



"Teddy" Warren was then captain, with Harry Ashton as secretary. The season 1883-4 saw Fair Turner and Jimmy Buxton as captains with J. E. Warren as secretary, and it was at this period that a removal was made to the present Wilderspool ground. As they took over this ground two junior clubs in Warrington Wanderers and St. Elphin's, who had been unable to secure playing pitches, threw in their lot with the town club which, of course, meant increased playing strength.

The team in 1884 was: Walsh, full-back; Massey, Warburton and Hough, threequarters; Lightfoot and Russell, half-backs; Ashton (captain), Turner, Davies, Powey, Hoyes, Calvert, Hayes, Robinson and Humphries. It will be noted that there were three threequarters and nine forwards in those days. The great Arthur Gould had not then put his four threequarters' theory into practice, and Gallagher had not arrived to teach our players the art of loose forward play.

Anyway, Warrington carried on successfully, and 1885 saw them win the West Lancashire Cup at the Stanley Grounds, Liverpool.

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE VISITORS

We have Oldham as welcome visitors this evening, another team which one might have expected to figure more prominently this term than has been the case, for a great deal of money has been expended in the purchase of new players.

Prior to the holidays, Oldham had secured a similar number of points to ourselves, for one more match played.

The Watersheddings men defeated us earlier in the season in an impressive display, and gave promise then that they might quite easily settle down into a combination which would be commanding respect when cup-ties came along, but although they defeated Bradford, at Bradford, in the second leg of the first round, the aggregate points went against them, for they had given themselves too much to do by losing the first leg at Watersheddings.

There is plenty of talent available at Oldham, and the end of the season should find them much nearer the first four than now.

Platt, who has been experimented with at full back recently, seems to be now making the position his own.

Many players of about equal ability appear to be at the disposal of the Oldham selectors for the other positions in the backs, all of whom are capable of giving a good account of themselves.

Perhaps more prominent of late have been Warringtonian Joe Warham, who joined Oldham from Swinton; Ward, the former Halifax stand-off half; "Nip" Hayes, ex-St. Helens Old Boys R.U.; while Silva, at scrum half, after a succession of injuries since he left Llanelli, has recently deposed Glyn Morgan, the former Huddersfield and Cardiff Rugby League player, and is apparently now displaying the form which earned him a big reputation in South Wales.

The forwards are a lively force, with Bryn Goldswain a grand leader and captain, and our own pack will have to be at its best if they are to gain the upper hand.

We can expect Oldham to put everything into the game to-night in order to complete the double against us, which should give us a most interesting game.



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The method of distribution will be as follows :—

On TUESDAY NEXT, 11th APRIL—SHAREHOLDERS ONLY.

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Shareholders and Season Ticket Holders will be allowed to purchase two tickets.

In addition we are prepared to receive written applications from organisers of parties, and these will be dealt with in strict rotation as received. Organisers are asked to state their requirements clearly, but please do not enclose any remittance with your application.

While every effort will be made to fulfil organisers' requests, no guarantee can, of course, be given that the prices of the tickets will be just as requested.

No acknowledgment can be made of party applications, but organisers should note that distribution will commence on MONDAY, 17th APRIL, and they should make arrangements to collect their tickets on that day.

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Our "A" team will entertain Belle Vue "A" at The Stadium to-morrow night, kick-off 5.30 p.m., in the second leg of the first round of the Lancashire Combination Supplementary Competition.

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OUR INJURED

Injuries have robbed us of the services of a number of players who would have been very useful to us just now with such a congested fixture list.

Jack Atherton and Bill Jackson both broke down again at Wigan, when assisting the "A" team, and it does not seem likely that either player will be available again this season.

The injuries which Albert Pimblett and Frank Riley sustained at Salford, although bad enough, have proved not to be quite as serious as was first thought, and both might get a game or two in before our league programme is concluded.

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Warrington team: J. Hallam; J. Fish, D. Isherwood, G. Dickenson, E. Harris; R. Bate, J. Duckworth; J. Boardman, J. Fell, W. Edmondson, J. Scholtze, J. Eden, J. Cunningham, D. Morrison, E. Swift.

On April 30th, 1904, Warrington met Halifax at Weaste, Salford, and were defeated by eight points to three; attendance 17,500; receipts, about £1,000.

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At Leeds, on April 30th, 1905, Warrington won the Cup by defeating Hull Kingston Rovers, six points to nil; attendance 19,468; receipts about £1,261.

Warrington team: J. Hallam; J. Fish, D. Isherwood, G. Dickenson, T. Kenyon; D. Davies, E. Brooks; A. E. Boardman, G. Thomas, F. G. Shugars, G. Jolley, W. Belton, A. Naylor, W. Swift, W. Harmer. Scorer: J. Fish, two tries.

On April 27th, 1907, at the Broughton Rangers' ground, Warrington again won the Cup by defeating Oldham by 17 points to three; attendance, 18,500; receipts £1,008.

Warrington team: J. Tilley; J. Fish, D. Isherwood, I. Taylor, E. Brooks; S. Lees, T. Hockenhall; G. Thomas, F. Shugars, W. Belton, A. Boardman, G. Heath, A. Naylor. Scorers: S. Lees, J. Fish and T. Hockenhall, tries; and J. Fish four goals.

Warrington met Huddersfield, at Headingley, Leeds, on April 26th, 1913, and were defeated by nine points to five; attendance, 22,754; receipts, £1,446.

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On April 14th, 1928, Warrington met Swinton in the Challenge Cup Final. The game was played at Central Park, Wigan, and Swinton won by 1—1—5 to 0—1—3.

The Warrington team was: A. Frowen; W. Rhodes, J. Meredith, L. Perkins, D. Davies; T. Flynn; W. Kirk; W. Cunliffe, A. Peacock, J. Miller, J. Tranter, F. Williams, C. Seeling.

Warrington and Huddersfield met in the Challenge Cup Final at Wembley, in May, 1933, when Huddersfield won 21—17.

Our team was: W. Holding; T. Thompson, W. Dingsdale, W. Shankland, T. Blinkhorn; J. Oster, D. M. Davies; S. Hardman, N. Bentham, J. Miller, A. Evans, R. Smith, C. Seeling.

Warrington played Leeds at Wembley in May, 1936, and lost 18—2.

Warrington team was: W. Shankland; G. Jenkins, W. Dingsdale, A. B. Hawker, T. W. Garrett; J. Newcomb, P. T. Goodall; S. Hardman, D. Cotton, T. Miller, M. Flannery, J. Arkwright, T. Chadwick.

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First of all a ground was taken in Sankey Street, with the headquarters at the White Hart Hotel, and the following year the club went to Wilderspool Road. Then in 1881-2 they amalgamated with a team called Padgate, whose ground was in Slutchers Lane, and it was really from this period that real progress was made. The public became engrossed in the handling code, and it was their proud boast that they had a team composed wholly of individuals who could claim the town of "tan and wire" as their native heath.

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