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Rugby League Championship Play-off winners: 1909-10, 1910-11 and 1956-57.

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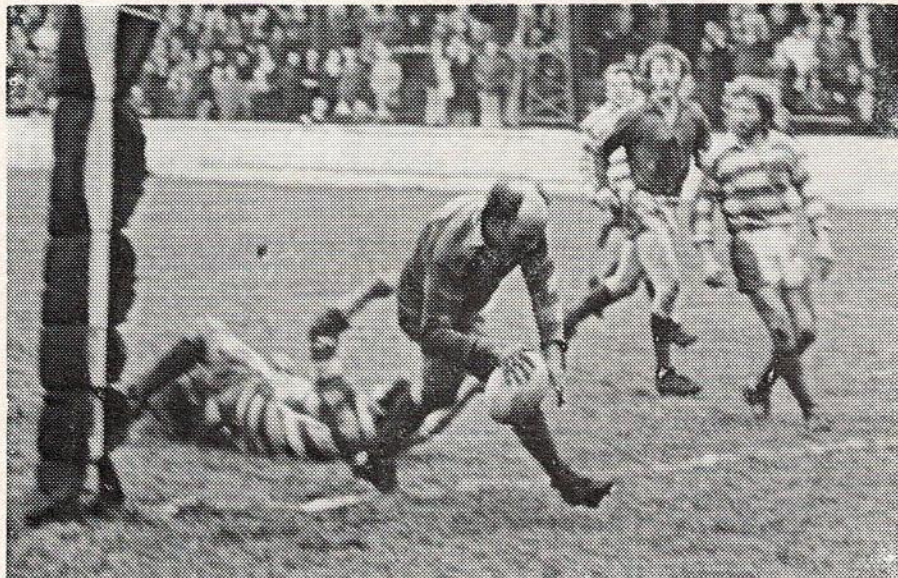
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Lancashire Championship winners: 1907-08, 1909-10, 1921-22, 1956-57 and 1957-58.

Runners-up: 1908-09, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1919-20, 1923-24 and 1954-55.

Lancashire Shield winners: 1975-76.



Flanagan's in! Kevin Flanagan, recalled to the Oldham second-row because of injury to Steve Herbert, scored all our seven points against Hull K.R. with a try and two goals. Here he is seen scampering between the sticks for his 73rd minute try, which he also goaled, to reduce the deficit to 7-10.

Picture by courtesy of the OLDHAM EVENING CHRONICLE.

OLDHAM OUTLOOK

AFTER the disasters of the Dewsbury cup-tie it was good to see our team improve by 100 per cent in their narrow 7-15 defeat by Hull K.R. last Sunday.

We say "narrow" because on the day the Rovers were certainly not eight points better than us. And those of you who came will know that, in the last few minutes, when Rovers led by only three points we gave them several nasty moments.

There is, however, no let-up in this highly competitive First Division. Today another good side comes to Watersheddings—Alex Murphy's Warrington.

The very fact that the Wires are here today—and not last Sunday—is in itself indicative of the number of top-class players in the Warrington side.

Four of them—Brian Butler, John Bevan, Denis Curling and Mike Nicholas—were on duty for Wales, together with our own David Treasure, last Sunday in France.

That meant that the match was postponed and rearranged for today because Warrington, like Oldham, were knocked out of the Cup at the first hurdle.

That brings us to an interesting point. We know that nothing, but nothing, can console you good and true supporters for our defeat by Dewsbury.

But it is worth noting that in the last few seasons we have had one or two good runs in the Challenge Cup and can boast a record which is considerably better than many sides—and some of them reputedly stronger and better than ourselves.

We have, in fact, appeared in the third round three times in the past four years. You will remember those three third-round classics—at Castleford, at home to Widnes, and at St. Helens last year.

By means of a contrast—some people do seem to be comparing us with Rochdale Hornets just at present—the Hornets were today appearing in a second-round tie against Castleford in the hope of reaching round three for the first time in 16 years!

However, that is just a point in passing to put the record straight, as it were.

David Treasure, by all accounts, had a very good game in France on Sunday and we extend to David our congratulations on once again playing at international level.

He began in the centre but then switched to stand-off when Bill Francis was injured and, according to all reports, had a splendid match although the Welsh were beaten.

David will now be keeping his fingers crossed that he gets another world championship trip, as part of the Great Britain side, like he did two years ago when Wales went independently.

A very popular innovation recently has been the decision of the pools team, under Alan Taylor, to take the weekly draw on Tuesday nights out to the people.

Now, instead of holding the draw in the pools office, it is held each Tuesday night at either a public house or a club in the town or surrounding districts.

This has already proved very popular and we hope it will become increasingly so as time goes on and the public get accustomed to looking out in the local press for the weekly venue.

The draw will be held at the following venues during March:

MARCH 1—The Royal, Rochdale Road.

MARCH 8—Church Inn, Royton.

MARCH 15—Hartford Social Club.

MARCH 22—Hare and Hounds, Higginshaw Lane, Royton.

The draw starts at 9 p.m. each week and as many people as possible are extremely welcome to come along and see the pools team in action.



A close shave for Oldham in our 7-15 defeat by Hull K.R. last Sunday. David Hill, Keith Jackson and Dickie Brown combine to bring down a Rovers attacker just short of the line.

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Oldham FC Down the Years

No. 14

by TOM WEBB

GENIAL Jim Parkinson was the club president in 1933-34 and W. T. Thomas took over the captaincy. The membership of 2,250 were thrilled when Oldham won the Lancashire Cup, defeating Widnes, Broughton Rangers, Wigan and St. Helens Recs in the process. Sadler gained international honours and Hodgson and Bardsley gained county representation.

Norman Pugh signed from Swansea, Jimmy Heywood from Salford (formerly Derker), E. E. Bates from Leicester, Marsh from Old Salfordians, R. Cattlin from Clarksfield continuation, Edgar Brooks from Watersheddings and Naylor from Buslingthorpe Vale, Leeds.

W. Greenall took over the captaincy in 1936-37 and G. F. Hutchins the presidency. Tommy Rees scored 85 goals and Macrae, with 10, was the only try scorer to reach double figures.

Freddie Ashworth was club captain in 1937-38 his benefit year. His benefit game was between Oldham and G. F. Hutchins' international team, which Oldham lost 41-31.

The last normal football season before the second world war 1938-39 saw Jimmy Parkinson once again in the presidential chair and Jack Read in charge on the field. Tommy Rees left for Broughton Rangers.

Edgar Brooks represented England against France at St. Helens. Stott (22), Downey (18) and Griffiths (16) topped the goal-kicking chart while Turner (12) and F. Hall (11) were leading try scorers.

Edgar Brooks played for the "shadow" tourists and had the 1940 tour of Australia and New Zealand taken place he would have been an automatic selection for the touring party. He also played for Lancashire against Yorkshire.

From 1940-41, war-time football became more and more disorganised. Only Brooks gained honours in the very few representative games to be played.

Many guest players help to complete 13 players in many games, otherwise the club would have been unable to continue. A pool, based on the Rugby League Cup brought in some valuable revenue.

By 1944-45 only 265 members still remained. Percy Carter, F. S. Holt, F. Mills and A. Quinn topped the voting for the committee. Other members were S. Bubbs, A. Cordwell, C. Hall and A. Thornton. G. F. Hutchins was president, T. Beswick vice-president and Bert Summerscales secretary and treasurer.

On the resumption of normal football, in 1945-46, the membership rose to 491. In all, 52 players were called on for first-team duty, the captain Norman Pugh, playing in 37 of the 40 matches with Harry Ogden (32 appearances) being the only other player to top the 30 mark.

Ogden and Bill Griffiths (23) each led the goal kickers and Norman Harris, with 14, was the only double figure try-scorer. The selectors could not find a settled team and 20 players made only one appearance each—a symptom of the difficulties of the time.

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- 12 FLANAGHAN, K.
- 13 PETERS, A
- 14
- 15

Referee:
S. WALL
(Leigh)

T G Dg P

Warrington

- 1 FINNIGAN, D.
- 2 CURLING, D.
- 3 BEVAN, J.
- 4 HESFORD, S.
- 5 HUDSON, L.
- 6 GWILLIAM, A.
- 7 GORDON, P.
- 8 BUTLER, B.
- 9 PRICE, J.
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OUR VISITORS

BY DON YATES

OLDHAM'S much improved showing last week against Hull Kingston Rovers has brought renewed hope for the future but the club is still deep in relegation trouble and this afternoon they face another difficult task against a Warrington side who struggled early in the season but who now seem to be running into good form.

Although Warrington's last outing saw them knocked out of the Challenge Cup by cup holders Saint Helens, their nine League matches prior to that game brought seven victories, a considerable improvement after Warrington had won only three of their opening 10 League games. Their recent run of good form began with a 10-9 victory over Championship favourites Featherstone Rovers and has also included a 44-10 victory over Salford and a "double" triumph over Leigh as well as an impressive 12-2 win over Wigan at Central Park. That victory over Wigan was only one of four away League wins by the Wires, the other three being at Leigh, Rochdale and Barrow so today they will be out to complete a clean sweep of away victories against the bottom four clubs.

Should Warrington manage to pull off a victory here this afternoon then it will be their eighth successive victory over Oldham who have not beaten Warrington since early April 1972 when they won a League match 22-9 in front of a Watersheddings crowd numbering 3,526. Oldham crossed for four tries that evening from Mike Elliott, Norman Hodgkinson, Billy Churm and Kevin Taylor whilst Phil Larder obliged with five goals. Warrington replied with a Parry Gordon try and three goals from Toby du Toit. Since then the Wires have run in seven consecutive victories over Oldham with the biggest victory coming in 1973 when the two sides met at Wilderspool in the opening round of the John Player Trophy. A crowd of 5,238 were attracted to that match to watch the following two sides do battle:

WARRINGTON: Derek Whitehead; Denis Curling, Wilf Briggs, Billy Pickup, Derek Noonan; Alec Murphy, Parry Gordon; Joe Price, Kevin Ashcroft, Brian Brady, Mike Nicholas, Brian Gregory and Barry Briggs.

OLDHAM: Johnny Blair; Mike Elliott, Tommy Davies, Tony Wainwright, Chris O'Brien; Martin Murphy, Terry Gorman; Terry Clawson, Kevin Taylor, Keith Ashcroft, Neil Goodwin, Geoff Munro and Jim Reynolds.

The Warrington forwards, well prompted by Alec Murphy, completely outplayed the Oldham pack, especially in the first half which ended with Oldham trailing 23-4 and so the foundations were laid for an easy 31-14 victory. Warrington then went on to beat Castleford, Dewsbury and Saint Helens before lifting the trophy with a 27-16 victory over Rochdale Hornets. New signing Alan Whittle was one of the stars of that Warrington line-up and home fans will be hoping that this afternoon he can "put one over" on his former colleagues.

The star of the present Warrington side is their international threequarter John Bevan, one of four Warrington players who were included in the Welsh team which opposed France in Toulouse last Sunday. Although Bevan began his rugby career as a winger, he played in 11 internationals for the Welsh rugby union XV, he has recently been playing successfully at centre and was in that position last Sunday alongside Oldham's David Treasure. Twenty-six years old Bevan joined Warrington in September 1973 from Cardiff RUFC and made his debut later that month against Castleford when he scored a try in a 22-5 Warrington victory. Bevan has continued to score tries regularly ever since and has headed the Warrington try scoring charts in all his three seasons in professional rugby with 22 tries in 1973-74, 29 tries the following season and 18 last season. At the end of his first season at Wilderspool, Bevan was selected to tour Australasia with the 1974 British Lions when he scored 15 tries from 16 tour appearances which included four tests. In addition, Bevan has also played once for Other Nationalities and eight times for Wales whilst on the club scene, he has appeared in six major cup finals with Warrington, including two trips to Wembley.

Bevan will not be reappearing at Wembley this May for, like Oldham, Warrington did not clear the first hurdle but they do reckon that they can climb up the table and qualify for Premiership Play-off. In order to qualify for that lucrative competition Warrington must win this afternoon so with Oldham also desperate for success, it promises to be another thrilling afternoon up here at Watersheddings.

Supporters Club

Grand National Draw tickets will again be on sale at today's match, priced 10p per book. These will be on sale in all canteens and bars.

Forthcoming events are a Pottery Party on the 19th April and a Seconds' Party on 31st May. Tickets will be on sale in the near future. Any one interested in purchasing or selling tickets for these events should contact any Supporters' Club officials at today's match.

Bookings for our next away match at Featherstone on 6th March, will be taken in any of the canteens and bars.

The Supporters' Club are hoping to organise a trip to the "Golden Garter", on 25th May for the "Truman's Man of Steel" presentation featuring the Barron Knights as the top of the bill. Anyone interested in this great night for Rugby League should contact any Supporters' Club official at today's match in the canteens.

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

STANLEY WALL is married with two children. He was promoted to Grade 2 in 1972 and upgraded to Grade 1 in 1974. As an amateur player he gained honours at scrum-half for twon and county. Refereed England v Wales, Lancashire Shield Final. With a surname of "Wall", spectators call him "Max". He is employed by the N.C.B. as a Mining Instructor and is also connected with Mines Rescue. His hobbies—rugby, rugby, rugby ... and more rugby!

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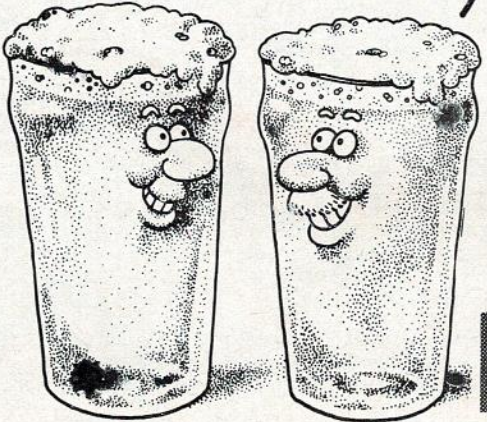
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Date	Opponents	Ground	F. A.	Date	Opponents	Ground	F. A.
1976				Mar. 12—(Sat.)	Leeds (3-00)	A	
Aug. 22—(Sun.)	1st Round County Cup—Blackpool (3-00)	A		20—(Sun.)	Castleford (3-30)	H	
Sept. 5—(Sun.)	Widnes (3-00)	A		27—(Sun.)	Bradford N. (3-30)	A	
12—(Sun.)	Leeds (3-30)	H		Apr. 3—(Sun.)	Salford (3-30)	H	
19—(Sun.)	Leigh (3-30)	A		10-17	8—(G.F.)	Rochdale H. (3-00)	A
26—(Sun.)	Wigan (3-30)	H		20-22	17—(Sun.)	Warrington (3-00)	A
Oct. 3—(Sun.)	Wakefield T. (3-30)	A		13-19	24—(Sun.)	Widnes (3-30)	H
10—(Fri.)	Barrow (3-30)	H		23-20			
15—(Fri.)	Castleford 7-30	A		13-11			
23/24—(Sat./Sun.)	Player's No. 6			33-01976			
1st Round Batley		H		5-11Date			
31—(Sun.)	Bradford N. (3-30)	H		Aug. 21—(Sat.)	Huyton L.S. (3-00)	A	
Nov. 6/7—(Sat./Sun.)	Player's No. 6			28—(Sat.)	Huyton L.S. (3-00)	H	
2nd Round—Leigh		H		10-20	18—(Sat.)	Leigh (3-00)	H
14—(Sun.)	Barrow (2-30)	A		25—(Sat.)	Wigan (3-00)	A	
21—(Sun.)	St. Helens (3-30)	H		13-28Oct.	2—(Sat.)	Swinton (3-00)	H
28—(Sun.)	Workington T. (3-30)	H		23-16	9—(Sat.)	Barrow (2-30)	A
Dec. 5—(Sun.)	Featherstone R. (2-30)	A		9-20	20—(Sat.)	St. Helens (3-00)	A
12—(Sun.)	Wigan (3-00)	H		11-2	27—(Sat.)	Workington (2-30)	A
19—(Sun.)	Wigan (3-00)	A		Dec. 18—(Sat.)	Wigan (3-00)	H	
26—(Sun.)	Rochdale H. (3-30)	H		5-231977			
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Jan. 2—(Sun.)	Salford (3-00)	A		14-6	15—(Sat.)	Leigh (3-00)	A
9—(Sun.)	St. Helens (3-00)	A		22—(Sat.)	Workington (3-00)	H	
16—(Sun.)	Leigh (3-30)	H		7-17	5—(Sat.)	Huyton (3-00)	H
23—(Sun.)	Workington T. (2-30)	A		P.P.	18—(Fri.)	Warrington (7-30)	A
30—(Sun.)	Wakefield T. (3-30)	H		8-23Mar.	12—(Sat.)	Warrington (3-00)	H
Feb. 6—(Sun.)	Hull K.R. (2-45)	A		5-35	19—(Sat.)	Swinton (3-00)	A
12/13—(Sat./Sun.)	Challenge Cup			Apr. 9—(Sat.)	Huyton (3-00)	A	
1st Round, Dewsbury		H		8-15			
20—(Sun.)	Hull K.R. (3-30)	H		7-15			
27—(Sun.)	Warrington (3-30)	H					

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