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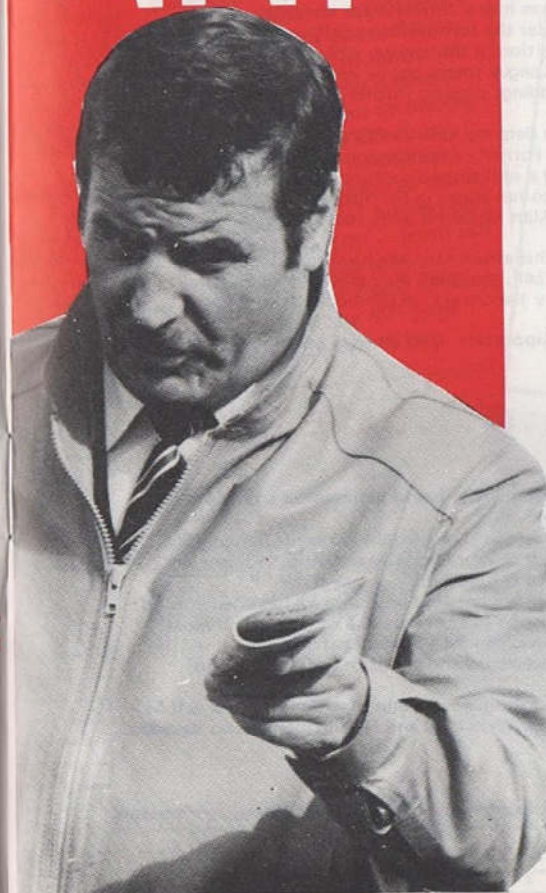
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Kick off 7.30 pm.



Alex Murphy Writes...



I think we owe a debt of gratitude to Batley! That might sound a bit strange but I'm sure that all the lads now know that they can take nothing for granted in the Second Division.

I'm not going to make any excuses. Our 26-17 win over Batley last week—end was a poor performance and if we continue to play like that we can wave goodbye to promotion.

We failed to get the basics of running, tackling and backing up right and if Batley had had a bit more pace, we could have really come unstuck. The only bright spot as far as we are concerned is that we played so badly, yet picked up two points.

Batley are what I would describe as a typical Second Division side. They concentrate their attacking play around the pack and two half-backs but generally lack the sort of pace expected from First Division sides.

We should have the brains to play to our strengths and not fall into the trap of playing into the oppositions' hands. I told the players we had to open things out in the second half and for a time it worked well with a couple of quick tries.

But then we slipped back into our careless ways after taking a 22-9 lead and in the end were a bit lucky to get away with it. I hope we've learned our lesson.

Today we turn our attentions to cup football with Oldham visiting Hilton Park in the first round of the Burtonwood Lancashire Cup.

League form goes out of the window in cup ties so I've told our lads to forget all about our 100 per cent record and Oldham's poor start to the season.

Both clubs are separated by a division but we still consider ourselves to a First Division set-up. Today we have the chance to prove it to everyone.

I know that Frank Myler will have his side fired up for this one, especially after losing to Swinton and Leeds at home in the last week or so.

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OLDHAM

It has to be admitted that being in the 2nd Division this season we at Leigh are glad when 1st Division opposition plays at 'Hilton Park'.

It gives our supporters that little extra to watch rather than seeing the likes of Runcorn, Batley and Doncaster every week.

Oldham however come here without a win to their credit and at this moment in time are lying second from bottom in the Slalom Lager Championship table.

They began the season with a 12-12 draw at Halifax but then suffered two home defeats in the space of four days - one by Swinton and the latest one against Leeds a week ago.

They have not had the best of luck so far, for a start their new signing from Hull David Topliss was injured at the start of the season and then in his debut game last Sunday suffered another leg injury which makes him a doubtful starter today.

Oldham's team boss is of course Frank Myler the former Great Britain coach who will surely have Oldham away from that lowly position in the League table in the very near future. He will not have to worry about the League today but he will be all out to make sure his side do not return home to Watersheddings with no further interest in the Burtonwood Brewery Lancashire Cup.

Pressure of space prevents us from giving a detailed look at Oldham's team.

However we can refer to players like Mick Parrish - a matchwinner in his own right - Evergreen Mick Morgan who has been granted a well earned Testimonial for twenty years in the game, loose forward Terry Flanagan who has stood in for Topliss as Oldham skipper this season already and ex Wakefield hooker Alan McCurrie who, despite his critics, has more than repaid his transfer fee.

We look forward to an entertaining game this afternoon. We have two sides who on their day can play superb Rugby League Football, the 1985 Wembley referee Ron Campbell is in charge so there is no reason why the crowd - expected to be well above average - should not be in for a treat.

Oldham R.L.F.C. - Players, Officials and Supporters - you are very welcome to 'Hilton Park' this afternoon.

MEET THE CAPTAIN DAVE TOPLISS

In Oldham's shaky start to the season boss Frank Myler has experimented with three different captains in a bid to weld his side together.

It now seems highly likely that Mr Myler will opt for Dave Topliss to lead Oldham this season. And surely he couldn't have made a better or more popular choice than select the man who has such a wealth of class and experience behind him.

Dave won't take offence when I say, in the kindest possible way, that he has been around a long time. For in his 17 years of top grade rugby he has become one of the game's most respected players - a clever footballer, master tactician and a model professional.

Unfortunately David damaged ligaments last weekend and could be unfit to captain Oldham this afternoon.

But whatever happens at Watersheddings this season it is certain that Dave Topliss will be as loyal and hard working for Oldham as he was for Wakefield and Hull in almost two decades of first class rugby.

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Today has been designated "DD-Day" with an all out effort being made to help swell Des's Testimonial Fund.

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I'm sure that many Oldham fans will find the 40-page brochure interesting too.

Commercial Comment!

A good start to the season, not only on the field but also on programme sales with the "New Style" magazine being a complete sell out against Batley.

On the subject of the programme, Fans should note that at the bottom of the McDonalds advert is a token which can be used to obtain a free regular drink with any order, which makes the Programme fantastic value at 35p.

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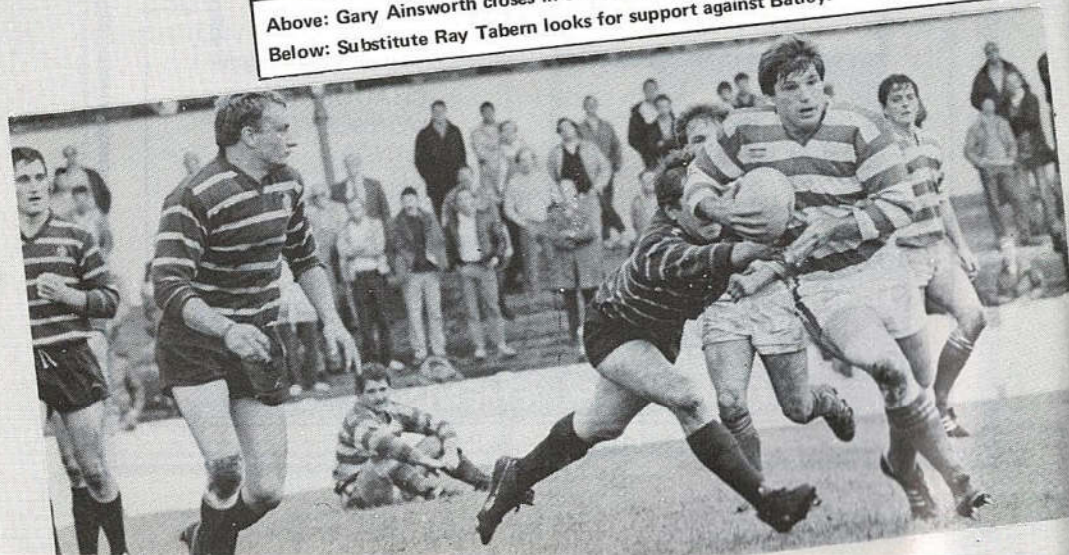
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PHOTO ACTION



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Below: Substitute Ray Tabern looks for support against Batley.



Top: No way through the Batley defence for Gary Ainsworth.
Bottom Left: Batley forward Ian Douglas is stopped by Mark Thomas & Derek Pyke.
Bottom Right: Steve Halliwell feels the full force of a Russ Sowden tackle.

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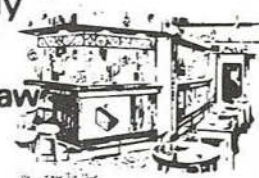
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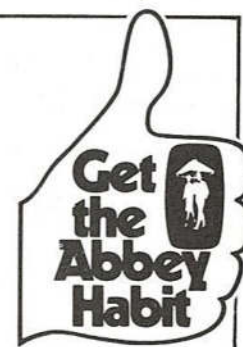
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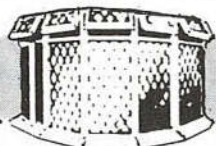
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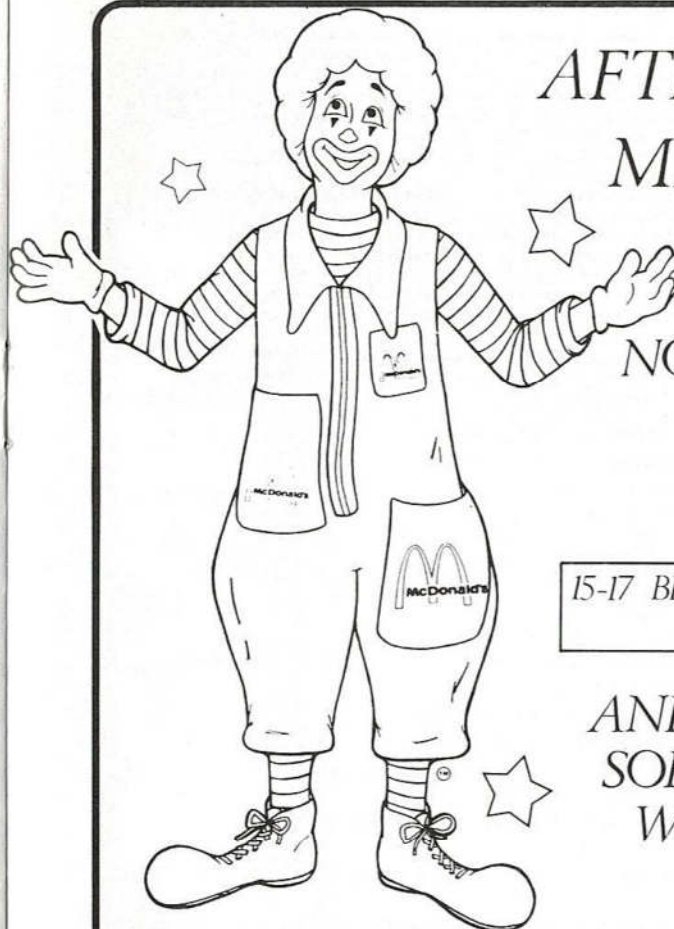
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Sadly, this seasons Lancashire Cup will be the last to be sponsored by Burtonwood.

We as a company have enjoyed our participation with the County Rugby League during the last decade. But 10 years is a long time in the sponsorship of any sport and we feel it is time for us to move over and let someone else take it on.

When we first sponsored the competition, it was badly in need of financial support and there's no doubting the tournament is in a much healthier state with total prize money of £13,250 at stake.

Burtonwood will still have close ties with the game and is delighted to be sponsors of the game at amateur level with the BARLA Lancashire Cup.

LANCASHIRE CUP RECORDS

Number of wins:

- 16 Wigan
- 10 St. Helens
- 9 Oldham
- 8 Warrington
- 6 Widnes
- 5 Salford
- 4 Leigh
- 3 Rochdale Hornets
- 2 Swinton and Barrow
- 1 Workington

Most successive final wins: 6 by Wigan.

Most final appearances: 30 by Wigan.

Most successive final appearances: 7 by St. Helens (1958-64), 6 by Wigan (1945-51).

Highest score in final: St. Helens 30 Oldham 2 (1968) also widest margin.

Biggest final attendance: 42,793 St. Helens v Wigan at Swinton 1953.

Most tries in final: 4 by Brian Nordgren (Wigan) v Leigh 1949.

Most goals in final: 7 by Jim Ledgard (Leigh) v Widnes 1955 and by Steve Hesford (Warrington) v Wigan 1980.

Most points in final: 17 by Hesford with 7 goals and a try 1980.

This years Lancashire Cup tournament is worth a massive £13,250 with £3,400 going to the winners and £1,700 to the runners-up. Losing semi-finalists receive £905 each, second round losers £510 and first round losers £350.

The 16 sides who participated last season are again taking part in the 1985 tournament and the further rounds are scheduled to take place as follows:

Round Two	Wednesday, 25th September.
Round Three	Wednesday, 2nd October.
Final	Sunday, 13th October.

REVIEW

Two major landmarks in Rugby League history — the 50th Wembley Final and the new War of the Roses— are chronicled in the newly published 1985-86 Rothmans Rugby League Yearbook.

The fifth edition of the 13-a-side code's best selling publication features a comprehensive review of the Golden Jubilee of Challenge Cup Finals under the famous twin towers, including round-by-round results of every Wembley campaign and the finalists' teams and scorers.

The inaugural Rodstock War of the Roses encounter is marked by a 20 year survey of Lancashire and Yorkshire teams, together with a register of current players who have gained county honours and details of all previous inter-county meetings.

A statistical analysis of the 1984 Great Britain Tour Down Under is another major feature of the 416 page Yearbook, now firmly established as world Rugby League's top reference book.

Memos of the 24 tour matches are provided with emphasis on the seven Tests against Australia, New Zealand, and, for the first time, Papua New Guinea.

New Zealand's 11th tour of Britain this autumn heralds a review of previous Kiwi visits since the pioneering round-the-world trip of 1907.

A traditional feature of the Yearbook format is the most comprehensive and accurate compilation of statistics from the previous domestic season. The eventful and highly entertaining 1984-85 campaign is fully recorded in facts and photographs.

The impact of the overseas imports is reflected in the reporting of the major cup tournaments and confirmed in the analysis of the season's transfer dealings.

The annual update on clubs' honours, players' summaries, and match analyses is backed up by a season's review of records, coaches, awards, referees, disciplinary findings, sponsorship, and the Alliance and Colts set-ups.

Fixtures are featured for the 1985 Kiwi Tour, the Slalom Lager Championship, the Second Division and the season's principal dates.

Illustrated with more than 125 photographs, the 1985-86 Rothmans Rugby League Yearbook is again compiled by Raymond Fletcher, of the Yorkshire Post, and Rugby League P.R.O. David Howes, and is available, priced £9.95, from leading bookshops or by post, plus £1.00 post and package, from The Public Relations Department, The Rugby Football League, 180, Chapeltown Road, Leeds. LS7 4HT.

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INTERVIEW Flashback



World Cup 1954 — Part 2 GREAT BRITAIN V AUSTRALIA

By David Nicholls (of the Daily Express)

Great Britain 28 pts., Australia 13 pts.

At Lyon, on Sunday, 31st October, 1954.

Salute the new Britain. Be proud of the bulldog courage, the driving enthusiasm, that whipped Australia in this duel in the sun on the picturesque Stade Gerland in Lyon on Sunday, October 31st. Forty years later the spirit of Rorke's Drift can still confound the Australians.

Britain won because they did the simple things well, and at a pace the Australians could not match. There were few subtle switches, hardly a reverse pass or involved move from the British backs throughout the game.

Gerry Helme, with the cheeky chappie impudence that makes him a world class scrum half on his day, dictated most of the play from the base of the pack.

It was Sullivan who took the full crushing impact of a tackle from 14-stone Australian centre Harry Wells ten minutes before half time. He staggered to his feet, a jagged cut gaping across his left eyelid. They led him to the trainer's bench—but that was not the end of the fighting Sullivan.

It could have been the end of Britain, but once again the moment found the man. Australia, 5-7 down, were relentlessly driving us back. With Dave Valentine out of the pack as stand-in for Sullivan, our forwards were being forced to relax their grip.

Australia swarmed to the British "25". Then it happened. Slick, precision passing moved the ball down the British line, until Valentine burst clear on the left. He worked to the wing, took Moir's tackle and turned the ball inside to Frank Kitchen, that bouncing ball of a wing man from Leigh.

Away he went on a cross field 60 yards run that took him arcing round a grasping, frustrated Churchill, and in a final lung-bursting effort strode past the desperate cover of Wells to squeeze in at the corner. Up stepped Jimmy Ledgard to kick the goal from the touch-line. Struggling Britain was now masterful Britain, 12-5 ahead at half time.

They patched up Sullivan's eye bound a plaster round his head, pulled on a protective skull cap and back he came for the second half.

Could he stand up to it? You bet your fighting Sullivan he could! He tackled with the tenacity of a Yorkshire terrier, was ever ready to drive forward in attack.

Helme & Rose combined for another try and that was the end of Australia now 23-5 down. Great Britain slowed down in the last 10 minutes allowing Australia to tag on a further 8 points, but by this time the game was out of their grasp.

THE TEAMS

Great Britain — Ledgard; Rose, Jackson, Sullivan, Kitchen; Brown, Helme; Thorley, Smith, Coverdale, Watts, Robinson, Valentine.

Australia — Churchill; Pidding, Wells, Watson, Moir; McCaffrey, Holman; Bull, Kearney, Hall, Provan, Davies, Diversi.

HILTON PARK SPORTLIGHT

STEVE HALLIWELL

At this moment in time Steve Halliwell the Paramatta player from Down Under is joint leading try scorer at the Club with three. Also on three is Club captain Derek Pyke who, we are reliably informed, is after Ellery Hanley's record!

Steve has settled down well at his new Club and is really looking forward to his season with us.

We briefly welcomed him in the match programme last week but felt that after two such promising games we should repeat that welcome and hope that he enjoys himself playing professional rugby at Leigh and returns home next year with fond memories and a lot of success.

TREVOR COGGER

By the time you read these notes Trevor Cogger and his wife Kate will have moved into their home and hopefully Trevor will be looking forward to making his debut this afternoon.

Whether he does so or not will depend on Trevor and Team Manager Alex Murphy who will have discussed the tiring flight and his general fitness.

We were told only last week that Trevor had enjoyed an excellent season with his Club Western Suburbs and was really looking forward to the Challenge here at Leigh.

Our information is that Trevor will be something extra special in 2nd division football once he has adjusted to the English conditions and got used to his new team mates.

As always we would ask our fans to give the lad time to settle into his new surrounds.

We would like to offer a very warm welcome to both Mr and Mrs Cogger and hope their stay here with us will be enjoyable and successful.

EARLY NERVES ONCE MORE

In last weeks programme notes we referred to the Runcorn game and the fact that Runcorn had established a twelve point lead before we had settled down. A similar thing happened in the Batley game last Sunday when again a nervous start had us trailing by seven points and although victory in the end was fairly comfortable we will have to, before long, start from the word go and make sure we do not fall behind, which always makes the fight back that bit harder.

Batley fielded perhaps their strongest possible side and included ex Under 24 International Kevin James in the second row former Bradford Northern scrum half Steve Ferres and Yorkshire County centre Carl Gibson.

At the end of the day I suppose we have to say that we played badly but won and the two points gained are very valuable indeed.

ALLIANCE SUCCESS

The disappointing defeat at Salford two weeks ago was forgotten last week when the Alliance Team recorded their first win of the season, beating a spirited Carlisle side by 28 points to 11.

Leigh scorers were Paul Burke 1 try, Sean Fairhurst 1 try, Paul Hardman 1 try and two trialists each scored a try each. Sean Fairhurst also kicked 4 goals.

TWO ON THE TROT FOR COLTS

The Colts followed up their tremendous opening success at York by recording their second win in succession against Bramley Colts at the weekend.

The game, played as a curtain raiser to the senior game v, Batley, became scrappy at times but Leigh always had the edge and fully deserved their success.

SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS



TODAYS GUESTS

Today Leigh Supporters Club extends a warm welcome to all players, fans and officials from Oldham. Although Oldham have first division status we feel we have a good chance of upsetting the books today in this the first round tie of the Burtonwood Breweries Lancashire Cup.

SUPPORTERS CLUB DRAW

As in the last few seasons, we will be welcoming four guests to each game free. This week Mr H. Hayes and Mr I. Loudon will each be bringing along a guest to today's game courtesy of Leigh Supporters Club. To enter the draw simply join the Supporters Club at a cost of 50p, and you will automatically be entered into the draw, for every home game including cup games.

WEMBLEY 71

We are pleased to announce that we are now in the possession of a video containing the 1971 Final. The cost will be £2.00 a night on production of Supporters Membership Card. Considering the number of enquiries about this film, please do not be too disappointed if the film is already out. After last seasons success of hiring out ordinary League Matches, we are pleased to announce that this service will continue this season. For this service we are grateful to Mr Billy Lea and Mr Derek Disley who provide us with excellent coverage over the season. The hire charge will remain at £1.00. Due to complaints last season over the availability of films we must enforce a strict rule that if a film is returned late the extra must be paid which is common practice in all video shops.

TREVOR COGGER

Today we welcome Trevor Cogger and his wife to Leigh. It is believed that Trevor may be making his first team debut today, if so we hope he has a good game and enjoys his stay here at Leigh.

TRAVEL CLUB

We will be continuing our usual travel club this season. We will hopefully provide a relatively cheap service to all away matches. We are travelling on G.M.T. Coaches again, as they have given us very reliable service in the past. The cost of the coach to our next away match which is Barrow are as follows: Adults £3.20 Child £3.00. Bookings can be made at the Pools Office or by phone on Leigh 679369.

LEIGH SUPPORTERS

FIRST TEAM			RUGBY LEAGUE ALLIANCE			COLTS FIXTURES		
1985			1985			1985		
Sept.	1	Runcorn H.	Aug.	30	Salford	Aug.	31	York
	8	Barley		7	Carlisle	Sept.	7	Bramley
	15	Oldham (Lancs. Cup 1st)		12	Widnes		21	Halifax
	22	Sheffield E.		21	Barrow		28	Barrow
	29	Barrow		28	Swinton		5	Doncaster
Oct.	6	Hunslet		5	Swinton		12	Doncaster
	13	Carlisle		10	Lancs. Shield 1st Rd.		19	Doncaster
	20	Mansfield M.		19	St. Helens		26	Swinton
	27	Huddersfield B.		26	Lancs. Shield 2nd Rd.		9	Barrow
Nov.	3	Whitehaven		30	Wigan		16	Swinton
	10	Fulham		8	Halifax		23	Huddersfield
	17	Barley		15	Barrow		30	York
	24	Bramley		22	Wigan		7	Doncaster
	31	John Player Trophy 1st Rd.		29	Halifax		14	York
Dec.	8	Hunslet		6	Warrington		21	Halifax
	15	Wakefield T.		13	Featherstone R.		28	Swinton
	22	Carlisle		20	Carlisle		4	Bramley
	29	Rochdale H.		27	Warrington		11	Huddersfield
1986			1986			1986		
Jan.	1	Blackpool B.	Jan.	3	St. Helens	Jan.	4	Huddersfield
	5	Fulham		10	Huddersfield		18	Halifax
	12	Runcorn H.		17	Salford		25	Dewsbury
	19	Sheffield E.		24	Widnes		8	Bramley
	26	Whitehaven		31	Oldham		15	Challenge Cup 1st Rd.
Feb.	1	Mansfield M.		7	Widnes		22	Challenge Cup 2nd Rd.
	9	Slit Cut Challenge Cup 1st Rd.		15	Alliance Challenge Cup 1st Rd.		8	Barrow
	16	Workington T.		22	Oldham		15	Huddersfield
	23	Slit Cut Challenge Cup 2nd Rd.		29	Alliance Challenge Cup 2nd Rd.		22	Doncaster
Mar.	2	Wakefield T.		1	Huddersfield			
	9	Keighley		13	Featherstone R.			
	16	Huddersfield B.		20	Swinton			
	23	Rochdale H.						
	30	Blackpool B.						
Apr.	6	Workington T.						
	13	Barrow						
	20	Doncaster						
	27	Keighley						
May	4	Bramley						
	11	Doncaster						