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Record try scorer Reg Farrar, 49 tries, 1921/22 season
Record goal scorer Bernard Ganley, 224 goals, 1957/58 season
Record point scorer Bernard Ganley, 28 points v. Liverpool City, April 1959
First game October 21st, 1876 v. Stalybridge
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Most appearances Joe Ferguson, 685
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Runners-up: 1906-07, 1911-12, 1923-24 and 1925-26
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Lancashire Shield Winners: 1975-76 and 1979-80
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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

Continuing the theme from last Wednesday's survey about meeting challenges head on, it will be appreciated that, in keeping with most Rugby League and soccer clubs, one of the biggest immediate problems to be overcome concerns ground safety in the aftermath of the Bradford disaster.

All clubs are affected by the new legislation and new concern for ground safety — some more than others.

The grounds of most of the leading Rugby League clubs — Watersheddings included — are now designated under the terms of the Safety of Sports Ground Act of 1975. This means we have had to apply for a licence from the Greater Manchester authorities and such licence was issued only if stringent rules and regulations were observed.

To start with, three sections of our stands have had to be closed down — the wing stands on either end of E stand and that section of the main stand at the Waterhead Park end. The Hutchins stand will remain closed, as it has done for the past two seasons, and you will have noticed already that we have had to erect new escape-route staircases at strategic points along the front of the stands.

We have also had to widen and install new gangways in the main stand and we have also had to "open up" the back of the main stand with a through passage.

This will inevitably mean a loss of seating in the main stand, and we wish to take this opportunity of apologising to any members who have had to be offered fresh seating, and trust that we will have everyone's co-operation in overcoming a problem that is affecting sports clubs nationwide.

Moreover, we also need a large contingent of match-day stewards — many more than we have needed hitherto — so if any supporter is interested in helping us out in this most vital of club duties we would be only too delighted to hear from you at the pavilion office.

Likewise, we are also on the look-out for turnstile operators so if you are interested please do not hesitate to contact the office at your convenience.

We are working in very close liaison with the police and fire authorities, as well as the local council, on all these matters and we would ask you all for your utmost co-operation in the "no smoking" instruction for supporters who are sitting in the stands.

Immediate ground safety work will cost in the region of £10,000 here at Watersheddings. The bill at some clubs will be less than that, while others will have to pay considerably more. It is good to learn, therefore, that the Rugby Football League is collecting all available information from around its member clubs to try and pick out which jobs are of a priority nature and which clubs will be assisted.

You will have read in the Press that Oldham Council's policy committee received a rebuff from Whitehall when asking Government for permission to help out at Watersheddings and Boundary Park on ground safety work.

We are now urging the Government to think again, but only time will tell whether anything arises out of our protestations.

It is becoming apparent that the bulk of the work will have to be met from the club which will inevitably apply even more financial pressure on us, as it will at all other clubs who are similarly affected.

Some clubs, already feeling the affects of financial problems, have taken the step of increasing minimum admission charges this season from £2 to £2.50. This certainly applies to most of the leading west Lancashire clubs such as Wigan, Widnes, St Helens and Warrington.

As we charged £2.30 last season we have decided to keep the price this year with the result that there are only two cheaper First Division clubs on this side of the Pennines — promoted Swinton, who are charging £2.20 and promoted Salford, who are sticking at £2.

A charge that has been levelled at us by some critics in the past is that we were the dearest club in Rugby League. Let it be said that, in terms of First Division clubs, we are now among the cheapest, so away fans should be pleasantly surprised this season when they see our turnstile prices in comparison with most others.

On the rugby side, Mick Morgan and his testimonial committee would like to say a big thank-you to all fans who turned up for his benefit match against Great Britain. The crowd of 2,999 was bigger than that at the previous Hull KR—Great Britain match and it produced a great start to Mick's benefit with a haul of about £6,000. Thank you everyone.

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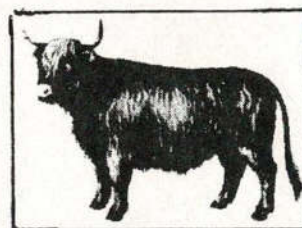
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Historical Notes on Leeds Football Club *by Tom Webb*

A random dip into my book of Leeds club records took me to the 1930-31 season. The preceding season had seen the club runners up in the Northern Rugby League and the Yorkshire League. The promise implicit in this was indicated in a Leeds programme in August 1970 which showed that the team had won the Yorkshire League championship and the Yorkshire Cup and again finishing second in the Northern League and runners up in the championship for the third consecutive year.

Jeff Moores led the team to those triumphs, but he did more than that, he introduced to Headingley Eric Harris, the "Toowoomba Ghost" who became such a legend in our game. Joe "Chimpy" Busch was also signed from Australia. As the club programme pointed out there was an embarrassment of riches with Les "Juicy" Adams playing so well.

Other signings were John Cox from Bradford Northern, R.H. "Dick" Cracknell (senior) from Swinton, Bob Smith from Wigan Highfield and Les Grainge from Otley. Departures included Arthur Lloyd, Bill Davis, Mel Rosser and Don Pascoe to York and Tommy Askins and Arthur "Candy" Evans to Castleford. At the end of the season Arthur Gower Thomas also left for York and Billy Watson made a move a Keighley, while Harry Jones moved to Halifax.

Joe Thompson was the goalkicker and he totalled 112 for the club out of 118 scored by the club. He made most appearances for the Loiners that season, 46 including the charity game and during his career with Leeds he played 390 games, scoring 862 goals and 53 tries, his 1883 points being a club record. Joe was already a Welsh Rugby Union international when he left Cross Keys for Leeds. He gained virtually every honour in the game in his 11 seasons at Headingley. He topped the century of goals in a season on four occasions. He represented Great Britain on tour and also played for Wales in the home internationals.

Eric Harris topped the try scorers with 58, just double the number scored by the second man in the list Stan Smith who later had a coaching spell at Oldham. A few years later Eric scored 63 tries in a season for Leeds. Eric appeared in the Leeds first team on 383 occasions and his personal tally was 391 tries and 16 goals. The career records of Joe Thompson and Eric Harris have been taken from Ken Dalby's wonderful club history, "The Headingley Story."

Leslie Adams was a home product who like Smith and Thompson went on tour to Australia and New Zealand. He later moved to Huddersfield and from there to Castleford.

Frank O'Rourke was an Australian like his co-centre Jeff Moores and in the season under review they scored 16 and 12 tries respectively for Leeds. Jim Brough was full back and he twice toured Australasia, Joe Thompson doing even better making the trip on three occasions. Stan Smith toured twice and Mel Rosser once so that five of the 1930-31 playing staff all at some time or other went on tour for Great Britain. Joe Busch had toured this country on behalf of Australia.

In the home internationals, Smith, Adams and Thomas played for England versus Wales when Thompson played for Wales. O'Rourke played for Other Nationalities against England. Thomas, Askin and Smith represented Yorkshire in the County Championship, Evan Williams and Thompson were in the combined Glamorgan and Monmouth representation while Brough wore a Cumberland jersey, having joined Leeds in a previous season from Silloth Rugby Union Club.

In the league Leeds won 29, drew 1 and lost 8 matches and in the championship play-off and various cup ties played an additional 10 games of which 6 were won, 3 lost and one drawn. In winning the Yorkshire Cup, Leeds had the distinction of not having their line crossed in five games.

WELCOME TO LEEDS

FOX IN CHARGE

THE Leeds club can always be relied upon to make a challenge for honours and those in the know at Headingley say they will be surprised if Peter Fox's outfit is not there or thereabouts when the trophies are handed out.

One of Rugby League's biggest news stories of the summer, of course, was the appointment by Leeds of Peter Fox to succeed Australian Malcolm Clifft, who returned to Canterbury-Bankstown at the end of last season.

The loss of Clifft and team manager Maurice Bamford, who had to sever his club connections to concentrate solely on his new job as Great Britain coach, left a big hole in the Headingley set-up and club officials looked to the vastly-experienced Fox when it became apparent he was on the move from Bradford Northern.

As a team which relied heavily last season on the Australian influence, Leeds are expected to have their full ration of five overseas players in the present campaign — Terry Webb, Tony Currie, Trevor Clark, new boy Cliff Lyons and another Australian, who had not actually signed at the time these notes were penned.

Webb will be back for his third season at Headingley; centre Currie will also be back for a 2nd spell, having represented Queensland this summer in the State of Origin series; New Zealander Clark, who toured here with the Maoris in 1983 will also be back.

Apart from the Fox capture, the biggest story of the close-season surrounding Leeds was their signing of 23-year-old Lyons, who is due to fly in this weekend.

It is unlikely Lyons will play today as he was only due to arrive in the past few hours. Leeds are confident, however, that it will not be long before the young stand-off half is well known in the English game!

He only joined Sydney club North Sydney this year, from country football, but he is said to have taken the Sydney competition by storm and is already reputed to be one of the hottest properties in the Rugby League world's most competitive surroundings.

Indeed, Lyons has turned down the chance of an Australian jumper on a short tour of Papua New Guinea, so he can get to Leeds as quickly as possible.

As well as their overseas players, a strong Leeds squad will also be further boosted by the return of two players from long-standing injuries — Keith Rayne and Ian Wilkinson.

Rayne is now ready for action again, having missed the whole of last season following injury on the 1984 Down Under tour, while full back Wilkinson is also back in the fold after an injury absence of some eight or nine months.

As well as a new coach, Leeds will also have a new captain. Hooker David Ward who has led the side since 1976, is making way as skipper for David Heron, one of a big squad of experienced forwards on whom Fox can rely.

Prop Roy Dickinson is in his benefit season and in the Great Britain squad preparing for the Test series against New Zealand; the Rayne twins are raring to go; Ward, Clark and Colin Maskill will all compete for the hooking job; and then there are players such as Webb, Gary Moorby, Brendan Hill, Paul Medley, Heron and Roy Powell to provide a more-than-useful six.

In the backs Kevin Dick and Mark Conway will both be chasing the scrum-half job, while evergreen Neil Hague will be keen to show that his £18,000 benefit is merely a new beginning, Lyons will soon be settling in at No. 6, Currie will be a constant threat to opposing defences in the centre as will another Great Britain man, David Creasser.

If there is one position in which Leeds might not be up to their usual strength it is on the wing. Aussies Eric Grothe and Neil Hunt will not be back this time, and you don't replace players like that too easily.

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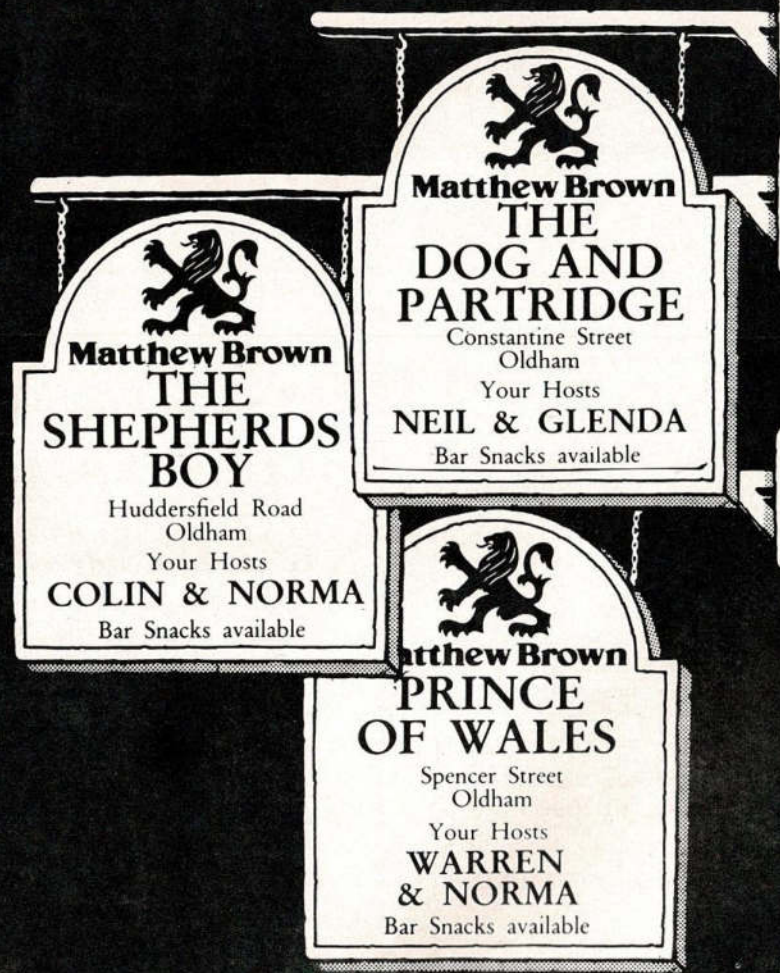
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BRIAN BATTY Daily Mail

If Rugby League makes the flying start that we all hope then there is a feeling the code can score over Soccer this season.

The drop in early in early Soccer attendances following last season's tragedy in Brussels and other setbacks have hit the 11-a-side code pretty hard.

We know that Rugby League cannot afford to be either smug or complacent, especially with the financial problems being caused by the demands for higher safety standards on our grounds.

Rugby League secretary David Oxley insists: 'We cannot afford to sit back. What we have to do is go out and sell the game to Soccer fans.

'We finished off last season in wonderful fashion and have to maintain the momentum, showing what we have to offer.'

At the moment there is such concern in Soccer about the hooligan element that they have been kicking off games in a morning with all ticket restrictions.

This measure cost Stoke City an estimated £12,000 in receipts on bank holiday Monday so let us hope such a plight never strikes Rugby League.

The problems are so deep rooted and widespread that experienced Birmingham boss Ron Saunders respected for being a tough disciplinarian and man of principle has begun a far reaching campaign.

He has launched a Save Our Society campaign that is winning support from people within and outside of Soccer.

I admire his move because there is no question that the hooligan situation is spreading to other sports with cricket now making a stand to try and sort out their so called fans.

We have had trouble in the past on Rugby League terraces and it will happen again but we have to see that it is kept under control and does not affect the family-type image the game values.

Not only was last May's Wembley superb from a footballing aspect but it won further praise from the London police for behaviour of the vast crowds which travelled from the North.

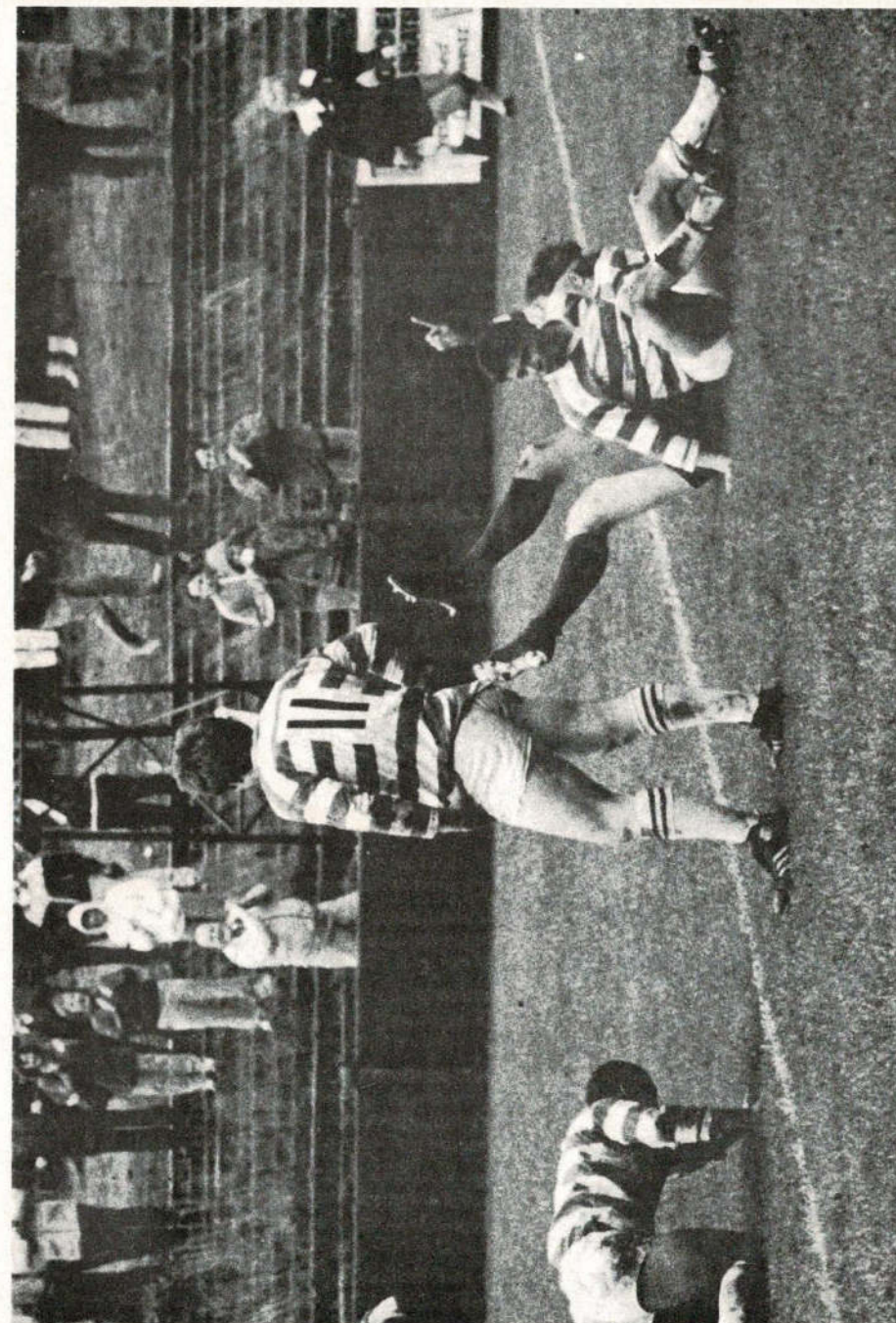
I hope we continue to benefit from the majority of super fans who put their effort in building up their knowledge of the game and not looking for trouble.

I think we will, but should hooliganism flare then it must be stamped out immediately and the clubs have the foresight to be both prepared and equipped to deal with the villains.



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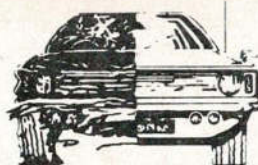
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15—County Cup (1)
22—Hull
29—Warrington

OCTOBER

6—Featherstone (3.30)
13—Salford
20—Castleford

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26—St. Helens

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9—Silk Cut Challenge Cup (1)
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23—Silk Cut Challenge Cup (2)

MARCH

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16—Widnes
23—Wigan
28—Swinton
31—Wigan

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6—Bradford
13—York (3.30)
20—St. Helens

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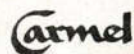
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The Supporters Club Committee and Members would like to welcome all the players and the committee and our visitors from over the Pennines, Leeds, hoping we have a good, clean and entertaining game. We invite the supporters to visit our souvenir shop and programme shop situated at different parts of the ground.

The Souvenir Shop at the Pavilion End of the ground has Sweaters, Sweatshirts, Ties, Badges, Pens etc.

The Supporters Club will be running coaches to Leigh for the County Cup Tie on Sunday September 15th and to Hull on Sunday September 22nd. Please ask for details at canteens, or phone the Social Club.

The Supporters Club subscriptions are now due. Come and join the Supporters Club Membership £1.00 (including diary). Please pay at any canteen. Also to all our Junior Reds, their membership to Mr. J. Gallagher in the Social Club.

The Supporters Club are hoping to hold a Car Boot Sale on the car park if the response is great enough. Please give your names in at any canteen. It will be held on a Sunday morning.



SUNDAY MIRROR RUGBY LEAGUE ROADSHOW IN OLDHAM

The ultra-popular Sunday Mirror Rugby League Roadshow is to be staged at the Pennine Lounge, Mumps Bus Station, Oldham, on Wednesday, 18th September, in aid of Mick Morgan's Testimonial.

Launched in 1979, the Roadshow has raised over £70,000 for players' Benefits.

An ever-present star of the Roadshow is Mick himself who throughout his auctioneering career is estimated to have raised over £75,000 for benefits and charities. Morgy will be in charge of his own auction for this 58th Sunday Mirror Rugby League Roadshow which kicks off at 8.00 p.m. and features the traditional parade of personalities, top class videos, audience participation, with give-away prizes. There will also be the Rugby League version of Mastermind, and star personalities of today and yesteryear, including members of the 1975 England World Championship side of which Mick was a member.

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John Player Special Trophy helps R.L. Clubs to meet new Ground Safety Requirements

More than a quarter of this season's record £80,000 John Player Special Trophy sponsorship fund will go towards helping Rugby League clubs meet new ground safety requirements.

The 1985-86 John Player Special Trophy competition will be worth £57,000 in prize money — including a record £11,000 for the eventual winners — with the remaining £23,000 going into the League's Capital Development Fund with specific purpose of helping clubs to meet the Government's requirements for ground safety in the wake of the Bradford and Brussels tragedies earlier this year.

Development funding has always been a feature of the sponsorship and this year the 15% increase will help towards this urgent need.

The new season's tournament will be the 15th for the John Player Special Trophy and will include all professional Rugby League clubs and the two leading amateur clubs, Jubilee, of Featherstone and West Hull from Humberside, as the winner and runner-up respectively of the BARLA Whitbread National Cup.

The tournament will start with a preliminary round including the two BARLA clubs on the weekend of November 9/10th. Other rounds will take place on:—

FIRST ROUND	Weekend of 23/24th November 1985
SECOND ROUND	Weekend of 30th Nov./1st Dec. 1985
QUARTER FINALS	Weekend of 7/8th December 1985
FIRST SEMI-FINAL	Saturday 14th December 1985
SECOND SEMI-FINAL	Saturday 21st December 1985
FINAL	Saturday 11th January 1986

Both semi-finals and the final will be staged at neutral venues.

The prize structure for the new season will see increases for the two beaten semi-finalists, the runners-up and the winners. The new structure is:—

PRELIMINARY ROUND	£750 each club
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WINNER £11,000 (£10,000 last season)

Peter Dyke, Head of Sponsored Events at Imperial Tobacco Limited, said of the new season: "This is the second year of our current £240,000 three-year contract with the Rugby League. If the competition is as successful as last season when the two Humberside clubs provided a feast of good rugby at the final then we are certain fans will enjoy it. It is also gratifying for us to know that our support of Rugby League is helping clubs to meet the considerable financial demands placed on them by the new ground safety regulations".

Joe Seddon, the new Chairman of the Rugby League, commented: "The policy of allocating a substantial amount of the sponsorship fee towards the Capital Development Fund is particularly justified this season in the light of the Bradford City tragedy and the need to meet the Government's requirements on ground safety. The money from the John Player Trophy is particularly helpful this season with increases to both the development fund and the prize structure. Last season the prize increases went to the clubs beaten in the earlier rounds. This time the clubs reaching the final stages benefit. We look forward to another keenly contested tournament with good rugby and record crowd as its main features".

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