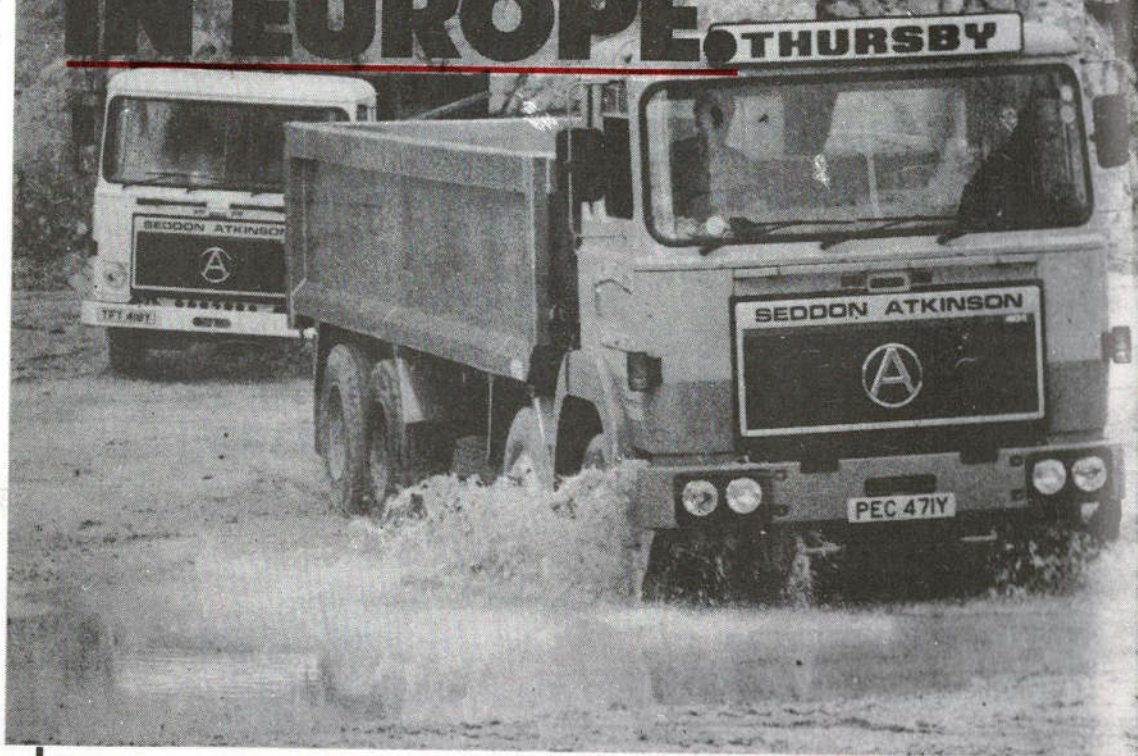


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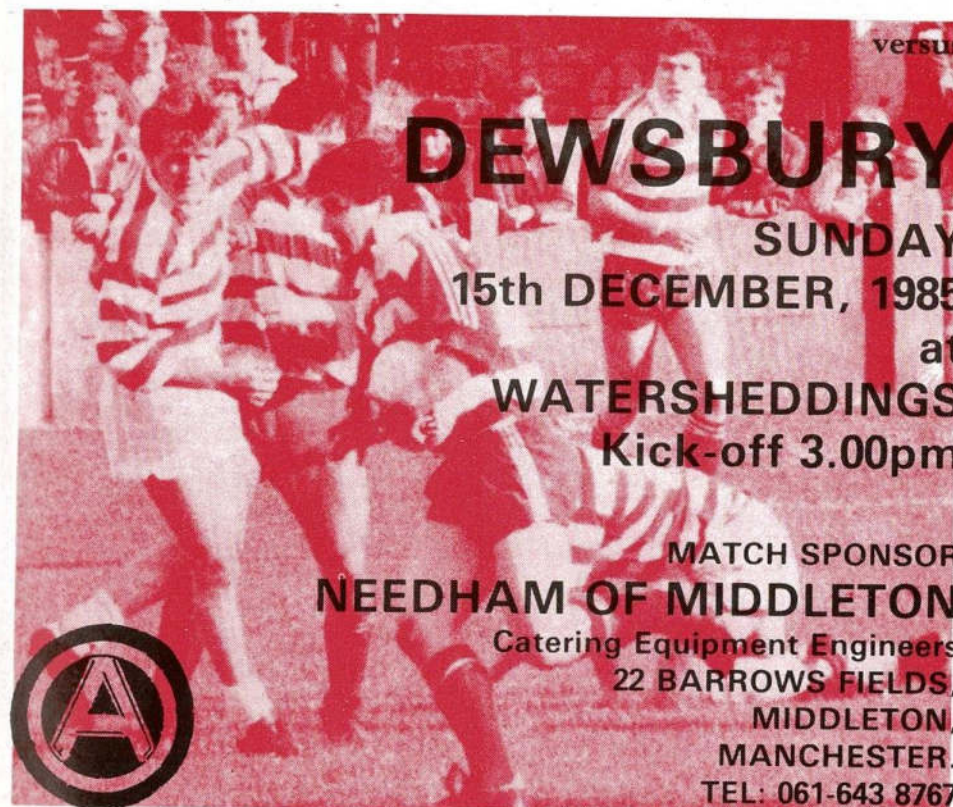


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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

IT was gratifying for all connected with the Oldham club when we learned that the players had been awarded the Daily Mirror/Lada Cars team-of-the-month award at First Division level for November.

The award, presented to us before last Sunday's game against Salford, is worth £250 and a framed citation as well as immense prestige value in that it shows that our efforts have been recognised by a totally impartial panel of judges.

We went undefeated through November and we like to think that all our fans and supporters, sponsors and backers, were still solidly behind us when the unbeaten run came to an end with a narrow 8-7 defeat in the second round of the John Player Special Trophy at Hull K. R.

There are still three major competitions open to us — the Slalom Lager championship, the Slalom Lager premiership and the big one that ends at Wembley in May.

If we can keep our form going we must be in with a chance of picking up some silverware this season with a side which, most believe, is the best all-round team we have had for many years.

It is sad that we have such a difficult financial situation to cope with. Thankfully, people are rallying round, both individuals who are coming forward with offers of help, and organisations such as the Supporters' Club, who funded the new blazers and trousers for the players and have now come up with a more-than-welcome £1,500 to help us along the way.

We are grateful to everyone who is chipping in, whether you are buying a 25p lottery ticket, joining the £2-a-week Lifeline, or taking up the four-tickets-for-£10 scheme which enables you to use the tickets at any home league game for the rest of this season.

People taking up this scheme will take part in a free Christmas Draw to be funded by members of the committee. It is still not too late to buy the four tickets as a Christmas present and take your place in the free draw. Hurry!

We are grateful also to those friends of the club who have come forward with interest-free loans to offset the bank overdraft, and to all those who supported the £1 Christmas Draw for nine gallons of beer and those who bought the 20p correct score tickets which we had on sale for the first time at the Salford match.

Another fund-raising venture we have devised is the sponsorship individual players at each home game.

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All the leading teams in the First Division are now buying up top stars from all over the rugby world — Australia, New Zealand, and now there is talk of South Africans coming over here to follow in the footsteps of such celebrated South Africans of the past like Tom Van Vollenhoven, Freddie Griffiths, Len Killeen and Jan Prinsloo.

John Winton, who came to Oldham for a spell from the Wigan club, was another South African who made a name for himself in the English game.

Several clubs have been linked with these South African players, which merely goes to show that if we are to keep pace with the leading lights in the Rugby League we must provide the club with the best possible injection of cash at all times.

Money talks in Rugby League as in all walks of life ... and the one commodity we are short of at present is money.

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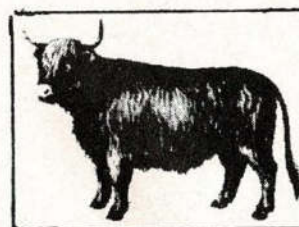
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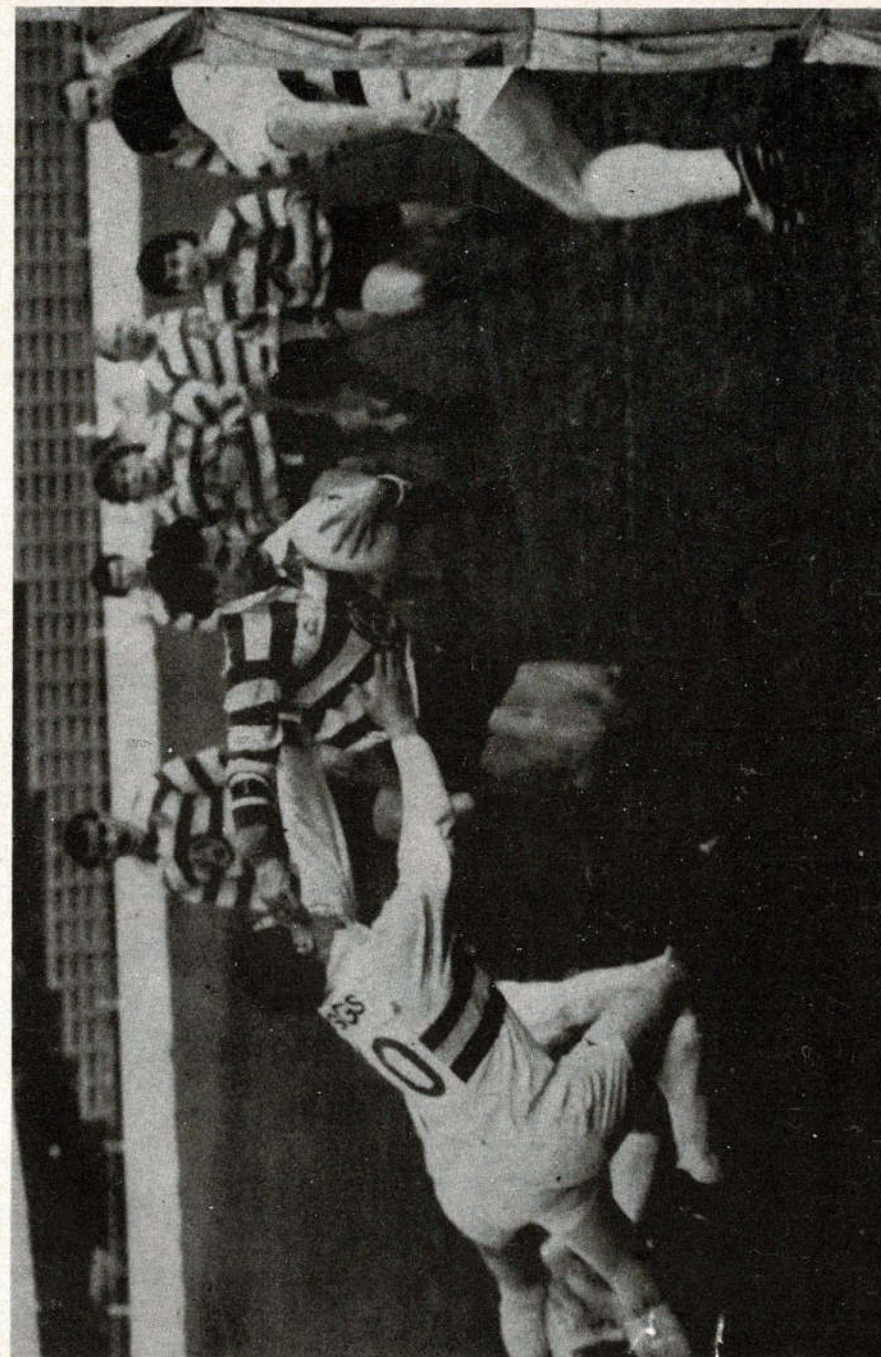
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They have produced some good performances and some good results, as most teams do at some time or another, but what most find hard on winning a place in the First Division is to attain the level of consistency needed to do well at this level week in and week out.

We are seeking a league double today, having won comfortably at Crown Flatt a few weeks ago, but we will be taking nothing for granted.

Dewsbury have one of their longest-serving players at full back in Don Richardson, who is in his ninth season with the club, having been signed nearly a decade ago from Hunslet juniors.

His consistency and loyalty was rewarded last season when he won a good service award promoted by the 'Open Rugby' magazine.

Chris Vasey, normally a stand-off, has been playing on the wing in more recent times and has benefitted from a season in Australia.

You can pair any two centres from three, although it is almost certain that New Zealander Chris Mita will occupy either the No. 3 or No. 4 jersey. He is in his second season with the club, having earned himself a big reputation last season in the Second Division.

Former Dewsbury Celtic player Billy Collins and the huge Andy Cooper, at 6ft. 1in. and 14st., similar in build to our own Mick Parrish, will be fighting for the other centre spot.

Cooper has come from colts football and is rated as a player who has a good future ahead of him.

Adrian Ramsden, formerly of that productive Rugby League nursery St John Fisher, is fancied for the left-wing spot.

Veteran Nigel Stephenson played at stand-off against David Topliss when we won at Crown Flatt, but it could be that Paul Shuttleworth, injured at that time, will be in the No. 6 jersey today.

Shuttleworth has returned to the West Riding after four seasons with Salford. He has had a six-week injury lay-off, but he came successfully through an 'A' team test the other night and could be back in the reckoning today.

Mark Keyworth, Dewsbury's remarkably consistent player of the season for the past two years, was at scrum-half in the clash at Crown Flatt.

However, he could face a challenge from David Sefuiva, a tiny Maori of only 5ft. 4in., who has been turning in some impressive displays of late and won a player-of-the-month award in New Zealand last summer.

Up front, Dewsbury have plenty of experience in Nigel Stephenson and David Busfield, though the latter has had some problems with a knee injury and he may not be available today.

Busfield, a vastly experienced campaigner, captained Dewsbury from the front-row when we met last time, but his injury could let in two men from Down Under in Steve Howells, a New Zealander who was judged to have been unlucky to miss out on selection for the recent Kiwi tour, and Les Haynes, an Aussie who plays for New South Wales country club Lythgoe Shamrocks, and who scored a try for a country team against the the 1984 Great Britain tourists.

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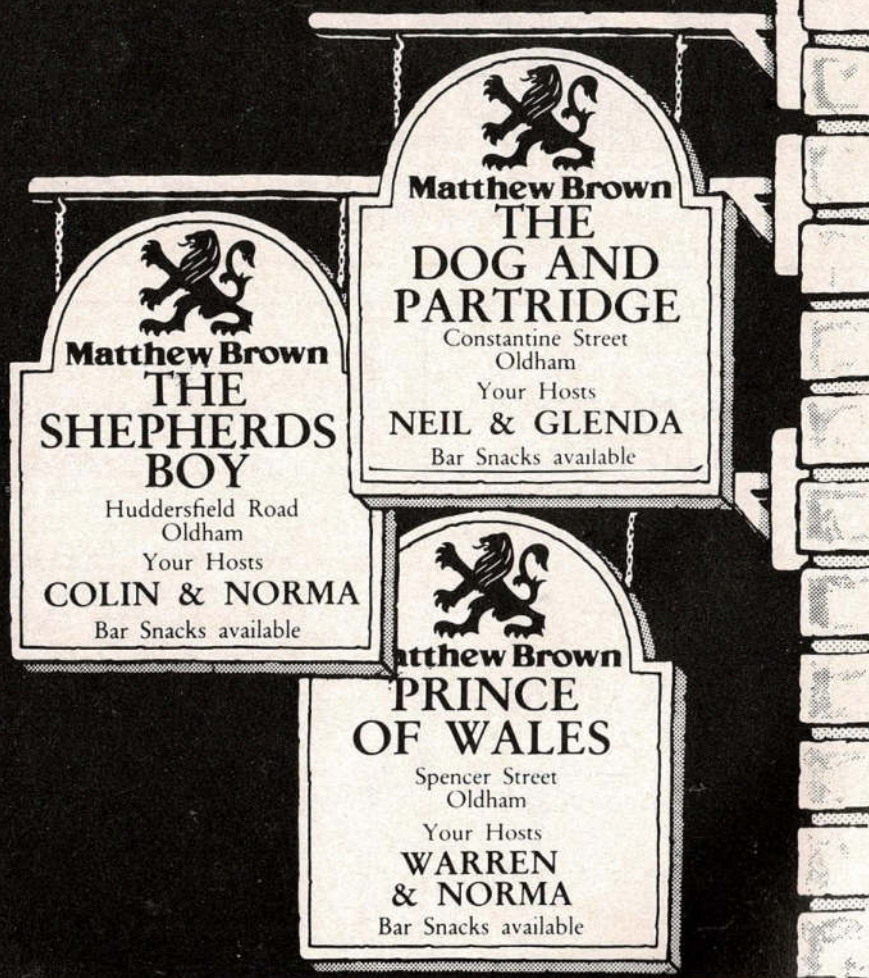
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BRIAN BATTY Daily Mail

Rugby League players and officials must have enjoyed a quiet smile recently at further claims from Union players that it is time their code turned professional.

The big surprise for the League people was that such a step should be pushed by former Wales captain Eddie Butler.

Over the years the stories of Union players from the valleys receiving payments — the cash in the boot system — became legend.

The many Union stars who turned pro with League clubs have all been able to recall the times when money was forthcoming for big Welsh club matches.

Then, of course, there have been those remarkable revelations from time to time of huge expenses paid out for different games.

But now we have Butler claiming: 'It is high time that top British players were paid.

'Everyone is making money out of the game except the players. In my opinion it is imperative that British Rugby pays its players if it is to catch up with the rest of the rugby playing world.

'I see nothing wrong with international players in Britain and Ireland being paid a match fee of say £200 to play for their country.

'Anyway, most of that could be regarded as legitimate expenses. The modern player makes enormous sacrifices.

'To him the old fashioned concept about the gentleman players doing it for the honour of his country is slightly obscene given the vast sums of money international rugby is attracting.

'A figure of £200-per-man for an international team, plus six reserves works out at £4,200 out of a gate of £350,000. That's nothing.'

We know lots of players in Union have been able to secure good professional jobs because of their playing ability but this latest outburst will send shivers down the spines of some officials at Twickers.

They had enough trouble as it was sweeping all those stories about players getting money for wearing sponsored boots under the carpet.

How much longer can they go on trying to kid people that their sport justifies its 'amateur' tag?

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Local junior Keith Mason will probably be at prop with Tony Diskin at hooker and Neil Kelly, brother of Hull KR's £60,000 man Andy Kelly, in contention for a place either at No. 10 or in the second-row.

The two overseas men will be in the running for second-row places with the likelihood of Nigel Stephenson packing down last at loose-forward.

Stephenson has played most of his recent rugby at No. 13, although he was switched to his original stand-off spot when we played at Dewsbury because of the threat from our own experienced No. 6, David Topliss.

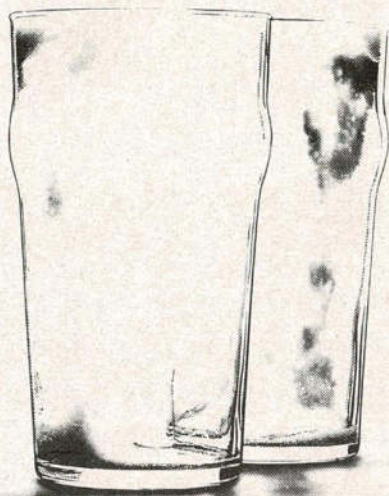
That could happen again today, though if Shuttleworth is fit it is more probable that Stephenson will be seen in the forwards.

His value as an experienced play-maker in the middle of the field was underlined recently when Rochdale Hornets made a surprise move for his services.

The snag was that Stephenson is only on loan to Dewsbury from the Wakefield club, so the move to Rochdale broke down.

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We would like to thank Mrs Fay Bowden for today's After the Match Raffle Prize and anyone who would like to donate a prize to a match will they please put their names on the match list on the notice board in the Social Club.

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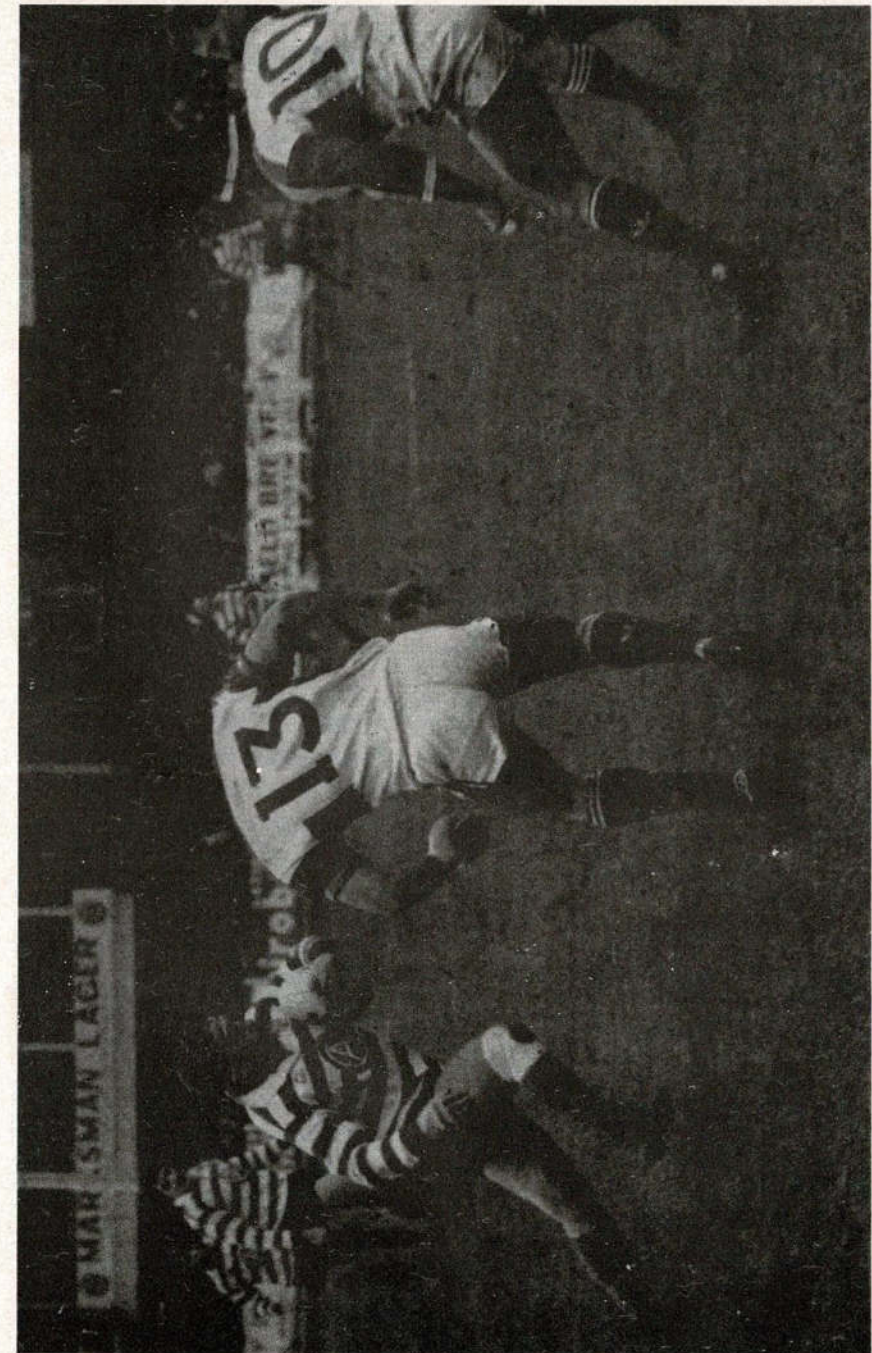
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SEPTEMBER

1—Halifax
4—Swinton (7.30)
8—Leeds
15—County Cup (1)
22—Hull
29—Warrington

D 12-12 A
L 12-16 H
L 14-30 H
L 40-12
L 54-12 A
W 26-20 H

OCTOBER

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

D 14-14 A
W 20-34 A
W 46-22 H
D 10-10 A

NOVEMBER

3—Bradford (3.30)
10—York
17—Dewsbury (3.30)
24—John Player Special (1)

W 24-6 A
W 2-8 A
W 6-37 A
W 8-46 A

DECEMBER

1—John Player Special (2)
8—Salford
15—Dewsbury
26—Widnes

L 8-7 A
W 32-10 H
H
H

1986

JANUARY

1—Leeds
5—Featherstone
12—York
19—Castleford (3.30)
26—St. Helens

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FEBRUARY

2—Warrington
9—Silk Cut Challenge Cup (1)
16—Halifax
23—Silk Cut Challenge Cup (2)

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MARCH

2—Hull K.R.
16—Hull
23—Wigan
28—Swinton
31—Wigan

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APRIL

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

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