

Today's Line-up

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ROVERS

Team Manager:
Paul Daley
Colours:
Blue & White

OLDHAM

Team Manager:
Frank Myler
Colours:
Red and White

FULL BACK

NIGEL BARKER 1 MICHAEL BURKE

THREEQUARTERS

DAVID JONES 2 HUSSEIN M'BARKI
JOHN CROSSLEY 3 DES FOY
STEVE QUINN 4 GARY BRIDGE
PAUL WILD 5 MIKE TAYLOR

HALF-BACKS

GRAHAM STEADMAN 6 DAVID TOPLISS (Capt.)
DERYCK FOX 7 PADDY KIRWAN

FORWARDS

TIM SLATTER 8 BRUCE CLARK
ROBERT SPURR 9 IAN SANDERSON
KARL HARRISON 10 HUGH WADDELL
KEITH BELL 11 MICK WORRALL
PAUL GEAREY 12 DAVID HOBBS
PETER SMITH (Capt.) 13 TERRY FLANAGAN

SUBSTITUTES

14
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Match Brochure 50p

REVIEW

Featherstone Rovers R.L.F.C.

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Patron: The Earl of Swinton

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Colours: Jersey — Irregular Blue and White hoops
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Team Manager: P Daley
Assistant Coaches: K Cotton and R Handscombe.
Colts Coach: G Blakeway.
Medical Consultants: Dr S Ball Dr D Durie
Club Photographer: E. Lorrinan
Timekeeper: R. Chalkley. Programme Editor: T. Mullaney

Club Honours & Statistics.

Club founded: 1902 and Reformed 1908. Elected to N.R.F.L. June 1921

Representative players:

Great Britain: T. Askin, J. Bridges, T. Clawson, M. Dixon, S. Evans, Deryck Fox, Don Fox, D. Hobbs, G. Jordan, A. Morgan, S. Nash, P. Smith, J. Thompson.
Great Britain under 21's: Deryck Fox, P. Lyman
Great Britain under 24's: K. Bell, S. Evans, D. Fennell, V. Farrar, M. Gibbins, J. Gilbert, D. Hobbs, T. Ramshaw, P. Smith, V. Thomas, J. Thompson, L. Tonks.
England: J. Bridges, M. Dixon, S. Evans, V. Farrar, J. Hirst, A. Morgan, J. Mullaney, P. Smith, R. Stone, J. Thompson, A. Wood.
Wales: P. Banner, H. Box.
John Jepsen Memorial Trophy 1985-86: P. Lyman.

Club Honours: RL Cup—Winners 1967, 1973, 1983; Runners-up 1952, 1974

RL Championship—Winners 1977;

Runners-up 1928, 1976.

RL Championship 2nd Division—Winners 1980

Arrowfast Try Scoring Trophy—Winners 1980

Yorkshire Cup—Winners 1940, 1959;

Runners-up 1928, 1963, 1966, 1969, 1970, 1976, 1977

Yorkshire League—Runners-up 1928, 1962

YSC Cup—Winners 1946, 1974;

Runners-up 1955, 1960

YSC Shield — Winners 1946, 1962, 1972

Ground Records: RL Cup—Attendance 17,531 v

St. Helens, 1959; Receipts: £12,287 v Widnes 1981

Yorkshire Cup—Attendance: 10,700 v Leeds,

1959; Receipts: £8,681 v Hull, 1980.

League Attendance 14,990 v Wakefield

Trinity 1962; Receipts: £9,568.80p

v Halifax 31.8.86

RECORDS TO LOOK OUT FOR

TRIES—Match: 6 M.J. Smith (1968)

Season: 31 C. Woolford (1958-59)

Career: 162 D. Fox (1953-1966)

GOALS—Match: 12 D. Fox (1964)

Season: 163 S. Quinn (1979-80)

Career: ☆ S. Quinn (1976-)

POINTS—Match: 29 S. Quinn (1979)

Season: 375 S. Quinn (1979-80)

Career: ☆ S. Quinn (1971-)

APPEARANCES—Season: 46 C. Woolford (1959-60)

Career: 440 J. Denton (1921-34)

FASTEST CENTURY OF POINTS—

T. Smales (1966-67) and S. Quinn (1976-77

and 1979-80)—9 matches.

MOST CONSECUTIVE WINS—12

(1972-73).

MOST CONSECUTIVE LEAGUE WINS

—11 (1979-80)

HIGHEST SCORE—v Whitehaven 1971

—65 points.

☆ See current players' records

The week at Post Office Road

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TODAY'S GAME

This afternoon we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Oldham RLFC to Post Office Road for what must be regarded as a vitally important game, especially as far as Rovers are concerned.

The fight against relegation is **NOT** over yet.

With the right attitude and commitment the last nine league games can yield Rovers at least another twelve league points which could well be enough to survive the drop.

Home victories against Bradford, Barrow, Leeds and hopefully Oldham today together with the trips to Barrow and Leigh are well within the capabilities of Rovers provided that they are at their best.

It is up to the players to show the type of guts and determination that has long been synonymous with Featherstone Rovers, for the remainder of the season.

As for Oldham, they have an excellent chance of making the Premiership top eight play-offs and therefore are bound to provide a stern challenge to Rovers' hopes.

Former Post Office Road men David Hobbs and Neil Clawson are likely members of their squad today and are sure to be out to 'put one over' their old team mates..

NO STOPPING CHRIS

Rovers young full-back Chriss Bibb continues to go from strength to strength. His remarkable rise to fame received another boost last week when Malcolm Reilly chose Chris to play for the Gt. Britain Under 21's side which faces the French this afternoon.

This honour comes quickly after the youngster's successful debut for the Gt. Britain Colts side which drew with the French just a few weeks ago.

There is no doubt that if Chris can maintain his rapid progress then he will have little trouble in gaining full international honours in the near future.

We at Featherstone are delighted for Chris and wish him well for a good game this afternoon.

TOUR GAME FOR POST OFFICE ROAD

For the first time in fourteen years Featherstone Rovers will play a touring international side when Papua New Guinea will visit Post Office Road next season.

The Tourists are in Great Britain for an eight match programme which will include a World Cup Test Match against Great Britain at Wigan.

Rovers applied to the league some months ago and were pleased to hear that they have been granted the opening game of the Tour on Saturday 10th October.

The match, which is bound to create a great deal of interest, has been arranged for a Saturday in order to give supporters of other Yorkshire Clubs the chance to see the Papua side.

The last touring side to visit Post Office Road were the Australians who defeated Rovers by 18pts to 13 in 1973 when 5,659 spectators attended.

QUICK RETURN FOR GRAHAM

Missing from last Sunday's line up at Warrington with a leg injury was stand-off-half, Graham Steadman.

His absence from the team was more precautionary than serious and he is fully expected to return to action for Rovers this afternoon.

Also back in consideration for selection should be prop-forward, Alan Dakin, who has recovered from the effects of a nose operation and Gary Siddall was expected to play in the Alliance Cup quarter final against Wakefield Trinity last Tuesday evening after shaking off a minor shoulder injury.

Andy Mackintosh and Peter Clarkson continue to make good progress after knee surgery and are looking forward to returning to Rovers' ranks next season.

It is hoped, too, that threequarter, Alan Banks, may soon be playing again after being unavailable for the past few games. Alan's defensive qualities in particular, have certainly been missed.

STEVE QUINN BENEFIT EVENINGS

Former Rovers' scrum-half and captain Terry Hudson, now Mine Host at the Station Hotel, Streethouse is to hold a grand social evening at his hostelry in aid of Steve Quinn's Benefit Fund next Wednesday 11th March starting at 8.30 pm.

All supporters and players are invited to attend what should be a very enjoyable evening.

Also coming up on Wednesday 1st April, the Sunday Mirror Rugby League Roadshow his town with Master of Ceremonies, Keith Macklin heading this ever popular sporting evening.

Rugby League P.R.O. David Howes, will also be on hand to conduct the Star Quiz and show the top class R.L. films while Mick Morgan will be staging his famous Auction, ably assisted by the Rugby League Personality Girls.

Providing the comedy will be St Helens scrum-half, Neil Holding, with his brilliant impressions.

Tickets are now available either from the Central Working Mens' Club, Station Lane, where the event will be held or from Steve himself.

An Easter Raffle is also being run for Steve and ticket sellers are urgently required. Anyone willing to help can obtain some tickets from Diana Quinn outside the Secretary's office after today's match.

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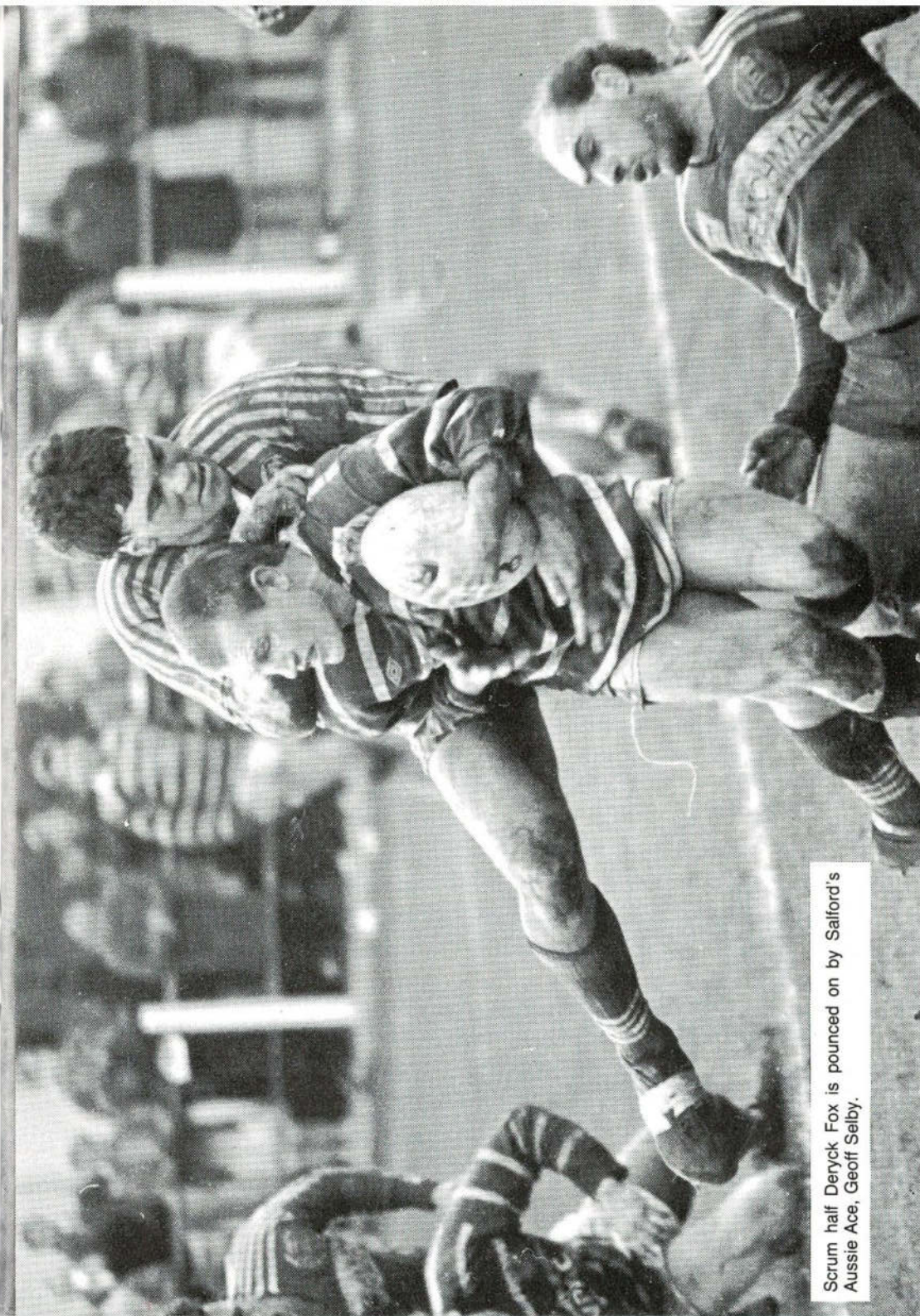
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Rovers
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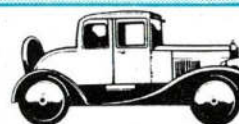
In recent years it has been customary for Featherstone Rovers to be languishing near the foot of the first division and this season has proved to be no exception.

As you will be fully aware, we have not got the finances to be able to 'buy' our way out of trouble so we must call upon the playing staff at our disposal to inject their game with all the enthusiasm and endeavour that the fans deserve in the hope that justice will prevail.

We do not appear to be the luckiest club in the land and whilst I believe that to a certain point you make your own luck, we have certainly not been helped by any outside sources.

I know only too well how disheartening it must be to players to see their efforts go unrewarded but we must continue to give of our best, the season is by no means over, and a victory or two will do our morale a great deal of good, so, come on lads, let's give it all we can for the sake of Featherstone, wear that jersey with pride.

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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Oldham came to Post Office Road boasting a fifty per cent record in League matches this season and they will be hoping to continue that form so as to qualify for a place in the Top Eight and a crack at the Premiership. The fact that Oldham have a team to compete with the best was evidenced in their victory over mighty Wigan in the First Round of the Challenge Cup a few weeks ago.

Team Manager **Frank Myler** has developed a good squad and has shown with recent signings that he is not afraid to enter the transfer market if he feels it will be for the benefit of the team. Frank is in his third season back at the Watersheddings since holding the Gt. Britain coaching job.

One of the new arrivals at Oldham is full back **Mick Burke** who was signed from Widnes in a £40,000 transfer fee. Mick is of course, a Gt. Britain international and will relish the challenge at his new club. He originally signed for Widnes from Waterloo R.U.F.C. in 1978 and as well as being excellent all round full-back is a very fine goalkicker.

Amongst the three-quarters Oldham can select two Australians. One is **Gary Warnecke** who plays for the Western Suburbs club in Sydney and is in his second season at Watersheddings. The other is centre or stand-off **Gary Bridge** who has played for Blamain in his own country and will return to play for Eastern Suburbs. Gary is a strong runner who has a good kicking game.

Centre **Des Foy** is an Oldham lad who originally turned professional for Widnes before returning to his home town. His lightning breaks from the centre of the field have made him a candidate for a Gt. Britain spot.

On the wings Oldham can choose from experienced and speedy flanker **Mick Taylor** or Moroccan **Hussein M'Barki** who started his career with Fulham and is capable of scoring long-range tries.

At stand-off Oldham have one of the most experienced players in the game in **Dave Topliss**. Dave started his career back in 1968 when he joined Wakefield Trinity from Normanton juniors. Dave is a former Gt. Britain international who has gained most of the game's honours including the Lance Todd Trophy in the Wembley Final of 1979.

At scrum-half **Paddy Kirwan** has made the position his own especially since the departure of Ray Ashton to Leeds. Paddy signed from Oldham Colts and is a former Colts international.

Up front the Oldham team can field two more Aussies in **Bruce Clarke** and **Stuart Raper**. Bruce plays with Western Suburbs in Sydney and is a strong running prop with ball skills to match. Stuart is the son of Johnny Raper the Aussie Test loose forward. He is showing immense potential and plays for the Cranulla team in Sydney.

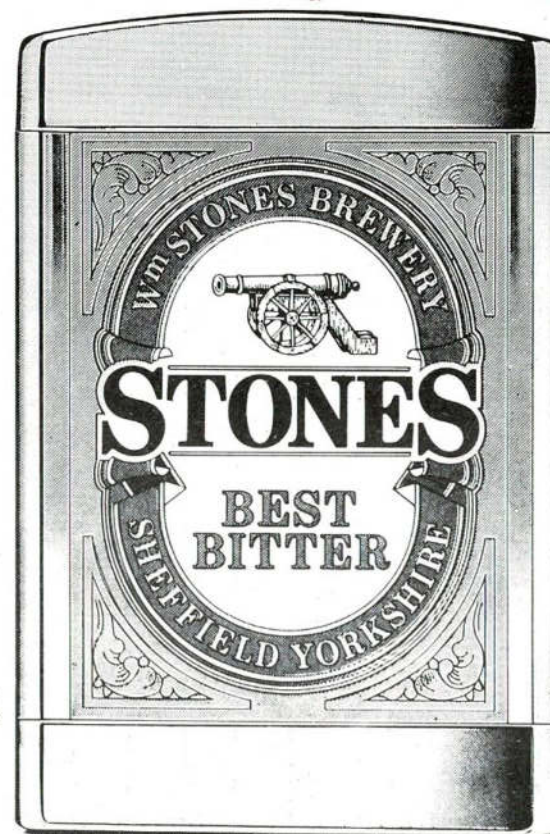
Ian Sanderson has established himself as hooker since signing from the Leigh area five years ago. It is likely we shall see **Hugh Waddell** at blind-side prop. Hugh was recently signed from Blackpool Borough and gained representative honours for England whilst with that club. No doubt he will relish the opportunity to enhance his international claims at higher level.

The second row positions could be taken by two more international players in **Mick Worral** and **Dave Hobbs**. Mick is an extremely mobile forward who was a Gt. Britain tourist in 1984 to Australia. Dave needs no introduction being a prolific try-scoring forward with the Rovers before his transfer to Oldham. He has represented his country in the front row position.

At loose forward we should find another 1984 Gt. Britain tourist in **Terry Flanagan** who is one of the best ball playing forwards in the game.

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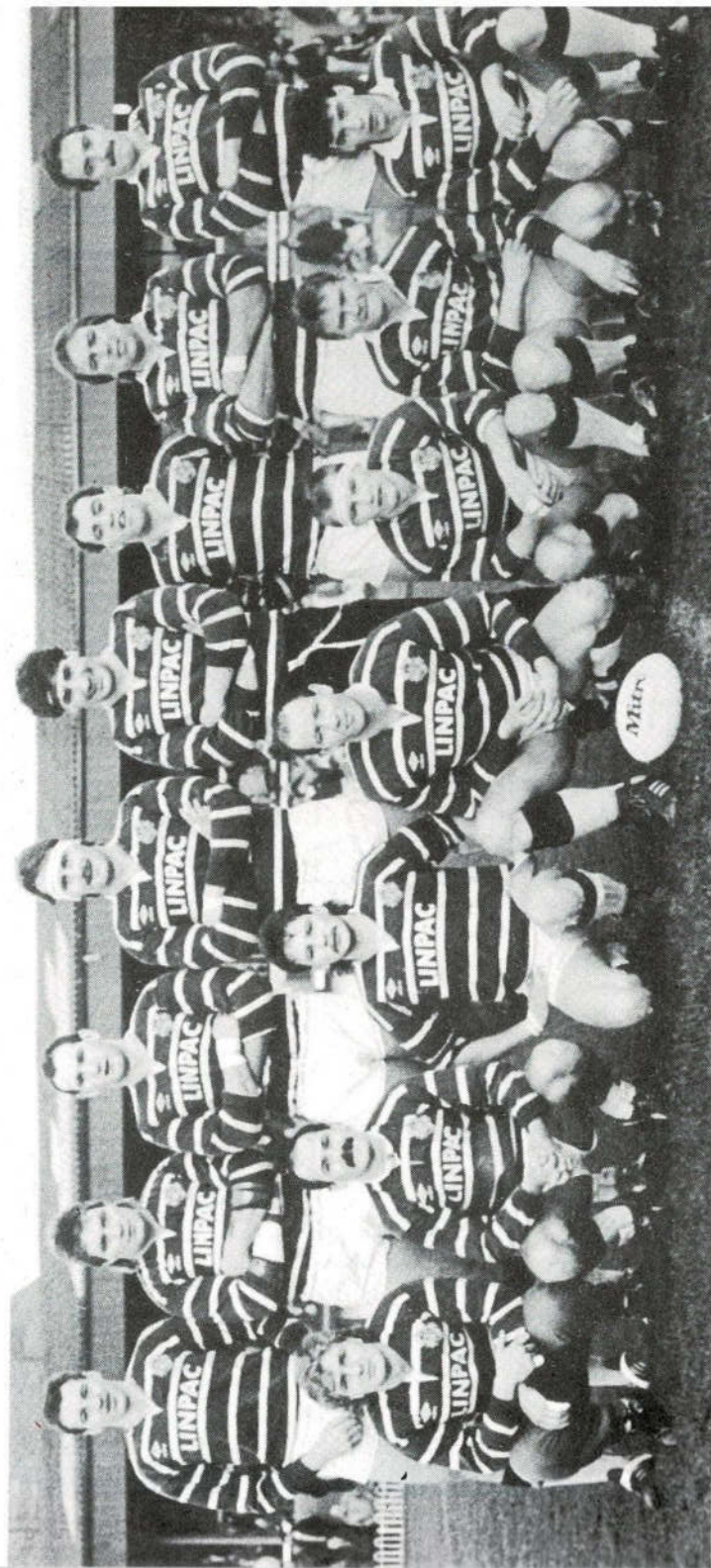
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'86-87 MATCH ANALYSIS

T-Try G-Goal
 *-Starman
 Number after Sub's name- Player substituted

OPPONENTS				Result F-A	Att.	Pos.	1	2	3	4
Aug 31 Su	Halifax	H 3-30	D	16-16	5227	8th		Woolford	Heselwood	Banks T
Sept 3 We	Leeds	A 7-30	L	12-33	5441	11th	Quinn 4G	Woolford	Heselwood	Banks
7 Su	Hull KR	A 3-00	L	14-36	4427	14th	Quinn T.3G	Woolford	Heselwood	Banks
21 Su	Widnes	H 3-30	L	14-48	2137	14th	Barker t	Woolford	Heselwood	Banks
28 Su	Castleford	A 3-30	L	7-16	54-81	14th	Barker	Marsh	Banks	Steadman
Oct. 5 Su	Leigh	H 3-30	W	50-16	2211	14	Barker T	Marsh	Heselwood T	Banks 2T
12 Su	Warrington	H 3-30	L	22-29	2497		Barker	Marsh	Heselwood	Banks T
26 Su	Salford	H 3-30	W	16-6	1800	12th	Barker	Marsh	Heselwood	Banks
Nov. 2 Su	Bradford N	A 3-30	L	2-41	4791	13th	Barker	Marsh	Heselwood	Banks
9 Su	St. Helens	H 3-30	L	8-44	2449	13th	Barker	ANO	B Kellett T	Marsh *
23 Su	Castleford	H 3-30	L	16-18	3672	14th	Bibb	Woolford	Marsh	Banks
Dec. 14 Su	Wakefield T	A 3-30	W	29-2	2800	13th	Bibb *	Hopkins	Marsh	Banks T
26 Fri	Hull	A 3-00	L	6-26	4555	13th	Bibb	Marsh	Steadman	Banks
28 Su	Hull	H 3-30	W	18-12	2813	12th	Bibb T	Marsh T	Steadman	Banks
Jan. 4 Su	Hull KR	H 3-30	L	0-14	2497	12th	Kellett	Marsh	Steadman	Banks
18 Su	Oldham	A 3-00	L	16-20	2781	12th	Bibb T	Marsh	Crossley	Banks
25 Su	St. Helens	A 3-00	L	14-43	4827	15th	Bibb	Jones	Crossley	Banks
Feb. 8 Su	Halifax	A 3-00	L	8-34	4127	15	N Barker	Jones	Marsh	Quinn 2G
15th Sun	Salford	A 3-00	L	16-26	1967	15	Bibb	Jones T	Crossley	Quinn 2G
22 Su	Wakefield T	H 3-30	W	27-10	2025	15	Barker T	Jones T*	Crossley	Quinn 5G
Mar. 1 Su	Warrington	A 3-00	L	15-32	3850	15	Bibb	Jones	Crossley T	Quinn 1G
8 Su	Oldham	H 3-30								
15 Su	Leigh	A 3-30								
22 Su	Leeds	H 3-30								
25th Wed	Wigan	H 7.30								
29 Su	Widnes	A 3-00								
Apr. 5 Su	Wigan	A 3-00								
12 Su	Barrow	H 3-30								
20 Mo	Barrow	A 2-30								
Cup Ties										
Sept. 14 Su	Y Cup 1st Rd York	H 3-30		40-13	1720		Quinn 6g	Woolford	Heselwood	Banks 2t
Sept. 24th	Y. Cup Rd. 2 Hull K.R.	A. 7.30	D	20-20	38-41		Barker	Marsh	Steadman	Banks
26th	Y. Cup Replay Hull K.R.	H. 7.30	W	23-12	23-21		Marsh	Barker	Steadman 1d	Banks
Oct 1st	We Y.C.S.F Castleford	H	L	2-30	5411		Barker	Marsh	Banks	Steadman
Nov 30th Su	JPS.1. Workington	H 3.30	W	22-18	1491		Bibb	Woolford	Marsh	Banks
Dec 7th SU	JPS 2 Bradford	H 3.30	L	12-19	3917		Bibb	Woolford	Marsh	Banks
Feb 4th Wed	SCCC 1 Hunslet	H 7.30	L	12-26	2547		Bibb T	Jones	Crossley T	Quinn 2G

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Hopkins	Steadman T	Fox	Gibbins	Spurr	Harrison	Bell	Smith *	Lyman T	Marsh	Slatter (8)
Marsh	Steadman	Fox	Gibbins	O'Toole	Harrison	Bell	Smith *	Lyman T	Hopkins	Slatter (8)
Marsh	Steadman T	Fox	Slatter	O'Toole	Harrison	Hopkins	Smith *	Lyman	Clarkson (11)	Dakin (10)
Quinn 3g	Steadman t	Fox	Slatter	Spurr	Harrison	Sykes	Bell	Smith	Marsh (10)	Clarkson (8)
Quinn 3g	Langton	Fox 1d	Slatter	Campbell	Barker	Clarkson	Smith	Lyman	Heselwood (6)	Kelly (13)
Quinn 7G	Steadman 2T	Fox	Sykes T *	O'Toole	Harrison	Barker	Bell	Lyman T	A.N.O.	Dakin
Quinn 3G	Steadman	Fox	Sykes	O'Toole	Harrison	Bell	Smith 2T	Lyman T	Kellett (5)	Barker (12)
Kellett	Steadman TG	Fox T 3G *	Sykes	O'Toole	Harrison	Clarkson	Smith	Lyman	Slatter (9)	Bell (10)
Kellett	Langton	Fox G	Sykes *	O'Toole	Harrison	Clarkson	Smith	Lyman	Bibb (3)	Bell (11)
Bibb	Banks	Fox 2G	Slatter	O'Toole	Harrison	Bell	Smith	Lyman	Langton	Wild (11)
Kellett B	Crossley 2t	Fox 4g	Slatter	Slater	Dakin	Bell	Harrison	Smith	Wild	Barker (12)
B Kellett	Crossley	Fox T4G 1dg	Slatter T	Staniforth T	Dakin	Bell T	Smith	Lyman	Wild (1)	Harrison (10)
Hopkins	Crossley	Fox T1G	Slatter	Staniforth	Harrison	Bell	Smith *	Lyman	B Kellett (8)	Slatter
Hopkins	Crossley	Fox 3G	Harrison *	Staniforth	Dakin	Bell	Smith T	Lyman	Kellett (1)	Slatter (10)
Hopkins	Crossley	Fox	Slatter	Staniforth	Harrison	Bell	Smith*	Lyman	Jones	Spedding (9)
Jones	Steadman	Fox T4G	Slatter	Slater	Harrison	Bell	Smith	Lyman	B Kellett	Dakin (9)
L Kellett	Steadman T	Fox 3G	Harrison	Staniforth	Dakin*	Bell	Smith T	Lyman	Marsh	Slatter (11)
L Kellet	Crossley*	Fox T	Harrison	Slater	Hird	Bell	Smith	Lyman	B Kellett (3)	A Barker (11)
L Kellet	Steadman	T Fox*	Slatter	Slater	Dakin	Harrison	Smith	Lyman	N Barker (10)	Hird (13)
Wild	Steadman	Fox	Slatter	Spurr	Harrison	Bell 1DG	Lyman T	Smith T	Geary (11)	Siddall (8)
Wild	Lyman	Fox 2G	Slatter T	Spurr	Harrison	Bell 1DG	Geary *	Smith	Kellett (6)	Barker
Marsh	Steadman 2t	Fox 2t	Slatter	Bell	Harrison	Sykes	Smith	Lyman t	O'Toole (2)	Clarkson (8)
Quinn 4g	Langton t	Fox *	Sykes	Campbell	Barker	Heselwood	Clarkson t	Smith t	Kellett	Kelly
Quinn 4g	Langton	Fox 2d	Sykes	Campbell	Barker	Clarkson	Smith t	Lyman 2t	Heselwood (6)	Kelly
Quinn G	Langton	Fox	Sykes *	Campbell	Barker	Clarkson	Smith	Lyman	Heselwood (6)	Harrison (10)
B Kellett T	Crossley	Fox T 3G	Slatter	Slater	Dakin	Bell	Harrison	Smith T*	Hale	Lyman T
B Kellett	Crossley T	Fox 2G	Slatter	Slater T	Dakin *	Bell	Smith	Lyman	Hopkins (2)	Harrison (10)
L Kellet	Steadman	Fox	Harrison	Staniforth	Dakin	Bell	Smith*	Lyman	N Barker (6)	Hird (9)



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A GREAT TEAM

VIEWPOINT

by Martin Hawksworth

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TRAVELEADS TOP FAN 1987

The 1987 Traveleads Top Fan — Rugby League's official Supporter of the Year — will receive a holiday for two in Canada.

The trans-Atlantic trip, in conjunction with Wardair, is the highlight of the third annual Traveleads Top Fan presentation, to be staged at Headingley, Leeds on Thursday 9th April, 1987.

Rugby League Public Relations Officer, David Howes, said "This top class award of a Canadian holiday is designed to reward the first rate reputation of our dedicated fans, one which is envied throughout the world of sport.

"The only way for supporters to discover if they possess those special qualities, in addition to the passion and commitment shown by all followers of the 13-a-side code, is to complete a nomination form and enter this unique contest".

Nominations forms are available from: The Public Relations Officer, The Rugby Football League, 180, Chapeltown Road, Leeds LS7 4HT.

Closing date for entries is Thursday, 26th March, 1987 with the five-man panel of judges being chaired by B.B.C. Television commentator, Ray French.

Five finalists will be selected to attend the award ceremony, the four runners-up each receiving £50 travel vouchers.

The Traveleads Top Fan scheme was launched by the League and Leeds based Traveleads — their official travel operators — in 1985. The inaugural winner was Doncaster fanatic and backroom worker, Joan Martin, last year's award recipient being Oldham stalwart, Eddie Elson who enjoyed a holiday for two in Hong Kong.

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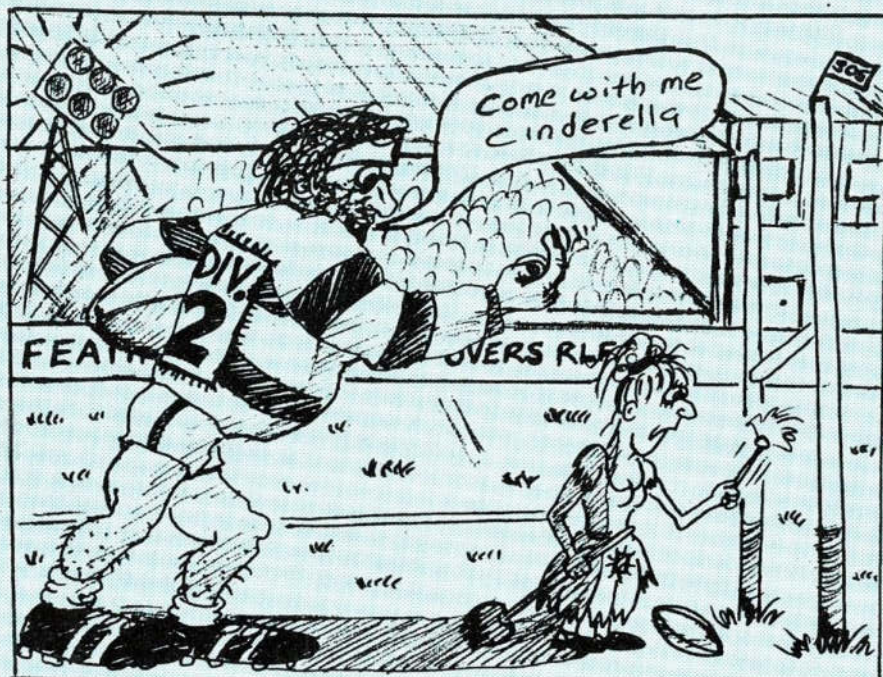


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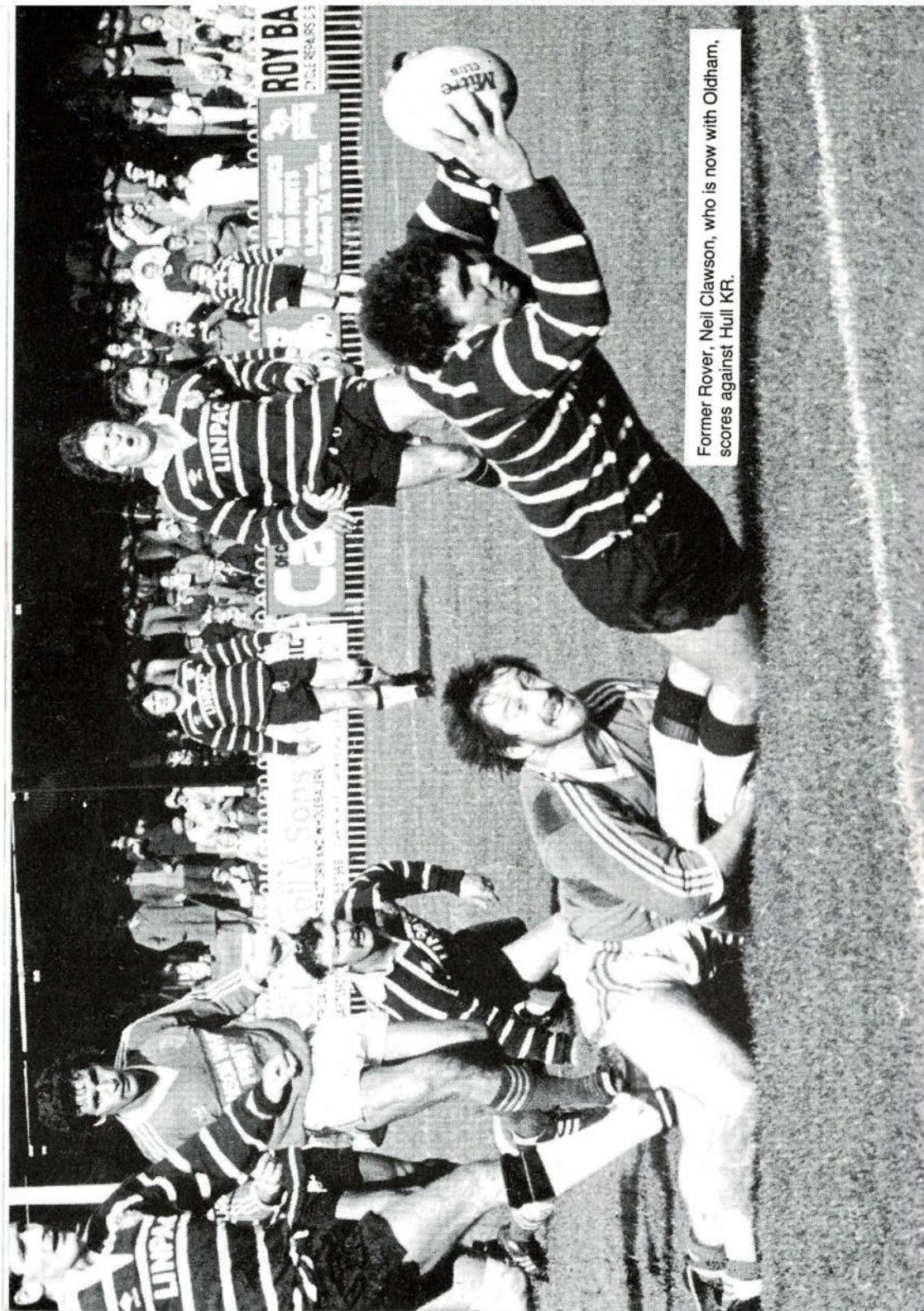
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Former Rover, Neil Clawson, who is now with Oldham, scores against Hull KR.

The AMATEUR SCENE



LOCAL PAIR — AUSTRALIA BOUND

Featherstone youngsters Giles Boothroyd and Ian Smales will tomorrow embark on their long awaited trip 'Down Under' as a result of winning a BARLA organised competition to determine the top two players of last season's County Championship.

This trip of a lifetime, which is sponsored by Garuda Indonesian Airlines, is the reward for consistently high class performances on the field by the two youngsters.

Loose-forward, Ian, is a very fine footballer who appears to be following in the footsteps of his father, Tommy, a former Rovers' back row man who was a member of the Featherstone side that beat Barrow in the Challenge Cup Final of 1967.

Giles is a powerfully built threequarter who loves to score spectacular tries which his pace and strength allows him to do regularly.

Both lads are former Travellers Saints players but more recently have moved on to play for Lock Lane Under 19's where they teamed up with Rovers recent signing, Gary Hall, with whom they played for Great Britain against the Australian Combined Schools side that toured here earlier in the season.

While in Australia Ian and Giles will spend much of their three week stay with top Sydney club, Parramatta, where they will study the

techniques of the Aussie game and possibly make guest appearances with one of the club's junior sides.

They will be under the guidance of Peter Mulholland who is the coach of the St Gregory's College side which is one of the most powerful outfits in the Sydney area.

Obviously the youngsters will benefit greatly by their experience over there and will return with the aim of turning professional — hopefully with Featherstone Rovers.

☆☆☆

Congratulations are in order to Travellers Saints secretary, Andy Stacey, who has been appointed as Coach to the Yorkshire Schools Under Elevens side.

No doubt Andy's success with the Wakefield Schools team in last season's Wembley 'curtain raiser' did not go unnoticed.

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Featherstone Rovers are running the rule over Knottingley's young forward prospect David Bugg who has impressed lately with some storming displays. Several other clubs including Hull FC are also showing keen interest.

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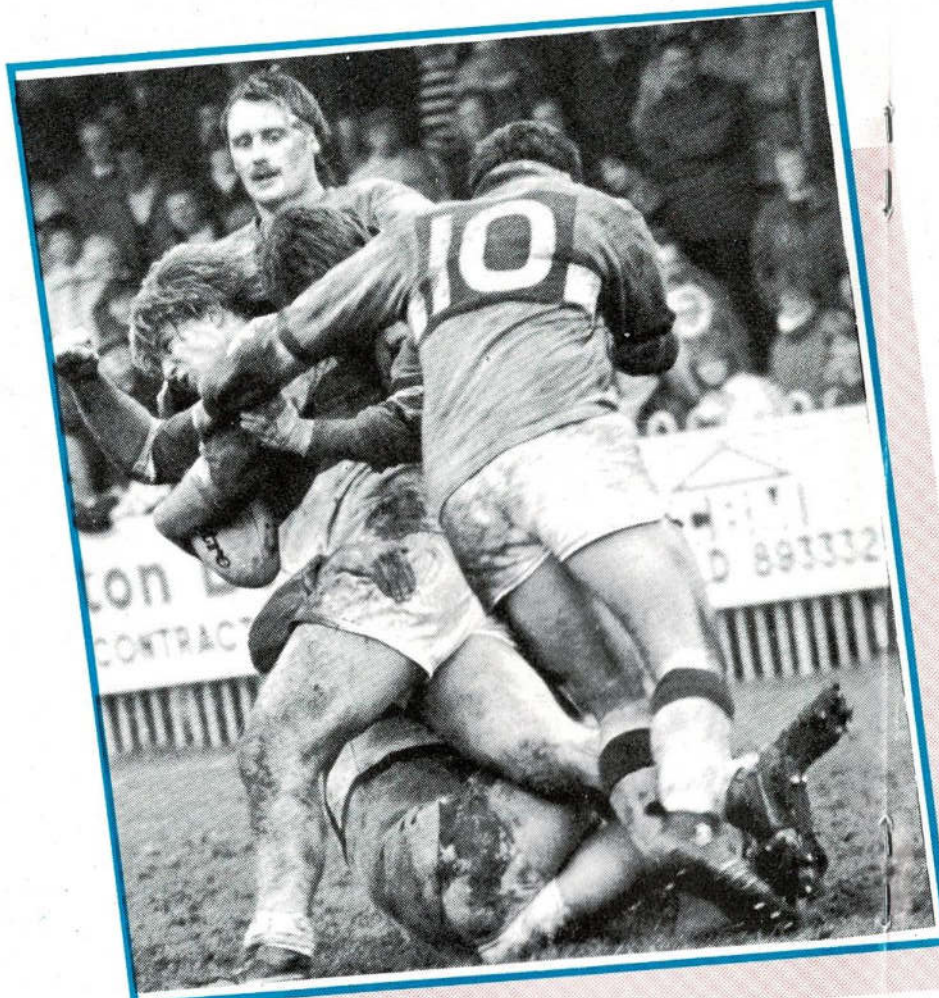
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action

Left: Trinity's forward Gary Van Bellen is well held by four Rovers defenders.

Top Right: A typical Bob Spurr dash beats the would be tackle of Trinity threequarter Mark Wild.

Bottom right: A strong run by Rovers' prop Karl Harrison is challenged by Trinity's scrum half, John Lyons.

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Warrington	20	16	0	4	501	315	32
Halifax	21	14	1	6	443	337	29
Castleford	21	13	0	8	412	327	26
Widnes	19	11	0	8	409	368	22
Hull KR	20	11	0	9	313	332	22
Leeds	21	10	0	11	443	387	20
Oldham	20	10	0	10	405	392	20
Bradford Northern	20	9	0	11	382	425	18
Hull	18	8	0	10	315	435	16
Salford	22	8	0	14	352	534	16
Barrow	21	5	2	14	342	446	12
Leigh	20	5	1	14	317	482	11
Featherstone Rovers	21	5	1	15	326	522	11
Wakefield	20	0	1	19	221	648	1

Next Home Game

LEEDS

Sunday 22nd March 1987

Kick Off 3.30 p.m.

RESULTS CHART

AWAY TEAM	B A R R O W	B R A D F O R D	C A S T L E E D	F E A T H E R S	H A L I F A X	H U L L F C	H U L L K R	L E E D S	L E I G H	O L D H A M	S A L F O R D	S T H E L E N S	W A K E F I E L D T	W A R R T O N	W I D N E S	W I G A N
HOME TEAM																
BARROW		18-14	14-24		12-23	16-17	24-6	16-23				12-34	38-13	9-6	16-18	8-16
BRADFORD N	36-20		12-7	41-2	8-12				18-26	10-18					27-14	10-20
CASTLEFORD		46-18		16-7		16-6	16-10	12-14	19-8	22-18	20-21		42-16	18-24		6-12
FEATHERS			16-18		16-16	18-12	0-14		50-16		16-6	8-44	27-10	22-29	14-4E	
HALIFAX	40-13	20-4	12-16	34-8		28-16	24-18	23-8	43-24	20-14	18-8	20-19		13-16		
HULL FC	41-18	27-22		26-6	28-23			10-32	31-26	20-16			12-6			
HULL KR		12-30		36-14	14-0	29-6		10-6	35-20	6-4		4-36	22-11		18-0	
LEEDS		4-12		33-12			42-7		26-12	20-26	46-10	20-40	46-4	16-54	35-6	
LEIGH	9-9		6-12		20-28		8-12	20-8		40-12				22-17	18-20	0-35
OLDHAM	32-20			20-16	18-20	24-18	28-12	14-12			34-18	17-18			22-16	
SALFORD	12-24	12-22	36-10	26-16		29-18	14-34		20-12			4-38	36-12	10-25	22-16	0-34
ST HELENS		40-14		43-14	38-16	50-10			50-18	28-6	32-14		32-11	42-22		4-12
WAKEFIELD T	14-14	22-32	12-40	2-29				14-28	6-12	10-54	10-16	6-30				
WARRINGTON	24-20	31-10	20-26	32-15	18-10	42-10		20-6		22-18	42-14		28-18			23-12
WIDNES	26-14	14-36	29-20				26-8	35-10		44-10	13-12	16-10	48-14			16-22
WIGAN	18-6	60-6	16-6			34-7		30-8	31-0		42-12		62-10	4-6	40-4	

A series which reviews past encounters between Rovers and their opponents of the day.

Oldham first visited Post Office Road **March 15 1922** in a league Championship game that attracted over 4000 spectators who paid around £200 to see the 'Roughyeds' win a dour struggle by 3 points to nil. The game ended in uproar when a number of Featherstone Partisans rushed the field and struck the referee. The Committee decided to take proceedings against two of those responsible and commented in the following match programme;

"All hot-headed enthusiasts who imagine their shilling entitles them to a shot at the referee, can take it that Featherstone Sportsmen expect them to stay at home and chop sticks or alternatively put their heads under the cold water tap."

A month earlier Rovers had visited Oldham and lost 28-5, also in the Championship. It is

believed there were no reports of trouble.

Since this time Oldham and Featherstone have met at Post Office Road on 26 occasions. The Colliers have won 11 to the Roughyeds 12 with 3 drawn. Rovers best result came in 1943/44 when they won 35-5 while Oldham recorded a 30-8 win in 1958/59. At the Watersheddings there have been 25 meetings, Oldham have won 16 Rovers 8 with one drawn. Rovers managed a 32-17 win in 1981/82 while Oldham scored a 53-15 drubbing in 1923/24.

Our most recent encounter took place earlier this year on January 18 at Oldham. The Lancashire men were victors by 20-16. Scorers for Rovers were Bibb, Steadman and Fox (tries) and Fox (2 goals).

Rovers side was Bibb, Marsh, Crossley, Banks, Jones, Steadman, Fox, Slatter, Slater, Harrison, Bell, Smith, Lyman, subs B. Kellett, Dakin.

today's teaser

Answer the following questions. Fill in the Grid below. The first letters from each answer will reveal an international star.

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- Division 2 Champions 1980/81
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Ten on the Trot!

Two more wins under our belt since my last report, stretching our unbeaten run to 8 matches. Huddersfield (away) 21-14, and Keighley (away) 58-17, being our victims.

The score against Huddersfield gives an impression of a fairly comfortably win but in fact it was anything but that. Behind 10-4 at half-time with our opponents in complete control we did exceptionally well to reverse the tables in the second half. We played the best, most disciplined 40 minutes rugby since I took over.

Keighley were a very poor side, our 58 points gained without really stretching ourselves.

At the time of writing we faced a 3rd round Alliance cup game v Wakefield (home). The result was, yet another win by 15pts to 13. With a number of more senior players, who have served us well, being injured or unavailable due to 1st team commitments it was the sternest test to date of our reserve strength and junior players. It was also an indication as to what they have learned, who accepts responsibility and who works hard etc. THEY ARE THE PLAYERS WHO ARE MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED.

RAY HANDSCOMBE.

Cup Defeat — A Bitter Disappointment

After two tremendous team efforts against Wakefield in the league and Doncaster in the cup in two tightly fought games saw Rovers defeat Doncaster in an epic battle on a gluepot of a pitch at Tattersfield where Rovers tackling, true-grit and team spirit saw Rovers take the lead before falling behind 4-6 at half-time, Rovers went further behind 4-8. Rovers then took the game by the scruff of the neck and took complete command in the last 20 minutes to run home convincing winners 15-8. To take there rightful place in the semi-finals against **Barrow** at home. So after all the hard work that had gone into the previous weeks matches, were in vain, we blew our chances of a final spot, with a sluggish, lacklustre opening 20 minutes, which saw us fall behind 0-4. Barrow then increased it to 0-10 then even more disastrous for us, they made it 0-16. But low and behold the sleeping giant arose from within, which saw us claw our way back to reduce the deficit to 10-16 at half-time.

The second half saw Rovers after being dead and buried in the first 20 minutes, in with a chance.

But with 40 minutes of non-stop pressure from us we couldn't conjure up a scoring chance, even though we tried everything and went close on a number of occasions. Barrows defence held tight to deny us a place in the final. So after weeks of improving from game to game saw our cup run over virtually in the first 20 minutes even though we battled on till the end. I would like to apologise at this stage to everyone who had faith in us to reach the final especially Ray Handscombe who was as disappointed as me about the end result, which was partially self-inflicted.

On the league front we next go into battle against Halifax hoping to get back to winning ways once more.

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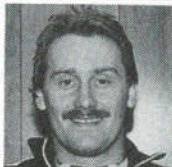
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FIXTURES & RESULTS '86-87

SLALOM LAGER—ALLIANCE LEAGUE Season 1986/87

Date	Opponents	Venue	ko	Results
Aug. 30 Sat.	Workington	H	3.00	Lost 8-12
Sept. 6 Sat.	Swinton	A	2.15	Lost 0-36
11 Thu.	Bramley	H	7.30	Won 34-12
18 Thu.	Dewsbury	H	7.30	Won 42-6
27 Sat.	Carlisle	H	3.00	Won 24-20
Oct. 4 Sat.	Y. SC Cup Bailey	A	3.00	Lost 10-22
9 Thu.	Keighley	H	7.30	Won 25-23
18 Sat.	YSC Cup 2nd Rd.	A	7.30	Lost 13-40
23 Thu.	York	H	7.30	Draw 25-25
30 Thu.	Bradford N.	H	7.30	Lost 10-40
Nov. 7 Fri.	Hunslet	H	7.30	Lost 0-8
13 Thu.	Hunslet	H	7.30	Lost 0-28
22 Sat.	Bailey	A	2.30	Won 14-12
29 Sat.	York	A	2.30	Lost 12-15
Dec. 6 Sat.	Whitehaven	A	2.30	Lost 4-6
13 Sat.	Whitehaven	H	3.00	Won 17-12
21st Sun	Carlisle	H	3.00	Won 16-14
27 Sat.	Oldham	H	7.30	Won 16-14
Jan. 2 Fri.	Bramley	A	7.30	Won 25-6
22 Thu.	Dewsbury	H	7.30	Won 10-4
29 Thu.	Bailey	H	7.30	Won 22-10
Feb. 7th	AL Cup Oldham	H	3.00	
12th	Huddersfield	H	2.30	
21 Sat.	AL Cup 2 Carlisle	A	2.30	
28 Sat.	Keighley	H	2.30	
Mar. 7 Sat.	Workington T	H	7.30	
12 Thu.	Swinton	A	7.30	
20 Fri.	Oldham	A	7.30	

COLTS' FIXTURES—SEASON 1986/1987 1st Division—COLTS' LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	Venue	ko	Results
Sept. 4 Thu.	Halifax	H	7.30	Lost 10-11
13 Sat.	Wigan	A	3.00	Lost 6-40
20 Sat.	Hull	H	3.00	Won 28-12
27 Sat.	Leigh	A	3.00	Draw 18-18
Oct. 4 Sat.	Wakefield T	A	3.00	Won 18-8
11 Sat.	Leeds	H	3.00	Won 36-12
18 Sat.	St. Helens	H	3.00	Lost 0-22
25 Sat.	Leigh	H	3.00	Postponed
Nov. 1 Sat.	Leeds	A	3.00	Lost 0-22
6 Thu.	Castleford	H	7.30	Draw 15-15
15 Sat.	Bradford N	A	2.30	Won 9-8
22 Sat.	St. Helens	H	2.30	Won 18-16
29 Sat.	Hull KR	A	2.30	Postponed
Dec. 6 Sat.	Wigan	H	2.30	Lost 6-18
13 Sat.	Barrow	A	2.30	Lost 6-7
18 Thu.	Wakefield T	H	7.30	Postponed
3 Sat.	Hull KR	H	2.30	Postponed
10 Sat.	Halifax	A	2.30	Lost 18-25
17 Sat.	Hull	A	2.30	Postponed
24 Sat.	Barrow	H	3.00	Postponed
31 Sat.	Colts Chal. Cup 1st Rd.	H	3.00	Draw 10-10
Feb. 7 Sat.	Chall Cup 1 Sheffield	H	3.00	Won 59-0
14 Sat.	Wakefield T	A	3.00	Won 13-8
21st	Chall Cup 2 Doncaster	H	3.00	
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The History of RUGBY LEAGUE by Ian Clayton.

1910/1911 — "A credit to their Union"

The first tour by the Northern Union (known in Australia as "England") was a resounding success. Clubs had been asked to nominate players "who would do honour to the N.U. both on and off the field". There were doubts about the fitness of **Billy Batten** to tour, but after proving himself in a match between **Hemsworth** and **Normanton St Johns** in which he scored 3 tries he was included in the tour party.

The 'Union' played 2 games against Australia winning the first at the Agricultural Ground Sydney at 27-20 in front of 42,000 spectators and the second at The Exhibition Ground, Brisbane, by 22-17 in front of 18,000.

Two games were also played against 'Australasia' the first at Sydney attracted a record Northern Union crowd of over 50,000 and ended in a 13-13 draw. The second 4 days later at The Wentworth Ground Sydney resulted in a 32-15 win for the Antipodeans.

A short tour of New Zealand was undertaken one test was played at The Cricket Ground Auckland in front of 16,000 fans and The Northern Union were victors by 52-20.

On their return, the Tourists who had travelled 34,000 miles in 5 months, were greeted at Leeds Station by a large crowd. Mr J Wood said "The men were a credit to the Union" and Mr Clifford added that he thought "The Australians and New Zealanders were well taken with the game of Northern Union".

On the domestic front — a special meeting of the N.R.L. met to consider the formation of a mutual insurance scheme. Most clubs voted in favour of paying a small deposit. After the deadline for receipt of monies it was reported that only **Wigan**, **St Helens**, **Bramley** and **Merthyr Tydfil** (who disbanded due to lack of finance 3 months after) had declined to join.

Runcorn were warned about the bad behaviour of their supporters and ordered to erect dressing rooms for visiting teams.

The League Championship was dominated by the great Lancashire rivals **Wigan** and **Oldham** who finished 1st and 2nd respectively in both the N.R.L. and Lancashire League.

The Yorks League title was taken by **Wakefield Trinity** with Hunslet runners up.

In the Country Challenge Cups, **Oldham** won a dour encounter at **Wheaters Field Broughton** scoring 4 points to **Swinton's 3**. **Wakefield** completed a county double by winning the Yorkshire Cup at **Headingley** with a 8-2 win over **Huddersfield**.

The Northern Union Cup also served to show off the stranglehold that the 'Roughyeds' of **Oldham** and the **Wiganers** had on the game when in the final at **Wheaters' Field** the men from **The Watersheddings** beat **Wigan** by 20-7 in front of 15,500 partisans.

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APPEARANCES & POINTS SCORERS

NAME	Season 1986/87						SENIOR RECORD					
	Ap	Sub	T	G	dg	Pts	App	S	T	G	DG	Pts.
BANKS ALAN	23	—	7	—	—	28	136	9	26	—	—	102
BARKER ALAN	5	3	—	—	—	—	6	4	—	—	—	—
BARKER NIGEL	12	2	3	—	—	12	162	10	19	—	—	64
BELL KEITH	19	2	1	—	2	6	346	19	51	8	62	232
BIBB CHRIS	12	1	3	—	—	12	12	3	3	—	—	12
CAMPBELL MARK	4	—	—	—	—	—	10	2	—	—	—	—
CLARKSON PETER	6	3	1	—	—	4	22	15	3	—	—	12
CROSSLEY JOHN	7	—	2	—	—	8	7	—	2	—	—	8
DAKIN ALAN	8	3	—	—	—	—	12	17	3	—	—	12
FOX DERYCK	28	—	10	32	4	107	124	1	33	66	18	281
GIBBINS MICK	2	—	—	—	—	—	316	16	11	—	—	33
HARRISON KARL	22	3	—	—	—	—	38	3	2	—	—	8
HESELWOOD DAVID	10	3	1	—	—	4	25	3	3	—	—	12
HOPKINS CALVIN	6	1	—	—	—	—	61	6	18	—	—	72
HIRD ADRIAN	1	2	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—
JONES DAVID	6	—	2	—	—	8	6	—	2	—	—	8
KELLETT BRIAN	9	4	2	—	—	8	10	4	2	—	—	8
KELLETT LEE	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—
KELLY NEIL	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	6	—	—	—	—
LANGTON TERRY	5	—	1	—	—	4	7	—	1	—	—	4
LYMAN PAUL	24	1	9	—	—	36	95	10	37	—	—	147
MARSH RICHARD	21	1	1	—	—	4	72	5	15	—	—	57
O'TOOLE TONY	7	1	—	—	—	—	11	1	1	—	—	3
QUINN STEVE	16	—	1	51	—	106	332	—	63	1125	9	2255
SIDDALL GARY	—	1	—	—	—	—	135	8	21	—	—	77
SLATER MARTIN	6	2	1	—	—	4	6	2	1	—	—	4
SLATTER TIM	16	3	2	—	—	8	38	12	5	—	—	20
SMITH PETER	27	—	8	—	—	32	325	3	85	—	1	265
SPURR ROBERT	4	—	—	—	—	—	98	4	13	—	—	52
STANFORTH TONY	6	—	1	—	—	4	13	—	2	—	—	8
STEADMAN GRAHAM	20	—	10	1	1	43	31	—	15	18	1	97
SYKES ANDY	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
WILD PAUL	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—
WOOLFORD NEIL	8	—	—	—	—	—	34	1	3	—	—	12



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The poor results this season are having a marked effect on the number of supporters travelling to away matches. As a supporters club, we shall continue to run coaches to away games, even if they do run at a loss. Our away fixture next Sunday at Leigh has been postponed due to Leigh's involvement in the Challenge Cup semi-final which takes place on Saturday..

Still on the subject of coaches, we have seats available for the Wembley day trip. The coach will leave the ground at 8 a.m. and return after the match. If there is sufficient demand, we will arrange a coach to Premiership Finals, the coach to leave the ground at 11 a.m. to reach Manchester in time for the Second Division final at 1 p.m. All those interested should contact John Smith either by telephone or at the Collectors Programme Hut.

We are actively raising cash for the Player of the Year Awards on 16th April and a jumble sale held in the Featherstone Library and programme collectors fair in the Railway Hotel both made handsome profits. Thanks to Roy, the Landlord of the Railway for his help.

There is some doubt as to whether the new Clubhouse will be finished before the Player of the Year Awards but as a precaution, we have provisionally booked the Green Lane W.M.C. for the event. Proceeds for the evening go to Steve Quinn's Benefit and the Benefit Committee are to draw the Easter Raffle at the event and tickets are now on sale.

Steve is having the Sunday Mirror R.L. Roadshow at the Central W.M.C. on Wednesday 1st April. Tickets are now on sale at £2 and in view of the demand supporters are urged to buy them now.

The correct score forecast was not predicted for the Wakefield or Warrington games and the prize for today's game is £40.

Finally, the Programme Collectors Hut has a large new stock of programmes but donations of new stocks are always welcome. In addition, Open Rugby, Steve Quinn's story and other publications are available.

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