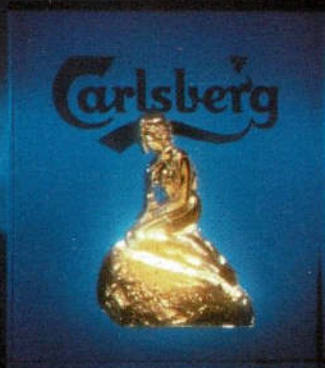


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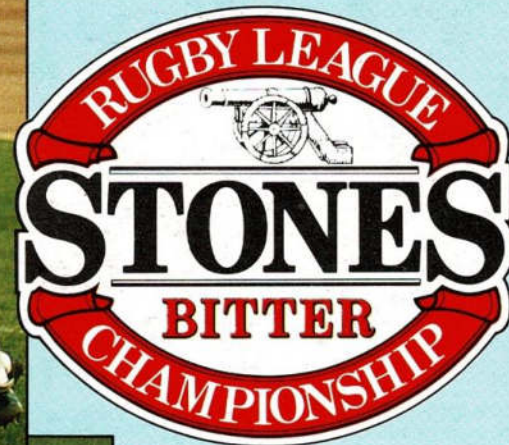
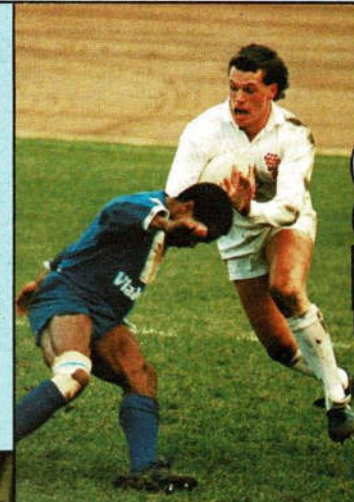
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SEABOURNES SONNETS

Tonight I would like to turn your attention to our young 'A' team. They have completed their league programme and finished third in their division. I feel that this was a creditable achievement, considering that the majority of our 'A' team would still have been Colts players for this season.

Having been informed before the beginning of this season that the Colts system as it stood was to be disbanded, I had to make a decision, and that was to bring all the professional Colts into the 'A' team as I believe it is vital for them to be playing every week, not to come in and out of the side at irregular intervals.

I then had to look at the players who were already playing in the 'A' team. Some of them then had to move on to other clubs as I felt that they had come as far as they could with us and it was time to bring on new players.

As the season has progressed, in some of the games we have played at times we have been outclassed, but this is mainly due to the lack of experience. But full credit must go to the lads, for they have stuck to the task in hand and come up with some creditable results and performances.

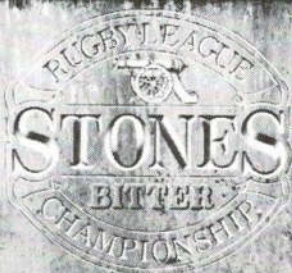
These players will be kept together again next season, but what we do need is someone playing who has the experience to give them the leadership they need on the field, and hopefully given time, patience and most of all encouragement, it won't be too long before some of them will be ready to be brought into the first team.

The time must be right, the gap between Alliance football and 1st Division football is a wide gap, but with guidance and dedication these players will be the first team of the future.

Thank you for supporting them throughout the season. May you continue to support them next year.

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MICK BURKE: (full back) Won almost every honour in the game with Widnes and joined Oldham in a £40,000 deal in January last year. The only player to have won the Lance Todd Trophy for the outstanding display at Wembley and the Harry Sunderland Trophy for winning the man-of-the-match award in a championship final.

KEVIN MEADOWS: (wing) Experienced wingman who has seen service with St. Helens and Warrington. Joined Oldham, with team-mate Steve Peters, at the start of last season and was an ever-present in Oldham's Second Division championship winning side. Also scored a vital try that gave Oldham the Second Division premiership trophy in that thrilling final against Featherstone at Old Trafford.

RICHARD IRVING: (wing) Snapped up by Oldham from amateur rugby in Huddersfield. Richard won both Yorkshire and G.B. amateur honours in youth football and Oldham expect big things of him as he gains in experience.

CHARLIE McALISTER: (wing) Hit the headlines last season when he turned pro for Oldham after having a 'secret' trial. His name leaked out, the RU banned him, and the former All Blacks trialist took the pro ticket. A big favourite with the Oldham fans, Charlie has spent the summer playing for Newcastle Knights in the Sydney league.

CHRIS O'SULLIVAN: (stand-off) An Aussie from Canberra Raiders, Chris will fill the Oldham stand-off job this season. One of the most experienced half-backs in the Sydney league.

DES FOY: (centre) One of five Oldham players who turned Down Under in 1984 and the younger brother of Wigan player, Martin Foy. Des won stacks of honours in schoolboy rugby and signed for Widnes before transferring to Oldham in a deal that took Brian Hogan back to Naughton Park. Pacey and penetrative, he played in the first test against Australia in Sydney on the '84 tour.

MIKE FORD: (scrum-half) Spent several good seasons at Central Park and played in that magnificent Wembley final against Hull alongside Brett Kenny. Moved on to Leigh, finally joined Oldham early this year and toured Down Under last summer with Brian.

ANDY RUANE: (hooker) A new signing from Rochdale, Andy made his name with home town Widnes. Joined Rochdale for £15,000 at the start of last season. Transferred to Oldham recently for £8,000 plus utility back Chris Myler.

COLIN HAWKYARD: (second-row) A real stalwart of the Oldham pack Colin, a workhorse from Huddersfield. Due to enjoy a benefit next year he has given terrific service over the years after joining Oldham from junior rugby in the Huddersfield area.

AHSLEY GRANT: (second-row) Another Aussie from Canberra, Ashley will be travelling with O'Sullivan and his arrival will depend upon how the Raiders fare in the Sydney play-off. A player with a good try-scoring record, Gilbert was in fact the leading forward try-scorer in the Sydney league.

TERRY FLANAGAN: (loose-forward) In his benefit year, Terry has made more than 300 senior appearances for his home-town club. Former club captain, first appointed at 19, County, Test and Tour honours. Terry went Down Under with Britain in 1984.

PAUL TAYLOR: (Loose-forward) The third of Oldham's Aussies. A workaholic with Paramatta, Paul played for Oldham four years ago and came back with a proven reputation as a great tackler and sound defender.

NEIL CLAWSON: (prop) Son of former G.B. ace Terry, Neil was a £5,000 bargain buy from Featherstone 2 years ago. Made his name as a regular member of the Oldham pack last season winning the man-of-the-match award in Oldham's shock John Player victory v Warrington.

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The victory over Barrow 'A' ended the season on a high note for Northern and ensured them of third place in the Slalom Lager Alliance League - second division a very creditable performance for a team with an average age of just over 20 (including Alan Clarkson 27 + VAT).

Spectators will have noticed the development of players through the season notable Moxon, Ake, Barraclough, Richards, Croft and Hall along with the others and have seen some players receive their first team baptism and I'm sure no one has been disappointed with the displays they have given and with more experience the future is full of promise for these up and coming youngsters.

NORTHERN TRIVIA!

The following is a collection of odd facts and information taken from the vast files of our club statistician/historian. Some of them may seem hard to believe, some rather obscure and some quite amazing! But they are all true and each one listed hold it's own special place in the history of Bradford Northern R.L.F.C.

1. Northern's longest run of failing to score from any of their matches stands at 4 games. A sequence they have recorded twice in their history. First of all between December 25th 1895 to January 1st 1896 they drew 0-0, lost 0-6 then drew 0-0 twice more. The second bout of non-scoring happened 33 years later from December 8th to December 26th 1928, losing 4 games in succession 0-16, 0-19, 0-5 and 0-13.
2. The longest span of games Northern have ever gone without registering a victory against any one side is 23 matches. This being a run of 22 defeats and 1 draw set between October 29th 1921 to March 5th 1932 against Huddersfield at all levels of competition.
3. In 54 matches played so far against Doncaster since they were elected to the league in 1951, Bradford Northern have never failed to score against them at any stage, though they have suffered 11 defeats at the hands of the South Yorkshire side over the years,
N. Williams Bradford Northern Club Statistician/Historian

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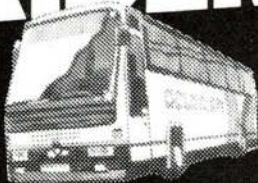
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NORTHERN NEWS AND VIEWS

This evening we welcome to Odsal Stadium one of the true Lancastrian Rugby League teams from Oldham. Unfortunately at the time of writing it would seem that only a mathematical calculation would bring about the chances of our two sides meeting in the First Division next season, but I am sure that should they descend into the lower division we wish them a speedy return.

What a difference a season can make. Last year at this time they were on a high when they beat Featherstone in the play-off in a very high scoring game which wasn't settled until the last minutes of the game.

The three clubs who have fought all season to avoid the drop will no doubt have to fight as hard next year to come back up. Going on tradition it is a safe bet that one of the three will run away with the second division as Leigh have done this season. However it has been good to see that not all of the clubs promoted last term have made what everyone seems to take for granted and that it is a quick drop back down again.

I was personally hoping that our neighbours Keighley would go up, this would have given us an interesting Xmas fixture in place of Halifax.

Rugby League is a funny old game, whether it is because of the formation of the divisions or the way the game has progressed but how many games have been played and recorded where the under dogs have given the cert a fright and a run for their money. Tonights visitors gave the finalists Wigan a real shock in the R.L. Challenge Cup and came so near to repeating history and look where they have finished the season. After the first six games of the season who would have predicted the reverse results that Castleford have finished up with.

After the diabolical result that we had at home to Wakefield which followed the sterling performances against the three 'Ws' who would have given us a chance against the "All Stars" Widnes on their own midden. Having seen how close the gap can be between clubs in each of the two divisions. Has the time arrived for a third division with the inclusion of four of the top amateur clubs for a trial season? After all it is thought that they are good enough to compete in the early rounds of our cup competitions. There is no doubt that a balancing out is required in the existing second division to ensure that all clubs play the others on a home and away fixture arrangement.

Those who may object to a third division would ask the question, if the new clubs would be in the position to provide the required standard of accommodation as has been recently mentioned about clubs promoted to the first division. Surely if the R.L. are so keen to promote the game this would be an ideal chance to help the lower and newly elected club. Rather than trying it in the Isle of Man or Japan. As much as we all want to see improved standards at all grounds, spectator comfort must never get in the way of the progression of what takes place on the field. Widnes must have taken this view when paying out record fees whilst accepting that they can not accommodate all who wish to see the game sitting down in a stand. This is the prerogative of those who run the club to accept a break even crowd attendance supplemented by prize money from the competitions and transfer fees from the likes of Joe Lydon, Andy Gregory and John Bassnett etc.

The supporters pay their money and take their choice, a winning team or first class spectator comfort. Possibly there are only two clubs offering anywhere near both which prompts the question "is R.L. progressing?" One swallow doesn't make a summer but surely that magnificent result at Naughton Park must have silenced all of us who were down in the dumps after the Wakefield disaster putting it on a par with the Titanic and visualising our Chairman playing his ukulele must put the Widnes game down to the best performance in years.

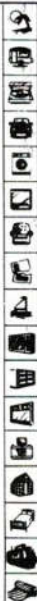
We must admit that there is light at the end of the tunnel and with more strength in depth we can be a force to be reckoned with next season. Our biggest problem is getting over what has the question of everybody, even the players must have asked "Why can we play like we did against Wakefield in front of our home supporters and then turn on a five star performance against the No.1 side in the top division away from home".

Supporters ask the question. Others give the answers which everyone hopes will be found next season. A season's average crowd of five thousand have put their thumbs to their noses at the City Council saying "We are prepared to support our team despite the fact that they haven't helped in any way". We are in the catagory who say "The club is more important than the ground".

Enjoy the game

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STUDENT RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP 1989

The greatest occasion in Student Rugby League history is due to take place during the first two weeks in August this year when the SRL World Cup will be held in this country. This event has been approved by the International Board and is receiving the full support of the RFL and BARLA.

Entries have been accepted from Australia, New Zealand, France, England, Wales and Scotland. Holland are almost certain to be competing and at this stage it is possible that teams from Papua New Guinea, USA and Ireland will be taking part. The whole event promises to be the largest single gathering of international RL teams in the history of the game and is a great boost for the ever increasing popularity of RL in the student population in this country and other parts of the world.

All the teams will be based at the University in the City of York and the matches will be played at the top professional and amateur club grounds throughout the North of England. The Grand Final is scheduled for Saturday 12th August at Central Park, Wigan, the home of the best supported and most famous Rugby League club.

The cost of staging the event is estimated at £87,000 and while the official RL bodies have promised their support, the bulk of the money has to be raised by the SRL through the efforts of their executive committee. Bev Risman has been appointed by the RFL to co-ordinate the event and organise the massive fund raising initiative.

The value of student RL to RL in general is now being recognised at both playing and administrative levels and there is great sympathy and support for the student game throughout RL circles. It is in everyone's interest therefore to try to ensure that this event is a major success and the SRL are looking for financial support from all true followers of RL.

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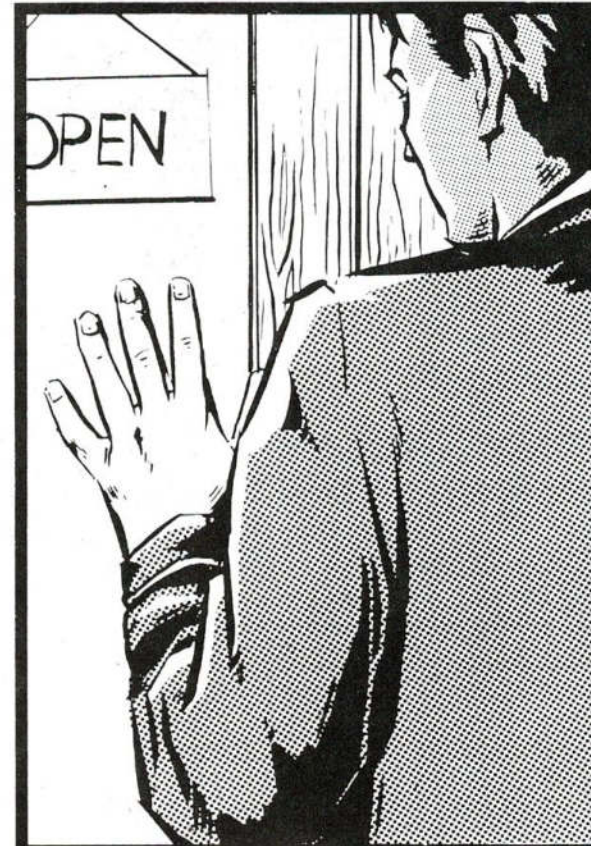
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Sat. 10	Workington	H 2.30	W 28	2	Fri. 30	Huddersfield	A 7.30	L 12	19
Sat. 17	Runcorn	A 2.30	W 37	16	Jan. Fri. 6	Leigh	H 7.30	W 32	6
Thur. 22	Bramley	A 7.30	L 17	18	Fri. 13	Featherstone	A 7.30	L 23	32
Oct. Sat. 1	Yorks. Sen. Comp 1st Round	H 7.30	W 16	12	Fri. 20	Oldham	H 7.30	D 26	26
Fri. 8	Leigh	A 7.30	W 30	20	Sat. 28	Doncaster	A 2.30	W 36	28
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Fri. 21	Doncaster	H 7.30	W 40	0		1st Round Carlisle	H 3.00	W 38	12
Sat. 29	Barrow	A 2.30	W 44	12	Fri. 10	Runcorn withdrew from League	H 7.30		
Mon. 31	Yorks. Cup S/F Leeds	A 7.30	L 13	32	Sat. 18	Slalom Lager Alliance C. Cup			
Nov. Fri. 4	Featherstone	H 7.30	L 16	18		2nd Round	H 7.30	L 8	11
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K. Skerrett	69
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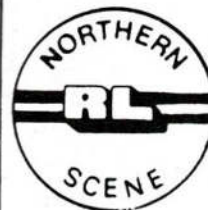
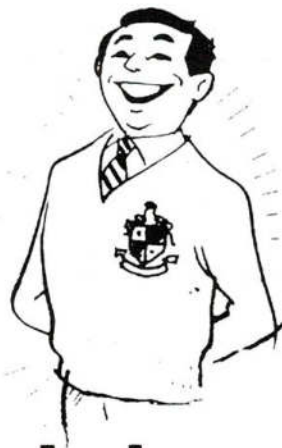


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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

Good evening and welcome to our visitors from Oldham. All supporters are welcome to visit the Trevor Foster Lounge above the old dressing rooms before and after the match. Although we are in the final week of the season, there are many events taking place throughout the coming weeks. The first of these is on Sunday when we will be holding an end of season sale of souvenirs, commencing at 1.30pm in the Trevor Foster Lounge. There are sure to be many bargains, so why not come early and see whats on offer.

On Friday April 21st, the Yorkshire Federation of Supporters Clubs are holding their annual Miss Yorkshire Rugby League event at Featherstone. Further details from the souvenir shop.

Next, our show-piece, The Player of the Year Awards. This will be in the Trevor Foster Lounge on Thursday April 27th. We aim to make this a family night out, and there will be a disco for all tastes, top Rugby League action on video, buffet supper, bar, stand up bingo and of course, the presentation of the Players of the Year. Tickets are

priced at £2.00 for adults, £1.00 for O.A.P's and children under 14 free. If you have not voted yet, please call in at the shop and collect a voting form. Tickets are available from either the shop or any of the bars.

SOUVENIR SHOP

We have had many requests for inflatable bananas, penguins etc. which are the current craze. After making enquiries I have found a supply, but obviously they could not deliver this season. However, if demand is sufficient we shall purchase some in time for next season. In the meantime, the shop is well stocked with various souvenirs that are very competitively priced. (Our umbrellas are some £5 cheaper than Leeds and Wigan). The latest addition is a new style of pennant. If you have any ideas for next season, please let us know. Don't forget that we are now situated in the green building behind the posts at the Rooley Avenue end.

GRAHAM CLAY
Secretary



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BRADFORD NORTHERN FIXTURES 1988/89

Date	K.O.	Opponents	Ven.	Rtl.	F	A	Tries	Goals	H/T	Att.	Man of the Match
Aug. Sun. 28	3.00	St Helens	A	L	16	23	B Hill	Hobbs (6)	10-6	7,615	Fairbank
Sept. Sun. 4	3.30	Salford	H	W	42	18	B Hill (2) R Simpson B Ake R Francis	Hobbs (9)	22-8	4,403	Fairbank
Sept. Sun. 11	3.00	Halifax	A	L	14	26	R Francis D Hobbs	Hobbs (3)	12-12	9,300	Hobbs
Sept. Sun. 18	3.00	Leeds 2nd Rd. Yorks. Cup	A	L	21	24	S McGowan R Francis P Harkin K Fairbank	Hobbs (2) Harkin (D.G.)	10-950	8,750	Noble
Sept. Sun. 25	3.30	Wigan	H	L	17	21	P Harkin (2)	Hobbs (4) Hobbs (D.G.)	10-12	8,750	Noble
Oct. Sun. 2	3.30	Featherstone	A	W	48	20	Fairbank (3) Hobbs Ake Mumby Johnson Stewart	Hobbs (8)	24-10	4,000	Harkin
Oct. Sun. 9	3.30	Hull	H	W	32	20	Johnson (2) McGowan (2) Noble Stewart	Hobbs (4)	20-8	3,574	Fairbank
Oct. Sun. 16	3.30	Hull K. R.	A	L	22	24	Hill (2) McGowan	Harkin (5)	12-10	4,954	Harkin
Nov. Sun. 6	3.30	Leeds	H	L	10	18	Skerrett	Hobbs (3)	10-4	8,663	Mumby
Nov. Sun. 13	3.30	J P Trophy (1) Dewsbury	H	W	34	18	Fairbank (3) Hobbs (2) Godfrey	Hobbs (5)	18-12	2,555	Noble
Nov. Sun. 20	3.30	Wakefield T.	A	W	23	14	Mercer (2) Fairbank Stewart	Hobbs (3) Harkin (D.G.)	6-8	3,500	Fairbank
Nov. Sun. 27	3.30	J P Trophy (2) Castleford	A	W	19	18	Fairbank Johnson Pinner	Hobbs (3) Hobbs (D.G.)	6-8	8,019	Mumby
Dec. Sun. 4	3.30	J P Trophy (3) Leigh	H	W	6	0	Hobbs	Hobbs	0-0	3,975	Mercer
Dec. Sun. 11	3.00	Salford	A	L	18	33	Hobbs Ford Mercer	Hobbs (3)	8-13	4,120	Hobbs
Dec. Sun. 17	3.30	Wigan J P Trophy Semi F.	N	L	5	16		Hobbs (2) Harkin (D.G.)	3-4	6,809	Mumby
Jan. Sun. 1	3.30	Castleford	A	L	20	38	McGowan (2) Skerrett	Hobbs (4)	12-18	7,320	Haner
Jan. Sun. 8	3.00	Hull	A	L	10	28	McGowan Stewart	Hobbs	10-18	6,928	Mumby
Jan. Sun. 15	3.30	Warrington	H	W	15	4	Fairbank Harkin	Hobbs (3) Harkin (D.G.)	p-0	3,676	Noble
Jan. Sun. 22	3.00	Oldham	A	W	30	14	McGowan (2) Hobbs Fairbank Johnson	Hobbs (5)	12-8	5,925	McGowan
Jan. Sun. 29	3.00	Challenge Cup (1) Fulham	A	W	28	10	McGowan (3) Wilkinson (2) Fairbank	Hobbs (2)	14-6	1,487	McGowan
Feb. Sun. 5	3.30	Halifax	H	W	30	18	McGowan Stewart Simpson Skerrett Wilkinson	Hobbs (5)	12-0	7,729	Skerrett
Feb. Sun. 12	3.30	Challenge Cup (2) Wigan	H	L	4	17		Hobbs (2)	4-7	15,666	Stewart
Feb. Sun. 19	3.30	St. Helens	H	L	12	16	McGowan Simpson Wilkinson		12-10	4,197	Skerrett
Feb. Wed. 22	7.30	Castleford	H	L	6	20	Wilkinson	Mercer	6-12	4,404	Skerrett
Mar. Sun. 5	3.00	Warrington	A	W	23	22	Skerrett (2) Wilson	Hobbs (5) Hobbs 1 D.G.	18-12	4,250	Skerrett
Mar. Sun. 12	3.00	Wigan	A	L	13	20	Fairbank Mercer	Hobbs (2) Hobbs 1 D.G.	6-4	11,987	Noble
Mar. Sun. 19	3.30	Widnes	H	D	16	16	Hobbs Skerrett McGowan	Hobbs (2)	12-12	5,332	Skerrett
Mar. Fri. 24	7.30	Leeds	A	L	7	10	Fairbank	Hobbs Harkin (D.G.)	7-0	12,326	Mumby
Mar. Tue. 28	7.30	Wakefield T.	H	L	8	28	Fairbank	Hobbs (2)	8-6	4,244	Noble
Apr. Sun. 2	3.00	Widnes	A	W	22	12	Fairbank McGowan Roger Simpson	Hobbs (5)	12-8	7,125	Noble
Apr. Sun. 9	3.30	Featherstone	H	L	23	32	McGowan (2) Noble Simpson	Hobbs (2) Hobbs 1 D.G.	11-16	4,171	Simpson
Apr. Wed. 12	7.30	Oldham	H								
Apr. Sun. 16	3.30	Hull K. R.	H								

CLUB HONOURS 1895 - AUG 1ST 1988

1st Division Champions: 1903/04, 1979/80, 1980/81.

2nd Division Champions: 1973/74.

Yorkshire Senior Competition Champions: 1899/1900, 1900/01.

Challenge Cup Winners: 1906, 1944, 1947, 1949.

Challenge Cup Finalists: 1898, 1945, 1948, 1973.

Yorkshire Cup Winners: 1906/07, 40/41, 41/42, 43/44, 45/46, 48/49, 49/50, 53/54, 65/66, 78/79, 87/88.

Yorkshire Cup Finalists: 1913/14, 81/82, 82/83.

John Player Trophy Winners: 1974/75, 79/80.

Championship Winners: 1939/40, 40/41, 44/45.

Championship Finalists: 1941/42, 47/48, 51/52.

Premiership Winners: 1977/78.

Premiership Finalists: 1978/79, 79/80.

CLUB RECORDS

Highest Victory: 72-9 against Doncaster Nov 4th 1973.

League at home.

72-12 against Hunslet Oct 7th 1984. League at home.

Highest Defeat: 75-18 against Leeds Sept 14th 1931. League away.

Highest Draw: 23-23 against Castleford Mar 12th 1955.

League at home.

Record Attendance: 69,429 v Huddersfield Mar 14th 1953

Challenge Cup 3rd round tie.

PLAYERS RECORDS

CAREER.

Most Appearances: Keith Mumby with 516.*

Most Goals: Keith Mumby with 749.*

Most Tries: Jack McLean with 261

Most Points: Keith Mumby with 1,760.*

SEASON.

Most Goals: Eddie Tees with 173 in 1971/72.

Most Tries: Jack McLean with 63 in 1951/52.

Most Points: Eddie Tees with 364 in 1971/72. (173 goals, 6 tries)

BRADFORD NORTHERN TOURISTS

1928: Harold Young.

1946: Eric Batten, W.T.H. Davies, Trevor Foster, Jack Kitching.

Ernest Ward, Frank Whitcombe.

1950: Ken Traill, Ernest Ward.

1954: Ken Traill.

1966: Ian Brooke.

GAME.

Most Goals: Joe Phillips with 14, Sept 6th 1952 v Batley.

Most Tries: James Dechan with 7, Oct 13th 1906 v Bramley.

Most Points: John Woods with 36, Oct 13th 1985 v Swinton.

Most Points on a Debut: Keith Mumby with 27, Nov 4th 1973 v Doncaster.

* = Still playing for Bradford Northern.

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PROGRAMME NOTES

Following me quest to find supporters who regularly travel a long way to watch Northern play, I hope to feature some of the best letters in future programmes starting today with Mr. Harold Winterburn of Otley.

He writes, "I have been a Northern Supporter for 40 years and started following them at the time of their 3rd consecutive Wembley visit in 1949 (is it that long ago since we last won the cup?). I have only missed half a dozen home games in this time. The mileage from Otley to Odsal is about 11.5 miles or 2 bus journeys but it has always been an enjoyable half day outing. Not only for the match, but also the pre match socialising and after match discussions on how we won or lost."

"One match I really remember was the Northern v Castleford RL cup-tie around the early fifties which Bradford won 11-5 in front of a 14,000 crowd. It began to snow just after the kick-off and blizzard conditions, wiped away all field markings, but the game was completed after 2 were sent off and 'Guest' the Cas full-back collapsed because of the freezing temperatures! Most of the crowd then began to TREK to the trams - everybody looking like walking snowmen!

"The two most outstanding Northern players that I have seen are really easy to state namely ERNEST WARD and KEITH MUMBY. Why? because after each game I saw them play, I have been able to say that neither had a poor game and that its been a privilege to watch their outstanding skills"

Thank you Harold for your letter. Already from post received, its clear that we have supporters living further away. Next time I will feature a letter from a 'Northern' family on Humberside. Does anyone travel further than this to watch Northern?

Until next time, Nanu nanu.

GRAHAM P. LITTLER

BRADFORD NORTHERN v OLDHAM

TEAM: OLDHAM

FULL PLAYING RECORD: (INC FRIENDLIES ETC, ETC) PLD 84 WON 41 LOST 40 DRAWN 3 FOR 903 pts AGST 889 pts

FIRST ENCOUNTER: Oct 19th 1895, Away League, Won 5-3

HIGHEST VICTORY: 39-16 Apr 11th 1976, Away League

HIGHEST DEFEAT: 49-16 Nov 8th 1930, Away League

HIGHEST DRAW: 7-7 Feb 24th 1968, Home Chall/Cup 2nd Rd.

NORTHERN'S LONGEST WINNING SEQUENCE: 6 Games (Sept 9th 1944 - Feb 4th 1950)

NORTHERN'S LONGEST LOSING SEQUENCE: 5 Games (Twice) (Feb 23rd 1920 - Mar 28th 1931 and Mar 4th 1984 - Mar 16th 1986)

LONGEST SEQUENCE WITHOUT A WIN: 6 Games, 5 Defeats + 1 Draw (Feb 21st 1920 - Mar 28th 1931)

LONGEST SEQUENCE WITHOUT A DEFEAT: 6 Games, Twice (6 Wins Sept 9th 1944 - Feb 1950 and 5 Wins + 1 Draw Dec 29th 1951 - Feb 24th 1968)

LAST TIME NORTHERN FAILED TO SCORE: Mar 2nd 1907, League Away, Lost 0-19 (63 Games Ago)

TOTAL NUMBER OF TIMES FAILING TO SCORE: 7 Times

LAST TIME NORTHERN KEPT A CLEAN SHEET: Mar 13th 1948 Chall/Cup 3rd Rd. Home, Won 30-0 (36 Games Ago)

TOTAL NUMBER OF TIMES KEPT A CLEAN SHEET: 9 Times

LAST FIVE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE SIDES:

DATE	VENUE	GAME	RESULT	SCORE
1. Nov 23rd 1986	Home	League	Lost	10-18
2. Nov 30th 1986	Away	J.P. Trophy 1st Rd.	Won	22-12
3. Mar 15th 1987	Away	League	Lost	8-12
4. Nov 15th 1987	Away	J.P. Trophy 1st Rd.	Lost	6-22
5. Jan 22nd 1989	Away	League	Won	30-14

ABOVE INFORMATION CORRECT UP TO AND INCLUDING Apr 11th 1989

COMPILED BY: N. WILLIAMS
BRADFORD NORTHERN CLUB STATISTICIAN/HISTORIAN



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... Need we say more?

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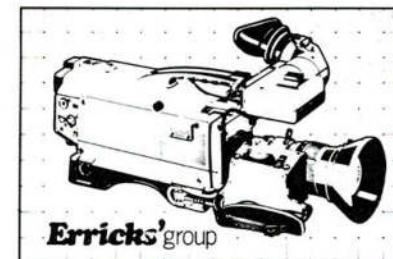
NAME	Jonathon Hamer
NICKNAME	Sledge (or BJ - but don't ask why!)
DATE OF BIRTH	23/2/66
TOWN OF BIRTH	Halifax
SCHOOL ATTENDED	Heath Grammar School, Halifax
ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS	7 'O' Levels + 1 'A' Level
MARITAL STATUS	Married
CHILDREN	Hopefully one day
FULL OR PART TIME RL PLAYER	Full time police officer & Part time RL player
RUGBY HEROES	Jeff Grayshon along with many more.
RUGBY CAREER BEFORE JOINING BRADFORD NORTHIERN	Siddal ARL & Elland Juniors
RUGBY AMBITIONS	Keep playing to my best and improving/international ambitions
WHAT MEDALS/AWARDS HAVE YOU RECEIVED FOR RL	Colts Challenge Cup Runners Up, 'A' most improved player 86/7, 'A' player of the year
HAVE YOU DONE ANY PR WORK FOR RL	I can't stop talking about it!
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH	When we had a hard earned 19-18 win v Castleford who had been undefeated at home until then!
MOST DIFFICULT APPONENT	All of them especially scrum halves!
HOBBIES	Keeping hens (15 assorted breeds) and sleeping
LIKES	Good eating - and lots of it! & team spirit
DISLIKES	Losing and the way Ian 'Wilkie' never moans and is fully committed to training!?
IF YOU WERE MANAGER AND MONEY NO OBJECT, WHICH PLAYER WOULD YOU BUY AND WHY? (Back) - Andy Gregory - when in form makes everybody tick and (Forward) - John Jeffrey - of Scottish RU would make a good RL player	

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 WHAT SPORTS EVENT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SEE? A front seat watching an opponent giving Tyson a run for his money in Las Vegas
 FAVOURITE SPORTS PERSONALITY? Bill Beaumont - Lions Captain
 IF YOU WERE A CHAT SHOW HOST WHICH 3 PEOPLE WOULD YOU LIKE TO INTERVIEW? Frank Bruno (using Kelvin as an interpreter), Enoch Powell and Terry Wogan (see how he'd like it)
 IF YOU COULD CHANGE PLACES WITH A FILM STAR WHO WOULD IT BE AND WHO WOULD BE YOUR LEADING LADY? Compo from Last of the Summer Wine - he's my kind of guy and very much like 'Nobby' Noble and Kim Basinger - she'd really arouse the sleepy yokels
 IF YOU WERE GIVEN A LARGE SUM OF MONEY TO HELP OTHERS, WHICH CHARITY WOULD YOU CHOOSE? Any British based charity
 WHICH 3 POSSESSIONS WOULD YOU TAKE WITH YOU TO A DESERT ISLAND? The wife, the dog and the Guinness
 IF YOU WERE A FLY ON THE WALL, WHERE WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO EAVESDROP? The Boardroom at contract time or Richard Francis' bedroom to witness an action packed epic
 WHATS THE SILLIEST THING YOU HAVE DONE IN YOUR LIFE? Whilst walking on a cold winters morning with friends in the Lakes, stripped off (naked) and went for a swim in the ice cold water - the wife looked on in amazement!!
 WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT YOURSELF? Having naturally curly hair!!
 WHAT WOULD BE YOUR SPECIALIST SUBJECT ON MASTERMIND? The Pro's and Con's of playing top sports whilst having to work shifts. (If you are one of these sportsmen I sympathise!)
 Thank you for your time and interesting observations, John GRAHAM P. LITTLER

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DAVE CARTER
(WIDNES)

GRAHAM'S AMATEUR COLUMN

With the amateur clubs assistance, this column will be used to publicise local amateur Rugby League clubs and their activities - how many teams do they run, where they train, standard of performance, star players, anyone who has gone on to play professional RL, especially for Bradford etc.

Today we start with a feature on Bingley Amateur Rugby League Club. Bingley was first formed some eight years ago running at most two teams. Now under the Chairmanship of Terry Guest - Bradford Northern fan since the age of five, - it has teams at the under 9's, 11's, 13's, 15's, 17's levels and this year an Open Age team coached by Philip Carmichael, Trevor Rhodes, George Carmichael, Richard Brook, Des Fell and Neil Croasdale respectively. Philip and George are sons of the late Bradford Northern player, George Carmichael. Most of these coaches will be participating in B.A.R.L.A. coaching courses this summer with the aim of making RL more enjoyable and more successful. Sharon Carmichael is on the disciplinary committee of the West Riding Youth League and shares fund-raising duties with Diane Gillard.

Last season saw, for the first time, the formation of the under 9's West Riding Youth League - largely at the insistence of Bingley and in particular Diane Gillard. This started as 8 year old boys and girls - yes 3 girls have played for the younger teams sisters Jessica and Tracey Whitley-Guest and Helen Carmichael - had no league to play in. The under 9's reached the final of the West Riding Youth Cup only to be beaten by Oulton, but won the Bradford Cup defeating Pudsey in the final. So far this season they are in 3rd place in their league. The under 9's are sponsored by Dairyman Philip Carmichael.

The under 11's sponsored by Pennine Fibres of Denholme are currently 6th in their league. They had 6 players selected for the Bradford Schools side namely Rob Woodhead, Thomas Rhodes, Simon Hyde, Matthew Whitley-Guest, Sam Cummings and Chris Parker.

The under 13's are sponsored by LCW, the van rental firm from Hipperholme. Company boss Brian Wynn, whose son plays in the side, takes a keen interest in the club. They are currently 3rd in their league and had 4 representatives in the West Riding Youth side namely Simon Haughton, Vincent Quirk, Simon Wynn and Jonathon Scholes.

For this season the under 15's are just playing a series of friendly matches.

The under 17's finished joint second in the first division of the West Riding League. So far this season they are 4th in the first division and in the Yorkshire Cup they beat Dewsbury Moor in the first round and Garforth in the second. In the West Riding Cup they beat West Bowling in the first round. They had 4 players selected for the Bradford side who defeated Huddersfield and Wakefield namely Danny Stamp, Carl Sheridan, Tony Fella and Matthew Whitley-Guest. They are sponsored by the past club Chairman Jim Edmondson's Label Group.

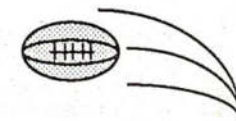
Last season Bingley fielded an under 19's side in the Sedbergh Sevens winning that trophy and also defeated Dudley Hill in the final of the Bradford Cup. The under 19's are sponsored by Dairyman Philip Carmichael.

The Open Age side sponsored by Wilson's Truck Services play in the Pennine League's Division 7 and in their first year are aiming for promotion.

The main objective at Bingley has been to enjoy Rugby League and encourage the game through family involvement at all the age groups. This is often demonstrated by the young players watching the Open Age and staying on after their own games to watch other teams. Now the players who first started with Bingley are coaching the junior sides. New members are always welcome just come along to a training night at Beckfoot Grammar School, Wagon Lane and make yourselves known to the coaches.

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