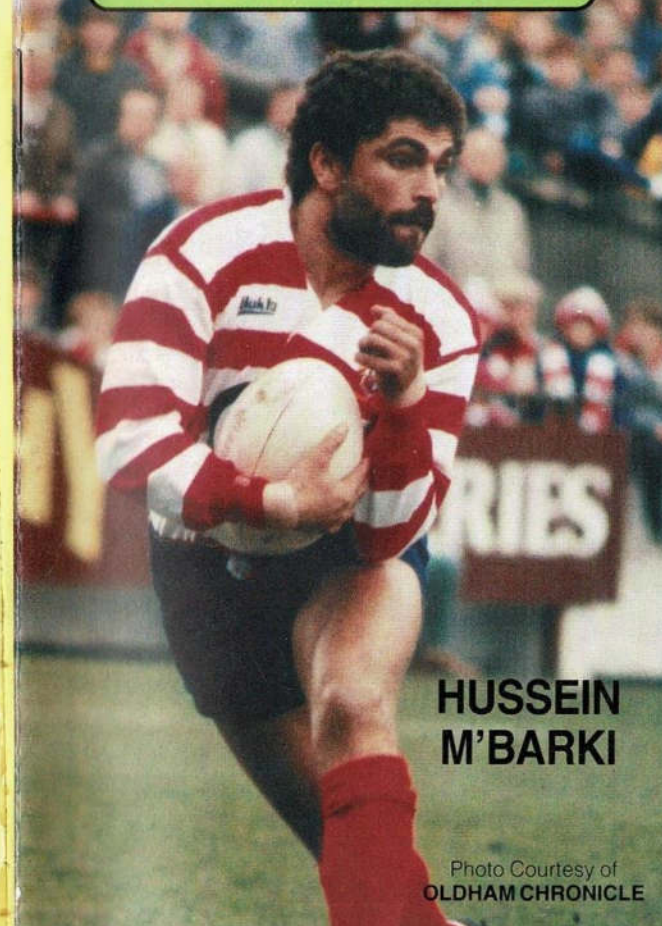


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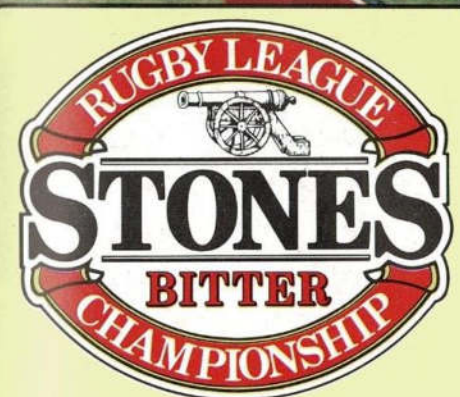
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CLUB RECORDS

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

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

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

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

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

Record Try Scorer: Reg Farrar, 49 tries, 1921-22 season

Record Goal Scorer: Bernard Ganley, 224 goals, 1957-58 season

Record Point Scorer: Bernard Ganley, 28 points v Liverpool City, April 1959

First Game: 21st October, 1876 v Stalybridge

Highest number of points scored: Bernard Ganley, 2,881

Most Appearances: Joe Ferguson, 685

Most Tries: Pre 1900, Jack Hirst, 233. Since 1900, Alan Davies, 182

CLUB HONOURS

Rugby League Championship Play-off Winners: 1909-10, 1910-11, 1956-57

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

First Division Champions: 1904-05

Second Division Champions: 1963-64, 1981-82

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

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

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

Runners-up: 1908-09, 1911-12, 1918-19, 1921-22, 1954-55, 1966-67, 19668-69

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

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

Lancashire Shield Winners: 1975-76, 1979-80

Colts Premiership Trophy: 1979-80



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CLUB NOTES

After a run of six defeats in seven games, most of them narrow reverses, we enjoyed a happy holiday with a home win over Salford on Boxing Day and an impressive victory against Leeds at Headingley on New Year's Day.

The 26-20 win at Leeds provided the Oldham club with its first League double over the Loiners in 26 years, but it was achieved at a price with both Gary Warnecke and Martin Hall ruled out of the next game at Hull as a result of shoulder injuries.

We have had more than our fair share of injuries this season and we can only hope the situation improves as the Challenge Cup draws nearer.

Against Salford, Hussein M'Barki suffered a depressed fracture of the cheekbone and our winger-cum-full back will be out for several weeks and seems certain to miss the first round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup at home to either Workington or Wigan on February 1st.

M'Barki is the latest in the long line of Oldham players to be out of action for several weeks this season, among them David Hobbs, Paddy Kirwan and Wally Jones, to say nothing of Gary Bridge.

Both Gary (shoulder) and Wally (shoulder) were hurt at Wakefield on October 26th, shortly before we turned in that inspiring display against Australia which was to cost us the services of David Hobbs for several weeks with knee ligament damage.

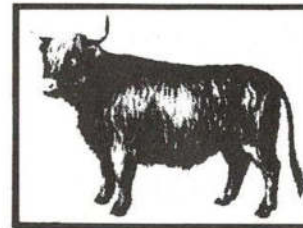
Even at Hull last Sunday, when we lost 20-16 after a rousing fightback that produced 12 points in three minutes, Mick Worrall picked up a rib injury that needed a precautionary x-ray.

Injuries, silly mistakes, and a lack of discipline at times have taken the edge off our performances in recent weeks, but we showed what we could do earlier in the season and there were clear signs at Leeds that the good form was returning.

The four points gained at Salford and Leeds came in very handy in easing our mid-table position and, having dropped two points at Hull, we will be looking to complete another double today and hopefully to squeeze back into the top eight.

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TRINITY TALES... AND THE RETURN OF MICK PARRISH?

An extra tit-bit in today's Oldham-Wakefield game could be an appearance in the centre for Trinity by Mick Parrish, listed by Oldham at £25,000 and now on a month's loan at Belle Vue.

Mick's signing on a temporary basis was finalised last weekend when he made his Trinity debut in the 'A' team at Salford on Friday night and then stepped up into the first team for the home game with the Reds on the Sunday.

The Oldham club did not stipulate that Mick should not turn out against them so, barring injury, it is odds-on that he will play for Trinity today as the Yorkshiremen endeavour to pick up two precious points to give them their opening First Division win of the season.

At present they have just one point from a draw, so being realistic it is reasonable to assume that Trinity will be relegated at the end of the campaign.

Indeed, the Wakefield management recognise that and are already drawing up a long-term blueprint, designed to get them back into the First Division at the first attempt and with a side that will be good enough to stay there.

There is a feeling that Mick Parrish, son-in-law of our former committee man and vice-chairman Jack Bowden, could well be part of that blueprint, hence Trinity's desire to get him to Belle Vue, initially on loan but with a view to a more permanent signing.

In recent times, the famous Trinity club has been passing through a great period of transformation.

The local council in Wakefield now has a major involvement in the club and in its administration while, like so many clubs, Trinity have been affected by the demands of the Safety of Sports Ground Act, just as we have at Watersheddings.

Results in the First Division have not gone well for Trinity and, as happens so often when a club is subjected to a bad run of results, the coach or manager is under great pressure.

Coach Tony Dean and Trinity parted company a week or two ago and there is now a great deal of speculation linking the renowned Peter Fox with the coaching job at Belle Vue, where his brother Neil set so many scoring records a few years ago.

On the playing side, Trinity recruited several overseas men this season, including Russell Klein, Glenn Stanton, a relative of the 1982 Kangaroo tour coach Frank Stanton, and Bob Cowie.

Bob nearly escaped the 'import' ruling as he holds a British passport and both his parents are British citizens.

However, as he was born in Australia and has played all his rugby there, he is not eligible for GB selection at international level and it was on that ruling he was declared to be Trinity's fourth 'import'.

Several other players to look out for include full back Gary Spencer, who was a member of Maurice Bamford's British training squad last summer, and the long-serving Welshman Steve Diamond, who began his professional career with Wakefield and has now returned there after spells with several other clubs.

Former Featherstone and Hull star Steve Evans was brought from Hull early this season before Len Casey departed the Trinity scene to take over as team boss at the Boulevard.

Evans was an expensive signing for the stand-off half position, while Trinity also recruited two Lancastrians to try and add experience and solidity to the side – scrum-half Jimmy Green and second-row man Tommy Gittins.

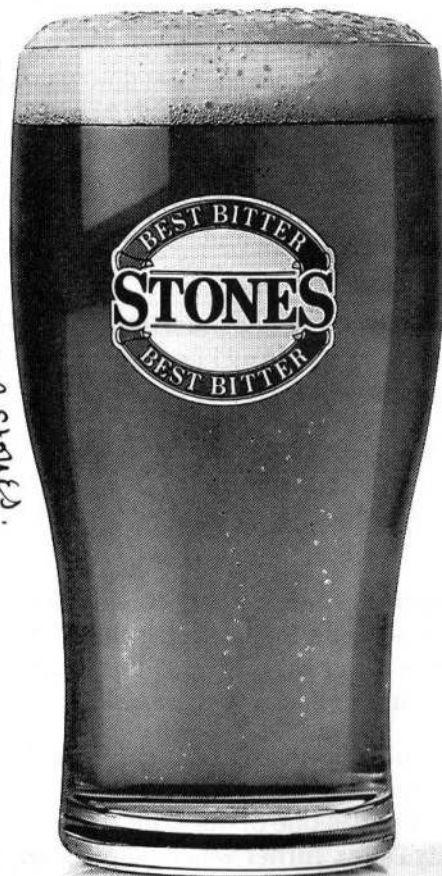
Hooker Billy Conway was chosen as the Halbro Open Rugby Shooting Star of the Month for last September, while John Lyons came on as substitute in our easy win at Belle Vue last October and immediately began to give our defence a lot of trouble.

Diamond, centre Phil Eden, prop Ian Hopkinson, and utility man Lyons have all made well over 100 senior appearances for Trinity, who will be remembered as one of our code's great clubs in the 1960's when the one and only Derek Turner was leading by example up front and that scoring machine Neil Fox was cracking all the records in the backs.

They were great times and great days for the Wakefield club, but the current management is determined to pull things round and guide the club back to the glory road in the long term.

When the amber sun slips slowly,
Over the grandstand,
And the afternoon becomes still,
The whistle blows,
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And you think, "This lot's over the hill,"
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Around the League... with Roughyed

At this time of year the thoughts of most people in Rugby League turn to the Challenge Cup, the start of that annual tournament which ends in a match-of-a-lifetime for two teams at Wembley Stadium on a spring day in May.

The signing deadline for the cup is tomorrow at noon and, true to form, you can bet there will be one or two late deals finalised in the next few hours as clubs make their last minute decisions in a bid to add strength to their squads in the hope of enhancing their ambitions of a good run in the cup.

The preliminary round takes place next weekend and features the following matches:

Hunslet v York; St Helens v Swinton; Castleford v Blackbrook, Workington Town v Wigan; Elland v Heworth; Kells v Fulham.

It is perhaps strange that we should find teams like holders Castleford, favourites Wigan and hotly-fancied St Helens in the preliminary round alongside the four amateur teams.

The view of the League has always been that the luck of the draw should mean just that; that seeding is something to be avoided; that part of the magic of a cup competition is a draw that features real David and Goliath ties.

First-round ties will be played on 1st February and the draw is as follows:

Rochdale Hornets v Carlisle; Warrington v Bradford; Sheffield Eagles v Keighley; Blackpool v Wakefield; Featherstone v Hunslet or York; Barrow v Batley; Dewsbury v St Helens or Swinton; Salford v Leeds; Castleford or Blackbrook v Widnes; OLDHAM v WORKINGTON; Runcorn v Leigh; Bramley v Hull; Mansfield v Elland or Heworth; Huddersfield v Whitehaven; Hull KR v Doncaster; Kells or Fulham v Halifax.

At Watersheddings, of course, all eyes will be on the Workington-Wigan preliminary round clash next weekend because the winners will be here two weeks later in the first round proper.

Much has been said and written about our first round tie and where it will be played. At the time of writing these notes, the committee had not met formally to make firm decisions, but it is reasonable to assume that the tie will take place here at Watersheddings with an all-ticket capacity of 7,500 (always assuming, of course, that Wigan do not come a cropper up there in Cumbria).

By now, some announcements will probably have been made in the Press about ticket allocation etc, so do watch out for further notices over the next few days concerning a match which should generate a fantastic amount of interest.

Wigan are big box-office wherever they play and you can guarantee there will be a terrific scramble for tickets for a tie in which Oldham will attempt to knock the favourites over and make amends for their Lancashire Cup final defeat by Graham Lowe's men last October.

Oldham lad Mike Ford, who had a great game that day, has since been listed at £50,000 at his own request.

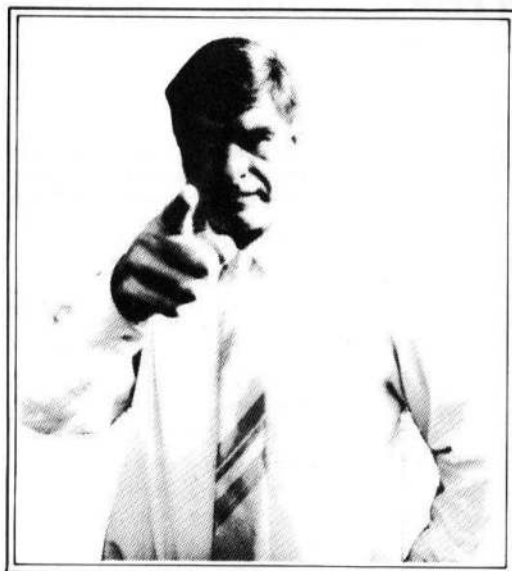
Another scrum-half with a big price tag on his head is Warrington's Andy Gregory. He is on offer at £150,000, but he appealed to the Rugby League management committee this week for a reduction and the case was due to be heard last Wednesday.

On the same day, the League were expected to make some important announcements concerning the future of the Great Britain set-up following the retirement of Maurice Bamford and his reinstatement as coach at Leeds.

Manager Les Bettinson has already been put in charge of Britain again, but the League now have to find a successor to Bamford, and the favourites are expected to be Roger Millward of Hull KR and Mal Reilly of Castleford.

The old year ended with some big headlines in League. Coach Peter Fox was sacked by Leeds and Bamford was named as his immediate successor; Leigh boss Tommy Dickens and his assistant, Stan Wall, were also ousted, to be replaced by former St Helens boss Billy Benyon.

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ROUND	DATE	PER ROUND	TOTAL
Preliminary	18th January	12 x £1,200	£14,400
First	31st January/1st Feb.	16 x £1,200	£19,200
Second	14th/15th February	8 x £1,650	£13,200
Third	28th February/1st March	4 x £2,750	£11,000
Semi-final (1)	14th March	1 x £4,500	£4,500
Semi-final (2)	28th March	1 x £4,500	£4,500
Final:	2nd May		
	Runners-up	1 x £9,000	£9,000
	Winners	1 x £16,000	£16,000
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY			£91,800
CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND			£58,200
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The Cup deadline for the signing of players is noon on Monday, 12th January.

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Wigan	14	5	0	1	191	41	7	0	1	163	67	24
Warrington	14	7	0	1	215	114	5	0	1	147	87	24
Castleford	16	6	0	2	181	98	6	0	2	163	121	24
Halifax	18	7	0	2	178	119	4	1	4	148	172	23
Widnes	15	6	0	2	208	134	3	0	4	132	137	18
Bradford N.	16	4	0	3	144	93	5	0	4	190	175	18
Hull K.R.	17	7	0	2	176	121	2	0	6	109	174	18
Oldham	16	5	0	2	165	116	3	0	6	168	176	16
Leeds	16	4	0	4	227	165	3	0	5	127	152	14
Hull	15	6	0	1	154	131	1	0	7	84	233	14
Featherstone	15	3	1	5	160	203	1	0	5	70	154	9
Leigh	16	3	1	4	135	141	1	0	7	112	242	9
Barrow	16	2	0	7	136	175	1	2	4	107	147	8
Salford	17	2	0	6	94	205	2	0	7	119	260	8
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Sheffield	17	6	0	1	162	78	5	0	5	229	203	22
Doncaster	15	3	1	2	144	94	7	0	2	169	134	21
Blackpool	17	4	0	4	124	118	6	0	3	185	138	20
Rochdale	15	6	0	2	154	79	3	1	3	107	124	19
York	18	5	0	5	246	204	4	0	4	126	122	18
Bramley	15	5	0	2	116	103	3	0	5	99	194	16
Runcorn	16	5	0	3	166	123	2	1	5	99	151	15
Carlisle	16	6	1	2	139	128	1	0	6	92	157	15
Batley	15	1	0	4	69	59	5	0	5	131	216	12
Huddersfield	19	2	0	7	148	207	4	0	6	166	249	12
Dewsbury	16	4	0	5	131	120	1	0	6	74	181	10
Fulham	14	4	0	4	161	172	0	0	6	84	167	8
Workington	16	3	0	6	167	175	1	0	6	65	191	8
Keighley	16	3	0	6	104	157	1	0	6	84	205	8
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	Opponents	Att.	F	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Aug	31 Leeds	4,621	14	12	Atkinson 1TIG	M'Barki	Foy 1T	Warnecke	Taylor	Topliss	Ashton 2DG	Jones	Flanagan	Clark	Hobbs 1G	Hawkyard	Worrall	Kirwan (10)	Nadiole (4)
Sept	3 Halifax (7-30)	4,869	14	20	Atkinson 1T	Sherman	Foy	M'Barki	Taylor 1T	Topliss	Ashton	Clark	Flanagan	Hobbs 3G	Hawkyard	Clawson	Worrall	Kirwan D.N.P.	Nadiole (12)
	7 Warrington	4,000	18	22	Atkinson	Sherman	Foy	M'Barki 1T	Taylor	Ashton	Kirwan	Clark 1T	Flanagan	Hobbs 3G	Clawson	Hawkyard 1T	Worrall	Edwards	Nadiole
	14 Leigh L.C.C. 1	4,566	29	22	Atkinson	Sherman 1T	Foy	M'Barki 1T	Taylor	Topliss	Ashton	Clark 1T	Flanagan	Nadiole 1T	Clawson	Worrall 6G	Raper	Edwards	Hobbs 1DG 1T
	21 Hull K.R.	4,069	28	12	M'Barki	Sherman	Hawkyard	Warnecke 1T	Taylor 1T	Topliss	Ashton	Clark	Flanagan	Nadiole	Worrall 3G	Hobbs 1G 1T	Raper 1T	Edwards	Clawson
	24 Workington L.C.C. 2	3,412	46	13	M'Barki 1T	Sherman	Foy	Warnecke 2T	Taylor	Topliss	Ashton	Clark 1T	Flanagan	Hobbs 7G 1T	Nadiole	Worrall 1T	Raper 1T	Hawkyard	Clawson
	28 Leigh (3-30)	4,000	12	40	M'Barki 1T	Sherman	Hawkyard	Warnecke 1T	Taylor	Bridge	Ashton	Clark	Flanagan	Hobbs 2G	Clawson	Worrall	Raper	Topliss	Casey
Oct	1 Widnes L.C.C. s/f	5,601	16	14	M'Barki	Sherman 1T	Bridge	Warnecke	Edwards	Topliss	Ashton	Clark	Flanagan	Hobbs 1T 4G	Nadiole	Worrall	Raper	Kirwan	Hawkyard
Oct	5 Widnes	3,875	22	16	Edwards	Sherman	Hawkyard	Warnecke 1T	Atkinson 1T	Topliss	Kirwan	Jones	Hall	Clark 1T	Hobbs 1T	Clawson	Worrall 3G	Ogburn	Casey
	19 Wigan L.C.C. Final	20,180	6	27	M'Barki	Sherman	Bridge 1T	Warnecke	Atkinson	Topliss	Kirwan	Clark	Flanagan	Hobbs 1G	Worrall	Nadiole	Raper	Hawkyard	Clawson
	26 Wakefield T. (3-30)	2,740	54	10	Edwards	Sherman 1T	Foy 1T	Warnecke 2T	Taylor	Topliss 1T	Bridge	Jones	Flanagan	Clark	Hobbs 6G	Worrall 1G 1T	Raper 1T	Ashton 1T	Hawkyard
Nov	2 Barrow	3,306	32	20	Edwards	Sherman 1T	Foy	M'Barki	Taylor 1T	Warnecke	Ashton 1T	Clark	Flanagan	Clawson	Hobbs 6G 1T	Worrall 1T	Raper	Hawkyard	Nadiole
	4 Australia (7-30)	5,678	16	22	Edwards	Sherman	Foy 1T	Warnecke	M'Barki	Topliss	Ashton	Clark	Flanagan	Clawson	Worrall 3G	Hobbs 1G	Raper	Hawkyard 1T	Nadiole
	9 Hull K.R.	4,481	4	6	M'Barki	Sherman	Foy	Warnecke	Taylor	Topliss	Ashton	Clark	Flanagan	Clawson	Hawkyard	Nadiole	Worrall 2G	Edwards	Marsden
	16 St Helens	5,752	17	18	M'Barki	Sherman 1T	Foy 1T	Warnecke	Taylor	Topliss	Ashton 1DG	Clark	Flanagan	Clawson	Worrall 2G	Hawkyard 1T	Raper	Edwards	Nadiole
	23 Bradford N. (3-30)	4,060	18	10	M'Barki	Sherman	Foy 1T	Warnecke	Taylor	Topliss	Bridge	Clark	Flanagan	Clawson	Worrall 1T 3G	Nadiole	Raper 1T	Lowndes	Jones
	30 Bradford N. (J.P.S.)	5,642	12	22	M'Barki	Sherman	Foy 1T	Warnecke 1T	Atkinson	Topliss	Bridge	Clark	Flanagan	Clawson	Worrall 2G	Nadiole	Raper	Ashton	Lowndes
Dec	14 Halifax	4,905	18	20	M'Barki	Sherman	Foy 1T	Warnecke	Taylor 1T	Topliss	Bridge 1T	Jones	Flanagan	Clark	Worrall 1G	Hobbs	Raper 1T	Hawkyard	Clawson
	21 St Helens	6,821	6	28	Edwards	Sherman 1T	Foy	Bridge	Taylor	Topliss	Ashton	Hobbs	Flanagan	Clawson	Worrall 1G	Hawkyard	Raper	Atkinson	Hall
	26 Salford	4,011	34	18	M'Barki 1T	Sherman	Foy 1T	Bridge 1T	Taylor	Topliss	Ashton 1T	Clark	Flanagan	Clawson	Hobbs 1G	Worrall 4G	Raper 1T	Edwards	Hall
Jan	1 Leeds	7,570	26	20	Bridge	Sherman	Foy	Warnecke 1T	Taylor 1T	Topliss	Ashton	Clark	Hall	Hobbs 3G	Flanagan 2T	Worrall	Raper 1T	Nadiole	Clawson
	4 Hull	4,895	16	20	Trialist	Sherman	Foy 1T	Bridge 1T	Taylor 1T	Topliss	Ashton	Clark	Sanderson	Hobbs 2G	Worrall	Flanagan	Raper	Kirwan	Clawson
	11 Wakefield																		
	18 Widnes																		
	25 Halifax																		
Feb	1 Silk Cut Cup (1)																		
	8 Wigan																		
	15 Silk Cut Cup (2)																		
	22 Hull																		
March	1 Castleford																		
	8 Featherstone																		
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April	5 Barrow																		
	12 Leigh																		
	17 Salford																		
	20 Wigan																		

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Barrow	■	16-11	11-21	12-23	16-17	21-6	26-23					12-34			16-18	8-16
Bradford	36-29	■	12-7	10-2	8-12					10-14					27-14	10-26
Castleford	46-28	16-7	■	16-7	16-8	16-11	19-8	29-21			42-16					6-12
Featherstone		16-19	16-16	16-12	16-11	19-16	16-8	8-11	22-19	14-48						
Halifax	24-4	12-10		■	26-10	24-18	23-8	29-14	18-8	26-19	13-18					
Hull	27-23	26-6	26-21	■	19-32	16-26					12-8					
Hull K.R.	12-30	16-11	14-6	29-4	■	15-21	6-4	4-38	22-11	18-0						
Leeds	4-12		13-22		12-7	■	29-28	16-17	20-40	16-4	26-54					
Leigh	10-9	6-12		29-24		20-8	■	40-12		22-17	16-20	16-25				
Oldham	22-20			18-29	18-12	11-12	■	34-18	17-16		22-16					
Salford	12-21	12-22		14-34	29-12		■	4-33		18-25	22-16	10-34				
St Helens				26-16	16-19		10-18	26-6	15-11	■	12-11					4-12
Wakefield	14-14	22-32	12-41	2-28		14-28	6-12	10-34	16-16		■					
Warrington				16-26	16-11	42-30		20-8		22-18	42-14	28-18	■			23-12
Widnes	29-11	11-16	29-25			26-4	35-19				16-10	16-11		■	16-22	
Wigan	16-4					14-7		11-9	42-12	12-10	14-4				■	

Appearances & Scorers

	APPS (inc. Subs.)	T	G	DG	PTS
ASHTON, R.	18	3	—	3	15
ATKINSON, K.	7	3	1	—	14
BRIDGE, G.	11	5	—	—	20
CASEY, L.	2	—	—	—	—
CLARK, B.	21	3	—	—	12
CLAWSON, N.	19	1	—	—	4
EDWARDS, J.	12	—	—	—	—
FLANAGAN, T.	21	2	—	—	8
FOY, D.	17	11	—	—	44
HAWKYARD, C.	16	3	—	—	12
HOBBS, D.	18	6	41	1	107
JONES, W.	5	—	—	—	—
KIRWAN, P.	7	—	—	—	—
M'BARKI, H.	17	5	—	—	20
NADIOLE, T.	15	1	—	—	4
RAPER, S.	17	8	—	—	32
SHERMAN, P.	21	6	—	—	24
TAYLOR, M.	18	6	—	—	24
TOPLISS, D.	20	1	—	—	4
WARNECKE, G.	16	9	—	—	36
WORRALL, M.	22	4	31	—	78
HALL, M.	4	—	—	—	—
LOWNDES, P.	2	—	—	—	—
MARSDEN, R.	1	—	—	—	—
OGBURN, J.	1	—	—	—	—
SANDERSON, I.	1	—	—	—	—
TRIALIST	1	—	—	—	—

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Could we take this opportunity to ask all our friends and supporters to watch for any hooligans present at home and away matches. They are slowly creeping in to League and Cup matches throughout the R.L. Our game is known the world over for its well behaved fans. Let's keep it that way please report any idiots to the nearest policeman or steward. And if possible give their names to any club official who will take the necessary action.

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THE EDITOR TALKING

... on a new RL BODY in OLDHAM

It may have escaped the notice of a lot of Rugby League followers in Oldham and surrounding areas that there now exists a Rugby League Council locally which has been set up to try and protect the interests of the game at all levels in this area.

Pioneers of such a scheme were Humberside, but other local councils are now emerging and I have read at least one RL publication which seemed to be unaware of the existence of the council here in Oldham.

To put the record straight, the Council for this area has recently completed one year in existence and there are now signs that its "voice" will be heard in local RL circles for a long time to come.

It is comprised mainly of representatives from all the local bodies of RL such as the senior club here at Watersheddings, the local referees society, the newly formed Oldham Coaches Association, the local 'branch' of the National Coaching Scheme under regional coach Eric Fitzsimons, the local schools' RL, the local Oldham Amateur League, the Greater Manchester Youth League, and local representation of those clubs which play in the North-West Counties League at youth level.

The chairman is a co-opted member, Mr Fred Howarth, who is also the honorary secretary of the Oldham Rugby League Football Club and a man who, as a retired headmaster, spent a lifetime as a dedicated enthusiast and worker for schools' Rugby League at both local and national levels.

There are many issues over which the Council can act as watchdog, both of a general nature and of a more specific variety, such as the need to protect the interests of the Hollinwood club which is soon to lose its ground at Bower Lane due to the sale of the Ferranti complex.

A shortage of pitches in the area, a shortage of qualified coaches, the need to compensate for the smaller amount of League now being played in the schools by more youth rugby at amateur club level.

These are all points over which the council can show its interest and its guidance. At a recent meeting it was even suggested that it would be a good idea to try and play more curtain-raisers for local boys here at Watersheddings, thus whetting the appetite for local lads about what Watersheddings has to offer.

Those are just a sample of the issues the council will be debating over the next year but, just as important, the new body can prove the perfect vehicle for bringing the various factions of the game in our town together for the mutual benefit of all.

The council meets regularly several times a year and, believe me, when you get the amateur league, the senior club, the schools, and the referees around one table there is always plenty to debate!

In the main, though, the criticism is constructive and many a problem can be ironed out far more smoothly than was first imagined when one can hear the other side of the story presented in a fair and reasonable manner.

Another body that looks capable of filling a big void in the town is the newly-created Oldham Coaches Association, whose officials include former Oldham players such as Eric Fitzsimons, Ray Hicks, Ray Clark and Ian Taylor.

At a recent social function, their chief guests were the coaching and management team of the Australian schoolboy touring party, and a very enjoyable and successful evening was held at the Watershed club.

The beauty of such an organisation is that it can keep all its members aware of every changing development and up-to-date ideas, it can bring important and influential guest speakers to the town to trade ideas and thoughts on coaching, and it can encourage more local people to take up coaching for the ultimate benefit of the game as a whole in this area.

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CAPTAIN'S TALE
by DAVID TOPLISS

It was a disappointing day for me on two counts at Hull last Sunday. Not only did we drop two League points in a 20-16 defeat, but on my first game at the Boulevard since leaving there to join Oldham I was forced to retire midway through the first half with a dead leg.

Everything went well from the kick-off when I was able to set up a try for Mick Taylor, but in so doing I took a blow to the thigh from Fred Ah Koui and after 20 minutes or so I had no alternative but to hobble off.

By a strange twist of fate, the injury might also keep me out of today's clash with another of my former clubs, Wakefield Trinity.

It is always a bit special for a player to turn out against his old club, and it will be a disappointment for me if I have to miss out today.

If we can learn lessons from Hull they must surely be that we have to show more discipline, and that we need to control our possession and minimise mistakes.

We are trying to play at 100 miles an hour all the time, and we should be steadying down a bit when we are in the driving seat and making sure that we don't make things easy for our opponents by giving the ball away.

As far as today's game is concerned, we must not go into the match thinking it is going to be easy.

I know we scored more than 50 points when we won at Belle Vue in October, but we caught them cold on the day and I expect it will be a much tougher game this time.

Trinity are anxious for points and, believe me, they will come here intending to cause a few surprises.

DAVID HOBBS

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