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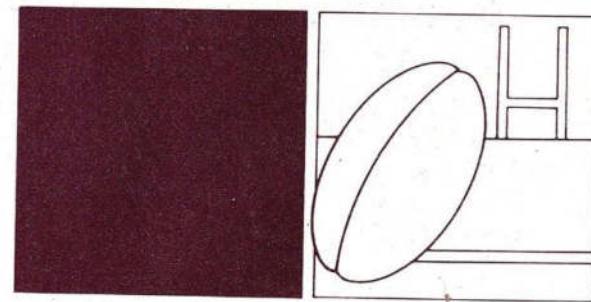


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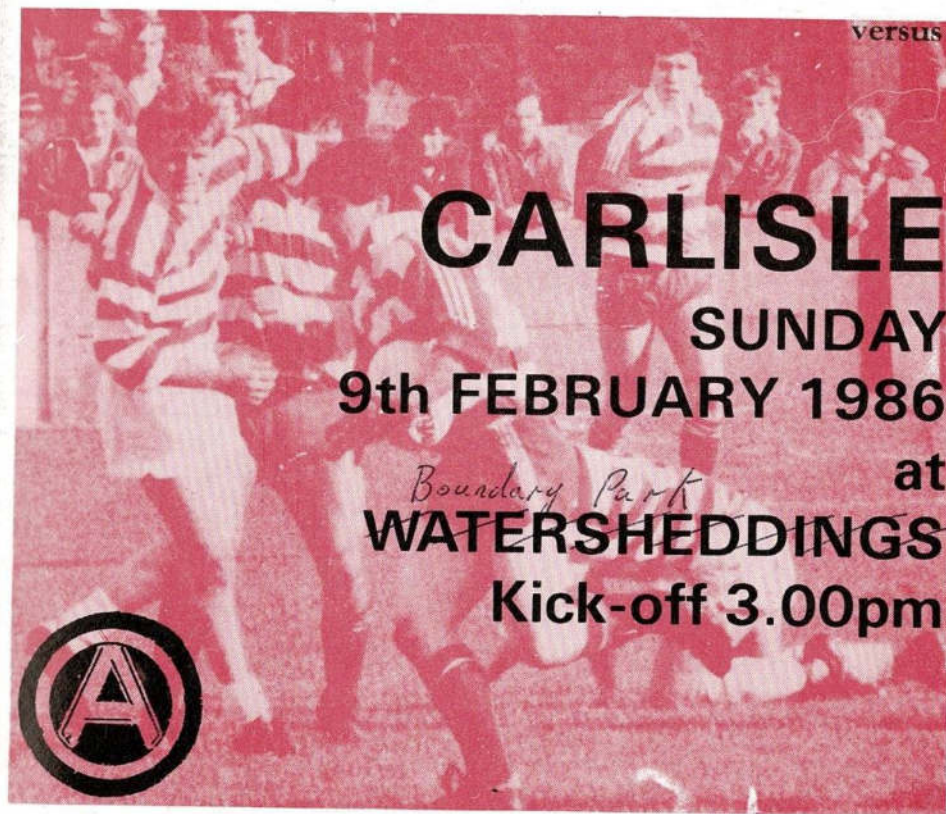
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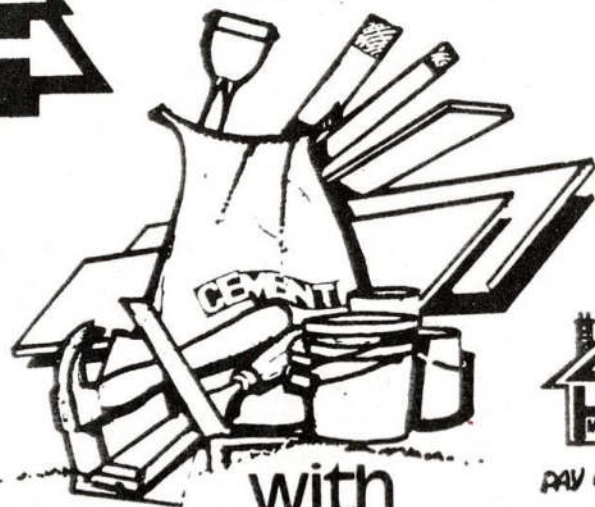
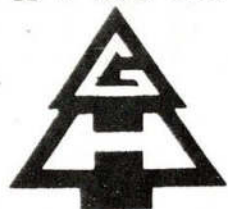
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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

MAY we take this opportunity of welcoming the Carlisle officials, players and supporters to Watersheddings today for this first-round tie in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

The Cumbrians from Brunton Park qualified for their trip to Oldham by virtue of their preliminary round success over fellow Second Division strugglers Mansfield on Friday night of last week.

They, therefore, make a rare appearance here at Watersheddings although many of our supporters will vividly recall their victory here in our Second Division championship triumph of 1981-2 when Carlisle were one of only two teams to beat us and a certain Mick Morgan played a blinder for them.

The Challenge Cup has a special appeal about it and we are all banking on a good run this time, having gone out twice in the last three years in home first-round ties and not having reached the third-round since 1981.

In fact, we should enjoy a feast of football here at Watersheddings over the next few weeks so long as the weather is kind and does not interfere with the scheduled programme.

Next Sunday, Chris Anderson brings his Halifax team to Watersheddings and that should produce a cracking game in front of a big crowd because the Thrum Hallers are currently second in the Slalom Lager championship and need every point they can get to stay on the heels of leaders Widnes.

That shock defeat of Widnes by Salford last Sunday showed that anything can happen in the First Division where there is such a narrow margin between success and failure.

The Chemicals' defeat will have encouraged Halifax and they will certainly be bringing a large following of supporters with them over the hill. It goes without saying that we will be relying on all our fans to outshoot them and give our side the backing it deserves to get back on the winning ways in the First Division.

We were desperately unfortunate to lose at Warrington in the dying seconds after dominating all the second half with only 12 men. Although it was a bitter pill to swallow when Paul Cullen scored the winning try in injury time the performance has given everybody heart to do well in the Challenge Cup and also to rekindle the form that provided us with 11 league games without defeat before Christmas.

Every match is vital to us in the league because there is no telling what might happen in the final run-in. Cup involvement can affect a lot of sides, fixture gluts can hit some teams more than others, and this year there is an added factor that has to be considered.

Most Australians have to be back in their own country by March 31st and this will inevitably hit some clubs more than others. Here at Oldham, Gary Warnecke and Mal Graham are here to the end of the season, though we will lose David Liddiard, who has to be back in Sydney by the deadline.

Apart from points for the title, of course, we need every single point we can muster in view of top-four and top-eight positions.

So next Sunday's Halifax clash — and all our remaining Slalom Lager championship games — are crucial to our hopes of finishing in the play-off or, better still, earning a home-tie with a top-four place for the first time since our promotion in 1982.

The Sunday after the Halifax game is kept blank for the second-round of the Challenge Cup and then, on March 2nd, Hull K.R. come here. So far as the league is concerned we are free on March 9th — the date for the third-round of the cup — and then on March 16th we have a re-arranged game with Hull, again at home.

Wigan are due to come here on March 23rd but that match could be affected if either Wigan or Oldham are involved in the first semi-final of the cup on Saturday 22nd March.

The following Friday, 28th March, is Good Friday and we go to Swinton, travelling again to Wigan on Easter Monday. But the second semi-final is on March 29th, so our trip to Swinton could be affected if we were to qualify for the last four.

April sees Bradford here on the sixth, Featherstone here in a re-arranged fixture on the ninth (7.30) and a trip to St Helens on the 20th. We have still to re-arrange games against St Helens at home and Hull K.R. away.

It goes without saying that the next two months will be crucial for the Oldham club and we trust that we can rely on you for support, both at the turnstiles and in supporting the various money-raising events and schemes.

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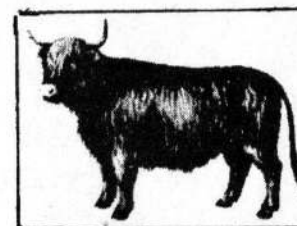
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The Cumbrians know that they have a gigantic task ahead of them if they are to pull off one of the biggest cup shocks of all time, and they will no doubt be determined to make Oldham fight all the way.

The Brunton Park side is a mixture of well-known players and some who are not so well-known. Among the better known are Dave Elliott, Dean Carroll, Steve Kirkby and Milton Huddart, who collectively have cost fees reported by the Press to be in the region of £58,000.

Elliott, a £6,000 buy from Barrow, has been playing at full back in recent games, though it is said that his favourite position is scrum-half.

Indeed the former Craven Park man could figure with a No. 7 on his back today in the event of Carlisle's regular scrum-half and star man Dean Carroll not having recovered from a dead leg sustained in a shock defeat at Doncaster last Sunday.

The Dons won 16-4 but only two nights earlier, Carlisle had beaten Mansfield 20-14 at Brunton Park to qualify for today's trip to Watersheddings, so maybe that had something to do with their poor result at Tatters Field.

Carlisle paid £20,000 for Carroll, who became a big favourite at Brunton Park while on loan to the Cumbrians from Bradford Northern last season. He returned to Odsal to figure prominently in new coach Barry Seabourne's early-season plans and he won several man-of-the-match awards during the autumn.

It all began to go wrong for Carroll when Northern made their sensational big-money capture of Welsh RU ace Terry Holmes, and it was not long before Carroll returned to Carlisle, this time on a permanent basis.

Carlisle's other big-money men are both in the forwards — Kirkby having cost £15,000 from Barrow last season and Huddart £17,000 from Whitehaven.

Unfortunately, Kirkby has not played much for Carlisle yet due to suspension. He got an eight-match ban, appealed against it, and received a total of 15 matches. Happily for Carlisle, he is now free to play, and he appeared as substitute against Mansfield last Friday, making his first full appearance at Doncaster.

Huddart is the son of that Rugby League legend Dick Huddart, and he has made a name for himself as a fast-raiding back-row man with a turn of speed and the strength to go with it. Two years ago he played for England against Wales, but he will soon be leaving England behind to play with Canberra Raiders in Australia.

Other players to look out for in the Carlisle line-up are backs John Stockley (ex-Blackpool) and Gary Peach, who last season scored 25 tries for Carlisle when they finished fifth in the Second Division, just outside the promotion pack.

Stand-off Steve Langton is a Yorkshire lad who was snapped up from Rugby Union in the Leeds area, while hooker Ian Crowther has been with Carlisle since their foundation five seasons ago.

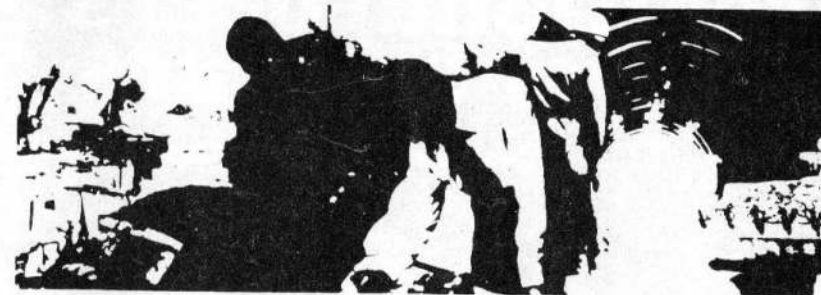
Geoff Holmes is the driving force behind Carlisle off the field, while the coach is John Atkinson, that great Leeds winger of a few years ago, who has "put one over on us" a few times in Challenge Cup ties in the past 15 years.

Although they are still Rugby League "babes" Carlisle have been associated with many of the code's big names. Allan Agar was coach there in the early days, Mick Morgan was his assistant and set up a try-scoring record for a prop-forward as well as lifting the prestigious Man of Steel award. Who will ever forget those great Kiwi players such as Clayton Friend and Dean Bell, who both played with Carlisle in their early seasons and have since gone on to establish themselves as fully-fledged Kiwi Test stars.

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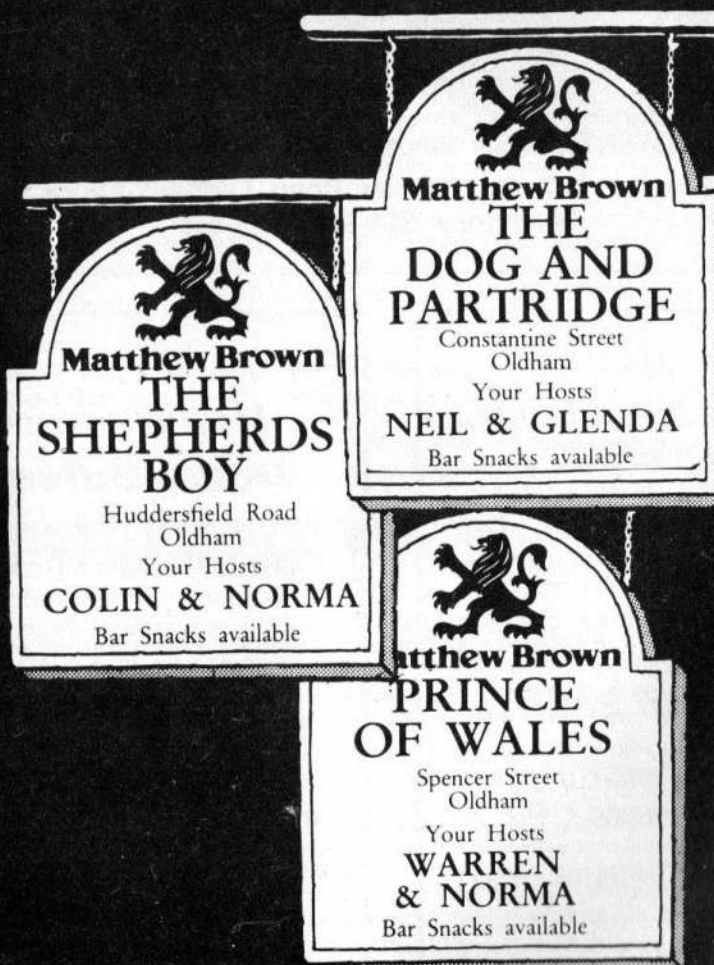
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BRIAN BATTY Daily Mail

The French could be on the way back — at Under 21 level — at least judging by Great Britain's sad experience in San Esteve.

After ten years of taking a hiding at junior international level it was no surprise to see the French react so jubilantly to that shock 19-6 win.

Such relief at not being the whipping boys of rugby once again saw some ecstatic moments of celebrations swamp that lovely little town which nestles near to Perpignan.

And if, as Britain's coach Maurice Bamford reasons, it is the influence of Australian coaching methods that has brought about the changes then all well and good.

With Tas Baltieri in charge there was not only a revival of French spirit but flair and fine moves that took Britain by surprise.

'If this is the start of the French turning the corner then it is great for the game as a whole,' admitted Bamford. For too long now our teams have thought they only have to turn up to win. Now they know better.'

Britain were as uninspired as the French were rampant and clearly a handful of players we thought ready to challenge for full international places failed to measure up to the task.

It will be a different British side in Whitehaven for the return when, as Bamford pointed out, conditions will be in marked contrast to the hot sunny day that brought the best out of the French in San Esteve.

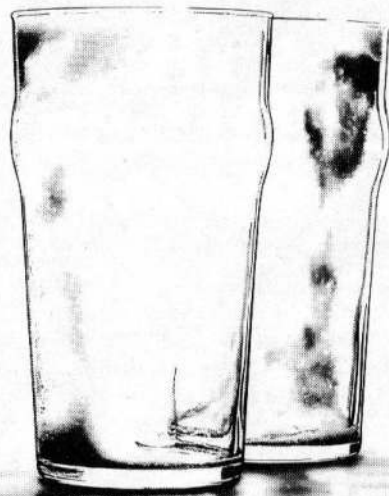
But, of course, there will also be a French referee in control with a touch judge from his country and the match will need winning.

But with a Cumbrian crowd in support and a different attitude from Britain they should be capable of gaining revenge.

If not then we'll really know that a revolution is taking place in France and we still have the Tests to complete...the first in Avignon also counting in the World Cup competition.

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Please read the rules on page 17.

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- (2) Swinton have taken part in a Challenge Cup Final at Wembley.
- (3) Hull-based Cawoods were the last amateur team to knock a professional club out of the Challenge Cup.
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