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Runners up: 1901-02, 1902-03, 1903-04, 1933-34

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Lancashire League Championship: 1932-33, 1933-34, 1934-35, 1936-37, 1938-39

Runners up: 1913-14, 1929-30, 1939-40, 1969-70

Lancashire Challenge Cup: 1931, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1972

Runners up: 1929, 1938, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1988

Lancashire Rugby Union Championship: 1892-93

Premiership Trophy Runners up: 1976

John Player Special Trophy Runners up: 1972-73

B.B.C. Floodlit Cup: 1974-75

CLUB RECORDS

Highest score: 78-0 v. Liverpool City, 2nd February 1907 (also biggest marginal win)

Highest score against: 5-63 v. Wigan, 17th January 1925

Biggest marginal defeat: 0-59 v. St. Helens 1st September 1962

Most consecutive wins: 19th, March - September, 1933

Most matches without defeat: 20 (19 wins, 1 draw) March - September, 1933

Also: As a Rugby Union Club: 22 (16 wins, 6 draws) April 1887 - January 1888

and: 21 (13 wins, 8 draw) January - November 1886

Most consecutive defeats: 19. March - September, 1962

Highest attendance: 26,470 v. Warrington, 13th February, 1937

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Willows Preview

THIS afternoon we have pleasure in welcoming Oldham to the Willows for the Second Round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

Incidentally, this is the first time in 16 years that the sides have met in the Challenge Cup, the last occasion being in the 1973-74 season when Salford won by 26 points to 12 in a first round tie, here at the Willows (see foot of this page).

In actual fact, in all the 93 years that the two clubs have been competing against each other in both the Northern Union Cup (as it was originally known) and the R.L. Challenge Cup, it is incredible that Salford and Oldham have only met on 7 occasions (one of them being a replay). Full details of these games are given on page 31.

In this season's competition, Oldham had to overcome Huddersfield and Workington Town to reach this second round stage.

The Roughyeds were unfortunate to have been drawn out of the hat for a Preliminary Round game but they had few problems in disposing of the West Yorkshire side by 30 points to 8 with Clark, Allen, Newton, Cogger and Fairbank scoring the tries and Platt adding 5 goals.

In the First Round, whilst Salford were beating amateurs Bison Sports, Oldham were scoring a victory over Workington Town by another 30 points to 8 score line. John Henderson scored 3 of the tries and offers came from Clark and Platt. The latter added a goal to the four kicked by Atkinson.

Over the last twenty years, the furthest that today's sides have progressed, in the Competition, is to the semi-final stage but both clubs have only managed that on one occasion each.

Another fact is that both clubs have gone out a similar number of times (7) at this Second Round stage.

At the present time, First Division side Salford are in deep relegation trouble, whilst Second Division side Oldham are riding high and looking promotion certainties. Everything points to a close game but in the cut and thrust of Cup tie football anything can happen. It all adds up to a thriller for the spectators.

LAST CHALLENGE CUP MEETING

Sunday 3rd February 1974 Challenge Cup 1st Round

SALFORD 26 OLDHAM 12

(at the Willows)

Teams:

SALFORD: Charlton; Fielding (t), Watkins (2t, 4g), Hesketh (2t), Richards; Gill, Banner; McKay, Walker, Davies, Coulman (t), Dixon, Knighton.

OLDHAM: Murphy; O'Brien; Bottom, Elliott, Holland (3g); Treasure (t), McCone; Clawson, Taylor, Ashcroft (t), Gregory, Hall, Peters.

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TODAY, we are back on the Wembley trail and hopefully one step nearer every club's dream of reaching the Challenge Cup Final.

Our win against Barrow last Friday was just the shot in the arm we need at the present time and although we did not hit any high spots, we gave a competent display to secure two vital points. In the league we still have a lot to do but with our injury problems beginning to resolve themselves we can afford to be a little more optimistic about our First Division survival.

Centre Peter Williams returned to first team duty last Friday and it is hoped that Mark Brooke-Cowden, Tony Rampling and Keith Bentley will all be pushing for their places in the immediate future. Bentley, who needs 3 tries for a career century, has been out of action since last November, whilst Mark Brooke-Cowden has missed half a dozen games.

Tony Rampling's ankle injury has sidelined him for 5 matches to date but the powerful Aussie forward could make a surprise return to action this afternoon.

Top try scorer Steve Kerry bagged another one last Friday but the best touchdown of the night was the one that never was! Crowd pleaser Tex Evans ran fully 80 yards, kicking the ball ahead of him before gathering and touching down for a solo effort. His joy was short lived however, as the referee had already blown for an infringement in Salford's 25!

- A glance at this week-end's cup ties shows that all the teams beginning with the letter W have been drawn at home.
- Dewsbury have reached the Second Round for the first time since the 1980-81 season.
- Fulham have reached this stage for the first time in six years.

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP SECOND ROUND

Widnes	v.	Rochdale Hornets
Hull	v.	St. Helens
Wakefield Trinity	v.	Sheffield Eagles
Wigan	v.	Dewsbury
Warrington	v.	Trafford Borough
Whitehaven	v.	Keighley
Salford	v.	Oldham
Fulham	v.	Bradford Northern

Undoubtedly, the top tie of the round was yesterday's televised match at the Boulevard between Hull and St. Helens (result not known at time of going to press).

Hull have put together a string of impressive victories recently whilst St. Helens will be all out to show their new coach Mike McClennan that they are a sound cup bet. Personally, I take the revitalised Airlie Birds and "Crusher" Cleal to move into the quarter final.

Widnes slipped up against Wigan last week but I can't see them losing at home to Hornets, who have got to pick themselves up after going down to York last Sunday. Trinity lost against Sheffield Eagles only seven days ago but with home advantage this time, they could do it. Whitehaven have shown signs of a revival recently and Keighley will not relish a trip up there to meet the Cumbrians who have Kiwi International Kelly Sheldford on duty.

First Division sides Wigan, Warrington and Bradford Northern should have too many big guns for their Second Division opposition which leaves just one tie outstanding.

Guess who I take to win that one! **DARRELL PLATT**

CLUB RECORD HOLDERS

In a Match

Tries: (6) by:-
F. Miles v Lees 5 March, 1898. E.J. Bone v Goole 29 March, 1902. J. Hilton v Leigh 7 October, 1939.
Goals: (13) by:-
A.J. Risman v Bramley 5 April, 1933 & v Broughton Rangers 18 May, 1940. D. Watkins v Keighley 7 January, 1972
S. Rule v. Doncaster 4 September, 1981
Points: (39) by J. Lomas v Liverpool City 2 Feb. 1907

Consecutive Match Records

Appearances: 140 by D. Watkins, April 1971 - April 1974
Tries scored: 9 matches by R. Brown. January - March 1934
Goals scored: 92 matches by D. Watkins August 1972 - April 1974. Points scored: 92 matches by: D. Watkins August 1972 - April 1974.

In a Season

Appearances: 50 by H.C. Day 1938-39
Tries: 46 by Keith Fielding 1973-74
Also by a
Full Back: 31 P. Charlton 1972-73
Centre: 30 D. Watkins 1971-72
Half-Back: 23 J. Lomas 1908-09 and E. Jenkins 1932-33
Hooker: 19 P. O'Neill 1982-83
Prop: 19 M. Yates 1981-82
Second-row: 19 A. Casewell 1933-34
Loose-forward: 21 J. Feetham 1931-32
Goals: 221 D. Watkins 1972-73
Points: 493 D. Watkins 1972-73

In a Career

Appearances: 496 plus 2 sub by M.C. Richards 1969-83
Tries: 297 by M.C. Richards 1969-83
Also: By a forward: 135 by M.J. Coulman 1968-83
Goals: 1,241 by D. Watkins 1967-79
Points: 2,907 by D. Watkins 1967-79

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... ANDY MERCER

TODAY'S spotlight falls on utility player Andy Mercer who has played both in the threequarters and second row.

The former West Park R.U. (St. Helens) club player signed professional forms with Salford during the close season of 1986. However, it was not until last season that he made his first team debut against Halifax in the John Player Trophy first round match at Thrum Hall on November 13th 1988.

Up to last week end, 23 years old Andy has made a total of 19 appearances, including 9 as substitute. Three outings have been on the wing and seven in the second row.

The recent Challenge Cup 1st Round Tie against Bison Sports gave Andy something to smile about... he scored his inaugural try for the club, his only one so far on first team duty.

At the present time, he is striving to establish a regular first team spot and judging by his Alliance Team reports he could soon achieve that aim.

His career record at Salford to date is:-

Season	Appearances	Sub.	Tries	Goals	Points
1988-89	5	5	—	—	—
1989-90	5	4	1	—	4
TOTALS	10	9	1	—	4

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OLDHAM

DUNCAN PLATT (Full back): Signed from Widnes in December 1988 and kicked 41 goals over these last few months of the season. Steady player and obviously a useful goalkicker who likes to link up with his attack. Brother of Wigan and G.B. forward Andy Platt.

RICHARD IRVING (Winger): Snapped up by Oldham from Moldgreen A.R.L. club. Won both BARLA G.B. and Yorkshire honours. His club expect great things from him as he gains experience.

DES FOY (Centre): Toured Down Under in 1984 and is the younger brother of Martin Foy. Originally played for Widnes but figured in the deal that took prop forward Brian Hogan back to Naughton Park. G.B. International, very pacy centre.

JOHN HENDERSON (Centre): Signed from Leigh for £50,000 in September 1988. Represented Lancashire. Rated as one of the fastest inside backs in the game. Played almost 150 games for the Hilton Park club and his four tries last weekend took him past the career century mark.

GARY HYDE (Centre): Former Castleford player who signed for Oldham in December 1988. Another pacy centre who has represented G.B. under 24s and Yorkshire County.

PAUL LORD (Winger): Been at Watersheddings since April 1985 when he turned professional from Stanley Rangers A.R.L. club. Bags of pace and has represented BARLA G.B. and Yorkshire at Under 17 level.

BRETT CLARK (Stand off): Clever half back who had a spell in this country with St. Helens during the 1986-87 season. Following his transfer from Western Suburbs, Australia he scored 19 tries from 36 appearances. More recently he has been playing for the St. George club in Sydney.

MIKE FORD (Scrum half): Former Wigan player who spent several good seasons at Central Park. Played in the magnificent 1985 Challenge Cup Final against Hull, alongside Brett Kenny. Moved on to Leigh, then Oldham. Toured Down Under in 1988.

LEO CASEY (Prop): Recruited from St. Annes A.R.L. club in April 1986. Hard grafting prop

who scored three tries in eight appearances for the club in 1987-88 and seven tries last season.

RICHARD RUSSELL (Hooker): Signed from Wigan, after he had appeared for the G.B. Colts and Under 21 sides. Played in every back position at Central Park and is probably best at stand off.

ANDY RUANE (Hooker): Former Widnes and Rochdale Hornets hooker. A great worker in the loose and a good goalkicker. Made his presence felt at Watersheddings and made 30 appearances for Oldham last season.

JOHN FIELDHOUSE (Prop): Signed from St. Helens G.B. International who is noted for his tremendous tackling stints. Man of the series against the Kiwis in 1985. Settled in well at Watersheddings.

KEITH NEWTON (Second row): Strong forward signed from champions Widnes in January 1989. Opened his try account for Oldham with two in the Challenge Cup first round win at Dewsbury last season.

KEITH ATKINSON (Second row): Former Oldham Colts player who turned professional in August 1984. Competent goal kicker who has been a good utility player at Watersheddings.

JOHN FAIRBANK (Second row): Former BARLA International forward signed by Leeds in November 1987 from Elland A.R.L. club. Surprisingly allowed to leave Headingley and he joined Oldham in September 1988. Strong player and is one of five league playing brothers.

JOHN COGGER (Loose forward): Outstanding signing from Runcorn Highfield. Created a massive impression at Oldham since joining them. He was Second Division Player of the Year in 1987. Formerly with Western Suburbs, Australia.

SHAUN ALLEN (Loose forward): Appeared for St Helens in the 1985 and 1988 Premiership Finals and also in their 1984 Lancashire Cup winning side. Joined Oldham, originally on loan, before signing in March 1989. Represented G.B. Under 21 side.

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The Man behind the Team

COACH to the Oldham side is former Warrington boss Tony Barrow who has been at Watersheddings since November 1988, when he succeeded Eric Fitzsimons.

Tony has now been involved in the professional game for 27 years after signing for St. Helens as a player and making his debut later on the 27th April 1963 against Hull at the Boulevard. He made just two appearances in the 1962-63 season but with the likes of Vollenhoven and Killeen, chances were few and far between. In the 1964-65 season he began in the centre and was a substitute in the 1964 Lancashire Cup Final. Then came substitute appearances in the 1966 Challenge Cup and the Championship Finals but by now his versatility as a player was a bonus for Saints. In 1967 he appeared on the wing in the Lancashire Cup Final and replay. After 8 years at Knowsley Road he was transferred to Leigh in September 1970 and immediately he was switched to stand off. He then appeared in the 1971 Challenge Cup Final, when the Hilton Parkside took the honours against Leeds by 24 points to 7. In 1972 he captained Leigh to a Floodlit Trophy win before moving to Wilderspool as assistant coach with Alex Murphy.

Eventually Tony took over the reins at Warrington in March 1986 when he followed on from Reg Bowden.

He was at Wilderspool until November 1988 and in that time they were Premiership winners and beaten favourites, John Player beaten favourites and Lancashire Cup beaten favourites.

In his short time at Watersheddings he has seen them relegated from Division One but now revitalised they are handily placed for an instant return to the top flight.

Memories of Bygone Days

A series of extracts from programme notes and press cuttings giving
an insight into events from past seasons.

SEASON 1913-14

THE financial troubles of the club that have occupied the minds of the officials during the summer having been disposed of, the management has turned its attention to the season about to commence, and are in a position to present their followers with an excellent programme, in which is included home and away fixtures with five of the leading clubs in Yorkshire.

There are not, however, any new players of note secured, but that was the state of affairs a year ago, and yet, from a playing point of view, Salford had a good season and finished in such a position that, had the new rule relating to the allocation of fixtures been in operation, they would have had as their opponents the cream of the clubs in the adjoining County.

The players have been diligently training for two or three weeks, and half a dozen of the juniors are showing form good enough to entitle them to a trial amongst the seniors.

Launce, whose progress since his connection with the club has been consistent, will again figure at full back, and there is Dai John to fall back upon if necessary.

The threequarter line will be selected from W. Thomas, Mesley, Loveluck, Callender, Wilde, Goldsmith, Ratcliffe, Clifford and Cook although the last named is doubtful.

For half back, there are John, May, Waite, Hampson and Clegg; also there is a splendid set of forwards available.

Walter Edward Clegg is a stand off half back from Weaste, who possesses height and weight. The only new man in the threequarters is Joseph Hulme, formerly of the Grenadier Guards, who played for the team which won the Army Championship last season. He will play as an amateur.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR TROPHY

Voting for the home game v. Barrow (2.2.90) was:-

3pts:- TEX EVANS 2pts:- MICK WORRALL 1pt:- SHAUN BROWN

The table now stands at:-

MICK WORRALL	16pts	DAVID CAIRNS	7pts
TEX EVANS	12pts	MARK MORAN	7pts
FRANK CASSIDY	8pts	IAN GORMLEY	2pts
SHAUN BROWN	8pts	TONY RAMPLING	1pt
IAN SHERRATT	7pts	STEVE GIBSON	1pt



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? QUIZ ?

1. Who was Oldham's top points scorer last season?
2. When did Oldham last win the Challenge Cup?
3. Who is Oldham's most capped player?
4. Who holds the Oldham club record for goals in a season?
5. Who were the only two Oldham players to score a hat trick of tries in a match last season?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 38



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TOP: Tex Evans takes on
Colin Hawkyard
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BOTTOM: Paul Shaw skips through
the Oldham defence.
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ACTION PICS FROM LAST SEASON

Sunday 16th 1988

result: SALFORD 38 OLDHAM 20





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FACTS & FIGURES**APPEARANCES & SCORES — SEASON 1989-90**

	App.	Sub.	Tries	Goals	Dr.	Pts.
BARRETT, MARK	3	—	—	—	—	—
BENTLEY, KEITH	5	—	1	—	—	4
BIRKETT, MARTIN	5	—	—	4	—	8
BLEASE, IAN	15	4	1	—	—	4
BLOOR, DARREN	—	1	—	—	—	—
BRADSHAW, ARTHUR	1	—	—	—	—	—
* BRAGGER, IAN	9	—	6	—	—	24
BROOKE-COWDEN, MARK	12	2	1	—	—	4
BROWN, SHAUN	6	1	1	3	—	10
BURGESS, ANDY	7	5	4	5	—	26
CAIRNS, DAVID	18	—	1	—	—	4
CASSIDY, FRANK	10	—	4	—	—	16
DISLEY, GARY	—	1	—	—	—	—
EVANS, TEX	18	2	9	—	—	36
FELL, DAVID	7	—	1	—	—	4
GIBSON, STEVE	18	3	7	—	—	28
GORMLEY, IAN	18	2	4	—	—	16
HADLEY, ADRIAN	19	—	7	1	—	30
HAVARD, KEIRON	2	—	—	—	—	—
+ HERBERT, STEVE	2	1	—	—	—	—
+ JONES, KEN	2	5	—	1	—	2
KERRY, STEVE	18	4	10	53	5	151
LEE, MARK	4	—	1	—	—	4
MCTIGUE, MICK	1	—	—	—	—	—
MERCER, ANDY	5	4	1	—	—	4
MORAN, MARK	15	—	—	—	—	—
• NEEDHAM, DAVID	—	1	—	—	—	—
O'NEILL, STEVE	4	—	1	—	—	4
RAMPLING, TONY	10	—	2	—	—	8
REGAN, PETER	—	1	—	—	—	—
SHERATT, IAN	14	—	1	—	—	4
WALSH, JOE	1	—	—	—	—	—
WHITELEY, CHRIS	9	—	—	—	—	—
WILLIAMS, PETER	15	—	4	—	—	16
WORRALL, MICK	13	1	6	—	—	24

* Ian Bragger transferred to Castleford. + Steve Herbert, Ken Jones transferred to Trafford Borough.
• David Needham transferred to Halifax.

(Up to and including Friday 2nd February v. Barrow (home)).

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£ 50 Winner	P. BROGAN	2493	£ 50 Winner	J. GORMAN	4170
WEEK 9			WEEK 12		
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Willows Scene

One short of a ton!

Second row forward Ian Blease is now only one match away from making a century of appearances for Salford.

Since turning professional from Folly Lane A.R.L. club in March 1985, Ian has now featured in 99 games for the club and he has scored 16 tries in that time.

His career total is made up as follows:-

Season	App.	Sub.	Tries	Goals	Points
1984-85	1	1	1	—	4
1985-86	12	2	4	—	16
1986-87	5	1	1	—	4
1987-88	24	6	5	—	20
1988-89	26	2	4	—	16
1989-90	15	4	1	—	4
Totals	83	16	16	—	64



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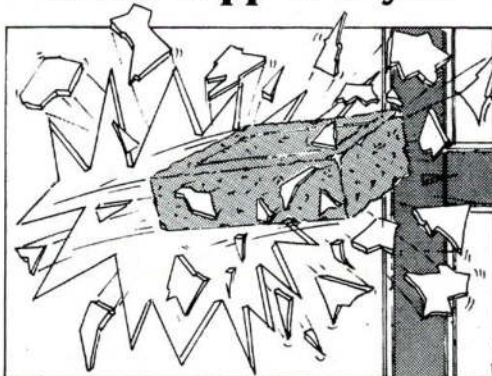
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	17	14	0	3	519	166	28	Hull K.R.	17	15	0	2	648	111	30
Leeds	16	12	0	4	383	238	24	Rochdale H.	18	15	0	3	629	280	30
St. Helens	17	12	0	5	467	334	24	Oldham	17	15	0	2	502	193	30
Widnes	17	11	0	6	433	257	22	Ryedale York ...	19	14	1	4	411	235	29
Wakefield T.	17	11	0	6	363	275	22	Swinton	18	13	0	5	433	267	26
Warrington	18	9	1	8	298	305	19	Dewsbury	18	12	0	6	342	301	24
Bradford N.	16	9	0	7	327	270	18	Halifax	16	11	0	5	390	229	22
Hull	17	8	1	8	312	298	17	Doncaster	18	10	2	6	366	228	22
Leigh	17	8	0	9	310	390	16	Huddersfield ...	11	11	0	7	333	242	22
Sheffield	17	6	1	10	332	354	13	Batley	19	11	0	8	324	250	22
Castleford	15	6	0	9	300	308	12	Trafford B.	19	11	0	8	373	325	22
Featherstone R. ...	17	6	0	11	324	447	12	Fulham	18	9	1	8	238	358	19
Salford	17	3	1	13	292	458	7	Bramley	19	8	0	11	270	428	16
Barrow	18	1	0	17	155	715	2	Whitehaven	19	7	0	12	297	388	14
								Hunslet	20	6	0	14	302	376	12
								Chorley	18	6	0	12	241	389	12
								Keighley	18	5	0	13	317	458	10
								Carlisle	18	4	0	14	305	468	8
								Workington T.	18	4	0	14	207	507	8
								Nottingham C. ...	18	2	0	16	198	627	4
								Runcorn H.	19	0	0	19	168	634	0

(Up to and including Sunday 4th February)

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TOP TEN TRY SCORERS

Martin Offiah (Widnes)	35
Mark Preston (Wigan)	26
Greg Austin (Hull K.R.)	21
John Cogger (Oldham)	20
Andy Goodway (Wigan)	20
Steve Larder (Castleford)	19
Shaun Edwards (Wigan)	19
Wilf George (Halifax)	18
Gerald Cordle (Bradford N.)	17
Mark Lord (Rochdale H.)	17

TOP TEN GOAL SCORERS

Mike Fletcher (Hull K.R.)	117
Paul Loughlin (St. Helens)	105
Steve Turner (Rochdale H.)	83
Mark Aston (Sheffield E.)	82
David Hobbs (Bradford N.)	74
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SEASON 1989-90



SEPTEMBER

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Sun. 10	Wigan	H	3.00	L	12-56	7,318
Sun. 17	Rochdale H. (LC1)	H	3.00	W	52-12	3,095
Sun. 24	Leeds	A	3.00	L	28-34	8,749
Wed. 27	Warrington (LC2)	H	7.30	L	4-27	4,994

OCTOBER

Sun. 1	Bradford N.	H	3.00	L	12-36	4,059
Sat. 7	Leigh	H	3.00	W	19-6	2,241
Sun. 15	Hull	A	3.00	L	8-44	6,000
Tues. 31	Widnes	H	7.30	L	16-28	4,950

NOVEMBER

Sat. 4	St. Helens	A	2.45	L	16-40	4,407
Sun. 12	Leeds	H	3.00	L	18-38	4,624
Sun. 19	Barrow	A	2.30	W	36-2	1,300
Sun. 26	Sheffield E.	H	3.00	D	20-20	3,020

DECEMBER

Sun. 3	Hull (R.T. 1)	A	3.15	W	21-18	4,585
Sun. 10	Halifax (R.T. 2)	A	3.00	L	6-20	6,005
Sun. 17	Warrington	A	3.00	L	15-18	3,500
Tues. 26	Leigh	A	3.30	L	10-18	3,500

JANUARY

Sun. 7	Featherstone R.	H	3.00	L	14-15	3,105
Sun. 14	Wakefield T.	A	2.15	L	4-28	4,119
Sun. 21	St. Helens	H	3.00	L	10-25	5,187
Sun. 28	Bisons (SCCC1)	H	3.00	W	56-6	

FEBRUARY

Fri. 2	Barrow	H	7.30	W	36-4	2,167
Sun. 11	Oldham (SCCC2)	H	3.00			
Sun. 18	Wigan	A	3.00			
Sun. 25	Castleford	H	3.00			

MARCH

Sun. 4	Bradford N.	A	3.30			
Sun. 11	Featherstone R.	A	3.30			
Sun. 18	Hull	H	3.00			
Sun. 25	Sheffield E.	A	3.15			

APRIL

Sun. 1	Castleford	A	3.30			
Sun. 8	Wakefield T.	H	3.00			
Mon. 16	Warrington	H	3.00			

Gibson	Evans (I)	Bragger	Williams (I)	Hadley (I)	Kerry (I)	Cairns	Herbert	Moran	Sherratt (I)	Gormley	M. Worrall	McTigue	Jones (I)	Brooke-Cowden (I)
Gibson	Evans	Bragger (I)	Williams	Hadley	Kerry (2)	Cairns	Sherratt	Moran	M. Worrall	Gormley	Mercer	Bleas	Jones (d.n.p.)	Burgess (I) (11)
Gibson (2)	Evans	Bragger (4)	Williams	Hadley	Kerry (2, 8)	Cairns	Sherratt	Moran	Brooke-Cowden	Gormley (I)	Bleas	Burgess	Jones (d.n.p.)	Mercer (10)
Gibson	Evans (I)	Bragger	Bentley	Hadley (I)	Kerry (I, 6)	Cairns	Sherratt	Moran	Herbert	Gormley	M. Worrall	Burgess	Jones (7)	Bleas (I) (13)
Gibson	Evans	Bragger	Bentley	Hadley	Kerry (2)	Brown	Sherratt	Gormley	Brooke-Cowden	M. Worrall	Bleas	Bradshaw	Jones (5)	Mercer (13)
Gibson (I)	Evans	Bragger	Kerry (I)	Hadley	Cairns	Brown	Sherratt	Gormley	Brooke-Cowden	Mercer	M. Worrall (I)	Bleas	Jones (I) (4)	Burgess (13)
Gibson	Evans (I)	Bragger	Jones	Hadley	Kerry (I, 5)	Cairns	Sherratt	Moran	Bleas	Gormley	Rampling	M. Worrall	Brown (7)	Brooke-Cowden (11)
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Gibson (I)	Evans	Bentley	Hadley	Williams	Kerry (4)	Cairns	Sherratt	Moran	Bleas	M. Worrall (I)	Rampling	Brooke-Cowden	Jones (8)	Gormley (12)
Barrett	Evans	Bentley (I)	Bragger (I)	Hadley (I)	Williams	Cairns (I)	Whiteley	Moran	Rampling	Gormley	Bleas	Brooke-Cowden	Kerry (2)	Daley (13)
Gibson	Bentley	Fell	Williams (I)	Hadley (I)	Cairns	Brown (I, 3)	Sherratt	Moran	Rampling	Gormley	Bleas	Brooke-Cowden	Kerry (1)	Herbert (12)
Gibson (I)	Kerry (2, 6)	Fell	Williams	Hadley (I)	Cassidy	Cairns	Sherratt	Moran	Rampling (I)	Gormley	Bleas	Brooke-Cowden	Brown (d.n.p.)	Burgess (I) (11)
Gibson	Kerry (I, 2)	Fell (I)	Williams	Hadley (I)	Cassidy	Cairns	Sherratt	Moran	Whiteley	Gormley (I)	Bleas	Brooke-Cowden	Needham (d.n.p.)	Evans (11)
Gibson	Kerry (2, 4)	Fell	Williams	Hadley	Cassidy	Cairns	Sherratt	Moran	Rampling	Gormley	Bleas	Brooke-Cowden (I)	Needham (d.n.p.)	Evans (10)
Gibson	Kerry (I)	Fell	Williams	Hadley	Cassidy	Cairns	Sherratt	Brooke-Cowden	Rampling	Evans (I)	Bleas	Gormley	Needham	Worrall (8)
Barrett	Kerry (3)	Fell	Williams (I)	Hadley	Cassidy	Cairns	Whiteley	Moran	Rampling (I)	Evans	Brooke-Cowden	Gormley	Gibson (3)	Mercer (12)
Gibson (I)	Kerry (2, 2)	Fell	Williams	Hadley	Cassidy	Cairns	Whiteley	Moran	Rampling	Evans	M. Worrall	Gormley	Barrett (d.n.p.)	Burgess (8)
Birkett	Evans (I)	Kerry (I)	Williams (I)	Hadley	Cassidy (I)	Cairns	Whiteley	Moran	O'Neill	Mercer	M. Worrall	Burgess	Gibson (11)	Bleas (12)
Birkett	Kerry	Burgess	Williams	Hadley (I)	Cassidy	Cairns	Whiteley	Lee	Walsh	Evans	Bleas	Moran	Bloor (7)	Gibson (10)
Barrett	Evans	Birkett	Havard	Mercer	Gibson	Cairns	Whiteley	Lee	O'Neill	M. Worrall	Bleas	Burgess (3)	Kerry (6)	Gormley (I) (12)
Gibson	Evans (I)	Birkett (4)	Havard	Mercer (I)	Cassidy (2)	Brown	Whiteley	Lee (I)	O'Neill (I)	Worrall (3)	Gormley (I)	Burgess (I, 2)	Kerry (13)	Bleas (8)
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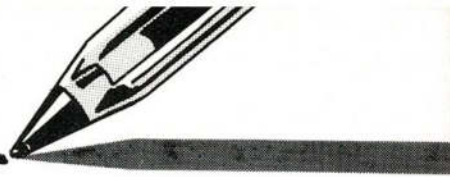
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Letters to the Editor



THIS week, I received a letter from J. Hodges who is seeking the teams for the SWINTON v SALFORD clashes in the 1962-63 season, including the Friendly match if possible.

• Ed. Swinton won all three matches and the details are as follows:-

August 11th 1962

SALFORD 12 SWINTON 25

(Friendly)

Teams:

SALFORD: Cheshire; K. Richards, Dorning, Bettinson, Murphy; Brennan, Dunn; Hancock, Kilgannon, Simcox, Leonard, McAlone, Rees. Tries: Dunn, Rees. Goals: Richards (3).

SWINTON: Gowers; Fleet, Halliwell, Buckley, McMahon; Robinson, Cartwright; Thompson, Roberts, Morgan, Norburn, Bonser, Blan. Tries: Halliwell (3), Morgan, Norburn. Goals: Blan (5).

August 22nd 1962

SWINTON 34 SALFORD 7

Western Division

Teams:

SWINTON: Gowers; Halliwell, Fleet, Buckley, Speed; Robinson, Cartwright; K. Roberts, T. Roberts, Morgan, Norburn, Bonser, Blan. Tries: Morgan (2), Speed (2), Bonser, Gowers, Norburn, K. Roberts. Goals: Blan (5).

SALFORD: Cheshire; Dorning, Brennan, Bettinson, Hutson; Richards, Dunn; Hancock, Kilgannon, Clare, Leonard, McAlone, Rees. Try: Rees. Goals: Richards (2).

September 15th 1962

SALFORD 13 SWINTON 24

Western Division

Teams:

SALFORD: Cheshire; Richards, Critchley, Bettinson, Dorning; Brennan, Dunn; Hardman, Kilgannon, Flint, Leonard, Halsall, Rees. Tries: Dorning (2), Brennan. Goals: Cheshire, Richards.

SWINTON: Gowers; McMahon, Fleet, Buckley, Speed; Parkinson, Cartwright; K. Roberts, T. Roberts, Bretherton, Norburn, Bonser, Blan. Tries: Gowers (2), Buckley, McMahon, Parkinson, Speed. Goals: Blan (3).

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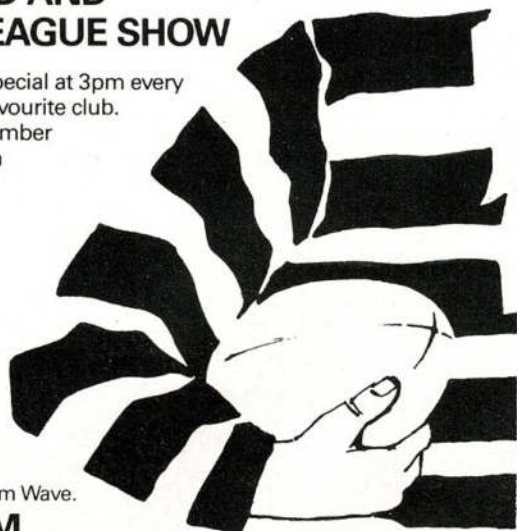
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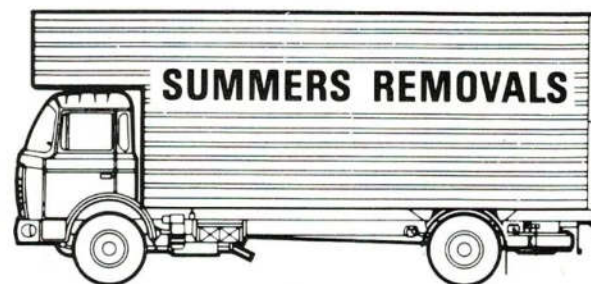
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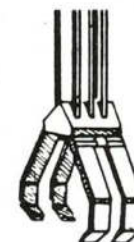
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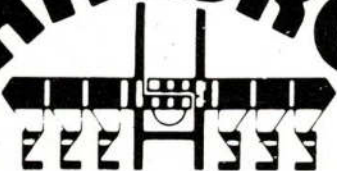
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REDS WELL ON TOP

Friday 2nd February 1990

Division One

SALFORD 36 BARROW 4

SALFORD dominated this game from start to finish against mediocre opposition and registered a league double over bottom placed Barrow.

The Reds had **Peter Williams** back at centre for **Havard** and **Kerry** replaced **Mercer** on the left wing.

Play was brisk early on with both sides desperate for the two points but it was Salford who took an 8th minute lead when **Kerry** kicked a penalty goal after an obstruction on **Cassidy**. (2-0). Eight minutes later loose forward **Andy Burgess** scored a good try when he weaved his way through the visitors defence. Again **Kerry** was bang on target. (8-0). At this stage Barrow were well served by Tongan forward **Tuavao** who is on loan to the Craven Park club. He and loose forward **Maguire** worked hard to inspire a lacklustre Cumbrian side but their attacks were both laboured and devoid of many ideas. It came as no surprise when Salford increased their lead through a smart try by **Steve Kerry**. He chased a brilliant kick by **Cassidy** and won the race to touch down between the posts. He also added the conversion. (14-0).

Blease came on for **Gormley** and was just in time to see **Tex Evans** score a cracking try when he intercepted a loose pass and raced fully 80 yards down the touchline to score. **Kerry** failed with a difficult kick. (18-0).

After the break **Worrall** drew two men into the tackle and gave a sweet pass to **Cassidy** who did the rest. **Kerry** pulled his kick wide. (22-0).

It wasn't all cheers though and Barrow gave the Reds a shock when **Burns** scored in the corner. **Marwood** was short with his conversion attempt. (22-4).

This try spurred the visitors on for a brief spell but **Evans** brought the crowd to its feet by kicking down the field, chasing and finally taking the ball on the bounce, shaking off the attention of winger **Trainor** and touching down for a cracker of a try. Much to everyone's disgust though, the referee brought everyone back for a scrum on the Reds '25' after an earlier infringement. Thirty seconds later Barrow had a try disallowed for a forward pass. **Mercer** and **Gormley** took over from **Burgess** and **O'Neill**.

In the 70th minute **Evans** was on hand to score after **Lee** had made the opening. **Kerry** was wide with his kick. (26-4). In the final five minutes Salford added two further tries through **Gibson** and **Worrall** with **Kerry** adding a goal to the latter.

Teams:

SALFORD: Gibson (t); Evans (2t), Birkett, Williams, Kerry (t,4g); Cassidy (t), Brown; Whiteley, Lee, O'Neill, Gormley, Worrall (t), Burgess (t). Subs: Mercer (for O'Neill), Blease (for Gormley).

BARROW: Irvine; Trainor, Burns (t), Beckwith, Stott; I. O'Neill, Marwood; Clayton, Crarey, Kendall, Tuavao, Rowan, Maguire. Subs: Pemberton (for Tuavao), Mossop (for Clayton).

Half-time: 18-0

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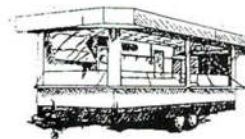
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SURPRISE winners of the First Division title were West Yorkshire club Halifax who climbed 9 places from the previous season to take the honours.

Amazingly, they were not a high scoring team and their points for column is only slightly better than 12th placed Bradford Northern. Still, they only lost 5 matches which is what counts at the end of the day.

It was the run in at the end of the season that saw them take the title. In the final seven matches, they were unbeaten and whilst other teams were slipping up, they came through to pinch the title from Wigan by just one point. That season Wigan had by far the best attack and defence but defeats at St. Helens (away) and Oldham (home) cost them the chance of taking the Division One Championship. Halifax had to settle for a draw in both their clashes with Wigan but they scored league doubles over York, Castleford, Hull, Warrington, Bradford Northern and Swinton so you can't argue with that.

On the other hand, Wigan had big victories over Dewsbury (58-8), Featherstone Rovers (62-0), Swinton (42-0), York (42-2) and Bradford Northern (42-10).

Steve Ella scored 4 tries against Dewsbury and Ellery Hanley repeated the trick against Hull K.R. in the play offs.

Salford rallied to finish in tenth spot with victories against Wigan (12-8) and Halifax (22-6) their main achievements. Only once did they score more than 30 points, that occasions being against Dewsbury whom they defeated by 36-8.

Div. 1 Final League Table 1985-86

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Halifax	30	19	6	5	499	365	44
Wigan	30	20	3	7	776	300	43
St Helens	30	20	2	8	730	503	42
Warrington	30	20	1	9	665	393	41
Widnes	30	19	3	8	520	454	41
Leeds	30	15	3	12	554	518	33
Hull K.R.	30	16	1	13	507	498	33
Hull	30	15	2	13	616	508	32
Oldham	30	13	4	13	524	549	30
Salford	30	14	0	16	508	561	28
Castleford	30	21	1	17	551	585	25
Bradford N.	30	11	1	18	445	474	23
Featherstone R.	30	9	3	18	419	616	21
York	30	9	0	21	413	592	18
Swinton	30	8	0	22	371	648	16
Dewsbury	30	5	0	25	313	847	10

*The bottom four clubs were relegated.

Top Try Scorers

Steve Halliwell (Leigh)	49
Ellery Hanley (Wigan)	38
Peter Lister (Bramley)	34
John Henderson (Leigh)	31
Tommy Frodsham (Blackpool B.)	30

Top Goal Scorers

Chris Johnson (Leigh)	173
David Stephenson (Wigan)	128
David Noble (Doncaster)	118
Kevin Harcombe (Rochdale H.)	115
Shaun Kilner (Bramley)	110

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Match Facts

FIRST EVER MATCH:	September 12th 1896	SALFORD	0	OLDHAM	9
SALFORD'S BEST SCORE:	March 11th 1933	SALFORD	44	OLDHAM	0
OLDHAM'S BEST SCORE:	November 25th 1961	SALFORD	4	OLDHAM	50

PREVIOUS CUP ENCOUNTERS

NORTHERN UNION CUP

April 4th 1903	SALFORD	0	OLDHAM	0	Semi-final (at Wheaters Field, Broughton)
April 8th 1903	SALFORD	8	OLDHAM	0	Semi-final replay (at Wheaters Field, Broughton)
April 13th 1907	OLDHAM	6	SALFORD	0	Semi-final (at Athletic Grounds, Rochdale)

Attendance: 19,000
Attendance: 12,000
Attendance: 16,000

RUGBY LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP

February 12th 1927	OLDHAM	8	SALFORD	0	1st Round
February 9th 1946	SALFORD	8	OLDHAM	3	1st Round 1st leg
February 16th 1946	OLDHAM	2	SALFORD	3	1st Round 2nd leg
February 3rd 1974	SALFORD	26	OLDHAM	12	1st Round

(SALFORD: tries: Watkins 2, Hesketh 2, Fielding, Coulman. goals: Watkins 4)
(OLDHAM: tries: Treasure, Ashcroft. goals: Holland 3)

JOHN HENDERSON — CENTURY OF TRIES

JOHN Henderson of Oldham scored 4 tries last Sunday and has now scored over a century of touchdowns. His career total of 102 is made up of 17 for Oldham, 84 for Leigh and one for Lancashire. Prior to last weekend he had notched up 98 tries but the four against Fulham in Oldham's 52-4 victory, took him past the 100 mark.

Henderson's three tries in the 30-8 Silk Cut Challenge Cup first round defeat at Workington Town was his first hat-trick for Oldham but he achieved the feat six times for Leigh.

The former Saddleworth Rangers amateur made his senior professional debut with Leigh in the centre at home to St. Helens on 22 August 1982 when they drew 19-19 in a Stones Bitter Championship match.

His most prolific season was 1985-86 as he scored 31 tries and finished fourth in the try chart. He was sixth the following season with 27 but has not reached double figures since.

Henderson moved to Oldham for £50,000 and made his debut at Castleford on 25 September 1988. Playing in the centre he scored a try in 22-19 Stones Bitter Championship victory.

His season by season totals are as follows:-

Leigh	1982-83	5	Oldham	1988-89	8
	1983-84	7		1989-90	9
	1984-85	8	TOTALS	Leigh	84
	1985-86	31		Oldham	17
	1986-87	27		Lancashire	1
	1987-88	5 + 1 for Lancashire			
	1988-89	1	GRAND TOTAL		102

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Team News

PROGRAMME FILE

SALFORD		OLDHAM
1 STEVE GIBSON	Full back	1 DUNCAN PLATT
2 TEX EVANS	Right wing	2 RICHARD IRVING
3 MARTIN BIRKETT	Right centre	3 DES FOY
4 PETER WILLIAMS	Left centre	4 JOHN HENDERSON
5 STEVE KERRY	Left wing	5 PAUL LORD
6 FRANK CASSIDY	Stand off	6 BRETT CLARK
7 SHAUN BROWN	Scrum half	7 MIKE FORD
8 CHRIS WHITELEY	Field prop	8 LEO CASEY
9 MARK LEE	Hooker	9 RICHARD RUSSELL
10 STEVE O'NEILL	Blind prop	10 JOHN FIELDHOUSE
11 IAN GORMLEY	Second row	11 KEITH NEWTON
12 MICK WORRALL	Second row	12 SHAUN ALLEN
13 ANDY BURGESS	Loose forward	13 JOHN COGGER
14 ANDY MERCER	Substitute	14 GARY HYDE
15 IAN BLEASE	Substitute	15 JOHN FAIRBANK

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

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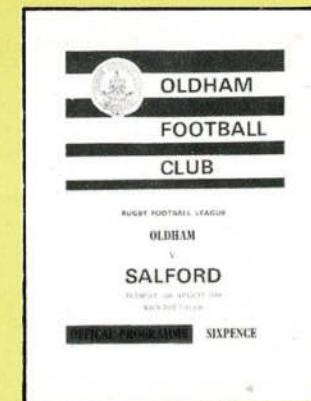
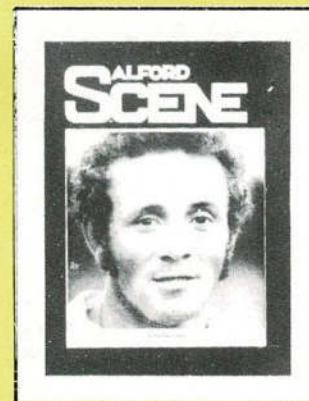
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Darrell Platt takes a look through his programme file at previous encounters with today's visitors.



February 3rd 1974
result:

SALFORD 26 OLDHAM 12

Details of this match are outlined at the foot of page 3. At that time Salford were coached by Les Bettinson.

Programme information concerned the transfer of forward Barry Kear to Hull, after failing to settle in Lancashire.

Also, Salford's six current Internationals were given a vote of confidence for the International against France.

Salford were at the top of the league and Oldham lying in eighth spot at the time of the above match. Club news stated that popular Utility back Alan McInnes was back in training with us after being crossed off Warrington's register.

In the same season as the above Challenge Cup Tie, the league points were shared.

At the Willows the Reds won a thriller by 15 points to 12 (Fielding 3 tries) whilst the return game at Watersheddings saw Oldham win a tight game by 4 points to 2. Two goals by Ian Holland doing the trick.

August 19th 1969
result:

OLDHAM 11 SALFORD 20

Oldham went into this match having lost at home to Swinton in the Lancashire Cup by 28 points to 24. Salford had also gone out of the County Cup at the hands of Wigan by 25 points to 9.

Teams for the above game were as follows:-
OLDHAM: Whitehead; Elliott, Crellin, McCormack, Murphy; Briggs, Smith; Wilson, Taylor, Ravitale, Irving, McCourt and Hicks.

SALFORD: M. Taylor; Jackson, Whitehead, Hesketh, Southward; Watkins, Prosser; Bott, Dickens, Smethurst, Coulman, Dixon and R. Hill.

Scorers: Oldham: Try. Briggs. Goals. Whitehead (4)

Salford: Tries. Hill, Prosser, Whitehead, Hesketh. Goals. Hill (4)

The return game at the Willows provided Salford with a 30 points to 3 victory, courtesy of tries by Maurice Richards (3), Mick Henighan (2), Paul Jackson, Stuart Whitehead and Chris Hesketh.

Richards added 3 goals.

Bob Irving, who later was to play for Salford, scored Oldham's try.

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5 YEARS AGO . . .

Date: February 10th 1985

ONLY three matches were played on that weekend and they were all Challenge Cup matches. The top match of the day was at Headingley where Widnes came away as 14 points to 4 winners courtesy of tries by John Myler and Mike O'Neill plus 3 goals from Mick Burke. It was the Chemics first win in 5 matches and ironically Leeds first defeat in 5 matches. It's a funny old game!

The teams for that game were:-

LEEDS: Gill; Grothe, Creasser, Currie, Hunt; Hague, Conway; Hill, Ward, Paterson, Fullerton-Smith, Powell, Heron.

Subs: Dyl (for Grothe), Webb (for Hill).

WIDNES: Burke; Currier, Stockley, O'Loughlin, Basnett; A. Myler, Hulme; S. O'Neill, Tamati, Whitfield, Sorenson, M. O'Neill, J. Myler.

Fulham went out of the cup when they were beaten by Halifax to the tune of 17 points to 4. In their team they had former Salford forwards Tony Gourley and Harold Henney. The only other match played resulted in a home defeat for Keighley at the hands of lowly Runcorn Highfield who were successful by 12 points to 5 and so won their first match in 6 outings.

10 YEARS AGO . . .

Date: February 10th 1980

It was Challenge Cup 1st Round weekend and Salford visited Huyton at Alt Park. The home side who had only won 3 matches (all at home) pushed the Reds all the way before going down by 25 points to nil.

The teams were:-

HUYTON: Reynolds; Fitzsimmons, Tabern, Fitzpatrick, Leatherbarrow; Radcliffe, Bishop; Bailey, Walker, Goulding, Hartley, Coop, Heesom.

SALFORD: Rule; Fielding, Stephenson, Whitfield, Richards; Gill, Harris; Coulman, Ashcroft, Gourley, Dixon, McGreal, Prescott.

Scorers for Salford were tries by Whitfield, Harris, Dixon, Coulman and Rule with the latter kicking 5 goals.

Widnes beat Ace Amateurs 22-5 on Humberside and Hull also had a victory against Amateur opposition in Millom, whom they defeated by 33 points to 10.

Other cup results were:

Barrow	31	Batley	11	Blackpool B.	7	Bradford N.	26
Dewsbury	2	Oldham	24	Featherstone R.	13	Halifax	17
Huddersfield	11	Whitehaven	4	Keighley	5	Castleford	21
Leigh	5	Leeds	12	Rochdale H.	11	Doncaster	3
St. Helens	16	Workington T.	0	Swinton	2	Warrington	25
Wakefield T.	24	Hunslet	17	York	17	Bramley	16

20 YEARS AGO . . .

Date: February 8th 1970

Salford visited Post Office Road to play Featherstone Rovers in the Challenge Cup and they had a tremendous 7 points to 2 victory. I well remember that game as it started off in pouring rain which turned to sleet and finally the sun came out!

Bill Burgess scored the only try before going off injured and winger Maurice Richards kicked 2 goals, in front of a packed Post Office Road ground.

The teams were:-

FEATHERSTONE ROVERS: Box; Newlove, Hay, Smith, Hartley; Kellett, Nash; Dixon, D. Morgan, Lyons, A. Morgan, Thompson, Farrar.

Widnes lost at home to Barrow by 11 points to 4 and Huyton scored a 10 points to 8 success over Hunslet.

Other matches went as expected and the scores were:-

Castleford	15	Hull	0	Dewsbury	6	Wigan	11
Doncaster	22	Glasgow R.	4	Halifax	9	Swinton	16
Keighley	0	Bramley	7	Leeds	17	Batley	5
Oldham	5	Blackpool B.	0	St. Helens	16	Bradford N.	3
Wakefield T.	9	Hull K.R.	16	Whitehaven	4	Warrington	20
Workington T.	6	Leigh	17				

JUNIOR DEVILS

Mascot for today's game is Jonathan Ian Brookes. Jonathan is 11 years of age and attends Silverdale County Primary School, Clifton. His favourite player is Tex Evans. His hobbies are watching and playing rugby.



Mascot v. Bison Sports was Edward Skarratt (8) of 2 Fairbrooks Drive, Seedley Grange, Salford 6. He attends the St. Mathews School, Stretford and his favourite player is Tex Evans.

Hobbies are football and cycling, other than rugby.



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TRAVELLING AWAY?

CLUB CALL NEWS

"I've known Kevin a long time both playing wise and coaching, and he asked me to come to Salford to do a job, particularly on defence, and also to help the youngsters at the club".

— Steve O'Neil.

"The biggest change in Rugby League in recent seasons has been the refereeing standards, which has dropped alarmingly, and to help the position maybe one idea would be to pay them more money to make it a proper job".

— Steve O'Neil.

"I was a lot happier with the lads performance against Barrow, and pleased that they managed to keep their cool, because I think if I had been out there playing I might have clouted somebody. But in the end it was a good win".

— Kevin Tamati.

"The spectators deserve some glory and the game against Oldham will provide us with an opportunity — but our foremost thought must be to stay in the First Division".

— Steve Kerry.

"I can assure all the supporters that all the players are working very hard in training to try and arrest the current situation".

— Steve Kerry.

"I don't think it has done us any harm to play against two of the weaker teams because the wins have helped everyone to regain confidence".

— Steve Gibson.

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COLIN DIXON

CERTAINLY one of the most popular players to have worn the famous red jersey was Colin Dixon who first arrived at the Willows in December 1968, making his debut that month against Wakefield Trinity at the Willows.

He originally began his R.L. career, however, at Halifax in 1961 after signing for them from a Cardiff junior club.

After appearing in the 1963 Yorkshire Cup, 1964 Eastern Championship and 1965 and 1966 Championship Finals for Halifax, he was transferred to Salford for a £13,000 fee and had a magnificent 11 years at the Willows in which time he shared a joint Benefit with forward Mike Coulman in 1979.

His representative career saw him play for Other Nationalities and captain, Wales (13 times) and G.B. (14 times). He toured Down Under in 1974 and appeared for Wales in the 1969 European Championship and in the 1975 World Cup.

Colin played for Salford at Wembley in 1969 and also appeared in three County Cup Finals, the John Player Final and the Floodlit Cup Final. When he retired at the end of the 1979-80 season, he was coaxed back into playing for Hull K.R. He then became coach at Halifax in October 1982, took them into the First Division but was sacked in November 1984 even though the side were playing well! In July 1986 he became coach at Keighley and remains at the club at the present time.

Whilst at Salford, Colin made 48 appearances, including 9 as substitute and he scored 91 tries and just one goal for a haul of 275 points.

His best season was in the 1971-72 campaign when he made 42 appearances and scored 17 tries.



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SEPTEMBER

Fri. 1	Widnes	H	7.30	22-24
Fri. 8	Wigan	A	7.30	14-38
Fri. 22	Leeds	H	7.30	postponed
Sat. 30	Carlisle	A	2.30	24-46

OCTOBER

Fri. 6	Oldham (Lancs. Shield 1)	H	7.30	6-0
Fri. 13	Hull	H	7.30	19-6
Fri. 20	Wigan (Lancs. Shield 2)	H	7.30	26-16
Fri. 27	Widnes	A	7.30	40-8

NOVEMBER

Fri. 3	St. Helens	H	7.30	3-6
Sat. 11	Carlisle (Lancs. S. Semi)	H	3.00	24-12
Wed. 15	Leeds	A	7.30	10-32
Fri. 17	Halifax	H	7.30	36-16
Wed. 22	Swinton	A	7.30	postponed

DECEMBER

Fri. 1	St. Helens (Lancs. S. Final)	H	7.30	14-11
Fri. 8	Halifax	A	7.30	18-27
Fri. 15	Leeds	H	7.30	14-14
Fri. 22	Castleford	A	7.30	24-26
Sat. 30	Carlisle	H	2.30	47-14

JANUARY

Fri. 5	Featherstone R.	A	7.30	20-21
Fri. 12	Wigan	H	7.30	16-18
Fri. 19	St. Helens	A	7.30	28-36
Fri. 26	Oldham	A	7.30	18-26

FEBRUARY

Sat. 3	Oldham (S.L. Cup 1)	H	2.30	36-12
Fri. 9	Warrington	H	7.30	
Fri. 16	Slalom Lager Alliance Cup 2			
Tues. 27	Warrington	A	7.30	

MARCH

Fri. 2	Hull K.R.	H	7.30	
Fri. 9	Featherstone R.	H	7.30	
Fri. 16	Hull	A	7.30	
Fri. 23	Oldham	H	7.30	
Fri. 30	Castleford	H	7.30	

APRIL

Fri. 6	Hull K.R.	A	7.30	
Sat. 14	Hunslet	A	7.30	
Fri. 20	Swinton	H	7.30	

RECENT RESULT

Sat. 3rd February Slalom Lager Cup 1st Rd.
SALFORD 30 OLDHAM 12

Team:	1 Fox (t)	8 Gill (t)
	2 O'Neill (t)	9 Moran
	3 Howard (t)	10 Walsh
	4 Shaw	11 Havard
	5 Warhurst	12 Mercer (2t)
	6 Bentley	13 Claire (2g)
	7 Cairns	14 Dobson for Clair
		15 Fazakerley (g) (for Shaw)

Slalom Lager Alliance Challenge Cup 2nd Round Draw

Salford	v	Fulham
Bradford N	v	Leeds
Widnes	v	Trafford B.
Leigh	v	Hunslet
Hull	v	Carlisle
Workington T.	v	Halifax
Castleford	v	Wakefield T.
Hull K.R.	v	York/St Helens

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