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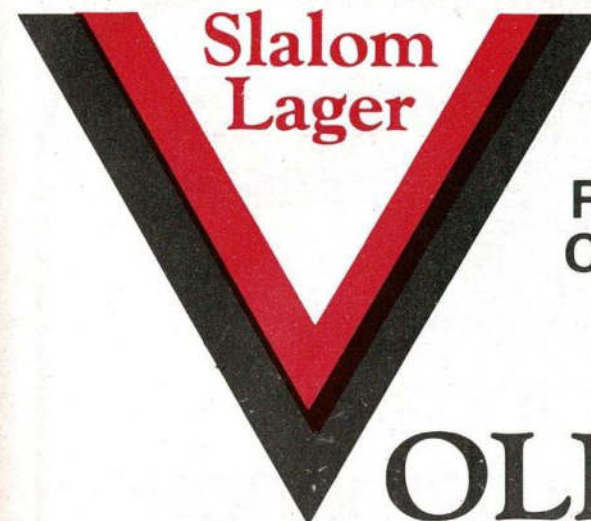
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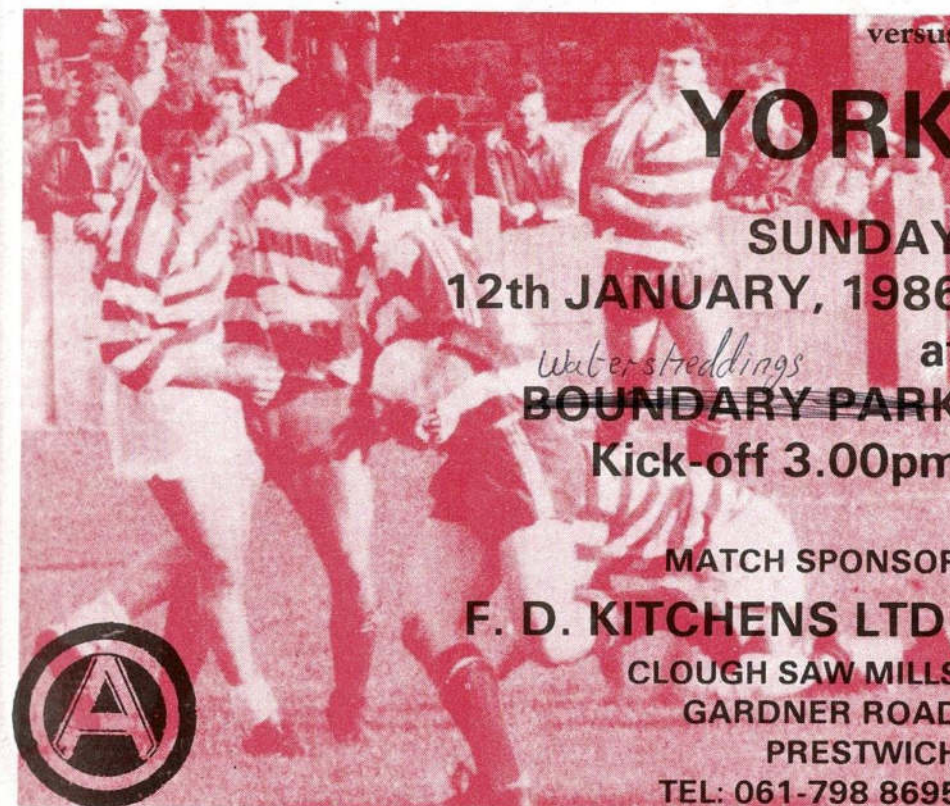
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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

AT last, we enjoyed a little bit of luck when the draw was made in Leeds on Monday for the preliminary and first round of this season's Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

We have not exactly had our share of good fortune this season and, in recent weeks, we have had to endure some sheer bad luck with the David Liddiard dismissal at Hull K.R. (he was later found to be not guilty), the Liddiard injury, the four-match ban on David Hobbs (to which he has appealed), the calling of Terry Flanagan before the disciplinary committee, and injuries to Wally Jones, Des Foy, Mick Worrall, Colin Hawkyard and David Finch.

It was gratifying, therefore, to get a good draw and a home tie too, in the first round of the Cup, to be played on February 9th.

We were drawn away in the first round of the Lancashire Cup and away again in the first two rounds of the John Player Special Trophy.

It was a bonus, therefore, to be drawn out of the hat first this time. And with all due respect to Mansfield Marksmen or Carlisle, we should be favourites to win, while not falling into the trap of underestimating our opponents.

Mansfield and Carlisle occupy the bottom two places in the Second Division and they will meet at Carlisle in the preliminary round on January 26th to determine which team will come here to Watersheddings on February 9th.

No team can be complacent about cup opponents and it is as well to recall that Mansfield put up a brave show at Wigan in the John Player Trophy.

Nevertheless, it is a tie we should win and, more important, it will provide the club with more time to sort out the problems concerning Hobbs, Flanagan and the injured players before we run into a stiff cup test.

Hobbs was due to appear before the Appeals Committee last Wednesday to contest his four-match ban, while Flanagan was called to appear before the disciplinary committee the following day along with Dewsbury centre Mick Collins.

The case against both the Oldham and Dewsbury clubs for the alleged brawl on December 15th is due to be heard by the management committee on January 22nd, and as a club we feel it is important that we are represented. We have made our feelings known to the Rugby League.

The ban on Hobbs and the previously reported injuries considerably weakened our side at Leeds on New Year's Day when we were beaten in the First Division after an unbeaten run of 11 consecutive matches going back to September.

Few teams could cope with the loss of so many players and we now have to hope that all will be back in contention for places as soon as possible.

After the game against Leeds we should have met Featherstone at Watersheddings last Sunday, but the icy blast that knocked out most League games last weekend also accounted for our game against Rovers.

It was immediately re-arranged for last Wednesday, but in view of the continuing cold snap it was by no means certain that the pitch would be ready in time.

We, therefore, made tentative approaches to Oldham Athletic about the possible use of their heated Boundary Park pitch during the ice-age weather.

Athletic said it would be out of the question to stage the Featherstone game at Boundary Park in mid-week, but provisional plans were made to stage today's York game on the soccer ground if there had been no let-up in the keen frost over the few days leading up to the match.

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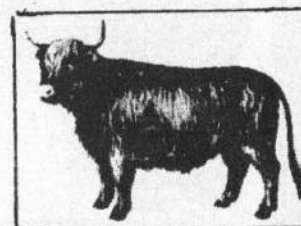
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YORK WILL PROVIDE A TEST

YORK are fighting desperately hard to do themselves justice in their first season up in the First Division.

However, like so many teams before them, they can justifiably claim that they do not seem to be having much luck when they are toiling gamely to hold their own in the top flight.

One of their best results of the season so far was a victory at Headingley, but on many occasions they have come within a few points of victory only to miss out in the end.

It took a big effort by Oldham to win 8-2 at Wigginton Road, but what about these scores for proving that York can test the best: Hull K.R. 12, York 6; Warrington 14, York 12; Widnes 14, York 12.

Coach Phil Lowe, the former Hull K.R. and Great Britain forward, who made a big name for himself with Sydney club Manly in the 1960's, has got together a useful squad of players which includes several overseas players.

Full-back Rod Pethybridge arrived at York, via Featherstone, from Australia —one of several Aussies in the York side.

Utility man Mat Carter, who plays centre or back-row forward, is from the Parramatta club in Sydney, while centre Sean Willey also comes from Sydney and is the son of a former Kangaroo in Ron Willey, who came to England on tour more than 25 years ago.

Ron Willey has been coaching in Sydney for 20 years, including a spell with the Manly club, for whom his son now plays.

On the left-wing could well be a trialist, who will be down on the sheet as A. N. Other.

Perhaps York's best-known player is goalkicker and stand-off-half Graham Steadman, who was recently transfer-listed at a club record £100,000.

Steadman has attracted considerable attention from other clubs in the last season or two, but the fee will probably be beyond most clubs, although Rochdale Hornets had had permission to talk to him.

A recent signing in the forwards is that of prop Andy Sykes, the former Leeds forward who has moved to Wigginton Road from Barrow on loan.

Fellow prop could well be another Australian — the forceful Mat Markaito, who missed Oldham's visit to Wigginton Road and will be out to show what he can do today.

Other players to watch out for in the York side are winger Wayne Morrell, lively scrum-half Steve Dobson, hooker Peter Philipo, and back-row men Gary Price, Mick Colley and Chris Harrison.

Paul Proctor and Trevor Midgeley could also be included in a York squad that will take some beating judging by previous results and by the determined display they produced at Wigginton Road.

At present York lie 12th in the First Division with five wins and ten points from 17 games.

Tey are above Dewsbury, Featherstone, Bradford and Swinton, but are only two points above the relegation zone and will be determined to give of their best in each and every remaining game this season.

In the first round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup they are drawn at home to Second Division promotion-chasers Whitehaven, so the Minster Men will also be hoping for a cup run, too.

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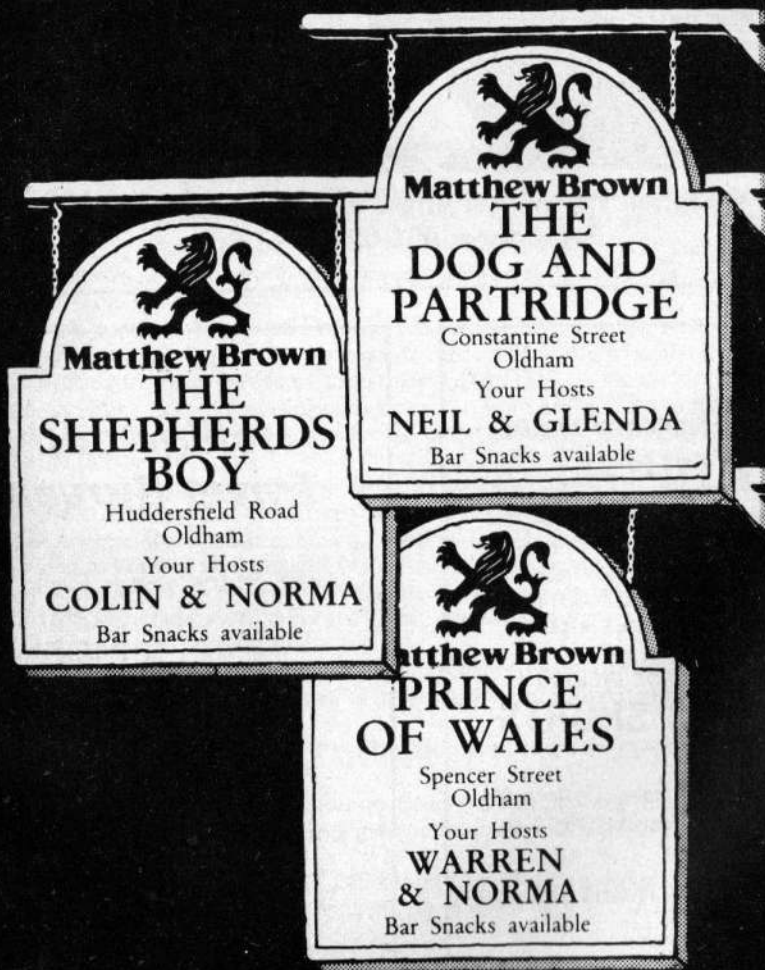
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BRIAN BATTY Daily Mail

It is the close season in Australia but the experts in Sydney are currently engaged in a guessing game as to who will coach the Kangaroos on next Autumn's tour of this country.

Even though he has just led Canterbury Bankstown to their second successive Grand Final success, Warren Ryan has made it clear he does not want the job.

In fact he's let it be known that he does not even rate the position.

'The Australian job? Maybe that is for the blokes who need it,' says Ryan.

'Let the blokes who need their track record endorsed do it. I do not believe it is real coaching anyway. It is a case of two training sessions and away you go boys.

'Maybe it is different when you are on tour but then you are teaching your football to the enemy.'

Bob Fulton, still hoping to guide Manly to a major trophy, says: 'The bloke who takes the Kangaroos away is getting on the plane with a noose around his neck.

'I would not envy him at all. We are at the crossroads.'

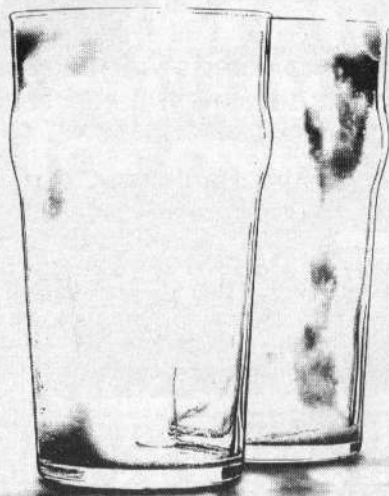
And, of course, Terry Fearnley has made it clear he does not want to carry on despite leading Australia to a controversial success over New Zealand in the last Tasman series.

So at the moment Balmain boss Frank Stanton is being rated in some quarters even though he stressed after the 1984 tour by Great Britain that he was stepping down for good.

He did such a good job on the 1982 tour of this country and previous trips that there is a feeling he may be tempted to have one last crack at the job.

If not then a lot of the experts feel that Canberra Raiders boss Don Furer has a good chance of coming over. He is one of the best liked and respected of all the coaches.

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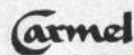
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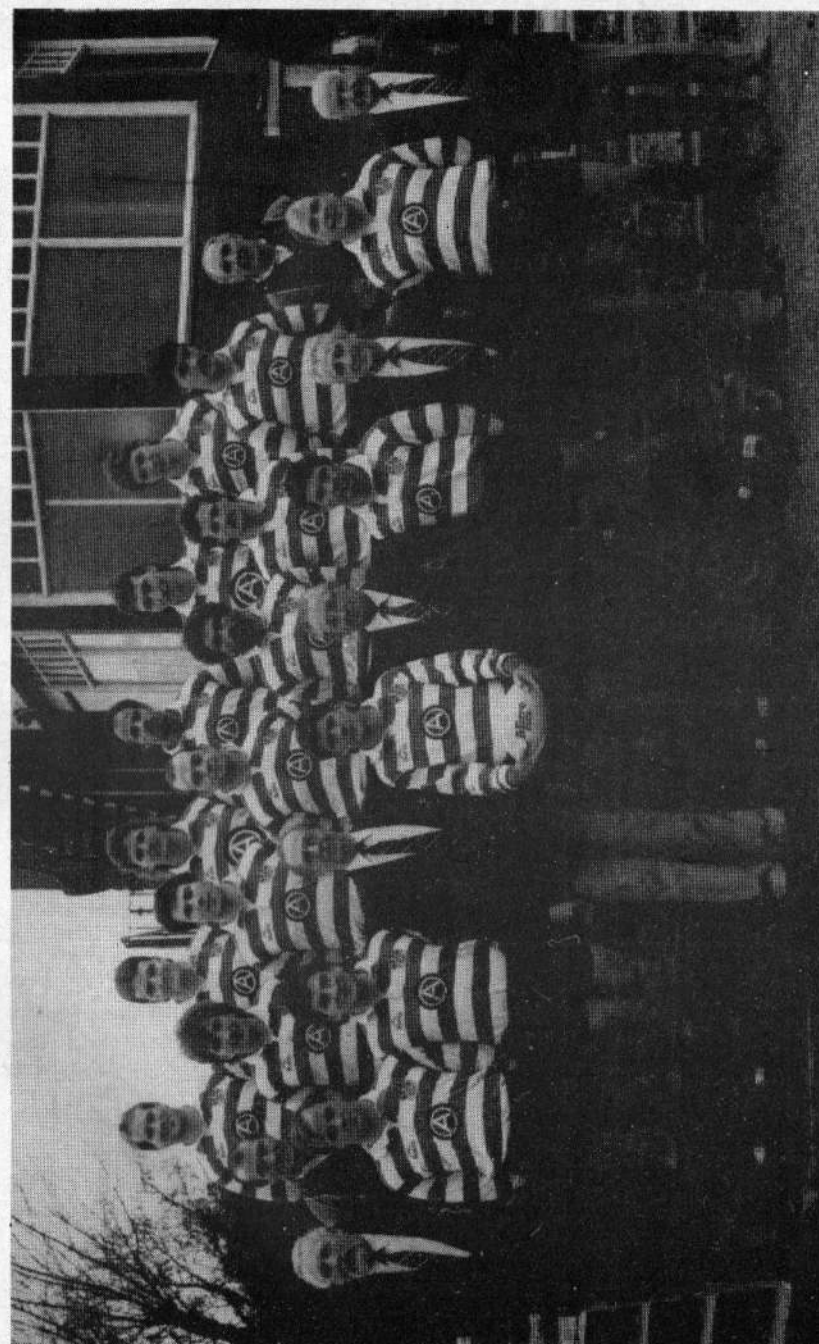
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1985

SEPTEMBER

1—Halifax	D 12-12	A
4—Swinton (7.30)	L 12-16	H
8—Leeds	L 14-30	H
15—County Cup (1)	L 40-12	
22—Hull	L 54-12	A
29—Warrington	W 26-20	H

OCTOBER

6—Featherstone (3.30)	D 14-14	A
13—Salford	W 20-34	A
20—Castleford	W 46-22	H
27—Widnes	D 10-10	A

NOVEMBER

3—Bradford (3.30)	W 24-6	A
10—York	W 2-8	A
17—Dewsbury (3.30)	W 6-37	A
24—John Player Special (1)	W 8-46	A

DECEMBER

1—John Player Special (2)	L 8-7	A
8—Salford	W 32-10	H
15—Dewsbury	W 48-14	H
26—Widnes	D 10-10	H

1986

JANUARY

1—Leeds	L 22-6	A
5—Featherstone	P	H
12—York		H
19—Castleford (3.30)		A
26—St. Helens		H

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

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