

16 OLDHAM Team Check 22 AUSTRALIA

JEFF EDWARDS	1	GARY BELCHER
PAUL SHERMAN	2	DALE SHEARER
DES FOY	3	MAL MENINGA
GARY WARNECKE	4	CHRIS MORTIMER
HUSSEIN M'BARKI MIKE TAYLOR	5	LES KISS
DAVID TOPLISS (Capt.)	6	TERRY LAMB
RAY ASHTON PADDY KIRWAN	7	GREG ALEXANDER
BRUCE CLARK	8	PAUL DUNN
TERRY FLANAGAN	9	BEN ELIAS
NEIL CLAWSON DAVID HOBBS	10	MARTIN BELLA
MICK WORRALL	11	PAUL SIROENEN
DAVID HOBBS TOM NADIOLE	12	LES DAVIDSON
STUART RAPER	13	PAUL LANGMACK
COLIN HAWK YARD T.B.A.	14	T.B.A.
TOM NADIOLE T.B.A.	15	T.B.A.

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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



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CLUB NOTES

We are proud and privileged this evening to present here at Watersheddings the 1986 Winfield Kangaroos... or perhaps better known as Wally Lewis's Australian tourists.

To the full management and medical team, to coach Don Furner, to skipper Lewis and to the entire party we extend a warm welcome to the first green-and-gold tourists to play here since 1973.

Over the last decade, and particularly since Max Krilich, Frank Stanton and their 1982 INVINCIBLES blazed their record-breaking trail across Northern England and France, the Australians have done much to further the development of Rugby League football in both hemispheres.

The esteem in which they are held by so many Rugby League folk was reflected in that marvellous gate of 50,583 for the first Whitbread Trophy Test at Manchester United's Old Trafford ground on 25th October.

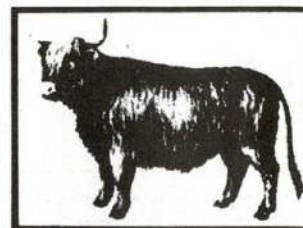
Such a wonderful response by the rugby supporters of England also underlined how much progress has been made in this country in the last few years and it would be less than honest if we did not regard the 1982 Kangaroos tour as the watershed of the game here.

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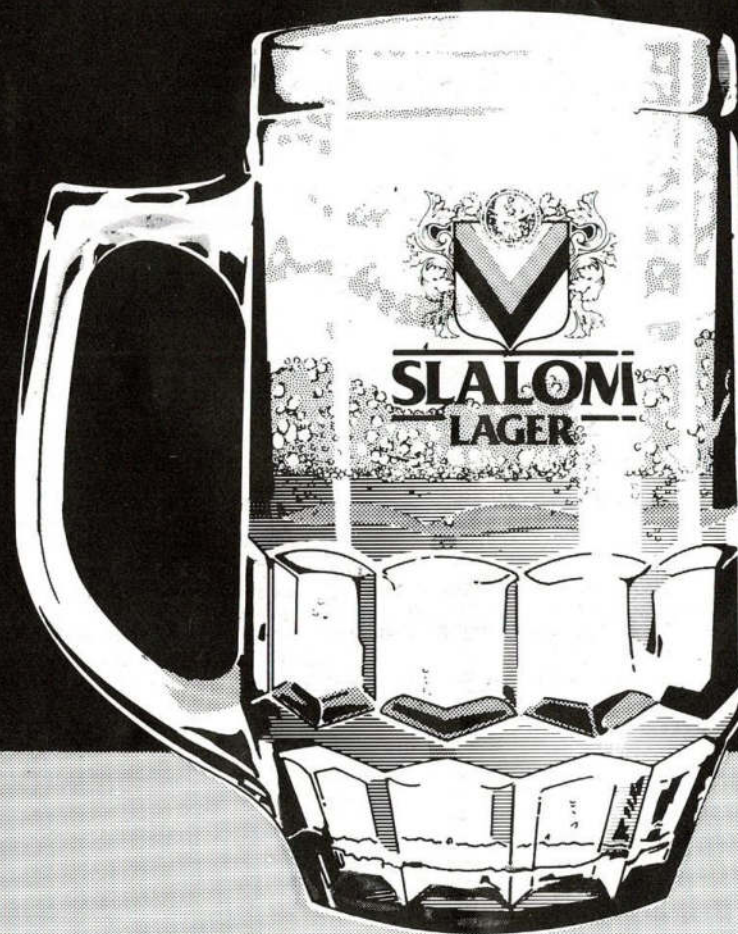
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INTRODUCING THE

GARY BELCHER Club: Canberra (N.S.W.) Position: Full Back. Age: 24. Height: 5'11". Weight: 13st 9lb - Uncapped at Test level, played for Queensland in 1986. Gained Brisbane honours at all junior levels while serving Brisbane's Southern Suburbs, culminating in the club's Brisbane Premiership success of 1985. Moved to Sydney Premiership side Canberra this year. *Sales Representative*.

MARTIN BELLA Club: North Sydney (NSW) Position: Prop Forward. Age: 22. Height: 5'11". Weight: 17st 7lb - Uncapped for Australia, gained Queensland honours in 1982 and 1983. Selected for Australia and Queensland under-18's in 1981 and 1982, plus Brisbane in 1985. A native of Mackay, joined North Sydney this year after serving Halifax in 1984-85, scoring three tries in 34 appearances. *Physiotherapist student*.

NOEL CLEAL Club: Manly-Warringah (NSW) Position: Second Row. Age: 28. Height: 6'1". Weight: 15st 10lb - Holder of five Test Caps, awarded two on the 1985 Tour of New Zealand - plus a try - and appearing in all three Tests against the Kiwis this year. Represented New South Wales in 1981 and 1984-86, plus selection for Sydney, New South Wales Country, North Coast, and Northern Division. Launched his Sydney club career with Eastern Suburbs in 1980, moving to his present club Manly in 1983. Scored eight tries in 16 appearances for Widnes last season before returning to Australia to be voted 1986 second rower of the year. *Garbologist*.

PHIL DALEY Club: Manly-Warringah (NSW) Position: Prop Forward. Age: 22. Height: 6'3". Weight: 15st 10lb - Uncapped at Test level, gained representative honours in 1981 with the Combined Catholic High Schools, New South Wales, and Sydney Under 18's and Australian Schoolboys. Has been selected for the Sydney side for the past two years. Graded with Manly in 1982. *Policeman*.

LES DAVIDSON Club: South Sydney (NSW) Position: Prop Forward. Age: 23. Height: 6'1". Weight: 14st 11lb - Uncapped for Australia with sole representative honour being with the President's XIII in Papua New Guinea in 1985. Served Dubbo until 1982 when he joined his present Sydney club. *Labourer*.

GREG DOWLING Club: Wynnum-Manly (Qld) Position: Prop Forward. Age: 27. Height: 6'1". Weight: 15st 6lb - Capped six times for Australia, three times against the 1984 British tourists and three on the Tour of New Zealand in 1985. Represented Queensland in six of the past seven years, Brisbane (1981-85) and Queensland Country in 1980. Toured Britain with Queensland in 1983. Joined Brisbane's Wynnum-Manly club in 1982 and served Wigan last season, scoring five tries and one drop goal in 25 appearances. *Truck Driver*.

PAUL DUNN Club: Canterbury-Bankstown (NSW) Position: Second Row/Prop. Age: 23. Height: 6'2". Weight: 15st 10lb - Uncapped at Test level, represented Sydney for the past two years, the President's XIII in Papua New Guinea in 1985, and Western Division Under 18's in 1981. Played for Eastern Suburbs from 1984, moving to Canterbury Bankstown this year. *Finance Officer*.

BEN ELIAS Club: Balmain (NSW) Position: Hooker. Age: 22. Height: 5'9". Weight: 13st 7lb - Made his Test debut on the 1985 Tour of New Zealand, the same year as his first appearances for New South Wales and Sydney. Represented Australian Schoolboys in 1979 and 1981. Born in Lebanon, moved to Australia as a youngster and graduated to the Balmain first team in 1982. *Development Officer*.

STEPHEN FOLKES Club: Canterbury-Bankstown (NSW) Position: Second Row. Age: 27. Height: 5'10". Weight: 13st 7lb - Played in all three Tests against the touring Kiwis this year, scoring a try. Represented New South Wales this year. Sydney in 1984 and 1986, and New South Wales Under 18's in 1977. Made his debut for Canterbury in 1978, gaining Premiership honours in 1980 and 1984-86. Brother-in-law of Halifax player/coach Chris Anderson. *Gym Manager*.

GREG ALEXANDER Club: Penrith (NSW) Position: Scrum Half. Age: 21. Height: 5'10". Weight: 11st 11lb - Uncapped at Test level, called into the Tour squad as a replacement for the injured wingman Eric Grothe. Having gained honours with Australia and New South Wales Under 18's in 1983, was graded by Penrith in 1984. Voted Sydney Player of the Year in 1985, and runner-up this year. *Student*.

DES HASLER Club: Manly-Warringah (NSW) Position: Scrum Half. Age: 25. Height: 5'10". Weight: 11st 11lb - Made his sole Test appearance for Australia on the 1985 Tour of New Zealand. Represented Sydney for the past two years. Played for Penrith in 1982 and 1983 before joining Manly in 1984. *Schoolteacher*.

GARRY JACK Club: Balmain (NSW) Position: Full Back. Age: 25. Height: 5'11". Weight: 12st 12lb - Has gained nine Test caps, three against the 1984 Lions - a try scorer - three on the 1985 Tour of New Zealand, and three in this year's Kiwi series, adding another touchdown. Has represented New South Wales for the for the past three seasons, Sydney in 1984 and 1985 and New South Wales Country this year. An Illawarra junior, joined Western Suburbs in 1981, a year later moving to Balmain. Has been voted full back of the year for the past two seasons. *Sales Representative*.

BRETT KENNY Club: Parramatta (NSW) Position: Stand Off/Centre. Age: 25. Height: 6'0". Weight: 13st 13lb - Holder of 11 Test caps, six on the 1982 Kangaroo Tour plus four tries, two against the 1984 Lions and three in this year's series with New Zealand when he collected five tries. Made eight appearances on the 1982 Tour of Britain, notching a brace of tries. Has been a regular for new South Wales and Sydney since 1981. Graduated through Parramatta junior football to be graded in 1980, winning Premiership honours in 1981-83 and this year. Became the first Australian to win the coveted Lance Todd Trophy in 1985 to crown a memorable stay with Wigan, scoring 19 tries in 25 appearances. *Sales Representative*.

LES KISS Club: North Sydney (NSW) Position: Winger. Age: 22. Height: 5'9". Weight: 11st 11lb - Gained his two caps against New Zealand this year. Represented Queensland this season to add to honours with Wide Bay and Bundaberg between 1982-84. Played with Bundaberg Brothers for four years until moving to the Fortitude Valley Club in Brisbane in 1985, this year joining North Sydney. Voted winger of the year 1986. *Gym Attendant*.

TERRY LAMB Club: Canterbury-Bankstown (NSW) Position: Stand Off. Age: 25. Height: 5'5". Weight: 11st - Awarded two caps against New Zealand this year. Has been a regular for New South Wales and Sydney since 1982. Served Western Suburbs from 1979 until joining Canterbury Bankstown in 1984. Player of the Year in 1983 and Rothmans Medal winner in Sydney in 1984, was voted stand off of the season this year, being top points scorer in the Sydney competition. *Salesman*.

PAUL LANGMACK Club: Canterbury-Bankstown (NSW) Position: Back Row Forward. Age: 21. Height: 5'11". Weight: 13st 2lb - Uncapped at Test level, represented Sydney for the past two seasons, Sydney and New South Wales Under 18's in 1983 and Australian Schoolboys in 1982. Graded with Canterbury Bankstown in 1985, having served Halifax in 1984-85, scoring seven tries in 19 appearances. *Sales Representative*.

1986 KANGAROOS

WALLY LEWIS Club: Wynnum-Manly (Qld) Position: Stand off. Age: 26. Height: 6'0". Weight: 14st 6lb - He has amassed 18 Test caps, being captain of Australia since 1984. Made his Test debut with two appearances against the French tourists in 1981, adding two caps versus the 1982 Kiwis. Further caps came on the 1982 Tour (3), against New Zealand in 1983 (2), the 1984 Lions (3), on the 1985 Tour of New Zealand (3), and all three Tests against the Kiwis this year. Has scored four tries and one drop goal in the Test arena. A regular with Queensland and Brisbane since 1979, has skipped both sides since 1982. Played with Fortitude Valley from 1978 until joining Wynnum-Manly in 1984. Was vice-captain of the 1982 Kangaroos, scoring three tries and nine goals in 12 British Tour matches, visiting Britain again in 1983 with Queensland. Captained his side to the Brisbane Premiership title this year, is the only player to have played every State of Origin game and was appointed as Queensland Schools Liaison Officer in 1984. Appeared for Wakefield Trinity in 1983-84, scoring six tries in ten games. *Schools Liaison Officer*.

BOB LINDER Club: Wynnum-Manly (Qld) Position: Loose Forward. Age: 24. Height: 5'11". Weight: 13st 5lb - Uncapped at Test level, has represented Queensland and Brisbane for the past three seasons. Played with Southern Suburbs in Brisbane for two years before joining Wynnum-Manly in 1985. Selected for the 1985 Tour of New Zealand, being forced to withdraw through injury. Member of the 1986 Brisbane Premiership winning side. Due to join Castleford at the end of the Kangaroo Tour. *Optometrist*.

MAL MENINGA Club: Canberra (NSW) Position: Centre. Age: 26. Height: 6'0". Weight: 14st 13lb - Capped 14 times for Australia since his debut against the Kiwis in 1981. The tally included three Tests in Britain in 1982 and two against the 1984 Lions. Has scored five tries and 49 goals for Test total of 114 points. On the 1982 Tour of Britain, amassed 118 points with 50 goals and six tries in 10 appearances. His tally of 21 goals and 48 points were both records for an Anglo-Aussie Test series in Britain. His eight goals in the first Test also broke the record for most goals in an Anglo-Aussie Test in this country. Has been a regular for Queensland and Brisbane since 1979. After seven years with Southern Suburbs in Brisbane, moved to Sydney Premiership side Canberra this year. Spent 1984-85 season with St. Helens, amassing 128 points in 31 matches from 28 tries and 8 goals, lifting Premiership and Lancashire Cup medals. *Sales Representative*.

GENE MILES Club: Wynnum-Manly (Qld) Position: Centre. Age: 27. Height: 6'1". Weight: 14st 13lb - Capped seven times for Australia, making his debut against New Zealand in 1983, adding three appearances against both the 1984 Lions and the 1986 Kiwis, against whom he scored two tries. A 1982 Kangaroo tourist scored a try in six games in Britain. A regular with Queensland and Brisbane since 1981 and a Queensland tourist in Britain in 1983, started his career with the Townsville Souths before moving to Wynnum-Manly in 1981, missing only the 1985 campaign through injury, and gaining Brisbane Premiership honours this year. *Sales Representative*.

CHRIS MORTIMER Club: Canterbury-Bankstown (NSW) Position: Centre. Age: 26. Height: 5'11". Weight: 13st 6lb - Uncapped at Test level, has represented New South Wales for the past three seasons and New South Wales Country for the past two campaigns. Formerly with Wagga magpies and Inverell Swans, joined Canterbury-Bankstown in 1978. Brother of Steve, Peter, and Glen Mortimer, who all play in the Sydney competition. Has played in five Sydney Grand Finals in 1979, 1980, 1984-86. *Contract Builder*.

BRYAN NIEBLING Club: Redcliffe (Qld) Position: Second Row Forward. Age: 26. Height: 6'1". Weight: 14st 13lb - Capped six times for Australia, playing in all three Tests against the 1984 Lions and the 1986 Kiwis. A regular for Queensland since 1981, has also represented Brisbane since 1980, the President's XIII in Papua New Guinea in 1985, and Queensland Under-18's in 1979. After four years with Fortitude Valley, moved to Redcliffe in 1984, this year was joint winner of the Rothmans Medal in Brisbane and voted Brisbane Rugby League Writers' Player of the Year. Toured Britain with Queensland in 1983. *Carpet Layer*.

MICHAEL O'CONNOR Club: St George (NSW) Position: Centre. Age: 25. Height: 5'10". Weight: 13st 11lb - His three Test caps were all gained against New Zealand this year, contributing 11 goals and a try for a 26 point haul. Has represented New South Wales for the past two seasons and Sydney for the last three years. Played 13 Rugby Union Tests for Australia between 1979-82. Joined St. George in 1983 from Teachers' North Rugby Union Club in Brisbane to become the first dual Australian international centre since John Brass in 1970. Voted Centre of the year 1986, will join Manly-Warringah next season. *Sales Representative*.

STEVE ROACH Club: Balmain (NSW) Position: Prop Forward. Age: 24. Height: 6'2". Weight: 16st 7lb - Holder of six test caps all gained against New Zealand since 1985, scoring one try that year. Has represented New South Wales since 1984, Sydney, New South Wales Country and New South Wales Under-18's. Graded with Balmain in 1982 as the winner of the most improved player award, graduating to being chosen as Prop of the Year 1986. *Brewery Truck Owner*.

DALE SHEARER Club: Manly-Warringah (NSW) Position: Winger. Age: 21. Height: 5'11". Weight: 12st 4lb - A try scorer on his sole Test appearance for Australia against New Zealand this year. Has represented Queensland since 1984, the President's XIII in Papua New Guinea in 1985, Queensland Country and North Queensland. Joined Manly in 1985 after a playing career with Sarina (North Queensland) Northern Suburbs (Ipswich), St. George and Warwick (Queensland). Has represented Queensland at Baseball and Athletics. *Electrician*.

ROYCE SIMMONDS Club: Penrith (NSW) Position: Hooker. Age: 26. Height: 5'6". Weight: 13st 11lb - Has gained three Test caps as an ever-present against New Zealand this year. Represented New South Wales in 1984 and 1986, being regular for Sydney since 1983. After four years in New South Wales Country football with Cowra and Canowindra, joined Penrith in 1981 to become the first Penrith player to represent Australia since the club entered the Sydney competition in 1967. Voted Captain of the Year 1984. *Marketing Representative*.

PAUL SIRONEN Club: Balmain (NSW) Position: Second Row Forward. Age: 21. Height: 6'5". Weight: 16st 5lb - Uncapped at Test level, has represented Sydney this year. Australian Schoolboys in 1983 and New South Wales Catholic Schoolboys in 1982. Graded with balmain in 1985 and was voted Rookie of the Year 1986. Received a University scholarship to play grid-iron in Hawaii in 1983. *Policeman*.

PETER STERLING Club: Parramatta (NSW) Position: Scrum Half. Age: 27. Height: 5'8". Weight: 11st 2lb - Awarded nine caps for Australia, with five Test appearances on the 1982 Kangaroos Tour, one on the 1983 Tour of New Zealand, and three against the Kiwis this year. He scored one try against Britain in 1982 and a try and a drop goal against New Zealand this year. Played eight Tour matches in Britain in 1982, scoring five tries. Represented New South Wales 1981-83 and 1986. Sydney 1981-83, and New South Wales Country from 1983. Joined Parramatta in 1978 being voted Scrum Half of the Year 1983. Gained his fourth Premiership medal this year, also winning the titles of Player of the Year, Scrum Half of the Year, and Sydney Rugby League Writers' Player of the Year 1986. Served Hull During the 1984-85 season, scoring 8 tries in 28 appearances. *Sales Representative*.

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The progressive decision by the Football League to stage the first Test between Great Britain and Australia at Old Trafford was a resounding success which brought a record attendance of 50,583 and record receipts of over £250,000 despite continuing driving rain for most of the day.

The gesture by B.A.R.L.A. to allow its member leagues to cancel their fixtures to support the Test was an overwhelming success. Coach parties were organised from far and wide throughout the amateur game, with support coming from Bristol, Bath, Plymouth, London, Hemel Hempstead and Wales as well as the traditional Northern Leagues. Typical of the support generated was that Egremont, alone, had five coach loads of supporters, whilst as many as 38 clubs from Hull organised coach trips and this excluded the fleets of private cars and mini-coaches from the area.

When one considers that B.A.R.L.A. has over 40 member Leagues it is obvious that there was prodigious support from the grass roots for the first Test. Alan Gibb B.A.R.L.A. Chairman said "We have been delighted with the magnificent response from our clubs which has contributed enormously to the record attendance and receipts which have, in turn, supported the initiative and vision of the Rugby Football League in so successfully staging the historic Test Match at Old Trafford."

The League has since received tributes from Manchester United about the behaviour of the fans and the general way in which the Test was staged. It seems almost certain that this will just be the beginning of an association with Old Trafford, which could house future Test matches between Great Britain and Australia or such major domestic games as Challenge Cup final replays.

Soccer clubs generally sat up and took note of the gate, the presentation, and the match itself and it has been reported that other soccer clubs are keen to stage similar big League matches, including United's rivals Manchester City.

Maine Road, of course, has a history of staging major Rugby League championship finals which used to be held there in the 1950's.

OLDHAM RLFC FIXTURES

ES & RESULTS 1986-87

		Opponents	Att.	F	A	1	2	3	4	5
Aug	31	LEEDS	4,621	14	12	Atkinson IT 1G	M'Barki	Foy IT	Warnecke	Taylor
Sept	3	HALIFAX (7-30)	4,869	14	20	Atkinson IT	Sherman	Foy	M'Barki	Taylor IT
	7	WARRINGTON	4,000	18	22	Atkinson	Sherman	Foy	M'Barki IT	Taylor
	14	LEIGH County Cup 1	4,566	29	22	Atkinson	Sherman IT	Foy	M'Barki IT	Taylor
	21	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS	4,069	28	12	M'Barki	Sherman	Hawkyard	Warnecke IT	Taylor IT
	24	WORKINGTON County Cup 2	3,412	46	13	M'Barki IT	Sherman	Foy	Warnecke 2T	Taylor
	28	LEIGH (3-30)	4,000	12	40	M'Barki IT	Sherman	Hawkyard	Warnecke IT	Taylor
Oct	1	WIDNES (s/f L.C.)	5601	16	14	M'Barki	Sherman IT	Bridge	Warnecke	Edwards
Oct	5	WIDNES	3875	22	16	Edwards	Sherman	Hawkyard	Warnecke IT	Atkinson IT
	19	WIGAN (Final L.C.C.)	20,180	6	27	M'Barki	Sherman	Bridge IT	Warnecke	Atkinson
	26	WAKEFIELD TRINITY (3-30)	2,740	54	10	Edwards	Sherman IT	Foy 3T	Warnecke 2T	Taylor
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								

	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Topliss	Ashton 2DG	Jones	Flanagan	Clark	Hobbs 1G	Hawkyard	Worrall	Kirwan (10)	Nadiole (4)	
Topliss	Ashton	Clark	Flanagan	Hobbs 3G	Hawkyard	Clawson	Worrall	Kirwan D.N.P.	Nadiole (12)	
Ashton	Kirwan	Clark IT	Flanagan	Hobbs 3G	Clawson	Hawkyard IT	Worrall	Edwards	Nadiole	
Toplis	Ashton	Clark IT	Flanagan	Nadiole IT	Clawson	Worrall 6G	Raper	Edwards	Hobbs 1DG IT	
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Wigan	6	3	0	0	94	25	2	0	1	67	33	10
Hull	9	4	0	0	98	77	1	0	4	52	123	10
Halifax	9	3	0	2	96	70	1	1	2	78	94	9
Oldham	7	3	0	0	64	40	1	0	3	98	92	8
Hull K.R.	8	3	0	2	116	106	1	0	2	52	66	8
Leigh	9	2	0	2	80	84	1	0	4	92	172	6
Featherstone	8	2	1	2	118	115	0	0	3	33	85	5
Leeds	7	2	0	2	103	74	0	0	3	30	72	4
Barrow	9	1	0	4	78	104	1	0	3	64	92	4
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Batley	8	1	0	2	44	26	3	0	2	89	121	8
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York	9	3	0	2	84	92	1	0	3	64	80	8
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Front row: Terry Lamb, Michael O'Connor, Peter Stirling, Gordon Treichel, Wally Lewis, John Fleming, Royce Simmons, Gary Belcher, Ben Elias



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Ever since the Invincibles of 1982 left England to go on to France and ultimately home, their return has been eagerly awaited by Rugby League spectators throughout the land. Now come on the men who have to try and go beyond the Invincibles – the men of '86, led by the incomparable Wally Lewis, only the second Queenslander in history to skipper a Kangaroos touring party. Their popularity was proven by the 30,000 crowd that watched the opening game at Wigan and, more so, by the record 50,583 attendance for the first Whitbread Trophy Bitter Test at Old Trafford a week last Saturday.

So what makes them tick, these men in green and gold who seem to have a never-ending supply line of players rich in talent and skill? Part of the answer, perhaps, lies in the contents of a hand-out from the Australian Rugby League. The Aussies say, in a press release, "We are coming to play Rugby League in a professional way – our players are not professional for monetary influence, but professional with their skills, their attitude, and their presentation of the great game of League."

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Stand-off Lewis – the "King" – came as a vice-captain in 1982 and now returns to lead a party of 28 superbly fit athletes, who have shown already that they have every intention of holding on to those Rugby League ashes.

Lewis, inaugural winner of the Adidas Golden Boot award as the world's best player, is one of only five tourists who are here the second time round. The late withdrawal of winger Eric Grothe means that only Lewis, Brett Kenny, Mal Meninga, Gene Miles and Peter Sterling are resuming the battles they fought in '82, although several other members of the party have had experience here with English clubs. Martin Bella was a big favourite in the early days of the Halifax revival. Noel Cleal was a powerhouse last season in the Widnes pack, Greg Dowling will be remembered fondly by Wigan fans (as will Kenny, of course), and Paul Langmack did so well at loose-forward in the Thrum Hall blue and white of 1984-85.

Two members of the party have been targets of Oldham in the past, and there is a chance that both could be playing this evening – scrum-half Greg Alexander and stand-off half Terry Lam. Alexander only got into the tour party when Grothe pulled out but at the age of 21 "Brandy" is said to share with Kenny the distinction of being the League's most naturally gifted player. Stand-off Lamb romped in for eight tries in the two games early in the tour and would surely have won many more major honours in rep football but for the brilliance of men like Lewis and Kenny. Lewis won the Aussies "Man of the match" award in the first Test, but it must have been a close run thing the stand-off Sterling, centre Miles, and left-wing Michael O'Connor.

O'Connor, a former Australian RU international, scored three tries and five goals at Old Trafford for a record-breaking 22 points. For each of his tries he received the final pass from Miles, who – just for good measure – ran in a hat-trick as well! Two days before the Test, Kenny was named second winner of the Adidas Golden Boot award as the accolades continued to fall thick and fast on the men from Down Under. In view of the second Test at Elland Road on Sunday, the tourists are unlikely to field their strongest side this evening. But such is the all-round class of the entire 28-man squad that you can take out most members of the so-called strongest 13 without hardly noticing... well, not quite!

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THE EDITOR TALKING

... Bring on the Aussies

The Oldham club's association with Australia and Australian players goes back to the early part of this century. On the second Kangaroos tour to England, way back in 1911-12, were brothers Billy and Viv Farnworth from the Newton club in Sydney.

Billy, a stand-off, played a total of five Tests against England, beginning with 1910 series, and during the 1911-12 tour he played on the winning side in each of his 13 appearances.

Viv, a tough-tackling centre, played in eight Tests against England and scored 19 tries from a total of 29 appearances in Newton's championship success of 1910. At the end of the tour, both brothers signed for Oldham and proved excellent servants for the Oldham club.

Until more recent years, the Oldham club has not had many top-line Australian players in its midst, but in the early 1970's the club did recruit John Alchin, who was closely associated at that time with the Wollongong club, and then the club joined the Down Under bandwagon a year or two ago when the ban on the movement of players between the two countries was lifted.

Parramatta pair Paul Taylor and Chris Phelan were here three years ago, followed last season by Gary Warnecke, Mal Graham and the two Liddiard brothers, David and Glen, who will shortly be back in the UK with the Australian Combined High Schools side.

This season, of course, we still have Gary as well as Stuart Raper, Bruce 'Bruiser' Clark and Gary Bridge, three players who are well known in the Sydney League and will certainly be well known to the Kangaroo visitors this evening.

In 1910 an English team set out to tour Australia and this provided the Oldham club with its first tourists in Tom Helm and Bert Avery. Four years later, the club had three tourists in A.E. Wood, W.E. Hall and D. Holland, and there were also three from Oldham on the 1920 tour, A.E. Wood, E. Davies and H. Hilton.

In 1924, Watersheddings provided four tourists in Ernie Knapman, Sid Rix, Albert Brough and Bob Sloman and four on tour remained a club record until 1984 when five Oldham players were chosen for the Down Under trip, namely Terry Flanagan, Ray Ashton, Mick Worrall, Des Foy and Andy Goodway, who is now at Wigan, of course.

Bob Sloman followed up his 1924 trip with 1928 selection when the tour was managed by Oldham official George Hutchins, who also took charge of the 1932 trip.

It will be of some interest to our Australian visitors to point out that the old, two tier grandstand behind the posts at the bottom end of our ground is known as the Hutchins stand in memory of the former tour manager.

D.V. Phillips (1946) and Terry O'Grady (1954) were later tourists from Oldham and in 1958 we had three men Down Under in centre Alan Davies, scrum-half Frank Pitchford and prop Ken Jackson.

The late Jack Errock, a well-known club official, was assistant manager in 1966, Bob Irving toured in 1970 and Terry Clawson in 1974. In addition, Alan Davies, Sid Little and Derek Turner represented Great Britain in Australia for the 1957 World Cup.

Of course, the closest association between Oldham and Australia concerns the club manager Frank Myler. Frank has the distinction of being the last Great Britain skipper to hold up the Ashes trophy, in 1970, and in 1984 he was coach of the Great Britain tourists.

Frank has many contacts and friendships in Sydney, among them the legendary Kangaroos loose-forward Johnny Raper, whose son Stuart could be playing for us this evening against the tourists.

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by DAVID TOPLISS

Tonight's game against the Australian tourists is one I am personally looking forward to and it would be nice for me to score to make it a hat-trick of tries against the tourists. I scored for Wakefield against them in 1973 and also for Hull in 1982, so it would be a bit special for me if I could get on the score sheet again this evening.

We will probably be playing the tourists second string in view of the second Test at Leeds on Saturday, but they have already proved that their second team, for want of a better description, is almost as good as the Test line-up.

We have to stand up to them, get among them and make sure we don't stand off them in awe. If we do that they will run up 40 points.

It will be a terrific experience for the Oldham team — especially those lads who have not played against the Aussies before. They will be staggered at the pace of the game. They will certainly not have played in a faster game before.

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