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N. CLAWSON	11	J. FIELDHOUSE
M. WORRALL	12	M. O'NEIL/T. STOTLEY
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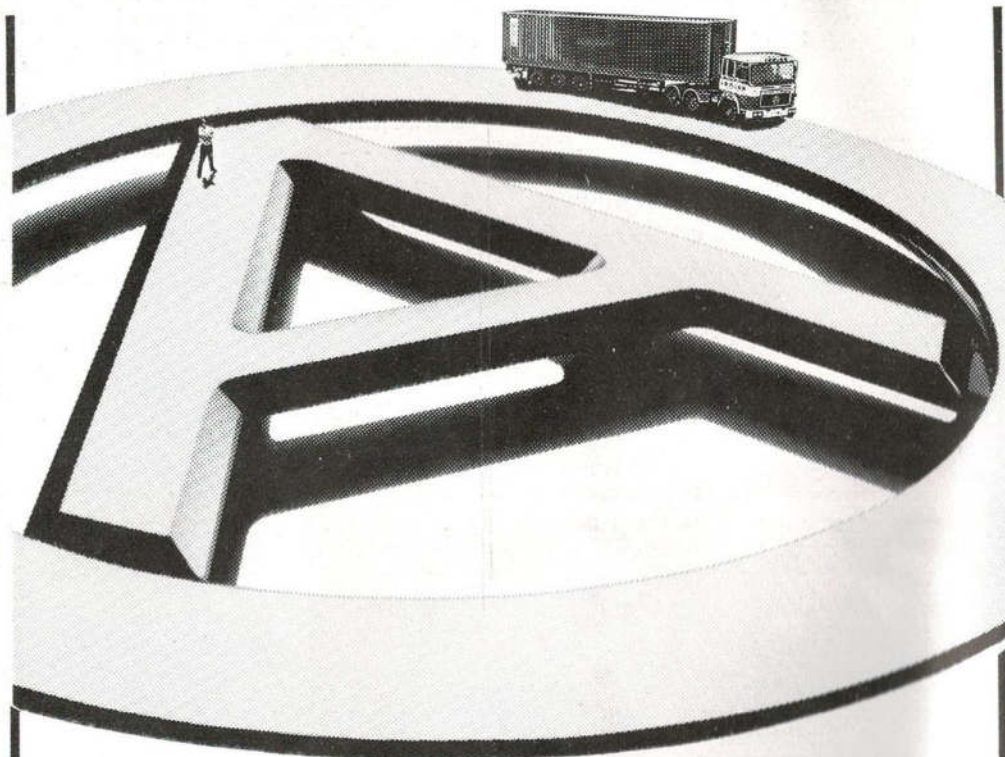
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CLUB RECORDS

Record Victory: 67-6 v. Liverpool City, April 1959

Record Defeat: 11-67 by Hull K.R., September 1978

Record Attendance: 28,000 v Huddersfield, 24th February, 1912

Record Receipts: \$9,100 v Wakefield, 24th February, 1980

Record Transfer Fee Paid: \$40,000 to Featherstone for David Hobbs, February, 1985

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: 21st October, 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, 1956-57

Runners-up: 1906-07, 1907-08, 1908-09, 1921-22, 1954-55

First Division Champions: 1904-05

Second Division Champions: 1963-64, 1981-82

Rugby League Challenge Cup Winners: 1898-99, 1924-25, 1926-27

Runners-up: 1906-07, 1911-12, 1923-24, 1925-26

Lancashire Cup Winners: 1907-08, 1910-11, 1913-14, 1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-34, 1956-57, 1957-58, 1958-59

Runners-up: 1908-09, 1911-12, 1918-19, 1921-22, 1954-55, 1966-67, 1968-69

Lancashire Championship Winners: 1907-08, 1909-10, 1921-22, 1956-57, 1957-58

Runners-up: 1908-09, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1919-20, 1923-24, 1954-55

Lancashire Shield Winners: 1975-76, 1979-80

Colts Premiership Trophy: 1979-80



GLEN LIDDIARD Photo Courtesy of OLDHAM CHRONICLE

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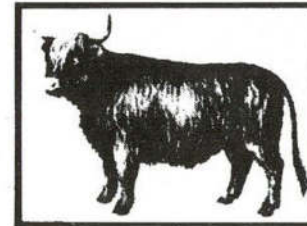
Congratulations must be extended to all concerned for a hat-trick of consecutive home wins over Leigh, Hull K.R. and Workington. Added to the victory over Leeds on the opening day of the season it means we are still unbeaten at Watersheddings this term.

Congratulations are also in order for . . .

- LEO CASEY on the celebrating of his 21st birthday.
- HUSSEIN M'BARKI on a new arrival and an addition to the family.
- GLEN LIDDIARD (pictured left) on his selection for the Australian High Schools squad to tour the North of England in November.
- DAVID HOBBS on his selection for Yorkshire in the War of the Roses game at Headingley.
- CHRIS MYLER on his recent signing for the club.
- PETER FOXCROFT who will be looking after the day-to-day running of the development association following the departure of Tom Morley.
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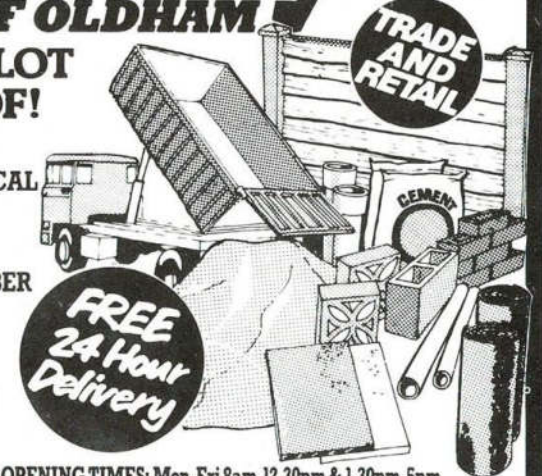
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Lancashire Cup Kings Widnes come to Watersheddings tonight determined to continue their magnificent tradition in this competition (Despite losing to Barrow in the 1984 final, they clocked up a tremendous run of five trophy wins in six seasons between 1974 and 1979 when veterans like Mick Adams, Reg Bowden, Eric Hughes and Brian Hogan took them to these triumphs. They have since reached the final in 1981 but on that occasion Leigh ruined the Chemics party by winning 8-3.

This season, boosted by the presence of Kiwi forward Kurt Sorensen, Aussie hooker Phil McKenzie, who started with Rochdale Hornets last season, Craig Coleman, the South Sydney scrum-half, and fellow Aussie forward Les Cleal, Widnes officials are keen to add to their former triumphs. Cleal is the brother of Noel Cleal, the prospective Aussie tourist, who guested at Naughton Park last season and is regarded as a certainty to join the 1986 Kangaroos. Add to that the brilliant outside-half skills of Tony Myler, surely to be named No.6 for Great Britain in the forthcoming Test series, and who starred with Balmain in Sydney this summer, and you already have the nucleus of a good side.

In addition, ace forward John Fieldhouse, who dominated the Kiwis last year and who had just been listed at £75,000 at his own request, half-back David Hulme, a prodigious talent, young centre prospect Darren Wright and loose-forward Richard Eyres combine to give the Chemics that winning formula. It is certainly clear that Oldham will have it all to do tonight if they are to get into the final. Great Britain full-back Mick Burke has recently returned to the side after injury and will certainly be welcomed back into the fold.

Burke is a world-class player whose dominating presence

WELCOME, WIDNES!

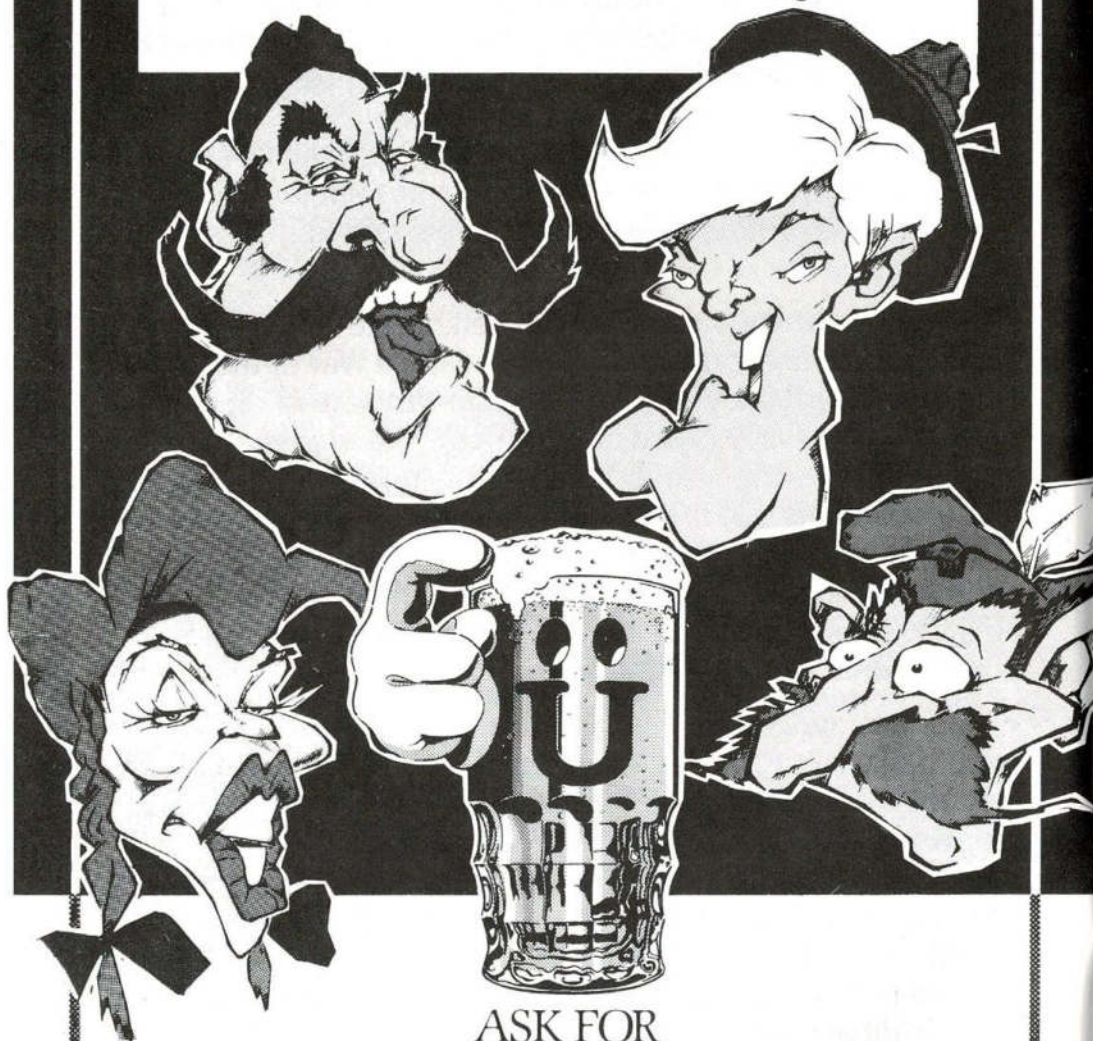
at full back could cause the Aussie problems this Autumn. An interesting tit-bit is the appearance on rival sides of Myler and our own Gary Bridge, who spent most of last summer as half-back partners with Balmain in their impressive run to the final stages of the Sydney premiership. Prop Steve O'Neill, back after breaking his leg against Wigan last season in a match in which Aussie Steve Rogers suffered the same fate, and his brother Mike will probably line-up in the same Chemics pack.

Blockbusting winger John Basnett, a rare Lancashire success against Yorkshire in the Rodstock War of the Roses clash at Headingley, is another major threat to Oldham, while centre Barry Dowd is a youngster keen to make his mark. Young winger Andy Currier is a strong running-back who knows his way to the line. Under the guidance of former Great Britain loose-forward Doug Laughton, Widnes look destined for more honours in 1986-87 and it is to be hoped that Oldham hit their best form in a bid to reach their first county final in 18 years.

Widnes are generally regarded as the cup kings of Rugby Football League, thanks to several Wembley appearances in recent years, and it is clear that they possess the penchant for rising to the occasion in the more glamorous and prestigious tournaments. With another magnificent cup semi-final in prospect at Central Park, where Wigan and Saints will battle it out, the county committee is assured of a crowd-pulling final with which to bring down the curtain on the Grunhalle-sponsored competition of 1986.

Widnes are here again on Sunday in the Stones Bitter Championship when a second meeting in five days will be eagerly anticipated by spectators and players alike.

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THE BAVARIAN WAY

Around the League... with Roughyed

Fulham, the club that nearly died, will be helping others to live this season. The reborn Second Division side, unable to find a suitable sponsor have decided to reserve the roles and have come up with a unique agreement. This winter they will be sponsoring the Royal Marsden Hospital in Fulham Road. The Royal Marsden, one of the leading cancer hospitals in the country, has been suffering financially from financial cutbacks to its research and treatment facilities. Fulham will wear the hospital's name on their shirts and it will also benefit from ground collections and a levy on the sale of replica shirts. The idea is the brainchild of actor, playwright and Rugby League enthusiast Colin Welland, himself a former patient at the Royal Marsden, Welland is on Fulham's management committee.

"We have desperately been trying to find a sponsor for ourselves but have had no luck so far," explained Fulham director Richard Lawton. Colin had been thinking about this and he suddenly said "We will reverse the roles." Colin is very much involved with the Royal Marsden Hospital and it is probably one of the most worthwhile causes around. Fulham will have permanent collection boxes around their ground and hope to present the Hospital with a healthy donation. The sponsorship deal can only serve to improve Fulham's rapport with the local public. "Rugby League has a very good image already," added Lawton. "It's very much a family game. There's very little hooligan trouble and the image is totally different to soccer."

Hull's capture of the Welsh RU star Gary Pearce — the third star from the Valleys to "come north" inside 12 months — could be the forerunner of more swoops into Union. Pearce follows Robert Ackerman to Whitehaven and Terry Holmes to Bradford Northern to rekindle interest in what used to be a flourishing Union market before the lifting on the ban on movement of players between Australia and England. Attention in recent years has focussed on overseas League men from Australia and New Zealand, but as restrictions begin to bite — clubs can have only three overseas men next season — the Union men will come into their own again as targets for League scouts. The Union World Cup in Australia and New Zealand next year is expected to be a Mecca for the League clubs — and there are already unconfirmed reports that Welshmen Jonathan Davies, Ray Giles and David Bishop are attracting attention. Meanwhile Hull are delighted to have landed Pearce, who was watched playing for Llanelli against Aberavon at Stradey Park by coach Len Casey and chairman Peter Darley — incognito, of course!

Carl Gibson of Leeds needs four tries for a career total of one hundred. His total is made up of 14 for Leeds, 81 for Batley, and one for Yorkshire. A former Batley Boys' Club amateur, Gibson turned professional with Batley in July 1981. He made his debut for them by scoring a try as a substitute in a 29-19 defeat at Keighly on 18th April, 1982, and played his first full game three days later in the centre at Huddersfield, who won 11-0. His move to Leeds on 18th January, 1986, involved a record fee for both clubs — £50,000. Gibson, now 23, made his debut for Leeds on the left wing at Swinton in a Preliminary Round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup on 30th January, 1986. Although Gibson has played many matches on the wing, he is regarded as one of the most promising centres in the game. While with Batley, he scored three tries in a match on six occasions and has achieved the hat-trick once with Leeds. Gibson's century will be one of the quickest of recent times. After scoring one try in three appearances during his first season with Batley, he has maintained a high scoring rate and is the only player to have finished in the top ten in each of the last three seasons.

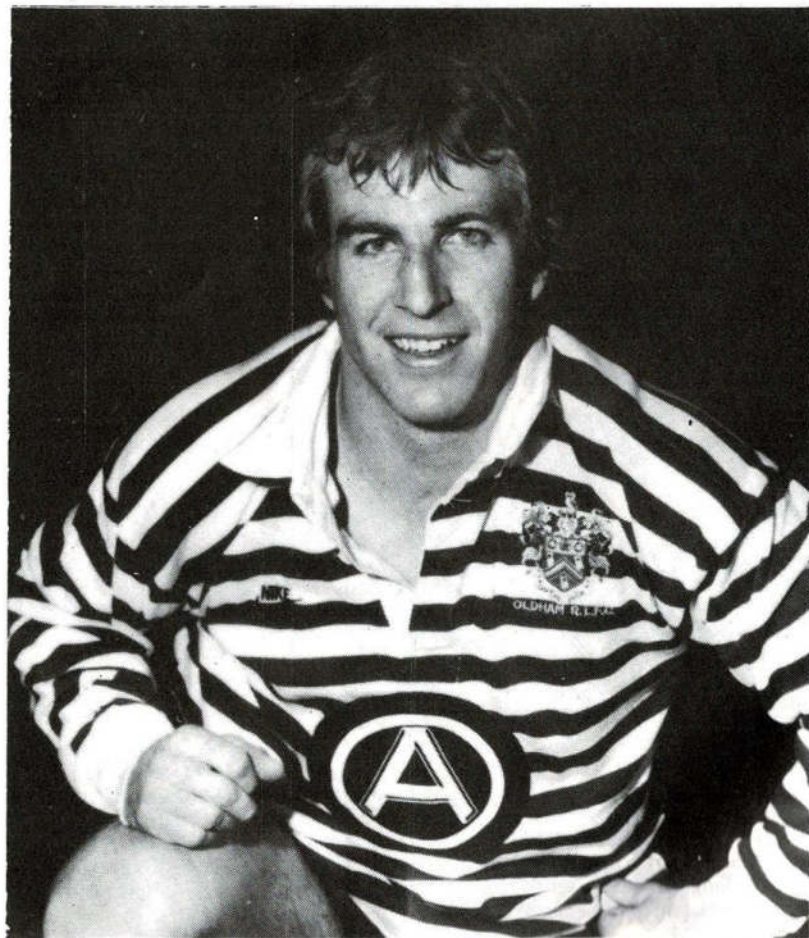
Sheffield Eagles scored a club record 68-14 victory at Fulham with Roy Rafferty doubling both the goals and points record. It was the second time this season that Sheffield Eagles had broken the points scoring record. The 68 points beat the 40-5 defeat of Mansfield Marksman on the opening. Rafferty equalled the points record of David Cholmondeley (v Huddersfield, 9th March, 1986) with 16 in that match which shattered it with 32 against Fulham. The winger's total included two tries and another Club record of 12 goals. He had held the previous record by twice kicking six goals in a match. Andrew Dickinson's three tries was the fourth Sheffield Eagles hat-trick and became the first to achieve the feat twice.

Welcome, Gary!

GARY BRIDGE, our latest recruit from Down Under, is expected to make his home debut in tonight's Lancashire Cup semi-final.

Gary is aged 25 and a vastly-experienced Sydney first-grade player, who recently helped his club Balmain to reach the final stages of the Sydney Premiership alongside such players as Tony Myler and Gary Schofield.

It should be an eventful stay for Gary and his wife Tanya, who are expecting their first child in December.



SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

President: Mr D. Blackburn, Chairman: Mr D. Pilkington, Vice Chairman: Miss A. Collinge,
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J. Gallagher, I. Gallagher, H. Heywood, M. Morgan, I. Pilkington, M. Pilkington,
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The supporters club would like to welcome all our friends and supporters from Widnes for today's match. We hope for a good clean entertaining game, we also invite all home and away supporters to use the canteens situated around the ground.

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Sunday, 5th October, 1986 kick off 3 p.m.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Helens	4	2	0	0	88	34	2	0	0	78	24	8
Wigan	4	2	0	0	60	18	2	0	0	55	10	8
Castleford	4	2	0	0	58	22	2	0	0	50	34	8
Widnes	4	2	0	0	72	28	1	0	1	62	41	6
Bradford	4	1	0	1	37	34	2	0	0	52	24	6
Halifax	4	2	0	0	48	30	0	1	1	32	54	5
Warrington	4	2	0	1	84	58	0	0	1	17	22	4
OLDHAM	4	2	0	0	42	24	0	0	2	32	42	4
Hull	4	2	0	0	43	32	0	0	2	22	44	4
Leeds	3	1	0	1	53	52	0	0	1	12	14	2
Barrow	4	1	0	1	38	30	0	0	2	20	44	2
Hull K.R.	4	1	0	1	48	44	0	0	2	18	52	2
Leigh	4	1	0	1	22	52	0	0	2	44	81	2
Featherston	4	0	1	1	30	64	0	0	2	26	69	1
Wakefield	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	36	100	0
Salford	4	0	0	2	16	60	0	0	2	26	84	0

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Blackpool	4	1	0	0	17	14	3	0	0	78	27	8
Sheffield	3	1	0	0	40	5	2	0	0	97	30	6
Hunslet	3	2	0	0	60	17	1	0	0	36	0	6
Swinton	3	2	0	0	64	9	1	0	0	18	6	6
Runcorn	4	2	0	1	74	50	0	1	0	12	12	5
Whitehaven	4	2	0	0	74	16	0	0	2	12	26	4
Rochdale	3	2	0	0	36	12	0	0	1	14	19	4
Huddersfield	3	1	0	1	47	41	1	0	0	36	31	4
Batley	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	55	62	4
Carlisle	5	1	1	1	33	60	0	0	2	38	51	3
Dewsbury	3	1	0	1	33	30	0	0	1	12	22	2
Doncaster	3	0	0	1	6	18	1	0	1	28	31	2
Bramley	3	1	0	1	28	38	0	0	1	12	30	2
Workington	4	1	0	1	46	40	0	0	2	19	55	2
York	4	1	0	1	20	44	0	0	2	19	52	2
Fulham	1	0	0	1	14	68	0	0	0	0	0	0
Keighly	4	0	0	1	16	29	0	0	3	28	91	0
Mansfield	3	0	0	1	31	36	0	0	2	13	94	0

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	Opponents	Att.	F	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Aug	31 LEEDS	4,621	14	12	Atkinson IT 1G	M'Barki	Foy IT	Warnecke	Taylor	Topliss	Ashton 2DG	Jones	Flanagan	Clark	Hobbs 1G	Hawkyard	Worrall	Kirwan (10)	Nadiole (4)
Sept	3 HALIFAX (7-30)	4,869	14	20	Atkinson IT	Sherman	Foy	M'Barki	Taylor IT	Topliss	Ashton	Clark	Flanagan	Hobbs 3G	Hawkyard	Clawson	Worrall	Kirwan D.N.P.	Nadiole (12)
	7 WARRINGTON	4,000	18	22	Atkinson	Sherman	Foy	M'Barki IT	Taylor	Ashton	Kirwan	Clark IT	Flanagan	Hobbs 3G	Clawson	Hawkyard IT	Worrall	Edwards	Nadiole
	14 LEIGH County Cup 1	4,566	29	22	Atkinson	Sherman IT	Foy	M'Barki IT	Taylor	Toplis	Ashton	Clark IT	Flanagan	Nadiole IT	Clawson	Worrall 6G	Raper	Edwards	Hobbs 1DG IT
	21 HULL KINGSTON ROVERS	4,069	28	12	M'Barki	Sherman	Hawkyard	Warnecke IT	Taylor IT	Topliss	Ashton	Clark	Flanagan	Nadiole	Worrall 3G	Hobbs 1G IT	Raper IT	Edwards	Clawson
	24 WORKINGTON County Cup 2	3,412	46	13	M'Barki IT	Sherman	Foy	Warnecke 2T	Taylor	Topliss	Ashton	Clark IT	Flanagan	Hobbs 7G IT	Nadiole	Worrall IT	Raper IT	Hawkyard	Clawson
	28 LEIGH (3-30)	4,000	12	40	M'Barki IT	Sherman	Hawkyard	Warnecke IT	Taylor	Bridge	Ashton	Clark	Flanagan	Hobbs 2G	Clawson	Worrall	Raper	Topliss	Casey
Oct	5 WIDNES																		
	19 FEATHERSTONE																		
	26 WAKEFIELD TRINITY (3-30)																		
Nov	2 BARROW																		
	4 AUSTRALIA (7-30)																		
	9 HULL KINGSTON ROVERS																		
	16 ST HELENS																		
	23 BRADFORD NORTHERN (3-30)																		
	30 JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY 1																		
Dec	7 JOHN PLAYER TROPHY SPECIAL 2																		
	14 WARRINGTON																		
	21 ST HELENS																		
	26 SALFORD																		
Jan	1 LEEDS																		
	4 HULL																		



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First Division 1986-87	Barrow	Bradford	Castleford	Featherstone	Halifax	Hull	Hull K.R.	Leeds	Leigh	Oldham	Salford	St Helens	Wakefield	Warrington	Widnes	Wigan
Barrow	■		14-24				24-6									
Bradford		■													27-14	10-20
Castleford			■	16-7		16-6							42-16			
Featherstone				■	16-16										14-48	
Halifax					■	28-16				20-14				13-16		
Hull						■			31-26				12-6			
Hull K.R.		12-30		36-14			■					4-36				
Leeds				33-12				■				20-40				
Leigh									■	40-12				22-17		0-35
Oldham							28-12	14-12		■						
Salford	12-24	12-22									■	4-38				
St Helens					38-16				50-18			■				
Wakefield		22-32											■			
Warrington			20-26							22-18	42-14			■		
Widnes	26-14							35-10					48-14		■	
Wigan	18-6					34-7					42-12					■

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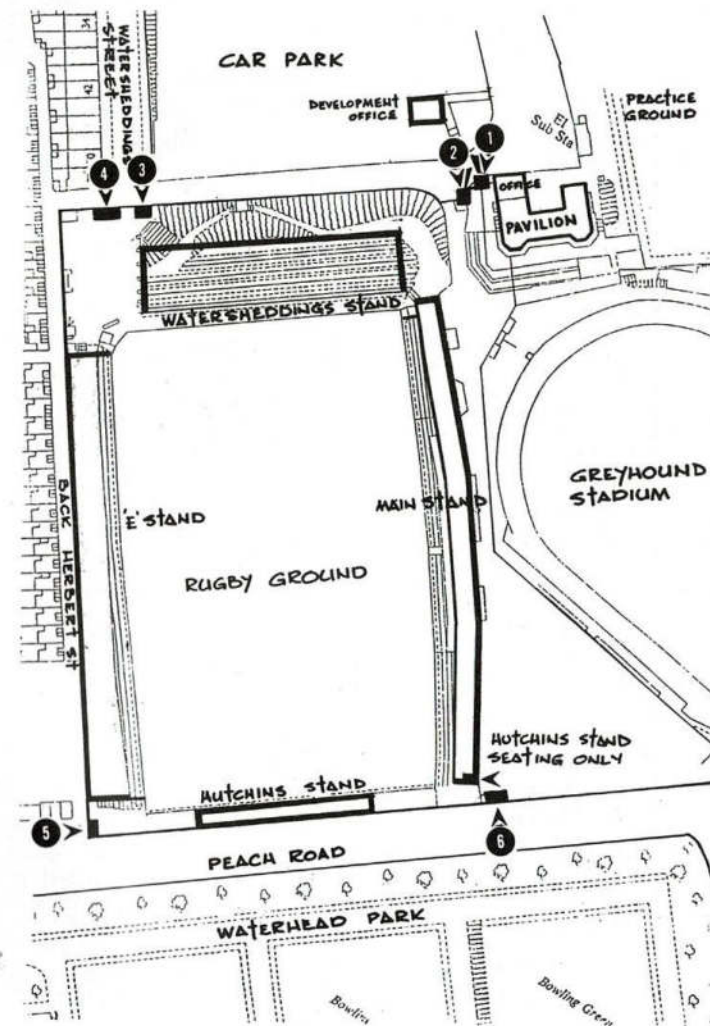
NOTES - The timber gate at the Pavilion end of the Main Stand will have to remain locked and consequently stewarded, but this will prevent access from the Pavilion end into the Watersheddings Stand.

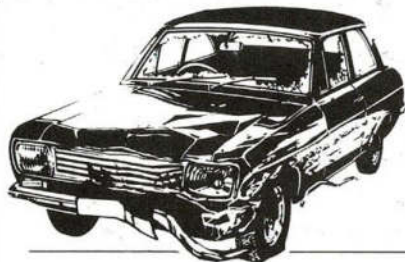
Gate 19 at the north end of 'E' will have to be locked and this will permit loading of Watersheddings Stand from Turnstiles 3 & 4.

Due to safety measures imposed on us there will be gates at the south end of the Main Stand which will prevent access into Hutchins Stand from Turnstile 6 except for seat tickets only.

Tickets for each part of the ground will be on sale prior to the day of the match from the Club Office or other points advertised.

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THE EDITOR TALKING

... all-change on Ground Safety

Tonight sees the introduction of an all-ticket system at Watersheddings for the first time in many, many years. It is a follow-up to all the changes that have taken place in recent months under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act, not least the decisions that were taken recently concerning our new ground capacity in talks with the police and other local safety officers.

The current limits are as follows: main stand (seats) 544; pavilion-side paddock 2,400 (1,200 on each side of the tunnel); social club end stand 2,700; popular side and behind the posts at the Waterhead end 1,560; Hutchins stand seats 255. This produces a current capacity of 7,459. Club officials hope that figures for the social club end stand will rise in the future once they have completed more essential work on upgrading crash barriers. In the meantime, we are not allowed to have more than 7,459 people in the ground and it was obvious that as soon as a big match appeared on the scene there would be calls from the authorities to implement an all-ticket system because that is the only practical way that a prescribed capacity can be adhered to.

We believed the visit of the Australian tourists would provide our first all-ticket match, but as soon as the draw was made for tonight's semi-final, the police made the decision that the new regulations should be implemented immediately. Only selected matches, of course, will be subject to all-ticket regulations, but the likelihood is that we will be asked by the authorities to retain our new system of getting people into the ground for all games in future. They feel there would be nothing worse than to have one system for one match, a different system for the next game, and so on. They want continuity, so that spectators know exactly what they are doing and to which part of the ground they will be admitted by entering through the different turnstiles available.

A full plan of the ground and an explanation was published in the Oldham Chronicle last Friday night, so we trust that most people will know exactly what is going on. One vital point must be stressed. It is this, the authorities who make these decisions are merely upholding the demands of the Safety Act. In other words, they are making sure that the law of the land is upheld, and the law of the land is there to try and ensure YOUR safety and that of your fellow supporters on the terraces.

I would just like to make some comment now on the current cost of watching Rugby League football. Overheads and costs have gone through the roof due to the vast sums of money we have had to spend on the ground, again for the safety comfort of the fans. Nowadays, we have to provide a stadium that complies with set standards or we would be closed down. We want to provide a top-class First Division team and we know that you all want that, too. To meet both of these objectives we need a lot more money and it is unavoidable that some of the expenditure is passed on to you, the customer. The Safety Act has hit us two fold, not merely in causing us to spend thousands of pounds on upgrading the ground but also in reducing our capacity so drastically.

We have to try and compete with teams like Wigan, who are expecting a crowd of 25,000 or so for their semi-final with Saints tonight. Compare that crowd with the 7,000 we will get at Watersheddings and you see what I mean.

Another point, Wigan are due to come here at the end of the season. If you need to win to clinch the title we could expect a crowd of 15,000 to 20,000. But we cannot possibly let in more than 7,500 and we cannot consider taking such a match to Boundary Park now because of their synthetic pitch.

Do you get the point I am making? Nobody likes making increases in prices, but if we want to retain a side that is up among the pace-setters of the Rugby Football League we have to get in a certain amount of money each week. If we are getting 4,000 fans and some of our chief competitors are getting double or, in some cases, triple that figure, we are on a short-fall that is impossible to make up. I would merely stress that a decision to put up prices is not taken lightly. It will obviously be an unpopular decision, but the officials who make such decisions are putting the future well being of the club ahead of their own popularity. It is the CLUB that benefits and you are all part and parcel of that!

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COMMERCIAL CORNER

I would like to express my thanks to the committee for their confidence they have shown by giving me greater responsibilities and the chance to do more from the club. Also many thanks to my colleagues in the commercial department for their hard work and assistance this last week. Lottery sales over the last few months have been rising steadily and we now have a firm base to push sales even higher. To all our supporters I'd like to appreciate the backing that we have had from them. There is a good team spirit both on the field and off, and I feel therefore all the ingredients are here for a very successful season.

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CAPTAIN'S TALE

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by DAVID TOPLISS

There is one thing about meeting a team like Widnes in a semi-final of a cup competition... you certainly don't be complacent. Perhaps a little bit of complacency crept into our performance against Workington in the second round when we led only 10-9 at the interval.

After the great win over Hull KR in the previous game, the tie against the Cumbrians was a little bit like the Lord Mayor's procession. Even the crowd seemed a little bit subdued early on. That is understandable because it was one of those occasions when you cannot win... if you are on the wrong end of a shock you are no-hopers and if you win well you should have done anyway. We spent a great deal of time in the build-up to the tie trying to guard ourselves against complacency but, on the night, everyone seemed to be leaving it to everyone else and we all saw the result in the first half. We got our heads together a bit at half-time and, as you all know, we got it right to score six second-half tries and finish convincing winners.

Believe me, there will be no complacency tonight. Over the last decade or so Widnes have proved themselves to be the cup kings and now that they are in the semi-final again they will already have a sniff of the trophy.

We will have to be on our mettle all right and you can rest assured that there will be no question of anyone leaving the work to a colleague. I'm told that Oldham have not been in the final of the County Cup since 1968. The club has never appeared in a John Player Trophy final or a Premiership final and it's more than 50 years since it appeared in a Challenge Cup final in the pre-Wembley days. We were bitterly disappointed that we lost the Challenge Cup semi-final to Castleford last March and tonight we have a real chance of going one better and seeing the club through to a major final for the first time in 18 years.

We will be strengthened by the recruitment of Gary Bridge, who joins a squad that looks stronger than last year's. Gary will probably be making his home debut tonight and I know you will all join with the rest of the playing staff and myself in wishing Gary and his wife Tanya a happy and successful stay with the club.

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