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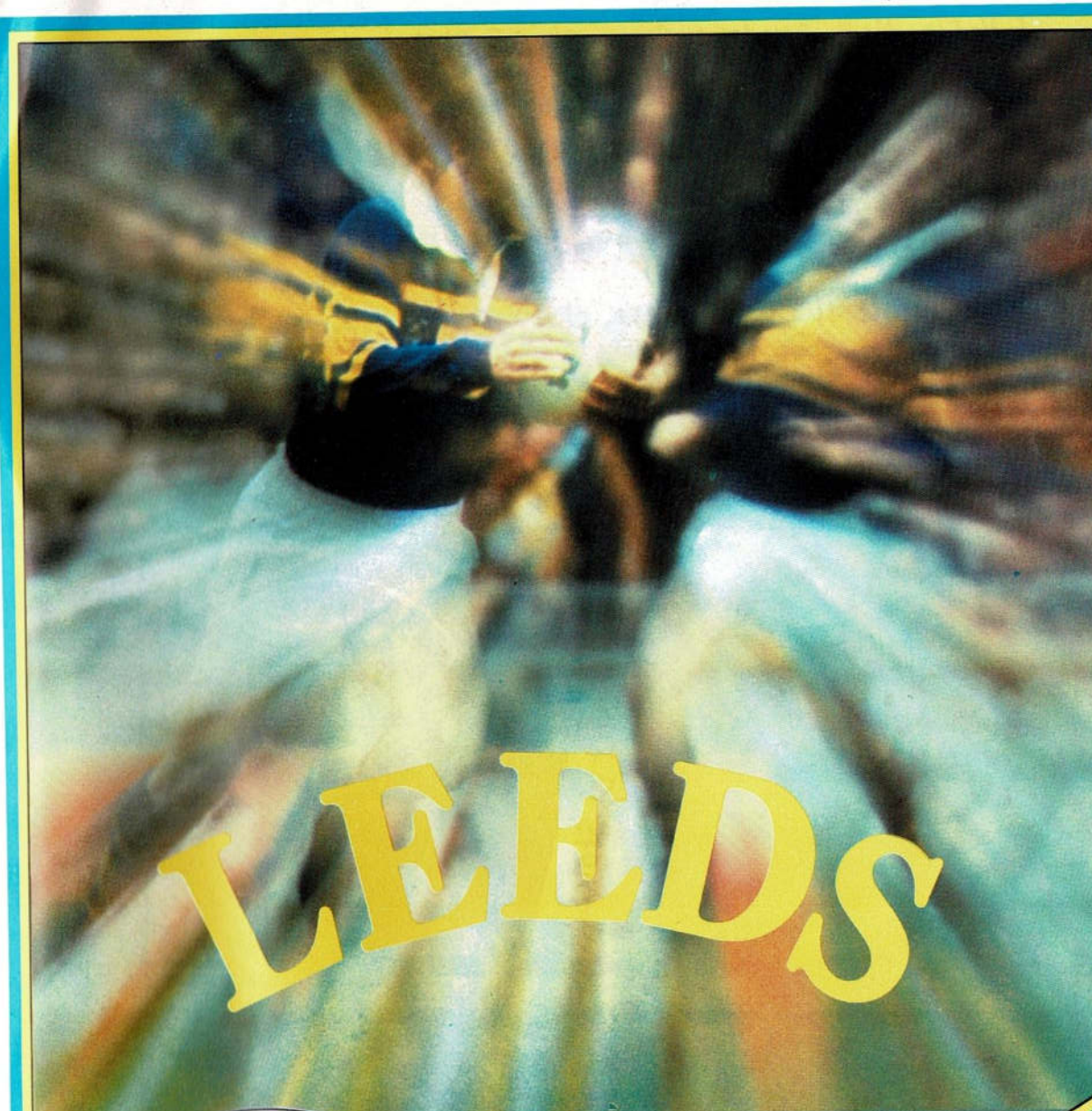
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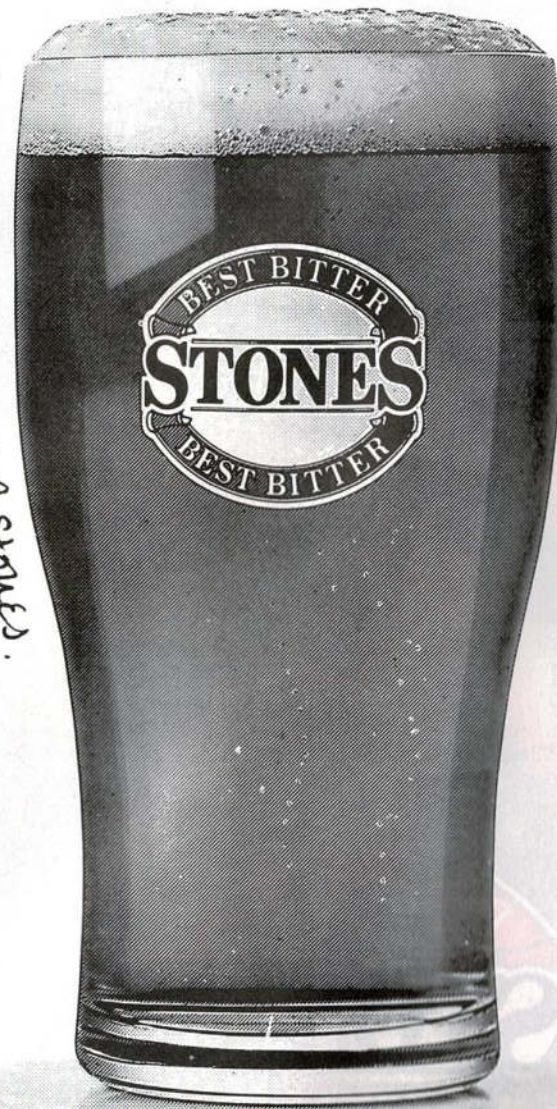


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When the amber sun slips slowly,
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The names jump out at one from the mist of memory — some, alas, of great players no longer with us. "Young" Jimmy Dunn who performed heroics in one of his early games. Bruce Ryan opposite me. Ken Ward and Johnnie Feather at half back. The former had joined Leeds from Oldham, while Johnnie did the move in reverse before moving on to Leigh and being tragically killed in a road accident. Dennis Scholes who brought me down a few feet from victory, and Wallaby Bob — captain in the absence of the injured Big A.

On our side Ganley — who was kicking himself into the record books, Billy Mitchell — a winger's centre if ever there was one — who took all the bumps for me and asked for little credit. Laurie Platt, Bryn Day, H. Bryn Goldswain (Captain) — who died all too early. The two Franks — Stirrup and Daley (also gone) at half back. Jack Keith (now back in Leeds), Charlie Winslade, Harry Ogden and Les Anthony. Now here's a quirk. Is it one for the record books? Or is it just a social commentary on Rugby League in South West Lancashire? All the backs I notice are "left footers". Bernard, Joe, Billy, Laurie, Terry, Frank and Frank.

The taxi taking us to training used to start in Widnes picking up Lal Tomlinson, Donegan and Gilmore. On to Wigan for Frank Daley; Leigh for Ganley, Stirrup and Davies. Then Warrington for Arthur Tomlinson, Bryn Day and me. Somehow we fitted in. A season's programmes could be filled with tales which could be related about après match activities and the roundabout journey home. Often Sunday dawn was breaking when the last weary rugby player put his aching head on the pillow. But it was a long time ago. We were young — and it was fun.



Today we welcome.

For the opening match of 1987 we welcome our friends from Oldham to Headingley, just as we did on New Year's Day in 1983, 1984 and 1986. The men from Watersheddings are certainly back among the game's elite clubs with former Test skipper and former Great Britain coach Frank Myler doing a sterling job at the helm. After reaching their first Challenge Cup semi-final for 22 years last March (hopes of a Leeds-Oldham Wembley meeting were dashed by Hull K.R. and Castleford), the Roughyeds have built on that success by qualifying for their first major final since 1968, going down valiantly to Wigan in the St. Helens Final of the Lancashire Cup. Myler's men were one of the few teams to stretch Australia's touring team, too, with a battling display at Watersheddings, yet there was disappointment in December when, having won at Odsal only seven days previously, they slipped up in the first round of the John Player Trophy to Bradford Northern. They began the season with a 14-12 defeat of Leeds in September, remaining unbeaten on home soil until runaway leaders St. Helens won a marvellous tussle 18-17. It was such fine home form which took Oldham to the Lancashire Cup Final, as they defeated Leigh (29-22), Workington Town (46-13) and Widnes (16-14) on their own midden for the right to contest the trophy with Wigan. Oldham had not won the trophy they dominated in the 50's since 1957, and they were never in the hunt against former player Andy Goodway and the rest, going down 27-6, with Balmain's Gary Bridge scoring their sole try. As in recent times Oldham have recruited shrewdly Down Under. In 1984-85 they signed two fine players in Parramatta's Paul Taylor and Chris Phelan, a 1983 Queensland tourist, while last season's Cup run was built around the Liddiard brothers (David and Glen) and mighty forward Mal Graham, whose departure to Bradford in the summer saddened both the player himself and the loyal Oldham fans. For 1986, however, Frank Myler signed some real characters in the huge shape of Bruce Clark, and the up-and-coming skills of Stuart Raper, son of the legendary Johnny, and versatile Bridge. As in 1985, utility man Gary Warnecke is a lynchpin of the ever-improving Oldham side. Full back Keith Atkinson was a try scorer against Leeds on the opening day of the season, and has three to his credit to date. Wingers Hussein M'Barki, Paul Sherman and Mike Taylor are all fast and elusive,

with the Moroccan M'Barki, a star for Fulham, proving a particular favourite with an Oldham contingent brought up on the wing play of John Etty, Mike Elliott, and those flyers of the fifties Terry O'Grady and record signing Ike Southward. Sherman has five tries at the time of writing, M'Barki four and Taylor three. Warnecke, formerly with Wests and Easts in Sydney has a sound reputation for being one of the most dependable men around, whether it be in a centre role, at stand off or in the back row of the pack. Every team needs a Gary Warnecke, who has already added eight tries to the 14 touchdowns recorded last term. Sharing the lead in the scoring stakes at Oldham is co-centre Des Foy, a Great Britain tourist in 1984 and a man who made three Test appearances in 1984 and 1985. Formerly with Widnes, the pacy Foy made his Test bow opposite Wally Lewis at stand off in 1984. Veteran former Wakefield and Hull stand off David Topliss has made a remarkable comeback from a bad road accident last year, and his presence adds quality to a potentially outstanding back division. Topliss, whose four Great Britain caps spanned a nine year period, scored his first try of the season in the 54-10 rout of his former Wakefield club at Belle Vue. Gary Bridge from Balmain in Sydney has ousted two notable number seven's at the Watersheddings in tourist Ray Ahton and the hard-working Paddy Kirwan. Another fine clubman is Colin Hawkyard who had the thrill of scoring against the tourists at Oldham. Big former Wests, Sydney prop "Bruiser" Clark is already a folk-hero in the town, particularly after his fine display against his fellow countrymen, and he has used his considerable weight to good advantage as Leeds found in September. With ex-Rochdale man Wally Jones, former Featherstone Rover Neil Clawson and versatile Great Britain man David Hobbs around, Myler has plenty of options for the crucial front row berths. Clawson, son of former Leeds and Great Britain prop Terry, was at his best against the Aussies, Hobbs has scored 6 tries and 36 goals in addition to starring for the red and whites in numerous games. Former Test loose forward Terry Flanagan has made a successful conversion to the hooking role, where his distributive skills can be utilised. Another '84 tourist, Terry won four caps in 1983 and 1984. Fellow tourist Mick Worrall responded to being transfer-listed by producing the

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finest form of his career, kicking 25 goals; crossing for four tries and setting the kind of forward lead which won him three Test caps on that 1984 tour Down Under. Tom Nadirole, too, has found his finest form this season, running with tremendous power from second row. Raper, from the same Cronulla club as Andrew Ettingshausen and Mark McGaw, has starred from day one when he scored in an impressive defeat of Hull K.R. and then played a vital role in Oldham's breathtaking second try against Australia, scored by Des Foy from Raper's sliderule kick for the corner. With ever-dependable Brian Caffrey, Jeff Edwards, Paul Lowndes and ex-Hunslet goalkicker Mick Parrish

around Frank Myler has a greater depth to his squad than perhaps a year ago, when Leeds produced one of their finest home displays of the season to crunch the men from Watersheddings by 22-6. That victory completed a Leeds "double" over Oldham, having won away by 30-14 in September 1985. Leeds must win to deny Oldham their first double success over Leeds since 1960-61, ironically the season when Leeds finally lifted the League Championship crown for the first time in history. Oldham's only win here in 20 years came in September 1984, when an awesome Andy Goodway display inspired them to an 18-14 win. Leeds denied them a double by drawing 8-8 at Watersheddings.

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FIRST DIVISION RECORD

At Headingley		At Watersheddings
Leeds 46-2	1973-74	Draw 8-8
Leeds 18-15	1975-76	Leeds 12-11
Leeds 56-10	1976-77	Leeds 18-10
Leeds 16-14	1980-81	Oldham 19-12
Draw 12-12	1982-83	Leeds 15-8
Leeds 16-12	1983-84	Oldham 25-16
Oldham 18-14	1984-85	Draw 8-8
Leeds 22-6	1985-86	Leeds 30-14
	1986-87	Oldham 14-12

DIVISION ONE SUMMARY

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst
Home	8	6	1	1	200	89
Away	9	4	2	3	131	115
TOTAL	17	10	3	4	331	204

LAST SEASON'S ENCOUNTER

Leeds and Oldham met on New Year's Day 1986 with Cliff Lyons switching effectively to scrum half, Henry Sharp making a debut and Trevor Clark breaking his forearm in his final appearance for Leeds. The teams were:

Leeds — Gill (5 goals); A. Smith, Healy, Currie (try), Sharp; Hague, Lyons (try); Grayshon, Clark, Powell, Webb, Medley (try), Kevin Rayne. Subs.: Maskill, Hill.

Oldham — M'Barki; G. Liddiard, Parrish (goal), Warnecke, M. Taylor; Topliss, Ashton; Morgan, Sanderson, Flanagan, Casev, Graham (try), Kirwan. Subs.: Edwards, Marsden.

OLDHAM'S LAST HEADINGLEY TRIUMPH

Oldham ended a 19 year wait by winning at Headingley on 23rd September, 1984, despite two debut tries for Leeds winger Tony Currie. It was also the debut of Queensland powerhouse Trevor Paterson, but Test forward Andy Goodway proved to be the matchwinner with a blistering last 20 minutes. The teams were:

Leeds — Wilkinson; Lulham, Heselwood, Creasser (3 goals), Currie (2 tries); Hague, Conway; Moorby, Clark, Webb, Powell, Paterson, D. Heron. Sub.: Dick.

Oldham — A. Taylor; Vigo (try); Parrish (3 goals), D. Foy (try); M. Taylor (try); Birkby, Kirwan; Morgan, McCurrie, Goodway, Hawkyard, Nadiole, Platt. Subs.: Caffrey, Chadwick.

1983 DRAMATIC DRAW

On New Year's Day 1983 the two teams fought a 12-12 draw at Headingley, the first post-war draw between the sides at the Leeds ground, although they have drawn twice at Watersheddings since the two divisional era came into being in 1973-74. The teams on that occasion four years ago were:

Leeds — Hague; Alan Smith, Wilkinson, Dyl, Andy Smith (try); Holmes, Conway (2 goals); Sykes, Ward, Burke, Keith Rayne, W. Heron, D. Heron. Subs.: Dick (try, goal), Heselwood.

Oldham — Caffrey; Vigo, Foy, Hawkyard, Dobb; Parrish (3 goals), Ashton; Coombes, McCurrie, Goodway (try), Jones (try), Worrall, Flanagan. Subs.: Platt.

RUNAWAY LEEDS VICTORY

Leeds attained their highest score against the men from Watersheddings in March 1977, with a 14 try annihilation of a side doomed to relegation, while Leeds had just qualified for Wembley. The teams were:

Leeds — Murrell (5 goals); D. Smith (2 tries), Fletcher (2 tries), Dyl (try), Atkinson (4 tries); Holmes (2 tries), Banner, Harrison, Ward (try), White, Eccles (try), Cookson, Fearnley. Subs.: Oulton (try, 2 goals), D. Heron.

It was Peter Banner's final Headingley appearance prior to his emigration to Australia.

Oldham — O'Brien; Elliott, Munro, Hill, Lund; Whittle (try), Treasure (try, goal); Owen, O'Mahoney, Hicks, Flanagan, Pollard (goal), I. Taylor. Sub.: Ashcroft.

INAUGURAL FIRST DIVISION MATCH

Leeds and Oldham met on the opening day of the 1973-74 season, the commencement of the new two divisional era, with Leeds in rampant form against a side doomed to relegation. The Leeds team which ran riot on 18th August, 1973, included 13 internationals.

Leeds — Holmes (8 goals); Smith, Hynes (4 tries), Dyl, Atkinson (try); Hardisty, Hepworth (try); Jeanes (try), D. Ward, Clarkson, Cookson (2 tries), Haigh (try), Batten. Subs.: Edwards, Eccles.

Oldham — Blair; Elliott, Larder (goal), Wainwright, O'Brien; Whitmore, Davies; Wilson, Taylor, Ashcroft, Irving, Hall, Farrell. Sub.: Daley.

CHALLENGE CUP DRAW

PRELIMINARY ROUND

HUNSLET v YORK

ST. HELENS v SWINTON

CASTLEFORD v BLACKBROOK (St. Helens)

WORKINGTON TOWN v WIGAN

ELLAND v HEWORTH

KELLS v FULHAM

FIRST ROUND PROPER

ROCHDALE HORNETS v CARLISLE

WARRINGTON v BRADFORD N.

SHEFFIELD EAGLES v KEIGHLEY

BLACKPOOL B. v WAKEFIELD T.

FEATHERSTONE R. v HUNSLET/YORK

BARROW v BATLEY

DEWSBURY v ST. HELENS/SWINTON

SALFORD v LEEDS

CASTLEFORD/BLACKBROOK v WIDNES

OLDHAM v WORKINGTON/WIGAN

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THE NEW YEAR

We could have no more welcome visitors to Headingley to see us into the New Year, than our good friends from Oldham. They were here exactly one year ago for the holiday fixture, which Leeds won by 22-6, thereby completing a fairly rare "double", for we had won at Watersheddings earlier in the season. Since these notes were compiled Oldham have been recent visitors to high-flying St. Helens and then received Salford on Boxing Day, so there may well be some changes in their side, and indeed in our own, from that printed on the back of this programme, and we trust that supporters will understand that due to printers' copy deadlines over the holiday both sides will probably take the field showing differences from the names given on the team sheet page.

THE FOOTBALL FIELD

At the half-way stage of the season, and after more than 20 League, Cup, Representative and Alliance matches on it since September, the football field is looking in excellent condition for this time of the year, thanks to the dedication and sheer hard work, often in inclement weather, on the parts of our Head Groundsman, Mr. Keith Boyce, and his staff. It is a playing area for all supporters to be proud of and in order to help keep it that way, you too can help Keith by refraining from entering the main field at any time, and especially at the interval. If you wish to "change ends" on the terraces, by all means do so, but please keep outside the playing area boundary wall. The co-operation of all supporters, both young and old, but especially our junior followers, will be very much appreciated in this matter.

CONGRATULATIONS go to two of the youngest players on our professional register, half back Paul Delaney and centre three quarter Ikram Butt who have gained recognition for their outstanding rugby this season by

being nominated for the shadow squad for the Great Britain Colts Team which will play France at Toulouse on Saturday, 7th February. The Colts Team is coached by that former top-class Wigan forward, Geoff Lyon, who has been impressed by both our young backs this term. We wish Paul and Ikram well in their quest for eventual honours both at Colts and higher levels, as their careers progress. The manager of the Great Britain Colts Team is our Football Chairman, Mr. Jepson.

THE ALLIANCE TEAM

Our reserves lost their last home fixture which had to be postponed due to the Hull-Wigan John Player Special Trophy semi-final at Headingley on 20th December. That was the day when Barrow were due to be our visitors in the Alliance League, so a new date will be found for this match later in the season. The Leeds team will be back at Headingley tomorrow night when we play Warrington, who won a tremendous match between the two sides by 40-24, when we met last in an Alliance League game at Wilderspool almost two months ago. The kick-off at Headingley tomorrow, Friday, 2nd January, will be at 7.30 p.m. as usual.

TEST MATCH

On Saturday, 24th January, we shall be staging the Whitbread Trophy Bitter Test Match at Headingley, between Great Britain and France. The kick-off will be at 2.15 p.m. Centre Stand seats are £6.00 and Wing Stand seats will be £5.00. Ground admission on the day will be £4.00 adults and £2.00 juniors and pensioners.

WEMBLEY SCHOOLBOY CURTAIN RAISER

Leeds Under-11s and Warrington Under-11s have been selected to contest the 1987 Schoolboy Curtain Raiser to the Silk Cut Challenge Cup Final at Wembley. The popular schoolboy showpiece was launched in 1975 and the 12th junior encounter will be staged at the 1987 Final on Saturday, 2nd May, kicking-off at 2.00 p.m. for 12 minutes each way. Leeds appeared in the second Schoolboy Curtain Raiser in 1975, drawing 5-5 with Hull, while Warrington achieved the same scoreline against Hunslet in 1980. The ball boys for the 1987 Silk Cut Challenge Cup Final will be provided by Hunslet and Morley Under-13s.

SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

Happy New Year to all supporters. This afternoon we welcome from over the border the officials and members of the Oldham Rugby League Supporters Club and trust they had a safe journey over the M62.

Social Club members are reminded that the 1987 subscriptions are now being taken by Mr. Mick Abbott, Secretary, at the following hours, Sundays 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., Monday and Friday evenings 8.30 to 9.30 p.m., Saturday evenings 8.00 to 9.00 p.m., male members £1.15, ladies and O.A.P.s 50p. Don't forget your 1986 card must be produced when paying subscriptions. Have you got your copy of our new Supporters Handbook yet, good value for £1.00 or by post £1.50 from the Supporters Secretary, Mrs. D. Hall, 22 Mayville Street, Leeds 6. Cheques or postal orders made payable to the "Leeds Supporters Club". The handbook will be on sale at different points in the ground and the Supporters Shop adjacent to the Social Club at the rear of the South Stand. Derek who runs the well stocked Programme and Souvenir Shop will be pleased to serve supporters one hour before each game and 30 minutes after.

Finally, owing to the holidays these notes have been written prior to the Barrow and Wakefield games. Let's hope we have had two good results so that we can all get behind the team today with the same enthusiasm we did against Hull Kingston Rovers. So happy sporting 1987 to all the Management, Coaches and Playing Staff.

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Most of the draws so far have taken place at First or Reserve matches at Headingley, though we have already visited Burley Liberal Club with the draw. In the New Year we shall continue with the draw at First Team games but intend to visit various Clubs and Hotels on those occasions when the team is away. Details of the venues of the draws will be given in each match day programme, where they are known in advance.

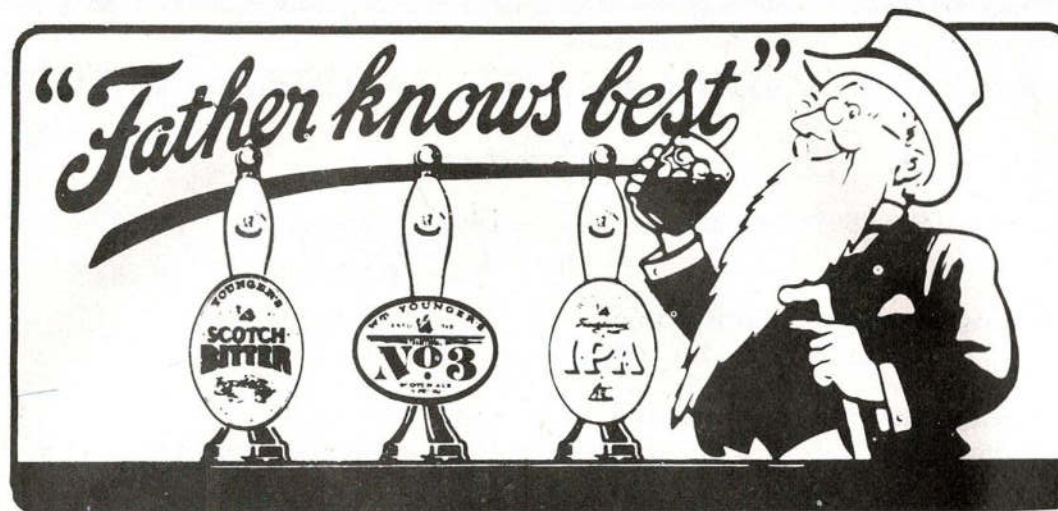
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Mr. David Johnson, Director of Sales William Younger, is seen presenting the "Man of the Match" award to Mark Conway for his performance against Hull K.R. on 14th December, 1986. Leeds Football Chairman Mr. Harry Jepson looks on.



1. Which member of Leeds' 1971 Wembley team joined Oldham the following year?
2. Name the Welsh International half back who joined Leeds from Oldham in 1977.
3. Who is Oldham's most capped Great Britain international?
4. Oldham coach Frank Myler had coached three other clubs prior to taking charge at Watersheddings in May 1983. Name them, and the year he won the Harry Sunderland Award in the Championship Final against Leeds.
5. When Oldham won the Second Division championship in 1981-82 which team were runners-up to them?
6. Which Leeds player made his First Team debut against Oldham at Watersheddings on the opening day of the season?

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ANSWERS TO PRIZE QUIZ No. 8

1. David Stephenson; Lee Crooks; Andy Gregory.
2. They met Bradford N. in the first round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.
3. Ian Wilkinson, against Salford.
4. (a) Bradford (b) Barrow and Hull (c) St. Helens (d) Warrington (e) Featherstone (f) Widnes (g) Warrington.
5. Ray Batten (twice) and Bob Haigh.



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John Holmes' brief spell as captain brought the Yorkshire Cup victory of 1976

JOHN HOLMES A HEADINGLEY LEGEND IN HIS OWN TIME

He recently made his 600th first class First Team appearance in the blue and amber of his only club, and today will mark the twentieth consecutive year in which he has played for Leeds. In a special tribute to the greatest servant in Headingley history, we salute the John Holmes career in facts and figures.

Part Two of this feature will continue in the next home programme when John discusses the events which have shaped the most remarkable success story.

When a 16 year old named John Holmes first wore the Leeds colours for a Lazenby Cup encounter against Hunslet at the old Parkside ground on 12th August, 1968, the sparse crowd could scarcely believe their eyes as the precocious youngster claimed a try and ten goals in an astonishing display of ability and maturity. The lad from Kirkstall Boys Club had been earmarked for a bright future by Roy Francis and his staff during the cup winning year of 1968, when the schoolboy prodigy shone in reserve football, yet few anticipated such a remarkable entry into First Team ranks, even allowing for the fact that the game was a pre-season pipe-opener. At that time, more than half his life ago, Rugby League was a vastly different game to the one in which Holmes is still a master in the mid-1980's. In those far-off days the majority of games were still played on a Saturday. Substitutes were only allowed for injured players. The tackle limit was four, not six. There were no timekeepers, a drop-goal was worth two points, and a try just three, while Colts leagues, Alliance leagues, B.A.R.L.A., two divisions and the John Player Trophy were way in the distance. The number one record in the charts was "Fire" by the Crazy world of Arthur Brown, decimalisation was three years away, and West Bromwich Albion were holders of the F.A. Cup. It gives a fair

indication of the longevity of Holmes' brilliant career doesn't it?

The doubters who felt that Holmes would be found out in "real" matches soon had their theory dispelled. With Bev Risman sidelined for a midweek fixture at Hull K.R., Francis had no hesitation in giving John his official debut. On a wretched August evening, with incessant rain making a full back's life difficult the teenager answered all the questions and kicked three goals in a 17-10 defeat of the previous season's championship runners-up. The success story was already under way and John Holmes was off and running in pursuit of Fred Webster's half-century old appearance record for Leeds. He had some memorable moments along the way:

1968-69 (3 appearances)

In that debut season Holmes added three further appearances to those mentioned, including a Hunslet-Leeds match which was switched to Headingley at Christmas, an occasion which saw him alongside brother Phil for the only time in Leeds colours.

1969-70 (24 appearances)

John was being steadily groomed to take over from Risman when the former Great Britain skipper injured his knee in a Cup-Tie at Warrington, prematurely ending a brilliant

career. Holmes was thrust into the fray for a Cup quarter-final at Hull K.R. (that ground again) and played his part in taking Leeds into their second consecutive Championship Final, John's first in the big-time. Earlier in the campaign he had endured a nightmarish goalkicking experience against French champions Perpignan at Headingley.

1970-71 (71 appearances)

Fully established, John missed just three of Leeds' 50 match programme, finishing third in the goalkicking charts behind Kel Coslett and Stuart Ferguson, with an impressive tally of 159 in his first full season. Also appeared in three major Finals, although Wembley proved a disappointment for him.

1971-72 (120 appearances)

Another massive appearance tally of 49, including another Wembley setback, and a huge role in the Championship defeat of St. Helens. Shared kicking duties with new signing Terry Clawson, and weighed in with a 20 try contribution. Test honours deservedly came the way of the versatile 19 year old, fittingly making his debut v New Zealand at Headingley.

1972-73 (170 appearances)

Holmes reached the magical 50 appearances mark for the season, missing just two of a mammoth workload. The year of his "shot-putt" pass in the John Player Final as he sent Atkinson in for the clinching try in a most unorthodox manner. Was winner of the White Rose Trophy for a superlative three try full back display in the Yorkshire Cup Final. Created a Test record of 26 points (two tries, 10 goals) in a World Cup encounter against New Zealand, helping Britain to victory in the Final. Played in Leeds' last fixture against Hunslet at Parkside, where it all began.

1973-74 (200 appearances)

Suffered the first injury set-back of his magical career to date, at a most inopportune time. A knee injury sustained in a cup-tie at Dewsbury ended his almost certain chance of making the 1974 tour of Australia. Won his third Yorkshire Cup medal in four years, and began to move more into the centre.

1974-75 (240 appearances)

Back under the command of old mentor Roy Francis, he moved exclusively to stand off, before reverting to full back for Leeds' success in the inaugural Premiership competition. Gradually giving the goalkicking role away, but contributed 18 tries.

1975-76 (280 appearances)

After surprisingly missing out on England's 1975 World Cup trip to Australasia, John was recalled to play a large part in the European leg of the tournament, scoring four tries including the winner against the Aussies. Topped the Leeds try chart for the first time and gained yet another Yorkshire Cup medal. Only made three full back appearances, all in cup football.

1976-77 (317 appearances)

A brief spell as skipper saw Leeds lift the Yorkshire Cup, but he had handed on to David Ward by the time Leeds lifted the cup at Wembley to complete John's medal collection. His influence was

huge, sending Dyl in for the critical try with a classic inside pass.

1977-78 (348 appearances)

Another Holmes-inspired Wembley triumph salvaged something from a disappointing campaign. The mystery was how he failed to add the Lance Todd Trophy to the list of other awards. Leeds Player of the Year, following his first trip to Australia for the 1977 World Cup.

1978-79 (386 appearances)

"I wanted Holmes, not Millward" said Peter Fox after the Ashes had been taken from Great Britain once more. The maestro was at his most consistent, and missed just one match for Leeds—the Premiership Final which he had done so much to help Leeds qualify. Compensation came with another, full, trip to Australia, and the retention of the Leeds award.

1979-80 (422 appearances)

Holmes' influence took Leeds to the top of the table in January, but away form cost them the title. No signs of fatigue following the exhausting tour and a sixth Yorkshire Cup medal went into the trophy cabinet.

1980-81 (450 appearances)

Another Yorkshire Cup triumph, against all odds at Fartown, was the sole memory of a joyless Leeds season, signalling the end of the Hynes era. A switch to the second row position seemed far too premature, and John hardly enjoyed the 10 match stint up front.

1981-82 (485 appearances)

Under Robin Dewhurst, John rediscovered his appetite and flair as they went within a hairsbreadth of a Wembley trip. His 12 try return was his best for five years. He made countless more.

1982-83 (522 appearances)

Holmes' genius took Leeds to the top of the table for a brief period, and into their first John Player Final for ten years. Great Britain recalled him to face the unbeaten Kangaroos, after a three year exile. Even at 30 Holmes was still the best stand off in Britain.

1983-84 (558 appearances)

After a disastrous start, Maurice Bamford for the best out of Leeds and Holmes, who scored one of 12 tries in some style in the John Player win at Central Park. John was the only survivor from the 1973 success, though David Ward had been a substitute 11 years earlier.

1984-85 (586 appearances)

The Headingley wizard amazed his Australian colleagues with the variety of his game as Leeds reached three major semis without reward. Unknown at the time the great man was contemplating retirement. Could Leeds do without him? Could Holmes bear the frustration of retirement?

1986-87 (600 appearances)

A season's rest did no harm, and Peter Fox was delighted to welcome back a player he had yearned to work with at club level, remembering how often he had undone his Bradford teams of the past. Holmes finally reached the 600 appearance barrier which had seemed beyond him.

JOHN HOLMES APPEARANCE BREAKDOWN

Competition	Full App.	Subs. App.
League	393	11
Challenge Cup	44	1
Yorkshire Cup	44	—
John Player Trophy	39	2
Top 16 Play-Offs	15	—
Premiership	16	—
Floodlit Trophy	24	1
Captain Morgan Trophy	3	—
Tour Games	5	—
European Championship	1	—
TOTAL	584	16

Additionally John has made 10 Lazenby Cup appearances, plus one for Leeds v Great Britain in 1972.

POSITIONAL BREAKDOWN OF APPEARANCES

Full back	170
Right centre	70
Left centre	31
Stand off	303
Second row	10
Substitute	16
	600

MILESTONES

Debut : HULL K.R. (A), 19-8-68, (3 goals)
 50th Appearance : HUDDERSFIELD (H),
 17-10-70, (4 goals)
 100th Appearance : WIDNES (H), Cup,
 29-1-72
 150th Appearance : ST. HELENS (H),
 John Player, 13-1-73
 200th Appearance : DEWSBURY (A), Cup,
 10-3-74
 250th Appearance : NEW HUNSLET (A),
 Floodlit Trophy, 21-10-75, (3 goals, D.G.)
 300th Appearance : WARRINGTON (A),
 19-12-76
 350th Appearance : BRAMLEY (H),
 Floodlit Trophy, 26-8-78
 400th Appearance : WIGAN (H), 8-12-79
 450th Appearance : BRADFORD N. (H),
 17-4-81
 500th Appearance : CASTLEFORD (A),
 14-11-82
 550th Appearance : WORKINGTON T. (A)
 Cup, 26-2-84
 600th Appearance : HULL K.R. (H),
 14-12-86

SEASONAL TOTALS

* Value of a try increased to four points

	App.	Sub.	T	G	DG	Pts.
1968-69	3	—	—	9	—	18
1969-70	17	4	—	58	—	116
1970-71	47	—	4	159	—	330
1971-72	49	—	20	88	—	236
1972-73	50	—	16	60	—	168
1973-74	27	3	6	44	—	106
1974-75	38	2	18	35	—	124
1975-76	39	1	16	52	3	155
1976-77	37	—	13	20	5	84
1977-78	31	—	7	2	5	30
1978-79	37	1	9	—	1	28
1979-80	35	1	4	—	3	15
1980-81	27	1	5	1	2	19
1981-82	35	—	12	—	5	41
1982-83	37	—	6	—	2	20
1983-84*	36	—	12	—	—	48
1984-85	26	2	1	—	1	5
1985-86	Made no appearances					
1986-87	13	1	1	—	1	5
TOTALS	584	16	150	526	28	1548

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Great Britain
 (14 Full appearances,
 6 Substitute appearances)
 1971 New Zealand, Leeds (2G, 2DG)
 1972 France, Toulouse (2G)
 France, Bradford (1T, 6G)
World Cup
 Australia, Perpignan, New Zealand,
 (2T, 10G)
Final
 Australia, Lyon
 1977 **World Cup**
 France, Auckland
 New Zealand, Christchurch
 Australia, Brisbane
 Australia, Sydney
 1978 Australia, Wigan
 Australia, Bradford
 Australia, Leeds
 1979 Australia, Brisbane
 Australia, Sydney
 Australia, Sydney
 New Zealand, Auckland
 New Zealand, Christchurch
 New Zealand, Auckland
 1982 Australia, Wigan

1979 AUSTRALASIAN TOUR
 13 appearances (6 Tests), 1 try, 2 goals,
 7 points

England

5 Full appearances,
 2 Substitutes
 1975 World Cup

Wales, Warrington (1T)
 Australia, Wigan (1T)
 France, Bordeaux (2T)
 New Zealand, Bradford
 1977 Wales, Leeds
 France, Carcassonne
 1978 France, Toulouse

YORKSHIRE COUNTY

8 Full appearances
 1973 Lancashire, Widnes
 1975 Cumbria, Dewsbury (1T, 2G)
 Other Nationalities, Bradford (2G)
 Lancashire, Wigan (4G)
 1981 Lancashire, Castleford
 Cumbria, Whitehaven
 Cumbria, Castleford
 Lancashire, Leigh

MAJOR MATCHES FOR LEEDS

Cup Finals

19 appearances, 14 wins
 1970 Championship (St. Helens) L
 Yorkshire Cup (Featherstone) W
 Floodlit (St. Helens) W
 1971 Wembley (Leigh) L
 1972 Wembley (St. Helens) L
 Championship (St. Helens) W
 Yorkshire Cup (Dewsbury) W
 1973 John Player (Salford) W
 Championship (Dewsbury) L
 Yorkshire Cup (Wakefield) W
 1975 Premiership (St. Helens) W
 Yorkshire Cup (Hull K.R.) W
 1976 Yorkshire Cup (Featherstone) W
 1977 Wembley (Widnes) W
 1978 Wembley (St. Helens) W
 1979 Yorkshire Cup (Halifax) W
 1980 Yorkshire Cup (Hull K.R.) W
 1983 John Player (Wigan) L
 1984 John Player (Widnes) W
 1985 John Player (Hull) L
 Premiership (Hull K.R.) L

CUP SEMI-FINALS

34 Appearances, 20 Wins
 1970 Championship (Hull K.R.) W
 Yorkshire Cup (Hull) W
 Floodlit (Hull K.R.) W
 1971 Challenge Cup (Castleford) W
 Championship (St. Helens) L
 Floodlit (St. Helens) L
 1972 John Player (Halifax) L
 Challenge Cup (Halifax) W

Championship (Salford) W
 Yorkshire Cup (Huddersfield) W
 1973 John Player (St. Helens) W
 Championship (St. Helens) W
 Yorkshire Cup (Bradford) W
 Capt. Morgan (Warrington) L
 1975 Premiership (Hull K.R.) W
 Yorkshire Cup (Keighley) W
 Floodlit (Dewsbury) L
 1976 Premiership (St. Helens) L
 Yorkshire Cup (Dewsbury) W
 Challenge Cup (St. Helens) W
 1977 Challenge Cup (Featherstone) W
 1978 Challenge Cup (Featherstone) W
 1979 Premiership (Wigan) W
 Yorkshire Cup (Wakefield) W
 1980 Premiership (Widnes) L
 Yorkshire Cup (Huddersfield) W
 1982 Challenge Cup (Widnes) L
 1983 John Player (Widnes) W
 Premiership (Hull) L
 Yorkshire Cup (Hull) L
 1984 John Player (Leigh) W
 Challenge Cup (Widnes) L
 Yorkshire Cup (Hull) L

APPEARANCES AGAINST INDIVIDUAL CLUBS

	At Headingley	Away	Neutral
Barrow	15	6	9
Batley	13	5	8
Blackpool B.	4	1	3
Bradford N.	34	17	17
Bridgend	1	1	—
Bramley	16	10	6
Carlisle	2	1	1
Castleford	39	19	20
Dewsbury	12	5	7
Doncaster	2	2	—
Featherstone	27	16	11
Fulham	5	2	3
Halifax	19	12	7
Huddersfield	14	7	7
Hull	32	15	17
Hull K.R.	34	19	15
Hunslet	12	6	6
Keighley	15	8	7
Leigh	24	13	11
Oldham	20	10	10
Rochdale H.	8	4	4
Salford	26	14	12
St. Helens	38	22	16
Sheffield	1	1	—
Swinton	5	2	3
Wakefield	31	15	16
Warrington	24	14	10
Whitehaven	9	5	4
Widnes	31	14	17
Wigan	29	17	12
Workington	15	7	8
York	12	6	6
Australia	3	3	—
New Zealand	2	2	—
Queensland	1	1	—
Perpignan	1	1	—
Total	303	273	24

LYONS IN WINTER

Cliff's Return

Three o'clock on a cold, dark, cheerless winter's afternoon in December, and Cup fever comes to South Yorkshire for a second successive Sunday. Last weekend Doncaster provided the shock of the season as they overturned the Rovers of Hull, now the Eagles of Sheffield have their sights on emulating their near-neighbours by progressing into the John Player Quarter-Finals at the expense of First Division Barrow. Indeed, the Sheffield side are already creating their own piece of history by appearing in the second round of a cup competition for the first time.

The term "cup fever" is used loosely as the Owlerton Stadium contains barely 600 spectators for an intriguing tie featuring the likes of Nick Du Toit, David Cairns, Kevin Hastings . . . and Cliff Lyons, who is undoubtedly the focus of attention for the tiny band of "redundant" Leeds fans who help to swell the pitiful gathering. It hardly seems the perfect setting for one of the game's great talents, as the man who created such an impression at Headingley last season goes into his third match for Sheffield, his brief sojourn having been shrunk by the four-match suspension which he carried with him from Sydney. It was the major reason for his arrival at Sheffield, and not Leeds. The most illustrious signing in "Eagles" short history was undoubtedly earning his keep by assuming the role of captain, goalkicker, organiser, touchkicker, in addition to the many other tasks which Cliff Lyons naturally takes upon himself during the 80 minutes course of a Rugby League match. The Eagles had been rocked by the pre-match withdrawals of ace goalkicker Roy Rafferty and young captain Darryl Powell (Sheffield's most experienced clubman having amassed 74 appearances since his debut in the opening match in 1984), and Cliff found himself leading a bunch of promising kids against such a collection of battle-hardened, wordly-wise pros as Cairns, one of the most under-rated scrum halves in Britain, Hastings, a veteran of ten seasons in Sydney and a player who was desperately unlucky to miss the 1982 Kangaroo tour, Du Toit, shamefully shown the door by Wigan purely to accommodate Wally Lewis, and the likes of Norman Turley, Brian Blacker and the nuggety Steve Pitchford lookalike, Mark Meskell, a blockbusting prop from Brisbane. It seemed certain to be an unequal contest as Fred Lindop, back from the dizzier heights of officiating the France—Australia Test match in sunny Perpignan, whistled the start of Sheffield's biggest match to date.

Eagerly and often the young Yorkshiremen flew into the tackle, these "unknowns" Lidbury, Wilders, Aston, Glancy, Miller and ex-Halifax centre, the highly promising Andy Dickinson. Barrow were knocked out of their stride on a cramped pitch and the Eagles stunned them when Lyons and former Leeds Colt Mark Gamson did the build-up work for a Gary Smith try. Lyons, having caught the Headingley goalkicking "disease" missed with the kickable conversion attempt and then failed with a long-distance effort, to the groans of the faithful, yet in all other departments the Manly wizard was in a class of his own. Every Sheffield move revolved around him, his tactical kicking kept Barrow penned back in their own half, he set a marvellous defensive lead, and was naturally, the coolest customer on the park. Fittingly Sheffield extended their lead with the try of the game, a 60 yard sweep down the right with Lidbury crossing for an 8—0 advantage which Lyons was unable to improve. Barrow hit back to make it 8—4 at the break, but it could so easily have been all over had Lyons' fingertips been able to hang on to an interception which he had read expertly.

The youngsters were beginning to tire, Barrow knew it, and so did Lyons as his prodigious kicks attempted to stave off the inevitable. The heavy scrum beating was also taking its toll

and it was Hastings who broke the home side, with Turley landing the only goal of the afternoon for a 10—8 lead. Spiritedly Sheffield raised their game, and Lyons' 60 yard surge down centrefield almost brought them back from the dead, before a Tickle score appeared to have ended the contest at 14—8. The Sheffield youngsters were still hammering away at the Barrow line as the final hooter sounded with Lyons having had a "try" disallowed for a double-movement two minutes from time, and glory. It was a gutsy effort which epitomised the man's approach to Rugby League. While certain Australian players have been accused of giving less than 100% after joining English clubs on fat contracts, such a criticism could not be levelled at a player who clearly loves playing the game. He admits that, like Mario Fenech, he came to England primarily to erase his suspension for the start of the new Sydney season in February, but, unlike Fenech, who left Odsal just two matches after achieving his cynical objective, Lyons could not be accused of short-changing his English club. Indeed, Eagles coach, former Leeds hooker Gary Hetherington is utilising the man's appeal by taking him into schools to do vital promotional work for the league's fledgling outfit. Admirably, Sheffield are promoting youth Rugby League in the area with great zeal, and Lyons is doing more than most to spread the gospel. Additionally, his influence on Hetherington's young players on the field of play could prove invaluable in the not-too-distant future, as they edge towards a top three spot in the promotion battle.

Showered and changed, an exhausted Cliff Lyons sipped a lager (Fosters naturally) in the well appointed bar after the game and reflected on the events which surprisingly brought him back for a second stint in England.

"I'd have loved to return for another spell at Leeds", says Cliff, who scored 16 tries for the Loiners in 1985-86, "But having a four match ban and being forced to return home for my wedding in January made it a poor deal for Leeds, so I was delighted to come to Sheffield where I'm enjoying the football and the hospitality. It's great to be assisting one of the developing clubs in the game, even though crowds are invariably low and the standard is a far cry from Sydney. It's rewarding to go into schools to do promotional work on behalf of the club, they are absolutely correct to develop their club at grass-roots level — it will all come right for them in the long term if they look after the kids. Football's all about experience and I'm adding to my own by playing in a different environment on different grounds".

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Cliff Lyons in action with Leeds



LEEDS R.L.

1986	Opponents and Venue	Att.	Result F A	1	2	3	4	5	
Aug. 31	Oldham (A)	4,621	12—14	Wilkinson	A. Smith	Creasser 1G	Gibson	Francis	
Sept. 3	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS (H)	5,496	33—12	Gill 4G	A. Smith	Johnson	Gibson 2T	Pratt	
7	ST. HELENS (H)	7,675	20—40	Gill	Pratt	Creasser 2G	Gibson 2T	A. Smith	
12	KEIGHLEY (H) Yorkshire Cup, Rnd 1	2,862	40—4	Wilkinson	Pratt	★ Creasser 2T 4G	Gibson 1T	Francis	
24	Castleford (A) Yorkshire Cup, Rnd 2	7,124	16—38	Wilkinson	Francis	Creasser 1T	Gibson 1T	Sharp	
28	Widnes (A)	3,500	10—35	Wilkinson	Francis	Creasser 1G	Gibson	Sharp	
Oct. 5	SALFORD (H)	6,349	46—10	Wilkinson 3T	Francis 1T	E'hausen 1T	Creasser 2T 7G	Sharp	
12	Halifax (A)	6,000	8—23	Cooper	Sharp	E'hausen 2T	Medley	Francis	
19	AUSTRALIA (H)	10,794	0—40	Gill	Creasser	E'hausen	McGaw	Francis	
26	BRADFORD NORTHERN (H)	7,339	4—12	Wilkinson	Creasser	E'hausen 1T	McGaw	Francis	
Nov. 2	Hull (A)	6,205	32—10	Wilkinson	Creasser 4G	E'hausen 2T	McGaw	Mason 1T	
9	Wakefield Trinity (A)	3,641	28—14	Wilkinson	Creasser 2T 4G	E'hausen	Mason 2T	Francis	
16	WARRINGTON (H)	6,690	16—54	Wilkinson 1T	Creasser	E'hausen	Mason 1T	Cooper	
23	Leigh (A)	2,500	8—20	Wilkinson	Mason	E'hausen	McGaw	Staniland	
30	Wigan (A) J. Player Special Trophy, Rnd 1	9,081	10—32	Wilkinson 1T	Mason	E'hausen	McGaw 1T	Fox	
Dec. 14	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS (H)	5,645	42—7	E'hausen 1T	Francis 1T	Mason	McGaw 1T	Fox 1T	
21	Barrow (A)	★ Denotes Wm. Younger's Leeds Player of the Match (Home matches only)							
26	WAKEFIELD TRINITY (H)	A SEASON IN THE HISTORY OF LEEDS R.L.F.C. SEASON 1948-49 There was a further slide in the playing fortunes of the Leeds club despite tremendous activity in the transfer market which brought, among others, future Australian hooker and tour captain Ken Kearney and star Scottish winger Drew Turnbull to Headingley. There was wonderful support at the turnstiles as well in this boom period for spectator sport with our average League gate reaching 19,000 and 37,000 plus crowds for the cup-tie visits of Hunslet and Huddersfield. After unexpected success over Halifax in the first round of the Yorkshire Cup we went out to Hunslet in the second round at Headingley, 10—7. The final, between Bradford and Castleford was played at Headingley. Northern winning 18—10. In the Challenge Cup we reached the third round before visitors Huddersfield put us out by a score of 20—9. In the League we slipped to 14th place, 25 points adrift of perennial leaders Wigan, with a final record of P36, W18, D1, L17. Leading Leeds try scorer was stand off or centre Ted Verenkamp with 19 and Bert Cook headed the goal kickers with 50 successes.							
1987	Jan. 1								OLDHAM (H)
4	Warrington (A)								
11	LEIGH (H)								
18	Wigan (A)								
25	WIDNES (H)								
Feb. 1	Silk Cut Challenge Cup, Rnd 1								
8	Castleford (A)								
15	Silk Cut Challenge Cup, Rnd 2								
22	Hull Kingston Rovers (A)								
Mar. 1	WIGAN (H)								
8	Salford (A)								
15	HULL (H)								
22	Featherstone Rovers (A)								
29	BARROW (H)								
Apr. 5	St. Helens (A)								
12	CASTLEFORD (H)								
17	Bradford Northern (A)								
20	HALIFAX (H)								

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FIXTURES

6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Holmes	Dick 1T	Kth Rayne	Maskill	Butt	Kev Rayne	Medley 1T	Heron	Conway S/3 1G	Gunn S/13
Holmes 1DG	Dick	★ Hill 1T	Morris	Kth Rayne	Kev Rayne	Medley 2T	Heron	Conway S/2 1T	Butt S/10
Conway	Dick 1T	P. Smith	★ Butt	Hill	Kev Rayne	Medley 1T	Heron	Cooper S/6	Gunn S/11
Holmes	Dick 2T	P. Smith	Morris 1T	Hill	Medley 1T	Butt	Heron 1T	Gill	Turner
Holmes	Conway 2G	P. Smith	Maskill	Hill	Kev Rayne 1T	Medley	Heron	Staniland	Gunn S/8
Holmes 1T	Gascoigne	Hill	Maskill	Armitage	Kev Rayne 1T	Medley	Heron	Cooper S/2	Gunn S/4
★ Holmes	Gascoigne	Grayshon	Maskill	P. Smith	Price	Skerrett 1T	Heron	Medley S/13	Kev Rayne S/10
Holmes	Gascoigne	Grayshon	Maskill	P. Smith	Skerrett	Price	Heron	Conway S/7	Kev Rayne S/10
Holmes	Gascoigne	Grayshon	Morris	P. Smith	Owen	Price	Heron	Medley S/1	Skerrett S/10
Holmes	★ Gascoigne	Grayshon	Morris	Skerrett	Medley	Price	Heron	Kev Rayne S/12	Hill S/10
Holmes	Conway 2T	Grayshon	Morris	Skerrett	Kev Rayne	Medley	Heron 1T	Butt S/11	Smith S/12
Holmes	Conway	Grayshon	Morris	Skerrett	Kev Rayne	Medley	Heron 1T	Price S/12	P. Smith S/10
Holmes	Conway G2	Grayshon	Morris	Smith	Skerrett	Kev Rayne	★ Heron	Medley S/11	Price S/12 1T
Creasser 2G	Gascoigne	Grayshon	Butt	Skerrett	Price 1T	Medley		Conway S/7	Holmes S/10
Creasser	Conway 1G	Owen	Morris	Skerrett	Price	Medley	Heron	Kev Rayne S/8	Maskill S/9
Holmes	★ Conway 1T 7G	Skerrett	Maskill	Kev Rayne	Medley 1T	Price	Heron	Creasser	Gunn S/8

LYONS IN WINTER — (Continued)

The former Leeds ace reflected on the dramatic developments in his own career of the past 18 months, which has seen him emerge from the comparative obscurity of Gundagai to play, and star for North Sydney. A season at the world famous Headingley ground took him to within an ace of a Wembley appearance and then it was back home to the rich and famous Manly club. The shy, modest Lyons cherishes the memories of a happy time with Leeds, and anguishes about the missed Wembley opportunity.

"The semi-final replay defeat hurt me deeply at the time", he recalls, "And when we watched the Wembley Final on television back home all I could think of was "It should be Leeds who are there. I suppose all the other Leeds lads thought exactly the same. They were two tremendous games of football, though, played in the most electrifying atmosphere I've experienced".

The recent dominance of the Kangaroo tourists also left unlucky Cliff thinking of "what might have been", as his fine form (at loose forward) in his debut season at Brookvale Oval brought him into the "train-on" squad, and he was the odd man out of the three loose forwards. Like Andrew Ettingshausen, he suffered the mental torment of being "so near and yet so far away". "By returning home in April I was virtually ruled out of the Sydney-Country clash and of the chance of representing New South Wales in the State of Origin matches", he states, "But those are my objectives for 1987, and I'm still young enough to make the 1990 Kangaroo party.

He expressed the wish to pass on his regards to all at Headingley, ruing the fact that Sheffield's matches had all clashed with Leeds to date, denying him the opportunity to watch his former team mates in action. "I know a lot of my old team mates have moved on", he says, "And I'm hoping to play against the likes of Terry Webb, Trevor Clark and David Healy in the Second Division".

"Damn Barrow", he said, finally, revealing his alert memory of events, "They ended Leeds' John Player hopes last season, too. I'd have loved to help Sheffield into their first quarter-final. Still, I'm prepared to fly back if they reach Wembley!"

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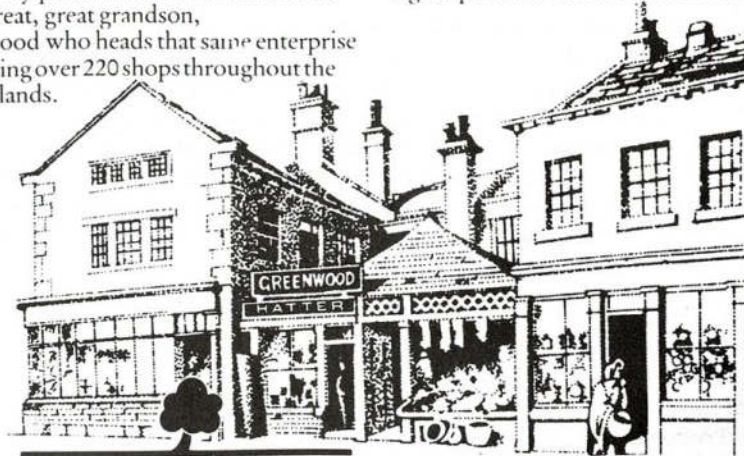
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