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DAVID HOBBS		8	ALAN SHILLITO WARD
MARTIN HALL IAN SANDERSON		9	KEVIN BEARDMORE HORTON
	HUGH WADDLE	10	BARRY JOHNSON
	MICK WORRALL	11	MARTIN KETTERIDGE
NEIL CLAWSON STUART RAPER		12	KEVIN WARD BLACKBURN
	TERRY FEANAGAN	13	KEITH ENGLAND
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CLUB RECORDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Game: 21st October, 1876 v Stalybridge

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

Most Appearances: Joe Ferguson, 685

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

CLUB HONOURS

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

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

First Division Champions: 1904-05

Second Division Champions: 1963-64, 1981-82

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

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

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

Runners-up: 1908-09, 1911-12, 1918-19, 1921-22, 1954-55, 1966-67, 1968-69

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

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

Lancashire Shield Winners: 1975-76, 1979-80

Colts Premiership Trophy: 1979-80



GLEN LIDDIARD Photo Courtesy of OLDHAM CHRONICLE

CLUB NOTES

The desperately unlucky Gary Bridge was due to have a knee operation in Sydney this week which is expected to rule him out of action for the whole of the Sydney season.

Hurt at Featherstone, Gary flew home ten days early but before he went we made it clear to him that we would like him back for next season.

Of course, the severity of his injury now puts a question mark over his immediate future, so we can only wait and see.

His fellow Aussie, Bruce Clark, made his farewell appearance against Wakefield on Wednesday and flew home to Sydney the following day to take up his career with Western Suburbs. All fans will wish big Bruce a successful season with Wests.

Wins over Warrington and Bradford have now enhanced our top-eight hopes, but these notes had to be written before Wednesday's game against a revitalised Wakefield Trinity, so we can only hope that we picked up the win which would have lifted us to sixth place.

After today's match, we have only two home games left... Leigh on Sunday, 12th April and Wigan on Easter Monday.

Next Sunday, we go to Barrow and then the following Wednesday we take on Wigan at Central Park. Our final away game of the league season will be at Salford on Good Friday.

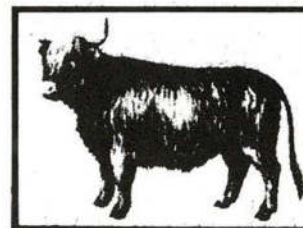
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CLASSY CAS CHASING TOP FOUR SPOT

Like most First Division clubs these days, Castleford have been hit by the recent departure of four Aussie stars – Bob Lindner, Brett Atkins, Chris Johns and Colin Scott.

Nevertheless, the reservoir of local at Wheldon Road is so deep that Castleford are still strongly fancied to finish in the top four and they even have their sights set on the runners-up spot following a run of four consecutive First Division wins.

After a bad spell while Great Britain prop Kevin Ward was out of action with a broken ankle, Castleford got back on winning ways with victory over Oldham at Wheldon Road a few weeks ago and they have since had wins over St Helens, Widnes and Barrow, the latter a record of 70-10 win in which Bob Beardmore scored a record 38 points.

His 11 goals and four tries had the record keepers thumbing through their books, and as the 70-point haul closely followed the 44 points scored against Widnes, it is obvious that the classy Cas's scoring machine is well oiled at present.

Of course, they are bound to miss their Aussies, especially now that full back Scott and second-row man Atkins have flown home this week to create even bigger gaps following the departure of Lindner and Johns some time earlier.

Lindner, the Kangaroo's Test star, had a good tour here last autumn and he showed his strength, pace and skill when he produced a stunning display in Castleford's win over Oldham at Wheldon Road.

How Mal Reilly will fill the gaps is open to some debate, but it seems certain that David Rookley will take over at full back.

Beginning to make a strong claim for a regular wing spot, thus helping to compensate for the loss of centre Johns, is local lad Grant Anderson, a 17-year-old who signed from the Colts team a short time ago, made his debut against Widnes and retained his place against Barrow last weekend.

Skipper and veteran back John Joyner has spent much of the season competing with youngster Shaun Irwin for the No. 6 jersey, but it now seems certain that Joyner will play at centre, alongside Tony Marchant, with Irwin returning at No. 6 after playing for Great Britain colts against France last weekend.

The loss of Lindner and Atkins from the pack is bound to be felt in the back-row, but the recent return of Ward after injury has coincided with a big upturn in fortunes and it will still take a good, strong pack to get the better of the Castleford six.

Problems in the back-row may encourage Reilly to use Alan Shillito at No. 8 with Ward in the second-row, but the more likely permutation is for Ward, Kevin Beardmore and Barry Johnston to form the front-three down with Keith England at loose-forward and Martin Ketteridge and possibly Dean Mountain in the second-row.

Out of their six remaining games, Castleford have only one home match remaining and five away, so they will be anxious to complete a league double here tonight if they are to fulfil their ambition of earning a home tie in the first round of the play-off.

GREENALLS Man of Steel Awards 1987

Tickets are now available for Rugby League's top social event the Greenalls Man of Steel Awards, to be staged at The Willows, Salford RLFC, on Wednesday 13th May.

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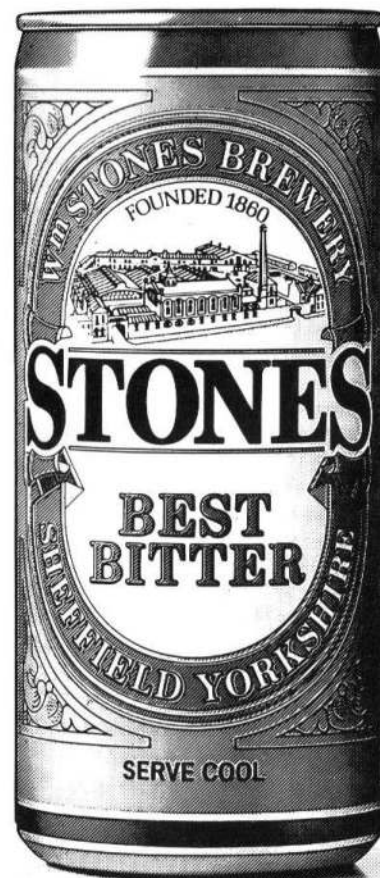
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Around the League... with Roughyed

Gary Schofield needs three tries for a century of touch downs for Hull. Still only 21, the Test centre is poised to become the youngest ever player to total 100 tries for a club, and these figures were compiled before Hull's game against Salford on Wednesday. A former Hunslet Parkside Junior player, Schofield signed for Hull soon after captaining the Great Britain Amateur Youth Squad to New Zealand in 1983. He made his debut for Hull in a 22-23 home draw against Warrington on 21st August, 1983 and his next appearance was as a substitute when he scored his first try in a 30-8 Yorkshire Cup Second Round win at Keighley on 14th September, 1983. It was the start of a remarkable season in which he became the youngest player to finish at the top of the Try Chart with 38, including 1 for Great Britain Under 24's. He was only 18 years 10 months when the season finished. Schofield's 97 tries for Hull have come in 114 appearances, including 6 as substitute. He has scored four hat-tricks for the club.

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In the Silk Cut Challenge Cup Semi-Final at Headingley yesterday Widnes appeared in their 9th Semi Final since 1975. Their only defeat in this period was 10-5 against Hull at Swinton in 1980 with victories in 1975, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1982, and 1984. Widnes overall total of Semi Final appearances, including this year, is 18 with 12 victories. It was Halifax's 20th Semi Final which have brought 10 victories. Their last Semi-Final appearance was in 1980 when they lost 20-7 to Hull K.R. at Headingley. They were last a Wembley in 1956 when St Helens beat them 13-2.

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Bob Beardmore of Castleford broke the Division One record for points in a match with his 38 at home to Barrow on Sunday. The scrum half scored 4 tries and kicked 11 goals in the 70-10 victory. The previous record was held by John Woods with 36 points from 8 goals and 5 tries in Bradford Northern's 48-20 home defeat of Swinton on 13th October, 1985. Woods had taken the record off Beardmore who scored 34 points (11 goals, 3 tries) in Castleford's 54-4 home defeat of Leeds on 2nd October, 1983.

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Doncaster hit the half-century mark for the first time with the 50-6 home defeat of Keighley on Sunday which produced the following records:

- It beat their previous highest score of 43-5 at home to Batley on 17th April, 1965 when they scored 11 tries compared with Sunday's 9
- David Noble's 18 points from 7 goals and a try equalled the club match record. Others to have scored 18 are David Towel (9 goals) v York 9th September 1967, and Ian Fortis (6 goals, 2 tries) v Blackpool 5th September 1970.
- Doncaster registered the club record sixth successive win and equalled their longest unbeaten run. All but one have been at home. They beat the five successive wins in their inaugural season of 1951-52, equalled earlier this season when they won five in a row then drew one for a club record run of six unbeaten matches.
- Sunday's win equalled their best Division Two haul of 33 points which they set last season with 16 wins and a draw. Under the old one League system, Doncaster's best season was their first when they took 43 points from 36 matches in 1951-52.

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Great Britain Under 21's defeat of France at St Helens on Sunday was a record score for a Junior International match. It beat Britain's 48-1 defeat of France in an Under 24 International at Oldham on 4th December, 1983. The Under 21's previous highest score was this years 40-7 win in France. Paul Loughlin broke the Junior International points record with 22 from 7 goals and 2 tries on Saturday, while Neil Puckering's hat-trick equalled the past try haul.

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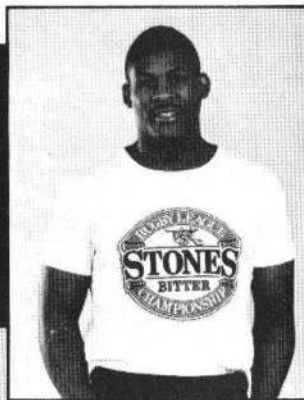
Steve Lidbury equalled the Sheffield Eagles record of 16 tries in a season when the winger touched down in the 28-7 win at Batley on Sunday. He shares the record with loose forward Paul McDermott who scored 16 in their inaugural season of 1984-85. This is the winger's first season as a professional having being signed from Lock Lane (Castleford) amateurs. He scored 2 tries on his debut in the opening match of the season, a 48-5 home defeat of Mansfield Marksman on 31st August, 1986.

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Wigan	22	10	0	1	363	65	10	0	1	228	81	40
Warrington	24	10	1	1	319	176	7	0	5	261	207	35
St Helens	22	9	0	1	359	137	7	1	4	318	172	33
CASTLEFORD	24	10	0	4	359	182	6	0	4	179	173	32
Halifax	24	10	0	3	303	177	5	1	5	166	194	31
Leeds	25	7	0	5	316	235	5	0	8	183	245	24
OLDHAM	23	9	0	2	236	172	3	0	9	202	266	24
Hull K.R.	23	9	0	3	206	160	3	0	8	127	232	24
Bradford N.	24	6	1	4	221	157	5	0	8	228	318	23
Widnes	22	8	0	3	273	166	3	0	8	170	294	22
Salford	25	7	0	7	249	283	3	0	8	157	293	20
Hull	22	8	0	1	231	171	1	1	11	172	356	19
Leigh	23	5	1	5	185	181	3	0	9	201	345	17
Featherstone	24	6	1	5	240	233	1	0	11	157	329	15
Barrow	24	4	0	9	219	247	1	2	8	169	322	12
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Barrow	■	18-14	14-24		12-23	16-17	24-6	16-23	16-27		20-26	12-34	38-13	9-6	16-18	8-16
Bradford	36-20	■	12-7	41-2	8-12	20-20	24-6		18-26	10-18			15-12		27-14	10-20
Castleford	70-10	46-18	■	16-7		16-6	16-10	12-14	19-8	22-18	20-21	12-10	42-16	18-24	41-8	6-12
Featherstone			16-18	■	16-16	18-12	0-14	29-14	50-16	24-6	16-6	8-44	27-10	22-29	14-48	
Halifax	40-14	20-4	12-16	34-8	■	28-16	24-18	23-8	43-24	20-14	18-8	20-19		13-16		8-12
Hull	41-18	27-22		26-6	28-23	■		10-32	31-26	20-16		36-22	12-6			
Hull K.R.		12-30		36-14	14-0	29-6	■	10-6	35-20	6-4		4-36	22-11	14-10	18-0	6-23
Leeds		4-12		33-12		28-22	42-7	■	26-12	20-26	46-10	20-40	46-4	16-54	35-6	0-30
Leigh	9-9		6-12	20-18	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		15-14	22-16	
Salford	12-24	12-22	36-10	26-16	16-8	29-18	14-34	12-14	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	14-14	22-32	12-40	2-29				14-28	6-12	10-54	10-16	6-30	■	22-38	38-20	
Warrington	24-29	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		6-10		26-8	35-10		44-10	13-12	16-10	48-14		■	16-22
Wigan	18-6	60-6	16-6			34-7	26-0	30-8	31-0		42-12	62-10	4-6	40-4	■	

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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 1T	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 3T	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	Triallist	Sherman	Foy 1T	Bridge 1T	Taylor 1T	Topliss	Ashton	Clark	Sanderson	Hobbs 2G	Worrall	Flanagan	Raper	Kirwan	Clawson
	18 Featherstone	2,719	20	16	Burke 1T	Sherman	Foy 1T	Bridge 1T	Taylor	Topliss	Kirwan	Clark	Sanderson 1T	Waddell 1T	Hobbs 1T	Flanagan	Raper	Edwards	Clawson
	21 Widnes	2,798	10	44	Burke 1G	Sherman	Foy	Bridge 1T	Taylor 1T	Topliss	Kirwan	Clark	Sanderson	Waddell	Clawson	Flanagan	Raper	Edwards	Nadiole
Feb	4 Wigan (S.C.C.C.)	10,050	10	8	Burke 3G	M'Barki	Foy	Bridge	Taylor	Topliss	Kirwan 1T	Clark	Sanderson	Waddell	Worrall	Hobbs	Flanagan	Warnecke	Raper
	14 St Helens (S.C.C.C.)	7,698	14	24	Burke 3G	M'Barki	Foy 1T	Bridge	Taylor	Topliss	Kirwan	Clark	Sanderson	Waddell	Worrall	Hobbs	Flanagan	Warnecke	Raper 1T
	22 Hull	24	18	Burke 3G	M'Barki	Foy	Bridge	Taylor 1T	Topliss 1T	Kirwan	Hobbs 1G	Sanderson	Waddell	Hawkyard 1T	Raper	Flanagan	Warnecke	Sherman	
March	1 Castleford	3,947	18	22	Burke 2G	Warnecke	Foy	Bridge 1T	Taylor 1T	Topliss 1T	Kirwan	Clark	Sanderson	Waddell	Hobbs 1G	Worrall	Flanagan	Hawkyard	Raper
	8 Featherstone	2,033	6	24	M'Barki	Sherman	Warnecke	Bridge	Taylor	Topliss	Kirwan 1T	Clark	Sanderson	Waddell	Worrall	Hobbs 1G	Flanagan	Hawkyard	Raper
	11 Warrington	3,108	15	14	Burke 3G	M'Barki	Sherman	Warnecke 1T	Taylor	Topliss 1T	Kirwan	Hobbs 1DG	Sanderson	Waddell	Worrall	Raper	Flanagan	Hawkyard	Clawson
	15 Bradford N.	3,589	12	8	Burke 4G	Sherman	Foy	Warnecke	M'Barki	Topliss	Kirwan	Hobbs 1T	Sanderson	Waddell	Worrall	Raper	Flanagan	Hawkyard	Clawson
	29 Castleford																		
April	5 Barrow																		
	12 Leigh																		
	17 Salford																		
	20 Wigan																		

Appearances & Scorers

	APPS (inc. Subs.)	T	G	DG	PTS
ASHTON, R. (Now with Leeds RL)	18	3	—	3	15
ATKINSON, K.	7	3	1	—	14
BRIDGE, G.	18	8	—	—	32
BURKE, M.	8	1	21	—	46
CLARK, B.	27	3	—	—	12
CLAWSON, N.	23	1	—	—	4
EDWARDS, J.	14	—	—	—	—
FLANAGAN, T.	30	2	—	—	8
FOY, D.	24	13	—	—	52
HAWKYARD, C.	21	4	—	—	16
HOBBS, D.	26	7	46	2	122
JONES, W.	5	—	—	—	—
KIRWAIN, P.	16	2	—	—	8
M'BARKI, H.	23	5	—	—	20
NADIOLE, T.	16	1	—	—	4
RAPER, S.	26	9	—	—	36
SANDERSON, I.	10	1	—	—	4
SHERMAN, P.	27	6	—	—	24
TAYLOR, M.	26	9	—	—	36
TOPLISS, D.	29	4	—	—	16
WADDELL, H.	9	—	—	—	—
WARNECKE, G.	23	10	—	—	40
WORRALL, M.	28	4	31	—	78
CASEY, L.	2	—	—	—	—
HALL, M.	4	—	—	—	—
LOWNDES, P.	2	—	—	—	—
MARSDEN, R.	1	—	—	—	—
OGBURN, J.	1	—	—	—	—
TRIALIST	1	—	—	—	—

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THE EDITOR TALKING

... on the season's big finale

The news that this year's Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley between St Helens and the winners of yesterday's Halifax versus Widnes semi-final could produce one million pounds for the first time is most encouraging. Officials will be looking for a full-house 95,000 crowd in order to reach the £1 million target, but the signs are good with the 43,000 seats having been sold already, apart from those kept back for the competing clubs.

Such seats are always sold in rapid time once the finalists are known, so we can assume that so far as seats are concerned it will be another Wembley sell-out irrespective of whether Widnes or Halifax line up against the Saints. The key will be whether all standing places are taken, but the League report that the £6.00 tickets are going at a brisk rate and all the signs indicate that the magical million target could be reached. It is a far cry from 1929 when the first Wembley final drew £5,614. So far as crowd pulling power is concerned I think a Halifax-Saints final would prove more attractive than a Widnes clash.

I have nothing against Widnes and, in fact, when you consider their path to the semis — away wins at Castleford and Leeds and a draw at Bradford before a home win in the replay — they certainly deserve to walk out once more on 2nd May. On the other hand, the Halifax success story over the past three seasons has been a phenomenal one. From obscurity they stormed to championship success last season, thanks to their Aussie influence, and to walk out at Wembley would crown a remarkable triumph for coach Chris Anderson and the man behind the big revival, David Brooke.

A lot of the glamour of a Widnes appearance at Wembley has gone — outside Widnes, of course — and I think that a Halifax-Saints clash would not only create an inter-county clash and 'spread' interest across the North of England but it would appeal far more to the non-committed RL supporters. By the time these notes are read we will know the outcome of the semi. I hope it's Halifax for the greater good of the game as a whole, but you can never write off the Chemics in the Challenge Cup and if they are walking out on 2nd May, you can bet that Saints will have a battle on their hands.

A fortnight later, at Old Trafford, Manchester, the Rugby League will stage another 'first' with the First and Second Division premierships double header in what should be a marvellous finale to the season. Old Trafford will provide the perfect setting on a spring day for the competing teams to produce all that is best in Rugby League — and it will be a big occasion for the Second Division clubs, too. Sunday, 17th May, is the date, with the Second Division premiership final kicking off at 1.30 p.m. to be followed by the Stones Bitter premiership final at 3.30 p.m.

This double-header is a special 'two for the price of one' promotion with tickets available at £7.00 and £6.00. It will be another historic day in the Rugby League story and true fans of the game will not want to miss the chance of being able to tell their grandchildren many years from now — 'I was there.'

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by DAVID TOPLISS

After the defeat at Featherstone we recorded two welcome wins over Warrington and Bradford Northern at Watersheddings to keep our top-eight ambitions ticking along nicely. I was very pleased with the display against Warrington, but we tended to scrape home against Bradford and we will have to produce a much better all-round display against in-form Castleford today. We need to be a bit more professional at times, but I am looking forward to today's game against Castleford, who have run into form and are looking for a top-four spot.

We were a bit unlucky to lose at Wheldon Road where we dominated the early exchanges but failed to get points on the board. Then, after a bad patch in the middle of the game, we came back strongly and if the match had gone on for another five minutes I think we could have won. I am now looking forward to getting them on our own ground, although it is very obvious that they have run into form with four straight wins. they have been scoring a lot of points, too, so we will have to stop their scoring machine and then produce enough on attack to make sure that our approach work is turned into points.

A top-eight spot is there for the taking, but our destiny is in our own hands. So long as we finish the season with the form of which we are capable, we will qualify for the play-off irrespective of what anybody else does.

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