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Runners-up : 1943, 1947, 1971, 1972 (4 times)

Yorkshire Challenge Cup

Winners : 1921, 1928, 1930, 1932, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1958, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1979, 1980 (16 times)

Runners-up : 1919, 1947, 1961, 1964 (4 times)

Yorkshire League Championship

Winners : 1928, 1931, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1938, 1951, 1955, 1957, 1961, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970 (14 times)

Runners-up : 1915, 1919, 1925, 1927, 1929, 1930, 1936, 1939 (8 times)

B.B.C. 2 Floodlit Competition Winners 1970

John Player Competition Winners 1973 Runners-up 1983

European Club Championship Winners 1969

CLUB RECORDS

Highest Win : 102-0 v Coventry, April 1913

Highest Defeat : 0-71 v Wakefield T., September 1946

Highest Attendance : 40,175 v Bradford N., 21st May, 1947

Points in Career : 2,920—Lewis Jones (Leeds games)

Points in Season : 505—Lewis Jones 1956-57 (all games) 496 (Leeds)

Tries in Career : 391—Eric Harris

Tries in Season : 64—Eric Harris 1935-36

Goals in Season : 197—Lewis Jones 1956-57

Points in Match : 31—Lewis Jones v Bradford N. 22nd August, 1956

Goals in a Match : 13—Lewis Jones v Blackpool B. 19th August, 1957

Tries in a Match : 8—Fred Webster v Coventry 12th April, 1913 and E. Harris v Bradford N. 14th September, 1931

Most Appearances : 543—Fred Webster

TOURISTS

1910 W. Ward, F. Webster, F. Young

1914 W. A. Davies, W. Jarman

1920 J. A. Bacon, G. Rees, S. Stockwell

1924 J. A. Bacon, J. F. Thompson

1928 J. W. Brough, M. Rosser, J. F. Thompson

1932 L. A. Adams, J. Lowe, S. Smith, J. F. Thompson

1936 S. Brogden, J. W. Brough, F. Harris, S. Smith

1946 D. Jenkins, I. Owens

1950 R. Williams

1954 B. L. Jones, A. Turnbull

1966 H. Poole, G. Wriglesworth

1970 J. Atkinson, S. Hynes, B. Seabourne, M. Shoebottom, A. Smith

1974 J. Atkinson, L. Dyl

1979 J. Holmes, D. Ward

The Directors, Players and Staff
of Leeds R.L.F.C. wish all Supporters a Happy
and Prosperous New Year

OUR VISITORS OLDHAM

For the second year in succession we have the privilege of welcoming Oldham to Headingley for our New Year fixture. The men from the Watersheddings were robbed of victory only by a last-gasp try by Kevin Dick on that occasion, as they went on to consolidate their new-found First Division status. Oldham ended the campaign in the respectable position of eighth, just two places below Leeds. Their young squad have done even better this time around, and under the guidance of former Oldham player of the 1960's, Peter Smethurst, they seem set to improve on last season's fine effort. After making a really exciting start to the 1983-84 season,

gaining an opening day victory over Leeds, and successes against Castleford, St. Helens and Hull, plus a fine 18-18 draw at Hull K.R. (a result marred by the broken leg sustained by promising Alan Platt), Oldham have slipped a little during the past month, with injuries and Under-24 calls taking their toll, somewhat. One infuriating occurrence during an otherwise exciting period for Oldham fans has been the sides' inability to perform to it's potential in cup-ties. Last season, for example, many good judges fancied Oldham to go a long way along the Wembley trail, but Workington Town caused an upset at Watersheddings, while Swinton and Leigh have ended trophy hopes this term, in the Lancashire Cup and John Player Trophy respectively.

Whether Maori full-back Nick Wright of Steve Littler is at number one for Oldham today is immaterial, because both are outstanding players in their own right. Littler had a fine game opposite Leeds back in August, while Wright, a New Zealand Test hero during the summer, was a major success on the recent Maori tour of England, scoring 29 goals and two tries in seven appearances. His accurate goalkicking pulled the tourists through one or two sticky moments during the tour. Green Vigo, renowned here at Headingley for his exploits with Wigan in 1977, may be on the right wing, with the possibility of Jimmy Hornby, his former Wigan colleague on the other wing. Hornby, a free transfer signing from Central Park in the summer, has tormented Leeds on more than one occasion so our players will be on their toes this afternoon. Mick Taylor is also in contention, having looked one of the exciting discoveries of last season. In the centres are likely to be former Hunslet points machine Mick Parrish, the only player in history to score in every match of the season for two separate clubs, and Under-24 International Des Foy, a bargain signing from Widnes. Still only 20, Foy is one of the fastest threequarters in the country, and has found such a good seam of form in 1983 that he need only continue it to be an automatic choice for the Great Britain touring team. Another likely lad is stand-off Chris Willis, one of the few Oldham backs to lack representative honours, but that could be rectified if he maintains his early season form. He was an inspiration to Oldham in their victory over Leeds in August. Scrum-half Ray Ashton has rediscovered the form which brought him 26 tries in the promotion year of 1981-82, and at the time of writing had scored 15 touchdowns, almost four times as many as he scored all last season! His hat-trick performance in Villeneuve for the Under-24 Test team will go down as one of the individual performances of this season. Another highly rated young player became Oldham's latest signing this term — former Castleford half-back Ian Birkby, a player who never fully realised his potential at Wheldon Road, but one who has clearly settled in this exciting young Oldham team. Birkby may prove to be an outstanding acquisition by Smethurst.

Injuries have not been kind to Oldham's pack, for Mick Coombes, the bearded prop who had such an outstanding

game here 12 months ago, is still on the recovery road after a broken leg injury, while former Colts International Alan Platt suffered a similar fate during the game at Craven Park this season. Platt is now rid of his plaster, but faces a long haul to go back to full fitness, a pity because he was at last, coming to terms with First Division Rugby League. Thus it's been left to the veteran of the side to carry the side through an unsteady period — 35 year old Mick Morgan. The much travelled, highly popular Morgan has turned the clock back to find the form which took him into the Great Britain team in 1975, guiding the youngsters around him expertly, and completely shrugging off the effects of that nightmare season at Carlisle. Hooker and captain Alan McCurrie has, like Morgan, found the effect of playing in such a youthful pack stimulating, and he, too, has found some of the best form of a sometimes brilliant career. With the ball in his hands, or at his feet, few number nines can match the Cumbrian, who shot to prominence as a rare opportunist at Whitehaven before helping Wakefield Trinity to the 1979 Cup Final. Great Britain international Andy Goodway seems a certainty for the Australian tour, and is a player with a great belief in his form. Indeed, Goodway is openly relishing the chance of a tilt at the Aussies in 1984. Capped at full and Under-24 level, Goodway, a product of the Castleford area was recently the subject of a £50,000 transfer bid by Hull, and was a runner-up in the 1983 Young Player of the Year award. Another likely candidate for that award this term is Goodway's Under-24 and club colleague Mick Worrall, who increasingly looks likely to fill one of Frank Myler's problem places — second-row. Worrall is the type of rangy, hard working second-rower to do well on the hard, fast Australian grounds. Former Colts international Paul Lowndes has taken his rare opportunities in style this season, and is yet another Oldham player with an exciting future. Former Rochdale Hornets prop Wally Jones has proved a shrewd buy from the Athletic Grounds, and even earned a surprise place in the Great Britain team for an early season trial game at Swinton. Loose-forward Terry Flanagan was yet another Oldham player to give a good account of himself in Villeneuve, in his fourth appearance for the young Lions side. The gifted Flanagan is seen by many as a potential tourist, and his ball artistry does compensate for an apparent lack of pace. Oldham of course, have released two of their Rugby Union signings of two years ago, with Bob Mordell taking the coaching post at Kent Invicta, and Adrian Alexander on loan to Leigh.

Oldham today seek to end a run of defeats at Headingley stretching back to 1965, when Charlie Bott led them to a 13-10 success, and if they achieve success they will complete a rare league "double" over Leeds, having denied them 25-16 at Watersheddings on the opening day of the season.

CLUB SCENE

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go to Keith Rayne who has been recognised by the International Selectors and has been chosen as a member of the group of players from which the Great Britain side will be picked to play France in the two matches later this season. The first of these will be played in France on 29th January. Keith has deservedly earned his recognition for he has been playing the best rugby of his career this season and his contribution in our John Player Special Trophy cup run has been extremely valuable. We wish Keith every success in his quest for a place in the team.

ST. HELENS v LEEDS

This fixture was postponed before Christmas due to our John Player Special Trophy Cup-Tie commitments and the match will now be played at Knowsley Road on Sunday, 11th March, provided neither Leeds nor St. Helens are engaged in a State Express Challenge Cup-Tie that weekend. The Leeds v Leigh game, postponed on 10th December, has yet to be re-arranged.

UNIVERSITIES TEST MATCH

The New Zealand Universities touring team arrives in the United Kingdom in two days time for a four match programme with fixtures in Lancashire, Hull and Leeds. The Headingley game is the big one of the tour, a Test Match between British Universities and New Zealand Universities. This will be played on Tuesday, 17th January, kick-off 7.30 p.m. Car parking is free and there will be two admission prices only £1.00 for adults and 50p for juniors.

The Universities have a very high standard of rugby and this should be a most entertaining game.

COLTS RUGBY

Since the last report on the Colts team's progress a powerfully built young forward, Phil Owen, has been signed on professional forms from top Leeds amateur club, Milford. Phil made an immediate impact by taking the player of the match awards in his first two games, against Hull K.R. and Barrow. Another notable signing has been wingman Norman Francis, following a fine display for Yorkshire Colts against Lancashire. He celebrated his signing by running in five tries against Salford Colts, bringing his total so far this season to 25. Other Leeds players chosen for the County side were prop forward Brendan Hill and David Creasser, at stand-off, but due to First Team calls David had to withdraw. However he and Norman have since been chosen for the Great Britain Colts Team which will play France at Montpellier on 28th January. Early this month the Colts League splits into two divisions, the top ten clubs forming the First Division. Just before Christmas Leeds Colts were in joint third place with 11 wins and four defeats from 15 games. Their record is an outstanding achievement for coach Ray Abbey and his players in

Season by Season a History of Leeds R.L.F.C.

SEASON 1954-55

A much more consistent Leeds this season, with a top-four place being gained for the first time in eight seasons. We finished in third place with a final record of P36, W26, D2, L8. One of the draws was not surprisingly at home to Rochdale at Christmas, maybe the fact that it was the team's third game in four days was the reason. In the top-four play-off we were well beaten at the Watersheddings 25-6.

Gordon Brown and David Rose, newly signed from Huddersfield, were members of the triumphant Great Britain squad in the first World Cup in France. Rose broke a leg straight afterwards however, in a home match against St. Helens and was never to recapture his form. He was to play less than ten games for Leeds in all.

In the Yorkshire Cup we reached the third round before losing 10-0 at Thrum Hall to Halifax, who went on to beat Hull in the Final at Headingley. In the Challenge Cup we met Huddersfield, led by Great Britain skipper, Dave Valentine at Headingley in the first round. This was a memorable match played in front of a great crowd and ending in a snowstorm, Leeds winning 8-3 thanks to tries by Turnbull and Scholes. In the second round, however, we lost 13-7 at Workington.

view of under-strength sides it has been necessary to field on occasions due to injuries and "A" Team calls. We congratulate Ray and the team and wish them continued success in the New Year, especially in the Colts Challenge Cup competition on 21st January for they have drawn the toughest tie of all — a meeting with Wigan Colts at Central Park.

The rest of the draw is:

ROCHDALE HORNETS v OLDHAM
WAKEFIELD TRINITY v CASTLEFORD
HALIFAX v BRADFORD NORTHERN or YORK
HULL v HUNSLET
ST. HELENS v SALFORD
LEIGH v HULL K.R.
HUDDERSFIELD v BARROW

SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

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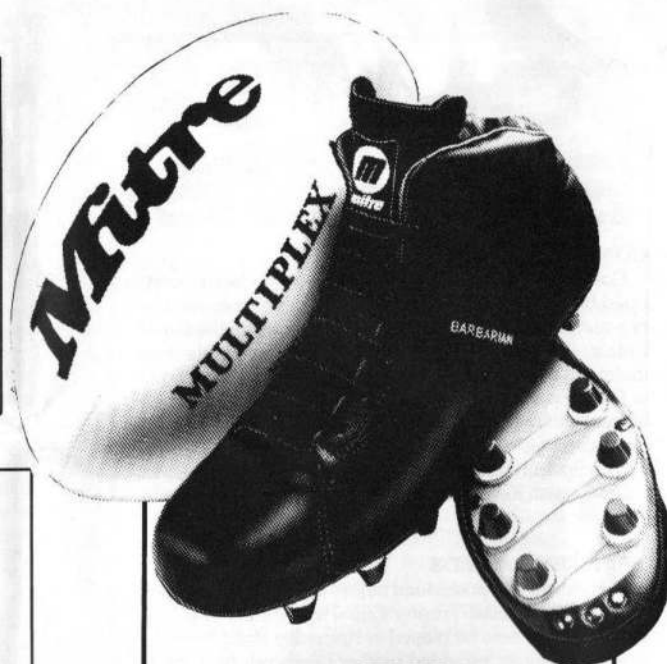
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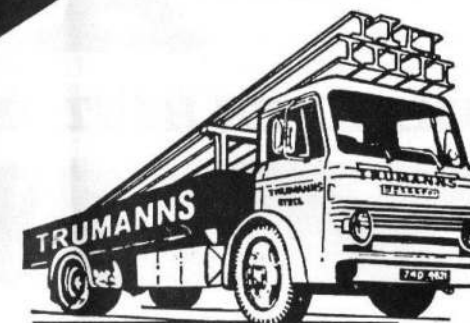
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THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF LEEDS R.L.F.C.

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NEUTRAL GROUNDS (Continued)

Challenge Cup Semi-Finals

Year	Opponents	Venue	Result
1957	WHITEHAVEN	Odsal Stadium, Bradford	10-9
1966	WIGAN	Fartown, Huddersfield	2-7
1967	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	Fartown, Huddersfield	8-16
1968	WIGAN	Station Road, Swinton	25-4
1971	CASTLEFORD	Odsal Stadium, Bradford	19-8
1972	HALIFAX	Odsal Stadium, Bradford	16-3
1975	WARRINGTON	Central Park, Wigan	4-11
1977	ST. HELENS	Central Park, Wigan	7-2
1978	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	Odsal Stadium, Bradford	14-9

Challenge Cup Finals

1910	HULL	Fartown, Huddersfield	7-7
	REPLAY	Fartown, Huddersfield	26-12
1923	HULL	Belle Vue, Wakefield	28-3
1932	SWINTON	Central Park, Wigan	11-8
1936	WARRINGTON	Wembley Stadium	18-2
1941	HALIFAX	Odsal Stadium, Bradford	19-2
1942	HALIFAX	Odsal Stadium, Bradford	15-10
1947	BRADFORD NORTHERN	Wembley Stadium	4-8
1957	BARROW	Wembley Stadium	9-7
1968	WAKEFIELD TRINITY	Wembley Stadium	11-10
1971	LEIGH	Wembley Stadium	7-24
1972	ST. HELENS	Wembley Stadium	13-16
1977	WIDNES	Wembley Stadium	16-7
1978	ST. HELENS	Wembley Stadium	14-12

Complete Neutral Ground Record

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
WEMBLEY STADIUM	8	5	-	3
ODSAL STADIUM	18	10	1	7
BELLE VUE	10	6	1	3
CENTRAL PARK	5	4	-	1
STATION ROAD	3	2	-	1
FARTOWN	14	6	4	4
THRUM HALL	6	3	-	3
ELLAND ROAD	2	-	-	2
CROWN FLATT	1	-	1	-
PARKSIDE	1	1	-	-
ATHLETICS GROUND	1	-	-	1
THE WILLOWS	1	1	-	-
BROUGHTON	2	1	1	-
TOTAL	72	39	8	25

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle enjoyed just two seasons in the Rugby League, 1936-37 and 1937-38, meeting Leeds twice in the former season. In the game at Newcastle Leeds had to fight all the way for a 15-5 win, but at Headingley in

March 1937 they scored 11 tries to win 53-5. Local half-back John Jones scored four tries, and Ernest Pollard became only the second Leeds player to kick ten goals in a match on two separate occasions. Newcastle won just seven of their 72 League fixtures in two seasons.

NEW HUNSLET

The Hunslet club became "New Hunslet" for six seasons, following their departure from Parkside and Leeds won all five clashes with them between 1974 and 1979. Three of the matches were cup-ties, Leeds winning a Floodlit Trophy game at Elland Road Greyhound Stadium in 1975, by just 10-9, and at Headingley in the John Player Trophy, (in 1974), and in the Floodlit Trophy (1976). New Hunslet's only season in Division One was in 1977-78, and Leeds completed a League "double", winning 27-15 at Headingley, and 17-6 at Elland Road.

The complete Leeds - New Hunslet record is :

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst
League (Home)	1	1	-	-	27	15
League (Away)	1	1	-	-	17	6
Cup-Ties (Home)	2	2	-	-	71	20
Cup-Ties (Away)	1	1	-	-	10	9
TOTAL	5	5	-	-	125	50

LEEDS RECORDS v NEW HUNSLET

Biggest Victory : 49-10 at Headingley on 28th September, 1974 (John Player)

Most Tries in a Match : 4, John Atkinson on 28th September, 1974

Most Goals in a Match : 8, David Marshall on 28th September, 1974

NEW ZEALAND

The New Zealand tourists actually have a better record against Leeds than the Australian tourists, losing just one of their eight tour fixtures at Headingley. New Zealand's first visit to Headingley occurred on 26th October, 1907, and resulted in an 8-2 win for the "All Blacks", in a keenly contested duel. Leeds were unlucky to lose to the 1926 "All Blacks" sharing six tries, but going down 13-11. The 1947 Kiwis put on a memorable show for a big crowd, scoring five tries to defeat Leeds 23-16, paying Leeds the compliment of fielding ten Test players. Dennis Scholes, a new signing from Hull K.R., was in Leeds' side for the visit of the 1951 tourists, but was powerless to prevent New Zealand winning 19-4. Again, Leeds were desperately unlucky to lose, in 1955, when they produced a memorable second-half rally to score 14 points without reply, but paid for their inadequacies of the first 40 minutes, going down 16-18. The 1961 New Zealanders came to Headingley to face a Leeds City XIII which included six Leeds players, three from Hunslet and four from Bramley. For the record Leeds' six representatives were Gary Hemingway, Fred Pickup, Eric Horsman, David Fairbank, Colin Tomlinson and Russell Robins, and Joe Fagan kicked six goals in New Zealand's 24-9 triumph. In 1965 Leeds repeated their rally of ten years earlier, to reduce a deficit of 14-2 to 14-13, but the loss of devastating South African cover-tackler Low Neumann cost them dearly, and the tourists gained their seventh straight victory over Leeds, winning 28-13. When the most successful Kiwi touring team came to Britain in 1971, Leeds were not allocated a fixture, but when New Zealand's 1972 World Cup squad, returning home from their unsuccessful bid in France came to Headingley for a "friendly" Leeds finally broke their "duck". Alan Smith and Alan Hardisty scored tries in Leeds' historic 11-6 victory and the team which achieved success was : Holmes, Smith, Hynes, Dyl, B. Parker, Hardisty, Barham, Jeanes, D. Ward, Cookson, Ramsey, Eccles, Batten. Subs.: Langley, Pickup. New Zealand's revenge was exacted in full on their next visit to Headingley, with Mark Graham's men crushing a weak Leeds outfit 25-5 in October 1980. It was a performance in keeping with those of their predecessors - successfully and wholly entertaining.

Leeds record against New Zealand reads :

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst
Home	8	1	-	7	78	140

LEEDS RECORDS v NEW ZEALAND

Biggest Win : 11-6 on 15th November, 1972

Heaviest Defeat : 13-28 on 18th September, 1965

Most Tries in a Match : No player has scored twice against New Zealand

Most Goals in a Match : 5, R. Dewhurst on 18th September, 1965

LES DYL

an Appreciation



Les Dyl must be ranked among the finest centres ever to appear in the Leeds colours. Certainly he is by far the best of the post war period, given that Lewis Jones played so much of his football in other back positions. In the middle of the 1970's indeed, Dyl was rated by many shrewd judges the finest centre in the world. He is at present on the Leeds transfer list but since he has now settled in Benidorm and has a bar/catering establishment there, he is unlikely to play for Leeds or any other senior side again.

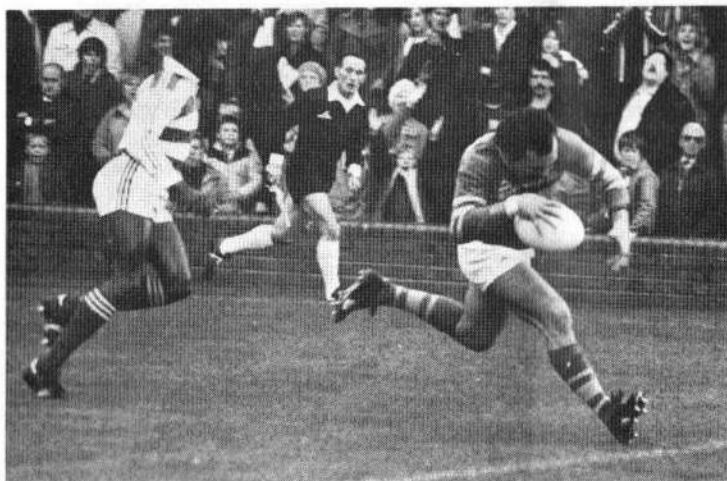
Dyl was something of a sensation as a junior playing Rugby Union at school, and Leeds knew that they'd signed someone a bit special when they obtained his signature as a 17 year old in 1970. It was no easy thing to obtain a place in the centre at Headingley in those days and competition was fierce, the first choices being Syd Hynes and Ronnie Cowan, with John Langley pressing hard. Bernard Watson had just been transferred to Hull K.R. Dyl however was soon showing his special qualities and one try scored at Fartown, in a league match against Huddersfield, particularly lingers in the memory. Receiving the ball near halfway, he dummied to the wing, and accelerated, and then simply shot away from the remnants of a stunned defence to score between the posts. By the end of his first season, however, he'd still not gained a regular place and had to be content with a position on the substitutes bench while Leigh were defeating hot favourites Leeds in the Challenge Cup Final.

In the following season, 1971-72, Les had become a regular member of the brilliant Leeds side which reached both Challenge Cup and Championship Finals. During that season, he scored 20 tries and his left wing partner John Atkinson scored 33. They were truly a formidable combination with their great speed and fine understanding. It often seemed to Leeds regulars that all the side had to do was swing the ball left and one of this fine duo would supply the finishing touch. It was a combination which achieved success in the most critical matches and against the best opponents. Dyl was at his best against such as Watkins and Hesketh of that fine Salford team and he also shone at international level.

On his first visit to Australia in 1974, Les was the great success of the party scoring 14 tries in 17 matches and showing his versatility by making Test appearances on the wing as well as in the centre. Altogether he appeared 11 times for Great Britain and turned out, in addition, a dozen times for England. Playing for England again down under in the 1975 World Championships, he was recognised universally as the world's outstanding centre of this period.

His try scoring record for Leeds was a fine one, 191 tries in total, which puts him fifth on the all time list being headed only by wing-threequarters. His best total in a season was 25 in 1972-73. I'm sure all fans will recall his most memorable try for Leeds which was scored at Wembley against Widnes in 1977. It needed the great skills of John Holmes to create it but the speed and strength of Dyl to finish the move. This followed upon the wonderful try he made for Atkinson at Central Park in the semi-final against St. Helens. Earlier in the season he had scored two great tries to put Leeds on the road to victory against Featherstone Rovers in the Yorkshire Cup Final. Scoring the second, he cleverly used his speedy wing partner David Smith as a foil.

Let us not forget either the tremendous defensive skills of this fine player. He tackled hard and low and seemed to have a great appetite for tackling. Of course, he had the build to help him and the weight he carried possibly contributed to the series of injuries he suffered from in the later part of his career.



The cumulative effect was to slow him down and to remove the edge from his matchless attacking skills. The defensive skills remained and occasionally there were flashes of the old Dyl, most memorably in a marvellous match at Craven Park, Hull, in November 1979. There was a further Great Britain cap to come at Hull in 1982 but the contest with Mal Meninga was an uneven one. It would have been fascinating to have seen that great Australian centre in opposition to the Dyl of the mid 1970's.

Those who only saw him in the last five years missed a real treat. Those who recollect the earlier years will wonder when again we'll see the like from a home-grown centre. We all wish Les Dyl well in his new walk of life and thank him for the many hours of pleasure he brought us.

MIKE SURR

Mark Laurie

on

GIBSON

THE SUPERCOACH

1983 has been a momentous year in the life of Mark Laurie, Leeds' Australian second-row forward. Not only did he pick up the most coveted medal in domestic Australian Rugby League — one for the Grand Final — but coach Jack Gibson advised him to spend his off-season playing for the Leeds club, something which is turning into a highly beneficial exercise. After a mere handful of games Mark is set for an unlikely appearance in the John Player Special Trophy Final at Central Park, Wigan on 14th January. His form has been remarkably good, confirming his reputation as one of Australia's up-and-coming young forwards.

"It's been a fabulous year for me", confirms Mark, "And rounding it off with the Leeds club has completed it in style. It's a great club, with great facilities, enthusiastic supporters and some very fine players. I'm fortunate to arrive at a time when things are looking up, because from what I can gather things were in poor shape before I arrived. New coach Maurice Bamford appears to have the boys playing for each other, team spirit is good, and we fancy our chances on 14th January. There are some fine players in England, and one of the best I've seen has got to be Des Drummond. He's so fast, as he showed against us in the John Player Semi-Final, when I'd no sooner poked my head out of the scrum than he was flying in at the corner for a fabulous try. He's fast!

Laurie should know a thing or two about wingmen because each week he plays alongside the most feared wingman in the world today — Parramatta's bearded wonder Eric Grothe. Playing in the same team as such brilliant players as Grothe, Kenny, Sterling, Ella and Price must be a tremendous experience, but with a coach like Jack Gibson in charge they all know that reputations mean nothing at all. "That's probably Jack's great secret of success" smiles Mark, "No player is assured of a place. Reputations mean absolutely nothing, which is 100% correct, of course. Not too many coaches would drop an established Test star for a big game however, but Gibson has — and replaced them with a third grade player".

"Playing alongside some of the finest players in the world does have its advantages, of course, because apart from their on-the-field genius, they give you a target to aim for. They are the yardstick for ultimate success. Winning the Grand Final for the third successive year was a tremendous achievement by Gibson, and there can be no doubt that he's got the blueprint for success. Parramatta were successful right throughout the club, at reserve and third grade, too, so Jack's methods got through to the other coaches at the club. Indeed, last season's second grade coach has just been appointed to succeed Gibson, who's decided to have a year from the game. Gibson is an awe-inspiring figure mainly because of his great success. He's taken Parramatta to three successive Premierships, and led Eastern Suburbs to successive triumphs in 1974 and 1975. That's a record to be proud of, but he's worked for his success. Jack was the first Australian coach to study American Gridiron methods. He learned their techniques for motivation, psychology, defensive attitudes and game plans. As Gibson says: It's the most natural thing in the world for a rugby player to want to run with the ball, but not everyone wants to defend. If he can get all his players to defend as determinedly as they show for attacking moves then he knows that he's onto a winner. During the week before any match all players are expected to condition themselves for the forthcoming game, think about the players they are about to oppose and generally prepare themselves mentally for the task ahead. That kind of attention to detail was bound to pay off".

Laurie's arrival at Headingley, with younger brother Richard and Ricky Lulham from Wauchope, coincided with the arrival of Maurice Bamford at Headingley, and together the four of them have made a highly successful start. But Mark Laurie wants it to be only the beginning as he has his heart set on playing in the Challenge Cup Final at Wembley. Even famous elder brother Rocky, who was a star in the Eastern Suburbs side during the late 70's, could not claim such notoriety.



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No. 9 — Oldham's Late Fifties Dominance

ASSESSMENT

Between 1955 and 1959 Oldham were a dominant force in British Rugby League, reaching heights which the club had not attained for 40 years. They finished outside the "Top Four" only once in five years, won the Championship in 1957 with a dramatic victory over Hull, and took the County Cup on three consecutive occasions, in an era of particularly strong Lancashire outfits — Wigan, St. Helens, Warrington, Swinton, Barrow and Leigh were all forces to be reckoned with. It was certainly Oldham's finest post-war team, containing a fearsome pack, most of whom represented Great Britain, the most accurate goalkicker in British history at that point, and one of the finest centres in Alan Davies. The Watersheddings was a happy and successful place in the late 1950's.

THE COACH

Griff Jenkins led Oldham to their most successful era since the 1920's, with a formidable pack giving the side it's solid base. Later Jenkins led Salford out of the wilderness, with a side with fabulous backs, playing free-flowing football. It is tempting to wonder what kind of a side Jenkins would have produced from Oldham's supreme pack of the 1950's, and Salford's backs of the early 1970's.

THE BACKS

Ace goalkicker Bernard Ganley succeeded popular full-back Frank Stirrup, and shattered a succession of goal and points records for the club he joined from Manchester University. In 1957-58, when Oldham topped the League table for the second year in succession, Ganley became the first player to surpass the 200 goals-in-a-season barrier, creating a new Oldham points record of 412. A year later, in 1959, he kicked 14 goals in a fixture against Liverpool. Powerhouse winger Dick Cracknell was a Great Britain Test player, who joined the club from Huddersfield in 1953, proving to be an invaluable try-scorer for the "Roughyeds" in the table topping years. Free scoring Alan Davies, a product of Leigh Junior football, was a lynch-pin of the side, with his powerful attacking bursts, and strong defensive attitude. He was a classy performer, represented Great Britain 20 times and enjoyed further success with Wigan. Davies' centre partners were rarely regular, with John Noon, Vince Nestor and Dennis Ayres all vying for a place in the team. Noon was a powerful goalkicker, Ayres, a local boy from Rugby Union, scored 26 tries in the 1957 championship winning year and teenager Nestor joined the club from Tyldesley R.U.F.C. 1954 Great Britain tourist Terry O'Grady was a star of the emerging Oldham team in 1955, yet he was sold to

Warrington and replaced by Batley's forceful John Etty, who scored 41 tries during the 1956-57 campaign. Etty was unlucky not to gain international honours, though he did represent the British Empire XIII in 1951. At stand-off was ex-Wigan and Leigh man Frank Daley, a Lancashire County player and a long-serving Oldham man, with brilliant Frank Pitchford at scrum-half. Pitchford was an Oldham Schools product, and he represented Great Britain in 1958 at the age of 22.

THE FORWARDS

Oldham's pack was truly one of the finest in post war history — five of them represented Great Britain. Prop Keith Jackson joined the club from St. Mary's Junior Club in Oldham, played Rugby Union in the services and for Lancashire and Great Britain in Rugby League. Hooker Jack Keith was a product of Hunslet Schools, and was a lively player in the loose, scoring regularly at schoolboy level Keith represented Yorkshire and England. Ferocious Welshman Don Vines wore the number ten shirt, proving a tremendous acquisition from Newbridge R.U., with his energetic style. Vines was successor to popular Harry Ogden. Another Welshman from Maesteg was Charlie Winslade, who joined Oldham in 1950 and went on to represent Great Britain and Wales. Cumbrian Syd Little joined the club from Harlequins R.U.F.C. and quickly earned representative honours with Cumberland, and was chosen for Great Britain for the 1957 World Cup, but business commitments cost him a place in the party. At loose-forward was the one and only Derek Turner, a bargain buy from Hull K.R. and one of the finest loose-forwards in history. He was a tremendous leader too, going on to lead Wakefield Trinity to success following his departure from the Watersheddings. Bryn Goldswain was Turner's forerunner at Oldham, an outstanding number thirteen who represented Wales 17 times between 1947 and 1955.

THE RECORD

Oldham emerged as a force in 1954-55, finishing second in the League table to Warrington — only on points difference. Having trounced Leeds in the play-off semi-final, Oldham were narrowly beaten by the "Wires" in the Maine Road final. After only a mediocre campaign in 1955-56, Oldham topped the table in 1956-57, losing just five games and finishing six points ahead of Hull. Fittingly they pipped Hull 15-14 in a memorable Championship Final, to add the title to the Lancashire Cup, which they had won with a 10-3 victory over St. Helens. They led the table again in 1957-58, losing just four of 38 fixtures, but Hull avenged that Odsal defeat with a crushing semi-final victory at Watersheddings. At least Oldham retained the Lancashire Cup in style, defeating Wigan in front of a massive 42,497 crowd, and in 1958 they made it a hat-trick of County Cup triumphs with another defeat of Saints. The side was showing signs of ageing together, however, and although they earned a play-off position, Saints crushed them 42-4 in the Knowsley Road semi-final. The glory years had passed for Oldham and the only regret was the fact that such an outstanding side were unable to take the club to it's first Wembley Final. It's final bid for such glory came in 1960, but Hull extinguished their hopes at the semi-final stage.



OLDHAM R.L.F.C.

Standing: G. J. Jenkins (Manager), Vines, Turner, Winslade, Jackson, Little, Keith, W. Howard (President). Seated: Cracknell, Davies, Ganley, Ayres, Etty. Kneeling: Daley, Pitchford.

OLDHAM 1954-55



Back row (left to right) : G. Jenkins (Coach), B. Goldswain, H. Ogden, K. Jackson, S. Little, C. Winslade, J. Keith, J. Etty
Seated (left to right) : R. Barrow, F. Stirrup, A. Davies (Captain), D. Cracknell (Vice-Captain), T. O' Grady.
Seated : F. Daly, F. Pitchford.

OLDHAM 1966-67



Standing (left to right) : Fletcher, Irving, Wilson, Mumberson, Mooney, Bott, Donovan.
Seated (left to right) : Warburton, Curry, Dolly, Simms, Smethurst, McCormack, Taylor, McLeod, Canning.

LEEDS FACT FINDER 1983-84

	1983-84	Date of Birth	App.	Sub.	T	G	D.G.	Pts	TOTAL RECORD		No. of Positions Occupied	Full Debut
DES ARMITAGE	4.9.63	29.4.62	5	1	2	-	-	8	2	3	11,12	Bradford (A) 5.4.83
DEAN BELL	29.4.62	25.8.61	6	-	1	-	-	4	4	5	4	Hull K.R. (H) 20.11.83
TONY BURKE	27.9.61	25.6.58	-	-	-	-	-	18	11	65	8,10,11,12	Wigan (A) 29.11.81
MARK CAMPBELL	25.6.58	28.5.62	3	1	-	-	-	52	2	18	2,5,13	Wakefield (H) 21.2.82
JOHN CARROLL	31.1.64	9.1.62	1	1	1	-	-	22	12	52	10,11,12,13	Warrington (H) 22.4.78
TREVOR CLARK	9.1.62	18.6.65	7	3	10	-	-	62	1	22	6,7	Featherstone (A) 18.12.83
MARK CONWAY	27.10.57	21.10.56	15	1	1	-	-	96	49	15	2,5	Hull (A) 13.10.82
COLIN COOPER	27.10.57	18.2.58	12	1	1	-	-	14	28	168	3,4	Widnes (A) 19.9.82
DAVID CREASSER	21.10.56	7.9.53	9	-	1	-	-	206	356	206	6,7	York (A) 14.9.83
KEVIN DICK	18.2.58	23.4.64	10	1	1	-	-	8	16	8	2,5	Dewsbury (H) 21.1.76
PAUL GILL	7.9.53	1.3.58	3	1	2	-	-	4	4	306	8,10,11,12	Salford (A) 17.3.74
NEIL HAGUE	1.3.58	5.5.61	14	2	2	-	-	148	22	148	1	Wigan (H) 21.11.82
DAVID HEALY	5.5.61	22.3.58	2	4	3	-	-	29	72	29	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	York (A) 19.1.75
WAYNE HERON	22.3.58	21.3.52	10	6	8	-	-	82	58	82	11,12,13	Hull (H) 28.9.83
DAVID HESELWOOD	21.3.52	23.4.62	20	6	3	-	-	528	4	528	9,11,12	Castleford (A) 18.2.77
JOHN HOLMES	23.4.62	24.8.61	3	1	1	-	-	3	27	3	3,4,11	Castleford (H) 8.10.80
MARK LAURIE	24.8.61	7.1.57	1	-	2	-	-	20	4	20	24	Fulham (A) 23.11.80
ANDREW MACKINTOSH	27.9.60	1.12.60	8	1	3	-	-	34	144	34	1,3,4,6,11,12	Hull K.R. (A) 19.8.68
IAN MACKINTOSH	7.1.57	2.5.61	6	1	5	-	-	15	539	15	11,12	Salford (A) 4.12.83
STEVE MARTIN	1.12.60	12.3.59	11	3	1	-	-	313	21	313	6	Salford (H) 14.1.81
MARK MASSA	2.5.61	30.4.65	8	1	2	-	-	8	3	8	6,7	Hull K.R. (A) 22.3.81
PAT MITCHELL	12.3.59	27.4.54	8	1	3	-	-	34	2	34	4,6,7	Hull (H) 9.10.83
GARY MOORBY	6.2.52	23.5.56	11	3	5	-	-	15	11	15	2,3,5	Bradford (A) 5.10.80
STEVE PITCHFORD	30.4.65	23.5.56	2	1	1	-	-	4	6	4	2	Hull (H) 13.4.83
ROY POWELL	27.4.54	8.2.44	9	1	2	-	-	12	36	12	11,12	Hull (H) 9.10.83
PAUL PRENDIVILLE	23.5.56	17.12.58	20	3	7	-	-	101	1	101	8,10,11	Featherstone (A) 11.4.70
KEITH RAYNE	23.5.56	30.5.61	14	3	2	-	-	48	2	48	2,5	Widnes (H) 23.10.83
ALAN SMITH	8.2.44	5.3.62	13	-	1	-	-	468	9	468	8,10,11,12	Whitehaven (H) 13.12.81
ANDREW SMITH	17.12.58	27.9.62	5	6	2	-	-	58	284	58	2,3,5	Dewsbury (H) 29.8.62
RUSSELL SOWDEN	30.5.61	16.12.53	12	1	1	-	-	10	17	10	5	Widnes (H) 7.4.82
KEVIN SQUIRE	5.3.62	3.4.60	12	6	6	-	-	22	8	22	9	Castleford (A) 14.11.82
ANDREW SYKES	27.9.62	19.8.63	2	-	1	-	-	22	1	22	11,12,13	Warrington (H) 10.1.83
DAVID WARD	16.12.53	3.4.60	14	1	2	-	-	385	4	385	12	Wakefield (A) 19.4.81
TERRY WEBB	19.8.63	3.9.60	8	1	2	-	-	8	37	8	9,13	Bramley (A) 4.9.71
PAUL WHITEHEAD	3.9.60		19	-	6	-	-	71	2	71	1,2,3,4,12	Fulham (A) 16.10.83
IAN WILKINSON						-	-	24	31	24	103	Featherstone (H) 26.12.80

1983	Opponents and Venue	Att.	Result F A	1	2	3	4	5
Aug. 21	Oldham (A)	3,549	16-25	Hague	Mitchell	Holmes	Wilkinson	A. Smith
28	SALFORD (H)	4,253	40-10	Hague	Mitchell	Heselwood 1T	Wilkinson 3T	A. Smith
Sept. 4	Batley (A) Yorkshire Cup, Round 1	2,111	30-14	Hague	Mitchell 2T	Heselwood	Wilkinson	Cooper
11	WARRINGTON (H)	4,861	12-14	Hague	Mitchell	Heselwood	Wilkinson	Massa 1T
14	York (A) Yorkshire Cup, Round 2	1,296	24-16	Hague	Mitchell 1T	Wilkinson	Creasser	Massa
18	Wakefield Trinity (A)	4,500	20-19	Hague 1T	Mitchell	Creasser 3T	Wilkinson	Massa
25	WHITEHAVEN (H)	4,448	48-8	Hague	Mitchell 1T 1G	Creasser 2T	Wilkinson	Massa 2T
28	HULL (H) Yorkshire Cup, Semi-final	10,094	16-20	Healy	Mitchell	Creasser 2T 2G	Wilkinson	Massa
Oct. 2	Castleford (A)	5,336	4-54	Healy	Mitchell	Creasser	Wilkinson	Massa
9	HULL (H)	8,490	12-40	Healy	Mitchell 1T	Creasser 2G	Heselwood	A. Smith
16	Fulham (A)	2,972	44-10	Wilkinson	Mitchell	Creasser 1T 6G	Martin	A. Smith 1T
19	Wigan (A)	8,491	6-20	Wilkinson	Massa	Creasser 3G	Heselwood	A. Smith
23	WIDNES (H)	5,662	20-14	Hague	Prendiville	Creasser 1T 6G	Martin 1T	A. Smith
29	QUEENSLAND (H)	5,651	2-58	Wilkinson	Prendiville	Creasser 1G	Martin	A. Smith
Nov. 6	Blackpool B. (A), J. Player Trophy, Rnd 1	1,371	12-9	Wilkinson	Prendiville 1T	Heselwood	Martin	A. Smith
13	CASTLEFORD (H)	6,424	10-28	Wilkinson	Massa	Creasser 1G	Heselwood 1T	Prendiville
20	HULL K.R. (H), J. Player Trophy, Rnd 2	8,623	12-6	Wilkinson 1T	Prendiville	Creasser 2G	Bell 1T	A. Smith
25	Swinton (A), J. Player Trophy, Rnd 3	3,438	16-12	Wilkinson 1T	Prendiville	Creasser 1T 2G	Bell 1T	A. Smith
Dec. 4	Salford (A)	2,748	24-10	Wilkinson 1T	Prendiville	Bell	Martin	A. Smith
10	LEIGH, J.P.T. S.F. at Huddersfield	5,740	18-11	Wilkinson	Prendiville 1T	Creasser 3G	Bell	A. Smith
18	Featherstone Rovers (A)	4,200	12-12	Wilkinson	Prendiville 2G	Hague	Bell	A. Smith
26	FULHAM (H)							
1984								
Jan. 2	OLDHAM (H)							
8	Widnes (A)							
14	John Player Trophy, Final at Wigan							
22	Hull (A)							
29	WAKEFIELD TRINITY (H)							
Feb. 5	Leigh (A)							
12	State Express Challenge Cup, Round 1							
19	ST. HELENS (H)							
26	State Express Challenge Cup, Round 2							
Mar. 4	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS (H)							
11	St. Helens (A)							
18	Whitehaven (A)							
25	WIGAN (H)							
April 1	Hull Kingston Rovers (A)							
8	Warrington (A)							
15	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS (H)							
20	BRADFORD NORTHERN (H)							
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Holmes 1T	Conway 4G	Sykes	Sowden	Burke	Keith Rayne 1T	Squire	D. Heron	Heselwood S/3	Kev Rayne S/12 1T
Holmes	Conway 2G	Sykes	Sowden	Burke	Keith Rayne	Kevin Rayne	D. Heron	Heselwood S/12	W. Heron S/10
Holmes 1T	Conway 5G	Keith Rayne 1T	Ward 1T	Kevin Rayne	Heselwood 1T	Carroll	D. Heron	Healy S/7	W. Heron S/13
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Holmes	Dick	Keith Rayne	Ward	Pitchford	Heselwood	Carroll	D. Heron 1T	Squire S/11	W. Heron S/12
Martin 1T	Dick	Dickinson	Ward	Pitchford	Keith Rayne	Moorby	D. Heron	Massa S/10	Webb S/11
Holmes 1T	Dick	Dickinson	Ward	Keith Rayne 2T	Moorby	Squire 2T	Webb 1T	Heselwood S/4	D. Heron S/9
Holmes	Dick	Dickinson	Sowden	Keith Rayne	Moorby	Squire	Webb	Cooper S/5	D. Heron S/1
Holmes	Dick	Dickinson	Webb	Keith Rayne	Kevin Rayne	Squire	D. Heron	Heselwood S/1	Powell S/9
Holmes	Dick	Dickinson	Sowden	Keith Rayne	Kevin Rayne	Squire	D. Heron	Heselwood S/1	Moorby S/8
Holmes 1T	Dick 2G	Keith Rayne	Ward	Kevin Rayne	Squire	Moorby	D. Heron	Cooper S/4	W. Heron
Holmes 1T	Dick	Kevin Rayne	Ward	Keith Rayne	Moorby	W. Heron	D. Heron	Cooper	Squire S/13
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Holmes	Dick 2G	Keith Rayne 1T	Ward	Kevin Rayne	M. Laurie	Squire 2T	Webb	Clark S/4	Moorby S/8 1T
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ONE YEAR AGO TODAY Leeds 12 v Oldham 12 (League Match)
Leeds : N. Hague, Alan Smith, I. Wilkinson, L. Dyl, Andrew Smith, J. Holmes, M. Conway (Sub.: K. Dick), A. Sykes, D. Ward, A. Burke, Keith Rayne, W. Heron, (Sub.: D. Heselwood), D. Heron.
Leeds scorers : *Tries* — Andrew Smith, Dick. *Goals* — Conway (2), Dick (1). *Referee :* Mr. P. Massey (Salford)

FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY Leeds 5 v Bradford Northern 10 (League Match)
Leeds : N. Hague, D. Smith, I. Slater (Sub.: J. Atkinson), L. Dyl, Alan Smith, J. Holmes, K. Dick, M. Harrison, D. Ward (Sub.: R. Dickinson), S. Pitchford, G. Joyce, G. Hetherington, B. Adams.
Leeds scorers : *Tries* — Dickinson. *Goal* — Dick. *Referee :* Mr. S. Wall (Leigh).

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY Wigan 15 v Leeds 29 (League Match)
Leeds : D. Marshall, Alan Smith, S. Hynes, L. Dyl, J. Atkinson, A. Hardisty, K. Hepworth (Sub.: J. Holmes), W. Ramsey (Sub.: D. Jeanes), D. Ward, G. Clarkson, P. Cookson, G. Eccles, R. Batten.
Leeds scorers : *Tries* — Atkinson (2), Eccles (2), Hynes, Smith, Hardisty. *Goals* — Marshall (4).
Referee : Mr. W. H. Thompson (Huddersfield).

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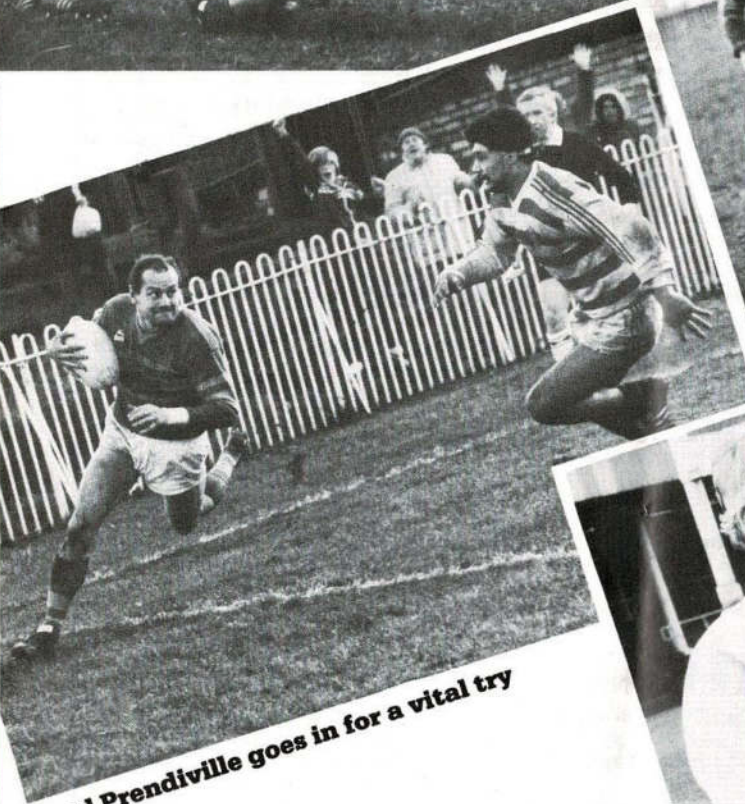
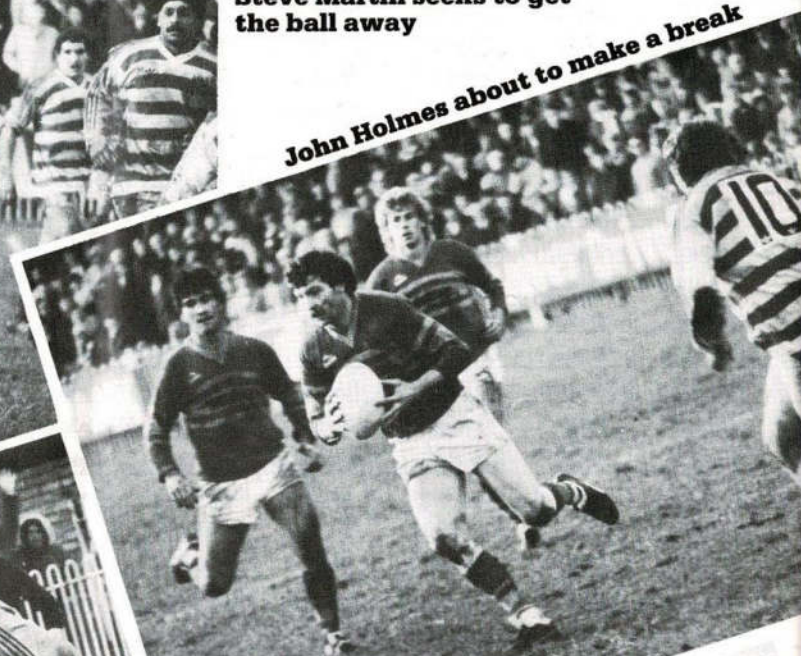


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Steve Martin seeks to get the ball away

John Holmes about to make a break



Paul Prendiville goes in for a vital try

Mr. Warham, Club General Manager, welcomes New Zealander Trevor Clark to the club



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Flashback... LEEDS v OLDHAM to 1973-74

Oldham were Leeds' first opponents under the new two divisional system, in August 1973, and they ran into a rampant Leeds side on that glorious sunny day at Headingley. Under the stewardship of Eric Ashton, Leeds produced some magnificently fluent football during a first half which brought a 31-2 lead. Oldham, with 19 year old Steve Whitmore on debut, took an early lead with a Larder penalty goal, but Holmes quickly cancelled it out, before Hynes scored two tries in three minutes. His first came from a solo run, from Batten's pass, and the second was the result of excellent team work, involving Holmes, leaving the Test centre with a huge overlap. Atkinson twice had scores disallowed, before Jeanes plunged over from a play-the-ball, for Holmes' conversion to make it 13 points in eight minutes. More stylish football from Smith, Haigh and Batten set up the position for Hynes' third try, before Batten opened the defence to send Haigh sweetly through. Oldham were bemused, and Hynes, in absolutely unstoppable form, went in for the fourth of six Leeds tries to make it 28-2, while Cookson finished off a move involving Hardisty (twice), Smith, Jeanes and Batten to send Leeds in for their lemons with a thoroughly deserved standing ovation ringing in their ears. Leeds maintained their momentum in the second spell, and further tries came from Hepworth, Atkinson and Cookson, with Holmes landing his eighth goal, 5,348 spectators had seen a performance to remember, particularly Hynes' centre show, which turned the clock back three years to his peak period of 1970.

The teams were:

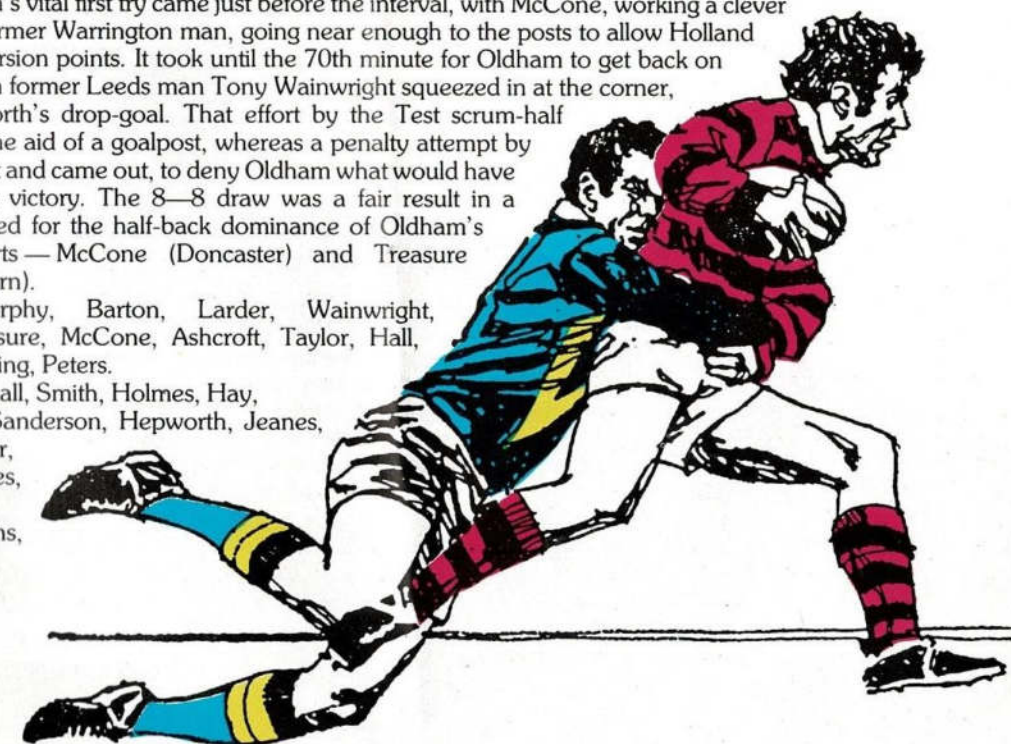
LEEDS: Holmes, Smith, Hynes, Dyl, Atkinson, Hardisty, Hepworth, Jeanes, D. Ward, Clarkson, Cookson, Haigh, Batten. Subs.: Langley, Eccles.

OLDHAM: Blair, Elliott, Larder, Wainwright, O'Brien, Whitmore, Davies, Wilson, Taylor, Ashcroft, Irving, Hall, Farrell. Subs.: Bottom, Daley.

Leeds were in third place and Oldham in ninth, when they visited Watersheddings in February 1974, for a match they badly needed to win to put pressure on Salford, six points ahead at the top of the League — having played two games more. The Headingley men began in style, particularly in the first 30 minutes, with Jeanes bulldozing Martin Murphy into the mud for a barnstorming try, and Fisher judging a kick to the corner perfectly to allow Alan Smith to win the race for a try at the corner. At 6-0 Leeds looked to be cruising to victory, but relegation-threatened Oldham smartened up to deservedly earn a point. Inspired by their Welsh international Gregory, Oldham's vital first try came just before the interval, with McCone, working a clever move with the former Warrington man, going near enough to the posts to allow Holland to add the conversion points. It took until the 70th minute for Oldham to get back on level terms, when former Leeds man Tony Wainwright squeezed in at the corner, to nullify Hepworth's drop-goal. That effort by the Test scrum-half went over with the aid of a goalpost, whereas a penalty attempt by Holland hit a post and came out, to deny Oldham what would have been a flattering victory. The 8-8 draw was a fair result in a game remembered for the half-back dominance of Oldham's Yorkshire imports — McCone (Doncaster) and Treasure (Bradford Northern).

OLDHAM: Murphy, Barton, Larder, Wainwright, Holland, Treasure, McCone, Ashcroft, Taylor, Hall, Gregory, Welding, Peters.

LEEDS: Marshall, Smith, Holmes, Hay, Atkinson, C. Sanderson, Hepworth, Jeanes, D. Ward, Fisher, Cookson, Eccles, Batten. Subs.: Coussons, Pitchford.



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