

WHITEHAVEN RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB FIXTURES 1979-80

19—First Round Lancs Cup
26—Second Rnd Lancs Cup

SEPTEMBER

2—Batley (A) 13 15
6—Halifax (H) 2 33
23—Bramley (H) 11 13
30—J P Trophy 2nd Rnd.

OCTOBER

7—Huddersfield (A) 12 13
14—Oldham (H)
21—Swinton (A)
28—Dewsbury (H)

NOVEMBER

4—Rochdale (A)
11—Doncaster (H)
19—Huyton (A)
25—Huddersfield (H)

DECEMBER

2—Doncaster (A)
9—Rochdale (H)
16—Keighley (A)
23—
26—Barrow (A)
30—Huyton (H)

JANUARY

6—Featherstone (A)
13—
20—
27—Batley (H)

FEBRUARY

3—Halifax (A)
10—1st Rnd Challenge Cup
17—
24—2nd Rnd Challenge Cup

MARCH

2—Featherstone (H)
9—Oldham (A)
16—
23—Keighley (H)
30—Bramley (A)

APRIL

7—Barrow (H)
13—Dewsbury
20—Swinton (H)

AUGUST

18—
25—

SEPTEMBER

1—Wigan A (Shield) (H)
8—Blackpool A (A)
15—Barrow A (H)
22—Wigan A (Shield) (A)
29—

OCTOBER

6—St. Helens A (H)
13—
20—Warrington A (H)
27—Workington A (H)

NOVEMBER

3—Rochdale A (H)
10—Widnes A (A)
17—Salford A (H)
24—

DECEMBER

1—Swinton A (H)
8—Rochdale A (A)
15—Oldham A (H)
22—Workington A (A)
29—Barrow A (A)

JANUARY

5—Widnes A (H)
12—Salford A (A)
19—Oldham A (A)
26—

FEBRUARY

2—
9—Blackpool A (H)
16—Wigan A (A)
23—Leigh A (H)

MARCH

1—Swinton A (A)
8—
15—Wigan A (H)
22—St. Helens A (A)
29—

APRIL

5—Leigh A (A)
12—Warrington A (A)
19—

All Home Matches — KO 3.00 p.m.

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CLUB NOTES

Fortunes change fast in Rugby League, rather like the game itself. This is certainly true as far as Whitehaven are concerned. The past two first team results at home to Bramley and away at Huddersfield, whilst not producing anything in the way of League points certainly saw a reduction in the points against column.

The defence has certainly stiffened up, but we still have to take our chances when on the attack.

I gather from someone who was at Huddersfield that Whitehaven out-played the home side from start to finish and with a little bit of steadiness could and should have won the game handsomely.

Perhaps at last we have turned the corner, however, two swallows don't make a summer and we need to continue to progress steadily from now on.

In a way we are fortunate that the really shocking results were in Cup competitions of one type or another and although we have won only one out of four league games, there is still plenty of time to climb up the table.

Let there be no doubt about it, every one connected with Whitehaven knows the potential for better things is there.

Admittedly there are areas of uncertainty, in the coaching field in particular, however, by the time you read these notes these should be resolved. You will appreciate that these are my personal views but I expect there to be just one boss in the near future. It is impossible to give of your best to two in any walk of life. What pleases one, rarely pleases the other.

I believe soccer has one thing right and that the way the clubs set up their management structure, i.e. manager with overall responsibility, coach or coaches to teach the skills, and trainer to get and keep the teams fully fit. In Rugby League, mainly on cost grounds, managers seem to be not needed.

We still have a not inconsiderable number of injury problems to contend with, which makes team selection not too easy and we have players still playing on both Saturday and Sunday.

Time should sort this out. Let's all look forward to the much improved spirit continuing. At the same time you can help it along by giving this afternoon's players a boost by making your presence felt by your claps and cheers and not by moans and groans.

TODAY'S MATCH

This afternoon we welcome the men from the "Watersheddings" and all those connected with them. In contrast to ourselves Oldham have made a much better start to the league programme winning 3 and drawing 1 of their 4 matches.

In doing so they have scored exactly 80 points in an average of 20 per game and only had 42 scored against them. On the other hand we have scored 40 points is 10 per match and had 72 scored against. If we discount the match that started our bad run then in the other 3 games we have had on average 13 points scored against each match.

On paper, therefore, Oldham would appear to have a considerable advantage. Last Sunday, however, Featherstone took them to one point at Oldham, whilst we went down at Huddersfield who maintained their 100 per cent record in Division Two. Last weeks form therefore suggests that perhaps Whitehaven really have got the blues out of their system.

Obviously the situation is quite interesting and with ground advantage anything could happen. I am sure that Oldham will know they have been in a match by 4-30, and a good one at that.

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WHITEHAVEN

	Tries	Goals
1 DUTTON		
2 TODD		
3 STEWART		
4 STODDART		
5 HODGSON		
6 O'NEILL J.		
7 HALL		
8 RAE		
9 BARWISE		
10 BARNES		
11 THOMPSON		
12 MACKO		
13 HARTLEY		
14		
15		

OLDHAM

Tries	Goals	
.....		MURPHY 1
.....		MUNRO 2
.....		CREHAN 3
.....		LUND 4
.....		FITZSIMMONS 5
.....		FRANCIS 6
.....		ASHTON 7
.....		FORSTER 8
.....		MARTLAND 9
.....		TAYLOR 10
.....		HERBERT 11
.....		WALCZAK 12
.....		HAWKYARD 13
.....		14
.....		15

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SATURDAY 27th OCTOBER—v. WORKINGTON 'A'

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	Tries	Goals	D Goals	Pts
J. O'NEIL	1	7	1	18
R. DUTTON	—	9	—	18
K. HODGSON	3	—	—	9
M. McCLURE	3	—	—	9
W. RAE	2	—	—	6
C. HALL	1	—	—	3
A. PEARSON	1	—	—	3
T. THOMPSON	1	—	—	3
—	—	—	—	—
	12	16	1	69
—	—	—	—	—

RUGBY LEAGUE—SECOND DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BARROW	4	4	0	0	72	18	8
HUDDERSFIELD	4	4	0	0	72	50	8
OLDHAM	4	3	1	0	80	42	7
HALIFAX	4	3	0	1	88	30	6
DEWSBURY	4	3	0	1	87	34	6
BRAMLEY	4	3	0	1	64	50	6
FEATHERSTONE R.	4	2	0	2	101	82	4
BATLEY	4	1	1	2	49	57	3
ROCHDALE	4	1	0	3	37	36	2
WHITEHAVEN	4	1	0	3	40	72	2
KEIGHLEY	4	1	0	3	61	105	2
HUYTON	4	1	0	3	43	97	2
SWINTON	4	0	0	4	32	80	0
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