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TEAM MANAGERS

Peter Fox Eric Fitzsimons

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Richard Marsh 5 *A. N. Other*
McAllister

HALF BACKS

2 G Graham Steadman 6 Peter Walsh *2 G*

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Keith Bell 9 Terry Flanagan - Capt.

Karl Harrison 10 Hugh Waddell

Bustriare Paul Hughes 11 Paul Round

Hughes Peter Smith 12 Colin Hawkyard

Smith Paul Lyman 13 Mal Graham

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John Crossley 14 *Lord*

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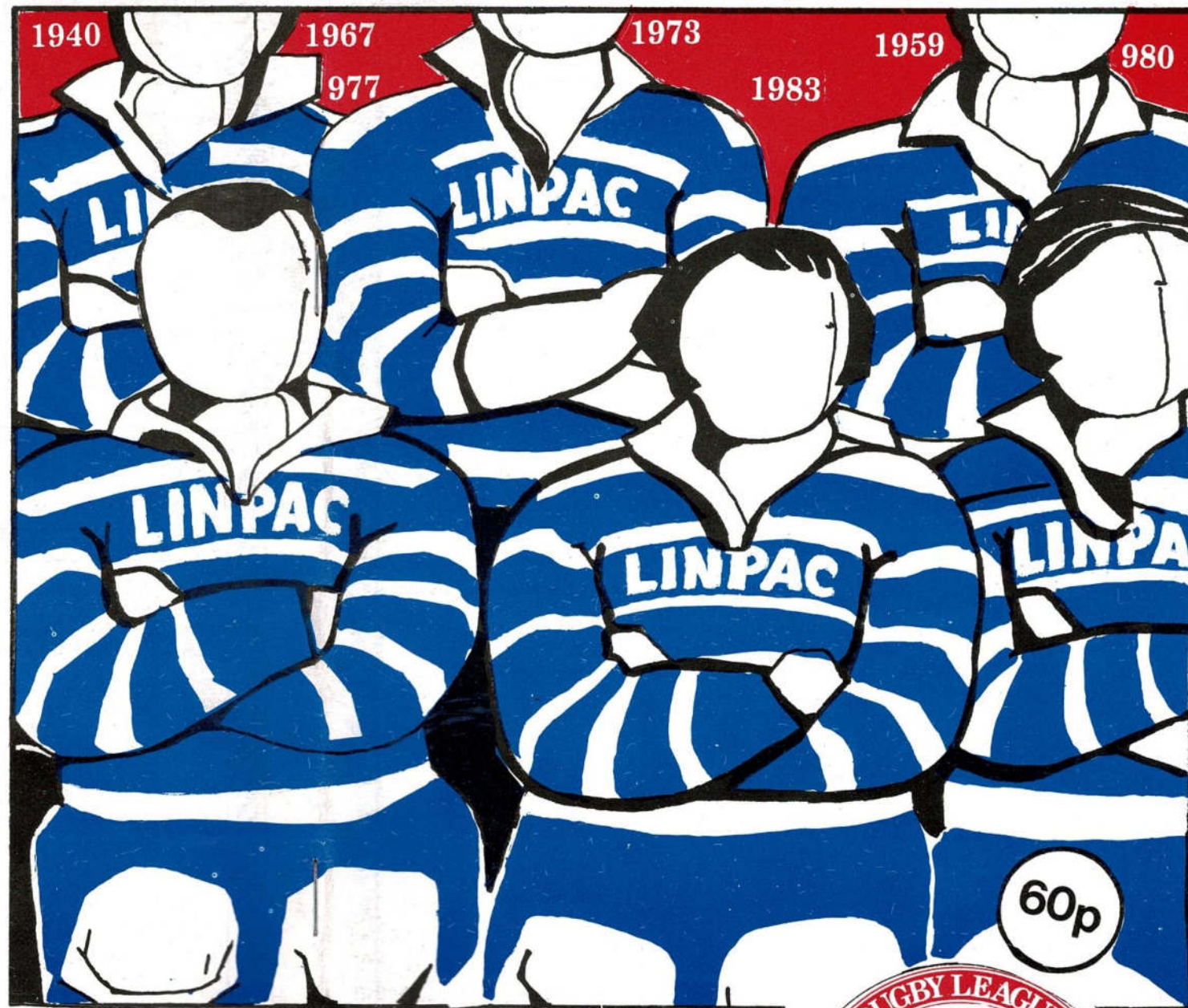
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Club Honours & Statistics.

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, C. Bibb.

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 Jepson Memorial Trophy 1986-87: P. Smith.

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

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 Barrow 1986-87
 —66 points
 ☆ See current players' records

FEBRUARY 1988

Sun	Mon	Tu	Wed	Th	Fri	Sat
-	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	-	-	-	-	-

The week

at Post Office Road

TODAY'S GAME

It is our pleasure this afternoon to welcome to Post Office Road the players, officials and supporters of Oldham R.L.F.C. for what is sure to be one of the most important games of the Second Division season.

Our visitors are currently heading the Stones Bitter Championship table with 30 points from 18 matches, followed by Wakefield Trinity on 29 points from 18 games. Rovers are in third place with 29 pts but have played a match more than the other two.

It is imperative then, that Rovers must take the points today if they are to maintain a serious challenge for the Division Two Championship.

Oldham, of course, will be all out to consolidate that top spot with a victory which would set them well on course for the title and at the same time stave off the challenge of Trinity.

The return fixture at the Watersheddings is scheduled for next Sunday so the eventual winners this afternoon should take the field, in a weeks time, with a tremendous psychological advantage over their opponents.

It all points to a thrilling confrontation between two sides who, irrespective of the result today, will surely be taking their rightful places in Division One at the start of the 1988-89 campaign.

ROVERS ROUTEWAY — OLDHAM

From the M62 motorway take junction 22. Follow the signs for Saddleworth A672 then Oldham.

In 6½ miles turn left into unclassified road, Herbert Street, for Oldham R.L. ground on the left.

HULL K.R. GOAL FARCE

Contrary to various press reports regarding the first Hull K.R. goal in last week's cup-tie, the video of the match quite clearly shows Referee, John McDonald signal to his touch judges to take their positions behind the posts.

How on earth neither of them saw the signal is hard to understand but between them they certainly succeeded in causing Mr. MacDonald considerable embarrassment.

WASTE PAPER

Waste paper is still being collected at the ground, and a couple of weeks ago a 4½ ton load was sent away. As I have said before it is a simple way of helping the Club without having to put your hand in your pocket. All the money raised by this method goes towards ground improvements for the Club.

Life can be made much easier for the people handling the Waste Paper, if newspapers are securely tied or better still packed in card-board boxes. Keep up the good work and help your Club.

VIDEO AND QUIZ NIGHT

Don't forget! You can see today's match again on Thursday evening in the Clubhouse. Full commentary, try replays . . . the works!

Also you will have the chance to win a gallon of ale in our popular General Knowledge and R.L. Quiz.

Admission is Free and the evening starts around 8 p.m.

2nd ROUND HOME TIE

Leeds provide the opposition to Rovers at Post Office Road, tomorrow night in the second round of the Alliance Challenge Cup Competition. The game kicks off at 7.30 pm.

FEATHERSTONE CHASE RECORD

Featherstone Rovers are two short of equalling the club record of 11 successive League victories.

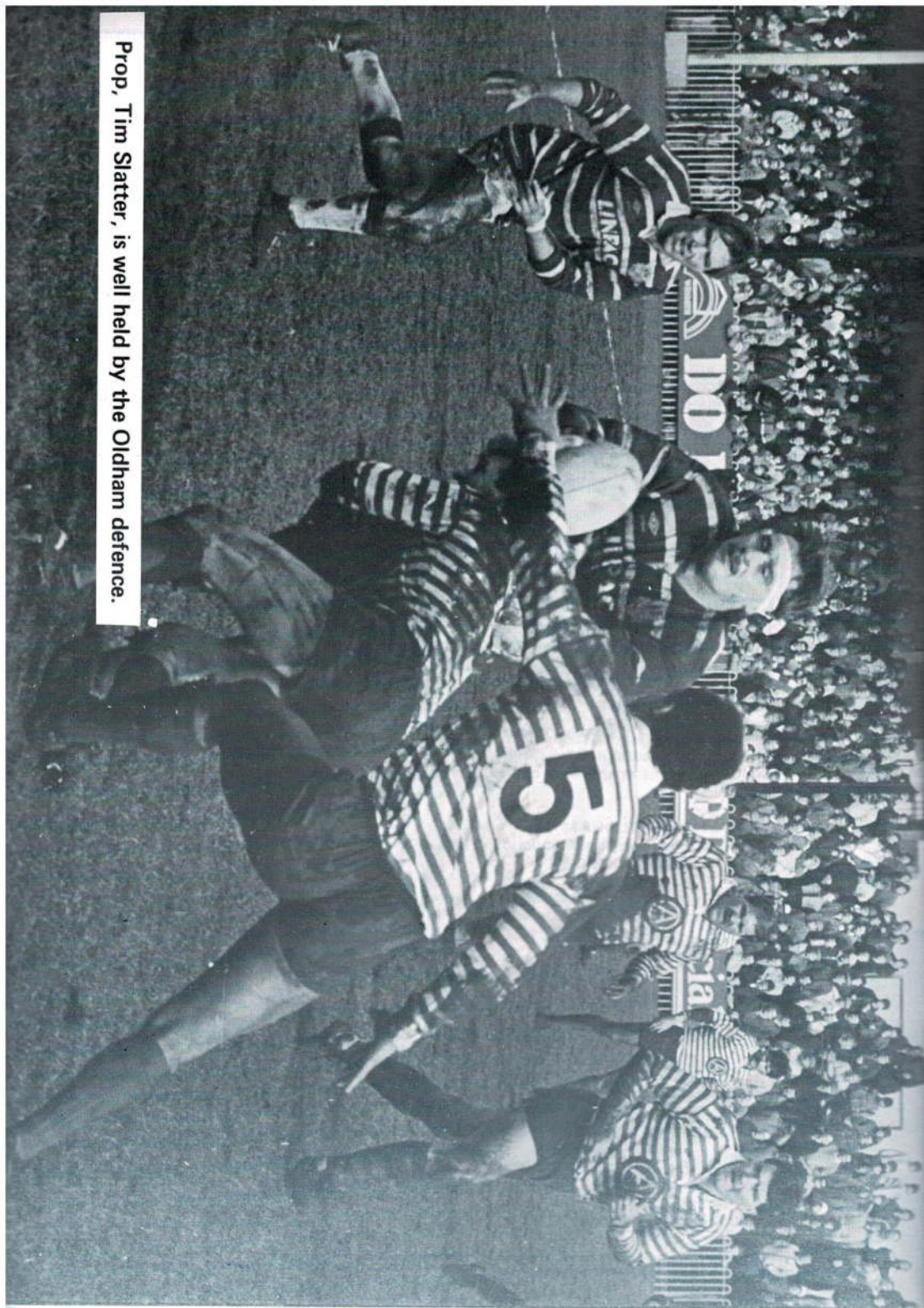
The record was set in Featherstone's previous Division Two spell in 1979-80 when they won 11 successive League matches before being held to an 8-8 draw at home by Oldham.

Oldham visit Rovers on Sunday and again threaten the winning run of nine which began after Rovers drew 10-10 at Sheffield Eagles on 22 November.

Rovers won their previous match and have not lost in the League since going down 29-22 at home to Carlisle on 25 October — an unbeaten run of 11 matches.

In 1979-80 Featherstone stretched their unbeaten run to 16 including one draw.

Prop, Tim Slatter, is well held by the Oldham defence.



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT



HONOUR IN DEFEAT

Life has been rather hectic recently both on and off the playing front.

On the field the story hardly needs retelling but the elation at Hull K.R. was far greater than the disappointment. The team proved how capable they are when they believe in themselves and once they had shown that they could score it became easier to repeat the exercise.

I am sure that Peter will forgive me publicising a remark which he made in his pre-match talk. He said "This game will be won and lost in the last twenty minutes and whatever happens before that don't panic and play your game." Little did I realise how wise that comment was. The lads did not panic and after some harsh decisions very nearly pulled off a momentous victory. I know from the messages which I received that the supporters were far from despondent about the result and look forward to today's encounter with great interest.

The new multigym has now arrived and we would like to publicly thank Lin-Pac for this tremendous gift. It looks to me like a modern instrument of torture but I am assured that it will work wonders for the players.

Our talks with the Local Authority are continuing to move forward in a satisfactory manner and we hope that they will be brought to a conclusion in the very near future.

Our match today is sponsored by our local Member of Parliament and we welcome him and his party in their first visit to our new facilities. There has been a tremendous response in Westminster to the new "Parliamentary Rugby League Society". I do not know its correct title but it was formed last week and already has seventy members. It is gratifying to know that our great game has such respect from members of all parties and all regions.

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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

OLDHAM have taken over as League leaders after last week's victory over Carlisle, and today's encounter promises to be a real thriller.

Oldham's coach is school-master **ERIC FITZSIMONS**, who played for the Club and also with Hunslet and Rochdale Hornets. With the latter club he had his first coaching experience at professional level. He took over at Oldham at the beginning of this season from Frank Myler, and already his new ideas of the game have played dividends. Oldham were most unlucky to go down at the end of last season due in no small part to the extraordinary results from Widnes in their last few games.

MICK BURKE, Ex Great Britain full back star, Australian Tourist 1984. Won every award at Widnes except League Champions including Lance Todd Trophy at Wembley and the Harry Sunderland Memorial Award for outstanding performance in the Championship final. Joined Oldham just before the cup deadline in January. Likely to be out for first three weeks with a knee injury.

HUGH WADDELL, Signed for Oldham despite competition from 3 other Lancashire clubs, just before the cup deadline in a £15,000 move from Blackpool Borough. Ex Rugby Union player, a trialist with Leicester City Soccer. Waddell's strong displays with Blackpool Boro' earned him an England cap in 1985 and he won man-of-the-match with a display in pre-season friendly with Leigh. Current GB No. 10, looks certain to tour Australia this summer.

COLIN HAWKYARD, native of Huddersfield, plays equally well in the centre or in the second row. Always guarantees 100% effort and a great team player with a tremendous heart for the game. 8 years with Oldham he scored a magnificent try against the Australian Tourists last season.

TERRY FLANAGAN, a brilliant loose-forward. From a rugby playing family, he toured Australia with GB in 1984. A clever player and one of the youngest most sought after After-Dinner speakers in the North with his quick wit and great insight into the game.

KEVIN MEADOWS, ex-Warrington and Saints flier who scored 5 tries in an Oldham match v Salford when on loan 3 years ago. Played 22 consecutive matches for Warrington last season and has increased his all-round involvement with advice from highly-rated coach Les Boyd.

PAUL ROUND, GB under 24 star signed in a recent record deal with Saints. A natural athlete with blistering pace who scored for Saints at Wembley last year. Expect a lot of friendly competition between him and Mal Graham for top forward try scorer in the 2nd Division. At present leading try scorer with 16.

MAL GRAHAM, one of the games great players A former winger who played in the Grand Final in Sydney. In 5 years he has made the transition to forward with ease. He has been the leading forward try-scorer with all his previous English clubs. Hunslet 84/85, Oldham 85/86 and Bradford Northern 86/87. A devastating tackler, now settled in Oldham with his English wife.

PADDY KIRWAN, local lad, who signed from the Oldham colts side — he is a great hearted player with tremendous strength complimented

by a good football brain. Affectionately known as Cast-Iron his super try put Wigan out of the Challenge Cup last season and cost the league winners over £200,000 in lost revenue.

JEFF EDWARDS, 'Mr. Happy' Jeff has played in most three-quarter positions for Oldham and done so with great skill. An aggressive tackler his intelligent cover defence has often helped Oldham out of difficult situations.

IAN SANDERSON, Hooker. A fierce competitor. His schoolboy charm and good looks are no clue to his commitment on the field and his Lancashire cap of 2 years ago is not likely to be his last honour. His darting runs from acting half gain much valuable ground for the side.

MICK WORRALL, toured Australia in 1974 and was starring until he collected a knee injury in the 2nd test. Talented kicker and aggressive defender now settled in Oldham and determined to be in this years Aussie touring party. No reason why he should not achieve this ambition.

IAN SHERRAT, local lad who joined Oldham from Bradford Northern in a player cash deal that saw David Hobbs move to Odsal. Sherrat learnt his rugby at Fitton Hill school, Oldham before signing for Bradford as a 17 yr. old, now aged 21. Spent last two summers in Brisbane and has attracted the interest of 2 Sydney clubs for next season.

PAUL SHERMAN, product of the junior leagues in Widnes and developing into a good all-round player with resolute defence and the ability to score tries when least expected. A player to watch out for.

STEVE PETERS, former GB tourist also ex-Saints and Warrington. One of the most talented and versatile players in the game. A players player who regularly tops the tackle count with 40 plus tackles and who will be a key man in bringing on Oldham's youngsters.

KEITH ATKINSON, another local boy, former GB colt, a tremendous goal kicker who has kicked 9 from 10 attempts in pre-season friendlies. With a fine turn of speed and the ability to turn defence into attack with a well-timed run. Only 21 he seems destined for great honours in the game.

RICHARD IRVINE, an under 19 International recently signed from Mold Green Club in Huddersfield despite competition from 4 first division clubs. Scored two solo tries from the half-way line in the pre-season friendlies and is likely to prove one of the finds of the season with his powerful runs. Already a firm favourite with the crowd.



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'87-88 MATCH ANALYSIS

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

OPPONENTS				Result F - A	Att.	Pos.															
Aug. 28	Fr Barrow	A 7.30	L	8 - 20	2400	20th	Steadman2G	Jones	Marsh	Quinn	Woolford	Crossley	Fox	Harrison *	Spurr T.	Slatter	Hopkins	Smith	Lyman	Bibb (6)	Bradford (10)
Sept. 2	We York	A 6.00	L	20 - 24	1674	20th	Bibb	Jones T	Marsh	Quinn	Woolford	Steadman 2G T	Fox *	Harrison T.	Spurr	Siddall	Geary	Smith	Lyman	Crossley (13)	Hopkins (10) T
6	Su Whitehaven	H 3.30	W	11 - 4	1151	10th	Steadman	Jones	Bibb	Quinn 3G	Marsh	Crossley	Fox DG	Harrison *	Staniforth	Siddall	Geary	Smith T.	Lyman	Campbell (11)	Slatter
20	Su Rochdale	H 3.30	W	56-14	1462	8th	Bibb 3T *	Jones 3F	Wild	Quinn 8G	Marsh	Steadman 3T	Fox	Harrison	Bell	Siddall	Smith	Smailes	Lyman T	Crossley (3)	Geary (10)
27	Su Bramley	A 3.30	W	38-22	1038	6th	Bibb	Jones T	Wild	Quinn T + 5G	Marsh	Steadman	Fox	Siddall	Staniforth	Slatter T	A.N. Other	Smith T	Lyman 3T	Crossley (3)	Geary (8)
Oct. 4	Su Mansfield	H 3.30	W	26-10	1337	5th	Bibb T.	Jones	Beach	Quinn 3G	Marsh	Steadman	Fox	Siddall	Staniforth	Geary T	Smailes	Smith 2T *	Lyman	Wild (3)	Bell (11)
11	Su PAPUA NEW GUINEA	3.30	L	16-22	3315	7th	Bibb	Jones	Beach	Smailes T.	Marsh	Crossley	Fox G.	Slatter	Staniforth	Siddall	Dakin	Smith T.	Lyman	Bell(11)	Geary (10)
18	Su Fulham	A 3.30	L	16-19	774	9th	Bibb T.	Jones	Smailes	Quinn 2G	Marsh T.	Crossley	Fox	Slatter	Spurr	Dakin	Campbell	Smith	Lyman T.	Denson (3)	Bell (12)
25	Su Carlisle	H 3.30	L	22-29	1215	10th	Barker	Beech	Bibb	Quinn 4G	Marsh	Crossley	Fox T + G	Slatter	Bell T.	Dakin	A.N. Other	Smailes T.	Lyman	Staniforth	Bradford (10)
Nov. 8	Su Dewsbury	H 3.30	W	30-24	1353	8th	Barker	Lidbury T.	Gilbert	Crossley T	Marsh T	Bibb T + 36	Fox *	Slatter	Bell	Siddall T	S.O.Else	A.N.Other	Smith T	Quinn (2)	Harrison (8)
22	Su Sheffield	A 3.00	D	10-10	800	8th	Barker	A.N.Other	Crossley	Steadman	Marsh	Bibb T	Fox	Harrison	Bell	Siddall	Hughes T	Bastion	Smith	Quinn G (1)	Slatter (10)
29	Su Dewsbury	A 2.30	W	15-4	820	8th	Bibb 2T	Chapman T.	Crossley	Quinn G	Marsh	Steadman	Fox DG	Siddall	Bell	Hall	Bastion	Hughes	Smith	Barker (11)	Hopkins (10)
Dec. 6	Su Barrow	H 3.30	W	36-0	1268	7th	Bibb	Woolford 2T	Crossley T	Quinn 6G	Marsh	Steadman T	Fox	Siddall T	Bell	Slatter	Lyman T	Hughes	Smith	Mackintosh (7)	Barker (10)
13	Su Doncaster	A 2.30	W	27-12	2057	6th	Bibb T	Woolford	Crossley	Quinn 5G	Marsh T	Steadman	Fox DG	Siddall	Bell	Slatter	Lyman T	Hughes	Smith T	Barker (11)	Harrison (10)
26	Sa Wakefield	H 11.30	W	17-14	3602	5th	Bibb	Woolford	Crossley T	Quinn 2G + DG	Marsh	Steadman *	Fox	Siddall	Bell	Harrison	Bastion	Hughes	Smith 2T	Barker	Smailes (8)
Jan 1	Fr Wakefield	A 3.30	W	21-16	4350	1st	Bibb (T)	Woolford	AN Other	Quinn T + 2G	Marsh	Steadman	Fox DG	Siddall	Bell T	Harrison	Bastion	Smailes	Smith T	Crossley (2)	Hughes (12)
10	Su Mansfield	A 3.00	W	22-2	724	4th	Bibb (T)	Woolford (T)	Sykes	Quinn 2G	Marsh (T)	Steadman (DG)	Fox DG	Siddall	Bell	Harrison	Bastion	Hughes T	Smith	Crossley (5)	Lyman (8)
17	Su Doncaster	H 3.30	W	40-8	2612	2nd	Bibb 2T	Woolford	Sykes	Quinn 6G	Marsh	Steadman T	Fox 2T *	Siddall	Bell	Harrison	Bastion	Hughes	Smith T	Crossley (3)	Lyman (8) T
24	Su Batley	A 3.00	W	13-4	1204	1st	Bibb	Woolford	Sykes	Quinn 2G	Marsh	Steadman T	Fox DG	Siddall	Bell	Harrison	Bastion	Smith T	Lyman	Crossley (2)	Hughes (11)
Feb. 7	Su Fulham	H 3.30	W	14 - 0	1655	1st	Bibb	Sykes	Smailes	Quinn T + 5G	Marsh	Steadman	Crossley	Siddall	Bell	Harrison	Hughes	Bastion	Lyman *	Mackintosh (7)	Smith (8)
21	Su Oldham	H 3.30																			
28	Su Oldham	A 3.00																			
Mar. 6	Su Whitehaven	A 3.30																			
13	Su Sheffield	H 3.30																			
20	Su Rochdale	A 3.00																			
27	Su Carlisle	A 3.00																			
Apr. 3	Su Batley	H 3.30																			
10	Su Bramley	H 3.30																			
17	Su York	H 3.30																			
CUP TIES																					
Sept. 13	Su Y. Cup 1st Round	H 3.30	W	28 - 6	1456	11th	Barker	Jones	Bibb	Quinn 1T + 2G	Marsh	Steadman 1G	Fox	Harrison	Staniforth	Siddall	Campbell	Smith 2T	Lyman T	Crossley (4)	Geary (11)
Sept. 23	We Y. Cup 2nd Round	H 7.30	W	43-6	1614	8th	Bibb T	Jones	Wild	Quinn 7G + T	Marsh	Steadman 1DG	Fox 3T + 20G	Harrison	Bell 2DG	Slatter	Geary	Smith T	Lyman	Crossley (9)	Smailes (11)
Sept. 30	We Y. Cup S/F Castleford	H 7.30	L	8-36	5329	6th	Bibb	Jones T.	Crossley	Quinn 2G	Marsh	Steadman	Fox	Harrison	Staniforth	Siddall	Slatter	Smith *	Lyman	Wild (1)	Geary (10)
Nov. 1	Su JPSP. Prel Rd.	H 3.30	W	34-16	1050	11th	Barker T.	Jones	Gilbert	Quinn 2G	Marsh T.	Bibb	Fox 2T + 3G	Slatter	Staniforth	Bell T.	A.N. Other	Smith T.	Lyman	Smailes (4)	Geary (13)
Nov. 15	Su JP Special T. 1st Rd.	H 3.30	L	12-34	3357	8th	Barker T	Quinn 2G	Crossley T	Gilbert	Marsh	Bibb	Fox *	Slatter	Bell	Harrison	Hughes	Bastion	Smith	Steadman (3)	Siddall (8)
Jan. 31	Su 1st Rd. Challenge Cup	H 3.30	W	32-21	1832	1st	Bibb	Sykes T	Smailes T	Quinn 4G	Marsh T	Crossley	Fox	Siddall	Bell T	Harrison T	Lyman T	Hughes	Smith	Macintosh (11)	Bastion (8)
Feb. 14	Su 2nd Rd. Challenge Cup	A 3.00	L	35 - 26	4743	3rd	Bibb T.	Sykes	Crossley	Quinn 3G	Marsh	Steadman 2G	Fox T	Harrison	Bell	Bastion	Hughes	Smith 2T	Lyman	Smailes (2)	Siddall (3)

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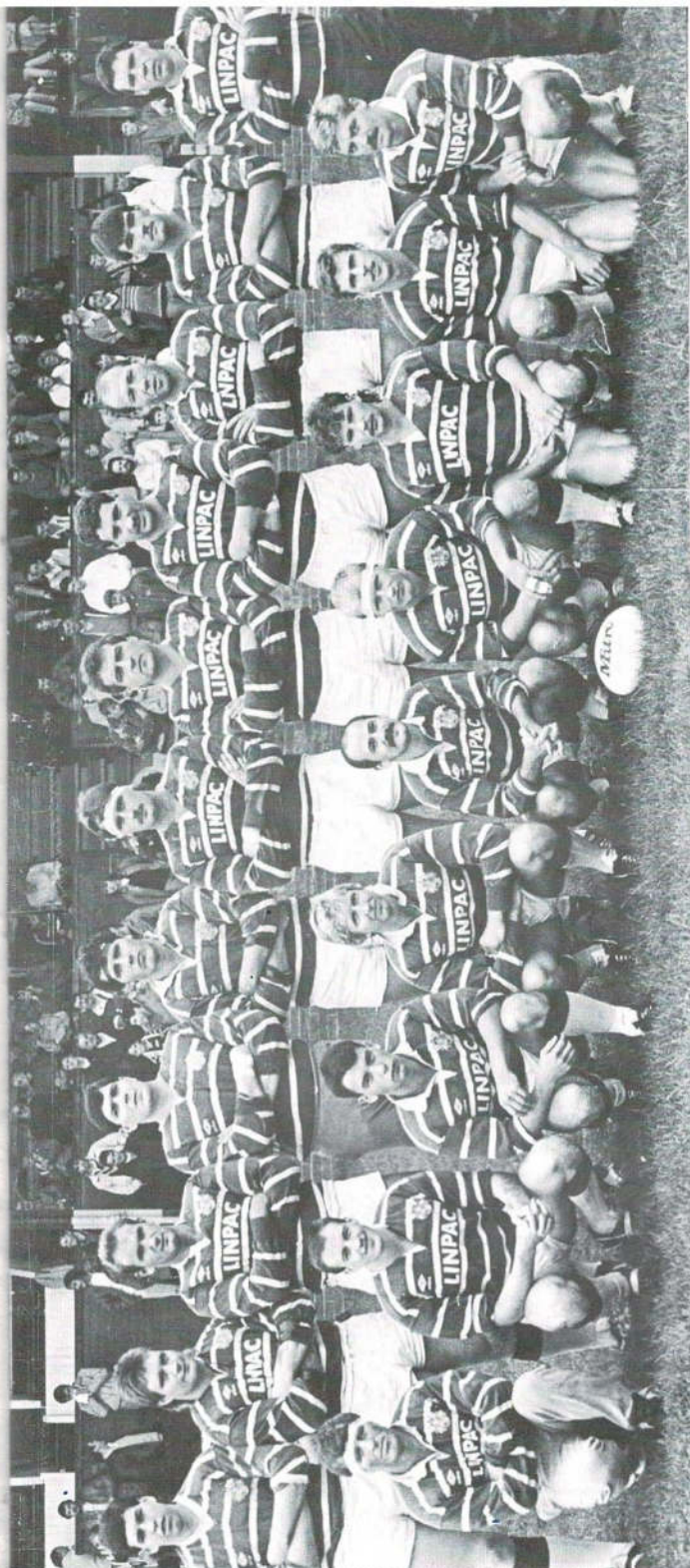
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**2nd
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RUGBY LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oldham . . .	18	9	0	1	185	142	6	0	2	160	78	30
Wakefield . .	18	8	0	1	288	97	6	1	2	180	101	29
Featherstone .	19	8	0	1	252	103	6	1	3	190	133	29
Sheffield . . .	20	7	1	2	187	117	6	0	4	180	126	27
Workington . .	18	6	0	3	148	99	6	0	3	111	126	24
Springfield . .	18	5	0	3	115	106	6	0	4	157	163	22
Barrow . . .	19	8	0	1	139	81	2	1	7	98	211	21
Runcorn . . .	16	7	0	1	189	130	3	0	5	90	119	20
York . . .	18	5	0	4	191	154	4	1	4	164	169	19
Keighley . . .	20	7	0	3	206	114	2	0	8	117	212	18
Rochdale . . .	18	8	0	2	135	82	1	0	7	70	209	18
Mansfield . . .	20	5	1	4	126	147	3	0	7	170	209	17
Doncaster . . .	21	5	1	4	172	177	2	1	8	147	212	16
Whitehaven . .	18	6	0	3	141	75	1	1	7	125	169	15
Carlisle . . .	16	5	1	1	132	83	2	0	7	81	182	15
Fulham . . .	20	5	0	5	157	163	1	0	9	102	245	12
Bramley . . .	21	4	0	6	138	168	2	0	9	133	284	12
Batley . . .	18	3	1	6	117	151	2	0	6	72	101	11
Huddersfield .	18	4	1	6	197	204	0	0	7	46	151	9
Dewsbury . . .	18	3	0	5	121	122	1	0	9	122	236	8

Next Home Game

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Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

RESULTS CHART

Away Team	Barrow	Batley	Bramley	Carlisle	Dewsbury	Doncaster	Featherstone	Fulham	Huddersfield	Keighley	Mansfield	Oldham	Rochdale	Runcorn	Sheffield	Springfield	Wakefield	Whitehaven	Workington	York
Home Team																				
Barrow					14-10	20-8				14-6		18-14	21-6	18-7	10-8			20-16	4-8	
Batley					12-6	28-16	4-13			17-2				2-15	6-22	16-20	4-18		12-23	16-16
Bramley	18-4	4-0			14-19	20-18	22-38	18-26			12-10				6-12			6-14		18-27
Carlisle			20-6		18-18				26-12					13-11	14-12	29-0			12-24	
Dewsbury			22-24		16-6	4-15	32-10	14-6			27-31						0-22		6-8	
Doncaster	16-16	8-12	22-12		18-12		12-27				34-10	20-18			2-32		8-26			32-12
Featherstone	36-0			22-29	30-24	40-8		14-0			26-10		56-14				17-14	11-4		
Fulham					24-0	12-17	19-16			34-6				22-20	12-20		12-28		2-12	4-36
Huddersfield		9-6		16-8	22-13			52-14	18-26	12-26	4-26					16-22		16-16	12-15	20-32
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Mansfield		10-26	8-16		22-5		2-22	18-6	10-8					18-4	8-32		20-20			10-8
Oldham	36-8		46-11	26-14		17-16				32-3			24-12		44-20	22-20	10-28	28-20		
Rochdale	9-11		23-20	20-5		22-4			8-6				0-8	7-2	8-6			20-12	18-8	
Runcorn		23-18					23-16	20-6	20-16	28-16	8-34					28-20			41-4	
Sheffield	22-0		20-10	12-10			10-10	16-6			10-30		22-8				12-14	18-13		45-16
Springfield	6-29			12-9				17-0	32-10	10-20	14-7	4-20	20-11							
Wakefield	32-14	14-0	62-10	56-8	32-14		16-21						30-2					30-16		
Whitehaven	16-6		24-0	4-6						22-10		6-20	28-2				12-13	18-10		
Workington		11-4		14-2	38-16			22-14	19-10			8-16				6-12		20-14		10-11
York			21-16		24-13	12-26	24-20		48-0	19-16				16-19	17-20	10-24				

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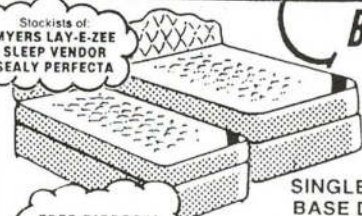
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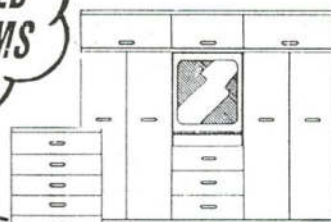
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WHAT THEY SAY...

BY JOHN HUXLEY, SUNDAY MIRROR

Recently I received at my office a letter from an irate young lady Rovers fan. I had written about Deryck Fox's nomination for an award we were co-sponsoring. She took me to task for saying that the Test halfback "only" played for Featherstone. What I really meant was that he was nominated in spite of the fact that Featherstone had been relegated and that he had lost his place in the international squad.

I made my case, hopefully, well enough to placate the lady concerned. But then I started to think about what she had asked me to consider. In a way she was right. When the Rugby League media talk about the 2nd division clubs we do tend to talk down at the clubs and that shouldn't always be the case.

Some clubs quite definitely do deserve that kind of treatment. They have settled for second best, being big fish in a small pool. But there are ambitious clubs who deserve respect and admiration for their attempts to regain first division status, and Rovers are a point in case.

The trouble is persuading your brain to accept those facts. I can honestly say that I have never had anything but the highest respect for Rovers and their coach Peter Fox. There might have been times when we've not seen eye to eye but that's only because we both care deeply about the sport of Rugby League and the way it's played.

In the end I have to admire the club's feat at maintaining a first division team in the village for so long without the resources of the bigger town and city clubs.

I hope Rovers make it back to the First Division. If they fail this time it will become a bigger mountain to climb next season and I don't think that they will be able to sustain such a high level of endeavour over several attempts.

Thank you for allowing me to sound off in your club's programme. It's not often I can address just one section of our audience. Rest assured we journalists do care about Rugby League. Not everybody thinks that way after controversial stories but we are honest about the sport we cover. And I don't always think you can say that about certain other leading sports in this country.

Yorkshire Post, Monday 15th February 1988
Hull K.R. 35 Featherstone 26

Featherstone fightback goes so near

Featherstone staged a sensational fightback in their second round cup-tie at Craven Park. They gifted a 6-0 lead to Hull K.R. with 3 silly penalties which centre Mike Fletcher gratefully converted. Needless obstruction on Wayne Parker gave him his first opportunity within seconds of the kick-off and he put over the goal, awarded by referee John McDonald because the touch judges were still on the touchlines.

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I was reading through my Beano's and Dandy's the other day and the thought occurred to me, that if Rovers were to sign Billy Whizz, Desperate Dan, Rodger the Dodger and Tubby from the Bash Street Kids and Lord Snooty as financial manager they would again be a force to be reckoned with in Rugby League. Aaahh! Well just a thought!

As I have as yet, had no replies to my invitation to debate on "Tobacco Sponsorship in Rugby League" which leads me to assume that this once proud club has been infiltrated by a load of apathetic weed smokers. How can we ever hope to be a force to be reckoned with ever again?

I have decided to double my reward for the best letter received from 10 Woodbines to 20 and a box of Swan Vesta's. Go for it!

Meanwhile its back to the Beano for me.

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Left: Rovers' prop, Karl Harrison, has his progress blocked by a Batley forward. Looking on are Paul Lyman and Graham Steadman.

Stand-off, Graham Steadman, beats one Batley defender and looks around for support.

The Batley defence cannot hold Rovers forward, Peter Smith, as he notches up another try to his impressive tally this season.

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Previous Encounters

Edited by Ian Clayton

Clashes between OLDHAM and FEATHERSTONE ROVERS in the Championship go back almost 70 years. On February 18 1922, Oldham entertained Rovers to the Watersheddings and won by 28 to 5. Bert Wooley, try and Jim Denton goal scored consolation points for the Rovers. A few weeks later a return fixture was played at Post Office Road and in a much closer contest, Oldham were 3-0 winners.

Of the next seven fixtures between the two clubs, Oldham dominated winning six and drawing one. Featherstone gained their first league win in 1942, scoring 18 to Oldham's 10, in a game attended by 500 spectators paying just £10 (obviously crowds were severely affected by the War). Rovers scorers on this occasion were Sherwood, Chapman, Major, Street (tries) and Sherwood (3 goals).

The most recent encounter between "the Colliers" and "the Roughyeds" took place less than one year ago on March 8th 1987 when both clubs were still in the First Division. On this occasion Rovers pulled off a good victory by 24-6. Try scorers for Rovers were Nigel Barker, Jones, Steadman and Slatter (who also won man-of-the-match) and Steve Quinn kicked 4 goals.

REVIEW OF LEAGUE MATCHES 1921/22 to 1986/87

At Post Office Road	Rovers won 12	Oldham won 12	Draws 3
At Watersheddings	Oldham won 17	Rovers won 8	Draws 1

TOTAL — ROVERS 20 WINS OLDHAM 29 WINS

today's teaser

Today we test your memory as well as your skill.

Solve the following Anograms to reveal six players from Rovers successful Wembley team of 1967.

1. MY MOLES MAST
2. COOL LARDER
3. WIN SLOWER GRAB RIGHT
4. RAM NO GOLD RAN
5. RAN DRAG JOY
6. HA RAG RIM RASH

Slalom Lager Alliance

Good news for our Alliance supporters after seven weeks away from home our Alliance team pkays Leeds tomorrow evening 7.30 kick-off in the 2nd round of the Alliance Cup. Leeds who are top of the 1st Division will be a stern test for our lads who themselves have won seven out of the last eight League games and are capable of giving Leeds a nasty shock, providing everyone plays up to his form.

Hopefully last Wednesday's rearranged game at Bramley went ahead, it will have given the lads much needed match practice with no game since the shock defeat at York three weeks ago.

Next Friday we return to league action when we entertain Oldham 'A' the following week we entertain Whitehaven on the Saturday. Both games must be won to keep us in the promotion race.

On the injury front we are all clear with the exception of Tim Sharp who was expected to resume training this week after a spell in hospital with stomach trouble.

FORTHCOMING GAMES

Tomorrow night 22nd February 1988
Alliance Cup 2nd Round
LEEDS - 7.30 p.m.

Friday 26th February 1988
OLDHAM - 7.30 p.m.

Saturday 5th March 1988
WHITEHAVEN - 3.00 p.m.

Why not come down and give the lads your support.

KEN LOXTON

ALLIANCE LEAGUE

TOP TEN SCORERS

1. Martin Offiah (Widnes) 30
2. Ellery Hanley (Wigan) 27
3. Les Quirk (St Helens) 18
4. Des Drummond (Warrington) . . . 17
5. Garry Schofield (Leeds) 17
6. Shaun Edwards (Wigan) 16
7. Carl Gibson (Leeds) 16
8. Chris Bibb (Featherstone) 16
9. Paul Round (Oldham) 16
10. Peter Smith (Featherstone) 16

The 1987-88 Top Try Scorer receives £25 a try from Greenall Whitley.

TOP TEN GOAL SCORERS

1. John Woods (Warrington) 115
2. Kevin Harcombe (Wakefield T) . . 80
3. Steve Quinn (Featherstone) 80
4. David Stephenson (Leeds) 78
5. Gary Pearce (Hull) 78
6. Mike Fletcher (Hull KR) 74
7. Mike Smith (Springfield B) 68
8. David Noble (Doncaster) 65
9. John Myler (Widnes) 60
10. Paul Loughlin (St Helens) 60

The 1987-88 Top Goal Scorer receives £5 a goal from Greenall Whitley.

TOP FIVE POINT SCORERS Points

1. John Woods (Warrington) 266
10 tries, 111 goals, 4 drop goals
2. David Stephenson (Leeds) 180
6 tries, 78 goals
3. Steve Quinn (Featherstone R) . . 179
5 tries, 79 goals, 1 drop goal
4. Kevin Harcombe (Wakefield T) . 172
3 tries, 80 goals
5. Gary Pearce (Hull) 168
4 tries, 74 goals, 4 drop goals

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Who's the Greatest

by John Hill

AUSTRALIA - V - GREAT BRITAIN SERIES 11 & 12 - SECOND ROW FORWARDS

Over the last few weeks I have gone through all the second rowers who have played for Australia & GB and after a lot of thought and a lot of research I finally came up with these four - Norm Provan, Arthur Clues (Aus) & Martin Hodgson & Dick Huddart (GB). Starting with Australia first here is Arthur Clues record. Teams: Western Suburbs, Sydney, Leeds, Hunslet and Australia Tests 3 1946. Although he only played 3 test matches for his country Arthur was and still is for that matter one of the most respected men the game as ever known. He would have played more times for his country but he chose instead to come over and play for the English club Leeds. A product of Parramatta Rugby Union Club, Clues joined Western Suburbs and quickly established himself as a second row forward, in 1946 he played in all 3 tests against the GB tourists and also for NSW twice against the tourists. He signed for Leeds in 1947 when he played for them until 1954 when he then joined Hunslet. He retired at the early age of 33 while he was still a useful forward and he became a Director of the Leeds Club. Clues also played for the other nationalities side against England, France and Wales and he once captained a combined International side against an Australian touring team in 1956-57. In all he played 236 games for Leeds scoring 74 tries (222 points). His biggest disappointment was in 1947 when having reached Wembley with wins against Barrow home and away (2 legs) Hunslet home, Wigan away, and Wakefield in the semi-final they became the first team to win through to Wembley without conceding a point 12-0 & 6-0 v Barrow, 5-0 v Hunslet, 5-0 v Wigan & 21-0 v Wakefield, only to be beaten by Bradford Northern 8-4 in the final. On now to Norman Provan once again classed as one of Australia's greatest forwards. Played for the St George Club in Sydney. Provan played in 14 test matches GB (3) 1954, France (3) 1956, GB (3) 1958, NZ (3) 1959, F (2) 1960. 7 tries (21 points). He toured GB in 1956 but a series of bad injuries meant he had to miss playing in all 3 test matches. On tour he just played in 9 matches. He played for the Dragons (St. George) a record 283 times for a forward only W. Smith with 297 has played more and from 1956 till 1966 they won the biggest prize of them all the Premiership a total of 11 consecutive seasons. A record which will surely never be beaten and Provan played in them all. Captain on several occasions. (The Premiership in Australia is just like a club side in England winning the cup at Wembley 11 years running). A truly remarkable achievement. He played in 1954 World Cup also in 1957 World Cup won by Australia. He played his last season in 1966 after winning every honour in the game.

On now to GB duo - first Martin Hodgson, started his 1st season with Swinton in 1926-27 season when Swinton were the champions but he played in just 1 match but he won a championship medal the season after 1927-28 when Swinton beat F. Rovers 11-0 at Oldham to win the Championship. Playing in 31 matches scoring 3 tries + 5 goals. Swinton also won the Challenge Cup, the Lancashire Cup and the Lancashire League, the last club side to win all 4 cups also won Championship in 1930-31 playing 33 matches, scoring 1 try + 47 goals (97 points) and again in 1934-35 season. Played 34, 7 tries, 57 goals (135 pts). He played in 16 test matches - 1929 A2; 1932 A3, NZ3; 1933 A3; 1936 A3; NZ1; 1932 A1. He toured on both the 1932 & 1936 tours playing in all 6 tests against Australia & NZ on 1932 tour. In all he helped in 19 matches scoring 2 tries + 13 goals (32 pts). On 1936 tour he played in 4 out of 5 test matches missing the last one in NZ through injury. He played in most matches on tour 18 also was top points scorer with 3 tries + 65 goals (139 pts). Martin Hodgson is reputed to have kicked the longest goal in the history of RL. 78 yards. But a lot of people dispute this. But what a forward. Now for Dick Huddart. Teams - Whitehaven, St. Helens, St. George (Sydney), Cumberland, England & GB. Tests 16 (7vAus, 2vF, 7vNZ, tries 2). Internationals 1 (vFrance 1962). Tours 1958 & 1962. Club record Whitehaven 71 matches, 12 tries; St. Helens 210 matches, 76 tries. Huddart a 6 foot 14 1/2 stone second row forward was as fast as any centre toured Australia in 1958 whilst he was playing with Whitehaven. Played in 24 matches scoring 17 tries on his return St. Helens signed him on for £7,000 (a big fee in those days). Toured again in 1962 playing in 23 matches scoring 13 tries, won Lance Todd in 1961. Won a championship medal in 1958-59 season playing in 27 matches scoring 14 tries. Also won Lancashire cup winners medals 1960-61, 1961-62, 1962-63. In 1964 he became restless to emigrate to Australia and St. Helens sold him for £10,000 to the crack Sydney club St. George but largely owing to a chest complaint and lack of form he could never reproduce his great English form in Australia.

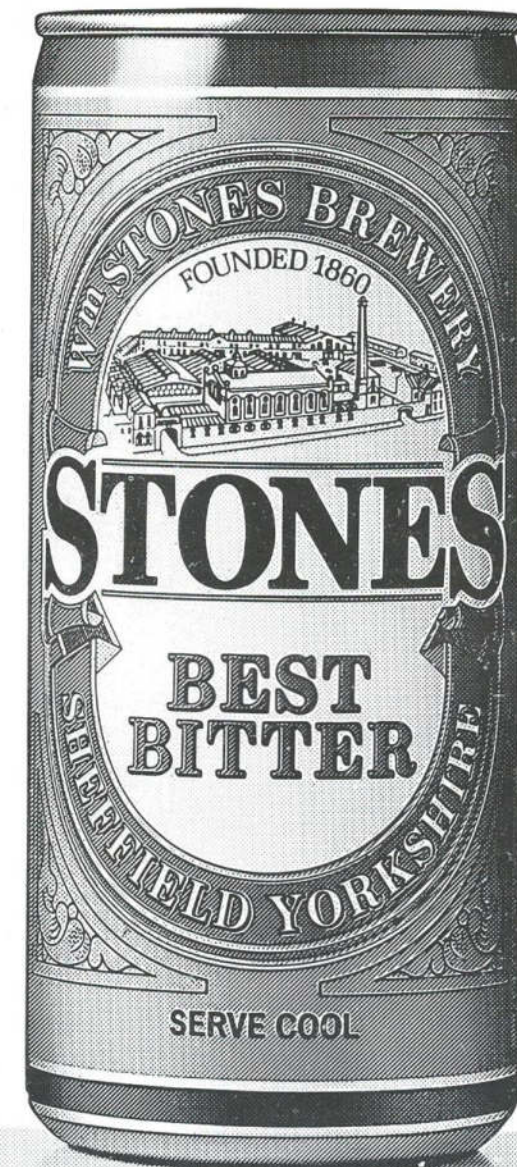
So who was the greatest - for my money A. CLUES & D. HUDDART what a second row partnership - An Aussie and an Englishman.
Next programme Loose Forwards.

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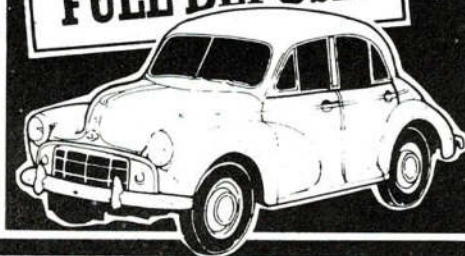
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Where are they now?

LAURIE GANT, M.B.E.

Laurie Gant could carry the title of "Mr. Rugby League" for he has done everything in the game that can be done.

He came back from the war and was demobilized from the Royal Navy in 1946, having served with distinction in the North African campaign, in convoys and D-Day landings. His war time experiences had whetted his appetite for more excitement so he signed professional forms with Wakefield Trinity in 1947. After 2 years he transferred to Featherstone Rovers and was a key member in the second row in the Cup exploits that led up to Rovers first appearance at Wembley in 1952 against Workington Town.

Two extracts from the account of that famous final are worth quoting: "Town got a magnificent start when Risman hoisted over a penalty in the first minute and they needed that encouragement for Rovers hit back with a great break by forward Laurie Gant, who had recovered from 'flu in time to play, and had a narrow squeak when Millar rammed a penalty against an upright". The report ends with this paragraph: "Town's 18-10 win valued by many League enthusiasts as one of the best seen at Wembley, but Rovers still had their glory to come, particularly the courageous Gant, who was to return with Featherstone as winning coach in 1967.

He made 112 appearances for Rovers, scored 15 tries and kicked 1 goal, making a total of 47 points.

Laurie Gant was transferred to Hunslet in 1953 and then took up coaching. His amateur successes are too numerous to mention, but suffice to say, as one would expect from Laurie, schools and amateur rugby benefitted enormously from his enthusiasm, expertise and knowledge. Being a man of tremendous energy and "joie de vivre" coaching was not enough for him and he took up refereeing. He was promoted to grade 2 in 1959 and grade 1 in 1960. Did not take Laurie long to reach the top again, did it? Typical of this ambitious man he did not stop there, but went on to referee County and International matches.

In 1956 he was invited to manage Doncaster RLFC which he did for two years. In the season 1966/67 he became coach at Post Office Road. As always with this man he had his sights set for the top and this is a

brief synopsis of his successes whilst in charge of the Rovers. To start with he held the post at Rovers for five years, no mean feat when you think of the Featherstone fan who said that there had been more coaches at Post Office Road than there were coaches in Wallace Arnold's garage!! His successes include 1966/67 Yorkshire Cup final. Challenge Cup win in 1967, and Yorks Cup finalists in 1968 and 1969. Afterwards he became Manager at York RLFC.

How he managed to fit so much into his life it is hard to know when you consider these facts. In the last 25 years he has encouraged the foundation of many A.R.L. clubs, coached Italian coaches in this country in 1957, toured Italy to coach R.L. in 1958, toured South Africa in 1962. Took two tours of teenagers to France, and last but not least he spent two seasons coaching and spreading A.R.L. at Butlin's Holiday Camps!

He has helped and encouraged A.R.L. in the Barnsley and Sheffield areas, and has also helped to introduce the game to Universities in Swansea, Oxford, Loughboro and Reading. Also he has pioneered the game in such areas as London, Milton Keynes, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Gainsbro not forgetting many visits to the more traditional areas of Rugby League.

For 26 years he was chief coach at the National Sports centres at Bisham Abbey, Lilleshall and Crystal Palace teaching R.L. coaches and awarding coaching certificates. He retired as National Coach three years ago.

As a player he was known as the "Original T.V. Hard Man" and as the "Human Dynamo" during the Cup exploits of 1952.

In 1981 this wonderful man was awarded the M.B.E. in the New Years Honours list for his service to Rugby League.

There is not room to list all the wonderful work Laurie has done for our game, and I have only picked the high-lights. To know this man is an honour in itself, and to put everything in perspective he still keeps the Rovers players boots in tip top order!

Laurie Gant, M.B.E. a gentleman of the highest order, congratulations and thanks for what you have done for Rugby League and thank goodness you have spent so much time with Featherstone Rovers.

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Date	Opponents	Venue	K.O.	Results
Aug 29 Sa	Barrow	H	3.00	Won 28-12
Sept 5 Sa	Whitehaven	A	2.00	Lost 12-26
12 Sa	Blackpool	H	3.00	Won 28-15
17 Th	Rochdale	A	7.30	Lost 16-17
25 Fri	Bramley	H	7.30	Won 36-12
Oct 3 Sa	YSC Cup 1st Rd			
	Wakefield	H	3.00	Lost 8-32
9 Fri	Bradford	H	7.30	Won 20-14
17 Sa	YSC Cup - 2nd Round			
24 Sa	Carlisle	A	2.30	Postponed
31 Sa	Workington	A	3.00	Lost 10-11
Nov. 5 Th	Dewsbury	A	7.30	Won 22-16
13 Fri	York	H	7.30	Won 14-8
21 Sa	Blackpool	A	2.15	Lost 14-24
27 Fri	Dewsbury	H	7.30	Won 28-12
Dec. 5 Sa	Barrow	A	2.30	Won 24-4
11 Fri	Doncaster	H	7.30	Won 14-12
19 Sa	Workington	H	2.30	Won 42-6
Jan 2 Sa	Wakefield	H	3.00	Won 20-12
8 Fri	Wakefield	A	7.30	Won 16-6
16 Sa	Doncaster	A	2.30	Won 44-10
22 Fri	Bradford	A	7.30	Postponed
30 Sa	York	A	3.00	Lost 4-18
Feb 6 Sa	Alliance Cup - 1st Round			Bye
13 Sa	Bramley	A	3.00	Postponed
22 Mo	Alliance Cup - 2nd Round			
	Leeds	H	7.30	
26 Fri	Oldham	H	7.30	
Mar 5 Sat	Whitehaven	H	3.00	
10 Th	Oldham	A	7.30	
18 Fri	Rochdale	H	7.30	
26 Sat	Carlisle	H	3.00	

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1931-32 — The North-South Divide

A message was received from the Southern Hemisphere in which the New South Wales and New Zealand Rugby Leagues stated that the "poaching of their players by rich English clubs would no longer be tolerated". Agreement was later reached after the English Rugby League suggested that a £200 tax would be paid by club's wishing to import players.

The economic depression began to bite on the poorer clubs. Players at LEIGH were owed money from the previous season, this was later paid by their Chairman, Councillor Heginbottom and the club continued. The KEIGHLEY club were also in serious debt, but local tradesmen gathered round to ensure the club's future. FEATHERSTONE ROVERS announced a "policy of desperation" this meant selling their best players in order to continue.

It was announced that no agreement could be reached to play the Challenge Cup Final at Wembley. The Football Association had a longer standing agreement with the Wembley authorities and refused to change their date. It was also stated that the economic depression had severely affected crowd potential, but this

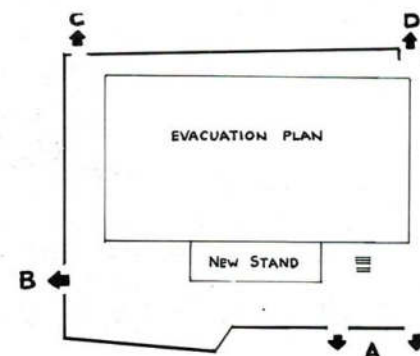
was regarded as a minor setback and the Rugby League would continue with their attempts to establish the fixtures as a national attraction.

The Cup Final was eventually played at Central Park, Wigan between LEEDS and SWINTON, the Loins winning 11-8. The attendance was disappointing. 40,000 had been expected and less than 30,000 turned up. Again the depression was blamed.

ST HELENS won the Championship Final played at BELLE VUE Wakefield, beating the fancied HUDDERSFIELD 9-5. The Fartowners were also runners-up in the Yorkshire League, pipped by HUNSLET. The mighty SAINTS however were easily champions of the Lancashire League, finishing five clear points above SALFORD. The County Cups were won by HUDDERSFIELD who beat HUNSLET 4-2 at Headingley and SALFORDS RED DEVILS who beat SWINTON 10-8 at The Cliffe, Broughton.

The Club are grateful to Irvin Saxton and The Record Keepers Club for research material used in the above article.

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	SEASON 1987-88						SENIOR RECORD					
	App	Sub	Trs	Gls	Dg	Pts	App	Sub	Trs	Gls	Dg	Pts.
Nigel Barker	6	3	2	—	—	8	173	17	22	—	—	76
John Bastian	11	1	—	—	—	—	11	1	—	—	—	—
Danny Beach	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
Keith Bell	18	3	4	—	2	18	372	22	56	8	66	256
Chris Bibb	26	1	16	3	—	70	44	4	21	3	—	90
Paddy Bradford . . .	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Mark Campbell . . .	2	1	—	—	—	—	15	4	—	—	1	1
Tony Chapman . . .	1	—	1	—	—	4	10	7	3	—	—	12
John Crossley . . .	17	9	4	—	—	16	33	9	13	—	—	52
Alan Dakin	3	—	—	—	—	—	15	17	3	—	—	12
Deryck Fox	26	—	10	6	8	60	158	1	47	73	27	361
Paul Gearey	4	6	1	—	—	4	10	6	2	—	—	8
John Gilbert	3	—	—	—	—	—	243	—	81	—	—	256
Gary Hall	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Karl Harrison	17	2	2	—	—	8	64	5	8	—	—	32
Calvin Hopkins . . .	1	2	1	—	—	4	62	8	19	—	—	76
Paul Hughes	12	2	2	—	—	8	12	2	2	—	—	8
David Jones	12	—	6	—	—	24	27	—	9	—	—	36
Paul Lyman	19	2	10	—	—	40	118	13	48	—	—	191
Richard Marsh . . .	27	—	7	—	—	28	99	5	22	—	—	85
Andy Macintosh . . .	—	3	—	—	—	—	21	6	7	—	—	28
Steve Quinn	24	2	5	79	1	179	364	2	68	1130	10	2486
Gary Siddall	19	2	2	—	—	8	154	10	23	—	—	79
Tim Slatter	13	1	2	—	—	8	59	14	8	—	—	32
Ian Smales	8	4	3	1	—	14	8	4	3	1	—	14
Peter Smith	25	1	16	—	—	64	359	4	103	—	1	337
Robert Spurr	3	—	1	—	—	4	104	5	14	—	—	56
Tony Staniforth . . .	7	1	2	—	—	8	20	1	4	—	—	16
Graham Steadman . .	19	1	7	7	2	44	58	1	24	25	3	149
David Sykes	6	—	1	—	—	4	6	—	1	—	—	4
Paul Wild	3	2	—	—	—	—	14	4	2	—	—	8
Neil Woolford	9	—	3	—	—	12	43	1	6	—	—	24

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Those of us who returned from Hull KR on the coaches last weekend did so with a degree of pride in the way the team performed against First Division opposition in the 2nd round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup. There was also a degree of sadness that the game had been spoiled by aggressive foul mouthed thugs in the terraces masquerading as Featherstone supporters. Some of them will no doubt only travel away to cup ties but there is a hard core of maybe a dozen attending every match whose behaviour will bring discredit to the club and its supporters. Most of us know who these idiots are and we will be happy to provide names to the club if their antics continue. There is no place in Rugby League grounds for such behaviour and certainly not at Post Office Road or any ground where Featherstone play.

Back to league action today we welcome the supporters of Oldham, for what promises to be the first leg of both clubs Wembley. Next week of course we travel to Oldham for the reverse fixture and the two games could decide the First Division Championship. Coach bookings for next Sunday are heavy and any supporters wishing to travel should contact John Smith as soon as possible as we may have to take a second coach. It is essential that anyone booking turns up on the day as they will be charged for their seat. The coaches leave the ground at 1.30pm. The week after the coach will leave for Whitehaven at 9.30am.

Whilst on the subject of coaches, the Wembley trip has only seven seats left. Please book now if you want to make sure of a place. The coach for the Premiership finals on 15th May still has plenty of room and supporters are urged to book their seats early.

The correct score has not been predicted since Doncaster at home and the prize for today's game is £50.

A bedding and linen sale was held in the clubhouse yesterday and next Saturday the 27th February there will be a jumble sale. Jumble can be left at the clubhouse on Saturday morning up to 9.30a.m. The sale starts at 10 a.m. and any help in selling will be appreciated. Usually it is all over by 11.30 a.m. and if anyone can give up a couple of hours on Saturday we will be glad to see you.

The Player of the Year awards will be held on THURSDAY 14th APRIL in the clubhouse but due to the restricted space tickets will be strictly limited. Priority will be given to members of the supporters club, players and officials, and to ensure you are entitled to a ticket join the supporters club now.

Call at the Collectors Programme Hut for further information. Stocks of old programmes have recently been increased.

YORKSHIRE FEDERATION OF R.L. SUPPORTERS CLUBS (Founded 1923) The Jim Harrison Trophy

The Jim Harrison Trophy was donated to The Yorkshire Federation of Rugby League Supporters Clubs by the widow of the late Jim Harrison of Bramley R.L. Supporters Club who died whilst in office as Chairman of The Yorkshire Federation.

The trophy is awarded annually to the Fairest and Most Loyal Player from nominations made by Supporters Clubs in membership of The Yorkshire Federation of Rugby League Supporters Clubs. Each member Club may nominate a player from its own club, the principal qualification being that the player must have been at the Club for at least the last four consecutive seasons. Judging is done by a panel of senior referees.

1988 represents the 30th anniversary of the award, the first winner, in 1958, being Eric Cooper of Wakefield Trinity. The winner in 1987 was David Noble of Doncaster, and other famous names to have won the award in the last 30 years include Garfield Owen of Halifax, Lewis Jones of Leeds, Arthur Keegan of Hull, David Topliss of Wakefield Trinity, Peter Smith of Featherstone Rovers and John Joyner of Castleford.

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