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**CLUB HONOURS**

Rugby League Championships: 1913-14, 1932-33, 1936-37, 1938-39, 1973-74, 1975-76.  
Runners up: 1901-02, 1902-03, 1903-04, 1933-34.  
Rugby League Challenge Cup: 1938. Runners up: 1900, 1902, 1903, 1906, 1939, 1969.  
Lancashire League Championship: 1932-33, 1933-34, 1934-35, 1936-37, 1938-39.  
Runners up: 1913-14, 1929-30, 1939-40, 1969-70.  
Lancashire Challenge Cup: 1931, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1972.  
Runners up: 1929, 1938, 1973, 1974, 1975.  
Lancashire Rugby Union Championship: 1892-93  
Premiership Trophy Runners up: 1976  
John Player Trophy Runners up: 1972-73  
B.B.C. Floodlit Cup: 1974-75

**CLUB RECORDS**

Highest Score: 78-0 v Liverpool City, 2nd February, 1907  
(also biggest marginal win)  
Highest Score Against: 5-63 v Wigan, 17th January, 1925  
Biggest Marginal Defeat: 0-59 v St. Helens, 1st September, 1962  
Most Consecutive Wins: 19, March — September, 1933  
Most Matches Without Defeat: 20 (19 wins, 1 draw) March — September, 1933  
Also: As a Rugby Union Club: 22 (16 wins, 6 draws) April 1887 - January 1888  
and: 21 (13 wins, 8 draws) January — November 1886  
Most Consecutive Defeats: 19, March — September, 1962  
Highest Attendance: 26,470 v Warrington, 13th February, 1937  
Highest Fee Paid: £16,000 to Wigan for John Pendlebury, December, 1984  
Highest Fee Received: £60,000 from Wigan for D. Stephenson, February 1982

**CLUB NOTES**

Today we hope to get back on the winning trail again and keep among the top eight clubs in the First Division. Gaining two points from the majority of our home matches is of tremendous importance, away wins are a bonus.

Since our victory at Featherstone we have lost three matches on the trot. The first, at Central Park in the Burtonwood Brewery Lancashire Cup 2nd Round tie, saw us just fail by two points to overhaul a rapidly tiring Wigan side. I think it is fair comment to say that we were beaten by the hooter, as another couple of minutes would surely have seen us move into the semi-final.

Our last home match against Leeds was an exciting tussle, but at the end of the game our visitors went away with a 22 points to 16 victory. Again, we did not disgrace ourselves, on the contrary, we played some fine attacking football with only our finishing letting us down. Actually, it was worth the admission fee to see the two tries scored by Neil Baker; the first was a real gem.

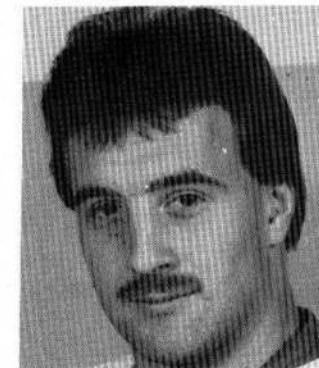
Last week's game at Warrington was a bit of a let down considering the way we have been playing this season. The scoreline of 41 points to 19 was our worst performance at Wilderspool since going down by 44 points to 10 in the 1976-77 season. Team manager KEVIN ASHCROFT's comments after the game were "We will not play that badly again" which just about sums up our display.

BRIAN BATTESE, our Australian signing from Canterbury Bankstown, made his long awaited debut and he came through with flying colours. Playing at prop, he got onto the scoresheet in the first half, taking a pass near the line and crashing over for a try. He kept battling to the end and was one of our best players in a game that is best forgotten.

Also making his full debut was scrum half STEVE GRIFFITHS, who has been playing really well in our successful Alliance side. Prior to that game Steve had appeared on three occasions as substitute. DARREN BLOOR (who Steve was standing in for) could be fit for today's clash following his shoulder injury received in the Leeds match.

Centre DAVE RUDDY made his first appearance of the season for the senior side at Wilderspool following his consistent displays in our reserve side.

Mention must be made of DAVID MAJOR who has been playing really well this season. The second row man stormed in for two tries at Warrington and was by far our best forward. David, who has been at Salford since November 1979, when he signed from Crosfields A.R.L. club, is now probably playing the best rugby of his career. He has now played 132 games for the Reds (see Facts and Figures on page 6).



David Major

3 ... two storming tries at Warrington.



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Aussie BRIAN BATTESE manages to get the ball away although tackled by two defenders.

## Facts and Figures

### FIRST TEAM RECORD

|                    | 1985-86 SEASON |     |   |    |   |     | Total for Salford |     |    |     |   |     |
|--------------------|----------------|-----|---|----|---|-----|-------------------|-----|----|-----|---|-----|
|                    | P              | Sub | T | G  | D | Pts | P                 | Sub | T  | G   | D | Pts |
| N. Baker .....     | 6              | —   | 4 | —  | 4 | 20  | 6                 | —   | 4  | —   | 4 | 20  |
| B. Battese .....   | 1              | —   | 1 | —  | — | 4   | 1                 | —   | 1  | —   | — | 4   |
| D. Bloor .....     | 7              | —   | 5 | —  | 1 | 21  | 43                | 14  | 22 | —   | 2 | 90  |
| S. Dickens .....   | 2              | —   | — | —  | — | —   | 66                | 8   | 3  | —   | — | 12  |
| G. Disley .....    | 6              | 1   | — | —  | — | —   | 21                | 2   | —  | —   | — | —   |
| J. Fazakerley .... | 1              | 1   | — | —  | — | —   | 1                 | 1   | —  | —   | — | —   |
| P. Fletcher .....  | 8              | —   | 2 | —  | — | 8   | 106               | 14  | 28 | 40  | 1 | 179 |
| P. Glynn .....     | 5              | 1   | — | —  | — | —   | 66                | 2   | 14 | 1   | 3 | 61  |
| C. Griffiths ..... | 8              | —   | 1 | 21 | — | 46  | 34                | —   | 19 | 133 | 6 | 348 |
| S. Griffiths ..... | 1              | —   | — | —  | — | —   | 1                 | 3   | 1  | —   | — | 4   |
| P. Groves .....    | 8              | —   | 2 | —  | — | 8   | 71                | —   | 13 | —   | — | 52  |
| S. Herbert .....   | 4              | —   | — | —  | — | —   | 4                 | —   | —  | —   | — | —   |
| G. Jamieson ....   | 1              | —   | — | —  | — | —   | 16                | 10  | 1  | —   | — | 4   |
| N. Lamb .....      | 2              | —   | — | —  | — | —   | 13                | 4   | 4  | —   | — | 16  |
| M. McTigue ....    | 7              | 1   | — | —  | — | —   | 85                | 3   | 13 | —   | — | 46  |
| D. Major .....     | 6              | 2   | 2 | —  | — | 4   | 83                | 49  | 5  | —   | — | 19  |
| I. Marsh .....     | 8              | —   | 1 | —  | — | 4   | 26                | —   | 12 | —   | — | 48  |
| R. Muller .....    | 3              | —   | — | —  | — | —   | 25                | —   | 7  | —   | — | 28  |
| K. O'Loughlin ..   | 6              | —   | 3 | —  | — | 12  | 6                 | —   | 3  | —   | — | 12  |
| J. Pendlebury ...  | 8              | —   | 1 | —  | — | 4   | 23                | —   | 3  | —   | — | 12  |
| M. Pobjie .....    | 4              | —   | — | —  | — | —   | 4                 | —   | —  | —   | — | —   |
| D. Ruddy .....     | 1              | —   | — | —  | — | —   | 7                 | 2   | 1  | —   | — | 4   |
| R. Smith .....     | —              | 5   | — | —  | — | —   | 61                | 27  | 22 | 102 | — | 271 |
| J. Taylor .....    | 1              | 1   | — | —  | — | —   | 44                | 18  | 8  | —   | — | 29  |

(up to and including Sunday 6th October, 1985)

## RESULTS IN DETAIL

Wed. 25th September Burtonwood Breweries Lancs. Cup 2nd Round

WIGAN 4-3-0-22 SALFORD 3-4-0-20

Team: Fletcher; Marsh (t), Pobjie, O'Loughlin, C. Griffiths (4g); Baker (t), Bloor (t); Disley, Groves, Muller, Major, McTigue, Pendlebury. Subs: Glynn (did not play), Smith (for McTigue).

H.T. 18-2 att. 11,188 Ref. C. HODGSON (Maryport)

Sun. 29th September Division 1

SALFORD 2-4-0-16 LEEDS 4-3-0-22

Team: Fletcher; Marsh, Pobjie, Glynn, C. Griffiths (4g); Baker (2t), Bloor; Herbert, Groves, Muller, Major, McTigue, Pendlebury. Subs: Smith (for Bloor), Disley (for Muller).

H.T. 2-10 att. 3,721 Ref. R. CAMPBELL (Widnes)

Sun. 6th October Division 1

WARRINGTON 6-8-1-41 SALFORD 3-3-1-19

Team: Fletcher; Marsh, Ruddy, Pobjie, C. Griffiths (3g); Baker (dg), S. Griffiths; Herbert, Groves, Battese (t), Major (2t), Muller, Pendlebury. Subs: Glynn (for Marsh), McTigue (for Muller).

H.T. 15-7 att. 3,250 Ref. G.F. LINDOP (Wakefield)

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# Spotlight on . . . . OLDHAM

by Darrell Platt

This afternoon we play host to the "Roughyeds" as the Watersheddings team are affectionately known. Oldham fans will remember their last visit to the Willows only too well as their side went away with a 50 points to 10 victory. I am sure that there will not be a repeat of that scoreline as Salford are a far different proposition these days.

This current season has not started too kindly for Oldham with only one league win and two draws from their six matches played. A victory at home to Warrington (26-20); a 12-12 draw at Halifax and a 14-14 draw last week at Featherstone make up their 4 points gained so far this season.

Last season our visitors finished a respectable fifth in the First Division Championship but since then they have lost the services of G.B. star **Andy Goodway** to Wigan for a fee believed to be in the region of £70,000.

Team Manager at Oldham is the renowned **Frank Myler** who of course was in charge of the G.B. squad. Older fans will remember him as a star back firstly with Widnes, then St. Helens and finally as player/coach at Rochdale Hornets.

He appeared for G.B. in the 1960 and 1970 World Cup teams as well as touring Australia and New Zealand in 1966 and 1970. In all he gained two dozen caps for his country as well as numerous medals in the home competitions.

One of his greatest performances was his display in the 1970 Championship Final against Leeds for which he won the Harry Sunderland Trophy.

His coaching career has also struck gold and after taking Rochdale Hornets to a 1971 Floodlit Final defeat, he took the job at Widnes in 1976. He was awarded the title of "Coach of the Year" for 1977-78 only to retire for a short spell. His re-appearance as a coach was at Swinton from January 1980 until May 1981, when he moved to Oldham.

It could well be that **Alan Taylor** will have recovered from Achilles tendon trouble to play in today's game. The former Swinton player joined Oldham in 1981, but went to work in America for two years. He returned last season to become club captain.

Winger **Mike Taylor** was signed from the Britannia Works A.R.L. club in Huddersfield in March 1983 and he was practically an ever present in the side last season.

His inside partner will be centre **Mick Parrish** who is well known for his goal kicking ability. He was Oldham's costliest player when he joined them from Hunslet for a fee of £18,500 in September 1980. Before playing for Hunslet he was with Morley Rugby Union club in Leeds. He holds a unique record of having scored in every game during a season for two

separate clubs.

**Des Foy** represented G.B. on three occasions in 1984 and he is perhaps one of the best centres in the league. Top try scorer for Oldham last season with 15 touchdowns from 25 appearances. Signed from Widnes in January 1983 he also has represented the G.B. Under 24 side.

With the injury list growing, half back **Ian Birkby**, the former Castleford player has been pressed into service on the wing. A £10,000 signing in 1983 he is an ex-G.B. Colts player who is equally at home in the scrum half position.

Half back **Ray Ashton** is a G.B. Under 24 representative having played three matches at that level in 1983. Signed professional from the successful Oldham Colts side after going to Watersheddings from Widnes amateur R.L. circles. Was a tourist on the last trip 'Down Under', but did not gain a Test place.

Scum half **Paddy Kirwan** is another player to come up from the Colts side. He has been turning in some useful performances this season and representative games cannot be far off for this whole-hearted player.

During the close season Oldham snapped up free transfer player **David Topliss** who had been released by Hull. The former G.B. half back has joined the club on a 12 months contract, but has been struggling with an Achilles tendon injury received in training.

He has now been playing fifteen years as a professional after signing for Wakefield Trinity in July 1968 from Normanton A.R.L. club. He has won all the honours in the game including the Lance Todd Trophy award in 1979. Joined Hull in May 1981 for a £15,000 fee and became captain of the "Airlie Birds" winning a host of medals while he was at the Boulevard.

Prop forward **Wally Jones** is an uncompromising customer who was signed from Rochdale Hornets in October 1982.

The other prop will be evergreen **Mick Morgan** who has done it all. Signed from Carlisle in February 1983 after playing for Wakefield Trinity, York and Featherstone Rovers, he has had a marvellous career.

Although he has never played for G.B. he has represented England on six occasions. A first class pack leader and ball handler who is one of the greatest characters in the game.

Hooker could be ex-Colts player **Paul Lowndes** who has been standing in for suspended **Alan McCurrie** who signed for Oldham from Wakefield Trinity in October 1981. Cumbrian born, he began his career at Whitehaven and moved to Wakefield Trinity in September 1978 for £11,000.

Another G.B. International second row player is **Mick Worrall** who has been playing for Brisbane Norths during the close season. Another former Colts player, he is one of the tallest players in the game.

Fijian born **Tom Naidole** is the former Wigan player and son of the former Huddersfield player. Made great strides last season and he is challenging for a regular second row spot.

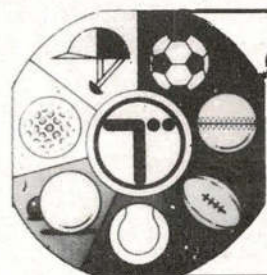
Overseas signing **Mal Graham** is a probable choice for a pack position. Last season he was with Hunslet and scored 18 tries from 28 outings, making him their top try scorer.

Loose forward **Terry Flanagan** is a home grown player who has been at Watersheddings now for six years. He worked his way through the Club's sides and eventually became a full International after starring for the G.B. Under 24 team.

Other squad players include Moroccan winger **Hussein M'Barki** the former Fulham flyer and local lad **Colin Hawkyard** who started off as a centre but is now better known in the second row.

## MATCH DATA

|                                     | P  | W  | D | L  | For | Agst |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|------|
| At Salford ...                      | 85 | 44 | 4 | 37 | 876 | 909  |
| At Oldham ..                        | 83 | 24 | 9 | 50 | 666 | 1086 |
| Neutral grd ..                      | 3  | 1  | 1 | 1  | 8   | 6    |
| Salford's best: Salford 44 Oldham 0 |    |    |   |    |     |      |
| March 11th 1933                     |    |    |   |    |     |      |
| Oldham's best: Salford 4 Oldham 50  |    |    |   |    |     |      |
| November 25th 1961                  |    |    |   |    |     |      |



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| FIRST DIVISION   |   |   |   |   |     |     |    | SECOND DIVISION  |   |   |   |   |     |     |    |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|----|------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|----|
|                  | P | W | D | L | F   | A   | Pt |                  | P | W | D | L | F   | A   | Pt |
| Hull .....       | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 211 | 109 | 10 | Wakefield .....  | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 127 | 61  | 11 |
| Hull K.R. ....   | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 123 | 80  | 10 | Whitehaven ....  | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 143 | 60  | 10 |
| Castleford ..... | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 120 | 84  | 8  | Leigh .....      | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 148 | 86  | 10 |
| Leeds .....      | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 105 | 69  | 8  | Rochdale .....   | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 106 | 49  | 8  |
| Widnes .....     | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 119 | 110 | 8  | Barrow .....     | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 134 | 82  | 8  |
| Warrington ....  | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 131 | 92  | 6  | Hunslet .....    | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 166 | 116 | 8  |
| St. Helens ..... | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 104 | 84  | 6  | Workington ....  | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 122 | 72  | 8  |
| Salford .....    | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 97  | 103 | 6  | Fulham .....     | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 115 | 113 | 8  |
| York .....       | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 101 | 158 | 6  | Batley .....     | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 99  | 80  | 6  |
| Dewsbury .....   | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 85  | 167 | 6  | Sheffield .....  | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 117 | 112 | 6  |
| Halifax .....    | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 87  | 87  | 5  | Bramley .....    | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 114 | 155 | 6  |
| Featherstone ... | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 94  | 115 | 5  | Huddersfield ... | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 115 | 183 | 5  |
| Swinton .....    | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 91  | 128 | 4  | Blackpool .....  | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 104 | 111 | 4  |
| Oldham .....     | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 90  | 146 | 4  | Doncaster .....  | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 103 | 174 | 4  |
| Wigan .....      | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 84  | 74  | 2  | Mansfield .....  | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 74  | 145 | 4  |
| Bradford N. .... | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 82  | 118 | 2  | Carlisle .....   | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 72  | 107 | 3  |
|                  |   |   |   |   |     |     |    | Runcorn .....    | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 92  | 148 | 2  |
|                  |   |   |   |   |     |     |    | Keighley .....   | 7 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 84  | 181 | 1  |

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- 1 — PAUL FLETCHER
- 2 — IAN MARSH
- 3 — MIKE POBJIE
- 4 — VINCE GRIBBINS
- 5 — CLIVE GRIFFITHS
- 6 — NEIL BAKER
- 7 — DARREN BLOOR
- 8 — STEVE HERBERT
- 9 — PAUL GROVES
- 10 — BRIAN BATTESE
- 11 — DAVID MAJOR
- 12 — ROBY MULLER
- 13 — JOHN PENDLEBURY
- 14 — PETER GLYNN
- 15 — MICK McTIGUE

Referee:— D.J. CARTER (Widnes)

## Oldham

(Red & white hooped jerseys, blue shorts)

- 1 — JEFF EDWARDS/  
DAVID LIDDIAT
- 2 — MICK TAYLOR
- 3 — DES FOY
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- 5 — HUSSEIN M'BARKI
- 6 — RAY ASHTON/  
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- 13 — TERRY FLANAGAN
- 14 —
- 15 —

Touch Judges:—  
J.A. UNSWORTH (Pink Flag)  
D.C. LOWE (Yellow Flag)

| Scrum |    |    |    | Penalties |    |    |    |
|-------|----|----|----|-----------|----|----|----|
| 1     | 2  | 3  | 4  | 1         | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5     | 6  | 7  | 8  | 5         | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9     | 10 | 11 | 12 | 9         | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13    | 14 | 15 | 16 | 13        | 14 | 15 | 16 |
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**JOHN PENDLEBURY** confronts no less than 6 Leeds players in this unique photograph. (Or is it 7? Who is the non-playing Leeds player stood on the terraces on the left with arms folded?)

Answer at foot of page 20.

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## ALLIANCE TEAM NEWS

Monday 23rd September

League

### SALFORD 'A' 64 CARLISLE PENRITH 20

Team: Barratt; Trialist, Ruddy, Byrne, Beckett; Fazakerley, S. Griffiths; Dickens, Trialist, Brownbill, Muller, Lamb, Corless. Subs: Harris, D. Griffiths.

Scorers: Tries: S. Griffiths (3), Lamb (2), Fazakerley, Ruddy, Beckett, Corless, Harris, Trialist. Goals: Fazakerley (10).

The team's unbeaten record was maintained in tremendous style against a Carlisle side containing five first team players. It was not only the score that was impressive but the way in which the victory was achieved by throwing the ball about. After Carlisle had taken a 6-0 lead, our boys went to town throwing caution to the wind and giving home supporters a real treat.

### SALFORD SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

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Bookings are now being taken for our next two away matches at Widnes on Sunday 20th October and Halifax on Sunday 27th October. Prices are as follows:—

|               | ADULTS | O.A.Ps/CHILDREN |
|---------------|--------|-----------------|
| Widnes .....  | £2.00  | £1.30           |
| Halifax ..... | £3.30  | £2.20           |

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|                     |                        |                    |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Headingley, Leeds   | Saturday, 19th October | Kick-off 2.15 p.m. |
| Central Park, Wigan | Saturday, 2nd November | Kick-off 3.00 p.m. |
| Elland Road, Leeds  | Saturday, 9th November | Kick-off 2.15 p.m. |

Seat tickets are priced £8.00, £7.00, £6.00 (& £5.00 at Elland Road) and can be ordered now from each Test venue or from the Ticket Office. The Rugby Football League, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds LS7 4HT.

Answer to picture teaser on page 17 — G.B. prop Roy Dickinson.



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## NEIL BAKER

Today's spotlight falls on our brilliant Australian stand off Neil Baker, who has quickly endeared himself to the home fans.

Neil, aged 25, has been playing professionally for 8 years, his first club being South Newcastle. Before very long the big Sydney clubs were taking notice and he was transferred to Canterbury Bankstown, with whom he stayed for three seasons.

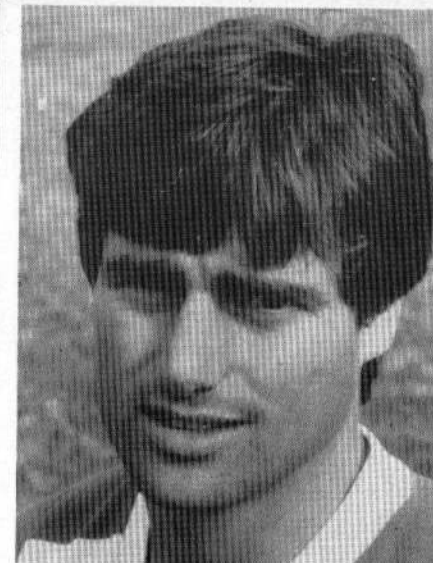
His present club is South Sydney and he is under contract to play for them until the end of the 1986 season.

Recently he was voted the top stand off in the Sydney competition which meant that he finished ahead of the likes of Steve Ella and Brett Kenny.

This clearly gives Neil's international ambitions a tremendous boost because he is obviously keen on making the Kangaroos Touring Squad to England and France next year.

Now he is settled in with his new team mates here at Salford, we can see his obvious class, none more so than when he scored that fabulous brace of tries against Leeds a fortnight ago. The first try especially caught the visitors flat-footed as he chipped over their heads, collected and scored under the posts.

One of Neil's assets is his ability to read a game and this, coupled with his precision kicking, makes him a most talented player.



It is nice to see the understanding he has with fellow Aussie and clubman Mick Pobjie which can quite clearly be seen with the runaround that they seem to have mastered, obviously something they have worked out between them in their South Sydney matches.

Most of the Australian stand offs who come to this country seem to use the 'bomb' as part of their game and Neil is no exception. He used the ploy against Featherstone Rovers with devastating effect.

One word sums up Neil Baker .....  
**CLASS.**

### Appearances for Salford

| Season  | P | Sb | T | G | D | Pts |
|---------|---|----|---|---|---|-----|
| 1985-86 | 6 | —  | 4 | — | 4 | 20  |

|               |          |          |          |          |          |           |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>—</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>—</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>20</b> |
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The latest voting is:—

v Leeds (Sept 29th): 1st Neil Baker, 2nd Paul Fletcher,  
3rd David Major.

The table now reads:—

|                     |       |                       |       |
|---------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| Paul Fletcher ..... | 6 pts | John Pendlebury ..... | 3 pts |
| Neil Baker .....    | 4 pts | Mick McTigue .....    | 2 pts |
| Darren Bloor .....  | 4 pts | Steve Herbert .....   | 1 pt  |
| Paul Groves .....   | 3 pts | David Major .....     | 1 pt  |



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## FIRST TEAM

| 1985      |                                       | F | A     |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|---|-------|
| Sun. Aug. | 4—Leigh (Friendly) .....              | A | 12 16 |
| Fri.      | 16—Sheffield Eagles (Friendly) .....  | H | 37 7  |
| Sun.      | 18—Mansfield Marksmen (F) .....       | H | 42 0  |
| Sun. Sep. | 1—York .....                          | A | 12 14 |
| Wed       | 4—Wigan .....                         | H | 12 8  |
| Sun.      | 8—Halifax .....                       | H | 22 6  |
| Sun.      | 15—Swinton (Lancs Cup 1) .....        | H | 18 14 |
| Sun.      | 22—Featherstone R .....               | A | 16 12 |
| Wed       | 25—Wigan (Lancs Cup 2) .....          | A | 20 22 |
| Sun.      | 29—Leeds .....                        | H | 16 22 |
| Sun. Oct. | 6—Warrington .....                    | A | 19 41 |
| Sun.      | 13—Oldham .....                       | H |       |
| Sun.      | 20—Widnes .....                       | A |       |
| Sun.      | 27—Halifax .....                      | A |       |
| Sun. Nov. | 3—Hull K.R. ....                      | H |       |
| Sun.      | 10—Wigan .....                        | A |       |
| Sun.      | 17—York .....                         | H |       |
| Sun.      | 24—John Player Special Trophy 1 ..... |   |       |
| Sun. Dec. | 1—John Player Special Trophy 2 .....  |   |       |
| Sun.      | 8—Oldham .....                        | A |       |
| Sun.      | 15—Castleford .....                   | H |       |
| Sun.      | 22—St. Helens .....                   | A |       |
| Thu.      | 26—Swinton .....                      | H |       |
| 1986      |                                       |   |       |
| Wed Jan.  | 1—Dewsbury .....                      | A |       |
| Sun.      | 5—Bradford N. ....                    | H |       |
| Sun.      | 12—Hull K.R. ....                     | A |       |
| Sun.      | 19—Featherstone R. ....               | H |       |
| Sun.      | 26—Bradford N. ....                   | A |       |
| Sun. Feb. | 2—Widnes .....                        | H |       |
| Sun.      | 9—Silk Cut Challenge Cup 1 .....      |   |       |
| Sun.      | 16—Hull .....                         | H |       |
| Sun.      | 23—Silk Cut Challenge Cup 2 .....     |   |       |
| Sun. Mar. | 9—Leeds .....                         | A |       |
| Sun.      | 16—Warrington .....                   | H |       |
| Sun.      | 23—Hull .....                         | A |       |
| Fri.      | 28—Dewsbury .....                     | H |       |
| Mon       | 31—Swinton .....                      | A |       |
| Sun. Apl. | 13—St. Helens .....                   | H |       |
| Sun.      | 20—Castleford .....                   | A |       |

## ALLIANCE

| 1985        |                                   | F | A     |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---|-------|
| Fri. Aug.   | 30—Leigh .....                    | H | 32 0  |
| Fri. Sept   | 6—Halifax .....                   | A | 14 10 |
| Fri.        | 13—Warrington .....               | H | 24 24 |
| Mon         | 23—Carlisle P. ....               | H | 64 20 |
| Thu.        | 26—Wigan .....                    | A |       |
| (Postponed) |                                   |   |       |
| Sat. Oct.   | 5—Whitehaven (L.C.1) .....        | A | 16 32 |
| Fri.        | 11—Oldham .....                   | A |       |
| Sat.        | 19—Lancs. Combination 2 .....     |   |       |
| Fri.        | 25—Halifax .....                  | H |       |
| Thu.        | 31—St. Helens .....               | A |       |
| Fri. Nov.   | 8—Wigan .....                     | H |       |
| Sat.        | 16—Whitehaven .....               | A |       |
| Fri.        | 22—Widnes .....                   | A |       |
| Sat.        | 30—Swinton (2.15 p.m.) .....      | A |       |
| Fri. Dec.   | 6—Oldham .....                    | H |       |
| Fri.        | 13—Castleford .....               | A |       |
| Fri.        | 20—St. Helens .....               | H |       |
| Fri.        | 27—Swinton .....                  | H |       |
| 1986        |                                   |   |       |
| Sat. Jan.   | 4—Barrow .....                    | H |       |
| Fri.        | 10—Hunslet .....                  | H |       |
| Fri.        | 17—Leigh .....                    | A |       |
| Wed         | 29—Bramley .....                  | A |       |
| Fri. Feb.   | 7—Castleford .....                | H |       |
| Sat.        | 15—Alliance Challenge Cup 1 ..... |   |       |
| Sat.        | 22—Barrow .....                   | A |       |
| Sat. Mar.   | 1—Alliance Challenge Cup 2 .....  |   |       |
| Fri.        | 7—Widnes .....                    | H |       |
| Fri.        | 14—Warrington .....               | A |       |
| Sat.        | 22—Whitehaven .....               | H |       |
| Sat.        | 29—Carlisle P. ....               | A |       |

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