

FIXTURE LIST

Day	Date	FIRST TEAM Opponents	Time	Venue	Result F. A.	Day	Date	'A' TEAM Opponents	Time	Venue	Result F. A.
S.	Aug. 12	Leigh A & B Cup	3.00	A	17 7	F.	Aug. 11	Leigh	7.30	H	13 19
F.	18	Swinton (L.C.)	7.30	H	9 12			(Farrell Cup)	7.30	H	11 42
Tu.	22	Leigh	7.30	A	12 19	S.	19	Swinton (L.C.C.S.)	3.00	A	10 18
F.	25	Halifax	7.30	A	16 24	F.	25	Liverpool C.	7.30	H	6 36
M.	28	Warrington	3.00	H	10 29	S.	2	Leigh	3.00	A	24 12
S.	Sept. 2	Leigh	3.00	H	6 15	F.	8	Swinton	7.30	H	29 11
S.	9	Swinton	3.00	A	10 16	S.	16	Liverpool C.	3.00	A	33 4
S.	16	York	3.00	H	43 20	F.	22	Warrington	7.30	H	10 40
Tu.	19	Wigan	7.30	H	24 5	S.	30	Swinton	3.00	A	12 11
S.	23	Warrington	3.00	A	7 9	F.	Oct. 6	Salford	7.30	A	12 20
S.	29	Swinton	7.30	H	2 2	S.	14	Warrington	3.00	A	P 20
S.	Oct. 7	York	3.00	A	13 26	F.	20	Rochdale H.	7.30	H	P 20
F.	20	Rochdale H.	7.30	A	8 18	S.	28	Whitehaven	3.00	A	11 3
S.	28	Whitehaven	3.00	H	35 7	F.	Nov. 10	Widnes Am. Lge.	7.30	H	
S.	Nov. 4	Blackpool B.	3.00	A	22 9	S.	18	Oldham	3.00	A	
S.	11	Batley	2.30	A	15 4	M.	27	Salford	7.30	H	
M.	13	Australia	7.00	H	11 33	S.	Dec. 9	Wigan	3.00	A	
F.	17	Oldham	7.30	H		S.	16	Barrow	3.00	H	
F.	24	Blackpool B.	7.30	H		S.	23	St. Helens	3.00	H	
F.	Dec. 1	Salford	7.30	A		S.	30	Rochdale H.	3.00	A	
F.	8	Halifax	7.30	H							
F.	15	Barrow	7.00	A							
F.	22	Salford	7.30	H							
Tu.	26	Liverpool C.	2.30	A							
F.	29	Rochdale H.	7.30	H							
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S.	Jan. 6	Featherstone R.	2.30	A							
S.	12	Featherstone R.	7.30	H							
S.	20	Workington T.	3.00	H							
S.	27	Wigan	3.00	A							
S.	Feb. 3	1st Rd. R.L.C.C.									
F.	9	Barrow	7.30	H							
S.	17	Oldham	3.00	A							
S.	24	2nd Rd. R.L.C.C.									
S.	Mar. 2	Workington T.	3.00	A							
S.	9	Batley	3.00	H							
S.	16	St. Helens	3.00	A							
S.	23	Whitehaven	3.00	A							
S.	30	S.F. R.L.C.C.									
S.	Apr. 6	S.F. R.L.C.C.									
S.	13	St. Helens	3.00	H							
M.	15	Liverpool C.	3.00	H							

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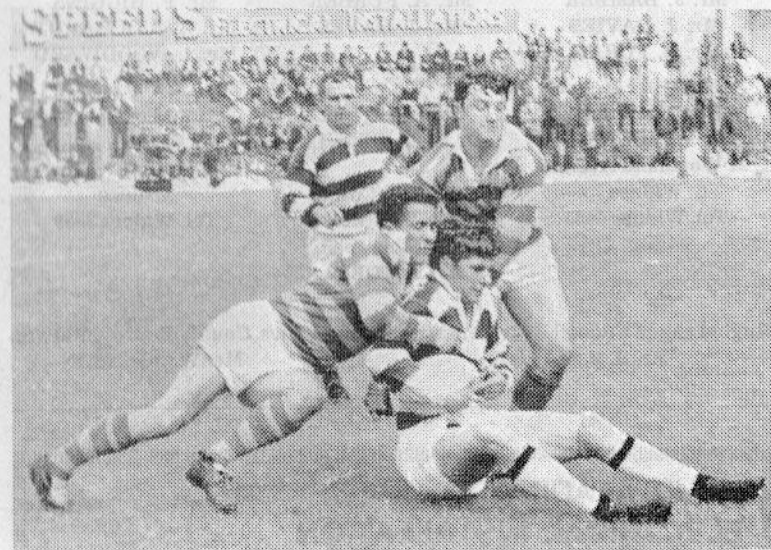
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EAST LANCASHIRE OPPOSITION

Tonight we welcome Oldham, a club which may not be making such an impact on the game this season but has been one of the leading teams in other seasons. We recall such famous players as Sloman, Rix, Farrar, Hesketh, Ganley, Pitchford, Turner, Stirrup, Little, while the older members at Naughton Park will also remember that old stager Ferguson, who was one of their leading stars for many years.

Oldham, as will be seen from the league table in another part of the programme, have hit a lot of snags this season, but they have some players of high talent. In the team is Arthur Hughes, our former Wembley forward, who was signed this season from Salford, while 'Ginger' Murphy is one of the finds of recent seasons. He can play in most back positions and is a prodigious worker.

Geoff Shelton, the centre, is the former Hunslet player who has gained a lot of honours in the game, while Warburton is a young player who is likely to make a name for himself in the code. Geoff Fletcher was at one time with Leigh. He is a strong forward, but he may not be available for this fixture. Everything points to a most interesting match.

Our cover picture shows Ray Dutton in trouble against Warrington, with Jimmy Walker rushing in to help.

MONDAY'S THRILLS

The almost five-figure crowd on Monday night were thrilled by the high-class entertainment which was provided. The Australians, according to the journalists who accompanied the party, displayed their best form of the tour, and there will be few who would deny that claim.

There was any amount of skilful passing and running, and it seems that the Kangaroos always play very well when they come to Naughton Park. It was a memorable occasion and revealed once again that Widnes is still a Rugby League hot-bed.

After the game the Touring party were entertained by the officials of the Widnes club, and what happened on that evening strengthened the ties between the club and the Australians.

We were pleased to see our former players who have gained international honours and toured Australasia. No doubt the match would revive many memories of the occasions when they clashed with the Kangaroos in their country.

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APPRECIATION

As usual, the club made gifts to the members of the Touring Party and the speeches which were made during the evening revealed how appreciative the officials, players and journalists from 'Down Under' were of the Widnes reception.

While we were well beaten by a team which could well win the next Test and might take away the 'Ashes', the lessons of that game will be remembered by the local players. It will be a spur to greater things and we have every hope of getting into the Top Sixteen and also doing well in the Challenge Cup competition.

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS

Congratulations to the Widnes Amateur League team for the brave show they made against our reserves. This was an excellent match. The Amateurs looked as if they were going to win at one stage, and don't forget that we had a very strong team on duty.

The match was played under bad conditions but this did not deter the players from producing many excellent moves. It is obvious that the local amateur league is still going as strong as ever though there are not as many teams operating as in former years.

Playing his first game of Rugby League since coming home from Australia after a three year stay will be Doug Davies with the 'A' team at Oldham tomorrow. We extend a warm welcome to Doug and his family and wish him a successful resumption to his Rugby League career.

Quite recently the R.L. Headquarters requested clubs to warn spectators against an outbreak of hooliganism. Culprits (if any) will be severely dealt with. Over the years we have not had occasion to grumble about the conduct of our supporters, and we hope that the exemplary behaviour will continue. We also hope that youngsters will not run on to the field, and that toilet roll throwing will be a thing of the past.

Widnes club joined with others in the League in the expressions of sympathy with the Leigh club in the loss they sustained by the death of Mr. Bob Shaw, who was a great worker for the cause. Mr. Shaw paid many visits to Naughton Park and was a most popular character. We can ill-afford

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to lose such enthusiastic men as Mr. Shaw, and our sympathies go to his relatives in their bereavement.

The floodlit TV game between Hull Kingston Rovers and Warrington on Tuesday night provided R.L. fans (and many others as well) with a taste of Real Rugby. After the great show at Naughton Park on Monday, plus Tuesday's exciting game, the game should receive a welcome boost.

There will be another 'Player of the Match' award by Players Cigarette Company tonight. There is an independent judge, and a £6 prize will be handed to the winner by one of the Players No. 6 personality girls.

There are also ballot boxes at various points in the ground, and spectators are invited to vote on the player whom they think should get one of the prizes for the 'Player of the Year' contest. From time to time you will be able to study the chart in the Popular Bar. This chart will give an up-to-the-minute position of the leading players who have been chosen by the crowds.

Player of the Match Votes — Change in Points System

The 'Man of the Match' scheme launched three weeks ago, whereby supporters vote for their Player of the Match, has been well received throughout the Rugby League counties of Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cumberland. Experience now indicates that a more accurate end-of-season result will be achieved if the points system is changed so that at each match the player with the most votes receives three points, the player with the second most votes receives two points, and the third player receives one point. This has been discussed with club managers and with the Rugby League, who are in full agreement with the proposal. This will not affect the situation of players who have already been voted for to-date. In the analysis they will each receive the correct number of points under the new scheme.

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2. HARE

3. ASPEY

4. NEWMAN

5. GAYDON

6. O'NEILL

7. BOYLAN

8. LARKIN

9. KEMEL

10. NEWTON

11. FRENCH

12. MARKEY

13. KIRWAN

OLDHAM

(Red and White)

1. MURPHY

2. COLLINS

3. McCORMACK

4. DONOVAN

5. BUCKLEY

6. Warburton

7. DAVIES

8. WILSON

9. TAYLOR

10. HOWARTH

11. IRVING

12. MOONEY

13. HUGHES

SUBSTITUTES

14. McDONNELL

15. NICHOLLS

14. CURRY

15. SMITH

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Mr. A. Bagnall (Rochdale), Orange Flag

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The next social evening in aid of the testimonial fund will be at the United Services Club, Ditton, on November 27th.

THE LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRADFORD NORTHERN	14	13	0	1	329	119	26
ST. HELENS	12	11	0	1	185	81	22
LEIGH	15	11	0	4	227	133	22
HALIFAX	14	10	1	3	246	176	21
LEEDS	13	10	0	3	276	149	20
HULL	13	9	0	4	215	179	18
WARRINGTON	14	9	0	5	258	140	18
WIGAN	14	9	0	5	276	147	18
HULL K.R.	12	8	1	3	242	125	17
HUDDERSFIELD	14	8	1	5	160	149	17
SWINTON	14	8	1	5	190	161	17
WAKEFIELD TRINITY	13	8	1	4	266	141	17
CASTLEFORD	14	8	0	6	198	180	16
WORKINGTON TOWN	14	8	0	6	259	169	16
FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	14	7	0	7	203	183	14
HUNSLET	14	7	0	7	209	211	14
SALFORD	14	6	0	8	207	175	12
BARROW	14	6	0	8	177	211	12
ROCHDALE HORNETS	16	6	0	10	172	251	12
DEWSBURY	12	6	0	6	126	174	12
LIVERPOOL CITY	14	5	1	8	151	243	11
WIDNES	14	5	1	8	223	203	11
WHITEHAVEN	15	5	0	10	148	294	10
DONCASTER	14	4	1	9	189	325	9
BRAMLEY	14	4	0	10	156	247	8
OLDHAM	14	4	0	10	156	247	8
BLACKPOOL	15	3	0	12	168	269	6
KEIGHLEY	14	3	0	11	129	234	6
YORK	13	2	0	11	158	323	4
BATLEY	15	1	0	14	120	408	2

FORTHCOMING GAMES AT NAUGHTON PARK

Friday, November 24th— Kick-off 7-30 p.m.

WIDNES v. BLACKPOOL BOROUGH

Monday, November 27th— Kick-off 7-30 p.m.

WIDNES 'A' v. SALFORD 'A'

Saturday, November 25th— Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

WIDNES v. WIGAN
UNDER-19 INTER-TOWN FINAL

FIRST TEAM SCORERS

	G.	T.	Pts.
Ray Dutton (full-back)	43	—	86
Malcolm Aspey (centre threequarter)	—	9	27
Ged Lowe (stand-off half)	2	6	22
Ian Hare (wing threequarter)	—	6	18
John Gaydon (wing threequarter)	—	6	18
Dennis O'Neill (centre threequarter)	—	6	18
Jim Boylan (scrum-half)	5	2	15
A. Newman (centre threequarter)	—	4	12
Robin Whitfield (threequarter or full-back)	1	3	11
Brian Larkin (forward)	—	2	6
George Nicholls (forward)	—	2	6
Dennis Carden (forward)	—	1	3
Ray French (forward)	—	1	3
George Kemel (hooker)	—	1	3
Dave Markey (forward)	—	1	3
Jim Walker (utility back)	—	1	3
Paul McDonnell (utility back)	—	1	3
Fred Newton (forward)	—	1	3
John Kirwan (forward)	—	1	3
Albert Hillman (utility back)	—	—	2

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