

BRADFORD N.

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TRIES	GOALS	D. GOALS	TOTAL			TRIES	GOALS	D. GOALS	TOTAL
				Keith MUMBY	1 FULL BACK	Hussein M'BARKI			
				Phil FORD	2 LEFT WING	Paul SHERMAN			
				Steve DONLAN	3 LEFT CENTRE	Des FOY			
				Phil HELLEWELL	4 RIGHT CENTRE	Gary WARNECKE			
				Roger SIMPSON	5 RIGHT WING	Mike TAYLOR			
				John WOODS	6 STAND OFF	David TOPLISS			
				Terry HOLMES	7 SCRUM HALF	Ray ASHTON			
				Ian SHERRATT	8 OPEN SIDE PROP	Bruce CLARKE			
				Gary BRENTLEY	9 HOOKER	Terry FLANAGAN			
				Mario FENECH	10 BLIND SIDE PROP	Neil CLAWSON			
				Dick JASIEWICZ	11 SECOND ROW	Mick WORRALL			
				Karl FAIRBANK	12 SECOND ROW	Tom NAIDOLE			
				Mal GRAHAM	13 LOOSE FORWARD	Stuart RAPER			
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					15 SUBSTITUTE				

HALF TIME SCORE

FULL TIME SCORE

Referee: A. BOWMAN (Whitehaven). Touch Judges: B. Norbury (Rochdale), P. Hind (Rochdale)

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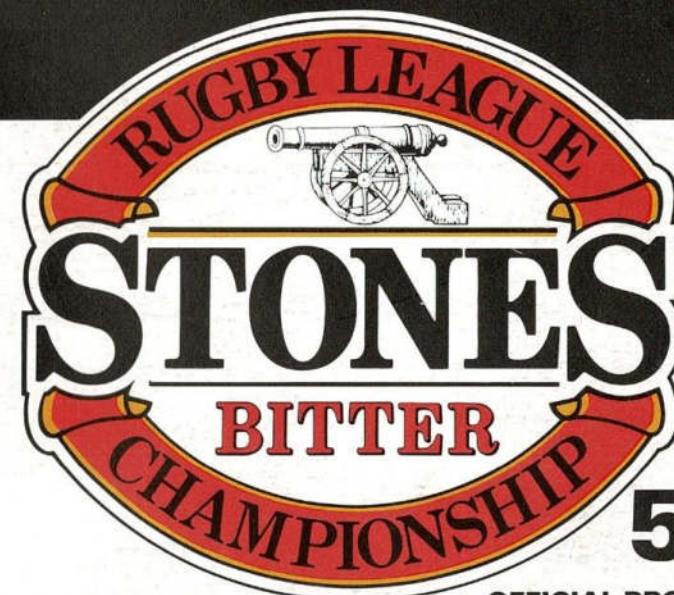
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The Barry Seabourne Column



The performance at Widnes was naturally the most satisfying moments of my coaching career and no doubt all the players, officials and spectators from the Bradford Northern club came away with a lot of pride and satisfaction. Once again we demonstrated what good honest team-work can do with some scintillating tries, everyone different but spectacular in its own way. The try scored by Karl Fairbank, which put us into the lead, was created from some good support work from Ian Sherratt, John Woods and then the final pass for Karl to race in from 50 yards. The first of Phil Ford's three tries was yet again an excellent build-up with the Bradford players breaking out strongly from their own line, keeping the ball moving and the final break from Terry Holmes who ran well and then supplied a superb inside pass for Phil to go under the posts — tremendous. Phil Ford's second try can only go down as a Ford special, and gratifyingly this was his 100th try of his rugby league career. Coming into mid-field, receiving the ball, one superb side-step to break the defence and leaving Mick Burke in his wake to score under the posts. Congratulations Phil from everyone at Northern. Let's hope the next 100 come a little bit quicker.

I would like to thank you, the Supporters, on behalf of the players and myself for the wonderful way in which you are getting behind us. It all helps with creating a good dressing room atmosphere and also a wonderful team spirit.

I hope you will all join me in congratulating Phil Ford on being awarded Entertainer of the Month for October from the Sunday Mirror and Wallace Arnold. Well done Phil — keep it up.

NEXT LEAGUE GAME WARRINGTON

Sunday, 21st December, 1986

Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

This afternoon we welcome our opponents on the next two Sundays, the men from Watersheddings. We fully expect today's match to be one of the hardest of the season here at Odsal.

Although holding a mid-table position, Oldham have given some tremendous performances this season, including, like ourselves, two tremendous wins over Widnes. They have lost their last three matches, but in each case have given a great account of themselves. They put up a fantastic show against the Australians and really had them at panic stations well into the second half before going down 22 - 16.

They then went to Hull K.R., losing by only 6 - 4 and last Sunday gave the mighty St. Helens the fright of their lives, losing by one point, 18 - 17, after being ahead 17 - 6 at the interval.

Today's match is a preview of next week's John Player Trophy 1st Round tie, but with their league positions being so important, it is hardly likely anything will be held back.

Last season we met three times. In the league games each won on the other's ground, Oldham 24 - 6 at Odsal and Northern 16 - 6 at Watersheddings. The third meeting was a tremendous 3rd Round Cup tie at Oldham where the home side went on to the semi-final with a 6 - 1 victory.

Their team will be chosen from the following squad:

MICK TAYLOR — Most improved player at Watersheddings — very strong and direct in attack and a fine tackler in defence. He is a product of the Huddersfield A.R.L.

HUSSEIN M'BARKI — Born in Morocco and must be the only North African playing rugby league today. Began his professional career with Fulham in 1981 and then moved on to Warrington before joining Oldham last season. Originally played all his rugby on the wing, but has taken over the full back role with flair and style this season.

GARY WARNECKE — Affectionately known as "The Gypsy", he played for Oldham last season and, unlike so many of his overseas colleagues never missed a game. Though centre is his natural

position, he can fill in more than adequately in any of the back positions. He is a resolute defender and ever dangerous in attack.

GARY BRIDGE — Australian. Played last season for Balmain and on his return will join Eastern Suburbs. Equally at home in the centre at stand off, he is a strong runner with a good kicking game.

DES FOY — Though Oldham born, he began his professional career with Widnes before being signed when still only 17 years old by Oldham. Played for Great Britain in Australia in 1984 and is a fast attacking centre who has not yet achieved his full potential.

COLIN HAWKYARD — Native of Huddersfield, plays equally well in the centre or in the second row. Always guarantees

OLDHAM

100% effort and a great team player with a tremendous heart for the game.

DAVID TOPLISS — Needs little introduction, previously starring with Wakefield Trinity and then Hull, and appearing at Wembley for both clubs. One of the games all time greats, his experience is proving invaluable to the young Oldham side.

RAY ASHTON — Born in Widnes and was a member of the successful Oldham Colts side before progressing via the 'A' team into the senior side. Toured Australia in 1984 and often tussles for the No. 7 jersey with Paddy Kirwan.

PADDY KIRWAN — Local lad who signed from the Oldham Colts side — he is a great hearted player with tremendous strength complemented by a good football brain. Turned the semi final tie against Widnes in Oldham's favour with a tremendous second half performance.

BRUCE CLARKE — Another Australian import who plays with Western Suburbs back home. A strong running prop forward with ball skills to match, he has been known to quickly turn a game into Oldham's advantage.

TERRY FLANAGAN — Played nearly all his career at loose forward and is the pack leader of the Oldham side, but this season has successfully reverted to the hooking role — a position forced on him because of an injury crisis in the Oldham camp. He too toured Australia with the Great Britain party in 1984.

DAVID HOBBS — Is strong in attack and solid in defence. Has a strong kicking game and is one of the league's better goal-kickers.

MICK WORRALL — Toured Australia in 1984 and was doing well until he collected a knee injury in the 2nd Test. Alongside David Hobbs, makes a more than formidable second row pair.

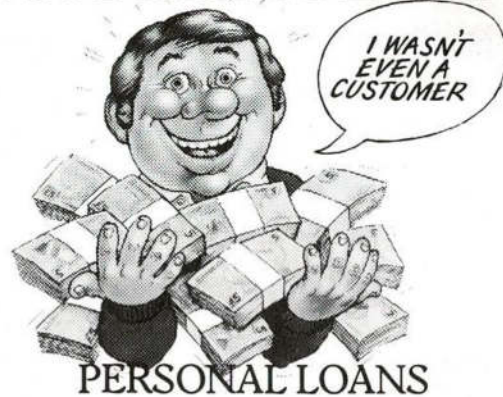
WALLY JONES — Great clubman who takes the ball up whenever needed. One of the game's under-rated players and proved to be a real "bargain buy" when he was snapped up from Rochdale two seasons ago.

TOM NAIDOLE — His father played for Rochdale at the time when Hornets signed a number of Fijians in the early 1960s. Tom signed from Wigan three years ago and has been in and out of the side since his arrival, but this year has claimed his own spot. He is very strong and fast for a forward and is proving to be a real tackle breaker.

STUART RAPER — Son of the famous Australian tourist John, who tormented Great Britain on many occasions in the mid 60s. His father would no doubt be proud of him if he saw the way he has settled into the loose forward role at Watersheddings, as he shows football sense far beyond his young age. Plays his Australian football for Cronulla and under coach Jack Gibson has matured tremendously.

PAUL SHERMAN — Product of the junior leagues in Widnes and is proving to be a good cover defender who scores tries when least expected, like the one he bagged in the semi final win over Widnes. Definitely a player who one would expect to improve with experience.

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COACHES NEWS & VIEWS

Alan and the 'A' Team

The 'A' team performed very well against York and had a comfortable victory by 26 points to 2. The foundation was set by some tremendous half-back play from Heath Godfrey and youngster Neil Roebuck. The first half, playing against a strong breeze, Bradford scored two fine tries, through a trialist winger and hooker Chris Stones, with one conversion from Martin Potts. York replied with a penalty, the half-time score being 10 points to 2. The introduction of Robert Spurr, coming back from injury, and Adrian Crawford, gave us a lot more possession from the scrums in the second half, which allowed us to completely dominate the game, one superb try being scored by Heath Godfrey after the initial break from Stevie Bond deep in his own half, the ball being passed through four pairs of hands for a fine try, well converted by Martin Potts. Two further individual tries from loose forward Ian Sheldon and also two conversions from Martin Potts concluded the scoring. Overall, the Bradford team played very well together and pleasing factors were the performance of Martin Potts, coming back well from a shoulder injury, who had a sound game both in attack and defence,

and also has not lost his accuracy on kicking. The Bradford team was as follows: Potts, A. N. Other, Barnett, Sidebottom, Race, Roebuck, Godfrey, White, Stones, Grayshon, Robert Simpson, Bond, Sheldon. Subs: Crawford, Spurr.

Corky's Colts . . .

On a very wet and windy night we saw a very good game of rugby league between Bradford Northern and Featherstone Rovers. Both teams adapted very well to the poor conditions and at all times tried to play the game as it is taught to them by their coaches. Both teams were very evenly matched with Featherstone finally running out winners by 9 points to 8. Everyone must take credit for a very good game and also the referee, who kept the game flowing under such poor conditions. It would be unfair to pick out any individuals, but David Hamilton took the Man of the Match honours for Bradford Northern. Featherstone Rovers are coached by former Featherstone and Wakefield hooker Ray Hanscombe and it is good to see former professional players passing on their knowledge to the up and coming stars of the future. Well done Ray to you and your team. Keep it up.

MATCH VIDEOS.

All Home and Away matches will be filmed on Video and shown in the Old Vice President Lounge at 8.30pm on the Tuesday Evening following the match.

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Trevor Foster's Chat Show . . .

Rugby League News from South West by Simon Foster

"DEVELOPMENT EXPRESS" — Part 1

It is enough to have some aficionados of rugby union spluttering into their post-match pints and muttering about invasions from the dark satanic mills.

A band of expatriate Northerners are busy preparing to tackle a second season running amateur rugby league in the South West.

Rugby league has made a fascinating and quite spectacular entrance in the west country. Twelve teams from as far apart as Plymouth and Cheltenham have been co-ordinated to provide a nucleus of sides that completed a busy season of fixtures in the first season of the Midlands and South West Amateur Rugby League Association. Development has been so rapid that the Management Committee are planning a split into two divisions for the 1986-87 campaign. There is likely to be a "southern" section which will include clubs from Bath, Bristol, Cheltenham, Plymouth, Aberavon, Cardiff, Sunningdale (ex Wokingham) and Hemel Hempstead and a "northern" section with sides from Redditch, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Worcester and Gloucester. The two sections will join up for the MASWARLA Cup and for the league play offs in April and May.

The first MASWARLA season ended with Cheltenham as the cup winners and Bath became the league champions. So many individuals were prominent in the organisation and administration of the successful season and worked hard to

create a platform for progress. But it was the players, with so many sampling rugby league for the first time, complemented by so many experienced Northern exiles (there are many more down there than was ever imagined possible) and the enthusiastic match officials, volunteer referees, who often travelled 250 mile round trips to take charge of a game, as well as to educate so many rookies about the laws. They were the real heroes.

The rugby union world in the west country looked on at events with both curiosity and amazement as league advanced in the very heart of their game. There has been no particular conflict between the codes, in most cases clubs have been quite happy to allow the movement of players to enjoy both games.

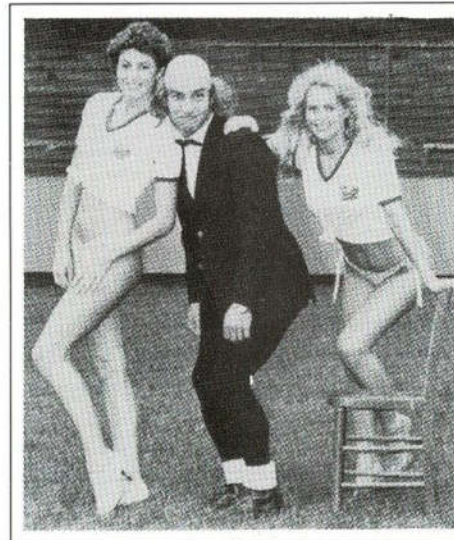
The main difficulties were experienced in the provision for playing and training facilities. Too many of the embryo league clubs have been turned away from pitches and playing fields as a result of the misconception that all rugby league is "professional". Local soccer clubs and the education authorities have been most helpful; the use of Municipal facilities has been a necessity.

It is interesting to see there is little reaction to players wanting to give American football a go. Perhaps the greatest threat to the recruitment of 'floaters' in the S.W. area is the development of this "well packaged" contact sport. There are viable teams operating out of Bath and Swindon already.

COMPETITION

Name the rugby league player dressed as Max Wall. The winning entry will receive two FREE TICKETS to the Warrington match on 21st December, 1986. Please forward your entries to Bradford Northern R.L.F.C., Odsal Stadium, Bradford 6. Tel: (0274) 724571.

The winner of the last competition is P. Maguire of 4 Meadows Lane, Bolton, Bradford. The two St. Helens players were Alec Murphy and Vince Karalius.





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Ian Sherratt

Ian is just 21 and played rugby for Fitton Hill School, Oldham. His hero was Jim Mills of Widnes and his nickname at school was "Big Jim". He went on to play for Lancashire Schools and Lancashire U17 and signed for Bradford after playing for Waterhead and played for Lancashire Colts when they defeated Barry Seabourne's Yorkshire Colts.

Outwardly quiet, he's now known as Bradford's answer to Warren Beatty

and one of his ambitions is to be a judge in the Miss World Contest.

His hobbies include eating continental food, computer programming and he's learning Spanish for his next year's holiday.

A former council employee, he found the hard work interfering with his strenuous training programme and so he's resigned to concentrate on getting himself fit in the hope that he makes the GB squad for the 1988 tour.

Ian Macorquodale

Scorer of over 2,400 points in a 12 year career including stop-overs at Salford, Workington, Fulham, Blackpool and Rochdale.

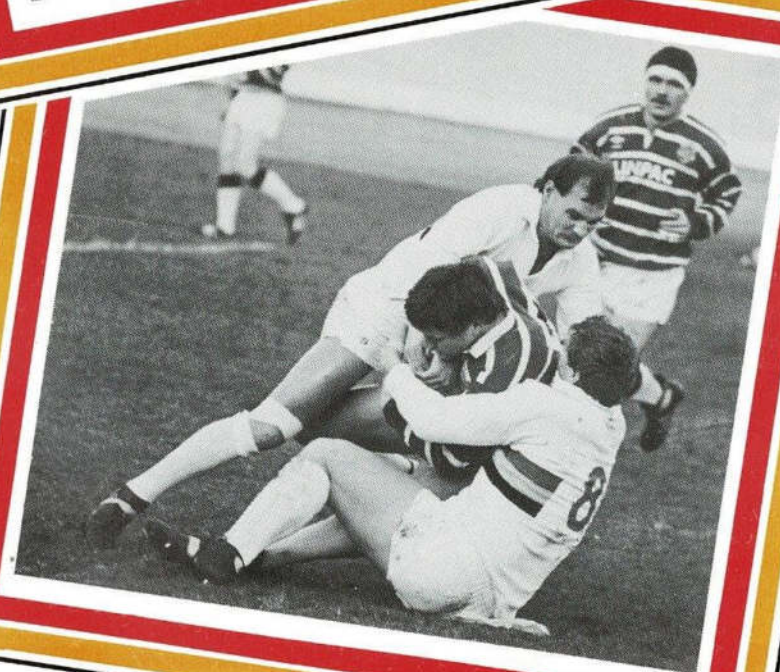
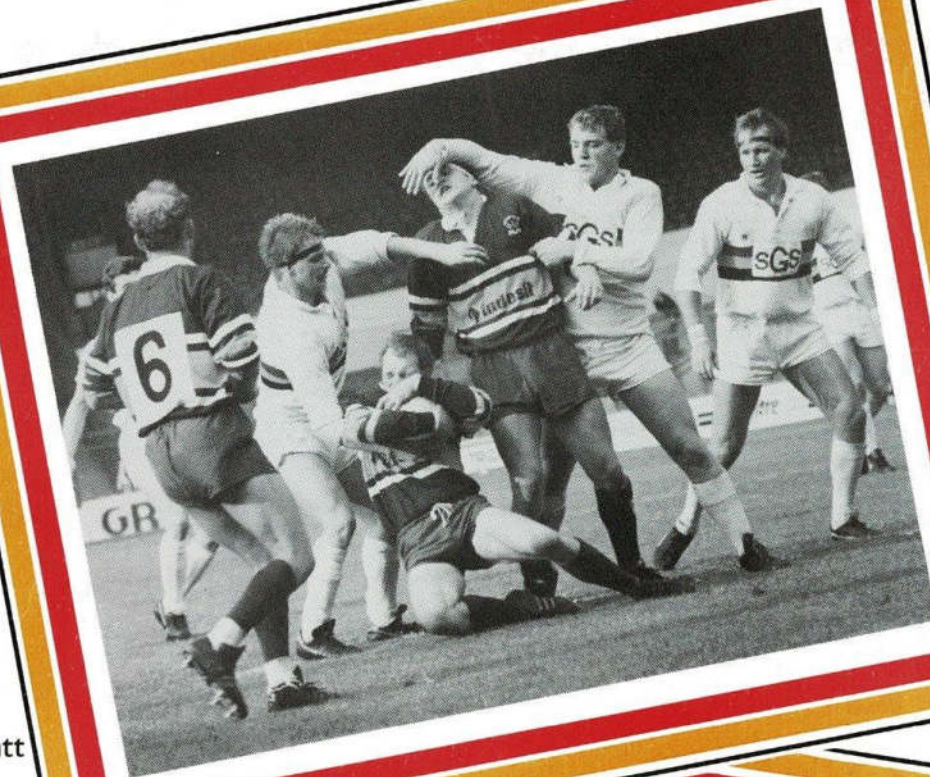
Ian considers himself to be a lucky man. "I was fortunate in being in the right place at the right time and staying free of injury — and also there was always someone around to do my tackling — I knew as much about tackling as a monkey knows about opera!"

Naming Brian Clough as his sporting hero, he enjoys coaching and has been in charge of school teams for over 1,500 games and, at the moment, as well as being newly-promoted assistant coach to Barry

Seabourne, Ian also coaches Oldham's U11 team and the Lancashire U11 and U12 sides.

This morning, as usual on a Sunday, he will have been reffing — two games between top local sides, Oldham Juniors and Saddleworth Rangers and the future involves a trip to Australia in 1987 to organise the first-ever Australian tour by schoolboy sides in 1988. "We will go to Sydney to play games and watch two of the 1988 tests. I have high hopes that Brian Noble will be captain of that tour and that my former pupil, Ian Sherratt will be amongst several Bradford players making the trip."

Ian Sherratt in a tackling mood against Hunslet and Featherstone



BRADFORD NORTHERN

Date	K.O.	Opponents	Ven	Result	F A	Ties	Goals	H/T	Att.	Man of the Match
Aug. Sun. 31	3.30	WIDNES	H	W	27-14	Donlan, Woods, White, Noble, Graham	Woods 3, Ford 1DG	18-2	4,755	I. Sherratt
Sept Wed. 3	7.30	HULL K.R.	A	W	30-12	Ford 2, Jasiewicz, Donlan	Woods 7	6-14	4,088	P Ford
Sun. 7	3.00	SALFORD	A	W	22-12	Graham, Woods, Redfearn, Race	Woods 3	2-12	2,386	K. Mumby
Sun. 14	3.30	HUNSLET Y.C.1	A	W	40-12	Woods 3, Fairbank 2, Jasiewicz, Ford	Woods 6	4-18	3,101	J. Woods
Sun. 21	3.30	WIGAN	H	L	10-20	Graham	Woods 3	4-10	11,700	J. Woods
Wed 24	7.30	DEWSBURY Y.C.2	H	W	42-10	Fairbank 2, Sherratt, Graham, Hellewell, Simpson 2, Crawford	Mumby 5	20-0	2,800	K. Fairbank
Sun. 28	3.30	WAKEFIELD T.	A	W	32-22	Sidebottom 2, Holmes, Ford, Donlan, Jasiewicz	Woods 4	14-14	4,000	T. Holmes
Oct. Wed. 1	7.30	HULL Y.C. Semi-Final	H	L	12-18	Donlan 2	Woods 2	10-12	4,727	J. Woods
Sun. 5	3.30	CASTLEFORD	H	W	12-7	Ford 2	Mumby 2	0-6	5,604	K. Mumby
Tue. 14	7.30	HULL	A	L	22-27	Ford, Simpson, Graham	Woods 5	4-16	4,300	J. Woods
Sun. 19	3.30	BARROW	H	W	36-20	Graham, Jasiewicz, Fairbank, Hellewell, Mumby, Simpson	Woods 6	12-6	2,300	K. Mumby
Sun. 26	3.00	LEEDS	A	W	12-4	Redfearn, Holmes	Woods 2	6-0	7,400	G. Bentley
Nov. Sun. 2	3.30	FEATHERSTONE R.	H	W	41-2	Ford 2, Bentley, Hellewell, Graham, Holmes, Woods, Simpson	Woods 4, Ford 1DG	8-2	4,791	P Ford
Sun. 16	3.00	WIDNES	A	W	36-12	Ford 3, Holmes, Fairbank, Sherratt	Woods 5	4-5	4,157	K. Mumby
Tue. 18	7.30	AUSTRALIA	H	L	0-38	-	-	0-16	10,663	T. Holmes
Sun. 23	3.30	OLDHAM	H							
Sun. 30	3.00	John Player Special Trophy								
Dec. Sat. 6		1st Round - OLDHAM	A							
Sun. 7		John Player Special Trophy								
Sun. 14	3.30	WIGAN	A							
Sun. 21	3.30	WARRINGTON	H							
Fri. 26	3.00	HALIFAX	A							
Sun. 28	3.30	HALIFAX	H							
Jan. Thur. 1	3.30	CASTLEFORD	A							
Sun. 4	2.30	BARROW	A							
Sun. 11	3.30	HULL	H							
Sun. 18	3.30	FEATHERSTONE R.	A							
Sun. 25	3.30	LEIGH	H							
Sat. 31		Sixt Cut Challenge Cup								
Feb. Sun. 1		1st Round								
Sun. 8	3.00	WARRINGTON	A							
Sat. 14		Sixt Cut Challenge Cup								
Sun. 15		2nd Round								
Sun. 22	3.00	ST. HELENS	A							
Mar. Sun. 1	3.30	HULL K.R.	H							
Sun. 15	3.00	OLDHAM	A							
Sun. 22	3.30	WAKEFIELD T.	H							
Sun. 29	3.30	LEIGH	A							
Apr. Sun. 12	3.30	ST. HELENS	H							
Fri. 17	7.30	LEEDS	H							
Tue. 21	7.30	SALFORD	H							

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Aug.	Fri.	29	HUNSLET	A	7.30	W	17	10	
Sept.	Fri.	5	BATLEY	H	7.30	W	23	4	
	Sat.	13	SWINTON	A	2.15	L	4	34	
	Sat.	20	CARLISLE P.	H	3.00	W	36	10	
	Fri.	26	HUNSLET	H	7.30	L	22	24	
Oct.	Fri.	3	Yorks. Senior Comp. Chall. Cup 1st Round HALIFAX	H	7.30	W	12	4	
	Sat.	11	WHITEHAVEN	A	2.30	L	20	24	
	Sat.	18	Yorks. Senior Comp. Chall. Cup 2nd Round						
	Fri.	24	CASTLEFORD	H		L	6	50	
	Thur.	30	DEWSBURY	A	7.30	W	17	12	
	Thur.	30	FEATHERSTONE R.	H	7.30	D	25	25	
Nov.	Sat.	8	WORKINGTON T.	H	3.00	W	16	15	
	Sat.	15	YORK	H	3.00	W	26	2	
	Fri.	21	HUDDERSFIELD P.	A	7.30				
	Sat.	29	WHITEHAVEN	H	3.00				
Dec.	Sat.	6	YORK	A	2.15				
	Fri.	12	HUDDERSFIELD P.	H	7.30				
	Fri.	19	OLDHAM	A	7.30				
	Sat.	27	SWINTON C.	H	2.30				
Jan.	Thur.	1	DEWSBURY	A	7.30				
	Sat.	10	BATLEY	A	2.30				
	Fri.	16	FEATHERSTONE R.	H	7.30				
	Sat.	24	BRAMLEY	A	3.00				
	Sat.	31	WORKINGTON T.	A	2.30				
Feb.	Sat.	7	Slalom Lager Alliance Chall. Cup 1st Round						
	Fri.	13	BRAMLEY	H	7.30				
	Sat.	21	Slalom Lager Alliance Chall. Cup 2nd Round						
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	Sat.	21	KEIGHLEY	A	3.00				

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	Sat.	27	WAKEFIELD T.	L	
	Sat.	27	WAKEFIELD T.	L	
Oct.	Sat.	4	ST. HELENS	W	
	Sat.	11	WIGAN	W	
	Sat.	18	BARROW	Postponed	
	Sat.	25	HALIFAX	Postponed	
Nov.	Sat.	1	WAKEFIELD T.	Postponed	
	Sat.	8	BARROW	Postponed	
	Sat.	15	FEATHERSTONE R.	Postponed	
	Sat.	22	LEIGH	L	
	Sat.	29	HALIFAX	L	
Dec.	Sat.	6	CASTLEFORD	L	
	Sat.	13	LEEDS	9	
	Sat.	20	ST. HELENS	8	
Jan.	Sat.	3	HULL	A	
	Sat.	10	HULL K.R.	H	
	Sat.	17	HULL K.R.	A	
	Sat.	24	LEEDS	H	
Feb.	Sat.	31	Colts Challenge Cup 1st Round	A	
	Sat.	14	Colts Challenge Cup 2nd Round	A	
	Sat.	21	CASTLEFORD		
	Thur.	26	FEATHERSTONE R.		

Match Facts

BRADFORD NORTHERN v OLDHAM

Full playing record between the sides at all levels up to and including the end of the 1985/86 season:

Played 79, Northern won 39, lost 37, drawn 3, for = 827 points, against = 811 points.

A quick glance at the above chart shows that matches between the two sides appear to have been very close over the years, with only 2 wins and a sum of 16 points separating the sides from 79 matches played at all levels including friendlies and wartime fixtures.

The first meeting on the field of play took place during the very first season of 1895/96 when, on October 19th 1895, the sides met in a league game at Oldham, and Bradford (as they were simply known then) gained a narrow victory by 5 - 3.

A more detailed look at the 79 matches played so far shows three definite phases of results between them. From 1895 up to the start of the first war in 1914, honours were quite even result wise, having played 24 from which Northern won 10, lost 13 and drew 1, Bradford's highest win during this period being 21 - 9 at home in a league match on December 18th 1906, whilst for Oldham it was a 23 - 3 win at Park Avenue (then Bradford's home ground) in the third round of the Challenge Cup on 1st April 1899.

The second portion of 1915 - 1941 clearly shows that Oldham had the better of things with 10 wins, 1 draw and 5 defeats from 16 games played from which Northern suffered defeats of 28 - 3, then 41 - 5 before, on 8th November 1930, they lost 49 - 16 at Oldham in a league fixture, a result that still stands today as Northern's highest ever defeat to the Lancashire side. Northern on their part did record a new highest win for themselves when they beat Oldham 27 - 10 in a 'home' league game played at Valley Parade on 6th March 1937 because of the very muddy state of the Odsal playing area.

From 1941 to present day the pendulum of success has moved back and forth with Northern just having the edge at 24 wins and 1 draw to 14 wins by Oldham, Northern increasing their highest win over them from 27 - 10 up to 34 - 5, then 36 - 0 before finally, on 11th April 1976, they beat them 39 - 16 at Oldham in the league to record their highest ever win over them in all matches played to date. This same period also brought about the club's highest ever drawn encounter when, on 24th February 1968,

they drew 7 - 7 at Odsal in the second round of the Challenge Cup, this also being the last time the two sides have been involved in a drawn match.

In recent years Oldham have taken a definite lion's share of the success with 8 wins and only 2 defeats from their last 10 league and cup matches played. These include setting up two new highest ever league wins away from home against Bradford Northern. For 71 years their highest league win on Bradford soil stood at 22 - 12 which they recorded on 12th September 1911, this being beaten on 29th August 1982 when they won in the league at Odsal by a scoreline of 23 - 10. They equalled this score of 23 points when they again won at Odsal in the league by 23 - 14 on 4th November 1984 before going one point better almost a year later when, on 3rd November 1985, they won 24 - 6 to set up their highest ever away league win over Bradford Northern.

Last season the league encounters were shared with Northern winning at Oldham 16 - 6 after suffering that 24 - 6 defeat at Odsal as mentioned above. They also met in the third round of the Challenge Cup at the Watersheddings with Northern losing, but setting a piece of club history. On the day they lost 6 - 1, this being the first time the club had ever scored just one point in a Challenge Cup match and only the second time it has ever happened in the history of the competition itself.

From a scoring point of view, Northern have a tremendous record to try and protect today. The last time they actually failed to score against Oldham was 79 years ago when they lost 19 - 0 at Oldham in a league fixture on 2nd March 1907. Since then Oldham have failed to score six times but their last failure was also some time back when, on 13th March 1948, (48½ years ago) they lost 30 - 0 at Odsal in the third round of the Challenge Cup.

Today's match is a dress rehearsal for their first round John Player Trophy meeting next week at Oldham, with both sides looking to gain a psychological advantage over the other with a win today in their league encounter. If the past results between the sides are any indication to go by, plus their good record of scoring against each other, then both games should be very interesting to watch with little to separate the sides.

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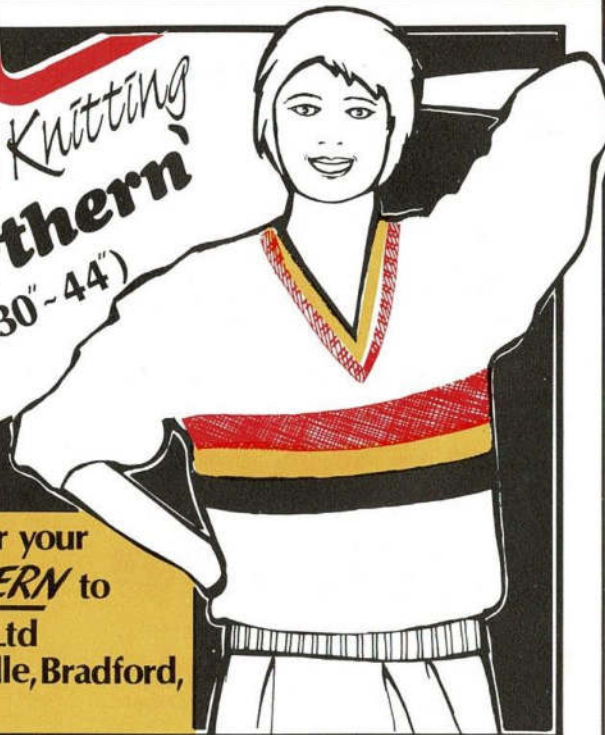
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XMAS SOCIAL — On the 11th December we shall be holding another social evening in the Players Bar at 8.00pm — buffet, raffle, free ticket raffle and disco, all for £1.00. If enough people turn up in fancy dress (optional) there will be a competition, so come along and enjoy yourselves among the players and your Supporters Club committee. Tickets on sale from the shop or any committee member.

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MR. WARD — All supporters were sorry to hear of Louie's sudden illness resulting in Brenda having to give up the Ladies Committee. We all hope he has a full and quick recovery and is soon back among us.

C. K. Ebbage, Chairman

LADIES ACTION COMMITTEE

Coaches to Oldham will leave the Interchange at 1.15pm and Odsal at 1.30pm. Prices will be £2.25 for adults and £1.50 for juniors. Please book early for this match, either at the coach Booking Office which is open half an hour before and after each home game, or ring Christine on 816006.

I have received an apology from the coach company regarding the double decker bus which they sent for the Leeds match and have been assured that this will not happen again.

Christine Stocks, Treasurer,
Bradford 816006

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Week No. 37

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In season 85-86 we changed our base of operations, firstly to Park Avenue C.C. and when that closed we went to the Rafter's Pub in Little Horton Lane with mine host Dave Francis. We finished half way up Division 7 and got to the semi final of the Hudson Foster Cup after two great games against West Bowling 'A', going down to Idle in the semi.

This season is going to be our season. We have obtained several new players, mainly in the pack — Alan Corlett from Fairweather Steelers, Max Boyce and Dave Barker, props who have given our pack more mobility, tackling power and bite. Such club stalwarts as Stuart Nunn (ex Northern Colt), John and Simon Poole, Chris Harland, Dave Pulford and Richard Morgan are all pulling for the club week in, week out. Paul Blakey, Geoff Bentley, Nick Smith and John Minton are all vying for the second row spots. Phil Kapellar, Barry Skyrme and Shane Kenny are also pushing for places.

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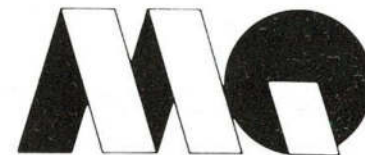
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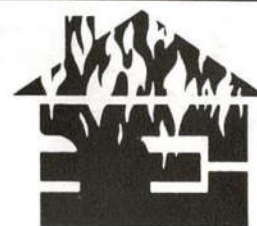
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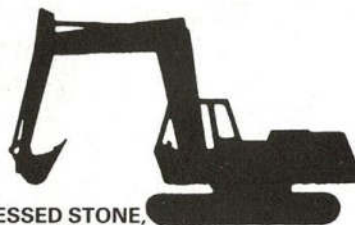
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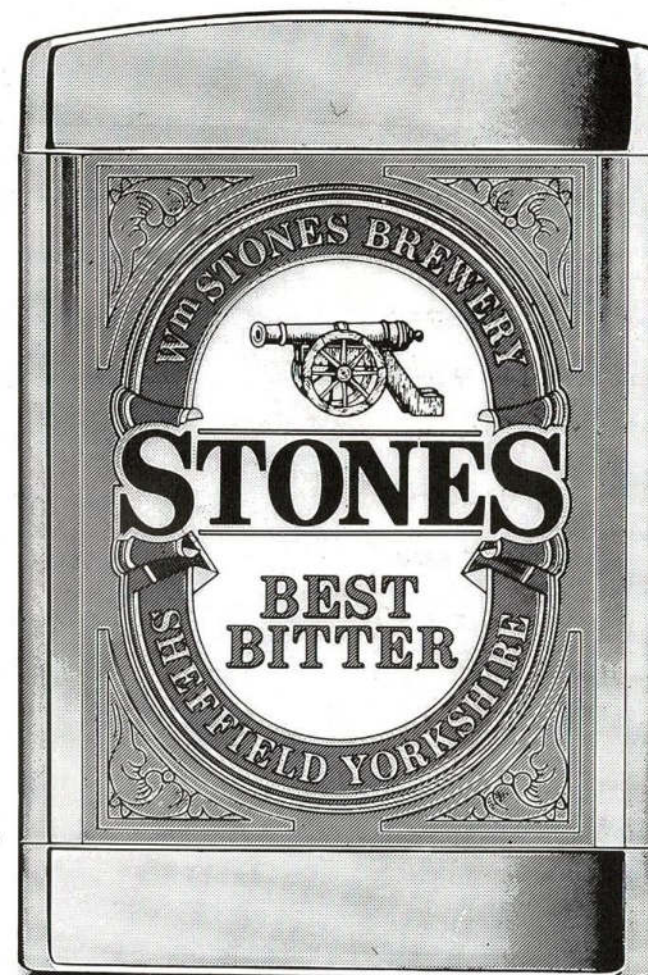
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