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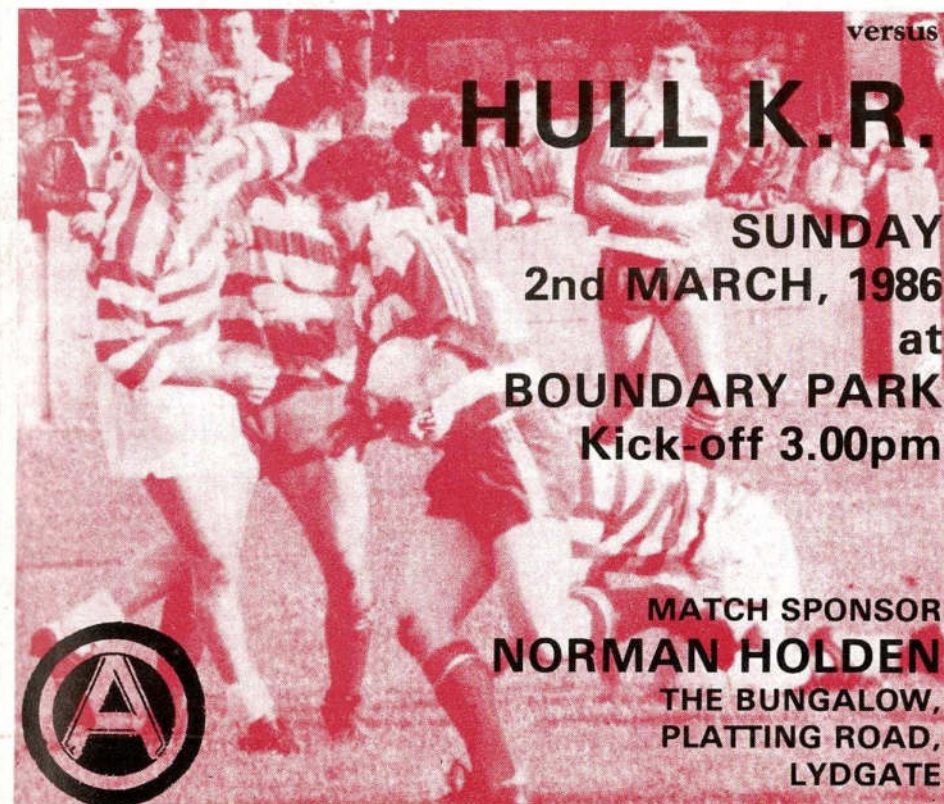
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CLUB RECORDS

Record victory 67-6 against Liverpool City, April 1959
Record defeat 11-67 by Hull K.R., September 1978
Record attendance 28,000 v. Huddersfield, February 24th 1912
Record receipts £9,100 v. Wakefield, 24th February 1980
Record transfer fee paid £40,000 to Featherstone for David Hobbs, February 1985
Record transfer fee received
Record try scorer Reg Farrar, 49 tries, 1921/22 season
Record goal scorer Bernard Ganley, 224 goals, 1957/58 season
Record point scorer Bernard Ganley, 28 points v. Liverpool City, April 1959
First game October 21st, 1876 v. Stalybridge
Highest number of points scored Bernard Ganley, 2,881
Most appearances Joe Ferguson, 685
Most tries Pre 1900, Jack Hirst, 233. Since 1900, Alan Davies, 182

CLUB HONOURS

Rugby League Championship Play-off winners: 1909-10, 1910-11 and 1956-57
Runners-up: 1906-07, 1907-08, 1908-09, 1921-22 and 1954-55
First Division Champions: 1904-05
Second Division Champions: 1963-64 and 1981-82
Rugby League Challenge Cup Winners: 1898-99, 1924-25 and 1926-27
Runners-up: 1906-07, 1911-12, 1923-24 and 1925-26
Lancashire Cup Winners: 1907-08, 1910-11, 1913-14, 1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-34, 1956-57, 1957-58 and 1958-59
Runners-up: 1908-09, 1911-12, 1918-19, 1921-22, 1954-55, 1966-67 and 1968-69
Lancashire Championship Winners: 1907-08, 1909-10, 1921-22, 1956-57 and 1957-58
Runners-up: 1908-09, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1919-20, 1923-24 and 1954-55
Lancashire Shield Winners: 1975-76 and 1979-80
Colts Premiership Trophy: 1979-80

WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

MAY we take this opportunity of introducing to you all a man we hope you will be seeing and hearing a lot about in the future — our new commercial manager Tom Morley.

Tom started his new job at Watersheddings last Monday morning and we wish him a long, happy and successful relationship with the club.

We had advertised nationally and Tom was appointed from a list of about 16 applicants, many of them from various parts of the country. Extensive interviews were held before the appointment was made. It goes without saying that we are confident we have an experienced man who can benefit the club enormously in that direction.

Commercial enterprise takes in many things in these days when a successful club has to raise considerable money from off-field activities.

These include the lottery, our Lifeline scheme, Ambassador Club, advertising on the ground and in the programme, the many and varied sponsorships that are involved in the financing of a club like ours, and many other potential sources of revenue, many of them probably still untapped.

It will be Tom's function to harness the whole operation successfully and to help to provide, with Les Bostock and his staff, the sort of financial backing we must have to compete with our more successful rivals in the First Division of the Rugby League.

We have also had the assistance recently of Albert Howcroft. Albert, who spent 12 years as the Football League commercial manager at Lytham St Anne's, has been helping out in a consultancy capacity, and we are grateful for his assistance.

Back to Tom. He is a Lincolnshire man, but he does have some Oldham connection because his father was born here and an uncle actually played for Oldham in the 1920s.

A former military policeman, he spent 12 years in the police in Lincolnshire, after leaving the forces, before joining Grimsby Town on the commercial side. After several years there he was appointed commercial manager at First Division soccer club Birmingham City. After three days in the job, however, a new chairman took over and Tom was one of many staff members who had his contract terminated in the new chairman's sweeping moves.

He is married with four children — two of them married — and is at present looking for digs in this area.

Eventually, the idea is that Tom and his family will move to live locally, but the move will not take place immediately because he has a son who is taking GCE 'O' level exams in the summer and it would clearly be inadvised to uproot him at this stage.

We are back at Boundary Park today after the Rugby League took the initiative in trying to solve the Challenge Cup problems caused by the ice-age weather.

All outstanding second-round games — including our clash with Warrington — will now take place next weekend, but at the time of writing it is not clear whether we will be playing on the Sunday or on the Saturday, with the game to be shown on television.

The delayed second-round stage of the competition will have the affect of bringing all subsequent rounds closer together, with only one week in between them.

The second-round matches are on the weekend of Sunday, March 9, the third-round on the Sunday of March 16 and the first semi-final is on Saturday, March 22, with the second semi-final on Saturday, March 29.

The third-round draw, due originally to be held during the past week, will now take place on Monday, March 10.

First and foremost, of course, we have to beat Warrington next weekend, so we would like to take this opportunity of urging the special support of all our fans on the day, irrespective of whether the game is to be televised or not.

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WELCOME TO HULL K.R.

TODAY we meet Hull K.R. for the second time this season. We have still to go to Craven Park in the league — our match there was postponed at Christmas because of Rovers' involvement in the John Player Special Trophy — but we were there in the second round of the same competition at the beginning of December.

In a typical cup-tie Rovers won 8-7 to end our marvellous run of a dozen games without defeat.

The match was not without its controversy because Oldham full-back David Liddiard was sent off for an alleged foul tackle on Rovers winger David Laws in the first half, only to be found not guilty when his case appeared before the disciplinary committee.

One was left with the distinct impression that an Oldham side at full strength in the second half might have produced a different result. But it was not to be and it was Rovers who went into round three and subsequently to the final where they were beaten 11-8 by Wigan in a splendid encounter.

It was the second final of the season for Rovers, who had lifted the Yorkshire Cup the previous autumn and who are now well placed in the betting to stake a claim on the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

To date, it has not been a particularly successful season for Rovers by their own exceedingly high standards, but on television the other week they looked a most formidable outfit indeed when polishing off city rivals Hull FC in the first round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

It was the sort of "match that" display which must have had the whole of Rugby League praying their team did not have the misfortune to draw Rovers in round two.

Finally, the hardest task in the cup befell York, so Rovers will be travelling to Wiggington Park next weekend when we take on Warrington at Watersheddings.

Rovers are second favourites to take the cup at Wembley and although Halifax and Widnes are currently leading the Slalom Lager title race, you can wager that Rovers will be there or thereabouts at the close.

They have successfully blended a youth policy with the purchase of world-renowned stars from Australia and New Zealand. The youth policy has produced players like internationals Gary Clarke, Mike Smith, David Laws and Zook Ema.

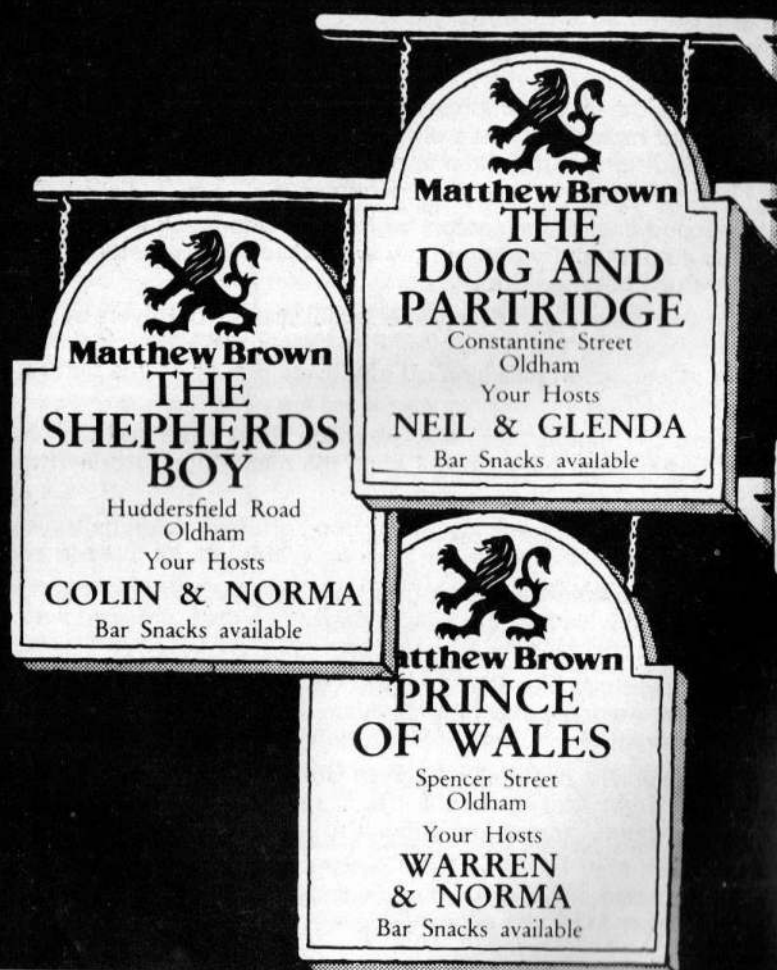
The policy of overseas captures has taken Gary Prohm, John Dorahay, Peter Johnstone, Gordon Smith and Gavin Miller to Craven Park, not to mention a man whom Rovers have found exceedingly difficult to replace, Mark Broadhurst.

The big prop returned home to New Zealand last summer and well though Johnstone has performed at No. 8 it would be less than honest to say that Rovers have not missed mighty Mark this season.

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BRIAN BATTY Daily Mail

All eyes in Rugby League will be trained on the meeting of the Rugby Union International Board in April following the latest news that there is to be a re-think in the 15-a-side code.

Welsh Rugby Union secretary Ray Williams has said that with the amateur rules constantly under review it is the intention of his country to keep trying for changes.

Coming on the heels of the move by the Rugby League to take legal advice over the banning of former Cardiff Rugby Union winger Steve Ford this makes very interesting reading.

The last time the Welsh put forward their proposals for changes they could not win enough support for them to go through with the necessary majority.

Williams, however, sticks to his view that the Welsh Rugby Union were not trying to make an example of Ford by banning him for life after it was learnt that he had trials with Leeds.

He insisted: 'My feeling, and it is one by my committee, is that the amateur regulations are not in tune with the kind of society in which we are now living.

We have for some time been actively pursuing efforts to have some of the regulations changed but it must be accepted that this is not a concern for the Welsh Rugby Union alone.

'There are eight members of the International Board.'

There is a strong belief that the Welsh proposals are more related to changes that will ease the problems for union players who want to write books and go into Union coaching afterwards.

We have already learnt that the Wallabies were handsomely recompensed when they toured this country last time and figures of £200 a week expenses were mentioned in some quarters.

It all makes the situation between the two codes more interesting and it will have been worth all the pressure we've produced over the last 20 odd years if we can get the Rugby Union International Board to see the error of their ways.

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If we are on television and some fans might be tempted to watch from their firesides it is only fair to point out that there is no telling just how much of the match will be actually screened. The cameras took in the whole of the Hull KR—Hull tie in the first round, but a total of only 45 minutes of the Bradford—Wakefield tie a week ago.

As we confidently expect Oldham and Warrington to provide one of the best ties of the round, if not the entire competition, there will be no substitute for watching the real thing in the flesh, as it were.

Also a large percentage of people these days have video recorders. Why not get the best of both worlds by watching the match "live" and then looking at how your team came over on the television by peeping in at one of the many video recordings which our fans will no doubt be making.

SUPPORTER'S CLUB NEWS

President: Mr D. Blackburn. **Chairman:** Mr D. Pilkington. **Vice-Chairman:** Miss A. Collinge. **Treasurer:** Mr T. Heywood. **Secretary:** Mrs J. Pilkington. **Committee Members:** Gary Bown, Mrs L. Chadderton, Mrs S. Collinge, Mrs E. Crowther, Mr S. Doran, Mr J. Gallagher, Mrs H. Heywood, Mrs M. Morgan, Mr I. Pilkington, Mrs D. Pilkington, Julie Sagar, Mrs L. Wolstencroft.

The Supporters Club and Committee would like to welcome to Watersheddings all the players and committee and our visitors from over the Pennines, Hull K.R., hoping we have a good, clean and entertaining game. We also invite their supporters to our canteens and souvenir shop situated at different parts of the ground.

The Souvenir Shop has sweaters, Sweatshirts, Ties, Badges, Pens etc.

Forthcoming attractions: We will be holding our **Player of the Year Dance** on Friday 16th May 1986. **Our Annual Fun Run** will be held on Sunday 25th May 1986.

Also our **Rugby Queen Dance** will be held on Friday 19th September 1986.

After Match Raffle. If anyone would like to donate prizes will they please put their names on the notice-board in the Social Club.

The Supporters Club would like to apologise for the rugby shirts that were brought in for our souvenir shop. The red stripe runs up and runs into the white band. This is beyond our control and we have returned them to Bukta to find out the reason why this has happened. As soon as we know we will let the people know. May we say once again how sorry we are for what has happened, it is unfortunately out of our control.

The Supporters Club are appealing for any of their members to act as Fire Stewards or Match Stewards at home matches. If anyone is interested please give your names to any member of the Supporters Club Committee or ring Mr F. Howarth at the Club Office, any day of the week.

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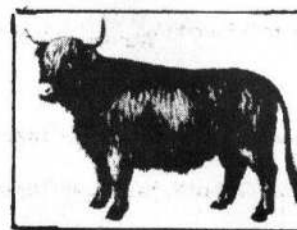
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RESULTS

1985	Oppnts & Ven.	Att.	Result F A	1	2	3	4	5
Sept.	1 Halifax (A)	3967	12-12	Edwards	1T Birkby	Foy	1T,2G Parrish	Nadiola
	4 Swinton (H)	3047	12-16	Taylor A.	Birkby	Foy	2G Parrish	Nadiola
	8 Leeds (H)	3979	14-30	Taylor A.	M'Barki	1T Foy	1G Parrish	1T Edwards
	15 Leigh (A) LC1	3500	12-40	Edwards	M'Barki	Foy	1G Caffrey	2T Sherman
	22 Hull (A)	7094	12-54	2G Caffrey	Munro	M'Barki	Sherman	1T Taylor M.
	29 Warrington (H)	3780	26-20	Edwards	M'Barki	Foy	Warnecke	Taylor M.
Oct.	6 Featherstone (A)	2190	14-14	Edwards	1T M'Barki	Foy	Warnecke	Taylor M.
	13 Salford (A)	4195	34-20	1T Liddiard D.	1T M'Barki	1T Foy	Warnecke	1T Taylor M.
	20 Castleford (H)	4210	46-22	1T Liddiard D.	2T M'Barki	1T Foy	7G Parrish	1T Taylor M.
	27 Widnes (A)	5046	10-10	Liddiard D.	M'Barki	Foy	3G Parrish	Taylor M.
Nov.	3 Bradford N. (A)	5091	24- 6	1T Liddiard D.	M'Barki	Foy	1T,2G Parrish	Taylor M.
	10 York (A)	3306	8- 2	Liddiard D.	M'Barki	1T Foy	Parrish	Taylor M.
	17 Dewsbury (A)	2250	37- 6	1T Liddiard D.	M'Barki	Foy	1T Warnecke	2T Taylor M.
	24 Bramley (A)JPS1	2645	46- 8	2T Liddiard D.	1T M'Barki	Foy	1T Warnecke	Taylor M.
Dec.	1 Hull KR (A)JPS2	6952	7- 8	Liddiard D.	1T M'Barki	Foy	Warnecke	Taylor M.
	8 Salford (H)	4859	32-10	1T Liddiard	M'Barki	Foy	1T Warnecke	Parrish
	15 Dewsbury (H)	3858	48-14	Kirwan	M'Barki	1T Foy	Warnecke	Taylor M.
	26 Widnes (H)	6811	10-10	M'Barki	Liddiard G	Parrish	1T Warnecke	Taylor M.

1986

Jan.	1 Leeds (A)	9014	6-22	M'Barki	Liddiard G	1G Parrish	Warnecke	Taylor M.
	12 York (H)	3581	24-16	1T M'Barki	Liddiard G	Parrish	Warnecke	Taylor M.
	19 Castleford (A)	3736	4-28	M'Barki	1T Liddiard G	Foy	Parrish	Taylor M.
Feb.	2 Warrington (A)	3750	4- 8	Liddiard D.	Liddiard G	Foy	2G Parrish	M'Barki

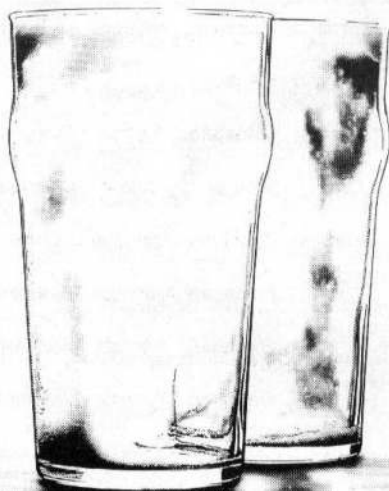
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Taylor A.	Kirwan	Jones	Lowndes	Morgan	Hobbs	Morrison	Flanagan	Ashton	Ogburn
Edwards	Kirwan	Jones	1T Lowndes	Ogden A	Hobbs	Morrison	Flanagan	1T Ashton	Morgan
1T Topliss	Kirwan	Jones	Lowndes	Hobbs	Ogden	Morrison	Flanagan	Ashton	Morgan
Topliss	Kirwan	Jones	Lowndes	Morgan	1G Hobbs	Casey	Morrison	Birkby	Chisnall
Edwards	Kirwan	Jones	1T Sanderson	Morgan	Marsden	Morrison	Chisnall	Atkinson	Cook
1dg,1t,2g Ashton	1T Kirwan	Jones	1T Sanderson	1T Morgan	Graham	1dg,2G Hobbs	Flanagan	Morrison	Marsden
Ashton	Kirwan	Jones	Sanderson	Morgan	Graham	1G Hobbs	Flanagan	Parrish	Morrison
Topliss	Ashton	Jones	Sanderson	Morgan	Graham	1T,7G Hobbs	Flanagan	Parrish	Lowndes
Topliss	Ashton	Jones	1T Sanderson	Morgan	Flanagan	1T Hobbs	1T Warnecke	Kirwan	Lowndes
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Topliss	Ashton	Jones	Lowndes	Morgan	Flanagan	Hobbs	3T Warnecke	Kirwan	Finch
Topliss	Ashton	Jones	Lowndes	Morgan	Flanagan	Hobbs	Warnecke	1T Kirwan	Finch
Topliss	Kirwan	Jones	Sanderson	1T Morgan	1dg,4G Hobbs	2T Graham	Flanagan	Parrish	Lowndes
Topliss	Ashton	Jones	Sanderson	Morgan	7G Hobbs	1T Flanagan	2T Graham	1T Parrish	Worrall
Topliss	Ashton	Jones	Sanderson	Morgan	Flanagan	1dg,1G Hobbs	Graham	Kirwan	Worrall
Topliss	1T Ashton	Jones	Sanderson	1T,6G Hobbs	1T Graham	Worrall	Flanagan	Kirwan	Morgan
Topliss	1T,2G Ashton	Morgan	Sanderson	3G Hobbs	3T Graham	Worrall	1T Flanagan	1T Liddiard G	Parrish
Topliss	Ashton	Morgan	Sanderson	3G Hobbs	Graham	Worrall	Flanagan	Kirwan	Casey

Topliss	Ashton	Morgan	Sanderson	Flanagan	Casey	1T Graham	Kirwan	Edwards	Marsden
2T Topliss	Ashton	Jones	Sanderson	Morgan	1T Graham	4G Hobbs	Flanagan	Kirwan	Worrall
Warnecke	Ashton	Jones	Sanderson	Morgan	Graham	Hobbs	Flanagan	Liddiard G	Kirwan
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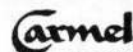
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16	Halifax (H)	5813	14-19	M'Barki	Liddiard G	Parrish	1T Warnecke	Taylor M

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A third method of recruitment is the big-money buy on the domestic market, and Rovers have never been shy in that direction, either. You have only to look at the money laid out for George Fairburn, Phil Hogan and Andy Kelly to see that.

Rovers possess a finely-balanced side which has pace, strength, finishing power, and football expertise to say nothing of experience of big-match rugby.

From Fairburn at full back to Paul Harkin at scrum-half, the back division is comprised of real talent. There are few stronger finishers than Clarke and few finer all-round players than Kiwi Test ace Gary Prohm, equally at home at centre or in the back-row of the pack.

Harkin and Aussie Dorahay form a useful half-back partnership and either one of them — or both — is often in the man-of-the-match awards.

Harkin is not the fastest scrum-half, but he has a fine tactical brain, a sound kick, and revels in the ability to get backs and forwards alike on the move.

The pack is strong, robust, but also clever and with pace. On current form, where is there a better loose-forward than Gavin Miller?

Hogan and Kelly, at second-row, are strong and fast while the front-row of Johnstone, David Watkinson and Ema can match the best in the game.

Captain Watkinson was due to play for Great Britain against France at Wigan yesterday, but hopefully he will have come through to take his place in the Rovers line-up today.

One man who will probably be missing is Great Britain forward Chris Burton. He received a four-match ban in January and, because of all the postponements, is still not free to play.

Also absent today — with a broken elbow — is utility man John Lydiat, who had a great game as the injured Fairburn's full-back stand-in in the John Player final and then smashed his elbow in the next match against Widnes.

6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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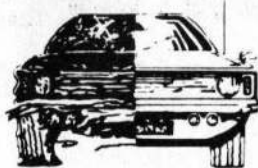
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M. Graham—3	D. Hobbs—3	M. Graham—3	2. H. M'Barki—12
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