

Salford

(Red jerseys, white shorts, red stockings)

1. DAVID WATKINS (ex-Newport R.U.)
2. KEITH FIELDING (Moseley R.U.)
3. JOHN BUTLER (Rochdale Hornets)
4. CHRIS HESKETH (Wigan)
5. MAURICE RICHARDS (Cardiff R.U.)
6. KEN GILL (St. Helens Recs.)
7. STEVE NASH (Featherstone Rovers)
8. MIKE COULMAN (Moseley)
9. DEAN RAISTRICK (Keighley)
10. ALAN GRICE (Blackbrook)
11. JOHN MANTLE (St. Helens)
12. SAMMY TURNBULL (Salford Colts)
13. JOHN KNIGHTON (Heaton Moor R.U.)
14. GORDON GRAHAM (Sale R.U.)
15. JOHN CORCORAN (Wigan St. Patrick's)

Oldham

(Red and white bands, white shorts)

1. MARTIN MURPHY (Leigh Miners)
2. MIKE ELLIOTT (Blaina R.U.)
3. EDDIE BARTON (Manchester R.U.)
4. TONY WAINWRIGHT (Leeds)
5. STEPHEN LUND (Castleford Colts)
6. DAVID TREASURE (Bradford Northern)
7. JOHN PATTERSON (Castleford Amateur R.L.)
8. BRIAN HUGHES (Leeds)
9. KEVIN TAYLOR (Werneth Juniors)
10. BOB WELDING (Rochdale Hornets)
11. BARRY KEAR (Hull)
12. STEVE HERBERT (Leigh Colts)
13. DICKIE BROWN (Doncaster)
14. MICK McCONE (Doncaster)
15. PAUL STARBUCK (Castleford Amateur R.L.)

Referee: Mr. A. T. PARKER (Hull)

Touch Judges: Mr. D. Scott; Mr. K. Ashall

Half-time:

Attendance:

Tries (3 pts)	Goals (2 pts)	Drop Goals (1 pt)	Points
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5-0

0-3 1/2

0-4 1/2

0-7 1/2

0-9 1/2

13-9

16-9

18-9

4-7

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SALFORD SCENE

A move for Mike?

INTERNATIONAL forward Mike Coulman will leave Salford if Workington Town can persuade him to move, writes Bert Hughes.

Town inquired about the former British Lion last weekend and were given permission to interview him.

But they will have to come up with a very special offer to tempt Coulman away from The Willows as he has never had the inclination to leave Salford, for whom he signed in September 1968.

The big prop found himself in a similar situation a couple of seasons ago but turned down offers and fought back to the form which earned him a World Championship place Down Under in 1975.

Workington could be hoping for Coulman as a replacement for their current unsettled number eight Jim Mills if they should decide to let Mills return to South Lancashire.

But a straight swap will not necessarily be the outcome of the current negotiations for Wigan have shown an interest in the former Salford man, who trains with Central Park coach Vince Karalius.

With the prospect of having Eric Prescott and Colin Dixon suspended at last Thursday's Disciplinary Committee meeting, the Reds, too, have been trying to strengthen the back row with an offer to St. Helens's David Hull.

Wingers Keith Fielding and Maurice Richards are due to make a comeback today after injury lay-offs and their return would release John Knighton

Cover: Oldham full-back Martin Murphy evading a tackle by George Nicholls of St. Helens during a match at Watersheddings. In the rear are two of the younger Oldham players, hooker Roger O'Mahoney and loose-forward Gordon Pollard.

(Photo: Oldham Evening Chronicle)

from the three-quarters to cover for Prescott at loose-forward.

Back, too, could be hooker Dean Raistrick, who was due to train last week, and he could find himself on the substitutes' bench with Alan Grice retaining the hooking berth.

The Salford Rugby League Sports Quiz team—Eric Shaw, Geoff Gunning and Mike Kehoe—have won through to the Final of Radio Manchester's Top Score Sports Quiz.

They will play Leigh Rugby League team at the Manchester City Social Club on Thursday, January 13th at 8 p.m. and the lads would appreciate as much support as possible.

A coach will leave The Willows at 7.15 p.m. and there will be no charge.

Anyone interested in travelling on the coach should give their names to the Secretary's office or the Pools office

The earlier rounds are presently being transmitted on Radio Manchester every Saturday at 10 a.m. and Sunday at 3.



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CLUB RECORDS

Highest win 74-3 v. Bramley, 1933.

Highest defeat: 0-59 v. St. Helens, 1952.

Highest attendance: 26,470 v. Warrington (R.L. Cup), 13th Feb., 1937.

CLUB RECORD HOLDERS

Points in club career: D. Watkins 2,344 (at the end of 1975/76 season).

Points in a season: D. Watkins 493 in 1972-73.

Tries in a season: R. Brown 46 in 1933-34, K. J. Fielding 46 in 1973-74.

Tries in a season by a full-back: H. P. Charlton 33 (including 2 representative) in 1972-73 (World Record).

Goals in a season: D. Watkins 221 in 1972-73 (World record).

Points in a match: A. J. Risman 32 in 1933 and 1940.

Goals in a match: A. J. Risman 13 in 1933 and 1940; D. Watkins 13 in 1972.

Longest playing sequence: D. Watkins 140 matches from 12 Apr. 1971 to 25 Apr. 1974.

Longest scoring sequence: D. Watkins 92 matches from 18 Aug. 1972 to 25 Apr. 1974. (R.L. record)

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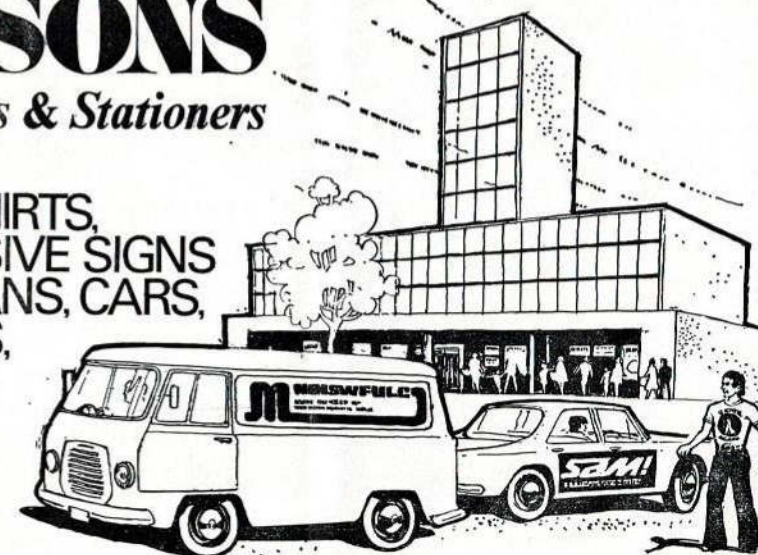
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OLDHAM SCENE

by DON YATES

THE FIRST visitors to The Willows in 1977 are Oldham, a side noted for their defensive qualities but who also field enough attacking talent to cause a few New Year problems to a Salford side determined to atone for recent league results.

The Oldham skipper is full-back Martin Murphy, a fine, attacking player who won Lancashire Under-17 honours before joining Oldham in April 1967 from Astley and Tyldesley Colliery. He has since made two senior appearances for Lancashire and two seasons ago represented England in Perpignan against the French.

Joint leading try-scorers for Oldham last season were Welshmen Mike Elliott and David Treasure with 12 touchdowns apiece. Treasure is a



MIKE ELLIOTT

product of the Yorkshire Copper Works junior side who turned professional in January 1971 with Bradford Northern.

He was transferred to Oldham for £4,500 in November 1973 and whilst at Watersheddings has won Welsh international honours, playing in five full internationals for his country and making the trip to Australasia in 1975 for the World Championship series.

There is little doubt that the hardest working player on show this afternoon will be half-back John Paterson, 22, who joined Oldham from Cutsyke juniors in May 1974. Although normally a scrum-half, Paterson has occupied the stand-off berth and was Oldham's best player in a recent match when he played loose-forward!

Occupying the scrum-half position this afternoon is Mick McCone, a clever little player who won Yorkshire Under-19 honours before joining Doncaster in 1966 from Wakefield juniors. He was transferred to Oldham in January 1972 for £1,000 but work commitments have interfered with his career during the past couple of seasons.

In the absence of Kevin Taylor, Oldham's regular hooker over the past 10 years, young Roger O'Mahoney has been drafted into the side and he certainly has not let his colleagues down.

This former schoolboy international is a tremendous worker in the loose and is sure to be a valuable asset to the club in future years. He was signed from Oldham's "B" team in November 1971.

The Oldham packleader and recently-appointed player-coach is prop forward Terry Ramshaw, a familiar figure at The Willows for Salford are one of the seven professional clubs for whom he has played in an outstanding career which began with Featherstone Rovers.

Ramshaw, who is now 33 years old, left Rovers for Halifax and then served

Bradford Northern and Wakefield Trinity before moving to Salford for £2,000 in October 1971. He played for the Reds in the 1973 Player's No. 6 Trophy Final before moving to Hull Kingston Rovers and then to Oldham in October 1975 for a bargain £500 fee.

The brightest forward prospect on Oldham's books is Steve Herbert, 20, a former Lancashire and England school boy second-rower who seems destined for a colourful career in the game. He was signed from Leigh Colts in February 1975 and scored two tries on his debut in the final match of that 1974-75 season.

Herbert has, no doubt, picked up a great deal of experience from Bob Welding, his 32-year-old second-row partner who has played for England at Under-24 level as well as making 10 appearances for Lancashire. Welding began his career with Leigh and then served Bradford Northern and Rochdale Hornets before moving to Oldham in March 1974 for £2,500.

Despite this obvious talent fielded by Oldham, they have found the going rather tough in First Division football and Salford will be favourites to win

this afternoon but they must not underestimate a determined Oldham side who lack nothing in enthusiasm and effort.

RUGBY LEAGUE QUIZ

1. Which Salford player made his debut against Oldham in October 1967?
2. Who did Oldham beat in the Championship Top-Four play-off in season 1956-57?
3. Who played in all Oldham's 39 matches last season?
4. How many times did Bernard Ganley play for Great Britain?
5. Which three Oldham players were members of the 1957 World Cup squad which visited Australia?

1. David Watkins.
2. Leeds 22-12 in the semi-final and Hull by 15-14 in the final at Odsal.
3. Mike Elliott.
4. Three times—all versus France in season 1957-58.
5. Alan Davies, Syd Little and Derek Turner.

Answers



It's that man Murphy again, seen here scoring under the posts against Barrow

Photos: Oldham Evening Chronicle

Batty's Scene

Jim Challinor: A great character

By BRIAN BATTY (Daily Mail).

THE IMPACT someone makes in sport is often measured in terms of success, courage and popularity.

Jim Challinor combined these very qualities as he progressed from a top player to a respected coach to claim top honours.

His death, at 42, has robbed Rugby League of a great character, who never seemed to lose his boyish looks and unlimited enthusiasm.

He was popular throughout the world of Rugby League, making many friends from the time he toured Australia in 1958 as a player to returning as coach with Great Britain in 1974.

PARTNERSHIP

In between Jim had guided Great Britain to their 1972 World Cup success in France in partnership with manager Wilf Spavin, whose death was also a great loss to the game.

Jim was a mere 18-year-old when he won a centre place alongside the legendary Brian Bevan in that great Warrington side of the fifties.

He helped Warrington win the Challenge Cup against Halifax in the replay at Bradford before the vast crowd of 102,569 in 1954.

He returned to Wembley as Barrow's player-coach in 1967 when they lost to Featherstone and maintained his reputation for clean play to the end of his career.



His first major success as a coach was with St. Helens when they won at Wembley in 1972 against Leeds, later moving on to Oldham to lift them out of the Second Division.

When Great Britain narrowly failed to win the Test series in Australia in '74 after the squad suffered a crippling injury list he refused to complain.

EXAMPLE

He was upset by the refereeing of John Percival which at first threatened to rob Britain of the series in New Zealand but he set a fine example.

The injuries had reached an unbelievable level when the tourists played a country game at Greymouth and he willingly donned a jersey to delight the crowd with classy centre display—at the age of 40.

Great Britain manager Reg Parker formed a strong partnership with Jim on that tour and recalls: "I played against Jim and he was one of the best sporting types you could ever wish to meet".

During his serious illness he showed character when he was upset by letters criticising Alex Murphy in his local paper. He forgot the pain to tell me: "Fans have short memories. I have a good mind to write a letter myself to the paper".

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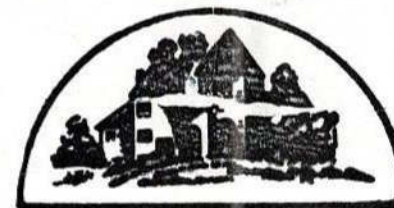
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Look back in Triumph !



CHAMPION! Club captain Chris Hesketh proudly displays the trophy which proclaims that Salford are the champions.



CHAMPION! Colin Dixon touches down against Keighley to clinch the championship for the Reds.

1976, no matter how it ended, was a year which brought more triumph than tragedy to The Willows.

The recent run of three consecutive defeats—the last two at home—tend to blunt the memory of some fine football and exciting entertainment over the past twelve months.

To jog those memories which need it we present a selection of Scene pictures which may help to remind folk that:

Salford were the champions for the second time in three seasons;

The Reds contributed to yet another thrilling knockout final—the Premiership;

Great Britain and Salford skipper Chris Hesketh was awarded the M.B.E. in the New Year honours list;

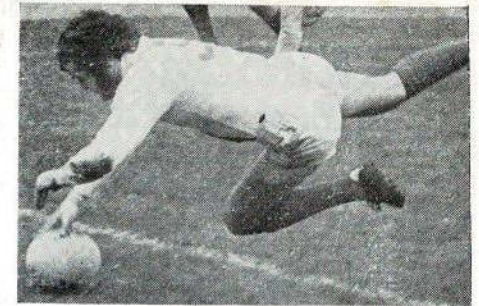
Maurice Richards was the top try-scorer in the Rugby League;

Keith Fielding was runner-up to Maurice;

David Watkins once again kicked more goals and scored more points than any other player; and

Sam Turnbull became the first 'home grown' Salfordian since the start of our youth coaching scheme to gain international honours.

To these and to the many more no less important players who wear the Red Devils shirts, Salford Scene says: Thanks—and a lucky New Year.



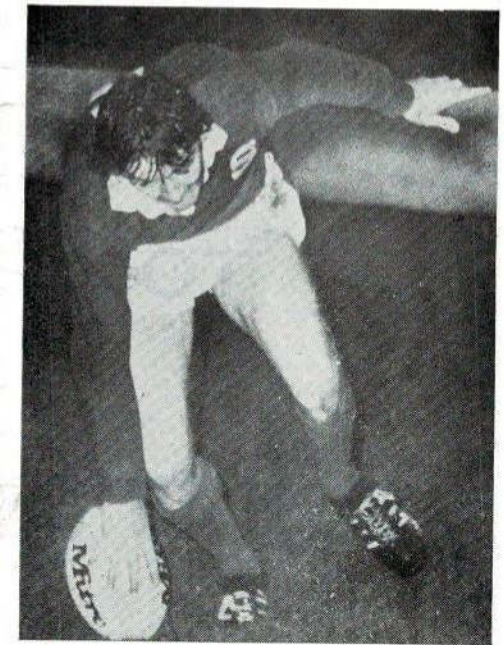
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Facts and Figures Scene

RESULTS IN DETAIL

Sunday 26 December 1976

SALFORD 1-3-0-9 **WIDNES** 2-3-1-13

First Division

Team: Watkins (3g); Graham, Butler, Hesketh, Knighton; Gill (t), Nash; Coulman, Grice, Mantle, Turnbull, Dixon, Prescott. Subs: Corcoran, Frodsham (neither played) H.T. 4-7. Att. 7,450. Referee: A. Givvons (Oldham).

FIRST TEAM RECORD

	This season						Total for Salford					
	P	Sub	T	G	D	Pts	P	Sub	T	G	D	Pts
Butler	19	—	8	—	—	24	68	2	32	—	—	96
Clarke	12	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—
Corcoran ...	4	4	—	—	—	—	14	16	2	—	—	6
Coulman	18	—	2	—	—	6	274	10	80	—	—	240
Devlin	4	1	—	—	—	—	78	9	16	—	—	48
Dixon	17	—	4	—	—	12	304	7	75	1	—	227
Fielding	11	1	4	8	—	28	134	2	109	102	—	531
Frodsham ...	2	1	—	—	—	—	9	4	—	—	—	—
Gill	19	—	12	—	—	36	201	4	51	7	1	168
Graham	13	1	3	—	—	9	70	15	22	—	—	66
Grice	3	5	—	—	—	—	140	40	2	—	—	6
Hesketh	16	—	7	—	—	21	387	2	117	—	—	351
Knighton	17	1	3	—	—	9	122	16	27	—	—	81
Mantle	19	—	4	—	—	12	19	—	4	—	—	12
Mayor	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	3
Nash	17	—	1	—	1	4	63	—	9	4	4	39
Prescott	6	—	—	—	—	—	136	2	14	7	1	57
Richards	16	—	12	—	—	36	296	—	203	32	—	673
Sheffield ...	7	2	1	—	—	3	30	3	2	—	—	6
Turnbull	7	4	4	—	—	12	37	18	10	—	—	30
Warren	1	—	2	—	—	6	1	—	2	—	—	6
Watkins	18	—	2	69	2	146	341	2	142	1029	6	2490

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Helens...	15	10	1	4	264	183	21
Bradford N.	12	8	2	2	239	124	18
Featherst'n.	13	8	2	3	221	150	18
Castleford	12	7	1	4	223	162	15
Wigan	12	7	1	4	210	191	15
Hull K.R. ...	14	7	1	6	211	214	15
Salford ...	14	6	1	7	231	233	13
Leeds	13	6	1	6	186	190	13
Workington	13	6	1	6	135	149	13
Widnes ...	10	6	0	4	165	147	12
Warrington	14	6	0	8	237	256	12
Oldham ...	14	6	0	8	189	206	12
Leigh	13	5	1	7	168	215	11
Wakefield T.	14	4	2	8	222	232	10
Barrow	13	4	0	9	141	273	8
Rochdale H.	14	2	0	12	164	281	4

SCORERS

Leading scorers up to and including last Sunday's matches are:

Tries: 23 Burton (Castleford); 13 Kellett (Featherstone), D. Smith (Leeds), Wright (Widnes); 12 Newlove (Featherstone), Dyl (Leeds), Cunningham (St. Helens), Gill (Salford), Richards (Salford), Topliss (Wakefield).

Goals: 91 Lloyd (Castleford); 76 Quinn (Featherstone); 73 Pimblett (St. Helens) 71 Watkins (Salford); 69 Fairbairn (Wigan), MacCorquodale (Workington).

Points: 194 Lloyd (Castleford); 167 Quinn (Featherstone); 153 MacCorquodale (Workington); 147 Pimblett (St. Helens); 146 Stephenson (Dewsbury), Watkins (Salford); 137 Fairbairn (Wigan).

COLTS SCENE

THE CHANCES ARE THERE

By Colts Manager, Ivor Edwards

MANY Salford supporters claim that our Colts will never be given their chance, however good they may be.

My reply to them is: If our youngsters can progress to a high enough standard to prove they are good enough at top level, then they will be given every opportunity, just as new Under-24 international Sammy Turnbull was given his.

The entire playing staff, first team, 'A' team and Colts, now train together instead of being segregated into separate squads as in the past, and as a consequence club coach Les Bettinson knows exactly what strength he has available for first team selection.

Already we have Dave Harris, Clive Wainwright, Mike Woods and Wayne

Warren playing regularly in the 'A' team, the last-named having already made an impressive two-try debut in the first round of the Player's No. 6 Trophy this season.

Other Colts who have made 'A' team appearances include Alan Oldham (six times), Steve Heys (four), David Kelly (6), Derrick Kelly (two), Steve Horton (two), Steve Tierney (three), Peter Kilgariff (four), Bob Doughton (two) and Terry Cahill (three).

Oldham, 18, is making great progress as a second row man and Stuart Williams, 17, a loose forward of promise, could be next in line for the professional ranks.

SPORTS NIGHT

SALFORD Supporters Association have arranged a sports evening at Huyton for Friday, January 25, and all members who are interested are asked to contact social organiser John Richardson, tel. 737 9207 or inquire at the Association shop after today's game.

The members' coach to Hull K.R. on Sunday, January 9, will leave The Willows at 11.30 a.m. Tickets cost £1.50 (adults) and £1 (juniors and OAPs) and are available from the shop.

Guests at the monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 4, will be first grade referees Peter Massey (Salford) and Mick Naughton (Widnes), who will face a question and answer session.

Anyone wishing to join the Association (50p a year for adults, 25p juniors) may apply at the Association shop inside the main entrance to the Variety Centre, contact membership secretary Mr. A. Rowbotham, 237 Liverpool Street, Salford 5, or turn up for Tuesday's meeting.

A junior Reds section of the Association is being organised and a committee is being formed to represent the youngsters.

In addition to those mentioned above, the following are officials of the Association:

Mr. E. Hyde, 33 Beedon Ave Little Lever, tel. 37-76239 (chairman and travel organiser);

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Mr. D. J. Bainbridge, 5 Brown Street, Salford 6, tel. 737 4191 (committee members)

Mr. J. Lever, Gore Crescent, Salford 5 (committee member).

The committee wish to apologise for not opening the shop last match day. The cause was a mix-up over the key—a kind of teething trouble which they will take care not to repeat.

In the Colts League, the Reds have won four and drawn one game out of ten, which to me seems pretty fair going for such a young side in a strong, competitive area.

Last Easter the Colts made what has become their regular playing pilgrimage to the Villeneuve-Tolosanne district of France.

They proved worthy ambassadors for our club and were a credit on the field, playing fast, attractive rugby to win all five games pretty convincingly.

They made many new friends and will repay their hosts this April when it is the turn of the French lads to visit Salford.

The collection last Sunday to help repay the hospitality of our French friends realised £82.85 and we thank all the supporters who contributed towards this generous sum.

We wish all our supporters a very happy and prosperous new year.

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17	Tue	Dewsbury (Charity)	H	39 11
22	Sun	Huyton (3.00)	H	46 14
		(Lancs. Cup—1st Rd.)		
29	Sun	Warrington (3.00)	A	13 14
		Lancs. Cup—2nd Rd.		
Sept. 3	Fri	Warrington (7.30)	H	16 5
12	Sun	Featherstone (3.30)	A	23 12
18	Sat	Widnes (3.00)	A	12 15
24	Fri	Hull K.R. (7.30)	H	16 16
28	Tue	Leigh (F'it Cup 1st rd.)	A	18 22
Oct. 3	Sun	Wigan (3.00)	A	15 32
8	Fri	Rochdale H. (7.30)	H	33 6
17	Sun	Wakefield T. (3.30)	A	18 12
24	Sun	Ace (No. 6—1st Rd.)	H	39 15
29	Fri	St. Helens (7.30)	H	15 18
Nov. 6	Sat	Leeds (No. 6—2nd Rd.)	A	17 18
12	Fri	Castleford (7.30)	A	14 9
28	Sun	Bradford (2.30)	A	16 25
Dec. 3	Fri	Wakefield T. (7.30)	H	22 13
12	Sun	Warrington (3.00)	A	10 44
19	Sun	Leigh (3.00)	H	12 13
26	Sun	Widnes (3.00)	H	9 13
1977				
Jan. 2	Sun	Oldham (3.00)	H	
9	Sun	Hull K.R. (2.45)	A	
14	Fri	Workington (7.30)	H	
22	Sat	Players No. 6—Final		

Jan. 23	Sun	Leigh (3.00)	A	
28	Fri	Barrow (7.30)	H	
Feb. 5	Sat	Leeds (3.00)	A	
13	Sun	R.L. Challenge Cup—1st Rd.		
18	Fri	Castleford (7.30)	H	
27	Sun	R.L. Challenge Cup—2nd Rd.		
Mar. 6	Sun	St. Helens (3.00)	A	
12	Sat	Challenge Cup—3rd Rd.		
13	Sun	Workington (3.00)	A	
18	Fri	Leeds (7.30)	H	
26	Sat	Challenge Cup—1st Semi-final		
27	Sun	Rochdale H.	A	
April 2	Sat	Challenge Cup—2nd Semi-final		
3	Sun	Oldham (3.00)	A	
8	Fri	Barrow (3.00)	A	
11	Mon	Wigan (3.00)	H	
15	Fri	Featherstone (7.30)	H	
22	Fri	Bradford (7.30)	H	
30	Sat	Premiership Trophy—1st Round		
May 7	Sat	Challenge Cup Final		
10/11		Premiership Trophy semi-final 1st leg		
14	Sat	Premiership Trophy semi-final 2nd leg		
28	Sat	Premiership Trophy Final		

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1976			F	A
Sept. 7	Tue	Warrington	A	16 16
17	Fri	Widnes	H	15 7
Oct. 1	Fri	Wigan (7.30)	H	3 9
9	Sat	Rochdale (3.00)	A	P
15	Fri	Huyton (7.30)	H	19 4
23	Sat	Swinton (3.00)	A	18 11
29	Fri	St. Helens (7.30)	A	5 35
Nov. 12	Fri	Swinton (7.30)	H	P
16	Tue	Leigh (7.30)	H	17 10
25	Thu	Oldham (7.30)	H	5 13

1976			F	A
Dec. 2	Thu	Oldham (3.00)	A	11 20
10	Fri	Warrington (7.30)	H	4 17
21	Tue	Widnes (7.30)	A	
1977				
Jan. 8	Sat	Barrow (2.30)	H	
15	Sat	Workington (2.30)	A	
21	Fri	Leigh (7.30)	H	
29	Sat	Barrow (2.30)	A	
Feb. 19	Sat	Huyton (3.00)	A	
26	Sat	Wigan (3.00)	A	
Mar. 4	Fri	St. Helens (7.30)	H	
12	Sat	Workington (3.00)	H	
25	Fri	Rochdale (7.30)	H	

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