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Today we welcome.

One of the most improved and currently one of the outstanding First Division teams are welcome visitors to Headingley today for the commencement of another year's Rugby League. The men from Watersheddings, astutely coached by that masterly former Widnes, St. Helens and Rochdale stand off Frank Myler, coach of the 1984 Lions tourists, and captain of Great Britain's last Ashes-winning team in 1970, Oldham have rapidly moved up the First Division table following the arrival of their three Australian imports, David Liddiard, Gary Warnecke and former Hunslet skipper Mal Graham, shrugging off the lack-lustre form with which they commenced the season, including a heavy home defeat by Leeds on the second Sunday of the campaign.

Oldham and ill luck have seemed to go hand in hand for decades now, and consequently Myler and his staff are finding it difficult to break the long barren, trophy-less spell which stretches back to their 1958 Lancashire Cup triumph, apart from two Second Division Championship triumphs in 1964 and 1982. When the great team of the late 1950's, containing such names as Turner, Ganley, Cracknell, Davies, Little, Winslade, was unable to take the club to its first Wembley Final, there were those in and around Oldham who felt that the club were fated never to reach the twin towers. Third defeat at home to eventual winners Wigan in 1958 was a demoralising blow, and in 1960 their ageing team was unable to defeat Hull in a semi-final; by this time Turner had moved to Wakefield and led Trinity to three Cup triumphs in four years. The manner of Oldham's Cup exit in 1964 must have seemed like the final straw for their loyal, long-suffering supporters, when the "Roughyeds" lost a Cup semi-final in a second replay, having seen the first replay abandoned during extra time, as they led 17-14, because of bad light. The red and whites have been their own worst enemies in recent years, inexplicably losing Cup Ties of varying types to the likes of Blackpool, Swinton and Workington Town, but they were deperately unfortunate to go out in this season's John Player Trophy, second round tie against holders Hull K.R. at Craven Park. Despite losing Liddiard, sent off in the thirty-second minute, Oldham hammered the "Robins" line only to go out 8-7 in a memorable encounter — their luck must be due to change.

The current side is playing marvellously, a tribute to the resilience of Myler after the early season tribulations, and looks as well balanced as any Oldham team in recent times. Liddiard, yet another outstanding footballer from the Parramatta club in Sydney, has proved a tremendous full back, one who has captivated the Oldham crowd, displaying rare pace and an uncanny sense of timing his runs into the line. In Sydney Liddiard has appeared mostly on the wing, due to the wealth of talent at Parramatta, but will return in April to begin a new career with Penrith. The acquisition of former Fulham and Warrington winger, Moroccan Hussein M'Barki has added real pace and finishing ability to Oldham's three quarter line, and already he is striking a fine partnership with Great Britain tourist Des Foy, another pacy player and Oldham's leading try scorer with 15 last season. Australian Gary Warnecke, from the Wests club in Sydney, has proved an immaculate utility player, operating at centre and loose forward, specialising in delicate chip kicks near opponents' try lines and scoring his quota of tries. Under-rated Mick Taylor continues to look one of the best wingers in the First Division. Vastly experienced former Wakefield and Hull skipper David Topliss has assumed the captaincy and stand off role, at the Watersheddings, and at 35 retains the awareness and sharpness which won him every domestic honour whilst at the Boulevard, winning the Lance Todd Trophy for his Wembley performance in 1979, in a beaten Wakefield Trinity side. Vying for the scrum half role are International Ray Ashton, a product of the Colts set-up and a 1984 tourist, and another Colts International Paddy Kirwan, recently recovered from injury.

Ex-Rochdale prop Wally Jones continues to look one of the best front rowers around, young hooker Ian Sanderson was selected for Lancashire's side to oppose New Zealand only for the match to be postponed due to a frostbound Oldham pitch, and Mick Morgan, the evergreen, wore Yorkshire's colours in September's War of the Roses clash at Wigan. The 37 year old former Wakefield, York, Featherstone and Carlisle man is currently enjoying a second benefit for 20 years service to the game. Giant second rower Mick Worrall was one of five Oldham players in Myler's tour squad 18 months ago, making just six full appearances, including two Tests against Australia adding to his Great Britain debut against France in 1984. Injuries have restricted Worrall's appearances this season but he started on the comeback trail at Bramley in the John Player Trophy. Tour colleague David Hobbs was an expensive addition to Oldham's pack last season, joining the club from Featherstone Rovers where he won the Lance Todd Trophy for his two try Wembley display in 1983, giving Rovers a shock 14-12 victory over Hull. Hobbs, a fine goalkicker, has regained his Test class form in recent weeks and had scored two tries and 25 goals at the time of writing. On tour in Australia, Hobbs was sent off

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in the first Test yet took his total of caps to eight. A continuation of his current form could earn Hobbs a Test re-call, particularly in view of the modest form of Great Britain's Potter and Goodway against New Zealand. Yet another 1984 tourist, Terry Flanagan, has operated in a second row berth this season, utilising his undoubted handling skills. Four cap Flanagan has vacated the loose forward role to allow Australian Mal Graham to wear his favourite number 13 shirt, the position in which he starred for relegated Hunslet last season, scoring 18 tries in 28 appearances, including a hat-trick in Challenge Cup football at Mansfield. Already the aggressive, gifted Graham has scored six tries for Oldham, in spite of injury and the former Newcastle, New South Wales, player is looking every inch one of the shrewdest overseas captures.

With prolific ex-Hunslet goalkicker Mick Parrish, Colts International forward Paul Lowndes, Brian Caffrey, Jeff Edwards, Paul Sherman, John Ogburn, Tony Morrison and long serving Alan Taylor in the squad, the "Roughyeds" are more than capable of improving on last season's best ever First Division placing of fifth, and will be dark horses in the Wembley stakes. Today they seek a second successive League victory at Headingley, having previously gone 19 years without success at Headingley. Having lost to Leeds by 30-14 in September, Oldham will be attempting, also to deny David Heron's side a first "double" since 1976-77, when Leeds won 56-10 at Headingley and 18-10 at the Watersheddings, one of 16 consecutive games which Oldham failed to win against Leeds.

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THE RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

RULINGS and INSTRUCTIONS

1. "A" team are awarded a penalty and elect to kick for touch. The kicker finds touch 5m. from his opponents goal line. Can he now bring the free kick back from the point opposite the entry into touch to a more advantageous position, OR must he take it from the point indicated by the Referee?
The free kick must be taken opposite the point of entry into touch (Section 13, law 4).
N.B. — A penalty kick may be taken on or behind the mark and equi-distant to the touch-line (Section 13, law 2).
2. "A" team attacking, put up a "bomb" 15m. from the "B" goal line. "B" full back catches the ball cleanly in his own in goal, where he is immediately tackled by an "A" player who was blatantly offside. How is play re-started?
Penalty kick to "B" 5m. into the field of play opposite where the offence occurred (Section 13, law 8).
3. An "A" player is tackled in "Bs" half of the field near touch, As "A" puts the ball down to play it, "B" kicks the ball and finds touch, the ball first bouncing in the field of play. Whose head and ball at the scrum?
"B" have loose-head, "A" team have put in (Section 12, law 5).
4. A player dives over for a try but before he can ground the ball a defender kicks the ball from his hands and it goes over the dead ball line. The kick is in no way vicious.
Penalty try. (Section 6, law [3]d).
5. At a "bomb", a full back misjudges his catch and the ball goes vertically upwards some 5 yards. Are any hitherto off-side players (outside the 5m. circle) now allowed to challenge for the ball?
Yes. (Section 14, law 3[b]).
6. A tackled player plays the ball to himself (in front of him and regains possession) and is immediately tackled by the marker, who is in the correct position.
Play-on (Section 11, law 10[c]).
7. The ball is kicked and a player of each side attempts to catch the ball. Momentarily they both have a hand on the ball in the air and then it drops to the ground between them.
Scrum The team with territorial advantage have head and ball (Section 12, law 5[b]).
8. At a 22m. drop out following an unsuccessful kick at goal, the ball bounces in the in-goal area at the other end of the field and goes dead.
22m. place kick. (Section 8, law 2[a]).
9. Quick kick-offs are in order providing the referee is satisfied that the touch judges are in position.
10. Touch judges shall take up a position 10m. beyond the mark at the penalty kick and the free kick. The position of the referee is discretionary. (Section 13, note 3) (Section 16, law 17).

A Season by Season History of Leeds R.L.F.C. 1967-68

Leeds made a strangely hesitant start to the season with three home defeats in the first seven fixtures. They were to be the last for three and a half years! Perhaps the turning point was the signing of Bill Ramsey from Hunslet who was to form the last link in the chain which was to form the best Leeds side ever and, surely, one of the best club sides of all times.

Once again Leeds topped the League table with a final record of W28, L6 but again our challenge for the title ended with a second round defeat in the play-off by Wigan at Headingley. Once again Wakefield were Champions defeating Hull K.R. in the Championship Final at Headingley. In the Yorkshire Cup we came a cropper 31—6 at the Boulevard and in the Floodlit Trophy we went out 12—9 at Wheldon Road.

Success came at long last in the Challenge Cup. We reached Wembley with wins over Liverpool, Bramley, Oldham and Wigan. The last named were defeated 25—4 at Station Road by a brilliant Leeds side. The final at Wembley between the two leading sides of the season, Leeds and Wakefield was a sad disappointment to followers of both sides. Leeds winning in farcical conditions 11—10. John Atkinson was the leading Leeds try scorer with 33, and Risman was rewarded with the leader of the World Cup side in Australia. Club captain Clark was also a member of the party.

ROY DICKINSON TESTIMONIAL

The Super Raffle in aid of the Testimonial will take place on the ground today. The first prize is a £1,000 Holiday for Two, the second prize is a Portable Colour Television, and the third prize is a Microwave Oven.

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WELCOME NEW YEAR VISITORS

We are pleased to receive all from Oldham this afternoon, and we could not wish for a more attractive team to come to Headingley at the present time, than our visitors from Watersheddings. Since we met last — at Oldham in early September — Frank Myler's men have improved out of all recognition, for Leeds were easy winners by 30—14 on that occasion, but the task facing our players today will be far more difficult. A succession of victories over the past two months saw Oldham sweep up the Division One table and into top position just before Christmas, and we congratulate Frank and the side upon its magnificent recovery from a disappointing start to the season.

There will certainly changes in the Oldham team today from that we met in September, but in any event, due to printers' deadlines as Christmas and New Year programmes are produced early, the two teams' players names shown on the back page of our programme today may be quite different from those to take the field and we trust that supporters will understand that unforeseen circumstances will have played a part in preventing us from achieving the accuracy we normally obtain regarding match programme teams.

TICKET CONCESSIONS

With half the season's home League games completed the usual festive time concession of half price tickets is on offer from 1st January as follows:

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Tickets can be obtained by application to the Club Office on or after 1st January, 1986.

THE FOOTBALL GROUND

At the half way stage of the season, and after nearly 20 games on it, of all kinds from Alliance League to Test

matches, the playing area is looking in excellent condition, thanks to the industry and dedication of Head Groundsman Keith Boyce and his staff. You can help them by refraining from entering the main field at any time, and especially at half-time. If you wish to "change ends" on the terraces, please do so by keeping outside the playing area boundary wall at all times. The co-operation of all spectators on the ground today will be very much appreciated in this matter.

ROY DICKINSON TESTIMONIAL

On sale now at the Souvenir Shop in the Pavilion Car Park is the brand new publication *The Roy Dickinson Story* — an excellent book selling at £1.00 and written by Mr. Ian Proctor. It makes most interesting reading and gives a full account of Roy's Rugby League career from Schoolboy level to International status. The book is filled too with many features and photographs which recall some memorable moments for Roy and for Leeds along the route of a colourful career. All proceeds go towards Roy's Testimonial.

ALLIANCE LEAGUE

One of our most attractive Alliance League matches of the season takes place at Headingley next Friday night, 3rd January, when Hull will be our visitors. The two sides met at the Boulevard in October when a feast of tries and some fast open rugby produced 50 points as Hull went on to win 33—24. Remarkably, nearly all the points were all scored in the first half. Indeed, Hull were leading with 32 points on the board at the interval yet their only second half score was a last minute dropped goal. Leeds—Hull matches at Alliance League level frequently provide most entertaining Rugby League, and this week's match may well be yet another.

SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

For our New Year fixture we have pleasure in welcoming officials and members of the Oldham F.C. Supporters Club. We trust they have a safe return journey over the M62. On the home scene, members are reminded that subscriptions for 1986 are now due. Members £1.15, Ladies and O.A.P's 23p. New Members £2.30, payable to the Secretary, Mr. Mick Abbott. Members please note that the club will be open this afternoon from 2.00 to 5.30 p.m. for our next two away games — Hull F.C. on 5th January, 1986 and Featherstone on 12th January, 1986 — a coach will depart from the club for Hull at 12.45 p.m. Adult fare £3.50 (maximum) and Juniors £2.50, and for Featherstone 2.15 p.m., Adult fare £1.50, Juniors £1.00. Please telephone Mr. M. Billington on Leeds 712617 or book at the Supporters Shop after today's game.

In anticipation of a bumper collection today for the Roy Dickinson Testimonial Funds may we thank all collectors and supporters who have given generously.

Finally a New Year message. To our coach, Peter Fox and all the Players — best wishes for 1986 and good luck in your efforts to climb up the League table and for a successful Cup run. We shall support you.

SLALOM LAGER CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE at 20th December, 1985

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oldham	14	8	3	3	329	236	19
Widnes	12	8	1	3	226	190	17
Warrington	12	8	0	4	285	168	16
St. Helens	12	7	2	3	273	196	16
Hull K.R.	11	8	0	3	230	170	16
Halifax	12	7	2	3	205	167	16
Hull	11	7	1	3	283	176	15
Wigan	11	7	0	4	312	120	14
Castleford	12	7	0	5	248	207	14
Leeds	12	5	2	5	217	211	12
Salford	14	6	0	8	217	289	12
York	14	5	0	9	199	274	10
Swinton	14	4	0	10	185	325	8
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1. In the inaugural Alliance League campaign in 1984-85 which teams won :
(a) The Championship (b) The Challenge Cup (c) The Lancashire County Shield
(d) The Yorkshire Senior Cup
2. Leeds winger Pat Mitchell scored a try hat-trick for Oldham whilst on loan last season. Against which team did he record his three try feat ?
3. Name the player. He scored his final try for Oldham against Leeds in the Premiership tie last April and v. as a runner-up in the Young Player of the Year award in 1983.
4. Which former Leeds players won Premiership Winners Medals for the following clubs :
(a) Hull K.R. in 1984 (b) St. Helens in 1985 (c) Widnes in 1982 (d) Bradford N. in 1978 ?
5. Only four referees on the 1985-86 senior list have officiated in Wembley Finals. Name any three.
6. Who is the only Leeds player to make three full tours to Australasia ?

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ANSWERS TO PRIZE QUIZ No. 6

1. Harry Street.
2. Mick Stephenson
(2). Allan Agar and
Nigel Stephenson.
3. Rochdale Hornets.
4. Bernard Watson,
Allan Lockwood, Alan
Hardisty, Lewis
Jones, Jeff Grayshon.
5. (a) Harry Pool
(b) Derek Edwards
(c) Derek Hallas
(d) Alan Hardisty.
6. Geoff Clarkson.



WILLIAM YOUNGER'S ALES



The Parramatta Legacy

There can be no doubting the influence that Parramatta Rugby League Club have had on the world game over the past five years, as their seemingly endless conveyor belt of talent spawns a host of gifted players. The club is a shining example of the benefits of good coaching, all their players being steeped in good habits, the legacy of Jack Gibson's enormous influence.

Parramatta are a paradox in the glamourised world of Sydney Rugby League — the richest club in the game in terms of playing talent, yet one which has been forced to share a ground, Belmore Oval, with arch-rivals Canterbury-Bankstown since their old Cumberland Oval was destroyed following the "Eels" first ever Premiership triumph in September 1981. Unlike Manly-Warringah, for example, they are unable to employ the cheque book method of buying success (not that Manly have bought much success since their last Grand Final victory in 1978), but a magnificent scouting system in an area which has always produced its own talent, coupled with Gibson's astute guidance and that of his successor John Monie has made Parramatta the team to beat in Sydney football since the turn of the decade.

Gibson's predecessor Terry Fearnley took Parramatta into two Grand Finals during the late seventies, with a side containing the younger Ray Price and Mick Cronin, plus Internationals John Kolc, Johnny Peard, Neville Glover, Ray Higgs and Geoff Gerard — but they lacked something. In both those Grand Finals, in 1976 and 1978, they were beaten by the "Silvertails", Manly and the frustration must have been acute for a club which had never won the biggest domestic honour in the Australian game. The 1976 reverse was particularly hard to bear, coming as it did in the first re-played Final in post-war years and Fearnley, coach of Australia in 1985, left Cumberland Oval a very disappointed man at the end of the 1980 season.

Gibson's appointment in 1981 triggered the greatest success story in the Australian game for nearly 20 years, since Norm Provan's incomparable St. George team won 11 consecutive Grand Finals between 1956 and 1966. Parramatta broke their "duck" with a 20—11 defeat of the now defunct Newtown club in Gibson's first season. It was a momentous victory over a team which had defeated Manly in a savage semi-final, and a triumph for fluent football from a basically young team, inspired by veterans Bob O'Reilly, Steve Edge, Price and the ageless Cronin. Youngsters Peter Sterling, Brett Kenny, Eric Grothe and Paul Taylor all played their parts in an historic triumph and all were in the side 12 months later when Parramatta upset the form book to retain the crown with a crushing 21—8 victory over Manly. The skills and individual brilliance of Kenny, scorer of two tries. Repeating his effort against Newtown, Sterling and the "zip-zip" man Ella was altogether too much for Manly and the "Eels" provided six members of Australia's all-conquering 1982 touring party; Price, Ella, Grothe, Sterling, Kenny and Muggleton.

Each of those players made a huge contribution to the success of Frank Stanton's side; Kenny and Sterling emerging as possibly the finest pair of club half backs in history to oust Wally Lewis and Steve Mortimer from the green and gold jumper. Ella who had overcome a severe knee injury, emerged as the ideal utility back, scoring four tries from full back in one vintage display against Wales yet astonishingly, could not claim a Test place. It was an Australian squad which will never be forgotten by an

adoring English public with particularly, the pace, power and invention of "Para's backs" remaining uppermost in most minds. Fortunately the British public were to see Sterling, Kenny, Grothe and Ella starring in English League football in the not too distant future.

The tour did not have any adverse effects on the Parramatta sextet, although Muggleton's form slumped due to an attack of glandular fever and they completed the "treble" by defeating Manly 18—6 to retain the Premiership. Once again Brett Kenny scored two tries, with Grothe scoring a Herculean effort after a magnificent handling move involving Kenny, Ella and Cronin. The emergence of new stars in the shape of Neil Hunt, David Liddiard, Peter Wynn and Paul Mares had ensured their continuing status as champions, but their era of domination — in Australia, at any rate — was ending as Gibson decided to relinquish coaching duties and the International transfers ban was lifted, allowing the skilled Parramatta players, many of whom had accepted less money to remain loyal to the club, an opportunity to parade their skills in England. In 1983-84 one of the club's rising stars, 21 year old second row forward Mark Laurie, proved to be a huge success for the Leeds club, inspiring a run of 18 matches without defeat, taking the Man of the Match award for his outstanding individual performance in the John Player Final and pointing the way for many of his more illustrious team mates at Parramatta.

Injury had prevented Peter Sterling's stay at Hull being longer than eight matches, but in 1984-85, following Parramatta's 6—4 Grand Final defeat at the hands of Canterbury-Bankstown, he returned to the Boulevard to delight the Hull faithful. The blond wizard was not short of company . . . Paul Taylor joined Oldham, Eric Grothe and Neil Hunt were at Leeds, Brett Kenny signed for Wigan, Paul Younane (Warrington), Don Duffy (Fulham) and "Sterlo's" brother-in-law John Muggleton (Hull) were all successes for their respective clubs. It was no coincidence either that one of Wembley's greatest Cup Finals contained the contrasting assets of Sterling and Kenny. These two, greatly enhanced Parramatta's reputation in the Wigan—Hull duel, as Kenny, all class and composure, strutted around the field to create three tries and score a glorious fourth — one which for the connoisseur of stand off half play was worth three of the long distance efforts by such as Gill, Ferguson or Leuluai. As Frank Keating, of the *Guardian*, expertly put it; "Kenny possesses the uncanny ability to change pace four times in six strides". He was an obvious Lance Todd Trophy winner, and yet on any other occasion his pal Sterling would have been nominated. The terrier like scrum half simply refused to accept defeat, producing the industrious display which had become his trade mark.

When Kenny wisely chose to spend the Australian summer at home this year, having sadly decided not to play Test football for his country, Wigan chose to look no further than his team mate Steve Ella for a replacement. There is little to choose between the pair, in style or ability, and Ella perhaps, that bit hungrier for tries, has made an astonishing contribution to the Central Park success story, scoring at the time of writing, 17 tries, including 11 consecutive matches, in a stand off role he rarely operates in for Parramatta. David Liddiard too, has been as huge success in an Oldham team which began the season in relegation-style form, until a late tackle fractured his jaw against Salford three weeks ago.

Although Parramatta failed to reach Sydney's Grand Final for the first time in five years, last September, going down heavily in the Final to Canterbury, the production line of talent shows no sign of deteriorating as such as Ron Quinn, Michael Moseley and Jackson have proved. The fact that Parramatta played almost a quarter of the 1985 Australian season without English based players of the calibre of Hunt, Grothe, Sterling, Kenny, Taylor and Muggleton made their achievement of making the top five play-offs all the more commendable, while the contribution of their players to English Rugby League has been undeniable — Sterling, Kenny, Laurie and Ella all winning individual Man of the Match awards in major finals in a foreign country.

IAN PROCTOR

ENJOYABLE READING. Among Mr. Ken Dalby's well-written books on Rugby League one of the most enjoyable to read is volume four of the Headingley Story, entitled Rugby Cavalcade. If you have not yet seen any of Mr. Dalby's books yet, why not treat yourself to this one, or buy it as a present for a friend or relative ? The book is on sale now at the Club Offices, price £2.25, and describes vividly nearly 50 memorable Rugby League matches all played at Headingley. The item below is just one extract from this superb publication.

AFTER THE RAIN, THE SUN

1st March, 1952 LEEDS v OLDHAM (Second Round, R.L. Cup)

The Challenge Cup, February's silver lining, that year by year transforms the raindrop clouds of doubt, disappointment and despair into a rainbow arch of renewed hope. Nowhere was it more welcome than at Headingley ! Second in the League table in mid-December, the Loiners had thereafter slumped alarmingly, largely as a result of long-term injuries to half backs Frank Watson (fractured ankle) and Dicky Williams (cartilage), but confidence had been restored by a crushing first round victory over Hull Kingston Rovers, with wingers Ryan and Turnbull sharing nine tries, and Dunn contributing seven goals. Even so, this second round clash presented a far more formidable task, any doubts on that score being dispelled by the arrival of no less than 250 coach loads of fanatical Oldham supporters, to swell the crowd to 34,000 by the time that Leeds took the field, with McMaster as captain in place of the injured Clues, and the 18 year old Dunn at full back in preference to Cook.

The toss won by Goldswain counted for little on a calm afternoon, and Leeds were quickly into their stride in a fast and furious opening barrage . . . a blind side kick by Feather, and the ball was bouncing up invitingly, for the speedy Turnbull to stretch Ganley . . . a loose ball, and Brown was taking it on at his feet, only to be beaten to the touch down by the alert Warham . . . a drive by Scholes, and Feather was almost over alongside the posts. Yet, for all that the Lancastrians looked to be teetering on a tightrope of suspense, they did not lose their equilibrium until, ironically enough, the Loiners were down to 12 men, for Bartlett had barely retired with a facial injury requiring three stitches, before Feather switched the point of attack at play-the-ball, for Scholes to put Turnbull over for an unconverted try at the corner. Eight minutes gone, and first blood to Leeds !

Now the game swung to and fro on a see-saw of mounting tension . . . a side-stepping run by Daley to link with Day, and Oldham were pressing . . . a shrewd kick by stand off Ward, signed from Oldham six months earlier, and Leeds were pestering full back Ganley . . . a break by Stirrup, and Ganley was going near with a penalty, even as the Loiners welcomed the return of Bartlett, who promptly accelerated on to a short pass from Ward and cut through brilliantly, with a try there for the taking had not the final pass to Feather gone astray. Three points, possibly five, tossed away !

Yet the Loiners had no time to ponder on what might have been, for the Lancastrians stormed back to the home quarters to mobilise a mass onslaught . . . a lunge by Goldswain and Day, and the posts quivered as the charging Winslade was hurled back by Dunn's herculean tackle . . . a dazzling round of interpassing to uncover O'Grady, and it was Dunn again who crash-tackled the diving 19 year old winger into the corner flag. Moreover, only moments later, the young full back's nerve never wavered as he drove home a fine penalty, and though Ganley immediately redressed the balance with an equally splendid kick, the Loiners crowded sail to round off a thrilling first half with a further five points, Ryan cruising on to Ward's defence splitting pass to glide over with his customary elegance, for the inspired Dunn to add

a superb touchline conversion. Eight points up, and Headingley's barometer set fair !

Half-time : LEEDS 10 v OLDHAM 2

So much for the barometers ! Within seconds of the resumption, the storm-tossed Loiners were battening down the hatches in the face of a force ten Lancastrian gale ! A break by Stirrup . . . a mighty billowing surge by Winslade, Keith, Platt and Goldswain, and Ganley was reducing the margin to six points with an angled penalty . . . and still the mountainous waves of a remorseless sea shivered the Leeds timbers, with O'Grady pounding dangerously down one wing, and Warham barely checked on the other by Feather's despairing tackle. Time and again, it seemed that the good ship Loidis would founder, and then, in the tenth minute, she was driven even nearer the rock of impending doom, as winger Warham bore in bravely down the open side of a scrum to take Stirrup's pass, and then zoom to the posts without a finger being laid on him, for Ganley to add the caption to a picture book try.

One point in it, 30 death or glory minutes still to go ! Responding to a rallying call from the home crowd the men in blue and amber took advantage of a brief lull in the storm, Bartlett and Turnbull taking play to the Oldham "25", for Dunn to respond nobly with another stupendous penalty from the touchline. The two points were welcome, the Lancastrians' cyclonic response predictable ! A flash of brilliance, to elude three defenders, and Warham looked to have the beating of Dunn, yet only for the youngster to bring off a glorious try saving tackle . . . a thrust by hooker Keith, to link with O'Grady . . . inside to Stirrup, and the Loiners were in dire peril, and though Ryan brought temporary relief with a sprint to half-way, Warham was soon racing back, to whirl inside two would-be tacklers and head for the posts, with a try seemingly inevitable until Scholes appeared out of the blue to make a tremendous tackle with the line no more than a couple of yards away.

Three points in it, and the twelve minute countdown had started ! Tempestuous minutes of breath taking intensity they were, too, Goldswain rejecting four reasonable chances of penalty goals, in favour of a sequence of tip-and-run assaults, in which Keith, Stirrup, Warham and Platt each went desperately close, before the final whistle sounded on as thrilling a game as any ever witnessed at Headingley. A victory smile from Leeds: a frown of frustration from gallant Oldham as they reflected on those penalties. Yet, how was Goldswain to know there would be four; and would the artful Feather have conceded a further three if Oldham had taken two points with the first ?

Result : LEEDS 12 v OLDHAM 9

Leeds : J. Dunn; A. Turnbull, R. Bartlett, G. F. Brown, B. Ryan; K. Ward, J. Feather; R. E. McMaster, A. Wood, E. Hopper, D. Scholes, B. Poole, G. Moore.

Oldham : Ganley; Warham, Mitchell, Platt, O'Grady; Daley, Stirrup; Ogden, Keith, Anthony, Winslade, Day, Goldswain.

Referee : Mr. F. Smith (Barrow).

Mr. Joe Warham can scarcely have imagined at the time of this Cup-Tie in 1952, that 30 years on he would be General Manager at Headingley, and a member of the Leeds Board, after more than 20 years' service to the club in various capacities, including Coach, Team Manager and Chief Scout.

Drawn away to Leigh in the third round, Leeds went down by 9 points to 5.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

(An occasional feature,
selecting a season at random)

DIVISION ONE RESULTS

	Home	Away		Home	Away
Batley	W 37-4	W 12-7	Hull K.R.	L 13-28	L 5-10
Bradford N.	W 20-8	W 32-16	Hunslet	W 31-10	L 2-4
Bramley	W 10-5	L 10-22	Keighley	W 16-12	W 9-7
Castleford	W 10-9	L 3-15	Leigh	W 30-7	W 8-6
Dewsbury	W 19-10	W 24-2	St. Helens	W 20-3	L 5-20
Doncaster	W 34-8	W 46-10	Swinton	W 26-5	L 5-17
Featherstone R.	L 10-15	L 9-25	Wakefield T.	L 6-21	L 4-21
Halifax	W 18-8	W 21-9	Warrington	W 10-9	W 13-8
Hull	W 16-10	W 17-10	York	W 24-7	W 18-2

YORKSHIRE CUP

- (1) Hull K.R. (A) 46-13
(2) Castleford (H) 20-12
(SF) Featherstone (H) 11-3
(Final) Wakefield (Odsal) 9-19

CHALLENGE CUP

- (1) Bramley (H) 34-6
(2) Leigh (A) 7-7
(Replay) Leigh (H) 16-17

LAZENBY CUP

Hunslet (H) 20-5.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pos.
League Rec.	36	25	-	11	593	390	7th
Home	18	15	-	3			
Away	18	10	-	8			

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Yorkshire : D. Hallas, B. Shaw,
J. Fairbank.

Great Britain : A. Terry, B. Simms,
D. Hallas.

Rugby League XIII : C. Evans.

Most Tries : G. Wriglesworth 34, E. Ratcliffe 16, D. Hallas 15, V. Hattee 12, G. Hemingway 12, D. Robinson 10.

Most Goals : L. Jones 117, V. Hattee 11.

Most Tries in a Match : 4, G. Wriglesworth v Bramley (H), Cup.

Most Goals in a Match : 8, L. Jones v Hull K.R. (H), Yorkshire Cup.

Most Points in a Match : 19, L. Jones v Hull K.R. (H), Yorkshire Cup.

Transfers In : G. Wriglesworth (Heworth); L. Neumann (S. Africa); D. Davies (Bradford); A. Terry (St. Helens); M. Shoebottom (Bisons).

Transfers Out : W. Rosenberg (Hull), T. Whitehead (Hull), D. Goodwin (York).

WHERE THE HONOURS WENT

League Leaders : Wigan (Wakefield Trinity) **League Champions :** Huddersfield (Wakefield Trinity)

Challenge Cup : Wakefield Trinity (Huddersfield) **Lancashire League :** Wigan (Workington Town)

Yorkshire League : Wakefield Trinity (Featherstone) **Yorkshire Cup :** Wakefield Trinity (Leeds)

Lancashire Cup : St. Helens (Swinton) **County Champions :** Cumberland **Leading Try Scorer :** 51, W. Boston (Wigan)

Leading Goal Kicker : 183, N. Fox (Wakefield Trinity); 183, F. Griffiths (Wigan)

Leading Points Scorer : 456, N. Fox (Wakefield Trinity)



YORKSHIRE CUP FINALISTS 1961-62

Back row (left to right) : Simms, Pickup, Jones, Robinson, Terry, Neumann.

Front row (left to right) : Evans, Hallas, Wriglesworth, Shaw, Hattee, Thornett, Ratcliffe.

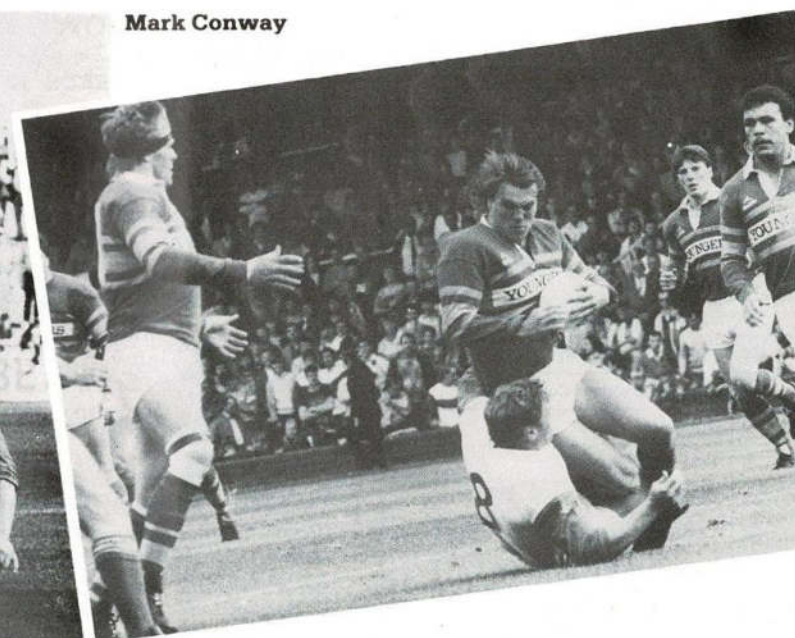
Ian Wilkinson



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LEEDS R.L.

1985	Opponents and Venue	Att.	Result F A	1	2	3	4	5
Sept. 1	Dewsbury (A)	4,200	22-13	Wilkinson	Smith 1T	Mk Wilson	Hague	Staniland
8	Oldham (A)	3,979	30-14	Wilkinson 1T	Smith 1T	Mk Wilson 1T	Healy	Ingham
15	KEIGHLEY (H) Yorkshire Cup, Rnd 1	4,811	60-12	Wilkinson	Ford 1T	Mk Wilson	Hague	Smith 2T
22	ST. HELENS (H)	8,844	21-8	Wilkinson	Smith	Creasser 1T 4G	Hague	Currie
25	Dewsbury (A) Yorkshire Cup, Rnd 2	3,700	48-2	Wilkinson	Francis 1T	Creasser 1T 2G	Currie	Smith 1T
29	Salford (A)	3,721	22-16	Wilkinson	Francis	Mk Wilson 1T	Currie 1T	Smith
Oct. 2	CASTLEFORD (H) Yorks. Cup, Semi-final	10,281	10-14	Currie	Francis	Creasser 1G	Wilson 1T	Smith 1T
6	YORK (H)	5,589	10-18	Wilkinson	Ford	Creasser 1G	Currie 1T	Francis
20	Swinton (A)	2,447	26-14	Wilkinson	Smith 1T	Creasser 3G	Currie	Francis 1T
24	WIGAN (H)	9,537	6-28	Wilkinson	Smith	Creasser 1G	Currie	Francis
29	NEW ZEALAND (H)	4,829	10-16	Gill	Francis	Creasser 3G	Wilson	Currie
Nov. 3	Warrington (A)	3,500	18-32	Wilkinson 1T	Francis 1T	Creasser 2G	Hague	Currie
10	Halifax (A)	5,684	18-18	Wilkinson	Smith	Hague	Currie 1T	Mitchell
17	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS (H)	7,962	12-16	Wilkinson	Smith	Creasser 2G	Currie	Francis 1T
24	Barrow (A), J. Player Spec. Trophy, Rnd 1	4,400	2-5	Wilkinson	Smith	Creasser 1G	Hague	Francis
Dec. 8	St. Helens (A)	6,280	12-12	Wilkinson	Smith	Creasser 1T 3G	Lyons	Currie
15	HALIFAX (H)	8,307	20-22	Wilkinson	Smith	Creasser 4G	Lyons 2T	Currie 1T
22	Castleford (A)							
26	DEWSBURY (H)							
1986								
Jan. 1	OLDHAM (H)							
5	Hull (A)							
12	Featherstone Rovers (A)							
19	WIDNES (H)							
26	Hull Kingston Rovers (A)							
Feb. 2	SWINTON (H)							
9	Silk Cut Challenge Cup, Round 1							
16	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS (H)							
23	Silk Cut Challenge Cup, Round 2							
Mar. 2	Widnes (A)							
9	SALFORD (H)							
16	York (A)							
23	CASTLEFORD (H)							
28	BRADFORD NORTHERN (H)							
Apr. 1	Bradford Northern (A)							
6	HULL (H)							
13	WARRINGTON (H)							
20	Wigan (A)							

DOWN MEMORY LANE

FIVE YEARS AGO — 4th January, 1981
LEEDS 13 v HULL K.R. 16

Leeds: I. Wilkinson; T. Naylor, D. Heselwood, J. Holmes, J. Atkinson; J. Sanderson (sub. A. Mackintosh), K. Dick; M. Harrison, S. Miller, S. Pitchford, G. Eccles, R. Dickinson, J. Carroll (sub. J. Townend).

Tries — Wilkinson, Holmes, Dick. Goals — Dick (2).
Referee: Mr. J. McDonald (Wigan).

TEN YEARS AGO — 1st January, 1976
LEEDS 30 v HULL K.R. 5

Leeds: D. Marshall, A. Smith, N. Hague, L. Dyl, P. Fletcher; J. Holmes, K. Hepworth; M. Harrison (sub. C. Sanderson), G. Eccles, R. Dickinson, R. Batten (sub. D. Ward), B. Adams, P. Cookson.

Tries — Dyl, Cookson, Harrison, Hepworth, Eccles, Fletcher.
Goals — Marshall (6).

Referee: Mr. M. McNaughton (Widnes).

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO — 2nd January, 1971
LEEDS 28 v LEIGH 10

Leeds: J. Holmes; A. Smith, S. Hynes, R. Cowan, J. Atkinson; A. Wainwright, M. Showbottom; J. Burke, R. Handscombe, E. Barnard, W. Ramsey, R. Haigh, R. Batten (sub. P. Cookson).

Tries — Smith, Atkinson, Wainwright, Shoebottom, Barnard, Haigh.

Goals — Holmes (4), Shoebottom (1DG).

Referee: Mr. S. Shepherd (Oldham).

FIXTURES

6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Conway 3G	Dick 1T 2G	Hill	Ward	Keith Rayne	Moorby 1T	Medley	Heron	Maskill S/5	Dickinson S/8
Hague 1G	Dick 4G	Dickinson	Ward	Hill 1T	Moorby 1T	Keith Rayne	Heron	Maskill S/7	Medley S/12
Lyons 3T	Dick	Dickinson	Ward	Hill	Moorby 2T	Kev Rayne 1T	Heron	Gill S/7 1T 8G	Kth Rayne S/10 1T
Lyons 1DG	Conway 1T	Hill	Ward	Kth Rayne	Moorby 1T	Powell	Heron	Wilson S/4	Dickinson S/8
Lyons 1T	Conway 2T 4G	Dickinson	Maskill	Kth Rayne	Moorby	Powell 2T	Heron	Wilson S/3 1T	Kev Rayne S/8
Lyons 1T	Conway 3G	Hill	Maskill	Kth Rayne	Webb	Powell	Heron 1T	Kev Rayne S/6	Owen S/13
Lyons	Conway	Hill	Maskill	Kth Rayne	Moorby	Powell	Heron	Healy	Webb S/8
Lyons	Conway	Dickinson 1T	Maskill	Kth Rayne	Webb	Kev Rayne	Heron	Mk Wilson S/6	Moorby S/13
Lyons 1T	Conway	Hill	Maskill	Moorby	Powell 1T	Webb	Heron	Mk Wilson S/7	Kth Rayne S/8 1T
Lyons	Wilson	Hill 1T	Clark	Owen	Moorby	Powell	Heron	Conway S/2	Maskill S/10
Lyons 1T	Conway	Kth Rayne	Ward	Hill	Powell	Webb	Heron	Clark S/1	Moorby S/12
Lyons	Conway 1G	Grayshon	Clark	Hill	Powell	Moorby	Heron	Dick S/6	Medley S/10 1T
Lyons	Conway 1G	Hill 1T	Clark	Powell	Moorby 1T	Kev Rayne 1T	Heron	Dick S/7	Grayshon S/11
Lyons 1T	Conway	Grayshon	Ward	Hill	Powell	Kev. Rayne	Heron	Conway S/6	Clark S/10
Lyons	Dick	Grayshon	Ward	Kth Rayne	Powell	Kev. Rayne	Heron	Currie S/5	Clark S/7
Hague	Dick	Grayshon	Ward	Hill	Kev Rayne	Moorby	Clark 1T	Conway S/7	Powell S/10
Hague	Conway	Grayshon	Ward	Hill	Kev. Rayne	Moorby	Clark	Dick S/7	Powell S/12

LEEDS ALLIANCE TEAM RESULTS 1985-86

28th August — LEEDS 40 v DEWSBURY 0

Tries: Maskill (2), Medley, Smith, Mark Wilson, Gunn, Trialist. Goals: Crooks (3), Maskill (3).

7th September — BATLEY 20 v LEEDS 26

Tries: Gill, Ingham, Maskill, Nelson. Goals: Gill (5).

13th September — LEEDS 18 v HUNSLET 15

Tries: Healy, Mark Wilson, Maskill. Goals: Gill (3).

19th September — ST. HELENS 10 v LEEDS 24

Tries: Gunn (2), Kevin Rayne, Conway. Goals: Gill (4).

27th September — LEEDS 16 v WAKEFIELD TRINITY 19

Tries: Mitchell, Ingham, Massa. Goals: Webb, Gill.

3rd October — DEWSBURY 22 v LEEDS 0 (Y.S.C. Cup, Round 1)

11th October — HULL 33 v LEEDS 24

Tries: Smith (2), Gill, Medley. Goals: Gill (4).

25th October — KEIGHLEY 11 v LEEDS 22

Tries: Delaney (2), Scargill, Medley. Goals: Gill (3).

1st November — LEEDS 26 v BRADFORD NORTHERN 8

Tries: Medley (3), Scargill, Maskill. Goals: Maskill (3).

8th November — HUDDERSFIELD 12 v LEEDS 16

Tries: Mitchell, Ingham, Dick. Goals: Gill (2).

16th November — HULL K.R. v LEEDS (Postponed)

22nd November — LEEDS 34 v SWINTON 16

Tries: Clark, Mitchell, Cooper, Conway, Turner, Hill. Goals: Gill (5).

13th December — LEEDS 50 v KEIGHLEY 12

Tries: Medley 2, Maskill 2, Trialist 2, Turner, Armitage, Gunn. Goals: Gill 7.

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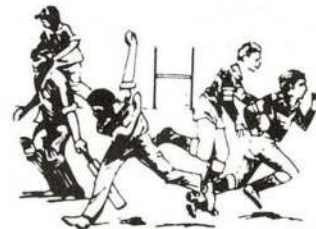
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