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1977/78 SEASON

FORSHAWS
LANCASHIRE CUP

SUNDAY, 21st AUGUST, 1977

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

WIGAN

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OLDHAM



WIGAN RUGBY LEAGUE
FOOTBALL CLUB

Official Programme

Price
10p

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WIGAN STATISTICS and HONOURS

Nickname: The Riversiders; *Founded:* 1872 (Limited 1921); *Ground:* Central Park; *Colours:* Cherry and white hooped jerseys, white shorts; *Attendance record:* 47,747, Wigan v. St. Helens in 1959; *Record win:* 116-0 v. Flimby and Fothergill in 1925; *Record defeat:* 3-58 v. Leeds in 1972; *Try scoring record:* 64 by Brian Nordgren in season 1949-50; *Goal kicking record:* 206 by Jim Sullivan in season 1933-34; *Point scoring record:* 430 by Jim Sullivan in season 1933-34.

Rugby League Championship winners: 1908-09, 1921-22, 1925-26, 1933-34, 1945-46, 1946-47, 1949-50, 1951-52 and 1959-60.

Runners-up: 1909-10, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1912-13, 1923-24 and 1970-71.

Challenge Cup winners: 1923-24, 1928-29, 1947-48, 1950-51, 1957-58, 1958-59 and 1964-65.

Runners-up: 1910-11, 1919-20, 1943-44, 1960-61, 1962-63, 1965-66 and 1969-70.

Floodlit Cup winners: 1968-69.

Runners-up: 1969-70.

Lancashire Cup winners: 1905-06, 1908-09, 1909-10, 1912-13, 1922-23, 1928-29, 1938-39, 1946-47, 1947-48, 1948-49, 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52, 1966-67, 1971-72, and 1973-74.

Runners-up: 1913-14, 1914-15, 1925-26, 1927-28, 1930-31, 1934-35, 1935-36, 1936-37, 1945-46, 1952-53 and 1957-58.

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Lancashire Championship winners: 1908-09, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1912-13, 1913-14, 1914-15, 1920-21, 1922-23, 1923-24, 1924-25, 1925-26, 1940-41, 1945-46, 1946-47, 1949-50, 1951-52, 1958-59, 1961-62 and 1969-70.

Runners-up: 1909-10, 1921-22, 1924-25, 1928-29, 1930-31, 1933-34, 1947-48, 1948-49, 1959-60 and 1968-69.

Central Park Chatter

Why Forshaw's Lancashire Cup?

The Forshaw family founded Burtonwood Brewery near Warrington in the last century. Although the brewery is today a public company it is still controlled by the Forshaw family—a family which has always associated itself with the traditional sporting life of the area as befits a traditional local brewery.

Today's Visitors

Today we extend a welcome to Oldham. Last season was not a very good one for the Oldham club as it ended with relegation. This, however, will not affect their enthusiasm and they will certainly put in every effort here today hoping they can get a little further in this the first of the cup competitions.

Match Round-up

Injury problems caused basically an 'A' team fielded in the Jubilee Challenge match at St. Helens on Wednesday, 10th August, 1977. Although the team performed quite well in the first half of the match the stronger Saints' side dominated the scoring as the game progressed and eventually won the game by 29 points to 7. Scorers for Wigan: Regan, try; Hornby, 2 goals.

It was a more familiar 1st team which took to the field for the Locker Cup game on Sunday, 14th August, 1977. The first half was somewhat shaky and the 'Wire' were allowed to take a lead of 10-0 until just before half-time when some good play put Davies in a scoring position which he took skilfully, unfortunately the goal attempt by Nulty rebounded off the upright so we went in 10-3 down. The team were more settled in the second half. A penalty goal awarded brought us to 10-5 and this seemed to inject the necessary enthusiasm to win and it wasn't long before Vigo raced in for a good try, a successful conversion by Nulty made the score 10-10. A nailbiting period of play then followed with both sides attacking in their turn. The tie was broken with a successful penalty kick, then Davies again spied his chance and went over for his second try which Nulty again converted taking the score to 17-10, this being the final score. Scorers for Wigan: Davies, 2 tries; Vigo, try; Nulty, 4 goals.

Injuries

The injury situation still isn't too rosy with Fairbairn, Burke, Melling and Willicombe still unfit.



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'A' Team

Don't forget Wednesday, 24th August is the Lancs. Shield 1st round, 1st leg with Salford, kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Forshaw's Lancashire Cup

A win today will take us through to the second round of the Cup which will take place at Central Park on Sunday, 28th August, kick-off 3.00 p.m. against Blackpool or Whitehaven. Here's hoping!



Two of Wigans
Injured Players.

GEORGE
FAIRBAIRN

DAVE
WILLICOMBE



A Message from the Chairman of Burtonwood Brewery, Sponsors of Forshaw's Lancashire Cup

"Last season was the first year of Burtonwood's sponsorship of the Lancashire Cup. We were so delighted with the enthusiasm shown that, for this year's competition, we have increased our financial contribution. The Lancashire County Rugby League has decided that this extra money will be used to provide bigger prizes and the cup-winner's prize is now £1,500—an increased incentive for Widnes to make it four victories in a row and for others to topple them!

Burtonwood is also continuing its financial support for Rugby League in other ways and by so doing we hope to play our part in building a still bigger future for the game. But, for this, the most important person is **you** . . . the supporter. Interest your friends in the sport. Do them a good turn by telling them what they are missing and persuade them to join you.

Meanwhile, here's looking forward to a lively start to a memorable season."

R. I. Gilchrist,
Chairman,
Burtonwood Brewery (Forshaws) Ltd.



Jim Nulty's leadership was a vital factor in Wigan's capture of the Locker Cup. Here the little fellow is seen about to slip past Warrington winger Dennis Curling, who suffered a severe neck injury later in the match.

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1. M. SWANN
2. G. VIGO *G.*
3. *FRANCIS* S. DAVIES *T. T.*
4. *DAVIES* B. FRANCIS *T.*
5. J. HORNBY
6. A. TAYLOR
7. J. NULTY *G. G. G. T. G.*
8. B. HOGAN
9. G. ASPINALL
10. R. IRVING *T.*
11. R. DOOTSON *T. T.*
12. D. REGAN *T.*
13. T. HOLLINGSWORTH
14. *GREENALL* WALSH *B. COYNE* *T.*
15. R. BLACKWOOD *T.*

Half Time: *19-5* pts.
pts.

Referee:
G. KERSHAW
(Easingwold)

Touch Judges:
J. Ross (Pink Flag)
D. Knight (Orange Flag)

MATCH BALL

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SECOND ROW

LOOSE FORWARD

Back Substitute

Forward Substitute

Substitutes: Each team is allowed two substitutes and the players in the original 13 who are replaced by substitutes can themselves act as substitute, but only once.
Scoring: A try counts as 3 points. A penalty goal or a conversion counts as 2 points.
A drop goal counts as 1 point.

OLDHAM

Colours: Red & White Jersey
White Shorts

1. M. MURPHY
2. *M. ELLIOT* *BARTON*
3. D. HILL
4. K. JACKSON
5. G. MUNRO
6. A. WHITTLE
7. *J. BLAIR* *KNIGHT*
8. *B. HUGHES* *PRODSHAM* *T.*
9. R. O'MAHONEY
10. *F. HALL* *HUGHES* *G.*
11. S. HERBERT
12. A. PETERS
13. J. REYNOLDS
14. *FLANNAGAN*
15. *PATTERSON*

Final Score: *42-5* pts.
pts.

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Lancs Shield, 1st Round, 1st Leg

WEDNESDAY, 24th AUGUST, 1977

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

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Cliff Webb

**Rugby League
Correspondent
of the Wigan Observer**

The Lancashire Cup trail begins today for Wigan with the clash against Second Division side Oldham, who must still be suffering some of the effects of relegation shock.

That does not mean that Oldham will yield easily this afternoon. Relegated they may have been, but you can bet they will fight all the harder today because of that fact, because the "Roughyeds" have their sights firmly set on regaining former glories as quickly as possible.

On form alone, Wigan should win this encounter. As they showed against Warrington in the charity game last Sunday, when picking up their second trophy in eight days, Wigan are always capable of pulling out something extra when their is silverware at stake.

If Wigan could only field a full-strength side I would tip them to win hands down, but at the moment the injury situation at Central Park is about as grim as it has ever been.

Welsh centre David Willicombe is out for a couple of months with a chipped bone in his ankle. Prop Alan Bailey is recovering from a minor operation on his arm, his co-prop Alan Doran has a rib injury and full-backs George Fairbairn and John Burke have leg injuries—leaving Wigan without a recognised goalkicker. George tells me he may try to resume training next week, if coach Vince Karalius and the medical men agree that he should be allowed to submit his damaged knee to such strain. But, all in all, it seems as if October will be here before Wigan are really back at full strength.

So today they will not have to allow Oldham any rope at all. Not that Wigan are likely to present their visitors with many chances, after the disaster at Watersheddings last season. Then, Oldham came back late in the game to snatch a thrilling victory after Wigan had seemed to have the match well won.

Wigan fans will be delighted that genial Bill Wilkinson, who has given the club such great service over the past six years, has been appointed Assistant Coach under Vince Karalius. Bill succeeds Peter Smethurst and while he can hardly hope to surpass Peter's success with the 'A' team of last year, he is quietly confident that he can do a great job for the club. I think all Wigan fans will agree.

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SUPPORTERS' ASSOCIATION NOTES

Today we welcome the supporters from Oldham for the first really competitive match of the season after the "friendly" v. Warrington. It is a few years since we played Oldham in the Lancashire Cup, the last time being in the First Round at Watersheddings on September 1st, 1973, when Wigan won 20-12. It was in this match that Bob Irving made his debut for Wigan—after signing from Oldham! That year we went on to win a cracking Final at Warrington, beating Salford 19-9.

Last season Wigan and Oldham supporters met in the Radio Manchester "Top Score" Quiz which was broadcast on Saturday mornings. It was a very close contest with Oldham eventually winning 41-33. In fact, Radio Manchester are running this competition again this year and have invited us to take part. Any supporters who consider themselves knowledgeable on various sports and would like to be a competitor, should give their name and address to any committee member in the Supporters' Shop.

Don't forget that the "A" team begin their fixtures on Wednesday evening with the Lancashire Shield 1st Round, 1st Leg against Salford. Come along and give these lads the support they deserve—you'll see some great rugby!

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First
Team

FIXTURES

'A'
Team

AUGUST 1977

6 Sat	Summer Sevens (2.30)	H	W
10 Wed	St. Helens (Jubilee Challenge)	A	7-29 L
14 Sun	Locker Cup (3.00)	H	17-10 W
21 Sun	Oldham (Lancs Cup 1st Rd)(3.00)	H	
28 Sun	Blackpool or Whitehaven (2nd Rd Lancs Cup)(3.00)	H	

SEPTEMBER

4 Sun	Workington (3.00)	A	
11 Sun	Widnes (3.00)	H	
18 Sun	Wakefield (3.00)	H	
25 Sun	Featherstone R. (3.30)	A	

OCTOBER

2 Sun	Leeds (3.00)	H	
9 Sun	Bradford N. (3.30)	A	
16 Sun	Bramley (3.00)	H	
22/23	(Player's No. 6 1st Rd)		
30 Sun	Hull (3.00)	A	

NOVEMBER

5/6	(Player's No. 6 2nd Rd)		
13 Sun	Warrington (3.00)	H	
18 Fri	Salford (7.30)	A	
27 Sun	New Hunslet (3.00)	H	

DECEMBER

4 Sat	Leeds (3.00)	A	
11 Sun	Hull (3.00)	H	
18 Sun	Dewsbury (3.30)	A	
26 Mon	St. Helens (3.00)	H	

JANUARY 1978

2 Mon	Warrington (3.00)	A	
8 Sun	Bradford N. (3.00)	H	
15 Sun	Widnes (3.00)	A	
22 Sun	Castleford (3.00)	H	
29 Sun	Wakefield T. (3.30)	A	

FEBRUARY

5 Sun	Hull K.R. (2.45)	A	
11/12	(R.L.C.C. 1st Rd)		
19 Sun	Workington T. (3.00)	H	
25/26	(R.L.C.C. 2nd Rd)		

MARCH

5 Sun	New Hunslet (3.30)	A	
12 Sun	Bramley (3.30)	A	
19 Sun	Featherstone R. (3.00)	H	
24 Fri	St. Helens (3.00)	A	
27 Mon	Salford (3.00)	H	

APRIL

2 Sun	Hull K.R. (3.00)	H	
9 Sun	Dewsbury (3.00)	H	
14 Fri	Castleford (7.30)	A	

AUGUST 1977

24 Wed	Salford (L.C.C.S. 1st Rd 1st Leg)		
	(7.30)		H

SEPTEMBER

3 Sat	Workington T. (3.00)	H	
9 Fri	Widnes (7.30)	A	
17 Fri	St. Helens (7.30)	A	
23 Fri	Swinton (7.30)	H	

OCTOBER

4 Tue	Salford (L.C.C.S. 1st Rd 2nd Leg)		
	(7.30)		A
8 Sat	Leigh (3.00)	H	
15 Sat	Leigh (3.00)	A	
29 Sat	Rochdale H. (3.00)	A	

NOVEMBER

11 Fri	Warrington (7.30)	A	
19 Sat	Salford (3.00)	H	

DECEMBER

3 Sat	Warrington (3.00)	H	
10 Sat	Barrrow (2.30)	A	
17 Sat	Oldham (3.00)	H	

JANUARY 1978

6 Fri	Salford (7.30)	A	
14 Sat	Widnes (3.00)	H	
21 Sat	Swinton (3.00)	A	

FEBRUARY

4 Sat	Oldham (3.00)	A	
18 Sat	Workington T. (3.00)	A	

MARCH

1 Wed	Rochdale H. (7.30)	H	
11 Sat	Barrrow (3.00)	H	
22 Wed	St. Helens (7.30)	H	

CUP ROUNDS

Forshaw's Lancs Cup Final:
Saturday, 29th October
Player's No. 6—Round 3: 19/20th November
1st Semi-Final: 26th November
2nd Semi-Final: 3rd December
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Player's No. 6 Final: 28th January, 1978
RLCC 3rd Round: 11/12th March
1st Semi-Final: 1st April; 2nd Semi-Final: 8th April
Premiership—Round 1: 23rd April
Semi-Final 1st Leg: 29/30th April
Semi-Final 2nd Leg: 7th May. Final 20th May
RLCC FINAL: 13th May.