  
Apr. 8 Salford  
Apr. 15 Warrington  
Apr. 23 Slalom Lager Premiership 1  
May 5 State Express Cup Final  
May 12 Slalom Lager Premiership Final

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## Sunday v's Saturday

As you know, our last home match which was against Wakefield Trinity, was played on a Saturday. This was an experiment to see if we could improve our gates.

Many people had asked us why we did not play on a Saturday. So like playing Rugby League in the South, we thought we would give it a try, after having looked at a number of points.

One important one, was to get better media coverage. Saturday sport has a lot of coverage on local radio — LBC in particular — who have always done us a great job. With the chance of Rugby on a Saturday we would then get coverage of our match on the Sportswatch programme. This would bring our game to the attention of a much greater audience. Also, by playing Rugby

on a Saturday, any effect of coverage in the Friday evening papers, would be carried over to Saturday's game.

Another reason, was that in the event of being drawn at home in a Cup match, the TV companies would be keen to televise our match, which we would have to play on a Saturday, and therefore we would have had to know what sort of effect this would have.

Last but not least, we thought it may be more easier or convenient for the majority of our existing fans to come along on a Saturday, rather than Sunday.

However, as you know, the attendance was very low, and we hope that today's attendance against Oldham will be a lot higher.

## Half-Time Teaser

1. Can you name four players who have played for Fulham since their (Fulham's) first season, but, up to the beginning of this season, have never scored for the Londoners in any game (excluding friendlies)?

e) played Rugby Union for Widnes between 1970 and 1972?

f) played in 16 major cup finals in 12 years with Widnes?

2. How well do you know the past careers of our present squad? Can you name the Fulham player who:-

a) played for England v Australia in a 1975 friendly?

b) was with Halifax for three years before moving on to Warrington in 1977?

c) Starred in Leigh's 1971 Wembley win over Leeds?

d) scored a brilliant try in Widnes' 1979 Players victory?

### ANSWERS

1. Chris Camilleri, Graham Morgan, Graham Moss and Mike Walsh.
2. a) Harry Beverley.  
b) John Dalgren.  
c) David Eckersley.  
d) David Hull.  
e) David Allen.  
f) Reg Bowden.

### SLALOM LAGER FIRST DIVISION TABLE

|                   | P  | W  | D | L  | F   | A   | Pts |
|-------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Widnes            | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2  | 293 | 130 | 20  |
| Bradford Northern | 11 | 9  | 0 | 2  | 252 | 121 | 18  |
| Hull K.R.         | 12 | 8  | 1 | 3  | 277 | 162 | 17  |
| Castleford        | 11 | 8  | 0 | 3  | 306 | 170 | 16  |
| Oldham            | 11 | 7  | 2 | 2  | 213 | 156 | 16  |
| Warrington        | 12 | 6  | 2 | 4  | 232 | 195 | 12  |
| Leigh             | 12 | 6  | 0 | 6  | 248 | 211 | 12  |
| St. Helens        | 10 | 6  | 0 | 4  | 196 | 160 | 12  |
| Hull              | 10 | 5  | 1 | 4  | 248 | 178 | 11  |
| Leeds             | 11 | 5  | 0 | 6  | 232 | 242 | 10  |
| Wigan             | 10 | 4  | 0 | 6  | 152 | 168 | 8   |
| Fulham            | 12 | 4  | 0 | 8  | 169 | 279 | 8   |
| Wakefield T.      | 12 | 3  | 0 | 9  | 166 | 265 | 6   |
| Featherstone R.   | 10 | 3  | 0 | 7  | 186 | 232 | 6   |
| Salford           | 11 | 2  | 0 | 9  | 131 | 309 | 4   |
| Whitehaven        | 11 | 0  | 0 | 11 | 92  | 425 | 0   |

### SCORECHECK

|          | League |       |      | Cups  |       |     |
|----------|--------|-------|------|-------|-------|-----|
|          | Tries  | Goals | D.G. | Tries | Goals | D-G |
| Allen    | 2      |       |      |       |       |     |
| Bayliss  | 6      |       |      |       |       |     |
| Crossley | 3      |       |      |       |       |     |
| Diamond  | 2      | 25    | 1    |       | 4     |     |
| Doherty  | 2      |       |      |       |       |     |
| Ganley   | 1      |       |      |       |       |     |
| Hull     | 1      |       |      | 1     |       |     |
| Kinsey   | 1      |       | 2    |       |       | 5   |
| M'Barki  | 8      |       |      | 1     |       |     |
| Stockley | 3      |       |      | 1     |       |     |



# PEARCE'S PICTURE PAGES



Top: David Eckersley finds some space in our match with Wakefield Trinity.

Above: Harry Beverley passes.

Below: Steve Bayliss takes on three Trinity players.

Right: John Dalgreen goes in against Wakefield.



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## SUPPORTERS CLUB PAGE

Today's game against Oldham has been arranged at short notice, so for this week we shall just go over what the Club has been doing since the Wakefield Trinity match.

You will remember that this match was on a Saturday, so on the Sunday the Club organised a coach to see Kent Invicta versus Dewsbury, which was enjoyable — but the difference in quality between 1st and 2nd Division Rugby League was clear for all to see. We wish Kent Invicta well, and Fulham fixtures permitting will try to organise another trip later in the season. A smaller group from the Club went up North to take in the Heavy Woollen League versus the Maoris (11.30 kick-off), followed by a dash over to see Wigan v Queensland. We were impressed by the quality of the amateurs of the Heavy Woollen League (based around the Dewsbury and Batley areas) and enjoyed seeing a number of famous New Zealand Internationals turning out for the Maoris, who eventually won 28-8. The Queensland-Wigan match was altogether different. Here Wigan were trying to improve on their 13-9 defeat by Australia in 1982, but despite a tremendous effort were slaughtered 40-2. During the game one of the stands caught fire, so it wasn't too good a day for Wigan!

The Club made a trip to Bradford Northern for a depressing game at Odsal, and then two coach loads made an early start to Featherstone, where the Supporters' Club were putting on a special spread for us as a 'thank-you' for our efforts at the 'Golden Lion' before the first home match of the season. We enjoyed their tremendous hospitality so much that at least one member was left behind in Featherstone (by mistake)! and yes, we all got to hold the Challenge Cup, which is looked after by their Supporters' Club. A great day all round — unfor-

tunately we lost, but this almost didn't matter!

On the social side, Liam Bushell is now selling tickets for the Grand Christmas Draw, price 20p each or £1 for a book of five. Could all those who would like to buy tickets or want to sell tickets for the Club, please contact Liam at 626-9496 (office hours). The draw will be made on 17th December at our Annual Christmas Dinner at the Riverside Suite, Fulham F.C. Tickets for the Christmas Dinner, £10 each, which includes a half bottle of wine, a four-course meal, disco and a guest speaker, can also be purchased from Liam on the above number.

The club is running a Rugby League memorabilia stall, selling International, Fulham and other programmes etc., at the 'Golden Lion', Fulham High Street, 400 yards north of Putney Bridge, before every home game. If any supporters have items they would like to swap or donate, please contact Mike Geen on 686-1439.

We are also looking for items for our Christmas Auction, so anyone wanting to sell Rugby League treasures, please contact Mike as above.

For your information we list below the names of the elected officers of the club:-

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**Social Secretary** — Liam Bushell.

**Social Treasurer** — John Rathbone.

For further information on any aspects of the club please contact the Chairman or the appropriate Committee member.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

# FULHAM RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

Sunday, 20th November 1983

Kick-off 3 p.m.

## Fulham

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TREVOR STOCKLEY  
STEVE DIAMOND  
HUSSEIN M'BARKI  
JOHN CROSSLEY  
REG BOWDEN  
HARRY BEVERLEY  
JOHN DALGREEN  
TONY GOURLEY  
MARTIN HERDMAN  
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TONY KINSEY

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**FULHAM v  
BLACKBURN  
ROVERS**

Saturday 26 November  
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

RUGBY LEAGUE DIV. 1

**FULHAM v  
CASTLEFORD**

Sunday 4th December  
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.



## NEW INTERNATIONAL LAWS OF THE GAME

The 1983-84 season will herald the introduction of seven new or amended laws of the game commissioned by the Rugby League International Board.

### FOUR POINT TRY

Four points will be awarded for a try.

\*\* Previously a try was worth three points.

### THE SIXTH TACKLE

When the team in possession are tackled for a sixth consecutive time, without the opposition having touched the ball, the tackled player has to immediately release the ball and place it on the ground at the point where he was tackled.

Play will be resumed by the nearest opposing player playing the ball, but this play-the-ball will not count towards their permitted six tackles.

\*\* Previously a scrum would have been formed.

### HEAD AND BALL

At a scrum, the non-offending side will have both the loose head and the feed.

In the case of a mutual infringement, the attacking side will have the head and ball.

When the ball is kicked into touch, having bounced within the field of play, the NON-KICKING side will have both head and ball.

\*\* Previously the allocation of the loose head and the scrum feed varied according to which half of the field the scrum was being formed.

### THE SCRUM FEED

The ball will be put into the scrum from the referee's side by the ball being rolled along the ground. It must be put into the centre of the tunnel, the player feeding the scrum holding the ball horizontally, point to point, propelling it from a position between his knees and ankles.

\*\* Previously the feed was from below the waist in a downward direction.

### SCRUM FORMATION

When a scrum is formed, there will never be more than seven players outside of the pack.

Thus, when a team is at full strength, the loose-forward must remain in the scrum. A forward can detach himself from the scrum only if the back division is depleted by dismissal or injury.

\*\* Previously the loose-forward was allowed to detach himself from the scrum at any time.

### THE KICK OFF

When the ball is kicked off and bounces over the dead-ball line or into touch-in-goal, without being touched by a defending player, play will be resumed by a drop-out from beneath the posts.

If the ball is kicked directly out of play, play will be resumed by a penalty kick from the centre spot.

\*\* Previously play would have been resumed in the first instance by a tap from the 25-yard line.

### OFFSIDE AT PLAY THE BALL

At the play-the-ball, both sides must remain in an onside position until the ball has come clear of the tackled player and the player marking him.

\*\* Previously players could move up once the ball had touched the ground.