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WORKINGTON

White/Blue Band,
White Shorts.

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2. LYNN HOPKINS
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13. BILLY PATTINSON

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Record Victory	67-6 against Liverpool City April 59
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Record attendance	28,000 v Huddersfield Feb 24th 1912
Record receipts	£4,897 v Leeds 3rd March 1968
Record transfer fee paid	£10,650 to Workington for Ike Southward March 1959
Record transfer fee received	£11,002: 10s from Workington for Ike Southward Jan 62
Record try scorer	Reg Farrar 49 tries 1921/22 season
Record goal scorer	Bernard Ganley 224 goals 1957/58 season
Record point scorer	Bernard Ganley 28 pts v Liverpool City April 59
First game	October 21 1876 v Stalybridge
Highest number of Points Scored	Bernard Ganley 2881
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Most Tries	Pre 1900 Jack Hirst 233 Since 1900 Alan Davies 182

CLUB HONOURS

Rugby League Championship Play-off winners:	1909-10, 1910-11 and 1956-57
Runners-up:	1906-07, 1907-08, 1908-09, 1921-22 and 1954-55
First Division Champions:	1904-05
Second Division Champions:	1963-64
Rugby League Challenge Cup winners:	1898-99, 1924-25, 1926-27
Runners-up:	1906-07, 1911-12, 1923-24 and 1925-26
Lancashire Cup winners:	1907-08, 1910-11, 1913-14, 1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-24, 1956-57, 1957-58 and 1958-59
Runners-up:	1908-09, 1911-12, 1918-19, 1921-22, 1954-55, 1966-67 and 1968-69
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
Colts Premiership Trophy:	1975-76, 1979-80

NEW LOOK TOWN

IT'S a new-look Workington Town team that comes to Watersheddings today in search of vital points to pull away from the bottom of the First Division.

In the past two years great changes have taken place at Derwent Park both on and off the field. Big-name players have left Town to seek fame and fortune elsewhere and they have been pretty successful in getting it, to!

One has only to look at the Gorley brothers Les and Peter and Arnie Walker, who were all in the squad originally picked for the first Test against New Zealand, to realise what sort of affect their departure from Derwent Park must have had.

Peter Gorley, now with St. Helens, was forced out of the Test squad with injury as was Whitehaven scrum-half Walker.

That does not alter the fact that in the Gorley brothers, Walker and prop Harry Beverley, who signed for Fulham a few weeks ago, Town have lost a tremendous amount of talent.

On top of that they sold Oldhamer Iain MacCorquodale to Fulham after many seasons in which the Fitton Hill school teacher broke the club's goalkicking records and established himself as a firm favourite on the west Cumbria coast.

The Gorley brothers and Walker had left Town before the present board of directors took over. They were faced with a massive re-building job, especially after the sale of Beverley and MacCorquodale, and they set about it by going for the right blend of youth and experience.

There would be something decidedly strange about a Town pack that did not possess two big props and the men currently filling the No. 8 and No. 10 shirts are "imports" from Lancashire clubs Alan Rowley from Leigh and Steve Hogan from Warrington.

Alan Banks, that great Town servant, is still operating at hooker and there are two young local lads in the second-row in Ian Hartley and Alan Varty.

A Town pack would not be a Town pack without a Pattinson around the scene and Billy is currently at loose-forward with his twin brother, Bobby, in the panel and likely to be the substitute forward.

Half-backs could well be former BARLA amateur internationals Colin Todd and Ian Rudd, who has since won Great Britain under-24 international honours.

Man with the job of following in the goalkicking footsteps of MacCorquodale is former Welsh "B" RU international Lynn Hopkins, who plays on the wing and is said to be a prolific marksman.

Keiron O'Loughlin, a costly buy from Wigan, could well be in the centre with Trevor Midgeley, a recent buy from Wakefield, at full back.

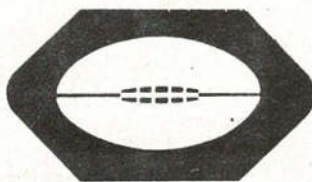
Another big-money buy who could well be in the running for a forward place is John Cunningham, the ex-Barrow forward who Town bought from Hull KR for a fee in excess of £20,000.

Hooker John Lightfoot, full back Graham Hogg and back-row forward Kevin Gartland are other local lads Town have signed recently.

Injuries have dealt them some cruel blows this season and, before last Sunday's game against Featherstone, they were still seeking their first win in the First Division.

At one spell this season they had a list of 13 players injured nearly a full team and most of them were first team players or potential first-team players.

As Oldham are also desperate for points today, the game should be in keeping with some of the titanic struggles between the clubs in the past.



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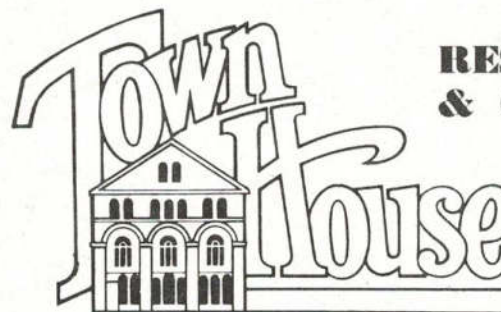
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"GET RID OF THE THUGS!"

IT is high time the Rugby League made a determined bid to rid the game of its thugs the men who deliberately go out to put an opponent out of the game by use of vicious foul play. League is a hard game and no one would want it anything different. But how can we continue to pay little more than lip service to a clean-up campaign when there are ever-increasing instances of injuries such as concussion and broken jaws?

It is an indictment of our game and its disciplines when a player of the calibre of Roger Millward is forced to bring an illustrious career to a close because he had his jaw broken four times in a year.

Such injuries are now becoming common place and among players suffering broken, dislocated or badly bruised jaws at present are Colin Whitfield of Salford and Arnie Walker of Whitehaven.

The crack that Walker took to his face in a game against Bramley put the Cumbrian out of the first Test side last Saturday and prompted his club to threaten legal action against the player involved.

A trialist centre who turned out for Oldham in a recent "A" team game also received a cracked jaw in the closing stages of the match.

Worse still, perhaps, was an incident in a schoolboy match at Wigan when a local lad, playing for the town, ended up in hospital with concussion after an off-the-ball incident.

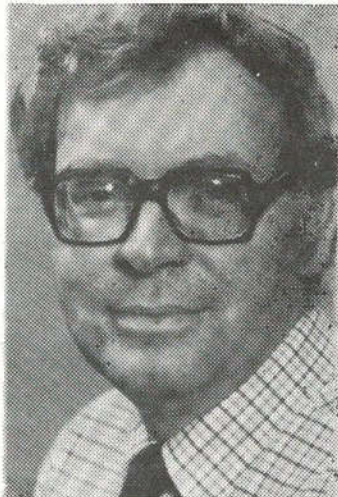
It is coming to a sorry state when this sort of thuggery is happening in schoolboy rugby. But if the youngsters see the professionals guilty of high tackles, stiff-arm tackles or use of the elbow is it not to be expected that a minority of youngsters will try to copy them?

Unless a halt is called NOW the skillful player will gradually fade from the game. It is usually the skilled man who is the victim, the player who can give an intelligent pass or the player around whom the tactics of his side are built.

Often than not he is the type of player the fans love to see . . . like Millward and like Ken Gill, that most brilliant of ball-playing half-backs who suffered a succession of head injuries from ruthless opponents.

The referees, touch judges, disciplinary body and clubs must stand up to their responsibilities and combine to drive the thugs out of the game for ever.

By Roger Halstead
(Oldham Evening Chronicle)



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TOM WEBB'S HISTORY OF WORKINGTON TOWN RLFC

The Workington soccer club had failed to obtain membership of the Football League so in order to have senior football in the town, Workington Town Rugby League Football Club was formed in 1945. Even in 1950 four of the Town directors were also directors of the soccer club.

J.W. Mason and Dan Richardson approached George Plummer the secretary of the Cumberland Rugby League Commissioners and as a result steps were taken to form the club. A friendly was played on New Year's Day 1945 when a Cumberland County side met Huddersfield and on May 12th of that year a match between Cumberland and a Rugby League thirteen took place. Jim Brough played for the England side that day and he was later to become manager of the club.

Jimmy Hayton of the Broughton Moor club was the first signing and he gave yeoman service to the club. When the first game took place Town fielded eleven Cumbrians in its team. The club finished well down the league but in the second season Gus Risman took over. By 1951 the League championship was won and in May 1952 Town won the Rugby League Challenge Cup at Wembley.

In 1948-49 Tony Paskins and John Mudge were signed from Australia and Vin McKeating was signed from Dewsbury. In 1955 the club again appeared at Wembley but this time Barrow won the cup.

Support for the game spread and branches of the Supporters' Club were established in Workington, Cockermouth, Maryport, Keswick, Aspatria, Wigton and Penrith. The ground with a capacity of 20,000 seemed doomed to be inadequate. However, hard times have fallen on West Cumbria and support dwindled over the years.

Tom Mitchell gradually developed into the leading personality behind the club and he was co-manager with Barney Manson of Swinton when our 1958 touring party visited Australia and New Zealand. He was certainly not lonely on that trip because Jim Brough the team coach and players Ike Southward, Harry Archer, Brian Edgar and Bill Wookey were also associated with Workington Town with two other Cumbrians were in the party, Alvin Ackerley of Halifax and Dick Huddart of Whitehaven.

Some of the other great names connected with Town include Bill Ivison, Eppie Gibson, Johnny Lawrenson, George Wilson, Albert Pepperell, Robert "Fizzer" Dawson, Ces Thompson, Benny Eve, Andy Key, Norman Herbert, Sol Roper and a little nearer the present Paul Charlton, Iain MacCorquodale, Bob Nicholson, the Gorley brothers, Harold Henney, Arnold "Boxer" Walker and the Pattinson brothers.

Gus Risman kicked a century of goals during 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1953-54 while our own Ike Southward scored 49 tries and kicked 80 goals in 1957-58. Johnny Lawrenson scored 49 tries in 1951-52. Ike also scored seven tries and six goals in a match against Blackpool Borough in 1955-56 season.

The success of Workington Town in the early days inspired Whitehaven enthusiasts to form their own senior club a few years later. Town, however, have always been the dominant club in Cumberland since their formation.

NEWS FROM THE RUGBY LEAGUE

RUGBY LEAGUE DIARY 1980-81:

The new edition of the popular Rugby League diary, first introduced last season, is now available. The high class diary features all the individual club by club fixtures; 8 full page photographs of Rugby League stars; a club Directory; colour photographs of Rugby League's caps and badges; and a wealth of facts and figures. The diary section runs from October 1980 through until December 1981. A special feature is a travel guide map to the Rugby League clubs.

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AWARD FOR THE 'MIGHTY QUINN'

MIGHTY Steve Quinn, the Featherstone Rovers points machine is the first winner of the Daily Express Hepworths Tailoring Player of the Month award for 1980-81 and you can't stop this fellow chalking up records.

Last November Steve walked away with our Silver salver, £100 cheque and Hepworths' £100 clothing voucher.

Now his September award makes him the only man to have won two Player of the Month contests.

Last Season centre Quinn was not only the leading marksman in the League, but picked up Featherstone and Division Two goals and points records galore. And he is almost always surprised by his successes. "I never keep records of my scores," said Steve last week.

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CLUB NEWS

'RL CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN'

It is heartening to hear that Rugby League chiefs are to take steps to clean up the game's image after a worrying start to the season on the disciplinary front. With a record number of dismissals during the first few weeks we have now had a spate of those incidents which are doing untold harm to the game's reputation.

I refer to those head hunters who are leaving a trail of destruction at half back level where we rely so much for the creation of skilful and entertaining play. But it is not just the backs who suffer for Leeds skipper David Ward, one of the game's most talented hookers, has been out for almost two months with a broken jaw.

It is good to see David back for he has certainly been missed at all levels but it is sad that such an injury should have caused Roger Millward to retire.

Salford have been hit by the loss of their highly promising back Colin Whitfield with a broken jaw.

He will be out for at least a couple of months while Whitehaven's record signing Arnold Walker enjoyed a lucky escape from a suspected broken jaw. Walker suffered a dislocation but further X-rays confirmed there was no break although the repercussions were serious enough, ruling him out of Great Britain's squad for the First Test against New Zealand.

His injury brought an outcry from Whitehaven, who were understandably bitter about losing their ace player, and there was talk of going to court with a possible assault charge.

Fortunately for the game in general the situation did not reach this point but nevertheless it brought the game some unwanted publicity and I hope it has some effect in the long run.

League official David Howes admitted: 'We are naturally concerned about these type of injuries to players and we are taking steps to stamp them out.

'We are to have meetings on the matter with the accent on getting touch judges to give referees greater support in watching for late tackles and off-the-ball incidents.'

There is no doubt that clubs are becoming extremely concerned about the lack of protection afforded players and it will be refreshing for all concerned to see steps taken to eliminate these ugly incidents.

Bill Oxley, chairman of the international selectors, summed it up when he told me: 'It is no use us telling the French to clean up their game when we have problems to solve of our own.'

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Castleford	9	6	1	2	13
Warrington	7	6	0	1	12
Widnes	9	6	0	3	13
Hull KR	6	5	1	0	11
Bradford Northern	8	5	1	2	11
Featherstone Rovers	8	5	0	3	10
Hull	7	5	0	2	10
Wakefield Trinity	7	4	1	2	9
St. Helens	7	3	1	3	7
Salford	8	3	0	5	6
Barrow	8	3	0	5	6
Leeds	9	3	0	6	6
Leigh	8	2	0	6	4
OLDHAM	7	1	1	5	3
Halifax	8	1	0	7	2
Workington	8	0	2	6	2



The Oldham team pictured before the Leigh game. Back row (left to right): Ray Ashton, Brian Lockwood, Ray Martland, Geoff Clarkson, Adrian Alexander, Bob Mordell, Mick Parrish, Terry Flanagan, Steve Herbert. Front: Martin Murphy, Geoff Munro, Bill Francis, Clive Hunter, Ken Gwilliam, Clive Sullivan. Mascot: Adrian Blackburn.



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ALEX RULES O.K.

By Alex Givvons
(RL Grade 1 Referee)

Answer the following questions:

1. An attacking player touches the referee at point "A" in his opponents in-goal area. As he is running to put the ball down nearer the posts. He then carries on and touches down under the posts at point "B". Is the try at "A" or "B"?
2. A defending player in possession clearing his line, but still in his own in-goal area, bumps into the touch judge who had been standing behind the posts to judge a kick goal. No defender is near. Can play continue? If not, how is play restarted?
3. "A" team are awarded a penalty. They decide to kick for touch. The player does not find touch but the ball goes dead. How is play restarted?
4. A defending player in possession lies in the field of play having dropped on a loose ball. His foot touches the corner flag. Is he in touch, touch in goal, or is it play on?
5. Can the player in possession of the ball ever be guilty of obstruction?
6. Can a player in possession use the referee?

Answers

1. Try is at point "A".
2. Drop out from centre of posts.
3. Drop out centre of 25 yards line.
4. Drop out centre of posts.
5. No
6. Yes.

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A coach will be running to Featherstone on Sunday 9th November, leaving at 1pm. **Prices** Adult member £1.50 Non-Adult member £1.70. Child member £1.00 Non-Child £1.20. Please book your seats at any canteen or in the Social Club (624-0368) **DO THIS BY THE FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE SUNDAY MATCH, TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT, AS SEATS ARE LIMITED.**

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We are holding our **Annual Rugby Queen Dance** on Tuesday 28th October in the Social Club from 8pm to 12 Midnight. Price of these tickets are £1.00 each. If bought on the door £1.25 **Cabaret by Vic Preston.** Disco for dancing, **Mr. K. Macklin** will be our guest to crown The Rugby Queen. **So come along all you pretty girls** age 16 and over and enter for our Rugby Queen and join our list of girls already entered, **Prizes:** 1st - £50 (plus a hairdressing voucher), 2nd £20, 3rd £10. The winner goes on to enter the Lancashire Federation Supporters Club Queen, which this year will be held in our own club and the 1st prize for this event is £100 plus.

Anyone who would like any Christmas Cards, or Christmas Gifts from our Christmas catalogue, if they would see any committee member about them, they would make arrangements for you to see the catalogues.

Any young lad under 17 who would like to join The Supporters Club, under 17 team, if they would report at The Pavilion on a Wednesday Night at 6.30pm for training. Any lad who is not connected with an Amateur team and would like to try your hand come along on a Wednesday night.



COLTS CORNER

'CLASSY COLTS'

OUR colts continue to emulate the success of last year's crop of youngsters and, at the time of writing, had won seven of their eight games so far, the only defeat being the 17-6 reverse at Hull.

Among our most recent wins were a 23-8 home victory against a huge Hull KR side and a 29-0 triumph at Leigh when we fielded a weekend side but were still too good for the Hilton Park boys.

Against Hull KR we conceded weight and strength but made maximum use of our greater footballing skills to score five tries three of them in the last 15 minutes.

Steve Walsh, Jimmy Swain and Les Chadwick set a terrific lead in the tackling and the whole side responded.

Mick O'Rourke was a devastating second-row runner and at the back of the pack the ball-handling ability of Derek Seabrook and Chris Willis was a telling factor.

John Henderson scored one try and put in Stephen Dobb for two with full back Peter Rankin and hooker Joe Warburton also scoring tries. O'Rourke kicked four goals.

Against Leigh prop Paul Lowndes returned to the pack after suspension to produce a terrific display.

Warburton and Chadwick supported him tirelessly and we led 16-0 at half-time with tries by Lowndes, Warburton and Seabrook plus three goals and a drop goal from Alan Platt.

In the second half we continued to dominate and added further tries by Taylor, Dobb and Collinge with Platt kicking two more goals.

It took our points total for the season so far to 197 with only 64 conceded.

The run of success was continued when we beat Castleford 18-12 at Watersheddings last Saturday afternoon.

CONGRATULATIONS

THE CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES OF ALL OLDHAM SUPPORTERS WILL GO TO OUR YOUNG LOOSE-FORWARD TERRY FLANAGAN, WHO WAS NAMED THIS WEEK TO REPRESENT GREAT BRITAIN AT UNDER-24 LEVEL AGAINST NEW ZEALAND AT FULHAM ON NOVEMBER, 5th. THIS IS A TERRIFIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR TERRY, AGED 19, WHO ONLY TURNED PROFESSIONAL LAST YEAR.

CONGRATULATIONS

The cup winner.



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"AUSTRALIAN EIGHT-A-SIDE RUGBY"

By Brian Batty
Daily Mail

Australia has taken to a new extension of Sydney's top sport League with eight-a-side rugby becoming all the rage.

Great Coach Johnny Whiteley was amazed to see how popular the game is on his recent visit to Australia with the British Lions party. 'I found it hard to believe they had never played Seven-a-side rugby but the Eight-a-side stuff has really taken off,' Whiteley told me.

'There are an estimated 20,000 playing touch and pass style with no scrums and everywhere you go there are new teams being formed.'

Once again the climate has a big bearing on the outlook of the sports-minded in Sydney and when dozens of teams can spend the lunch breaks throwing a rugby ball around it rubs off on the youngsters and helps spread the gospel. Some of these youngsters, who Johnny tells me had never touched a rugby ball before, may never take the game up seriously but a percentage could and that is what counts in the long run.

During the three weeks he was there Johnny managed to watch 14 games, never wasting a second checking up the top Sydney sides and analysing their methods.

'All the games I watched were Cup-ties including the two semi-finals and the Grand Final in Sydney and everyone was most most helpful,' he added.

'I went up to Brisbane for their Grand Final and enjoyed it. I was most impressed by a youngster called Kilroy who played at full back and took the man-of-the-match award.

'He was tremendous. Always in the action, really brave and a boy I am sure we will hear more of in the future. He has been singled out as one of their stars. A big favourite in Australia, following his success as a player and a coach there with Great Britain, Johnny was perfect material for television.

And he showed how quickly he learns by rightly predicting for the viewers that Canterbury Bankstown would take the final before they went on to beat Eastern Suburbs.

As expected the Lions party were overwhelmed by the extent of the hospitality and were feted throughout Sydney where they seem to cling on to their heroes of the past more than we do in this country.



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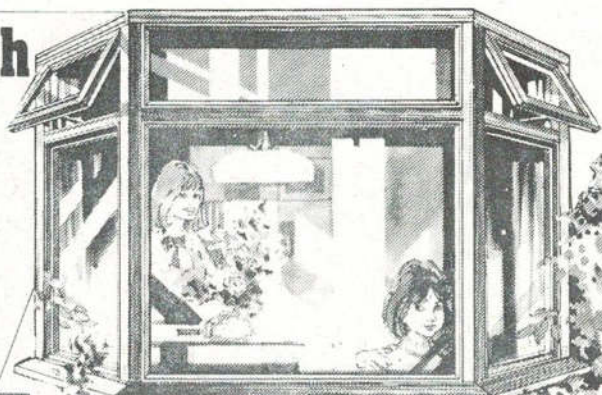
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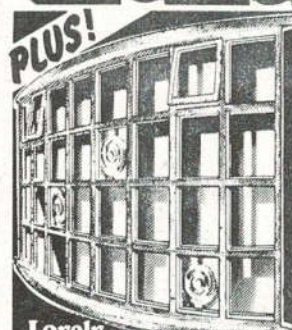
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	Date	Opponent	F. A.
H	Aug. 3 Sun.	Rochdale (Charity Match)	32 - 15
A	Aug. 10 Sun.	St. Helens (Friendly)	12 - 30
A	Aug. 17 Sun.	Swinton (County Cup)	11 - 5
H	Aug. 24 Sun.	County Cup 2nd Round	15 - 13
H	Aug. 31 Sun.	Castleford	14 - 14
A	Sept. 7 Sun.	Bradford	10 - 21
H	Sept. 14 Sun.	Featherstone	17 - 32
A	Sept. 21 Sun.	Hull	11 - 16
A	Sept. 28 Sun.	Leeds	14 - 16
H	Oct. 5 Sun.	Leigh	15 - 12
A	Oct. 12 Sun.	Widnes	18 - 28
A	Oct. 19 Sun.	Workington	
H	Oct. 26 Sun.	Workington	
A	Nov. 2 Sun.		
A	Nov. 9 Sun.	Featherstone	
A	Nov. 16 Sun.	Bradford	
H	Nov. 19 Wed.	Salford	
A	Nov. 23 Sun.	John Player 1st Round	
A	Nov. 30 Sun.	Wakefield	
A	Dec. 7 Sun.	John Player 2nd Round	
H	Dec. 14 Sun.	Widnes	
H	Dec. 21 Sun.	Hull K.R.	
A	Dec. 26 Fri.	St. Helens	
	Boxing Day		
H	Dec. 28 Sun.	Hull	
A	Jan. 1 Thurs.	Warrington	
	New Years Day		
A	Jan. 4 Sun.	Barrow	
H	Jan. 11 Sun.	Leeds	
A	Jan. 18 Sun.	Castleford	
H	Jan. 25 Sun.		
A	Feb. 1 Sun.	Barrow	
A	Feb. 8 Sun.	Halifax	
A	Feb. 15 Sun.	Challenge Cup 1st Round	
A	Feb. 22 Sun.	Hull K.R.	
A	Mar. 1 Sun.	Challenge Cup 2nd Round	
H	Mar. 8 Sun.	Warrington	
A	Mar. 15 Sun.	Workington	
H	Mar. 22 Sun.	Halifax	
A	Mar. 29 Sun.	Leigh	
H	Apr. 5 Sun.	Wakefield	
	Apr. 12		
H	Apr. 17 Fri.	St. Helens	
	Good Friday		
H	Apr. 20 Mon.	Salford	
	Easter Monday		

'A' TEAM FIXTURES 1980/81

	Date	Opponent	F. A.
H	Aug. 7 Thurs.	Higginshaw (Friendly)	26 - 2
A	Aug. 14 Thurs.	Saddleworth Rangers	p
A	Sept. 3 Wed.	Salford	6 - 13
A	Sept. 9 Fri.	Warrington L.C.C.S.	2 - 8
H	Sept. 18 Thurs.	Swinton	27 - 23
H	Sept. 25 Thurs.	St. Helens	6 - 15
A	Oct. 2 Thurs.	Leigh	10 - 23
H	Oct. 9 Thurs.	Rochdale Hornets	16 - 13
H	Oct. 16 Thurs.	Widnes	12 - 11
A	Oct. 18 Sat.	Whitehaven	18 - 10
A	Oct. 25 Sat.	Workington	
H	Oct. 30 Thurs.	Wigan	
A	Nov. 8 Sat.	Blackpool	
A	Nov. 14 Fri.	Wigan	
H	Nov. 20 Thurs.	Salford	
A	Nov. 27 Thurs.	Swinton	
A	Dec. 11 Thurs.	Widnes	
H	Jan. 3 Sat.	Barrow	
A	Jan. 9 Fri.	St. Helens	
H	Jan. 17 Sat.	Whitehaven	
A	Jan. 31 Sat.	Barrow	
H	Feb. 5 Thurs.	Warrington	
H	Feb. 19 Thurs.	Blackpool	
A	Mar. 6 Fri.	Warrington	
H	Mar. 14 Sat.	Workington	
A	Mar. 19 Thurs.	Rochdale	
H	Mar. 26 Thurs.	Leigh	

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STANDARD CUP TRAIL BEGINS

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The Oldham Standard Challenge Cup, inaugurated in 1904 and now regarded as the most prestigious local-league trophy in the world of Amateur Rugby League, begins its 1980-81 tournament next Saturday, with twelve local clubs having entered the competition. Four matches will therefore take place in Round One with four teams receiving a bye.

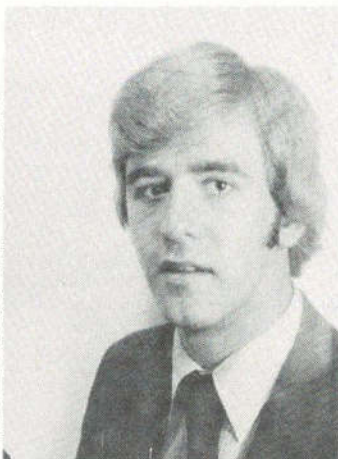
Mayfield of Rochdale, Pennine League Champions for the last two seasons and who again heading the League's Premier Division with an unbeaten record, have been drawn at home to Saint Anne's, another Premier Division side, and who have themselves appeared in the past four Standard Cup Finals. The teams last met in the Standard Cup in the 1979 decider, with Mayfield taking the trophy in a replay after the two sides had produced an 11-all draw in the Final at Watersheddings on Good Friday morning. Next Saturday's game takes place at Spring Hill, Oldham Road, Rochdale.

Saddleworth Rangers, the current holders of the famous trophy, begin their defence of the Cup with a home game at Shaw Hall Bank Road, Greenfield, against Rochdale-based opposition Spotland Rangers. Saddleworth, this year celebrating their Golden Jubilee, are therefore beginning their challenge for local honours against a fellow Division 1 side, while the winners of next Saturday's tie will face another team from the same division in Round 2, with Fitton Hill having gained a free passage into the quarter-finals.

Manchester side Langworthy Juniors, from the North-West Counties League, have also received a First Round bye, and will be awaiting the winners of possibly the most fascinating opening round match, that is taking place at High Crompton Park between Shaw, from Division 3, and Premier Division side Waterhead. Shaw were only formed two seasons ago but have already gained promotion on both occasions, and now have a 100% record in the Third Division, as well as being this season's only unbeaten side in Oldham. Waterhead have already tasted cup success this season and only yesterday were visiting Rose Bridge in Wigan in the quarter-finals of the BARLA Lancashire-Cumbria Cup.

Two clubs from the lower divisions of the Pennine League have been drawn together in the Standard Cup First Round with Hollinwood, from Division 6, entertaining Fourth Division Salem Hornets at the Chapel Road Playing Fields. Awaiting the eventual winners of next week's tie will be a tough home game in Round 2 against the victors of the Mayfield - Saint Anne's encounter. A Second Round match will also be staged next Saturday on Oldham Edge between Higginshaw and Ferranti, with both teams having had a bye in Round 1. The match is the third tie to involve teams from the same division of the Pennine League, with the two sides competing in Division 2, and with Higginshaw having already completed a league double this season over their rivals. All next Saturdays matches kick-off at 2.30 pm.

Oldham have been drawn at home to Bradford in the 2nd Round of the BARLA Inter-League open-age competition, with the match taking place on Saturday, November 15. In the corresponding Under-19s tournament, Oldham visit the West Cumberland League next Sunday.



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