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ROVERS

Team Manager:
Allan Agar
Colours: Blue & White

ROD PETHYBRIDGE

BRIAN WAITES
STEVE QUINN (Capt.)
JOHN GILBERT
CALVIN HOPKINS

ALAN BANKS
DERYCK FOX

PADDY BURGOYNE
ROBERT SPURR
MICK GIBBINS
PETER CLARKSON
NEIL CLAWSON
PAUL LYMAN

OLDHAM

Team Manager:
Frank Myler
Colours:
Red & White

ALAN TAYLOR

HUSSAN M'BARKI
DES FOY
GARY WARNEKI
MIKE TAYLOR

RAY ASHTON
PADDY KERWAN

WALLY JONES
IAN SANDERSON
MICK MORGAN (Capt.)
MAL GRAHAM
DAVID HOBBS
TERRY FLANAGAN

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REFEREE:- Mr. J. SMITH (Halifax)

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Mr. D. BOOTH (Amber Flag)

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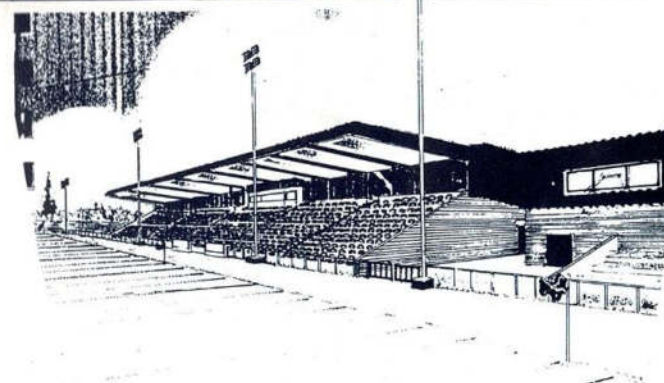
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TEAM MANAGER: A. AGAR

SENIOR COACH: A NICHOLSON

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MEDICAL ADVISOR: DR D DURIE

PHYSIOTHERAPIST: C HORNER

CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER: ERIC LORRIMAN

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:

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ALLIANCE LEAGUE: T MULLANEY, **COLTS:** C HEWISON.

MATCH PROGRAMME: T MULLANEY

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER: R EVANS.

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS: GREAT BRITAIN: T ASKIN,
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D HOBBS, G JORDAN, A MORGAN, S NASH, P SMITH, J THOMPSON.

UNDER 21's: DERYCK FOX

UNDER 24's: K BELL, S EVANS, D FENNELL, V FARRAR, M GIBBINS,
J GILBERT, D HOBBS, T RAMSHAW, P SMITH, V THOMAS, J THOMPSON,
L TONKS.

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A MORGAN
J MULLANEY, P SMITH, R STONE, J THOMPSON, A WOOD.

WALES: P BANNER, H BOX.
JOHN JEPSON PLAYER OF THE YEAR 1984/85 — DERYCK FOX

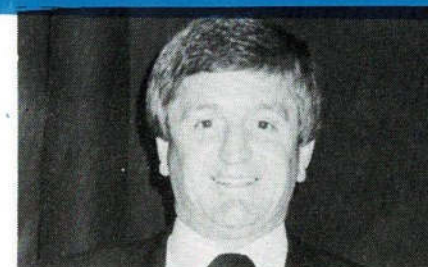
Team Talk

A warm welcome today is extended to Frank Myler and the players, officials and supporters of the Oldham club who, like ourselves this season, are so far struggling to find their best form with only three league points from five games. They will take encouragement however from a fine home win over Warrington last week and are sure to provide Rovers with a tough test this afternoon.

We will all be familiar with two of the Oldham players today, David Hobbs who makes his return to Post Office Road after his transfer towards the end of last season and the evergreen Mick Morgan who is a popular figure throughout the Rugby League world.

David, of course, will always be remembered by Rovers fans for his Lance Todd performance in the 1983 Wembley final victory over Hull when he scored both of our tries while Mick, another former Rovers' favourite and life long friend of mine is a credit to the game both on and off the field.

He is famed for his skill and humour as an auctioneer at the R.L. Roadshows that are held in aid of Players' benefits and he himself has raised tens of thousands of pounds in his



own inimitable style. Mick will be in action again in Featherstone towards the end of this year when the Sunday Mirror Rugby League Roadshow comes to town in aid of Peter Smith. Believe me he's well worth seeing.

The players who he has helped over the years now have the opportunity to repay Mick as he, himself, is currently enjoying a testimonial season which has been granted in recognition of 20 years service to the game as a player. A truly remarkable achievement that deserves the reward of a bumper benefit.

Good Luck Mick

ALLAN AGAR

Club Honours & Records

RL CUP — Winners 1967, 1973, 198:
Runners-up 1952, 1974.

RL CHAMPIONSHIP — Winners -- 1977;
Runners-up 1928, 1976.

RL CHAMPIONSHIP 2ND DIVISION —
Winners 1980.

**ARROWFAST TRY SCORING
TROPHY** — Winners 1980.

YORKSHIRE CUP — Winners 1940,
1959; Runners-up 1928, 1963, 1966,
1969; 1970, 1976, 1977.

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE — Runners-up
1928, 1962.

YSC CUP — Winners 196, 1974; Runners-
up 1955, 1960.

YSC SHIELD — Winners 1946, 1962,
1972.

SEVEN SEAS SEVENS — Winners 1985
GROUND RECORDS: RL Cup —

Attendance 17,531 v St Helens, 1959;
Receipts: £12,287 v Widnes 1981.

Yorkshire Cup — Attendance; 10,700 v
Leeds, 1959; Receipts: £8,681 v Hull,
1980.

League Attendance 14,990 v Wakefield
Trinity, 1962; Receipts: £6,001 v Hull,
1981.

RECORDS TO LOOK OUT FOR

TRIES — Match: 6 M J Smith (1968)

Season: 31 C Woolford (1958-59)

Career: 162 D Fox (1953-1966)

GOALS — Match: 12 D Fox (1964)

Season: 163 S Quinn (1979-80)

Career: * S Quinn (1976-)

POINTS — Match: 29 S Quinn (1979)

Season: 375 S Quinn (1979-80)

Career: * S Quinn (1971-)

APPEARANCES — Season: 46 C Woolford
(1959-1960)

Career: 440 J Denton (1921-34)

FASTEST CENTURY OF POINTS —

T Smales (1966-67) and S Quinn

(1976-77 and 1979-80) — 9 matches

MOST CONSECUTIVE WINS —

12 (1972-73)

MOST CONSECUTIVE LEAGUE WINS

— 11 (1979-80)

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1971 — 65 points

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Rovers round up

TODAY'S GAME

TODAY'S visitors to Post Office Road are **Oldham** who have made an uncharacteristically poor start to the new start with a win and a draw to show from their opening five league games.

A crippling injury list together with suspensions to key players did not help their cause early on but a stronger looking side managed to defeat much fancied **Warrington** last Sunday by **26pts to 20**, giving the club its first win. Additions to the side of Aussies **Mal Graham** and **Gary Warneke** today should further enhance their chances of victory against Rovers who are, as yet, struggling to find their best form.

The Rovers' side today could also have an antipodean flavour about it as **Australian Rod Pethybridge** and **New Zealander Paddy Burgoyne** were both due to play in the Yorkshire Senior Challenge Cup game at Wakefield last Thursday evening. **Mark Roiall**, our other Kiwi, played soundly last Sunday at Dewsbury and he too is likely to line up again today when hopefully Rovers will show the sort of form that we all know they are capable of.

PLAYERS

Andy Mackintosh suffered a knee injury last weekend and could be out of action today but it is hoped that prop forward **Mick Gibbins** will return after missing the Dewsbury game. Up and coming forward **Alan Dakin** was expected to play his first game of the season in the Y.S.C. Cup tie at Wakefield after breaking a leg last season and **Peter Smith** and **Tim Slatter** continue to make steady progress after close season knee operations.

PETER SMITH BENEFIT FUND

The next event in Peter's testimonial year is a **Rugby League 'Mini' Roadshow** which will be held at the **Prince of Wales Working Men's Club**, Nevison, Pontefract, on **Monday 7th October at 8 pm.**

A packed evening of entertainment will include the 'Each Way Bet', conducted by **John Boyd of Radio Aire**, a R.L. Quiz between Rovers players and supporters as well as a question and answer forum when you will be able to put your views to the players and coaching staff.

Rounding off the evening will be the ever popular **auction** when up for grabs will be **Australian and British Club shirts, autographed rugby balls** as well as many other interesting items for the R.L. fan.

PROGRAMMES WANTED

A young man named **Dean Briers** of 66 Beech Crescent, Townville, Castleford, requires a Castleford v Rovers programme for season 1958/59 and any pre-1957 programmes between the two clubs. He is willing to buy or make attractive exchanges for them.

WHITBREAD TROPHY BITTER TESTS

Seating tickets priced £8, £7, £6 (plus £5 at Elland Road) are available from R.L. Headquarters, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds LS7 4HT, for the three Tests between Great Britain and New Zealand. Details of those games are:

Headingley — Saturday 19th October — Kick off 2.15 pm

Wigan — Saturday 2nd November — Kick off 3.00 pm

Elland Road — Saturday 9th November — Kick off 2.15 pm

Tickets can also be obtained from the above grounds. Include a stamped addressed envelope when ordering.

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The brochure includes high quality features and the usual sparkling action photographs **OPEN RUGBY** has become famous for.

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In town today

TODAY'S visitors have had an indifferent start to the season having gained only one victory in their first five league matches, that being a morale boosting home victory over Warrington last weekend. Oldham had previously lost to Leeds 14-30 and Swinton 12-16 at home. Away from home Oldham had managed a 12-12 draw at Halifax and a 12-54 reverse when an injury-hit team was fielded. To add to Oldham's difficulties they also lost 12-40 to Leigh in the First Round of the Lancashire Cup.

This poor start can be explained by an appalling injury list depriving Oldham of several key players. Those likely to be missing today are ex-Wakefield and Hull international stand-off Dave Topliss (achilles tendon), centre Mick Parrish, international forward Mick Worrall (knee ligaments), Colin Hawkyard (shoulder) whilst in addition Alan McCurrie is currently suspended.

Oldham are managed by former Great Britain coach **Frank Myler** who is in his second year since rejoining Oldham.

The Oldham pack contains one or two familiar faces none more so than **David Hobbs** who left Rovers to join Oldham towards the end of last season. David is currently operating in the second-row, although his international career has recently been in the front row. However David's ability to score tries from close range is well known. Another Featherstone man is the one and only **Mick Morgan** who is the present holder of the Number 10 jersey at the Water-sheddings. Mick has continued to add to his long list of honours in the game, since he signed as a centre for Wakefield Trinity in 1966, by successfully representing Yorkshire in their recent Roses victory over Lancashire. The ball handling skills of Mick will be well to

the fore in today's game.

There is a new name for Oldham at hooker in **Ian Sanderson** who has taken his opportunity well in the absence of McCurrie. Ian is aged 21 years and comes from Leigh having signed for Oldham about three years ago. At the open-side prop position **Wally Jones** the former Rochdale player, has been turning in some sound performances.

An interesting recruit in the second row is Australian **Mal Graham** who had a highly successful season with Hunslet. At loose-forward we should see international Terry Flanagan who toured Australia in 1984 with the Great Britain team, who is back with the Club after missing the early matches.

Paddy Kirwan has been occupying the scrum-half spot. Paddy was signed from the Oldham Colts team and is a former Colts international. At stand-off is another Great Britain tourist in **Ray Ashton** who is operating in this position through the absence of Topliss. Ray has produced some splendid performances against the Rovers in recent seasons.

Jeff Edwards has taken over the full-back position and was signed from a Warrington area amateur Rugby League team. A new recruit in the centre position is the second Aussie in the team, **Gary Warnecke** who plays for the Western Suburbs club in Sydney. He made his debut last week in the victory over Warrington. His co-centre is likely to be **Des Foy** who is also an international player. Des if from the Oldham area but originally signed for Widnes before returning to his own town team.

There is no lack of speed in the Oldham wings in **Mick Taylor** and **Hussein M'Barki** the former Fulham and Warrington player.



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Club fixtures and results - 1985-86

FIRST TEAM

Date	Opponents	Venue	ko	Result	F	A	Att.
Sept 1	Su Hull KR			H 3.30	14	27	2659
4	We Bradford N			H 7.30	15	8	1901
15	Su Widnes			A 3.00	16	30	4000
18	Su Y Cup 1st Rd	York		A 3.30	26	18	2285
22	Su Salford			H 3.30	12	16	1434
25	We JSYC Rd 2	Bradford		A 3.30	12	11	222001
29	Su Dewsbury			A 3.30	23	20	1783
Oct 6	Su Oldham			H 3.30			
13	Su York			H 3.30			
20	Su Halifax			A 3.00			
27	Su Wigan						
Nov 3	Su St. Helens			H 3.30			
10	Su Swinton			A 3.00			
17	Su Wigan			H 3.30			
24	Su JP Special Trophy 1st Rd.						
Dec 1	Su JP Special Trophy 2nd Rd						
8	Su Hull KR			A 3.00			
22	Su Warrington			H 3.30			
26	Th Hull			A 11.00			
Jan 1	We Hull			H 11.30			
5	Su Oldham			A 3.00			
12	Su Leeds			A 3.30			
19	Su Salford			A 3.00			
26	Su Dewsbury			H 3.30			
Feb 2	Su St. Helens			A 3.00			
9	Su Silk Cut Chal Cup 1st Rd.						
16	Su Leeds			A 3.00			
23	Su Silk Cut Chal Cup 2nd Rd.						
Mar 2	Su Castleford			H 3.30			
9	Su Warrington			A 3.00			
16	Su Swinton			H 3.30			
23	Su York			A 3.30			
31	Mo Castleford			A 3.30			
Apl 6	Su Widnes			H 3.30			
13	Su Bradford N			A 3.30			
20	Su Halifax			A 3.00			

ALLIANCE TEAM

Date	Opponents	Venue	ko	Result
Aug. 31	Sa Hull KR		A 2.30	Post
Sept. 5	Th Widnes		H 7.30	2 26
13	Fr Castleford		A 7.30	14 20
20	Fr Keighley		A 7.30	21 16
26	Th Dewsbury		H 7.30	6 27
Oct 3	Th YS Cup Rd 1	W'field	A 7.30	
10	Th Hunslet		H 7.30	
19	Sa YS Cup 2nd Round		H 7.30	
24	Th Batley		H 7.30	
Nov 1	Fr Hull		A 7.30	
7	Th Keighley		H 7.30	
15	Fr Bradford N		A 7.30	
21	Th Castleford		H 7.30	
30	Sa Batley		A 2.30	
Dec 5	Th Hull KR		H 7.30	
13	Fr Leigh		A 7.30	
19	Th Wakefield		A 7.30	
27	Fr Hull		H 7.30	
Jan 4	Sa Hunslet		A 3.00	
10	Fr Leeds		A 7.30	
16	Th Huddersfield P		H 7.30	
23	Th Dewsbury		A 7.30	
30	Th Leeds		H 7.30	
Feb 15	Sa Alliance Chal. Cup 1st Rd.		H 7.30	
20	Th Wakefield		H 7.30	
Mar 6	Sa Alliance Chal. Cup 2nd Rd.		H 7.30	
13	Th Bradford N.		H 7.30	
20	Th Leigh		H 7.30	
27	Th Widnes		A 7.30	
28	Fr Huddersfield P		A 7.30	

(Please check with your local press for any alterations)

RL CHALLENGE CUP

3rd Round	9 March
1st Semi-final	22 March
2nd Semi-final	29 March
Final at Wembley	3 May

COLTS TEAM

COLTS' FIXTURES—SEASON 1985/86
1st Division—COLTS' LEAGUE

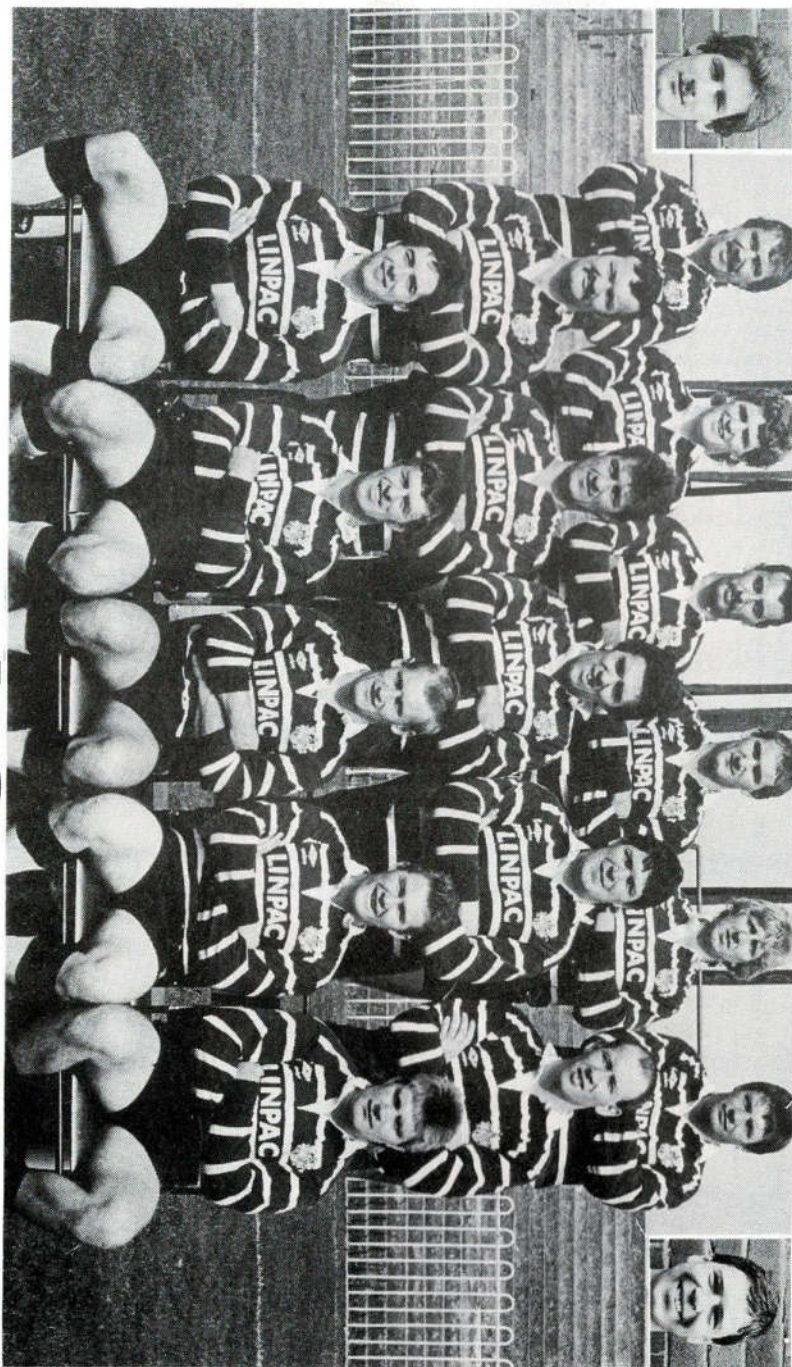
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14	Sat. Castleford			H 3.00	15	24
21	Sat. Bradford N			A 3.00	15	14
28	Sat. Wakefield T			A 3.00	16	34
Oct 5	Sat. Leeds			H 3.00		
12	Sat. Hull KR			H 3.00		
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Dec 7	Sat. Hunslet			A 2.30		
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21	Sat. Bradford N			H 2.30		
28	Sat. Leeds			A 2.30		
4	Sat. Hunslet			H 2.30		
11	Sat. Leeds			A 2.30		
18	Sat. Hull KR			H 2.30		
25	Sat. Hull			A 3.00		
1	Sat. Wigan			H 3.00		
8	Sat. Colts Chal. Cup 1st Rd.					
15	Sat. Castleford			A 3.00		
22	Sat. Colts Chal. Cup 2nd Rd.					
Mar 1	Sat. Hull			H 3.00		
8	Sat. Wigan			A 3.00		
22	Sat. St. Helens			H 3.00		

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A new series which looks at former Featherstone greats

Harold "Buff" Lord-Tennant
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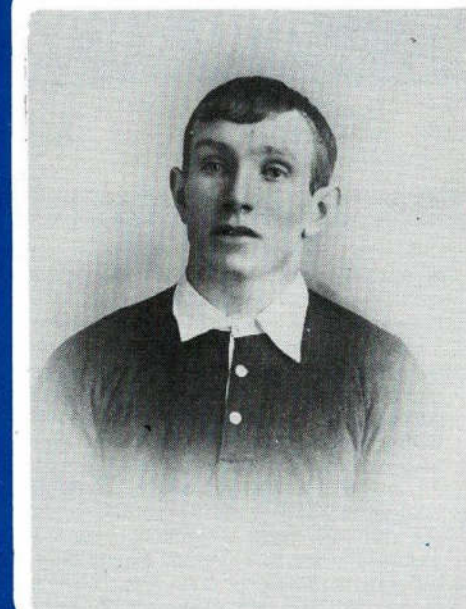
THIS week's "Hall of Fame" doubles as a belated obituary for a superb athlete who was one of the first of many local players to go on to the "money clubs".

"Buff" played his first rugby for Purston White Horse and captained their highly successful intermediate team that won the Cooke Shield in 1910. He had previously been a sprint champion who had won many honours. In 1913 "Buff" was snapped up by Hull K.R. for a fee in the region of £100 (very high for the time) and was reported to be the fastest man in the professional league at the time. It was said that the great Albert Rosenfeld would never face "Buff" on the same wing when the Robins played Huddersfield.

In his first season at Craven Park "Buff" was top try scorer with 27. On the outbreak of the First World War Hull K.R. released "Buff" from their staff and there is evidence that he turned out for Featherstone, still a junior side at the time, who had arranged fixtures with senior clubs and even appeared in unofficial war league tables.

Following the war "Buff's" career was sadly curtailed by injury, however he remained fit and went on to lead a very long life. When doing research for the Rovers history book I spoke with "Buff" and found a remarkable old gentleman with a mind as sharp as a tack and memory to match. He even recalled what time train he caught from Baghill to Hull and apparently in 1913 it cost 7/6d return!!

I am indebted to Alan Tennant, himself a former Rovers favourite for help with this article and for the loan of the fine old photograph.



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Supporters Club News and Views

IN our welcome to the Oldham Supporters today, we are conscious of the fact that have lost one of their most loyal and lifelong supporters. Tom Webb died during the close season and the Rugby League world has lost one of its greatest advocates. Tom was a writer of a number of popular features in the Rugby Leaguer and, as a keeper of records, he could provide answers to settle numerous arguments. He was a friend of all Rugby League fans and he was a personal friend of our own chairman, John Smith. He was always the first to be invited to any of our supporters' functions and, other commitments permitting, he was invariably the first to accept. He will be sadly missed.

Representatives of the Featherstone Supporters Organisations are asked to note that the meeting at the ground will now be on Monday 14 October 1985 at 8 pm, to avoid a clash with Pete Smith's benefit function at Pontefract on 7 October, 1985.

The correct score forecast prize of £15.00 for the Salford match was won by A.L. Yates and this season supporters appear to have acquired a talent for correct predictions. This came to an end for the Dewsbury match where there were no winners and the prize for today's game is increased to £25.00. Any help given in the completion of score sheets will be most welcome and details can be obtained from John Smith at the collectors programme hut on match days. A large stock of collectors programmes is also on sale together with the current copy of 'Open Rugby'. Sales of this publication are on a commission basis and supporters are urged to order their publication from the supporters hut.

The coach for York will leave the ground next Sunday at 2 pm and seats can be booked by ringing Barbara Walker as usual. It is possible that coaches to the test matches could be arranged dependent upon the demand although it is too late to arrange a coach for the Under 21 match next Wednesday, 9 October, at Odsal Stadium. The kick off for this game is 7.30 pm and we hope that the Rovers players will be represented by Paul Lyman. We also hope that Deryck Fox will represent the Rovers in the three test matches, the first at Headingley on 19 October 1985, kick off at 2.15 pm; the second at Central Park, Wigan on 2 November 1985, kick off at 3 pm; and the third at Elland Road, Leeds, on 9 November 1985, with a 2.15 pm kick off. Please contact Barbara Walker or John Smith if you are interested in travelling by coach.

This year the supporters are holding their Christmas draw and arrangements are well in hand. Any donations of prizes will be most welcome and these can be accepted by any member of the Supporters' Committee. Members will be asked to sell the tickets to make the exercise worthwhile.

Christmas will soon be upon us and Peter Smith senior has taken the opportunity of stocking the Supporters' souvenir shop with all kinds of goodies. Why not save shopping trips to Leeds, Wakefield, London etc and buy your Christmas presents from the Rovers? Price lists will be published shortly in the programme.

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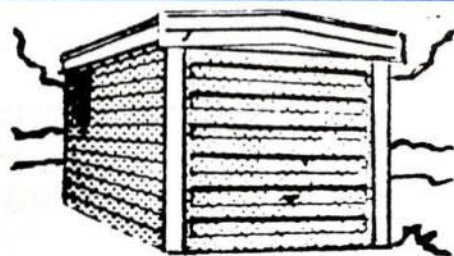
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Division 1 - Progress Report & Prospects

UNDEFEATED **Hull K.R.** marched on last Sunday with a last gasp one point victory over **Wigan** when unlikely hero **Andy Kelly** dropped his first ever goal two minutes from the end to give Robins a 19-18 success and at the same time increase the misery of the Riversiders who have won only one of their first five games.

Top of the table, **Hull K.R.** should be playing to a capacity crowd today when they visit their old friends, **Hull F.C.** whose good win at **St. Helens** last week by 35pts to 22 moved them up to second place. Victory today would see the **Airlie Birds** go top on points difference so the usual, fierce confrontation can be confidently expected to materialise.

Third placed **Leeds** who inflicted **Salford's** first home defeat of the season last weekend should have no problems in maintaining their 100% record today when newly promoted **York** who crashed at home to **Halifax** last Sunday visit Headingley.

After their comfortable win over **Swinton** last week, in-form **Castleford** may find their top four position slip from their grasp with a tough visit to **Halifax** whose new-look side are showing signs of blending into a useful unit after a poor start to the campaign. The fourth spot could well be taken by **Widnes** who travel to bottom of the table **Swinton** this afternoon when the Chemics will be expected to have too much class for the Lions despite the tragic loss at Wigan of Steve Rogers and Steve O'Neill with broken legs.

At the other end of the table it is interesting to see **Swinton** accompanied in the bottom four by such famous names as **Bradford**, **Wigan** and our opponents today, **Oldham**. Rovers fans will be hoping that Oldham stay put until after today while Northern could change places with **Dewsbury** when they should be too good for the Crown Flatts men in their clash at Odsal this afternoon. Certain to stay firmly in the bottom four are the bookies pre-season favourites for the Championship, **Wigan**, who take on the touring **Kiwis** in front of possibly their best crowd of the season so far.

Finally, all eyes will be on Wilderspool Stadium today when that little "softie" **Les Boyd** plays for Warrington in his first game of rugby after an 18 month ban. **Reggie Bowden** has got together a nice bunch of lads in **Boyd**, **Rathbone**, **Tamati** and **Gregory** and the **Salford** team are sure to be looking forward to making their acquaintances this afternoon.

TODAY'S FORECAST

BRADFORD v Dewsbury
HALIFAX v Castleford
HULL v Hull K.R.
LEEDS v York
 Swinton v **WIDNES**
WARRINGTON v Salford

Star Quiz

Try to beat Steve Quinn when answering the following questions on Oldham R.L.F.C.

- 1 What is the nickname of Oldham RLFC?
- 2 Which club inflicted Oldham's heaviest ever defeat in September 1978?
- 3 From which club did Ian Birkby join Oldham?
- 4 In which season were Oldham last promoted to Division One?
- 5 Which Oldham and former Rovers' player kicked 24 goals as a G.B. Tourist in 1974?
- 6 Which Oldham player has represented G.B. the most times?
- 7 Oldham won the Lancs Cup on three consecutive occasions. What were the years?
- 8 In those three victories they defeated the same club twice. Name the club.

ANSWERS UNDER 'SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE REPORT'

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BRADFORD N								12-17								21-16	
CASTLEFORD							22-14						28-16				34-6
DEWSBURY					20-23				13-22				20-12				
FEATHERSTONE	15-8							14-27			12-16						
HALIFAX			12-16							12-12							
HULL F.C.			48-6						54-12						10-33		
HULL K.R.			42-0										12-8			19-18	
LEEDS												21-8					
OLDHAM								14-30				12-16	26-20				
SALFORD					22-6			16-22							12-8		
ST. HELENS						22-35							12-6				30-8
SWINTON											14-32						16-30
WARRINGTON	32-7	24-16															
WIDNES	28-26			30-16													
WIGAN		10-12			12-9										32-10		
YORK					17-34	8-22				14-12							

Home Scores First

LEAGUE TABLES

SLALOM LAGER CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull KR	5	5	0	0	117	52	10
Hull	6	4	0	2	183	103	8
Leeds	4	4	0	0	95	51	8
Castleford	5	4	0	1	112	70	8
Widnes	5	4	0	1	113	93	8
St. Helens	5	3	0	2	104	84	6
Salford	5	3	0	2	78	62	6
Warrington	5	2	0	3	90	73	4
Featherstone	5	2	0	3	80	101	4
York	6	2	0	4	83	148	4
Dewsbury	6	2	0	4	75	159	4
Halifax	5	1	1	3	73	79	3
Oldham	5	1	1	3	76	132	3
Wigan	5	1	0	4	84	74	2
Bradford N	5	1	0	4	74	108	2
Swinton	5	1	0	4	74	122	2

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wakefield	6	5	1	0	123	53	11
Whitehaven	5	5	0	0	126	39	10
Leigh	5	4	0	1	128	77	8
Barrow	5	3	0	2	114	82	6
Hunslet	5	3	0	2	126	100	6
Workington	4	3	0	1	90	64	6
Fulham	5	3	0	2	94	96	6
Bramley	6	3	0	3	114	135	6
Huddersfield	6	2	1	3	107	151	5
Rochdale	4	2	0	2	88	49	4
Batley	4	2	0	2	91	76	4
Sheffield	5	2	0	3	96	102	4
Doncaster	6	2	0	4	87	134	4
Mansfield	6	2	0	4	74	137	4
Keighley	6	1	1	4	76	155	3
Blackpool	5	1	0	4	88	103	2
Runcorn	5	1	0	4	80	115	2
Carlisle	4	0	1	3	51	85	1

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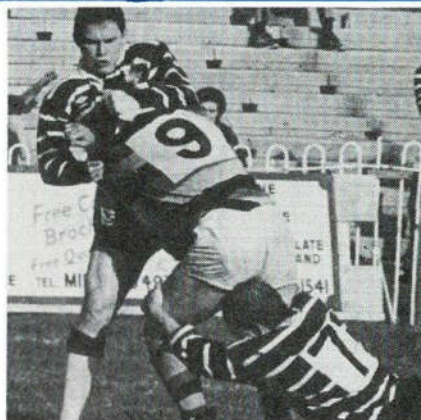


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Salford's O'Loughlin attempts to stop Neil Woolford's kick to touch during our last home game

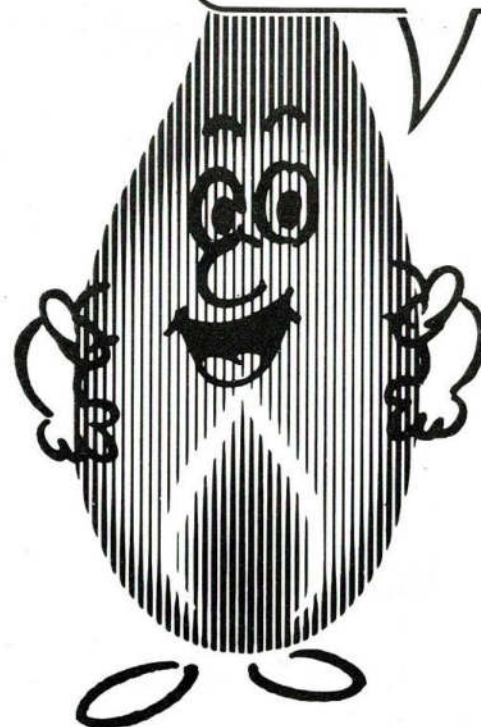


Allan Banks and Deryck Fox combine to halt the Dewsbury hooker in last Sunday's league game at Crown Flatts



A typical attacking burst from Calvin Hopkins during the recent Yorkshire cup-tie at York

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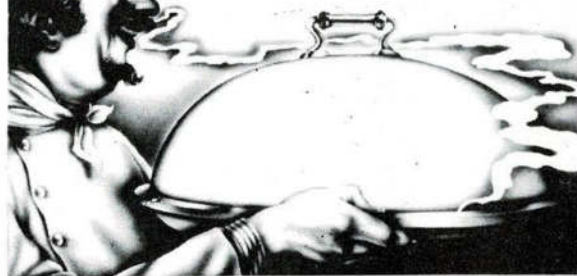


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Slalom Lager Alliance Report

THE home game on Thursday 26th September against Dewsbury produced a disappointing result, Rovers' 'A' team losing by the margin of

There were no excuses, for after the first 20 minutes Dewsbury always looked the more likely to score. Once again the game showed the necessity for an experienced forward to direct the youngsters on the field.

The one thing that rankled was the way that certain supporters were having a go at Ian Slater. Surely if a player is going through a bad patch it is better to encourage rather than destroy. So come on, let's get behind the players, encourage and their confidence will improve. This will lead to better results, a thing I am sure that all Rovers' supporters desire.

The first appearance in Rovers' colours of Mark Roiall was very encouraging indeed. The defensive qualities of the New Zealander were extremely impressive despite still feeling the effect of the thirty-hour flight to Britain. His reward for a good display was a place on the bench with the



Maori international, Mark Roiall

first team last Sunday at Dewsbury. Clearance was received last Friday for his team mate Paddy Burgoyne and he was to play on Thursday in the YSC cup-tie at Wakefield.

ARNIE NICHOLSON.

ANSWERS TO STAR QUIZ

- 1 The Roughyeds; 2 Hull KR (67-11); 3 Castleford; 4 1981-82; 5 Terry Clawson; 6 A. Davies, 20 times (1955-60); 7 1957/58/59; 8 St. Helens.

Steve Quinn scored 5 correctly. Incorrect were 2, 7 and 8.

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Colliers Corner

IN a recent programme I wrote about the shoddy treatment of amateur teams by the Rugby League by asking "Why are amateurs still barred from the R.L. Cup?" Stating that everyone likes to see the local butcher against Mal Meninga. Well, since then John Hill my local butcher has informed me that he wouldn't exactly relish the prospect!!

On the serious side however John did mention something about which I am in total agreement. That is the moronic desire by a certain section of our supporters to jeer, shout and bawl at Featherstone players. In recent weeks I too have had to stand on the terraces subjected to inane, unoriginal nonsense from people who seem to reassure themselves of their manhood by trying to fit as many four letter expletives into their mono syllabic sentences as possible. Many years ago the Rovers committee said, "Those who think that their shilling entitles them to take a shot at the referee should stay at home and put their head under the cold tap or alternatively chop sticks." I would like to update this by saying, "Those who think their two

quid entitles them to take a shot at Rovers players should stay at home and watch their video nasties or alternatively keep their gobs shut."

At the beginning of the season this column was thrown open to any supporter who wished to air any viewpoint. Obviously since there have been no takers I must conclude that the only Rovers fans with anything to say are the mindless ones who think booing and hissing is a form of sport.

I have also noticed that there are several idiots among home supporters with rascist views. I can only think that people who feel the need to jump up and down making ridiculous noises every time a coloured player touches the ball must lead very dull lives.

Recently Allan Agar called for people to "support the club with dignity." For the benefit of the aforementioned this means with respect.

by Ian Clayton

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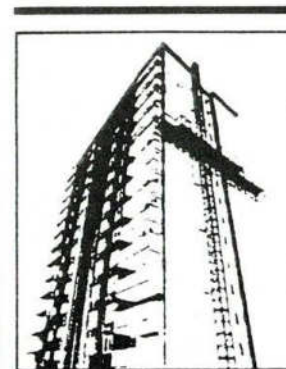
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	Ap	Sub	T	G	dg	Pts	App	T	G	DG	Pts.
BANKS ALAN	7	—	1	—	—	4	95	14	—	—	54
BARKER NIGEL	6	1	2	—	—	8	131	18	—	—	60
BELL KEITH	7	—	1	—	4	8	327	49	8	52	214
CLARKSON PETER	5	2	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	—
CLAWSON NEIL	7	—	1	—	—	4	40	3	—	—	12
FOX DERYCK	7	—	2	10	1	29	73	14	31	12	130
GIBBINS MICK	5	1	—	—	—	—	312	11	—	—	33
GILBERT JOHN	4	—	—	—	—	—	230	78	—	—	244
HOPKINS CALVIN	5	1	4	—	—	16	42	16	—	—	64
LYMAN PAUL	7	—	3	—	—	12	58	13	—	—	51
MACKINTOSH ANDY	5	1	—	—	—	—	19	7	—	—	28
QUINN STEVE	5	—	—	14	—	28	298	61	935	8	2064
ROIALI MARK	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
SIDDALL GARY	4	2	1	—	—	4	140	21	—	—	77
SLATER IAN	1	1	—	—	—	—	30	3	—	—	12
SPURR ROBERT	7	—	—	—	—	—	72	12	—	—	48
WAITES BRIAN	6	—	1	—	—	4	16	4	—	—	16
WOLFORD NEIL	3	1	—	—	—	—	17	3	—	—	12

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by IAN CLAYTON

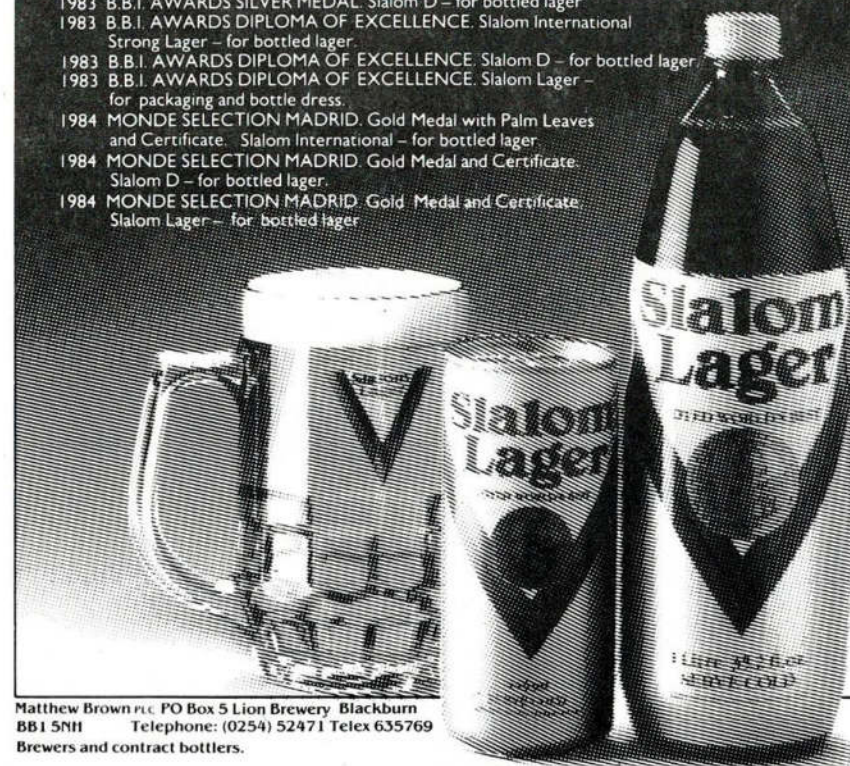
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Man of the Month ROBERT SPURR

AS we informed you at the start of the season, this page will take a break from introducing you to the younger players at the club, to nominate a **Man of the Month** for outstanding contributions to first team performances during each month of the season.

Coaches **Allan Agar** and **Arnie Nicholson** will be selecting the winners and the first such award for the month of September, which carries a **£50 prize** sponsored by **ACCESS 'SATELLITE'** goes to hooker **Robert Spurr**.

Robert who signed for Rovers at the start of the 1983-84 season from neighbours **Castleford** for the modest fee of **£500** must rate as one of the club's **best ever buys**. His consistent, hard working performances both in attack and defence coupled with his undoubted hooking skills are qualities that have made Bob such a **firm favourite** with the Post Office Road fans.

When selecting the Man of the Month the Coaches are looking not only to the performances on the field but also to a player's attitude off the field and the approach shown to the demanding three times per week training programme.

In all these aspects, **Robert Spurr** has excelled. His attitude and total commitment to the success of Featherstone Rovers being a fine example to the younger players at the Club.

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In the R.L. Challenge Cup "The Colliers" have played "The Roughyeds" on just three occasions. As long ago as 1925 a quarter final tie at The Watersheddings resulted in an easy 26-0 win for the home team. Then in a first round tie over two legs in 1945 also showed the Lancashire men to be superior, winning 18-4 at Featherstone and narrowly 8-7 "on their own midden". Rovers were again put out of the competition in 1963/64 by Oldham to the tune of a 9-7 result. This after Rovers had won in the previous round 60-4 over amateur club Stanningley.

The only other encounter between the two I have in my records was in a competition organised by I.T.V. in 1955/56. Oldham won 8-7.

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Colts Corner

OUR Colts gained their first victory on Saturday, against Bradford away, score 15-14. As I predicted we would start winning matches as we got used to playing together, eliminating our mistakes and capitalising on our strong points.

The match itself highlighted what could be our biggest asset. This being the spirit and fighting qualities when faced with an uphill task. At half time on Saturday we were not in a good position, having had most of the play and a strong wind on our backs we were down 8-5. Soon into the second half Rodgers scored a try but when Hird was sent off after a melee and Bradford regained the lead 10-9, from the ensuing penalty things did not look good. We now faced wind, torrential rain, were down to 12 men, and losing 10-9. From that point our lads fought for all they were worth, Rodgers scored his second try and kicked the goal to put us 15-10 up. We did concede a try which ought to have been converted but, by the end Bradford looked a well beaten side.

Outstanding for Rovers were Rod-

gers, for his points and good captaincy. Darbyshire, for a sound all-round performance and Nicholson for winning vital possession, but once again this was a good spirited performance and we can now look to the rest of the season with renewed optimism.

HAVING gained a confidence boosting win against Bradford we faced the much talked about Wakefield Colts at the weekend. Still lacking several players we looked capable of causing an upset, until in the 20th minute Rowbottom was sent off for the second time this season. With the score 6-0 to Wakefield at the time the deficit of a player proved too much for our lads particularly on Belle Vue on a hot afternoon and against a well organised side, we went down 34-16. In the difficult circumstances it was good to see the valiant effort put in, notably by the forwards but particularly Hartley who had an excellent game.

We have now played 3 away games and in each game have been reduced to 12 men, all in similar circumstances. The players in each case have been penalised and warned twice for relatively minor offences and then, not showing sufficient maturity or discipline, particularly in front of a hostile crowd and with refs of limited experience, offended a third and were sent off for what in themselves were definitely not sending off offences.

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