

TODAY'S LINE UP

DONCASTER v OLDHAM

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				VISITORS				

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Next Home
League Match
Hunslet
Sunday
Dec 17
K.O. 2.30pm

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A. Meredith,
Hebden
Bridge

RED FLAG
D. Booth
Halifax

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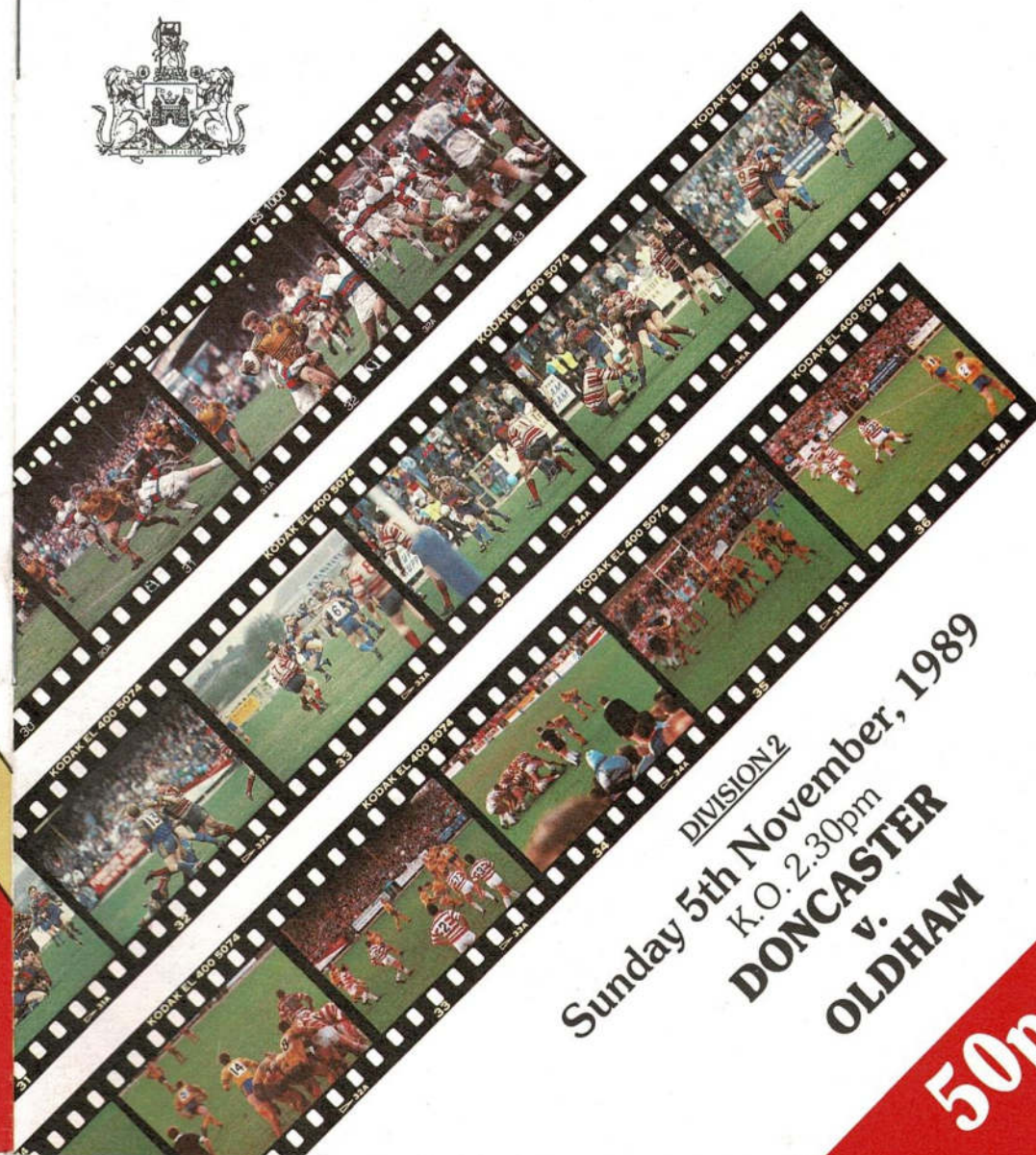
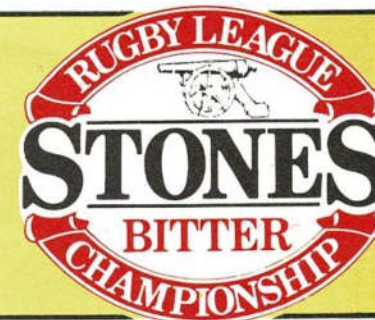
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RUGBY LEAGUE AT TATTERSFIELD



DIVISION 2
Sunday 5th November, 1989
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"DAVE SAMPSON" TEAM TALK

We didn't play well against Workington, but it's two points in the bag. Are we expecting too much? 60 points scored and only conceded 10 points. I *know* we can play better, one or two players need to give a bit more. The supporters must be frustrated with our difference in away form and home performances. But when you see classic tries like the one Neil Pickerill, Carl Hall and Mark Roache set up for Kevin Jones that gives me a great boost, because I know that at any time they can produce something out of the ordinary. We must learn not to panic when attacking in our opponents 25 and give away possession.

Although Sundays game against Oldham is very vital in our quest for a top spot, we must take our chances and give 120 per cent commitment and with you, the supporters behind us it will be a very interesting afternoon's rugby.

Graham Idle did have a nasty cut and a couple of players had knocks, but all of them should be fit for today.



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SUPPORTERS SPOT

Chairman: Bob Martin
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May I extend a warm welcome to players, supporters and officials from Oldham. Lets hope it's a good close game.

Please book today if you wish to travel to Whitehaven next Sunday. The bus is filling up fast and an extra one cannot be put on at the last minute for such a long trip. Meals can also be booked for our stop on the way. Please ask when you book.

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The Christmas Party will be held in the Social Club on Friday 8th December.

Come along and have a good time. Tickets cost only £1.00.

Congratulations to Committee member Ian Smith and his wife Kim on the birth of their baby daughter Rachel, born on Tuesday 24th October 1989 (9lbs 9oz).

Another supporter for the Dons!

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AWAY DAY

WHITEHAVEN

(Recreation Ground, Coach Road, Whitehaven)

Sunday November 12th 1989 – K.O. 3.30p.m.

M6 Junction 40 (A66/A592). Follow signs Keswick A66. In 1 mile at roundabout take 2nd exit. Junction with A591, forward (signposted Cockermouth) into Keswick Bypass. Junction with A591/A5271 at roundabout take 2nd exit. Junction with B5289. Junction with B5291. Junction with A5086 forward (signposted Workington). In 4.9 miles turn left A595 (signposted Whitehaven). In 2.9 miles at roundabout take 2nd exit, edge of Distington. In 3.4 miles branch right A5094 (signposted Town Centre). By New Road enter Whitehaven, follow signs St. Bees B5345 for Whitehaven RL Ground on left.

Please note: Regal Trophy Preliminary Round is being played at Whitehaven ground on November 19th.

RL IN TOUCH

NEW LAWS

1(a) Section 11 Law 7 to be deleted and the following inserted in its stead:

“7 A team in possession of the ball shall be allowed five (5) successive “play-the-balls”, but if tackled a sixth time or a player in possession knocks on, passes forward or kicks the ball into touch on the full after the fifth play-the-ball, the ball not having been touched by an opponent in this period the ball shall be brought into play by an opposing player playing the ball at the point of tackle or infringement. The play-the-ball for this purpose shall not be counted for the purpose of the tackle count and the play-the-ball shall operate as provided for in Law 10 of this Section.”

1(b) Insert new note to Law 7 of Section 11 reading as follows:-

“Point of infringement: 7 For the purposes of this Law the point of infringement in the case of a kick into touch on the full shall be the point from which the ball was kicked.”

This law was at the experimental stage in Great Britain last season and now becomes International Law.

Points of Play Relating to this Law

- Q How is play restarted if, after the fifth tackle, the player in possession knocks-on or passes forward?
- A Handover at the point of infringement.
- Q How is play restarted if, after the fifth tackle, the player in possession runs into touch or is forced into touch?
- A Handover, 10m from the touch-line.
- Q How is play restarted if, after the fifth tackle, the ball is kicked directly into touch?
- A Handover at the point where the ball was last played, if played forward. If played backwards the handover is 10m in the field-of-play opposite where the ball entered touch.
- Q How is play restarted if, after the fifth tackle, the player in possession kicks the ball into touch, otherwise than on the full?
- A Scrum 10m in the field-of-play opposite where the ball entered touch. The non-kicking team to have the loose head and put-in.
- Q How is play restarted if, after the fifth tackle, the player in possession is tackled in his opponents in-goal area?
- A Scrum, 5m from the goal-line, opposite where the player was held (Section 12 Note to Law 1). The non-offending team (defenders) to have the loose head and put-in.

IN THE BACKGROUND

**BRIAN DONALD –
 Ex player and Colts Trainer**

Brian assisted Ted Strawbridge with the Colts for about 8 years up to the team disbanding after winning the 2nd Division title. Now very active in assisting 2nd team coach Geoff Morris. His voluntary contribution to the club is invaluable. Brian has also formed an ex-players association with Paul Carlin and can be contacted at the club.



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ALLIANCE FIXTURES

2.9.89	DEWSBURY	(a)	2.30	W 8-6	6.1.90	DEWSBURY	(h)	2.30
9.9.89	BRAMLEY	(h)	3.00	W 18-10	18.1.90	KEIGHLEY	(a)	7.30
15.9.89	BRADFORD	(h)	7.30	W 26-20	26.1.90	WAKEFIELD	(a)	7.30
23.9.89	KEIGHLEY	(h)	3.00	W 38-26	10.2.90	LEIGH	(h)	2.30
30.9.89	W'HAVEN	(a)	2.30	L 20-38	24.2.90	BARROW	(a)	2.30
10.10.89	YORK (cup)	(a)	7.30	L 12-20	3.3.90	W'TON	(h)	3.00
14.10.89	YORK	(a)	3.00	W 40-20	10.3.90	HUDDERSFIELD	(a)	3.00
21.10.89	WAKEFIELD	(h)	3.00	L 4-12	17.3.90	YORK	(h)	3.00
28.10.89	W'TON	(a)	2.30	L 6-17	24.3.90	R'DALE	(h)	3.00
4.11.89	HUDDERSFIELD	(h)	3.00		31.3.90	BRAMLEY	(a)	2.30
11.11.89	W'HAVEN	(h)	3.00		7.4.90	R'DALE	(a)	3.00
18.11.89	TRAFFORD	(a)	2.15		14.4.90	BARROW	(h)	3.00
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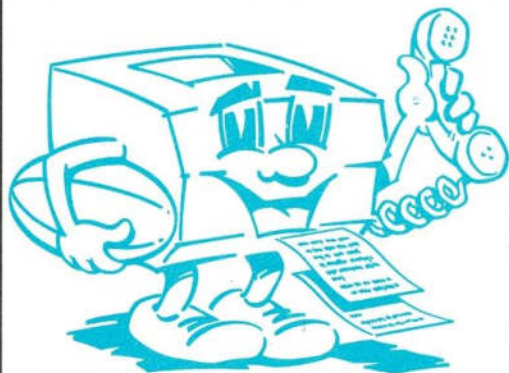
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THE 'A' TEAM



We had another disappointing defeat in
Cumbria last week when we lost 17-6 to
Workington. Our points came from a fifth
minute try to Steve Abraham and a conversion
from Mark Sims. Our display left a lot to be

desired and our forwards, with the exception of Abraham,
lacked penetration.

A solid defensive display in the second half, despite losing
Howard Roberts (sent off for tripping), kept the scoreline
respectable. There were good displays also from John Green
and John Evans.

Our next home game is on 11th November against
Whitehaven k.o. 2.30pm. Hope to see you there.

Support the "A" Team.

Geoff Morris

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LAST SEASON

League: Finished 12th S.B.C. Division One
 Played: 26 Won: 8
 Lost: 17 Drawn: 1
 Pts for: 462 Pts Against: 632 Pts: 17
 Average Attendance: 5759
 Up by: 1696
 Challenge Cup: Lost Wigan 4-12 Rnd 3
 Lancashire Cup: Lost Salford 2-18
 John Player Trophy: Lost Warrington 14-21

OLDHAM R.L.F.C.

Relegation to Division 2 looks only temporary as Oldham continue to outclass Division 2 opponents. After knocking Wigan out of the Lancashire Cup they were narrowly beaten by Warrington in the final. Rugby fans could be in for a real treat today if both teams play the kind of rugby they are capable of.

Best wishes to everyone connected with Oldham on their way back to the top.

LAST TIME WE MET

Sunday September 27th 1987 – Dons 20 v Oldham 18

“Super Dons Slay Leaders”

Team: Payne, Turner, Pennant, Roache, Bell (Green), Jones, Evans, Stutchberry (Parkhouse), Gibbon, Noble, Milner, Louis, Timson.

Attendance: 2,060.

An injury-time converted try by David Noble earned the Dons their first-ever win over previously unbeaten Second Division leaders Oldham, in a superb game at Tattersfield.

It looked as though the Dons, who had laid siege to the Oldham line in the last 20 minutes, were going to be denied a deserved victory until Noble chipped ahead and dived on the loose ball to earn his side a 20-18 win – their first league success in four games.

Despite a brief flare-up early in the second half which resulted in Dons' skipper Mark Gibbon and Oldham loose-forward Terry Flanagan, one of five internationals in the visitors side, spending ten minutes in the sin-bin, the game was a tremendous advert for Second Division football.

Loose-forward Andy Timson was named the Dons' man-of-the-match award, but Gibbon, Audley Pennant, half-backs John Evans and Kevin Jones and winger Neil Turner all pushed him hard.

Oldham dominated the early play territorially, but trailed 4-0 to two Noble penalties after 12 minutes.

The Dons looked set to increase their lead on 22 minutes when Turner broke strongly down the left flank, but his try-scoring pass to the supporting Evans was intercepted 15 yards out by Oldham's Paul Round.

Oldham drew level within 60 seconds when a well-worked move saw centre Kevin Meadows, squeeze in at the corner. Australian second-rower Steve Louis celebrated his home debut by forcing his way over for an unconverted try on 25 minutes.

The strong-running Round, a £65,000 buy from St. Helens earlier this season, scattered several defenders before putting scrum-half Ian Bates over for an unconverted try on 28 minutes.

The Dons bounced back to snatch a 14-10 interval lead with a superb 35th minute try. Jones side-stepping former Test fullback Mick Burke to score after John Stutchberry, Timson and Evans had all played their part in a sweeping 75-yard move.

Oldham hit back with a 55th minute try by Round and a try by prop Neil Clawson a couple of minutes later to lead 18-14.

The Dons looked beaten at this stage, but as at Whitehaven the previous week, they finished the stronger side and the Oldham line led a charmed life until Noble's late winner.

“Bell on sidelines after breaking leg”

Dons winger Dave Bell faces a long spell on the sidelines after breaking a leg in yesterday's thrilling 20-18 win over Second Division leaders Oldham.

The strong-running Bell was stretchered off early in the second half after sustaining the injury in an innocent-looking tackle.

PEN PICS

Oldham

JOHN FIELDHOUSE: Recent signing from St. Helens. Great Britain International.

RICHARD IRVING: Signed for Oldham in August 1987 from Moldgreen ARLFC.

JOHN HENDERSON: Signed from Leigh club.

CHARLIE McALISTER: A sensational capture from Bradford & Bingley RUFC in February 1988.

KEVIN MEADOWS: One of the First Division's most under rated wingers. Scored 18 tries in 38 appearances in 1987-88.

DUNCAN PLATT: Goalkicking full-back signed in November 1986 from Widnes.

RICHARD RUSSELL: Oldham's major off-season signing, coming from Wigan.

MIKE FORD: BARLA Young Lions tourist to New Zealand in 1983. Totalled 9 tries and 3 drop goals in 1987-88.

STEVE ROBINSON: A fine winger, signed from Saddleworth Rangers.

NEIL CLAWSON: Front-rower. Son of much-travelled former Trinity and Great Britain prop forward Terry.

JOHN FAIRBANK: Former BARLA international forward signed by Leeds in November 1987 from Elland ARLFC.

ANDY RUANE: Former Widnes and Rochdale hooker.

PAUL ROUND: Signed for £68,000 from St. Helens in August 1987.

LEO CASEY: Hard grafting prop-forward. Recruited from St. Annes ARLFC in April 1985.

JOHN COGGER: An outstanding signing from Runcorn Highfield last season.

SHAUN ALLEN: Joined Oldham, initially on loan, last season, scoring a try against Wigan.

PAUL LORD: Signed from Stanley Rangers ARL as a stand off but recently playing on the wing.

COLIN HAWKYARD: Scored 3 tries in 27 appearances in 1987-88 and a further 4 last term.

KEITH NEWTON: Strong back-row forward signed from champions Widnes last season.

GARY HYDE: Another of Tony Barrow's recruits, joining Oldham from Castleford.

BRETT CLARK: St. George half back who has recently signed a 1 year contract for Oldham.



Andrew Vincent and Audley Pennant breaking up a Workington attack.



Keith Jones, Man of the Match against Workington receives his award from Roy Bairstow of Doñ Valley Engineering. With them is our mascot Mark Blades.

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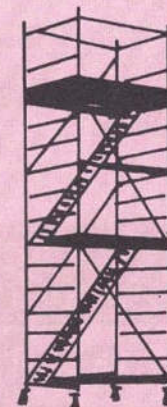
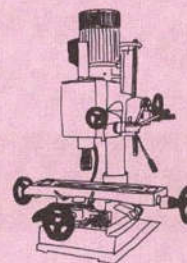
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Harry

The half-time draw at the Workington match was won by Mr. J. Macks of Thorne, the winning No. was 6822.

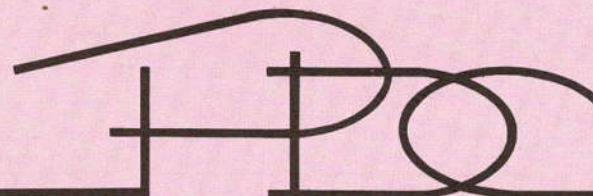
This draw is very popular now and tickets are scarce, especially coming up to Xmas. Just think, you could win £250 for 50p, that would ease your worries.

Sorry we sold out of replicas early. The next batch should be here in time for the next match.

There are loads and loads of Xmas stocking fillers on sale at the shop in Copley. Call in and spend your money.

If any more supporters want to join the Executive Suite Club, then contact me at the ground on match days or Tel. 363756. There is plenty of room, plenty of snap, and most of all a nice quiet drink.

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Date	Competition	Opponents	Venue	Try Scorers	Goals	Result	Attendance
Sep 3	Div 2	Dewsbury	H	Pennant, Rayne	Kevin Jones	10-21	2305
10	Div 2	Bramley	A	Turner, Roache, Jasiewicz	Nil	12-2	1550
17	County Cup 1	Huddersfield	H	Roache 2, Kemp	Keith Jones 5, Kemp (LG)	23-4	2341
24	Div 2	Runcorn H.	H	Roache, Turner, Kemp, Jasiewicz, Gibbon, Hall, Kevin Jones 2	Keith Jones 7	46-6	2149
27	County Cup 2	Featherstone	A	Hall, Roache, Kevin Jones, Keith Jones	Keith Jones 3	22-37	3526
Oct 1	Div 2	Whitehaven	H	Turner, Fletcher, Hall, Gibbon, Kevin Jones	Keith Jones 5	30-9	2239
8	Div 2	Halifax	A	Roache, Hermansson	Keith Jones 2	12-20	7400
15	Div 2	Ryedale York	H	Jasiewicz	Keith Jones 2, Snygrove 2	12-12	2953
22	Div 2	Keighley	A	Turner 4, Hall, Jasiewicz, Shillito	Keith Jones 3	34-6	1187
29	Div 2	Workington T.	H	Carl Hall 2, Roache, Kevin Jones	Keith Jones 5	26-4	2248
Nov 5	Div 2	Oldham	H				
12	Div 2	Whitehaven	A				
19	Regal Trophy Prelim Rnd	Kells	A				
26	Div 2	Oldham	A				
Dec 3	Regal Trophy Rnd 1						
10	Regal Trophy Rnd 2						
17	Div 2	Hunslet	H				
26	Div 2	Nottingham City	A				
31	Div 2	Fulham	H				
Jan 7	Div 2	Dewsbury	A				
21	Div 2	Keighley	H				
28	Silk Cut Rnd 1						
Feb 4	Div 2	Hunslet	A				
11	Silk Cut Rnd 2						
18	Div 2	Bramley	H				
25	Div 2	Fulham	A				
Mar 4	Div 2	Trafford B	A				
11	Div 2	Swinton	H				
18	Div 2	Ryedale York	A				
25	Div 2	Runcorn H.	A				
Apr 1	Div 2	Halifax	H				
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8	Div 2	Workington T.	A				
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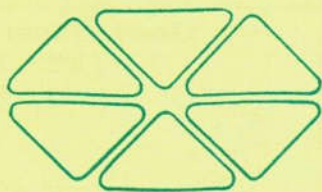


Dons Players Records 1989/1990

	App.	Sub	Tries	Goals	D/G's	Points
J. Evans	2	6	-	-	-	4
I. Fletcher	7	-	1	-	-	4
M. Gibbon	10	-	2	-	-	8
J. Green	1	-	-	-	-	-
C. Hall	9	-	6	-	-	24
T. Hermansson	5	1	1	-	-	4
G. Idle	4	1	-	-	-	-
R. Jasiewicz	10	-	4	-	-	16
Keith Jones	8	2	1	32	-	68
Kevin Jones	2	7	5	1	-	22
T. Kemp	3	-	2	-	1	9
K. Parkhouse	-	1	-	-	-	-
A. Pennant	10	-	1	-	-	4
N. Pickerill	9	-	-	-	-	-
K. Rayne	10	-	1	-	-	4
M. Roache	10	-	7	-	-	28
A. Shillito	10	-	1	-	-	4
A. Sygrove	3	-	-	2	-	4
A. Timson	-	1	-	-	-	-
N. Turner	10	-	7	-	-	28
A. Vincent	7	-	-	-	-	-
Trialist	-	1	-	-	-	-

Rugby League - Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Ts
Rochdale.....	9	3	0	0	124	56	5	0	1	212	121	16		
Oldham.....	8	5	0	0	110	23	2	0	1	78	38	14		
Swinton.....	10	2	0	1	82	35	5	0	2	134	108	14		
Halifax.....	7	4	0	0	103	45	2	0	1	121	44	12		
Huddersfield.....	8	3	0	2	89	69	3	0	0	86	28	12		
Doncaster.....	8	3	1	1	124	52	2	0	1	58	28	11		
Ryedale York.....	8	1	0	1	22	16	4	1	1	134	56	11		
Hull KR.....	6	4	0	0	184	28	1	0	1	54	28	10		
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Fulham.....	8	3	0	1	80	39	2	0	2	42	73	10		
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Batley.....	9	2	0	2	58	59	3	0	2	69	66	8		
Trafford.....	7	2	0	2	89	94	1	0	2	51	86	6		
Keighley.....	9	2	0	3	120	149	1	0	3	56	82	6		
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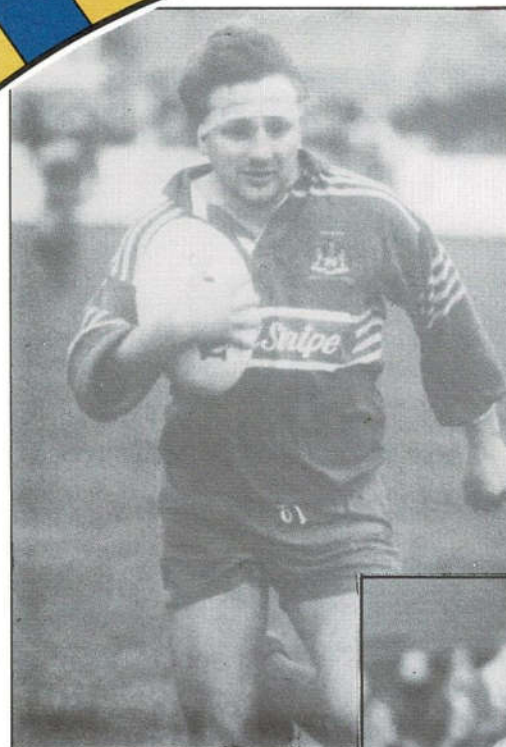
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Kevin Jones on his way to another fine try against Workington.



Carl Hall on his way to his first try against Workington.



FROM THE PRESS BOX

by Steve Hossack

Sheffield Eagles grabbed the third promotion spot last season despite losing eight and drawing one of their 28 Second Division games.

With a quarter of the season gone, the early indications are that a similar record this term will not be good enough to earn a club a place in the top flight.

Leaders Rochdale Hornets – whom I rate as dark horses in the promotion stakes – are setting the sort of scorching pace that the Dons did last season.

But whereas the Dons rather lost their way, I don't see that happening to Hornets to the same extent.

Likewise, it is difficult to imagine the likes of Oldham (my tip for the title), Halifax and Hull Kingston Rovers losing half-a-dozen games.

That is why today's game against Oldham, which has all the ingredients to provide us with a real cracker, is so vital for the Dons.

The defeat against Dewsbury (which could prove so vital come next April) and the not unexpected defeat at Halifax and the 12-12 draw against the then league leaders Ryedale York, have not left Dave Sampson's men with much margin for error.

That is why nothing but a win, which would really set alight the promotion fuse, will be good enough today.

What more appropriate day for the Dons to produce the sort of fireworks that we all know they are capable of than November 5?



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PASSING BACK

5 years ago (11/11/84)

Bleak at Tattersfield

Dons – 8pts Rochdale Hornets – 20pts

It looks like being another bleak winter at Tattersfield on the evidence of yesterday's 20-8 defeat against visiting Rochdale Hornets. For there was little to enthuse about, in a scrappy encounter, as the Dons crashed to their sixth successive defeat.

Although their tackling was an improvement on the Mansfield game, the Dons often looked devoid of ideas when in possession and proved easy prey for the keen-spotting Hornets.

Once again the pack, with the possible exception of prop Peter Harrison, was disappointing and it was left to threequarters Dave Plange and Alan Hutchinson to provide such highlights as there were.

It was Plange who gave the Dons their only real look at the Rochdale line in the first half with an exciting 40-yard break, while wingman Hutchinson slotted in well at full-back after promising Kevin Harcombe had sustained a 32nd minute shoulder injury.

Boosted by Billy Platt's second minute penalty, Rochdale dominated the first half exchanges and would have added to converted tries by Platt and Andy Duffy, with steadier finishing.

Well served by former Hull scrum-half Tony Dean, who interested the Dons earlier in the season, Rochdale increased their lead after 24 minutes of a dreadful second half when second rower Craig Whitehead sent hooker Kevin Lowe scurrying over for their third converted try.

Just when it looked as though the Dons wouldn't add to David Noble's 34th minute penalty, substitute back Gary Hawes rounded off their best move of the match to cross for a 78th minute converted try.

10 years ago (21/10/79)

Dons show spirit

Dons – 2pts Halifax – 11pts

A casual observer would have had great difficulty deciding just which of these teams will be playing in Saturday's Yorkshire Cup final.

Halifax, just six days away from their big clash with Leeds, were given plenty of trouble by a Dons side who turned in a spirited performance in a bid of their first victory of the season.

The Dons got over the Halifax line on two occasions but both tries were ruled out by referee John Mean, who also awarded a staggering 19 penalties, mostly for minor offences, in the first half.

The game was only three minutes old when Dons winger Stewart Piper dived in for what he claimed afterwards was legitimate try... but it was disallowed on the intervention of a touch judge who claimed he had demolished the corner flag before touching down.

Then scrum half Trevor Denton found his way through the Halifax defence to stretch for the line but referee Mean ruled that he was just short.

The Dons did plenty of attacking and, with hooker Neil Gray getting the better of the experienced Dean Raistick in the scrums, they had plenty of chances.

But the tries did not come and team manager Don Vines said afterwards: "We did enough to win but didn't deserve to. That's the sad part but you've got to take your chances."

The new half back pairing of Trevor Denton and Gary Brook formed an improved link between the forwards and the backs and Dave Pflaster, called up at full back, was impressive.

Gray had another fine game at hooker and Pete Moody will find it hard to reclaim his regular position after injury, while Graham Arrand did well in the second row.

But it was Halifax second row man Dave Busfield who scored the one vital try of the game two minutes after the interval.

He sold a brilliant dummy to stroll in near the Dons posts and leave full back Jimmy Birts an easy conversion to stretch the lead to 9-2.

Birts kicked three other goals and the only Dons reply came from a penalty by Gray.

15 years ago (29/9/74)

Dons – 3pts Hull K.R. – 33pts.

The consolation for the Dons is that they should not meet any stronger team than Rovers in the Rugby League's Second Division this season.

The Hull side, determined to return to Division One at the first attempt, paraded close season signings Neil Fox, Clive Sullivan – both former Great Britain stars – and Bernard Watson in their back division.

Fox kicked six goals from seven attempts and Watson scored a try... but Sullivan hardly got a look-in.

Dons left-wing threequarter Graham Arrand kept him under close surveillance and then completed a tremendous performance by rounding Sullivan for his side's only try.

Triallist centre Dave Valey did the spadework to set up that chance and turned in a promising performance.

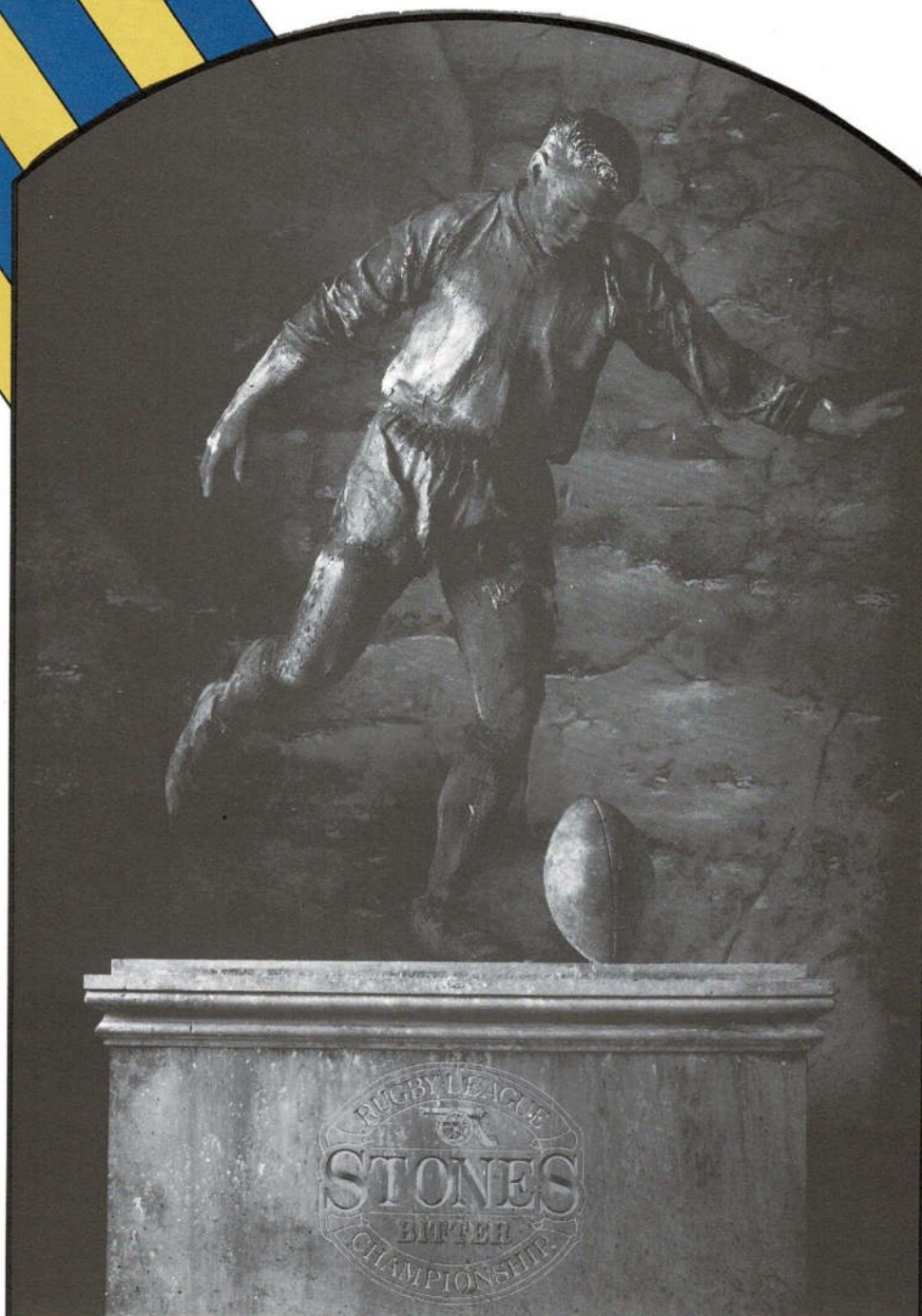
The only time Sullivan escaped from Arrand during the 80 minutes Valey chased back and bundled him into touch a yard from the corner flag.

Dons scrum half Ron Spiring, who got through a lot of work, kicked ahead, ran round the Hull defenders and then failed to ground the ball cleanly.

Full-back Terry Lawrence, who earned applause for fielding a succession of high kicks while under pressure, missed two shots at a goal before KR had scored.

But Dons coach Ted Strawbridge said: "I'm not too downhearted. I didn't think that there was as much difference in the side as the score suggests."

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(At Home)

Season	Comp	Result	Score	Tries	Goals	D/Goals	Att
1963/64	Div 2	Lost	6-12	Goodchild (2)	-	-	-
1968/69	Div 1	Lost	10-26	Brook, Pell	McManus (2)	-	731
1970/71	Div 1	Lost	10-14	Jeff, Battye	Fortis (2)	-	595
1971/72	Div 1	Lost	9-27	Towle	Towle (3)	-	511
1974/75	Div 2	Lost	3-18	Banham	-	-	266
1977/78	Div 2	Lost	7-18	Fortis	Noble (2)	-	1395
1978/79	Div 2	Lost	8-10	Pflaster D.	Woodhead (2)	North	-
1979/80	Div 2	Lost	0-25	-	-	-	-
1981/82	Div 2	Lost	13-36	Wilson, Knott, Russell	Harrison (2)	-	1005
1987/88	Div 2	Won	20-18	Jones, Noble, Louis	Noble (4)	-	206

(Away)

1963/64	Div 2	Lost	13-45	Hepworth (2), Rushton	Doyle (2)	-	5600
1968/69	Div 1	Lost	7-9	Arrand	Fortis	Sykes	1142
1970/71	Div 1	Drawn	9-9	James	Fortis (2)	Doyle	837
1971/72	Div 1	Lost	5-44	Brook	Towle	-	914
1974/75	Div 2	Lost	3-23	Edmunds	-	-	1361
1977/78	Div 2	Lost	12-38	Beale, Wilmot	Beale (3)	-	-
1978/79	Div 2	Lost	5-20	Saxby	Walker	-	-
1979/80	Div 2	Lost	2-46	-	Ellis G.	-	-
1981/82	Div 2	Lost	10-38	Millett K	Noble (3)	Noble	1806
1987/88	Div 2	Lost	16-17	Turner (2), Jones	Noble (2)	-	3551

SUMMARY

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points F-A
Home	10	1	0	9	86-204
Away	10	0	1	9	82-289
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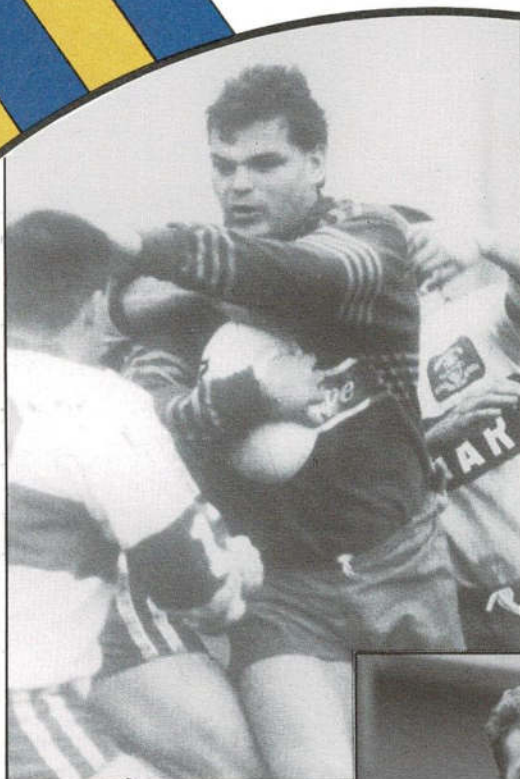
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Elizabeth Barnard seen here with her favourite player Neil Turner. Elizabeth presented the club with some weightlifting items for the new gym.

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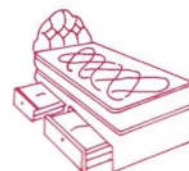
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THE JUNIORS

Going Great

Well – the wheel came off as far as the English Schools Cup Competition is concerned, we won't be looking any further – see below.

Warrington U16–98pts – Doncaster U16–0

Warrington U13–32pts – Doncaster U13–0

Warrington U11–34pts – Doncaster U11–4

To say I am disappointed is being polite. Livid would be more appropriate, but that's out of the way.

Next Sunday – we go to Headingley as previously mentioned with the under 12s to play the curtain raiser to the Yorks Cup Final – whilst the Dons entertain Oldham. I do not want a repeat of the above scores, or else!

It is hoped to play the rearranged fixture against Sheffield U16, U13, U11s on Saturday 11th November as it has to be cancelled next week, but again we are away. The next home games are Saturday 18th November at the town fields K.O. 11a.m. against Grimsby/Cleethorpes. It would be nice to see some faces watching the kids.

I hope to be able to let you all know some good news in the next programme but there is a lot of work to be done. I have had lots of phone calls about training. Well each week in the programme I shall tell you times of training. This now depends on the dark nights and weather as we have no indoor facilities as they cost too much to hire.

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