

WHITEHAVEN RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

FIXTURES 1976/77

AUGUST	F	A	JANUARY	F	A
22—Leigh (L. Cup)	A	13 41	1—Blackpool 2.30 ko	A	
29—Lancs Cup 2nd Rd.			9—Batley 2.30 ko	A	
SEPTEMBER			14—Swinton	H	
5—Bramley	A	15 26	23—		
10—Huddersfield	H	3 20	30—New Hunslet 3.30 ko	A	
14—Barrow (F. Trophy)	H	25 11	FEBRUARY		
17—Hull	H	10 15	4—York	H	
26—Halifax 3.30 ko	A	17 18	12—1st Rd. Challenge Cup		
OCTOBER			20—Hull 3.00 ko	A	
1—Keighley	H	5 18	27—2nd Rd. Challenge Cup		
10—Dewsbury 3.30.	A		MARCH		
15—Halifax	H		4—New Hunslet	H	
24—Players' No. 6 1st Rd.			11—Bramley	H	
31—Keighley 3.00ko	A		20—Huyton 2.30 ko	A	
NOVEMBER			27—Swinton 3.00 ko	A	
7—Players' No. 6 2nd Rd.			APRIL		
12—Blackpool	H		3—		
21—Doncaster 2.30 ko	A		10—York 3.00 ko	A	
26—Dewsbury	H		15—Huyton	H	
DECEMBER			22—Batley	H	
5—Huddersfield 3.00 ko	A				
10—Doncaster	H				
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CLUB NOTES

First Division opposition again graces our turf tonight in the form of our Lancashire friends, Oldham. In this, the first round proper of the Floodlit Cup Competition we are fortunate to be favoured with a home draw.

This is their first venture into this competition this year, as they were not one of the twelve clubs involved in the Preliminary Round. The other ties this year are; Swinton v St. Helens, Widnes v Wigan, Leeds v New Hunslet, Castleford v Hull K.R., Keighley v Hull as well as Leigh who defeated Salford last week and Huddersfield. Pick who you would like out of that lot and get on your knees for at least a home draw.

Injuries are once again playing a significant part to the start of the season. With Brian Rose suffering from a damaged knee, which one doctor has diagnosed as cartilage trouble and another ligament, Phil Charlton is laid low with a damaged shoulder and the situation worsens. Ronnie Fletchers ribs have recovered, while Keith Hunter twisted his back at Halifax, Don Hetherington's leg is back to normal after having been gashed during training while Steve Hannah's leg is very slowly recovering from its second breaking.

Add these to the fact that Tom Gainford was in front of the Disciplinary Committee last Thursday and ended up with two games suspension and you can see that Bill Smith needs all thirty or so players he has in the squad at the moment.

On the brighter side, Joe Stewart, Mark Johnstone and Colin Hall have all shown up well in training and local matches, the latter two travelled to Halifax with the club to get accustomed to the atmosphere of away games. Another plus for the club is the form of John Elliot who played very well at Halifax and came close in carrying on the scoring habit he has got into.

Don't forget our next home game is on October the 15th against Halifax, kick off 7 p.m. SEE YOU THERE.

OUR VISITORS

Our friends from the Watersheddings have had a less successful start to their season than they could have hoped for.

At Blackpool, early on, they were bundled out of the Lancs. Cup by the "Borough." Although by all accounts the "Seasiders" are playing some good rugby at the moment and the 17-10 result was no fluke.

John Blair has been kicking the goals this year in the absence of regular marksman Phil Larder, who looks like being out for some time with a broken bone in his arm. Also out of action is scrum half Dickie Brown, who dislocated a shoulder in the Blackpool game. His place has been taken by John Paterson, who was up before the Disciplinary Committee last week and could be doubtful tonight.

Winger Mike Elliot has been scoring tries regularly while others to watch for are full back Martin Murphy and second rower Fred Hall.

MEET . . . PAUL EILBECK

Full Name : Paul Eilbeck

Birthdate : 15th September, 1951

Birthplace : Egremont

Marital Status : Single, but I am engaged to be married. Fiancees name Carolyn.

Profession : Site Engineer for Border Engineers.

Career to date : I went to Whitehaven G.S. and then to Wyndham, Egremont. Colin Wright was the man behind my Rugby roots although I played Soccer, Cricket and Athletics as well. I played a couple of times for Gosforth in the Senior League and was a "demon" spinner.

Up until I was Eighteen I turned out for Egremont R.L. club but then decided to go back to Rugby Union at Bleach Green. I managed to get selected for the Cumberland Under 15 R.U. team and had trials for the North of England side. Unfortunately there seemed to be too much of the "old school tie" then and only people from Grammar School were selected.

When I signed for Whitehaven Jeff Bawden put me right on a lot of things and although I suppose there is still a lot to learn I reckon he helped me the most.

During last season I was doing sprint training with Keith Hodgson up at Maryport, along with John Shimmings as well. I would like to have another game of cricket though I am not keen on the idea of about forty overs, I much prefer the less serious stuff, like the Mid-Week League.

At the end of last year people were suggesting that I should try to play in the forwards but I have now lost a bit of weight and I am more than happy to stay on the wing. The sprint training has helped, although I could still do with improving my speed off the mark.

In the Whitehaven team at the moment I think John Elliott is showing up well, while in training Joe Stewart has progressed since signing last year. I think Joe should be given a chance to show just how good he is.

The biggest "bug-bear" in R.L. these days is the travelling we have to do and I certainly prefer the Friday night home matches, although when we lose it spoils the week end a bit more. I think our going to Hull K.R. a couple of years ago, on a Friday night, and getting an unexpected win was my memorable moment so far although when I got two tries against Barrow that same year, I was quite pleased.

I suppose my main hobby at the moment is thinking about getting married and looking for houses and I like local car rallying too!

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WHITEHAVEN

	Tries	Goals	Points
1—FLETCHER			
2—HODGSON			
3—McQUIRE			
4—ELLIOT			
5—EILBECK			
6—STEWART			
7—EVANS			
8—HETHERINGTON			
9—McCURRIE			
10—BARNES			
11—McALONE			
12—LITT			
13—COTTIER			
14—GRACEY			
15—PRINGLE			

OLDHAM

Tries	Goals	Points	
.....			MURPHY—1
.....			ELLIOTT—2
.....			JACKSON—3
.....			WAINWRIGHT—4
.....			LUND—5
.....			BLAIR—6
.....			TREASURE—7
.....			HUGHES—8
.....			TAYLOR K.—9
.....			TAYLOR I.—10
.....			OWEN—11
.....			WELDING—11
.....			REYNOLDS—13
.....			—14
.....			—15

Referee: Mr. J. E. JACKSON, Pudsey.

Touch Judges: Messrs. J. H. ROSS, J. A. SOUTHWORTH

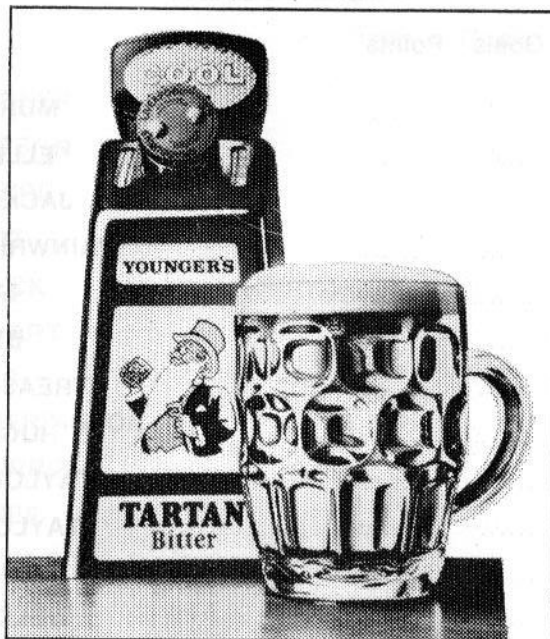
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- 9) Winners will be notified by post, and results of the competition will be published in the Competitors Journal.

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Signed _____

FACTS DEPARTMENT

The first league game against Oldham was on April 29th, 1950 when the match resulted in a 5-3 victory for us. The try scorer was Tommy Keen with John McKeown adding the goal. The full team was McKeown, J. Fearon, Harris, Jackson, T. Proud, Warry, Keen, Dover, Frost, Hodgson, Graham, Livingstone and Lewis.

Since then, in both Cup and League games, we have met a further twenty nine times with us winning thirteen, losing thirteen and drawing three. So with that first win we just have the edge in Recreation Ground results. Our biggest victory was in 1959/60 when the score was 23-9, while in 1964/5 the Lancashire Cup match resulted in a 31-10 victory to Oldham, to give them their biggest winning margin there. Oldham were formed in 1876 and have won the league title four times, the Challenge Cup nine times, the latter being second best only to Wigan.

Their biggest club score was 67 against Liverpool City on April 4th, 1959, in which game Bernard Ganley kicked fourteen goals. The club record points in a season record is also held by Ganley, who during the 1957/58 season scored 453.

For your personal records, the team at Halifax was : Charlton (1T), Hodgson (1T), McQuire, Elliott, Eilbeck, Shimmings, Whalley (4G), Cottier, McCurrie, Barnes, McAlone (1T), Gainford, Hunter, Subs : Gracey and Hetherington (both played).

Steven Whalley's first goal against Keighley brought up his 100 points with the club.

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