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1. **GRIFFITHS/PARKES**, *Full Back*
2. **LES JONES**, *Right Wing*
3. **D. FAIRCLOUGH/S. BAYLISS**, *Right Centre*
4. **PETER GLYNN**, *Left Centre*
5. **ROY MATHIAS**, *Left Wing*
6. **STEVE PETERS**, *Stand Off*
7. **NEILL HOLDING**, *Scrum Half*
8. **MEL JAMES**, *Front Row*
9. **GRAHAM LIPTRIT**, *Hooker*
10. **MIKE HOPE**, *Front Row*
11. **ERIC CHISNALL**, *Second Row*
12. **PETER GORLEY**, *Second Row*
13. **GEORGE NICHOLLS**, *Loose Forward*

R. HEGGARTY, D. LITHERLAND, K. MEADOWS,
K. PICKAVANCE, A. BOLTON.

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1. MARTIN MURPHY, *Full Back*
2. GEOFF MUNRO, *Right Wing*
3. CLIVE HUNTER, *Right Centre*
4. BILL FRANCIS, *Left Centre*
5. MIKE CAWLEY, *Left Wing*
6. RAY ASHTON, *Stand Off*
7. KEN GWILLIAM, *Scrum Half*
8. ADRIAN ALEXANDER, *Front Row*
9. ROGER O'MAHONEY, *Hooker*
10. STEVE HERBERT, *Front Row*
11. MICK WORRELL, *Second Row*
12. GARY WALCZAK, *Second Row*
13. TERRY FLANAGAN, *Loose Forward*

**PADDY KIRWAN, PHIL WARD, ALAN PLATT,
ANDY GOODWAY, TONY OGDEN, BRIAN CASSERY**

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Touch Judges: Mr. A. BROWN and Mr. J. GREENHALGH

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Winners: 1931/32, 1952/53, 1958/59,
1965/66, 1969/70, 1970/71
Runners-up: 1964/65, 1966/67, 1971/72
1976/77

League Leaders' Trophy

Winners: 1964/65, 1965/66

1st Division Championship

Winners: 1974/75
Runners-up: 1962/63, 1973/74

Merit Championship Competition

Runners-up: 1973/74

Premiership Competition

Winners: 1975/76, 1976/77
Runners-up: 1974/75

Lancashire Challenge Cup

Winners: 1926, 1953, 1960, 1961, 1962,
1963, 1964, 1967, 1968
Runners-up: 1932, 1952, 1956, 1958, 1959,
1970

Lancashire League

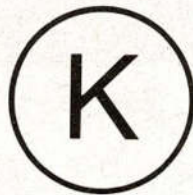
Winners: 1929/30, 1931/32, 1952/53, 1959/60,
1963/64, 1964/65, 1965/66, 1966/67, 1968/69
Runners-up: 1953/54, 1955/56, 1957/58
1958/59, 1960/61, 1967/68

Western Division Championship

Winners: 1963/64

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Winners: 1971, 1975
Runners-up: 1965, 1968, 1970, 1977, 1978



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Saints Club News

MEETING OLDHAM

Today we are pleased to welcome attractive visitors in Oldham, who are quietly confident of being the team of the 80's. They have accumulated a wealth of junior talent over the past 18 months or so. This will be very evident in their line up today which will probably include 3 members of the Gt. Britain Colts side from last season—Stand-off **Paddy Kirwan**, Scrum half **Ray Ashton** and Back Row forward **Terry Flanagan**. In fact it is a strong possibility that their squad will include 13 of their Colts side from last season.

OLDHAM have already got a match under their belt this season having defeated Rochdale Hornets last weekend in a charity match. Player Coach **Bill Francis** will be making a welcome return to Knowsley Road and will be much in evidence with his shrewd promptings from the Stand off position. Another **ex Saint** Ken Gwilliam is expected to have recovered from a hamstring injury to line up against his old team mates.

Adrian Alexander signed from Harlequins last season will be at Prop forward. This fine forward also represented the Barbarians in his Rugby Union days. Another **ex Rugby Union** convert is Back-row forward **Bob Mordell** who formerly played for Rosslyn Park and England. Prospects of **Brian Lockwood** joining the Watersheddings outfit are still very much in the balance but Oldham are extremely keen to add his experience to the wealth of young talent they have available.

Besides being strong in playing strength **Oldham** have also built up a coaching and scouting system the envy of many clubs. In **Graham Starkey** they have one of the most experienced and shrewdest managers in the game and what Graham doesn't know about the game is not worth knowing. Under him come **Bob Welding** 'A' Team Coach and **Brian Gartland** Colts Manager, whilst **Terry Gorman** as chief scout has been responsible for much of the young talent being introduced at Oldham.

Chairman Ray Hatton backed by an enterprising committee has really got things going at Watersheddings these days and they will certainly be a team to watch out for in the days ahead.

SAINTS NOTES

Today will be an important match to assess our prospects for the season ahead and to give much needed match practice for the tough cup tie at Workington next Sunday. St. Helens will still be without star Centre **Chris Arkwright** who after a close season knee operation is making satisfactory progress. Big things are expected from a Saints side who have undergone one of the most thorough and exacting preparations in their pre-season training schedules. **Clive Griffiths** should be fit despite a minor operation earlier this week to remove a troublesome cyst. One



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of the most interesting aspects about today's game will be the comparisons to be drawn between youngsters **Neil Holding**, **Steve Peters** and **Steve Bayliss** and their counterparts in the Oldham line-up. Certainly in the 3 players mentioned Saints have real prospects who have already proved themselves in the 1st Division arena. We look forward to an enjoyable match, a good crowd and we hope a foretaste of the feast of football which lies ahead this season.

ST. HELENS R.L. REFEREES SOCIETY

With the continued growth of the game, the shortage of match officials has become more acute. The St. Helens Referees Society is keen to hear from anyone with an interest in R.L. refereeing in particular, or the game in general. The next meeting is at the St. Helens club at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 14th August. Anyone interested will be made most welcome, or they should contact the secretary, Tony Tucker, 'phone 24637.

LANCASHIRE CUP DRAW

Wigan v. Rochdale H.
Huyton v. Warrington
Workington v. St. Helens
Salford v. Leigh
Blackpool v. Widnes

Byes: Whitehaven and Barrow

Supporters Club Notes

Today's game with Oldham heralds the start of a new season for St. Helens R.L.F.C. and on behalf of the Supporters Club I would like to welcome 'home' coach Kel Coslett. Everyone wishes Kel and his team every success for the coming season and hopes that by next May the Saints will be back in their rightful position as the best team in the Rugby League.

CLUB SHOP

The Club Shop will re-open before and after today's game for Souvenirs and Programmes. Further details about times of opening will be printed in the next programme.

COACHES

Any member of the Supporters Club wishing to travel by coach to Workington for Saints first round match of the Forshaws Lancashire Cup on Sunday next the 17th August, 1980, may book seats in the Club Shop before or after today's game.

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Clive Griffiths on the Carnegie Treadmill watched by Kevin Meadows.



Peter Gorley, one of the fittest players in the game seen here on the weight lift.

IN TOUCH RL

Some interesting statistics from last season.

DATA SHEET—1979/80

TOP TEN TRIES

1. Keith FIELDING (Salford)	30
2. Steve HUBBARD (Hull K.R.)	29
Geoff MUNRO (Oldham)	29
4. Roy MATHIAS (St. Helens)	27
Peter GLYNN (St. Helens)	27
Ian BALL (Barrow)	27
7. John BEVAN (Warrington)	26
Keith BENTLEY (Widnes)	26
9. David SMITH (Leeds)	24
David REDFEARN (Bradford N.)	24

TOP TEN GOALS

	Gls.	D/G.	Total
1. Steve QUINN (Featherstone R.)	161	2	163
2. Steve HUBBARD (Hull K.R.)	135	—	135
3. Steve RULE (Salford)	123	11	134
4. Steve HESFORD (Warrington)	122	6	128
5. Mick BURKE (Widnes)	121	1	122
6. Ian BALL (Barrow)	108	11	119
7. Steve DIAMOND (Wakefield T.)	116	—	116
8. Eric FITZSIMMONS (Oldham)	108	—	108
9. Mick PARRISH (Hunslet)	98	—	98
10. Jimmy BIRTS (Halifax)	96	1	97

POINTS

	Trs.	Gls.	D/G.	Total
Steve QUINN (Featherstone R.)	17	161	2	375
Steve HUBBARD (Hull K.R.)	29	135	—	357
Ian BALL (Barrow)	27	108	11	308
Steve RULE (Salford)	8	123	11	281

1979-80 ATTENDANCES

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Apps.	League	R.L.C.C.	BBC 2	Lancs Cup	John Player	Total
	G.	T.	G.	G.	G.	G.
Paul Brownhill	2					
Mike Glover	1					
Gary Bottell	4					
Chris Arkwright	16					
Steve Bayliss	3					
Tony Bolton	4					
John Canning	3					
Eric Chisnall	34					
Dave Chisnall	9					
Neil Courtney	3					
Dave Fairclough	1					
Peter Glynn	38	3	2	3	1	27
Peter Gorley	31		1			5
Clive Griffiths	24	3	2	2		22
Ken Gwilliam	9		1			1
Roy Heggarty	15		1			3
Neil Holding	24	(1)	2			11
Les Jones	23					10
Mel James	33					5
John Knighton	10					
Graham Liptrot	36					4
Denis Litherland	19					27
Roy Mathias	35		3			2
Kevin Meadows	8		1			4
Derek Noonan	23					
George Nicholls	33					
Keiron Pickavance	11					3
Brian Parkes	30					14
Harry Pinner	33	2	13(1)		3(2)	11
Steve Peters	35		4	1	3	7
Duncan Scott	3					
Chris Seldon	28					1
John Smith	15					1
Malcolm Smith	1					
Dennis Nulty	3					
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			16	4	8	137

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SAINTS COLTS

Saints Colts are still recruiting players for their Under 19's side.
Age qualification under 19 on September 1st.

If you are interested in joining us contact **Geoff Heaton** or **Bob Dagnall**
at the Club any Wednesday when the Colts Training Sessions take place.
They will be pleased to hear from you and make you welcome.

ST. HELENS COLTS FIXTURES

Aug. 30—Salford.....	H	1981	
Sept. 6—Oldham.....	A	Jan. 3—Castleford.....	A
13—Widnes.....	H	10—Rochdale.....	H
20—Leigh.....	A	17—Hunslet.....	A
27—Featherstone.....	H	24—Leigh.....	H
Oct. 4—Salford.....	A	31—Leeds.....	H
11—Hunslet.....	H	Feb. 7—Rochdale.....	A
18—Hull K.R.....	A	21—Leeds.....	A
25—Wakefield.....	H	Mar. 7—Castleford.....	H
Nov. 1—Keighley.....	A	14—Hull.....	A
8—Oldham.....	H	21—Hull K.R.....	H
15—Widnes.....	A	28—Wakefield.....	A
22—Bramley.....	H	April 4—Keighley.....	H
29—Featherstone.....	A	11—Bramley.....	A
Dec. 6—Bradford N.....	H		
13—Bradford N.....	A		
20—Hull.....	H		

SAINTS SOCIAL CLUB

Saints will be re-organising their social facilities from October 1st,
when it is proposed to form a St. Helens R.F.C. Social Club. From that
date Admission to both the Lounge and Cabaret Bars will be restricted
to members only and BONA-FIDE GUESTS.

The Cabaret Room will Re-Open on Friday, October 3rd, and Saturday,
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FIXTURES

'A'
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1980

Aug. Su 10—Oldham (Charity) H
Su 17—(Lancs. County Cup 1st Rd.)
Su 24—(Lancs. County Cup 2nd Rd.)
Su 31—Bradford N. (3.00) H
Sept. Su 7—Castleford (3.30) A
Su 14—Wakefield T. (3.00) H
Fri 19—Salford (7.30) A
Su 28—Featherstone R. (3.00) H
Oct. Su 5—Workington T. (3.00) A
Su 12—New Zealand (3.00) H
Su 19—Warrington (3.00) A
Su 26—Castleford (3.00) H
Nov. Su 9—Leigh (3.30) A
Su 16—Workington T. (3.00) H
Su 23—(John Player Trophy)
Su 30—Featherstone R. (2.30) A
Dec. Su 7—(John Player Trophy)
Su 14—Leeds (3.00) H
Su 21—Bradford N. (3.30) A
Boxing Day
Fri 26—Oldham (3.00) H
Su 28—Barrow (2.30) A

1981

Jan. Th 1—Widnes (3.00) A
Su 4—Salford (3.00) H
Su 11—Hull K.R. (3.00) A
Su 18—Barrow (3.00) H
Su 25—Leeds (3.00) A
Feb. Su 1—Wakefield T. (3.30) A
Su 8—Leigh (3.00) H
Su 15—(State Express C.C.)
Mar. Su 1—(State Express C.C.)
Su 8—Hull K.R. (3.00) H
Su 22—Hull (3.00) A
Su 29—Halifax (3.30) A
April Su 5—Warrington (3.00) H
Su 12—Halifax (3.00) H
Fri 17—Oldham (3.30) A
Su 19—Hull (3.00) H
Tu 21—Widnes (7.30) H

Date Opponents Grd

1980

Aug. Fri 22—Warrington (7.30) A
Th 28—Widnes (7.30) A
Sept. Fri 5—Wigan (7.30) H
Fri 15—Salford (7.30) H
Th 25—Oldham (7.30) A
Oct. Sa 4—Workington (3.00) H
Sa 11—Blackpool (Shield) (3.00) A
Fri 17—Warrington (7.30) H
W 29—Salford (7.30) A
Nov. Fri 7—Leigh (7.30) H
Sa 15—Workington (2.30) A
Fri 21—Wigan (7.30) A
Fri 28—Rochdale (7.30) H
Dec. Sa 6—Blackpool (2.30) A
Sa 20—Whitehaven (3.00) A

1981

Jan. Fri 9—Oldham (7.30) H
Sa 17—Barrow (2.30) A
Fri 23—Blackpool (7.30) H
Fri 30—Swinton (7.30) H
Feb. Th 5—Rochdale (7.30) A
Mar. Th 5—Swinton (7.30) A
Fri 13—Widnes (7.30) H
Sa 21—Whitehaven (3.00) H
Sa 28—Barrow (3.00) H

JOHN PLAYER TROPHY

1st Rd	22/23 Nov.	1st Semi-final	20th Dec.
2nd Rd	6/7 Dec.	2nd Semi-final	10th Jan.
3rd Rd	13/14 Dec.	Final	24th Jan.

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Semi-finals	10th May
Final	16th May

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2nd Rd	28 Feb./1 Mar.	2nd Semi-final	4th April
3rd Rd	14/15 Mar.	Final	3rd May