

RUGBY LEAGUE 1970-71

JUNE After an approach to Mick Shoebottom who was on tour in Australia, Leeds said no player would be transferred to an Australian club but they couldn't stop a player emigrating.

Jack Harding said the tourists were being asked to play too many games in too short a time, and minor injuries were not given time to clear up.

JULY Ces Mountford, the New Zealand manager, said it was the best team ever to visit New Zealand and it had done their game a lot of good.

At Sydney Airport Alan Hardisty said he had accepted terms from Penrith.

Castleford said they considered the approach illegal and Hardisty would not be transferred. On arrival home Hardisty said he did not want a transfer but he would like a clearance to play in Australia from February to September.

Syd Hynes wanted to play for Cronulla, and Mick Shoebottom for either North or South Sydney. Bill Fallowfield said the edge had been taken off a good tour by the alleged offers made to some players.

AUGUST The Bramley players signed on after being told that if they refused to play Sunday games they would be replaced.

Hunslet wanted to reduce winning pay for away games from £14 to £12, knock £1 off Sunday games and reduce 'A' team terms. The players refused to accept so both first and 'A' team games were called off. The club then signed a whole team of junior players from Bison Sports for the game at Oldham. They lost 54-5. Hunslet had to withdraw from the Yorkshire Cup because the amateurs had not been registered before the cup deadline and the tie was awarded to Doncaster.

The Hunslet players claimed that if they won all their away games it would only cost the club an extra £510.

The Rugby League announced that the 1970 tour members would receive £790 each bonus, easily a record. No requests for clearances had been received from Australia. The Council decided these would only be given in exceptional circumstances.

SEPTEMBER Hunslet were told by the Management Committee they would be in breach of the by-laws if fixtures were not fulfilled on the scheduled dates, so the club decided to sign on a team picked by the Leeds and District League officials, and eleven players were crossed off their register to make room for them.

A cheque for £91 was sent to Bison Sports which was losing pay less insurance costs. Hunslet were excluded from the Yorkshire Cup pool which would cost them about £350. They were invited to send a representative to the Management Committee meeting but chairman Harold Inman said, 'I don't think we shall bother. I am fed up with the whole business'.

Only four-hundred spectators turned up for the Hunslet v Bramley game, said to be a record low. The Rugby League offered to take over the club or suspend it for the rest of the season.

A fine of £50 was imposed for irregularities concerning the signing of amateurs and £100 for non fulfilment of fixtures. Bill Fallowfield said, 'The committee views the situation at Parkside with great concern as it reflects adversely on the League competition as a whole.'

The committee noted with regret the statement of the club chairman. The League is prepared to take over his shares in the Hunslet club and those of any other major shareholders to make sure that Rugby League football continues at Parkside'.

The players held a ballot and decided to sign on for the terms offered by the club, but they did not want to play on Sundays. Captain Cliff Williams said he was going to put in for a transfer. 'We have agreed to play for one reason only, and this is that the club would have gone down the drain if we had not. We don't consider we have been in the wrong and we hope there will now be improved liaison between the directors and the players. Harold Inman said, 'The strike is settled and I am very pleased. The club's final terms have been accepted.'

The terms were £12 win and £7 lose, plus an accumulative bonus of £1 for successive away wins up to £15 and £1 subsistence money for evening games in Lancashire.

Hunslet asked Dewsbury to rearrange their Sunday game to Saturday. Dewsbury refused and were backed up by the League. The Hunslet players said they would not turn out. Hunslet put five players on the transfer list and suspended Billy Baldwinson and Eric Payne 'because of their behaviour in the dressing room after Wednesday night's game at Bramley'.

The players would not comment to the press. Sunday's game at Doncaster was postponed. Hunslet were cleared by the Management Committee because there was no rule to compel players to turn out on Sundays.

OCTOBER Jack Austin (Bramley) was suspended for three matches. Bramley considered that a League game on Friday night and an 'A' team game the next day counted as two of them so they included him in the team for a Yorkshire Cup game at Featherstone.

The Rovers were dubious and phoned Mr. Lockwood, The Rugby League chairman who confirmed their view. George Hirst, Yorkshire County secretary, was at the game and he told the referee to invite Austin to withdraw from the game which had then been on twenty minutes. He came off and was replaced by a substitute.

Bramley appealed against the result but were turned down by the Yorkshire County who said the rule about suspensions was ambiguous and should be clarified.

Bramley said they would seek counsel's opinion and might apply for an injunction to stop the Yorkshire Cup Final. Their attitude was, 'We can see that it is open to two different interpretations and we cannot see why we should be punished so severely for applying a perfectly reasonable interpretation'.

Other clubs said Bramley should not go outside the game's structure in an attempt to secure what they considered to be justice. Jack Myerscough of Leeds said 'If you do not accept the rules you resign'.

The Australian World Cup squad complained about the condition of the public recreation ground in Bradford allocated for training. It was bumpy because of the lack of rain. They were taken to see alternative sites and chose a Corporation sports ground.

The Management Committee ordered Leigh to apologise to the Referees' Association after criticism in the club programme.

The International Board decided against having an annual World Cup because it would end the four-yearly four cycle.

Other decisions were to have a one point drop-goal from next season, two substitutes would be allowed at any time, and players would be numbered from one to fifteen in Test matches. (They had usually played in their four numbers - up to however many players were in the squad.)

France did not name their World Cup squad until four days after the deadline in the hope that an injured player would recover.

The Rugby League Council decided that all the League's 1970 tour profits would be shared by the clubs, which meant about £1,400 each.

NOVEMBER Each country would receive about £7,130 out of the World Cup receipts after air fares were paid. Only the TV receipts of £25,000 and having a play-off had saved it from financial disaster.

The World Cup, won by Australia, was stolen from their hotel in Bradford. (It was later found in a ditch in Bingley in 1990). The Australian Rugby League later agreed to provide a new trophy.

Alan Hardisty was refused a clearance to play in Australia. He said he wouldn't play for Castleford again so the club invited transfer offers.

Hubert Lockwood said at the Yorkshire County annual dinner, 'It is plain that something has to be done (about falling attendances), and the sooner it is done the better for all concerned'. He thought that Sunday football would be the answer although he was against it.

DECEMBER The Management Committee decided to put forward a scheme whereby the referee would award points up to ten for sportsmanship. It was hoped to obtain sponsorship for an award to the top club in a season. A team which got five points or less would be called before the committee and fined.

Bill Fallowfield said 'Isolated matches in which acts of brutality occur receive tremendous publicity. There is no need for this type of game and we shall do our best to prevent them'. The referees said they were in favour, but replies to a circular showed only a few clubs thought it a good idea. Mr. Fallowfield said the next move would be to get the clubs to agree to the sin-bin system.

Ron Chester (Hull KR) said at a Yorkshire County meeting, 'To say the game is dying is ridiculous. It's dead. When professional clubs are drawing two to three-hundred spectators, the game's gone. The time has passed when TV fees compensated for the disastrous effect the medium had on gates and every effort must be made to negotiate out of the present BBC contract'.

He was supported by Harry Womersley (Bradford Northern), but Jack Myerscough (Leeds) pointed out that many clubs relied on the share out of TV fees to keep going. After criticism from the Council Mr Chester said his remarks were anti-Television not anti-Rugby League.

Hunslet's fine of £50 for registration irregularities was cancelled and the £100 fine for non-fulfilment of fixtures was reduced to £50. If this wasn't paid within twenty-one days the club would be omitted from next season's fixtures.

JANUARY Referee Ron Jackson refused to allow Widnes player John Warlow, who had been substituted at half-time, to come back on, so Widnes played the last ten minutes against Huddersfield with twelve men. Huddersfield scored seven points in that time to earn a draw. After the match the referee admitted he had made a mistake. The game was later ordered to be replayed.

Hunslet said they would appeal against the £50 fine, but although the club was in serious financial difficulties they would carry on.

Lenton Properties of Huddersfield made an offer (rumoured to be £300,000) for Parkside to be used as warehouse development, and they applied to Leeds Corporation for planning permission. Hunslet had paid £6,750 for the ground about twenty years ago.

The Rugby League Council decided to oppose the planning application and gave Hunslet one week to say if they would continue playing. Three days later Hunslet said they had not received a letter and would take no action until they received one.

Mr Fallowfield said they had been told verbally of the decision because of the postal strike, but a letter would be delivered by hand. Mr Inman, the Hunslet secretary, said because the letter was late it was impossible to meet the seven day deadline. The Rugby League extended it for another three days.

FEBRUARY The Hunslet reply was that even if Parkside was sold they would do every thing they could to ensure that the club carried on. The Management Committee said that was not good enough and they would invite the four-hundred Hunslet shareholders to a meeting to see what the people of Hunslet really wanted.

The Corporation turned down the planning application because the ground was zoned for recreation purposes. 'The planning committee feels that the Parkside ground is a most important institution in Leeds and its place in the community should not be lost if we can possibly save it.' A speedway promoter offered £12,000 over three years for the use of the ground.

Mal Reilly emigrated to Australia and Manly offered £8,000 for his transfer. Castleford said he would not get a clearance until they got an offer of about £20,000. St George offered £12,000, but Manly phoned an offer of £15,000 which Castleford accepted. If Reilly returned to England after three years Castleford would have first claim.

Fifteen clubs replied to a Rugby League circular that they would be interested in summer football. The League said there was £146,000 out on loan so they could not lend money to Wigan who proposed a £60,000 stand.

MARCH The Hunslet directors said none of them were willing to sell their shares to the Rugby League. They would play at Leeds Greyhound Stadium on Elland Road next season for a rent of £2,000. The Rugby League said they would have to examine the ground to see if it was up to requirements, and later refused permission saying the sale of Parkside would mean the end of the club.

Leeds failed in an appeal over having to play a game five days before a Rugby League Challenge Cup semi-final so the 'A' team was sent to St Helens and lost 30-9.

APRIL The Rugby League appointed a team of marketing consultants to suggest ways to improve attendances. Twenty years ago the total attendance was over four million, Last season it was down to 1,825,000 and there was no improvement this season.

A special meeting was held of Hunslet shareholders. Only six out of one hundred voted in favour of selling the ground, but chairman Harold Inman said a poll would be held (each share one vote). He pointed out that the population of Hunslet had fallen from thirty-thousand to seven-thousand and the club had lost £78,000 in twelve years. Two days later the result of the poll was announced as 136,526 in favour of selling and 12,406 against.

MAY Announcements from the Rugby League were that League gates had fallen again, this time to 1,613,000.

Swinton's ground at Station Road would be used for the Championship Final instead of Bradford Northern's because Odsal's capacity had been reduced to thirty-five-thousand.

If any more clubs withdrew from the summer competition it would be scrapped.

And Hunslet would be included in next year's fixtures.

Syd Hynes became the first player to be sent off in a Challenge Cup Final. He was suspended for six matches.

There would be cash prizes of £10,500 for next season's Players No.6 Trophy. The Yorkshire County had already objected to having to play the Yorkshire Cup early to make way for this competition. Leeds said they would not play in the Yorkshire Cup in August because of cricket commitments at Headingley.

Leeds Corporation gave planning permission for Rugby League at the greyhound stadium on Elland Road but acknowledged that the Rugby League Management Committee had refused to allow it.

JUNE The Yorkshire County refused to accept the Leeds decision and included them in the cup draw because according to rule they had no power to leave them out. Castleford and Batley agreed to play their tie on July 30th.

The fixture list for next season showed more than half the games arranged for Sundays. Hull KR elected to play home games on Friday nights and Leeds became the only club still committed to Saturday afternoon football.

NORTHERN RUGBY LEAGUE

		P	W	D	L	Pts	F	A	Av Att
1	Wigan	34	30	0	4	60	662	308	8779
2	St Helens	34	29	0	5	58	748	231	6335
3	Leeds	34	28	0	6	56	856	352	7345
4	Leigh	34	26	0	8	52	636	380	6396
5	Wakefield Trinity	34	24	1	9	49	760	330	4797
6	Keighley	34	21	0	13	42	448	375	1802
7	Salford	34	20	1	13	41	641	432	7229
8	Hull	34	20	1	13	41	610	444	3554
9	Workington Town	34	20	1	13	41	504	467	1125
10	Halifax	34	20	0	14	40	538	497	1847
11	Dewsbury	34	17	3	14	37	474	406	1588
12	Castleford	34	18	0	16	36	467	403	4489
13	Hull Kingston Rovers	34	18	0	16	36	447	524	4314
14	Batley	34	16	2	16	34	492	411	1579
15	Huddersfield	34	16	2	16	34	440	434	2903
16	Oldham	34	12	7	15	31	487	434	1882
17	Bramley	34	15	1	18	31	385	528	1237
18	Widnes	34	14	2	18	30	439	422	3467
19	York	34	14	1	19	29	428	451	1325
20	Featherstone Rovers	34	14	1	19	29	572	635	2305
21	Barrow	34	14	0	20	28	479	483	3314
22	Warrington	34	13	2	19	28	449	657	3392
23	Swinton	34	13	0	21	26	404	505	3724
24	Huyton	34	11	2	21	24	229	508	428
25	Rochdale Hornets	34	9	3	22	21	318	533	1296
26	Blackpool Borough	34	10	1	23	21	380	647	669
27	Bradford Northern	34	8	2	24	18	339	662	5059
28	Doncaster	34	7	3	24	17	306	695	565
29	Whitehaven	34	8	1	25	17	298	698	1619
30	Hunslet	34	6	1	27	13	355	739	597

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF

First Round

Hull	14	Workington Town	3
Keighley	7	Dewsbury	20
Leeds	28	Batley	0
Leigh	10	Hull KR	5
Salford	33	Halifax	3
St Helens	28	Huddersfield	5
Wakefield Trinity	10	Castleford	4
Wigan	12	Oldham	7

Second Round

Leeds	37	Salford	22
Leigh	5	Wakefield Trinity	8
St Helens	30	Hull	5
Wigan	36	Dewsbury	12

Semi-finals

St Helens	22	Leeds	7
Wigan	49	Wakefield Trinity	15

FINAL

Saturday May 22nd at Station Road, Swinton

ST HELENS	16	WIGAN	12
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Geoff Pimblett

Colin Tyrer GOAL

Les Jones

Kevin O'Loughlin

Billy Benyon TRY

Bill Francis

Johnny Walsh

Peter Rowe

Bob Blackwood TRY

Stuart Wright

Alan Whittle

David Hill

Jeff Heaton

Warren Ayres

John Stephens

Brian Hogan

Tony Karalius

Colin Clarke

Graham Rees

Geoff Fletcher

John Mantle

Bill Ashurst 2 GOALS, TRY

Eric Chisnall

Dave Robinson TRY

Kel Coslett 5 GOALS

Doug Laughton

Substitutes

Bobby Wanbon (for Rees)

Eddie Cunningham (for Robinson)

Ken Kelly (for Benyon)

Harry Sunderland Trophy: Bill Ashurst

Referee: E. Lawrinson (Warrington)

Half-time: 6 - 3

Attendance: 21,745

Receipts: £10,201

RUGBY LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP

First Round

Barrow	11	Widnes	15
Batley	4	Wigan	13
Blackpool Borough	7	Huddersfield	8
Bramley	6	Doncaster	5
Dewsbury	25	British Oil & Cake Mills (Hull)	3
Halifax	13	Featherstone Rovers	18
Hunslet	49	Thames Board Mills (Warrington)	5
Keighley	9	Hull KR	9
Leeds	49	Oldham	2
Leigh	9	Bradford Northern	2
Salford	6	Wakefield Trinity	6
Swinton	13	Huyton	2
Warrington	13	Rochdale Hornets	7
Whitehaven	0	Castleford	15
Workington Town	6	St Helens	8
York	0	Hull	2

BOCM (Hull) and Thames Board Mills gave up ground advantage.

First Round Replays

Hull KR	11	Keighley	18
Wakefield Trinity	8	Salford	15

Second Round

Castleford	9	Keighley	6
Dewsbury	13	Bramley	17
Featherstone Rovers	7	Hull	7
Hunslet	0	Huddersfield	16
Leeds	4	St Helens	0
Salford	20	Warrington	9
Swinton	8	Wigan	2
Widnes	11	Leigh	14

Second Round Replay

Hull	12	Featherstone Rovers	8
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Third Round

Bramley	0	Leeds	14
Castleford	9	Salford	8
Huddersfield	11	Swinton	8
Leigh	8	Hull	4

Semi-finals

Leeds	19	Castleford	8
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*At Odsal Stadium, Bradford
Attendance: 24,464 Receipts: £9,120*

Leigh	10	Huddersfield	4
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*At Central Park, Wigan
Attendance: 14,875 Receipts: £5,670*

FINAL
Saturday May 15th at Wembley Stadium, London

LEIGH	24	LEEDS	7
David Eckersley TRY, GOAL		John Holmes 2 GOALS	
Stuart Ferguson 5 GOALS		John Langley	
Stan Dorrington TRY		Syd Hynes (c)	
Mike Collins		Ron Cowan	
Joe Walsh		John Atkinson	
Tony Barrow		Tony Wainwright TRY	
Alex Murphy (c) 2 GOALS		Barry Seabourne	
Derek Watts		John Burke	
Kevin Ashcroft		Tony Fisher	
Jimmy Fiddler GOAL		Ted Barnard	
Paul Grimes		David Hick	
Geoff Clarkson		Bob Haigh	
Peter Smethurst		Bill Ramsey	
<i>Substitutes</i>			
Les Chisnall (for Murphy)		Les Dyl (for Cowan)	
Roy Lester dnp		Phil Cookson dnp	

Lance Todd Trophy: Alex Murphy

Referee: Billy Thompson (Huddersfield)	Half-time: 13 - 0
Attendance: 84,641	Receipts: £84,402

Cup presented by The Rt Hon Reggie Maudling MP, Home Secretary

EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

<u>First Leg</u> December 5 th			
St Gaudens	11	St Helens	30
<u>Second Leg</u> June 5 th			
St Helens	62	St Gaudens	0

LANCASHIRE CUP

First Round

Blackpool Borough	10	Widnes	10
Huyton	3	St Helens	30
Oldham	12	Salford	35
Rochdale Hornets	14	Whitehaven	11
Swinton	51	St Helens Amateurs	21
Warrington	9	Leigh	21
Wigan	32	Barrow	2
Workington Town	49	Whitehaven Amateurs	7

First Round Replay

Widnes	41	Blackpool Borough	6
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Second Round

Leigh	12	Workington Town	8
St Helens	20	Swinton	7
Salford	12	Wigan	12
Widnes	32	Rochdale Hornets	5

Second Round Replay

Wigan	32	Salford	6
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Semi-finals

Widnes	10	Leigh	13
Wigan	0	St Helens	23

FINAL

Saturday November 28th at Station Road, Swinton

LEIGH	7	ST HELENS	4
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Stuart Ferguson 2 GOALS

Frank Barrow

Rod Tickle
Mick Collins
Les Chisnall
Joe Walsh

Les Jones
Billy Benyon
Johnny Walsh
Frank Wilson

David Eckersley TRY
Alex Murphy

Frank Myler
Alan Whittle

Dave Chisnall
Kevin Ashcroft
Derek Watts
Paul Grimes
Geoff Clarkson
Mick Mooney

Albert Halsall
Tony Karalius
Graham Rees
John Mantle
Eric Chisnall
Kel Coslett 2 GOALS

Substitutes

Tommy Canning (for Tickle)

Eric Prescott (for Rees)
Jeff Heaton dnp

Referee: Billy Thompson (Huddersfield)
Attendance: 10,776

Half-time: 0 - 0
Receipts: £2,735

YORKSHIRE CUP

First Round

Bramley	27	Bradford Northern	5
Castleford	29	Halifax	4
Dewsbury	12	Keighley	10
Featherstone Rovers	40	York	9
Huddersfield	17	Batley	0
Hull KR	9	Hull	27
Wakefield Trinity	10	Leeds	20

Hunslet withdrew because of a players' dispute and the tie was awarded to Doncaster

Second Round

Bramley	12	Dewsbury	7
Castleford	7	Leeds	14
Huddersfield	8	Featherstone Rovers	10
Hull	42	Doncaster	0

Semi-finals

Featherstone Rovers	23	Bramley	2
Hull	11	Leeds	12

FINAL

Saturday November 21st at Odsal Stadium, Bradford

LEEDS 23 **FEATHERSTONE ROVERS** 7

John Holmes

Cyril Kellett 2 GOALS

Alan Smith 2 TRIES
Syd Hynes 4 GOALS
Ronnie Cowan
John Atkinson TRY

Mick Smith
Keith Cotton
John Newlove
Dave Hartley TRY

Anthony Wainwright
Mick Shoebottom

Chris Harding
Terry Hudson

John Burke
Peter Dunn TRY
Phil Cookson
Bill Ramsey TRY
Bob Haigh
Ray Batten

Sam Windmill
Dennis Morgan
Steve Lyons
Alan Rhodes
Jimmy Thompson
Vince Farrar

Substitutes

John Langley (for Wainwright)

Phil Coventry (for Harding)

White Rose Trophy: Syd Hynes

Referee: D.S. Brown (Preston)
Attendance: 6,533

Half-time: 8 - 2
Receipts: £1,879

BBC2 FLOODLIT TROPHY

Preliminary Round

Huddersfield	16	Wakefield Trinity	14
Leigh	17	Swinton	0

First Round

Barrow	6	Leeds	15
Halifax	14	Hull	15
Huddersfield	14	Oldham	5
Hull KR	25	Warrington	13
Leigh	14	Rochdale Hornets	5
St Helens	14	Castleford	7
Salford	2	Widnes	7
Wigan	28	Keighley	0

Second Round

Hull KR	18	Hull	8
Leigh	4	St Helens	10
Widnes	6	Leeds	16
Wigan	25	Huddersfield	9

Semi-finals

Leeds	24	Hull KR	2
Wigan	7	St Helens	7

Semi-final Replay

St Helens	16	Wigan	15
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FINAL

Tuesday December 15th at Headingley, Leeds

LEEDS 9 **ST HELENS** 5

John Holmes 2 GOALS

Frank Barrow

Alan Smith
Syd Hynes TRY, GOAL
Ronnie Cowan
John Atkinson

Les Jones TRY
Billy Benyon
Johnny Walsh
Frank Wilson

Anthony Wainwright
Mick Shoebottom

Alan Whittle
Jeff Heaton

John Burke
Tony Fisher
Ted Barnard
Bill Ramsey
Bob Haigh
Ray Batten

Graham Rees
Tony Karalius
Eric Chisnall
John Mantle
Eric Prescott
Kel Coslett GOAL

Referee: E. Lawrinson (Warrington)
Attendance: 7,612

Half-time: 7 - 3
Receipts: £2,189

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Monday September 14th at The Recreation Ground, Whitehaven

CUMBERLAND	21	YORKSHIRE	15
Paul Charlton (Salford)		Derek Edwards (Castleford)	
Keith Davies (Workington T) TRY		Keith Slater (Wakefield T)	
Robert Nicholson (Workington T) TRY		Mick Shoebottom (Leeds)	
Tony Colloby (Blackpool B) 2 TRIES, 3 GOALS		Bernard Watson (Leeds)	
Rodney Morris (Whitehaven) TRY		Mick Lamb (Bradford N) TRY	
Phil Kitchen (Whitehaven)		John Wolford (Bramley)	
Joe Bonnar (Wakefield T)		Chris Davidson (Hull)	
Les Moore (Workington T)		Dennis Hartley (Castleford)	
Howard Allen (Workington T)		Mick Stephenson (Dewsbury) TRY	
R. McLeod (Whitehaven)		Terry Clawson (Hull KR) 3 GOALS	
Bill Kirkbride (Castleford)		Brian Lockwood (Castleford)	
Eddie Bowman (Workington T)		Jimmy Thompson (Featherstone R) TRY	
John McFarlane (Barrow)		Ray Batten (Leeds)	
<i>Substitutes</i>			
E. Bell (Workington T) dnp		Howard Firth (Hull) for John Wolford	
Ray Martin (Whitehaven) dnp			
Referee: H.G. Hunt (Prestbury)		Half-time: 13-5	
Attendance: 3,116		Receipts: £754	

Wednesday November 11th at Craven Park, Barrow

LANCASHIRE	28	CUMBERLAND	5
John Walsh (St Helens) 5 GOALS		Paul Charlton (Salford)	
Stuart Wright (Wigan) TRY		Keith Davies (Workington T)	
Billy Benyon (St Helens)		Ian Wright (Workington T)	
Chris Hesketh (Salford) TRY		Tony Colloby (Salford) GOAL	
Joe Walsh (Leigh)		Rodney Morris (Whitehaven)	
Frank Myler (St Helens) 2 TRIES		Robert Nicholson (Workington T)	
Jimmy Boylan (Widnes)		Joe Bonnar (Wakefield T)	
Dave Chisnall (Leigh)		Les Moore (Workington T)	
Kevin Ashcroft (Leigh) TRY		Howard Allen (Workington T)	
Edwin Brown (Rochdale H)		Frank Foster (Barrow)	
Eric Prescott (St Helens) TRY		H. McCourt (Workington T)	
Eric Chisnall (St Helens)		Eddie Bowman (Workington T)	
Doug Laughton (Wigan)		John McFarlane (Barrow)	
<i>Substitutes</i>			
George Nicholls (Widnes) for Dave Chisnall		Ray Martin (Whitehaven) for Mc Court TRY	
Martin Murphy (Oldham) for Boylan			
Referee: Ron Jackson (Halifax)		Half-time: 3 - 2	
Attendance: 2,878		Receipts: £685	

Wednesday January 13th at Wheldon Road, Castleford

YORKSHIRE

32

LANCASHIRE

12

Brian Jefferson (Keighley) 6 GOALS

Ray Dutton (Widnes) 3 GOALS

Alan Smith (Leeds) 2 TRIES

Syd Hynes (Leeds) TRY

Nigel Stephenson (Dewsbury) 2 TRIES

John Atkinson (Leeds)

Stuart Wright (Wigan)

Billy Benyon (St Helens)

Dennis O'Neill (Widnes)

Joe Walsh (Leigh)

David Topliss (Wakefield T)

Mick Shoebottom (Leeds) GOAL

Billy Davies (Swinton) TRY

Alex Murphy (Leigh)

Terry Clawson (Hull KR)

Clive Dickinson (Castleford)

David Jeanes (Wakefield T)

Bob Haigh (Leeds)

Jimmy Thompson (Featherstone R)

Ray Batten (Leeds) TRY

M.A. Murphy (Barrow)

Colin Clarke (Wigan)

Edwin Brown (Rochdale H)

Eric Chisnall (St Helens)

Eric Prescott (St Helens)

Doug Laughton (Wigan) TRY

Substitutes

Bernard Watson (Bradford N) dnp

Brian Lockwood (Castleford) dnp

Jimmy Boylan (Widnes) for Alex Murphy

George Nicholls (Widnes) for Eric Prescott

Referee: Mick Naughton (Widnes)

Half-time: 9 - 7

Attendance: Approximately 2,000 admitted free because of fog.

CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	P	W	D	L	P	F	A
Yorkshire	2	1	0	1	2	47	33
Lancashire	2	1	0	1	2	40	37
Cumberland	2	1	0	1	2	26	43

PLAY-OFF

Wednesday February 24th at Wheldon Road, Castleford

YORKSHIRE	34	LANCASHIRE	8
Brian Jefferson (Keighley) TRY, GOAL		Colin Tyrer (Wigan) GOAL	
Keith Slafer (Wakefield T) 2 TRIES		Joe Walsh (Leigh)	
Ian Stenton (Castleford)		Alan Buckley (Swinton)	
Nigel Stephenson (Dewsbury) 2 TRIES, 3 GOALS		Chris Hesketh (Salford)	
Chris Young (York)		Les Jones (St Helens) TRY	
Alan Hardisty (Castleford) GOAL		Dennis O'Neil (Widnes)	
Keith Hepworth (Castleford)		Jimmy Boylan (Widnes)	
Terry Clawson (Hull KR)		John Stephens (St Helens)	
Clive Dickinson (Castleford)		Kevin Ashcroft (Leigh)	
David Jeanes (Wakefield T) TRY		Brian Hogan (Wigan)	
Brian Lockwood (Castleford)		George Nicholls (Widnes) TRY	
Bob Irving (Oldham) TRY		T.S. Cramant (Swinton)	
Tony Halmshaw (Halifax)		Dave Robinson (Wigan)	
<i>Substitutes</i>			
David Topliss (Wakefield T) for Young TRY		Colin Clarke (Wigan) for Cramant	
Mick Stephenson (Dewsbury) for Dickinson		David Eckersley (Leigh) for Robinson	
Referee: Mick Naughton (Widnes)		Half-time: 13 - 5	
Attendance: 4,220		Receipts: £1,071	

TEST MATCHES

Sunday February 7th at Toulouse

FRANCE	16	GREAT BRITAIN	8
Jean Claude Cros (Albi)		Derek Whitehead (Warrington) GOAL	
Serge Marsoulan (St Gaudens) TRY		Alan Smith (Leeds) TRY	
Michael Molinier (St Gaudens)		Syd Hynes (Leeds)	
Raymond Gruppi (Villeneuve)		Billy Benyon (St Helens)	
Ellie Bonal (Carcassonne) TRY		John Atkinson (Leeds)	
Jean Capdouze (Perpignan) 5 GOALS		David Hill (Wigan)	
Roger Garrigues (St Gaudens)		Mick Shoebottom (Leeds)	
Christian Sabatie (Villefranche)		David Jeanes (Wakefield T) TRY	
Jacques Cabero (Perpignan)		Tony Fisher (Leeds)	
Jean Paul Sauret (Villefranche)		John Warlow (Widnes)	
Francis de Nadai (Limoux)		Bob Haigh (Leeds)	
Didier Hermet (Villeneuve)		John Mantle (St Helens)	
Jean Pierre Clar (Villeneuve)		Doug Laughton (Wigan)	
<i>Substitutes</i>			
Victor Serrano (St Gaudens) for Garrigues		Chris Hesketh (Salford) for Smith	
J. Calle (St Esteve) dnp		Jimmy Thompson (Featherstone R) for Fisher	
Referee: Andre Breyse (Lyons)		Half-time: 7 - 3	
Attendance: 14,960		Receipts: F167,537	

Wednesday March 17th at Knowsley Road, St Helens

GREAT BRITAIN

24

FRANCE

2

Derek Whitehead (Warrington) TRY, 3 GOALS

Jean Claude Cros (Albi)

Alan Smith (Leeds) TRY
Chris Hesketh (Salford)
Billy Benyon (St Helens) TRY
John Atkinson (Leeds)

Serge Marsoulan (St Gaudens)
Michael Molinier (St Gaudens)
Raymond Gruppi (Villeneuve)
Rene Arne (Carcassonne)

Roger Millward (Hull KR) 2 TRIES
Steve Nash (Featherstone R)

Marcel Pere (St Gaudens) GOAL
Jean Marie Imbert (Avignon)

John Warlow (Widnes)
Tony Fisher (Leeds)
Cliff Watson (St Helens)
Jimmy Thompson (Featherstone R) TRY
John Mantle (St Helens)
Doug Laughton (Wigan)

Christian Sabatie (Villefranche)
Guy Lavigne (St Gaudens)
Francis de Nadai (Limoux)
Herve Hazard (Lezignan)
Victor Serrano (St Gaudens)
Jean Pierre Clar (Villeneuve)

Substitutes

David Watkins (Salford) for Benyon
Mike Coulman (Salford) for Warlow

Adolphe Alesina (Limoux) for Hazard
J. Calle (St Esteve) dnp

Referee: Mick Naughton (Widnes)
Attendance: 7,783

Half-time: 13-0
Receipts: £2,388

COUNTY CUP WINNERS (1969-70) CHALLENGE HATCH

Saturday August 8th at The Boulevard, Hull

HULL

19

SWINTON

12

Arthur Keegan 4 GOALS

J. Cadman

Howard Firth
Dick Gemmell
Norman Oliver
Alf Macklin TRY

Mick Philbin
John Gomersall TRY
Alan Buckley
A.E. Pratt

Brian Hancock
Colin Davidson TRY

Billy Davies
Peter Kenny TRY, GOAL

Mick Harrison
Roy Firth
Keith Boxall
Paul Ibbertson
Terry Kirchin TRY
Joe Brown GOAL

Harold Bate
J. Carey
Graham Mc Kay
Bill Holliday 2 GOALS
Rod Smith
Bill Pattinson

Substitutes

Chris Forster (for Ibbertson)
K.E. Whittle (for Pattinson)

D. Preston (for Gomersall)

Referee: D.S. Brown (Preston)
Attendance: 2,862

Half-time: 2 - 12
Receipts: £718

1970 CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS V LEAGUE CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE MATCH

Saturday August 15th at Wheldon Road, Castleford

CASTLEFORD

19

ST HELENS

19

Trevor Bedford

Frank Barrow

Trevor Briggs TRY

Les Jones TRY

David Hargrave

Billy Benyon

Ian Stenton TRY

John Walsh GOAL

Alan Lowndes

Frank Wilson

Alan Hardisty

Frank Myler

Glyn Jones

Jeff Heaton

Dennis Hartley

Graham Rees

Clive Dickinson

Tony Karalius

Mick Redfearn TRY, 5 GOALS

Cliff Watson TRY

Bill Kirkbride

John Mantle

Brian Lockwood

Bill Sheffield TRY

Malcolm Reilly

Kel Coslett 4 GOALS

Substitutes

Phil Johnson (for Bedford)

Steve Norton (for Lockwood)

Referee: Mick Naughton (Widnes)

Half-time: 4 - 14

Attendance: 5,226

Receipts: £1,189

LEADING SCORERS

TRIES

40	Bob Haigh (Leeds)
40	Leslie Jones (St Helens)
36	John Atkinson (Leeds)
33	Keith Slater (Wakefield T)
33	Clive Sullivan (Hull)
33	Stuart Wright (Wigan)
27	Frank Wilson (St Helens)
25	Syd Hynes (Leeds)
23	Maurice Richards (Salford)
23	Alan Smith (Leeds)
23	David Topliss (Wakefield T)
22	Billy Benyon (St Helens)
22	Jim Johnson (Blackpool B)
21	Paul Jackson (Salford)
21	Keith Jarrett (Barrow)
21	Ken Senior (Huddersfield)
21	Nigel Stephenson (Dewsbury)
20	Dennis Brown (Widnes)
20	K. Goodall (Workington T)
19	Geoff Marsh (Batley)
19	Alan Whittle (St Helens)

GOALS

193	Kel Coslett (St Helens)
166	Stuart Ferguson (Leigh)
159	John Holmes (Leeds)
155	David Watkins (Salford)
141	Colin Tyrer (Wigan)
134	Nigel Stephenson (Dewsbury)
114	Terry Clawson (Hull KR)
110	Neil Fox (Wakefield T)
99	Frank Davies (Huddersfield)
98	Brian Jefferson (Keighley)
96	Ron James (Halifax)
94	Robin Dewhurst (Bramley)
94	Derek Whitehead (Warrington)
93	Keith Jarrett (Barrow)
90	Cyril Kelleff (Featherstone R)
90	Mick Redfearn (Castleford)
85	Terry Garrett (Oldham)
75	Keith Toohey (Batley)
69	Ken Gowers (Swinton)
65	Ray Dutton (Widnes)

POINTS

395	Kel Coslett (St Helens)
358	David Watkins (Salford)
356	Stuart Ferguson (Leigh)
331	Nigel Stephenson (Dewsbury)
330	John Holmes (Leeds)
312	Colin Tyrer (Wigan)
256	Neil Fox (Wakefield T)
252	Frank Davies (Huddersfield)
249	Keith Jarrett (Barrow)
246	Terry Clawson (Hull KR)
214	Brian Jefferson (Keighley)
204	Ron James (Halifax)
203	Derek Whitehead (Warrington)
201	Mick Redfearn (Castleford)
197	Robin Dewhurst (Bramley)
192	Cyril Kelleff (Featherstone R)
191	Terry Garrett (Oldham)
180	Keith Toohey (Batley)
159	Syd Hynes (Leeds)
149	Bill Ashurst (Wigan)

1970 WORLD CUP

AUSTRALIAN SQUAD

Ron Coote (South Sydney) Captain
Ray Branighan (South Sydney)
John Brown (Northern Suburbs, Brisbane)
John Cootes (Western Suburbs, Newcastle)
Ron Costello (Canterbury - Bankstown)
Bob Fulton (Manly - Warringah)
Mark Harris (Eastern Suburbs, Sydney)
Bob McCarthy (South Sydney)
Barry McTaggart (Balmain)
John O'Neill (South Sydney)
Bob O'Reilly (Parramatta)
Denis Pittard (South Sydney)
Paul Sait (South Sydney)
Eric Simms (South Sydney)
Billy Smith (St George)
Gary Sullivan (Newtown)
Ron Turner (Cronulla - Sutherland)
Elwyn Walters (South Sydney)
Lionel Williamson (Newtown)

Team manager: Ken Arthurson (New South Wales)

Business manager: J.B. Quinn (Queensland)

Coach: Harry Bath (New South Wales)

FRENCH SQUAD

Jean Pierre Clar (Villeneuve) Captain
Roger Biffi (St Gaudens)
Ellie Bonal (Carcassonne)
Floreal Bonet (Albi)
Jacques Cabero (Perpignan)
Jean Capdouze (Perpignan)
Gerard Cremoux (Villeneuve)
Jean Claude Cros (Albi)
Raymond Coquand (Carcassonne)
Roger Garrigues (Toulouse)
Raymond Gruppi (Villeneuve)
Germaine Guiraud (Carcassonne)
Serge Marsolan (St Gaudens)
Herve Mazard (Lezignan)
Michael Molinier (St Gaudens)
Francis de Nadai (Limoux)
Daniel Pelerin (Villeneuve)
Andre Ruiz (Carcassonne)
Christian Sabatie (Villeneuve)

GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD

Frank Myler (St Helens) Captain
Kevin Ashcroft (Leigh)
John Atkinson (Leeds)
Paul Charlton (Salford)
Dave Chisnall (Leigh)
Ray Dutton (Widnes)
Tony Fisher (Bradford Northern)
Bob Haigh (Leeds)
Dennis Hartley (Castleford)
Keith Hepworth (Castleford)
Chris Hesketh (Salford)
Syd Hynes (Leeds)
Ken Jones (Wigan)
Doug Laughton (Wigan)
Mal Reilly (Castleford)
Mick Shoebottom (Leeds)
Alan Smith (Leeds)
Jimmy Thompson (Featherstone Rovers)
Cliff Watson (St Helens)

Team manager: J.B. Harding (Leigh)

Assistant manager: Johnny Whiteley (Hull)

NEW ZEALAND SQUAD

Roy Christian (Auckland) Captain
Mocky Brereton (Canterbury)
William Burgoyne (Auckland)
Eric Carson (Auckland)
Graeme Cooksley (Canterbury)
Bill Deacon (Waikato)
Doug Gailey (Auckland)
Lummy Graham (Auckland)
John Greengrass (Canterbury)
Eddie Heatley (Auckland)
Elliot Kereopa (Midlands)
Tony Kruleich (Auckland)
Don Ladner (West Coast)
Bernie Lowther (Auckland)
Bob McGuinn (Auckland)
Colin O'Neil (Wellington)
Garry Smith (Wellington)
John Whittaker (Wellington)
Gary Woollard (Auckland)

Manager: Ces Mountford

Coach: Lory Blanchard

Note: Tony Fisher was transferred to Leeds on November 6th.

Wednesday October 21st at Central Park, Wigan

AUSTRALIA

47

NEW ZEALAND

11

Eric Simms TRY, 10 GOALS

Don Ladner 4 GOALS

Lionel Williamson
John Cootes 2 TRIES
Bob Fulton TRY
Ray Branighan TRY

Bob Mc Guinn
Roy Christian
Bernie Lowther
Mocky Brereton

Denis Pittard
Billy Smith TRY

Gary Woollard
Graeme Cooksley

John O'Neill
Elwyn Walters
Bob O'Reilly
Bob McCarthy TRY
Paul Sait
Ron Coote TRY

Garry Smith TRY
Colin O'Neil
Doug Gailey
Bill Deacon
Eddie Heatley
Tony Kriletich

Substitutes

Ron Turner (for Coote) TRY
John Brown dnp

John Greengrass (for Heatley)
Lummy Graham (for Mc Guinn)

Referee: Billy Thompson (Huddersfield)
Attendance: 9,586

Half-time: 17 - 9
Receipts: £2,991

Saturday October 24th at Headingley, Leeds

GREAT BRITAIN

11

AUSTRALIA

4

Ray Dutton 3 GOALS

Eric Simms GOAL

Alan Smith
Syd Hynes TRY, GOAL
Frank Myler
John Atkinson

Mark Harris
Ray Branighan
Bob Fulton GOAL
Lionel Williamson

Mick Shoebottom
Keith Hepworth

Denis Pittard
Billy Smith

Dennis Hartley
Tony Fisher
Cliff Watson
Jimmy Thompson
Doug Laughton
Mal Reilly

John O'Neill
Elwyn Walters
Bob O'Reilly
Bob Mc Carthy
Paul Sait
Gary Sullivan

Substitutes

Chris Hesketh dnp
Bob Haigh dnp

John Brown dnp
Ron Turner dnp

Referee: Fred Lindop (Wakefield)
Attendance: 15,169

Half-time: 2 - 4
Receipts: £6,605

Sunday October 25th at The Boulevard, Hull

NEW ZEALAND

16

FRANCE

15

Don Ladner 5 GOALS

Jean Claude Cros

John Whittaker
Roy Christian
Bernie Lowther
Mocky Brereton TRY

Serge Marsolan 2 TRIES
Michael Molinier
Andre Ruiz
Ellie Bonal TRY

Gary Woollard
Graeme Cooksley TRY

Jean Capdouze 3 GOALS
Roger Garrigues

John Greengrass
Colin O'Neil
Doug Gailey
Garry Smith
Elliot Kereopa
Tony Kriletich

Christian Sabatie
Jacques Cabero
Floreal Bonet
Herve Mazard
Roger Biffi
Jean Paul Clar

Substitutes

Lummy Graham (for Whittaker)
Bill Deacon (for Gailey)

Francis de Nadai (for Biffi)
Germaine Guiraud dnp

Referee: Billy Thompson (Huddersfield)
Attendance: 3,824

Half-time: 4 - 5
Receipts: £1,069

Wednesday October 28th at Wheldon Road, Castleford

GREAT BRITAIN

6

FRANCE

0

Ray Dutton 3 GOALS

Jean Claude Cros

Ken Jones
Syd Hynes
Frank Myler
John Atkinson

Serge Marsolan
Michael Molinier
Andre Ruiz
Ellie Bonal

Mick Shoebottom
Keith Hepworth

Jean Capdouze
Germaine Guiraud

Dennis Hartley
Kevin Ashcroft
Cliff Watson
Jimmy Thompson
Doug Laughton
Mal Reilly

Christian Sabatie
Jacques Cabero
Francis de Nadai
Herve Mazard
Gerard Cremoux
Jean Paul Clar

Substitutes

Chris Hesketh dnp
Bob Haigh dnp

Daniel Pelerin (for Bonal)
Floreal Bonet (for Cremoux)

Referee: Fred Lindop (Wakefield)
Attendance: 8,958

Half-time: 4 - 0
Receipts: £3,510

Saturday October 31st at Station Road, Swinton

GREAT BRITAIN

27

NEW ZEALAND

17

Ray Dutton 6 GOALS

Don Ladner 4 GOALS

Ken Jones
Syd Hynes TRY
Chris Hesketh TRY
John Atkinson TRY

John Whittaker
Roy Christian TRY
Bernie Lowther
Mocky Brereton

Mick Shoebottom
Keith Hepworth

Gary Woollard
Graeme Cooksley

Dave Chisnall
Kevin Ashcroft
Cliff Watson TRY
Jimmy Thompson
Bob Haigh
Doug Laughton TRY

John Greengrass
Colin O'Neil
Elliot Kereopa
Garry Smith TRY
Eddie Heatley
Tony Kriletich TRY

Substitutes

Paul Charlton (for Hepworth)
Mal Reilly dnp

Lummy Graham (for Cooksley)
Doug Gailey dnp

Referee: Fred Lindop (Wakefield)
Attendance: 5,513

Half time: 15 - 10
Receipts: £1,744

Sunday November 1st at Odsal Stadium, Bradford

FRANCE

17

AUSTRALIA

15

Jean Claude Cros

Eric Simms 3 GOALS

Serge Marsolan 2 TRIES
Michael Molinier
Raymond Gruppi
Daniel Pelerin

Ray Branighan
John Cootes 2 TRIES
Bob Fulton TRY
Lionel Williamson

Jean Capdouze TRY, 3 GOALS
Roger Garrigues GOAL

Denis Pitard
Billy Smith

Christian Sabatie
Jacques Cabero
Floreal Bonet
Francis de Nadai
Roger Biffi
Jean Paul Clar

Barry Mc Taggart
Elwyn Walters
Bob O'Reilly
Bob Mc Carthy
Paul Sait
Ron Coote

Substitutes

Germaine Guiraud dnp
Herve Mazard dnp

Ron Turner (for Mc Taggart)
Gary Sullivan (for Pittard)

Referee: Billy Thompson (Huddersfield)
Attendance: 6,217

Half-time: 12 - 9
Receipts: £2,085

1970 WORLD CUP FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	Pts	F	A
Great Britain	3	3	0	0	6	44	21
Australia	3	1	0	2	2	66	39
France	3	1	0	2	2	32	37
New Zealand	3	1	0	2	2	44	89

PLAY-OFF

Saturday November 7th at Headingley, Leeds

AUSTRALIA

12

GREAT BRITAIN

7

Eric Simms 3 GOALS

Ray Dutton GOAL

Lionel Williamson TRY

Alan Smith

John Cootes TRY

Syd Hynes GOAL

Paul Sait

Frank Myler

Mark Harris

John Atkinson TRY

Bob Fulfon

Mick Shoebottom

Billy Smith

Keith Hepworth

John O'Neill

Dennis Hartley

Ron Turner

Tony Fisher

Bob O'Reilly

Cliff Watson

Bob Mc Carthy

Jimmy Thompson

Ron Costello

Doug Laughton

Ron Coote

Mal Reilly

Substitutes

Ray Branighan (for Sait)

Chris Hesketh (for Myler)

Elwyn Walters (for Turner)

Bob Haigh (for Dutton)

Referee: Fred Lindop (Wakefield)

Half-time: 5 - 4

Attendance: 18,776

Receipts: £11,115