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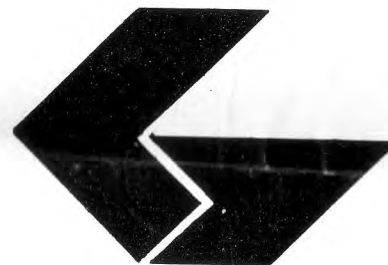
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Welcome to players, officials and spectators from York for what could be the most important match of the season for both clubs.

Fartown fans will not need reminding that a win today will see us into the First Division next season while defeat will make the Minster favourites to go up with Rochdale, Leigh and Barrow.

Both sides had confidence-boosting wins in midweek, York winning 19-5 at Oldham and ourselves beating Whitehaven 28-14 here at Fartown, so today's clash promises to be a rare old duel.

We had three key men returning against Whitehaven and this turned out to be crucial for our reserve strength is not as strong as we would like. Indeed several new signings are anticipated for the start of next season.

There have been signs recently that support may be gradually coming back to Fartown and it will be interesting to see if today's attendance tops the one at Leeds Road yesterday to watch our soccer counterparts.

CATERING

After today's match against York we have only one more to play before our season ends next Sunday. So may I, on behalf of the Catering Committee, thank all the voluntary helpers who have helped in any way, both in the Terrace Side Hut and the Pavilion Tea Bar, to make this season a great financial success.

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Thanking you once again and hoping for your continued support next season, when we hope to see First Division Rugby.

CLIFFORD NORCLIFFE,

Chairman, Catering Committee.

Batty's Bit

By Brian Batty of the "Daily Mail"

The Wembley trail produced conflicting emotions for two families as St. Helens moved on to a final encounter with Leeds, on May 13th.

Saints' prop forward Dave Chisnall's joy at reaching the final with his home town club was tempered with disappointment that his brother Eric would not be in the pack with him.

A few yards down the same dressing room Saints' scrum half, Ken Gwilliam, was reflecting on the heartache of his brother Alan in the Warrington quarters.

'I was hoping that Eric would have been back in action by now but I just hope that he is fit again to resume playing at the start of next season,' said Dave.

With the plaster still on his arm after three operations fans throughout the game will be hoping that one of rugby's most talented forwards makes it next time.

Fortunately for the footballing Chisnalls, Dave has recaptured his best form in recent months to keep the family flag flying and earned his third Wembley trip.

'I was with Leigh when they went in 1971 but I missed out through suspension,' recalls Dave. 'But then I helped Warrington beat Featherstone only to be captain of the side that lost to Widnes the following season.'

'I enjoyed my spells at Leigh and Warrington and have settled down now at St. Helens. It took me a while to overcome the change in style but I feel really at home.'

Ken Gwilliam has had a long wait for his glory since moving from Salford where he was a full back.

But he was one of the heroes of the semi-final success and has struck the best form of his career at the right time as Saints go for the honours.

'I feel sorry for my brother, Alan. It would have been marvellous to have played at Wembley in the same side but the game is full of disappointments and I have had my share in the past,' said Ken.

The sad twist for Alan is that he was on Saints' books until they swapped him with Warrington for centre Derek Noonan, who has held down a centre spot with his steady and reliable performances.

One of the fascinating aspects of the Cup is that it will continue to unfold chapters of triumph and tragedy on and off the field but one thing is for certain, the hardest defeat to accept is at the semi-final stage.

It is so close to the glamour of a Wembley outing that it takes most players some time to get over the disappointment of narrowly missing out.

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TODAY'S OPPONENTS — YORK

By IAN LAYBOURN, Huddersfield Examiner

York have tended, over the last few years, to rely on talent from the West Yorkshire coal-mining area of Wakefield, Castleford and Featherstone to push their claims for regular First Division status and today's line-up verifies this.

No fewer than ten players on view today have played for one of the three professional outfits and two of them, Terry and Mick Morgan, who are cousins, cost £20,000 between them.

Terry, a former Wakefield Colt who joined Keighley, is an accurate goalkicker and winger of rare promise. On the other wing Derek Foster is on the other end of the scale, making a comeback this season after retiring from Castleford and producing some useful performances.

Another great future prospect is full back Barry Banks, who was called up for Yorkshire earlier this season along with experienced centre Jack Marston, the former Trinity man. Gary Smith, a product of York amateur rugby, is the other regular centre.

Another ex-Trinity Colt is stand-off John Crossley who has been partnering fellow youngster Brian Hughes at half back recently. Hughes, signed from Castleford amateurs Lock Lane midway through the season, has been outstanding and kept former Belle Vue No. 7 Kevin Harkin out of the first team.

Vastly experienced Terry Ramshaw forms a more than useful front row with ex-Featherstone heavyweight Billy Harris and former Trinity forward Gary Hetherington, who was reserve for the Great Britain Under 24 squad earlier this season.

Another ex-Featherstone Rovers player, Alan Rhodes, teams up with Steve Cooper, brother of former coach Gary Cooper, in the second row and ex-international Mick Morgan is at loose forward.

LIST OF SCORERS

| League and Cup Matches | | | | 'A' Team Matches | | | |
|------------------------|--------|----|-----|------------------|--------|----|-----|
| | G | T | Pts | | G | T | Pts |
| FOX | 73(1D) | 5 | 160 | WILSON | 22(2D) | 5 | 57 |
| BRANCH | — | 21 | 63 | REDFEARN | 22 | — | 44 |
| WILSON | 13 | 8 | 50 | DAVIES | — | 10 | 30 |
| REDFEARN | 18 | — | 36 | H. ARMITAGE ... | 11 | 2 | 28 |
| SHEPHERD | — | 12 | 36 | MULLANEY | 8 | 3 | 25 |
| SENIOR | — | 11 | 33 | RUDDOCK | — | 6 | 18 |
| ROWE | — | 10 | 30 | T. JOHNSON | — | 5 | 15 |
| CYRUS | — | 10 | 30 | MORTON | — | 5 | 15 |
| LEATHLEY ... (1D) | 9 | 28 | 28 | LEESE | — | 4 | 12 |
| KNIGHT | — | 8 | 24 | CLEGG | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| HOOSON | — | 4 | 12 | NELMES | — | 3 | 9 |
| CRAMP | — | 4 | 12 | R. ARMITAGE ... | — | 2 | 6 |
| CLEGG | 1 | 3 | 11 | ROWE | — | 2 | 6 |
| MULLANY | — | 3 | 9 | VAN BELLEN ... | — | 2 | 6 |
| WROE | — | 3 | 9 | SENIOR | — | 1 | 3 |
| JEANES | — | 3 | 9 | KEENE | — | 1 | 3 |
| DAVIES | — | 2 | 6 | THORNTON | — | 1 | 3 |
| NELMES | — | 2 | 6 | HOOSON | — | 1 | 3 |
| J. JOHNSON | — | 2 | 6 | CRAMP | — | 1 | 3 |
| HEPPLESTON | — | 1 | 3 | GREENWOOD ... | — | 1 | 3 |
| T. JOHNSON | — | 1 | 3 | | | | |
| LYONS | — | 1 | 3 | | | | |
| H. ARMITAGE | — | 1 | 3 | | | | |
| GREENWOOD | — | 1 | 3 | | | | |

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| 1977 | | F | A | 1978 | | F | A |
| August | | | | January | | | |
| 21 | *YORK home | 3-00 | 17 20 | 2 | OLDHAM home | 3-00 | 22 15 |
| | Esso Y.C., 1st Round | | | 8 | BATLEY home | 3-00 | 24 17 |
| 30 | *WIGAN home | 7-30 | 18 22 | 15 | Huyton away | 2-30 | 5 12 |
| | BBC2 Floodlit Trophy (prelim) | | | 22 | | | |
| September | | | | 29 | Batley away | 3-00 | 12 5 |
| 4 | LEIGH home | 3-00 | 11 22 | February | | | |
| 11 | Swinton away | 3-00 | 27 13 | 5 | BLACKPOOL ... home | 3-00 | 38 12 |
| 18 | HUYTON home | 3-00 | 44 0 | 26 | *Blackpool B. ... away | 3-00 | 9 7 |
| 25 | Blackpool away | 3-00 | 33 15 | | (Chall. Cup, 1st Rd.) | | |
| October | | | | March | | | |
| 2 | KEIGHLEY home | 3-00 | 18 10 | 5 | Barrow away | 2-30 | 6 30 |
| 9 | Leigh away | 3-00 | 14 20 | 12 | *SALFORD home | 3-00 | 13 3 |
| 16 | BARROW home | 3-00 | 15 13 | | Challenge Cup, 2nd Rd. | | |
| 23 | WHITEHAVEN ... home | 3-00 | 33 13 | 19 | *St. Helens away | | 5 31 |
| | John Player Comp., 1st Rd. | | | | Challenge Cup, 3rd Rd. | | |
| 30 | DONCASTER ... home | 3-00 | 44 10 | 24 | Keighley away | 7-30 | 8 5 |
| November | | | | 27 | Oldham away | 3-00 | 14 18 |
| 6 | OLDHAM home | 3-00 | 21 11 | April | | | |
| | John Player Comp., 2nd Rd. | | | 5 | SWINTON home | 7-30 | 12 11 |
| 13 | York away | 2-30 | 14 0 | 9 | Rochdale away | 3-00 | 7 29 |
| 19 | BRADFORD N. ... home | 2-30 | 0 11 | 12 | WHITEHAVEN ... home | 7-30 | 28 14 |
| | John Player Comp., Qtr.-Final | | | 16 | YORK home | 3-00 | ... |
| 20 | WHITEHAVEN ... home | 3-00 | Postp'd | 23 | ROCHDALE home | 3-00 | ... |
| 27 | | | | May | | | |
| December | | | | 13 | Challenge Cup Final | | |
| 4 | Doncaster away | 2-30 | 31 8 | 20 | Premiership Final | | |
| 10 | Whitehaven away | 3-00 | 5 9 | | | | |
| 18 | | | | | | | |
| 26 | Halifax away | 3-00 | 16 5 | | | | |
| 27 | HALIFAX home | 3-00 | 22 5 | | | | |

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"A" TEAM FIXTURES

| Yorkshire Senior Competition | | | | Yorkshire Senior Competition | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|------|----------|------------------------------|------------------------|------|---------|
| 1977 | | F | A | 1978 | | F | A |
| August | | | | January | | | |
| 20 | Featherstone R. ... away | 3-00 | 15 28 | 7 | Batley away | 2-30 | 27 17 |
| 27 | BRAMLEY home | 3-00 | 27 12 | 21 | NEW HUNSLET ... home | 3-00 | 14 10 |
| September | | | | 28 | BATLEY home | 3-00 | Postp'd |
| 3 | Bramley away | 3-00 | 25 40 | February | | | |
| 10 | BRADFORD N. ... home | 3-00 | 5 23 | 4 | Leeds away | 3-00 | Postp'd |
| 17 | Featherstone R. ... away | 3-00 | cancel'd | 18 | York away | 3-00 | Postp'd |
| | *YSC Comp., 1st Round | | | 25 | WAKEFIELD T. ... home | 3-00 | 20 11 |
| 24 | HULL K.R. home | 3-00 | 11 19 | March | | | |
| 30 | Keighley away | 7-30 | 21 13 | 3 | HALIFAX home | 3-00 | 15 3 |
| October | | | | 9 | Wakefield T. ... away | 7-30 | 22 20 |
| 8 | LEEDS home | 3-00 | 22 15 | 18 | FEATHERSTONE ... home | 3-00 | 4 14 |
| 15 | DONCASTER home | 3-00 | 42 0 | 25 | KEIGHLEY home | 3-00 | ... |
| 22 | DEWSBURY home | 3-00 | 16 20 | 31 | Castleford away | 7-30 | 9 39 |
| 29 | Doncaster away | 3-00 | 22 10 | April | | | |
| November | | | | 8 | NEW HUNSLET ... home | 3-00 | ... |
| 5 | Bradford N. away | 3-00 | 0 53 | 15 | Hull K.R. away | 2-30 | ... |
| 12 | YORK home | 3-00 | 14 14 | | | | |
| 19 | HULL home | 3-00 | Postp'd | | | | |
| December | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Dewsbury away | 2-30 | 12 9 | | | | |
| 10 | CASTLEFORD home | 3-00 | Postp'd | | | | |
| 24 | Halifax away | 2-30 | 11 2 | | | | |
| 30 | Hull away | 7-30 | Postp'd | | | | |

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