

Warrington v. Oldham

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White Shorts
Coach: BILLY BENYON

Red and White Hoops
Black Shorts
Manager: GRAHAM STARKEY

FULL BACK

STEVE HESFORD 1 MARTYN MURPHY

THREEQUARTERS

RICHARD THACKRAY 2 GEOFF MUNRO
IAN DUANE 3 MIKE PARRISH
JOHN BEVAN 4 DENNIS O'NEIL
MIKE KELLY 5 BRIAN CAFFREY

HALF-BACKS

KEN KELLY 6 RAY ASHTON
ALAN GWILLIAM 7 IAN OGDEN

FORWARDS

NEIL COURTNEY 8 ADRIAN ALEXANDER
TONY WALLER 9 ROGER O'MAHONEY
BRIAN CASE 10 STEVE HERBERT
TOMMY MARTYN 11 ALAN PLATT
IAN POTTER 12 COLIN HAWKYARD
EDDIE HUNTER 13 TERRY FLANAGAN

SUBSTITUTES

JIMMY FAIRHURST 14 STEVE LITTLER
BOB ECCLES 15 MIKE WORRALL

Scrums

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

Penalties

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

Scrums

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Referee:
STAN WALL (Leigh)

Linesmen:
Pink Flag—F. J. TOMLINSON (Widnes)
Orange Flag—K. GASKELL (Wigan)



Nº 0935

Slalom Lager RUGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

WARRINGTON RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

WIRES REVIEW

The Official Matchday Magazine of
WARRINGTON RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB
1980-81 Season.



THURSDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1981

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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20p



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Record Victory: 78-6 (v. St. Helens 1908-09).

Record Defeat: 14-68 (v. Hunslet 1927-8).

Highest Scorer in One Match: G. Thomas, 33 points
(v. St. Helens, April 12 1909).

Record Try Scorer: Brian Bevan, 800 (2,400 points):
(World try scoring record).

Club Honours

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1948-49, 1950-51, 1960-61, 1978-79.

R.L. Challenge Cup: Winners—1905, 1907, 1950, 1954,
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1936, 1975.

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1947-48, 1948-49, 1950-51, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56,
1967-68.

Lancashire County Challenge Cup: Winners—1921,
1929, 1932, 1937, 1959, 1965, 1980.
Runners-up—1906, 1948, 1950, 1967.

League Leaders Trophy: Winners—1972-73.

Player's No. 6 Trophy: Winners—1974, 1978.
Runners-up—1979.

Captain Morgan Trophy: Winners—1974.

Club Championship: (Merit Table) Winners—1973-74.

BBC 2 Trophy: Runners-up—1974-75.

Premiership: Runners-up, 1976-77



BILLY BENYON

Welcome on your first visit to Wilderspool in 1981. Without your support and encouragement neither the clubs nor the game will survive, so get into the Wilderspool habit and bring your friends along. Here's to a great 1981.

Again having to go to press early because of the Christmas holiday break, I am not able to comment on the Boxing Day game versus Leigh or the replayed John Player Semi-versus Castleford at Leeds. Both matches are very important to us as we need to keep in contention for league honours and no club likes to leave a cup competition having reached 80 minutes from the final. The televised Saturday games with early kick-off seem to lack the real atmosphere generated in Sunday Rugby League. Although Wigan town centre was crammed with shoppers, bands and festive music, a poor crowd was lost in the spacious Wigan terraces. Certainly in the earlier televised game v. Hull K.R., I reckon we lost 4,000 on the gate and the crowd at Wigan did not justify the occasion. The idea of a neutral ground and Saturday T.V. for the Semi-Final on a Christmas weekend did not need a computer to tell us that another big R.L. occasion had been allowed to pass without the crowd enjoyment and encouragement the competition and the game demands. It is doubtful if the competing clubs are adequately compensated for the absent thousands and it seems that the whole question of Saturday Rugby needs close examination. The pull of the Armchair and T.V. is winning the battle over Saturday Soccer and let's face it, the cold damp terraces at this time of year hardly have a pulling effect.

Being drawn at Wigan against Castleford gave our supporters an advantage which thankfully many took despite the many distractions for the afternoon, without them there wouldn't have been a crowd at all, as Wigan is hardly selling rugby league at the moment.

For the game itself Castleford took a severe setback in losing that excellent full back Geoff Wraith and Coach Mal Reilly in the preceding round against Widnes through injuries. (Another match before an impoverished Saturday crowd). With Hyde, Crampton and Hughes also being declared unfit to play, we must have started favourites. It has so often happened before, of course, that on such occasions reserves have managed to raise their game for the big occasion and pull out all the stops. The lads coming into the side did themselves full justice and tackled everybody in sight. Perhaps we paid the penalty of paying the Castleford side too much of a compliment by keeping the game tight instead of taking them on and giving them more questions to be answered. The longer the game went on the more it appeared that no one was going to lose. In the end such matches are dictated by a stroke of luck and the run of the ball. Ian Duane got over the Castleford line, only to be pulled back for a forward pass, a fate which did not befall Castleford when their prop forward touched down in the second half in almost the same position. We levelled with a Tommy Martyn try which had to come after a period of sustained pressure and for a short while the conversion by Steve Hesford put us ahead. Giving away a penalty in a kickable position put Cas' back on terms and although John Bevan looked like

scoring when he was blatantly obstructed, the touch-line penalty hardly appeared justice.

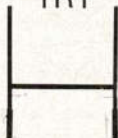
To give them credit, Castleford probably made less mistakes in handling but although we won the set scrums, the general run of the ball did not go with us. The injury to Derek Finnegan in the first twenty minutes of the game did not help and surely the saddest sight of the match was two Warrington players carrying off Derek on a stretcher, there apparently being a total absence of ambulance men or attendants to assist. This if nothing else must place a question mark over Wigan's ability to act as host on such occasions. Eddie Hunter took an elbow in the face early in the game a few yards from a linesman who chose to remain immobile but who later leapt on to the field to punish a hard but fair John Bevan tackle. You see, its the run of the game and it wasn't going our way. Neil Courtney and Brian Case got through a tremendous amount of work and not for the first time the irrepressible Bevan was the pick of our backs. At Leeds, another game, another day, perhaps different officials, who knows?

Today it is the Slalom Lager Rugby League Championship and our first visit from Oldham since their promotion to Division One. A lot of work has been put in at the Watersheddings Ground and the Directors must be complimented on their efforts to keep the side in the top echelons of the game. They have not been afraid to sign good players like Ken Gwilliam and Bill Francis from my old club Saint Helens and this season have also added to the squad ex Hull K.R. stalwarts Clive Sullivan and Brian Lockwood. Full back Martin Murphy has given the club a very good service and usually has a good game against Warrington.

Many of the clubs struggling at the foot of Division One table are beginning to put their game together—there were certainly signs of revival at Workington recently, Barrow have had some good results and I cannot see Leigh and Salford remaining at the foot of the table for long. This puts more pressure on Oldham who will be looking for some points today.

Despite our temporary (I hope) loss of early season form, we have still managed to keep ahead in our games but no one comes here for a run out. We have no easy matches and the back log of postponed games due to cup ties is already looking formidable (Hull, Wakefield, Castleford, Featherstone) and we've not hit the bad weather yet. The experience gained through last seasons troubled times by several of our 'A' Teamers should stand us in good stead as the demands increase.

Thanks once again for your support during 1980, stick with us, perhaps the best is yet to come.

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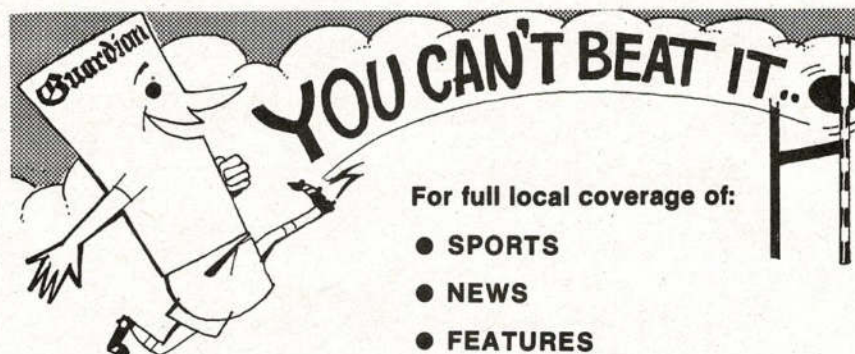
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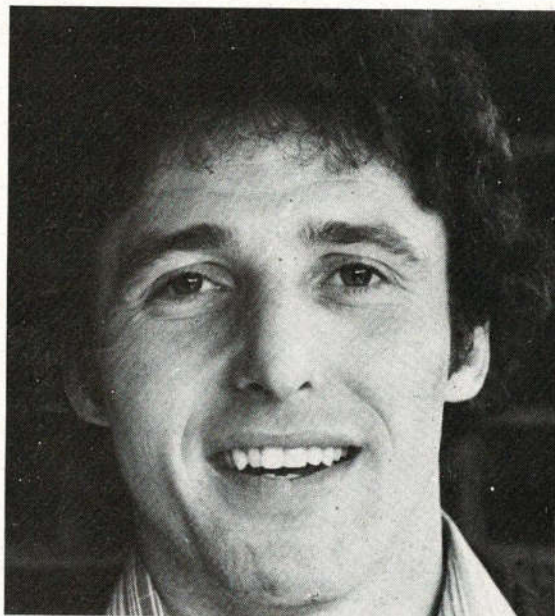


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*Asterisk shows sub. not used.

Date	Opponents	Result F A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Goal Scorers	
Aug. 10	Wigan (Locker Cup) (3.00)	H	14-21	Ganley	Thackray ²	Finnegan	Duane	Fellows	Gwilliam	Fairhurst	Eccles	Dalgreen	Triallist	Potter	Martyn	Hunter	Waller	Worrall	8*
17	Huyton (Lancs Cup 1st Rd.)	H	31-2	Finnegan ¹	Thackray ²	Duane	Bevan	Hesford	Gwilliam	Fairhurst ¹	Eccles ²	Dalgreen ¹	Courtney	Potter	Martyn	Hunter	Waller	Worrall	5*
24	Barrow (Lancs Cup 2nd Rd.)	A	16-9	Finnegan	Thackray	Duane	Bevan ²	Hesford	Gwilliam	Fairhurst	Eccles ¹	Dalgreen	Courtney	Worrall	Martyn ¹	Potter	Ganley	Waller	5*
31	Halifax (3.30)	A	12-6	Finnegan	Thackray ²	Ganley	Bevan	Hesford	Kelly, K.	Fairhurst	Courtney	Waller	Case	Eccles	Martyn	Worrall	Gwilliam	Fieldhouse	5*
Sept. 7	Leeds (3.00)	H	14-10	Finnegan	Thackray ¹	Duane	Bevan	Hesford	Kelly, K. ¹	Gwilliam	Courtney	Waller	Case	Martyn	Eccles	Hunter ¹	Gordon	Worrall*	12*, 9(')
10	Oldham (Lancs Cup)	A	11-2	Finnegan	Thackray	Duane	Bevan	Hesford	Kelly, K.	Gwilliam	Courtney	Waller	Case ¹	Martyn	Eccles	Hunter	Gordon*	Worrall	5*
14	Hull K.R. (3.30)	A	12-13	Finnegan	Thackray	Duane	Bevan ¹	Hesford	Kelly, K. ¹	Gwilliam	Eccles	Waller	Case	Martyn	Worrall	Hunter	Gordon*	Whittaker	5*
21	Castleford (3.00)	H	26-13	Finnegan	Thackray ²	Duane	Bevan ¹	Hesford ¹	Kelly, K.	Gwilliam	Courtney	Waller	Case	Martyn	Eccles ¹	Hunter ¹	Worrall	Whittaker	5*
28	Barrow (2.30)	A	13-7	Ganley	Thackray	Duane	Bevan	Hesford ¹	Finnegan	Kelly, K.	Courtney	Waller	Case	Martyn	Eccles	Hunter ¹	Benyon*	Worrall*	5*, 7(')
Oct. 4	Wigan (Lancs Final)		26-10	Finnegan	Thackray ¹	Duane	Bevan ¹	Hesford ¹	Kelly, K.	Gwilliam	Courtney	Waller	Case	Martyn ¹	Eccles ²	Hunter	Worrall*	Potter	5*
12	Leeds (3.00)	A	19-9	Finnegan	Thackray	Duane	Bevan ¹	Hesford	Kelly, K. ²	Gwilliam	Courtney	Waller	Case	Martyn	Eccles	Hunter	Worrall	Potter	5*
19	St. Helens (3.00)	H	15-11	Finnegan	Thackray	Duane	Bevan	Hesford	Kelly, K. ¹	Gwilliam	Courtney	Waller	Case	Eccles	Martyn	Hunter ¹	Fairhurst*	Potter	5* 4(')
26	Bradford (3.00)	H	7-10	Finnegan	Thackray	Duane	Bevan	Hesford	Kelly K. ¹	Gwilliam ¹	Courtney	Waller	Case	Martyn	Potter	Hunter	Fairhurst*	Eccles*	5*
29	New Zealand (7.30)	H	11-7	Finnegan	Thackray	Duane	Bevan	Hesford	Fairhurst	Gwilliam	Courtney	Waller	Case	Martyn ¹	Potter	Hunter ¹	Benyon	Eccles	5* 9(')
9	Hull (3.00)	A	9-15	Finnegan	Kelly M.	Duane	Bevan	Hesford	Kelly K.	Gwilliam	Courtney	Waller	Case	Martyn	Potter	Hunter	Fairhurst ¹	Eccles	5*
16	Widnes (3.00)	H	16-4	Finnegan	Thackray	Duane	Bevan ¹	Hesford	Kelly, K.	Gwilliam	Courtney	Waller	Case	Martyn	Eccles ¹	Potter	Fairhurst*	Hunter	5*
23	St. Helens (John Player 1st Rd.)	A	14-12	Finnegan	Thackray	Duane	Bevan ¹	Hesford	Kelly, K. ¹	Gwilliam	Courtney	Waller	Case ¹	Martyn	Potter	Hunter	Fairhurst*	Eccles*	5*
30	Workington (2.30)	A	16-12	Finnegan	Thackray	Duane	Bevan ¹	Hesford	Kelly, K.	Gwilliam	Courtney	Waller	Case	Martyn	Potter	Hunter	Fairhurst ¹	Eccles	5*
Dec. 7	Hull K.R. (John Player 2nd Rd.)	H	11-7	Finnegan	Thackray	Duane	Bevan	Hesford ²	Kelly, K.	Gwilliam	Courtney	Waller	Case	Martyn ¹	Potter	Hunter	Fairhurst*	Eccles*	5*
14	Halifax (John Player 3rd Rd.)	H	16-10	Finnegan	Thackray	Duane	Bevan ¹	Hesford	Kelly, K.	Gwilliam	Courtney	Waller	Case	Martyn	Potter	Hunter ¹	Fairhurst*	Eccles	5*
20	Castleford (John Player semi-final)		5-5	Finnegan	Thackray	Duane	Bevan	Hesford	Kelly, K.	Gwilliam	Courtney	Waller	Case	Martyn ¹	Potter	Hunter	Fairhurst	Eccles	5*
26	Leigh (3.00)	H																	
28	Castleford (John Player Semi)	A																	
Jan. 1	Oldham (3.00)	H																	
4	Wakefield (3.30)	A																	
11	Featherstone Rovers (3.00)	H																	
18	Salford (3.00)	H																	
25	Workington (3.00)	H																	
Feb. 1	Salford (3.00)	A																	
8	Hull K.R. (3.00)	H																	
15	(State Express Chall. Cup 1st Rd.)																		
22	Bradford (3.30)	A																	
Mar. 1	(State Express Chall. Cup 2nd Rd.)																		
8	Oldham (3.00)	A																	
15	Halifax (3.00)	H																	
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April 5	St. Helens (3.00)	A																	
12	Barrow (3.00)	H																	
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DIVISION ONE										DIVISION TWO—LEADING POSITIONS									
	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts			P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.			
Wakefield	12	9	1	2	269	183	19	York		13	11	0	2	288	139	2			
Castleford	12	9	1	2	264	186	19	Wigan		11	9	0	2	284	138	1			
Hull K.R.	11	8	1	2	215	134	17	Swinton		13	9	0	4	251	135	1			
Bradford	14	8	1	5	180	156	17	Fulham		11	9	0	2	198	104	1			
Featherstone	13	8	0	5	258	187	16	Hunslet		13	8	0	5	272	178	1			
Warrington	11	8	0	3	159	110	16	Huddersfield		12	8	0	4	186	126	1			
Hull	12	7	0	5	214	190	14	Bramley		12	7	1	4	206	174	1			
Widnes	12	6	0	6	175	166	12	Whitehaven		11	7	0	4	156	108	1			
St. Helens	13	5	1	7	185	158	11	Rochdale		11	6	0	5	184	181	1			
Barrow	13	5	0	8	190	252	10	Dewsbury		13	4	1	8	177	204				
Salford	15	5	0	10	266	329	10	Keighley		13	4	0	9	174	308				
Leeds	12	5	0	7	143	219	10	Batley		13	3	0	10	151	206				

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Salford	15	5	0	10	266	329	10
Leeds	12	5	0	7	143	219	10
Oldham	14	4	1	9	186	266	9
Leigh	13	4	0	9	177	197	8
Halifax	13	4	0	9	155	215	8
Workington	14	3	2	9	157	245	8

DIVISION TWO—LEADING POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	F.	A.	Pts
York	13	11	0	2	288	139	22
Wigan	11	9	0	2	284	138	18
Swinton	13	9	0	4	251	135	18
Fulham	11	9	0	2	198	104	18
Hunslet	13	8	0	5	272	178	16
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Bramley	12	7	1	4	206	174	15
Whitehaven	11	7	0	4	156	108	14
Rochdale	11	6	0	5	184	181	12
Dewsbury	13	4	1	8	177	204	9
Keighley	13	4	0	9	174	308	8
Batley	13	3	0	10	151	206	6

To be arranged Hull (H)

Featherstone (A)

'A' TEAM MEWS

In the replayed Lancashire Combination Shield match versus Wigan at Wilderspool on Thursday, 18th December, WIRE 'A' lost to WIGAN 'A' by 5-7.

Wire looked by far the better side in the first half but failed to turn their superiority into points. Once again John Whittaker and Tony Worrall were outstanding by their work rate but unfortunately John left the field with an injured leg late in the game. Earlier in the second half an injury to teenager Cullen resulted in Worrall being pulled out of the pack to play at centre. The pack certainly did not benefit from this and although Mike Peers returning after illness tried to open up play when he came on as substitute, Wigan by then were looking stronger and went into a lead which they maintained to the final whistle.

WIRE team. Warburton, Cullen, Fellowes, Ford, Mike Kelly, Fairhurst, Paget, Eccles, Webb, Whittaker, Worrall, Fieldhouse, Holbrook. Subs Peers, A. N. Other.

WIRE SCENE

Derek Finnegan is now at home, having undergone a pinning operation in his right ankle.

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'A' TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Grd	Date	Opponents	Grd
1980			Dec. 4—Rochdale (7.30)	A	Post
Aug. 15—Wigan (7.30)	A	L 7-19	10—Wigan (Shield) (7.30)	A	D 7-7
22—St. Helens (7.30)	H	W 24-13	18—Wigan (Shield) (7.30)	H	L 5-7
29—					
Sept. 4—Leigh (7.30)	A	L 21-34	1981		
12—Oldham (L.C.C.S. 1st Rd.) (7.30)	H	W 8-2	Jan. 3—Blackpool (2.30)	A	
19—			9—		
27—Barrow (3.00)	H	W 23-11	16—		
Oct. 4—Barrow (2.30)	A	L 2-15	21—Salford (7.30)	A	
11—Whitehaven (3.00)	H	W 27-9	24—Workington (2.30)	A	
17—St. Helens (7.30)	A	D 8-8	30—Salford (7.30)	H	
24—			Feb. 5—Oldham (7.30)	A	
Nov. 1—Whitehaven (3.00)	A	L 10-18	13—Rochdale (7.30)	H	
7—Swinton (7.30)	H	W 19-9	20—Widnes (7.30)	H	
14—Widnes (7.30)	A	Post	27—		
21—Blackpool (7.30)	H	W 29-0	Mar. 6—Oldham (7.30)	H	
29—Workington (3.00)	H	Post	12—Swinton (7.30)	A	
			20—Leigh (7.30)	H	
			27—		

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Brian Batty on Rugby League

English officials are clearly satisfied with the experiment of exchanging referees with France at club level in recent weeks. This step was taken in a bid to wipe out the violence and the flare ups which occur when England, Wales and France meet in the European championships.

By
Brian
Batty
of the
"Daily Mail"



It looked last season as if there might be a break up of this competition after England's experience in Narbonne when Huddersfield referee Billy Thompson had to be smuggled out of the ground. A lot of the trouble lay in the fact that French players failed to grasp the interpretations made by our referees, plus the fact that they are ready to put the fist or boot in before waiting for explanations.

The French have pledged themselves to cleaning up their game so this on top of the exchange of refs should benefit both countries this season. Last month Widnes official Ron Campbell went out to France and recently we had French official Marcel Cattaneo handling the Leeds-Halifax First Division game.

English official David Howes says: 'The move seems to have worked for both countries. Ron Campbell got good reports in France—so much so they would like more of our referees to go over there to handle their games. French officials and players learnt a lot from his refereeing, particularly his control and his signals. It is a big step to have a common understanding of what is required and we hope we can build on this success.'

Wales go to France for the opening European championship game in January and will be hoping that the English official who gets the job will get some help. It is not just the refereeing aspect but having French touch judges has been a problem in the past. That is why the countries have agreed to let each referee travel with a touch judge to take charge of games.

I expect there will be never a perfect solution to such a long standing problem but at least efforts are being made to improve the situation before someone gets seriously hurt.

TODAY'S VISITORS—OLDHAM

Oldham were unlucky to be relegated at the end of the 1973/4 season despite having scored twelve wins and one draw out of the thirty games played. The following season they regained first division status by gaining third place in the Second Division table. In 1975/6 season they had better luck by avoiding relegation with eleven wins and one draw from the thirty matches played. As has happened to other clubs, they were unable to sustain their improvement and slipped down to bottom position in 1976/7 and the fans had to settle for Second Division Rugby for another two seasons. Last season they again achieved promotion and the hard working committee have done much to improve their lot and try to consolidate their position in Division One. Additions this season to the First Team panel are experienced Hull K.R. stars Clive Sullivan, Brian Lockwood, much travelled Geoff Clarkson and the recent capture from Auckland, New Zealand centre Ashley McEwan, who has quickly scored two tries in his two games to date. Last week in a home match against Hull K.R., Oldham went in 9-7 at half-time but failed to maintain their effort in the second half when Rovers put on twenty further points without answer. Shrewd tactician Graham Starkey will be looking to improve his defence which has been slipping up in recent games.

Results and scorers so far:-

Aug.	15	Lancs Cup 1st Rd.	Swinton	A	11-5
	24	Lancs Cup 2nd Rd.	Salford	H	15-13
	31	League	Castleford	H	14-14
Sept.	7	League	Bradford	A	10-21
	10	Lancs Cup	Warrington	H	2-11
	14	League	Featherstone	H	17-32
	21	League	Hull	A	11-16
	28	League	Leeds	A	14-16
Oct.	5	League	Leigh	H	15-13
	19	League	Widnes	A	18-28
	26	League	Workington	H	18-10
Nov.	9	League	Featherstone	A	10-31
	15	League	Bradford	H	9-2
	19	League	Salford	A	22-7
	23	John Player 1st Rd.	York	A	9-11
	30	League	Wakefield	A	15-24
Dec.	14	League	Workington	A	4-25
	21	League	Hull K.R.	H	9-27

Goal Scorers: Parrish 39, Worrall 8, Caffrey 7, Flanagan 1, Ashton and Gwilliam 1DG each.

Try Scorers: Munro 7, Hunter 4, Herbert 3, Sullivan 3, Flanagan 3, Mordell 3, Lockwood 2, McEwan 2, Owen 1, Hawkyard 1, Parrish 1, Murphy 1, Francis 1, Gwilliam 1, Ashton 1.

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Mick Parrish also scored a number of goals with Hunslet and figures in the top ten goal kickers list with 62.

The teams have already met this season, in the semi-final of the Lancashire Cup when WIRE won a hard tackling match in diabolical weather conditions by 11 pts. to 2. Hesford 4 goals and a Brian Case try for WIRE. Caffrey replied with a penalty for Oldham. The game was notable for two sets of brothers in opposition. Alan (Wire) and Ken (Oldham) Gwilliam and Tony (Wire) and Mike (Oldham) Worrall. The referee was Fred Lindop (again), attendance 4,500.

Teams were:

Oldham: Murphy, Munro, Hunter, Caffrey, Sullivan, Francis, Gwilliam, K., Forster, O'Mahoney, Herbert, Wardell, Blackwood, Flanagan.

Subs: Ashton, Worrall, M.

Wire: Finnegan, Thackray, Duane, Bevan, Hesford, Ken Kelly, Gwilliam, A., Courtney, Waller, Case, Martyn, Eccles, Hunter. Subs: Gordon, Worrall, A.

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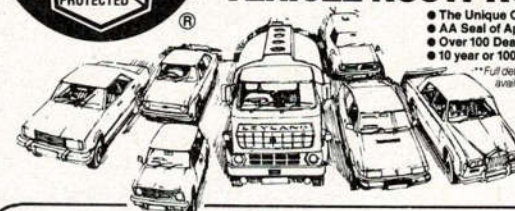


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Eddie Hunter missed the second half of the Semi v. Castleford at Wigan. We hope to see him back in action today.



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