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Season 1987-88

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R.L. Challenge Cup : Winners — 1908-9, 1945-6, 1959-60, 1961-2, 1962-3.
 Runners-up — 1913-14, 1967-8, 1978-9.
Yorks. Challenge Cup : Winners — 1910-11, 1924-5, 1946-7, 1947-8, 1951-2,
 1956-7, 1960-1, 1961-2, 1964-5.
 Runners-up — 1926-7, 1932-3, 1934-5, 1936-7, 1939-40,
 1945-6, 1958-9, 1973-4, 1974-5.
R. L. Championship : Winners — 1966-7, 1967-8.
 Runners-up — 1959-60, 1961-2.
Division Two Championship : Winners — 1903-4.
Yorkshire League : Winners — 1909-10, 1910-11, 1945-6, 1958-9, 1959-60.
 1961-2, 1965-6.
John Player Trophy : Runners-up — 1971-2.

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CLUB RECORDS

Highest Score : Trinity 78, Batley 9 (Aug. 1957)
Heaviest Defeat : Wigan 72, Trinity 6 (March 1987)
Attendance : 37,906 (1936), 28,736 (1964)
Appearances : 618 (H. Wilkinson 1929-30 — 1948-49)
Points : 4488 (N. Fox) **Goals :** 1,836 (N. Fox) **Tries :** 272 (N. Fox)
Seasons Records : **Points :** 407 (N. Fox 1961-2) **Goals :** 163 (N. Fox 1961-2).
Tries : 38 (F. Smith 1959-60, D. Smith 1973-4)
Match Records : **Points :** 33 (N. Fox 1967-8).
Goals : 12 (N. Fox 1967-8 and 1970-1, B. Ward 1970-1)
Tries : 7 (F. Smith 1958-9, K. Slater 1970-1).

Club Notes —

For this, our last League programme of the Season we start our notes by welcoming Players, Officials, and Supporters from Oldham. The welcome and warm response given to us in January after our win was a credit, not only to the folk from Oldham, but also to our game in general. We trust that all Trinity fans will respond in similar manner today — whatever the result. For our part, David and the players know that only a solid victory today will keep alive the hopes of the Championship. Should we fail this afternoon, we will be congratulating our opponents on winning the title.

A vital part of the game these days is the increasing support from the Commercial World being sought and offered to Rugby League. It is only right that we mention the 'prize' of £10,000 which is available to either of today's teams for that title and the debt owed by the game to Stones for their fine support over this past and we trust, future seasons. We regularly see their guests joining us at Belle Vue and despite the 'problems presented by the Safety Act in respect of ticket arrangements, they are always assured of a welcome here as representatives of the main League Sponsors. Similarly, today we welcome Bruce Harding from T.S.A. and Tony Davidson from Sparkomatic, together with their guests. Their sponsorship of this game and their support of Trinity is most welcome and they can be sure that in line with the thoughts expressed at the recent Press Launch of our new contract with SML, they will be amply looked after and every attempt made to maximise their support of Trinity, in other words, good old-fashioned value-for-money.

Congratulations to Mark Conway for 'making it' on to the top ten try-scorers list in the game following his two against York last week-end. He and Nigel Bell are in the running to take some silverware from us — Supporters Club included — as our men of the Season and both are deserving of whatever comes their way. Well done Kevin Harcombe for passing the 200 points mark this season in the first York game and with two goals (or one try) today he will make the 300 points mark in just forty games.

The 'Ruggerline' competition was won by Andrew Hobbs from Ossett. He was correct with nine out of the ten voices identified, but we shall have to interview Paul Mallinder before too long, as his name was included in practically every other entry and as yet he hasn't said a word . . .

Finally, we should place on record the assessment of the past season's main achievement as it ought to be seen. We all like to aim for everything that is to be won. When we fall short, there is a tendency to undervalue that which has been gained. At the end of last season we were relegated in some dis-array and with a side which hardly looked able to compete in the Second Division.

David Topliss' appointment was made in the knowledge that money was not only scarce, it was almost non-existent. David's astute dealings with Leeds gave him not only four for two but sufficient cash on top of the players to eventually buy Andy Kelly. Those four Leeds players have played 117 matches between them and have scored fifty-seven tries. With Mark Conway's goals they have been responsible for forty per cent of the points this year and with Kevin Harcombe's tally of just over thirty per cent, their contribution to the points list is immense. More importantly however, is the fact that from little hope at the start of the season, the team has challenged at the top of the table all term and was assured of promotion after the win against York last Friday. We are all aware of the need to strengthen for next season in the First Division, but recent injuries have highlighted the present lack of depth — thus making the squad's achievements all the more creditable in a season when the Second Division has been harder than many a previous year. It is easy to allow the recent set-backs against Bramley and York to cloud the picture, but let us acknowledge what has been achieved and congratulate the coaches and the players on their efforts. Similar support in the face of the strong Oldham following this afternoon could just make that bit of difference which they need. Whatever the result, we shall be back here in two week's time when the Top Eight Play-Offs commence — see you then.

OBITUARY

During the week we were sorry to learn of the death of Harry Skidmore. Harry's association with Trinity goes back to the sixties when, as a Police Constable, he was regularly on duty at Belle Vue. Since retirement he has been one of our stalwarts on the gates for not only First Team, but Colts, and A Team matches alike. Our thoughts are with Audrey his wife and her loss, and we at Belle Vue will miss such a reliable servant and supporter.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Sunday 17 April. Away at BARROW. KO 2.30 pm.

Sunday 24 April. Home in Top Eight Play-Off. KO 3.30 pm.

ALLIANCE TEAM

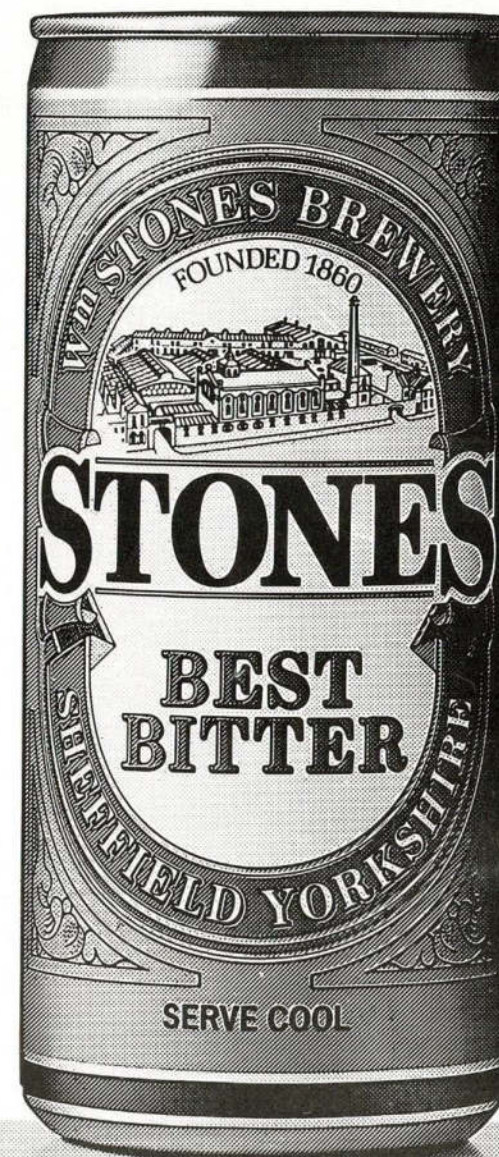
Wednesday 13 April. Home to OLDHAM. KO 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 20th April. Home to BLACKPOOL. KO 7.30 pm.

Saturday 23 April. Home to WHITEHAVEN. KO 2.30 pm.

OTHER MATCHES

Saturday 16 April : Wakefield v Castleford (BARLA under-19 Final). KO 2.30 pm.



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Player Profile*



Name ANDREW WALKER
 Nickname Wack
 Date of Birth 24.12.64
 School Featherstone High School
 Occupation Miner
 Height 5' 8"
 Weight 12 stone
 Position Hooker
 Career Jubilee ARLFC. Signed Wakefield Trinity 1984
 Ambition To play at Wembley
 Most Memorable Match Debut at Oldham 1984
 Biggest Influence on Career My Dad, Ken
 Favourite Player Paul Groves
 Most Difficult Opponent All Half-Backs
 Family Wife - Tina, Son, Dayne (3), Daughter - Katie (2)
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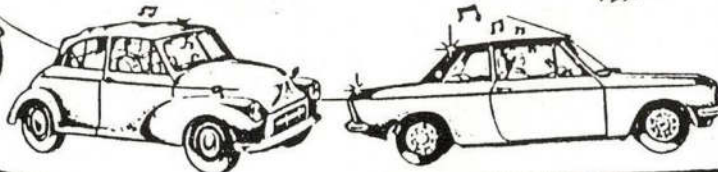
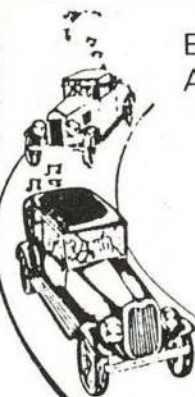
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ALEX BOWMAN
Date of birth: 20.9.56
Grade One: 1986-87

* 70-days Match Line-up* plus * Scrum & Penalty count *

22 WAKEFIELD TRINITY

- 1 Kevin HARCUMBE 3G
- 2 Gary HAGGERTY
- 3 Phil EDEN
- 4 Andy MASON
- 5 Andrew FLETCHER
- 6 David TOPLISS
- 7 Mark CONWAY 2T
- 8 Gary VAN BELLEN
- 9 Paul HAIGH
- 10 Keith RAYNE
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- 3 Des FOY T
- 4 Charles McALISTER
- 5 Kevin MEADOWS T
- 6 Peter WALSH
- 7 Mike FORD T
- 8 Ian SHARRATT
- 9 Terry FLANAGAN DG
- 10 Hugh WADDELL
- 11 Lee O'CASEY *
- * 12 Gary WARNEKE
- 14 Paul LORD
- 15 Colin HAWKYARD
- * 12 Mal Graham

Scrum				
1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

Penalties				
1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

Referee :
A. BOWMAN (Whitehaven)
Touch Judges
W. S. BLUNDEN (Red Flag)
N. E (Orange Flag)

Scrum				
1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

Penalties				
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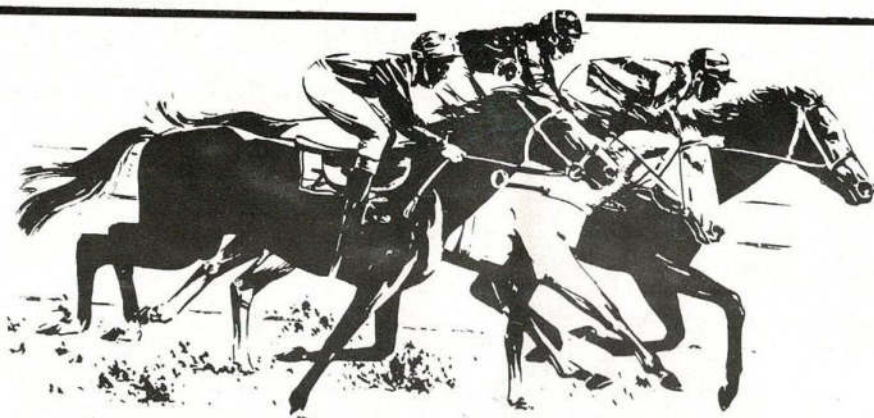
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Supporters' Club News

THE ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

The Annual Awards Dinner will be held at the Painthorpe House Country Club on Friday 27th May at 8.00 pm until 1.00 am. Guest Speakers will be Tommy Docherty, Mick Morgan, and there will be Radio Aire Roadshow with Guest DJ's John Hammond and Peter Tait. Tickets are £12.50 including a three-course meal, and are available from the Supporters' Club Tea Bar on match days.

WEMBLEY '88

There are a few spaces left on the second bus to Wembley, £9 for Adults and £6 for Juniors and OAP's and enough Standing Tickets for people wishing to book on the bus. Seating tickets which have been ordered through the Supporters' Club will not be available until next week. Standing tickets have been received and are available after payments. Please come for your tickets at half-time or during the second half of the match.

TEA BAR

The Supporters' Club would be grateful for some voluntary help with the Tea Bar. Would anyone who is interested in helping on match days on an occasional basis, perhaps once every two or four matches, please contact us at the Tea Bar.

CORRECT SCORE WINNER

v York. Mr S. Crow. £10 Full-Time Reverse Score.

BUSES FOR AWAY MATCHES

Sunday 17 April v Barrow. Departure from Borough Road 10.30 am for KO at 2.30 pm.

David Topliss writes—

Having spent a very happy period of my playing career at Oldham, I know the supporters who travel to Belle Vue today will be cheering on their side. Our recent results have left the team down — but not out. It is my job to lift them for this very important game — one which still holds out hope for us in respect of the title. I believe my job can be made easier by our own supporters really getting behind the team today and lifting them from the Terraces. There are those who will always disagree with teams as selected and have their own opinions of the abilities of certain players. This afternoon is not the time to voice those thoughts — come on let's be positive and have a real go — we'll be trying our damndest. Your support could be the difference at full-time.

FIRST TEAM

Friday 1 April. Home to YORK. Won 34-11.

Tries : Mason (2), Conway M., (Rayne (2).

Goals : Harcombe (7).

Monday 4 April. Away at YORK. Lost 8-17.

Try : Conway M.

Goals : Harcombe (2).

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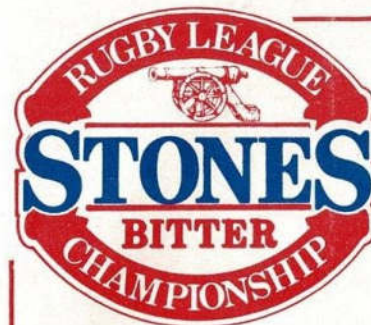
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6	Sun.	Dewsbury	Away	3.30
9	Wed.	Whitehaven	Away	7.30
20	Sun.	BRAMLEY	Home	3.30
27	Sun.	Mansfield	Away	3.30
Oct. 4	Sun.	DEWSBURY	Home	3.30
11	Sun.			
18	Sun.	Sheffield	Away	3.00
25	Sun.	WHITEHAVEN	Home	3.30
Nov. 1	Sun.			
8	Sun.	Whitehaven	Away	3.30
15	Sun.	John Player — 1		
22	Sun.	John Player — 2		
29	Sun.	Doncaster	Away	2.30
Dec. 6	Sun.	ROCHDALE	Home	3.30
13	Sun.	Rochdale	Away	3.00
20	Sun.	MANSFIELD	Home	3.30
26	Sat.	Featherstone	Away	11.30
Jan. 1	Fri.	FEATHERSTONE	Home	3.30
10	Sun.	Batley	Away	2.30
17	Sun.			
24	Sun.	Oldham	Away	3.00
31	Sun.	Silk Cut CC — 1		
Feb. 7	Sun.	BATLEY	Home	3.30
14	Sun.	Silk Cut CC — 2		
21	Sun.	SHEFFIELD	Home	3.30
28	Sun.	Carlisle	Away	3.00
Mar. 2	Wed.	FULHAM	Home	7.30
9	Wed.	BARROW	Home	7.30
13	Sun.	Fulham	Away	3.00
20	Sun.	DONCASTER	Home	3.30
27	Sun.	Bramley	Away	3.30
Apr. 1	Fri.	YORK	Home	7.30
4	Mon.	York	Away	3.00
10	Sun.	OLDHAM	Home	3.30
17	Sun.	Barrow	Away	2.30

TRINITY FIXTURES 1987-88

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Aug. 5	Wed.	DONCASTER (Friendly)	Home	7.30
12	Wed.	York	Away	7.00
29	Sat.	Carlisle	Away	2.30
Sep. 4	Fri.	DEWSBURY	Home	7.30
10	Thu.	Oldham	Away	7.00
19	Sat.	Bramley	Away	3.00
25	Fri.	YORK	Home	7.30
3	Sat.	YSC — 1 (Featherstone)	Away	3.00
10	Sat.	BARROW	Home	2.30
17	(W/E)	YSC — 2		
24	Sat.	Whitehaven	Away	2.30
31	Sat.	Blackpool	Away	2.30
Nov. 6	Fri.	BRADFORD	Home	7.30
11	Wed.	Bradford	Away	7.30
18	Wed.	HUDDERSFIELD	Home	7.30
27	Fri.	BATLEY	Home	7.30
Dec. 5	Sat.	Workington	Away	2.30
9	Wed.	BLACKPOOL	Home	7.30
19				
26				
Jan. 2	Sat.	Featherstone	Away	2.30
8	Fri.	FEATHERSTONE	Home	7.30
16	Sat.	Batley	Away	2.30
22	Fri.	OLDHAM	Home	7.30
30	Sat.	Barrow	Away	2.30
Feb. 6	(W/E)	Alliance Cup — 1		
10	Wed.	Dewsbury	Away	7.30
20	(W/E)	Alliance Cup — 2		
27	Sat.	CARLISLE	Home	2.30
Mar. 4	Fri.	Huddersfield	Away	7.30
12	Sat.	WORKINGTON	Home	2.30
19	Sat.	WHITEHAVEN	Home	2.30
25	Fri.	BRAMLEY	Home	7.30