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CLUB RECORDS

Highest Score: Wakefield Trinity 78, Batley 9 (Aug. 1967)

Attendance record: 37,906 Post-war 28,736 (1964)

Highest career points: 4,488 (Neil Fox)

Heaviest Defeat: Hull 69, Wakefield Trinity 11 (Jan. 1921)

Most appearances: 618 (Harry Wilkinson) 1929/30-1948/49

Highest career goals: 1, 836 (Neil Fox)

Tries: 272 (Neil Fox)

Points: 407 in a season (N. Fox 1961/62) 33 in a match (N. Fox 1967/68) **Goals:** 163 in a season (N. Fox 1961/2)

12 in a match (N. Fox 1967/68 & 1970/71) B. Ward (1970/71)

Tries: 38 in a season (Fred Smith 1959/60, David Smith 1973/74)

7 in a match (Fred Smith 1958/59, Keith Slater 1970/71)

Most victories in succession — 23 in 1961/62

Most league victories in succession — 17 in 1961/62

Successive games without defeat — 28 in 1961/62

Successive league games without defeat — 21 in 1961/62

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CLUB NOTES...

For the past few seasons we seem to be destined to meet to-days visitors during the Challenge Cup campaign. The only difference this year is that we have the home advantage, although our opponents will admit—however ruefully—that it has not made any difference on the last two occasions.

In welcoming the players and Officials from the Watersheddings we remember the difference in the facilities at their ground to-day from those of recent years and congratulate all concerned for the excellent way in which monies have been raised and put to good use at the ground. We hope that next time we meet here at Belle Vue the South end of the ground—recently referred to as the Belle Vue Safari Park—will have developed and that we shall have facilities to rival any in the League.

On the playing front there has been better news this week from the long list of casualties which have hit us of late. At the time of writing there is a good chance that both Lyons and Brian Juliff will have recovered from leg injuries and that Derek Parker's hand will allow the Specialist to let him play to-day. Mike Lampkowski has further treatment tomorrow (Monday) and Steve Tinker should also be in the reckoning for to-days squad. The time to start really worrying and wondering what we have done to deserve such a fate is when Bill Ashurst can field the same team twice in succession.... The records show that so far this season we have played 43 members of the squad in the first team—and that this is 19 more than the whole Fulham registered squad at the start of their first division campaign. It should prove an interesting talking point in and around Wakefield during the next week—name all 43. There is no doubt that only the really die hard supporter will be able to do that and even some of those will no doubt be struggling after 38.

In the event of a draw to-day there will be a replay at Oldham on Wednesday next with a 7.30 pm kick-off. Should we progress to the next round which will be played over the week-end of 13/14 March, our fixture against Fulham will be transferred to Wednesday 17th March at 7.30 at Belle Vue.

STATE EXPRESS CHALLENGE CUP 1982

The 1981-82 State Express Challenge Cup campaign is valued at £100,000 the first ever six-figure sponsorship sum commanded by the 13-a-side code.

This is the fourth season of the State Express backing of the coveted Rugby League Challenge Cup.

For the past three seasons, the prize money has been pegged at £55,000 with a top prize of £12,555. For the 1982 campaign, the prize money has been increased to £70,000 to become the biggest "purse" in British Rugby League. Of the £70,000, the Winners will receive £14,555, the Runners-up £8,000, and clubs in the Preliminary Round and First Round will receive a minimum of £1,000 each.

The Rugby League has recently introduced a Capital Development Fund into which a percentage of sponsorship money is being invested to aid ground improvement schemes at club level. From this season's Slalom Lager, John Player and State Express sponsorships, the grand total of £75,000 has been diverted into this ground improvement scheme.

The prize money structure for the 1982 campaign is:-

Round	Per Round	Total
Preliminary	2 x £ 1,000	£ 2,000
First	16 x £ 1,000	£16,000
Second	8 x £ 1,400	£11,200
Third	4 x £ 2,400	£ 9,600
Semi-Finals	2 x £ 4,325	£ 8,650
Runners-up	1 x £ 8,000	£ 8,000
Winners	1 x £14,555	£14,555

TOTAL £ 70,000

DEVELOPMENT FUND..... £ 30,000

GRAND TOTAL..... £100,000

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AWARD:

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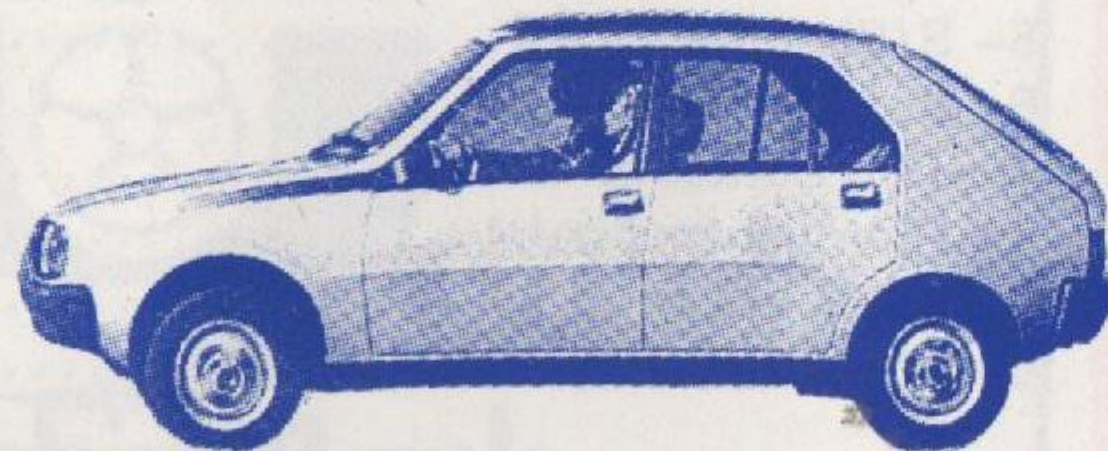
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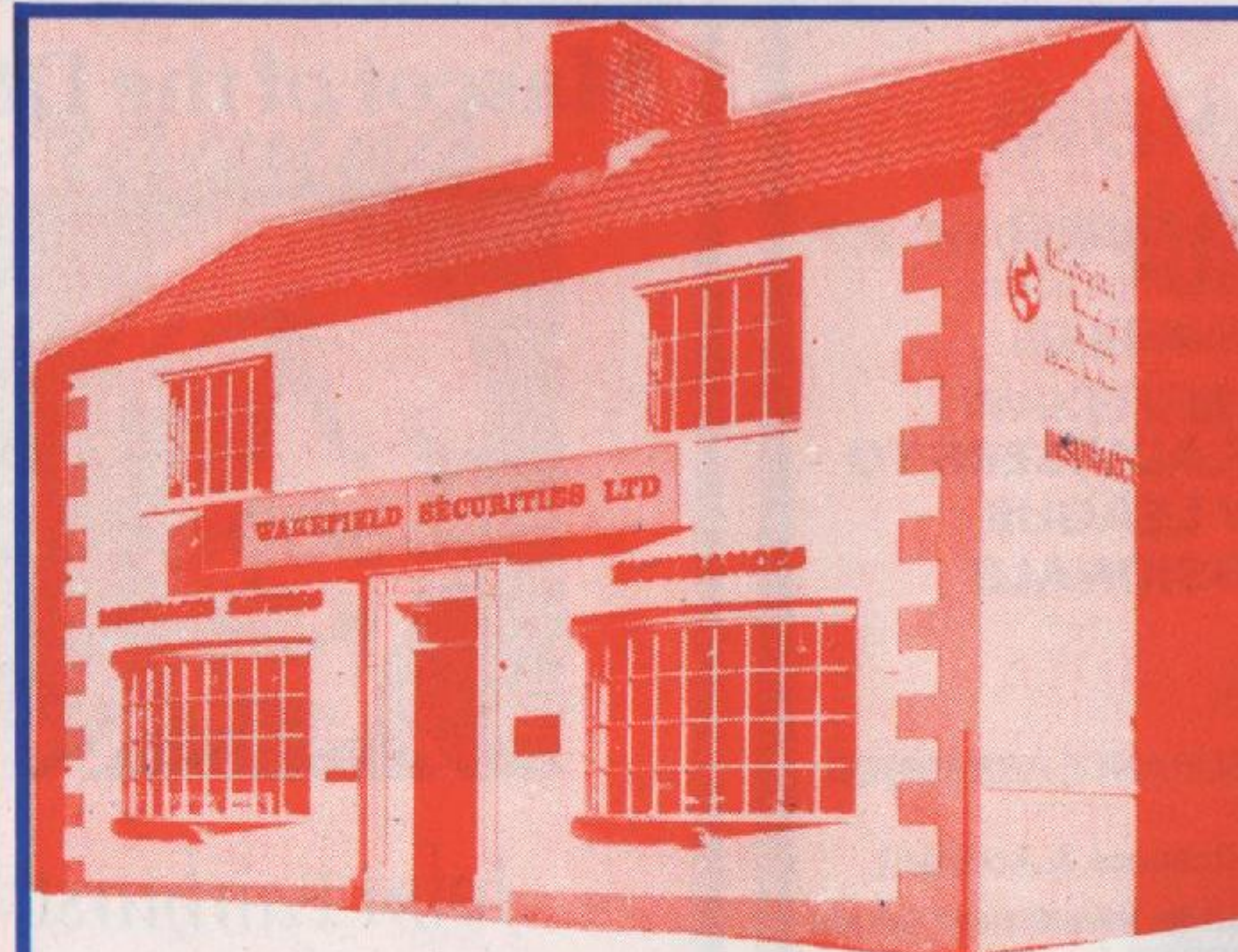


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TODAY'S VISITORS

THIS AFTERNOON we welcome our friends from across the Pennines on one of their comparatively rare visits to Belle Vue. Since the return to Two Divisional football in 1973, Oldham have had various periods in the lower division—being relegated there in 1973/74, returning to Division One immediately at the end of the following season, falling back again at the end of 1976/77 after just escaping relegation a year earlier, and spending three seasons there before earning promotion in 1979-80. They were here last season—Trinity defeating them by 24-15 also winning at Oldham by 15-13—but they were once again relegated. Their First Division programme brought them only 7 wins and 2 draws from 30 matches and they ended the campaign at bottom place.

It has been a far different story for them so far this season, however. They—along with Carlisle—have been the pace-setters of Division Two Football. Both clubs have identical records, winning 16 of their 18 games to date, with Carlisle's defensive record just giving them the edge into top place.

Despite the long association of our two clubs—both were members of the 'Northern Union' on its formation in 1895 and met in the semi-finals of the League Championship in 1910 and 1911—we had never met on a Challenge Cup trail until our visit to

Oldham in 1979. Today, therefore, forms Oldham's first Cup encounter against us here at home.

Whilst we were defeating Bramley (away) in the first round of this Cup contest, Oldham were clearing their first hurdle at Swinton. We now meet for the right to enter the important Third Round stage and our hopes are that we shall be able to repeat the victory secured at Waterheadings in the 2nd round of the 1978-79 contest which eventually led us to Wembley and our victory of the following season, also at the 2nd round stage at Oldham.

We do not, however, underestimate our task against a side which has enjoyed so much success this season whilst we have struggled through one of our worst campaigns. Cup football is a game apart and we shall be hoping to prove that First Division sides, however low their league position, have the overall edge over Second Division opponents despite their success in the lower section. It should be a lively encounter played in typical cup-tie atmosphere.

OLDHAM PEN PICTURES

Martin Murphy. Now in his 15th season with Oldham—Signed from Amateur Rugby in Leigh played once for England against France. **Denis O'Neil** signed last season from Whitehaven former Widnes and Great Britain Player. **Brian Caffery:** Local lad signed from Waterhead A.R.L.F.C. Former Amateur International. **Mick Parrish:** Signed from Hunslet for a then Club record of £18,500 is current holder of longest scoring sequence in the Rugby League having played and scored in the last 25 consecutive Matches. **Ashley McEwan:** New Zealander, signed last season after playing as an Amateur with Blackpool and having trials at Hull KR. **Alan Taylor:** Signed from Swinton and previously with Wigan and Widnes. **Paddy Kirwan:** Signed from local Amateurs, Saddleworth Rangers—Colts International, and Lancs County Player this season. **Adrian Alexander:** (Alex). Signed from Harlequins R.U.F.C. where he was youngest captain. Played for England U23 R.U. and Barbarians. **Ray Ashton:** Signed from Widnes Junior Rugby in 1979. Has progressed through Colts Team where he gained International Honours and has since made First Team spot his own. **Alan McCurrie:** Signed several weeks ago from Wakefield Trinity—originally from Whitehaven and is current Cumbria Hooker. **Dave Nicholson:** Signed from Swinton

at same time as Alan Taylor were both Frank Myler's first buys on arriving at Oldham as coach. **Bob Mordell:** Signed from Rosslyn Park R.U.F.C. Former England R.U. International toured Fiji & Tonga with England R.U. **Andy Goodway:** Age 20 signed from Yorkshire Amateur Rugby—Has become a regular first team player this season. **Terry Flanagan:** 21 on 27.11.81. Captain, last season Great Britain U24 vice captain, Lancs County player, Colts International at in Great Britain squad for test against New Zealand last season. **Phil Ward:** Formally with Salford and Bradford Northern just coming back from a troublesome ankle injury. **Alan Platt:** 19 years, on transfer list at £60,000 highest priced teenager in Rugby League. Great Britain Colts International and County player.

STATE EXPRESS CHALLENGE CUP 1982

The draw for the Quarter-Finals of the 1982 State Express Challenge Cup will be made live on BBC "Look North" from Leeds and Manchester on Monday, 1st March, 1982, shortly after 6.00 p.m. The Third Round matches will be staged on the weekend of 13th/14th March, 1982.

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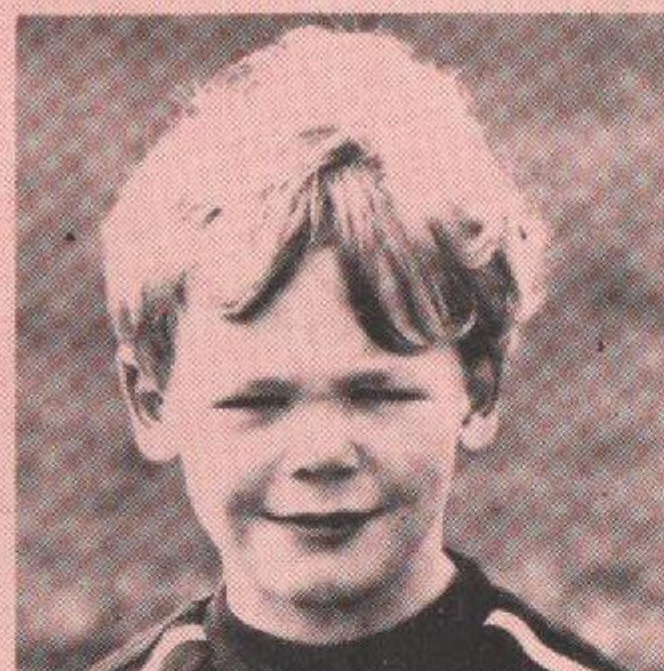
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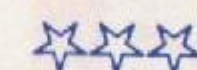
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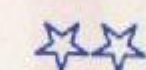


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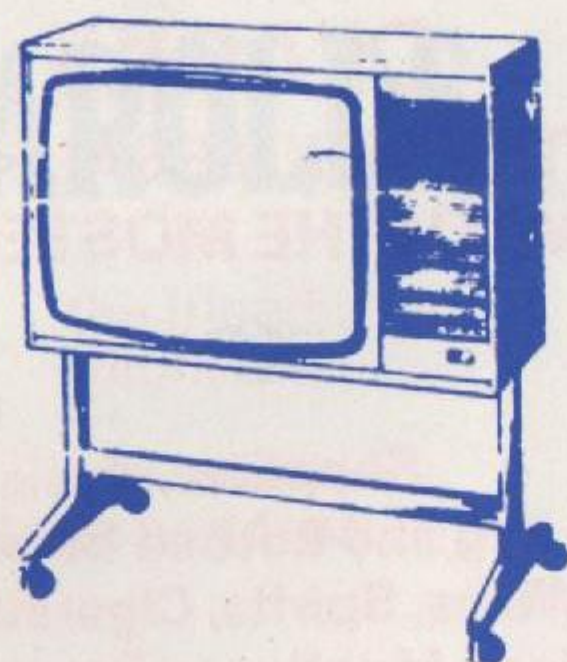
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TRINITY FIXTURES SEASON 1981/2

FIRST TEAM	Gnd	Score	Att.	Tries	Goals
Aug 16 DEWSBURY (YC1)	H	18-6	2,817	Juliff, Fennell, Box, Lampkowski	Buckley (2) Lyons
23 HULL K R (YC2)	A	12-22	8,907	Lampkowski	Dox (4), Fennel (dg)
30 HULL	A	7-20	11,097	Holliday	Box (2)
Sept 6 YORK	H	18-12	3,218	McCurrie, Box, Forsyth, Lampkowski	Box (3)
13 BARROW	A	5-16	4,100	Fletcher	Fennell (dg), Lyons (dg)
20 WIDNES	H	13-18	2,923	Lyons, Kelly, Rayne	Lyons (2)
27 ST HELENS	A	14-33	4,600	Rayne, Lyons	Lyons (4)
Oct 4 HULL K R	A	6-32	9,574	Day	Box, Holliday (dg)
11 LEEDS	H	10-21	4,209	Kelly, Day	Lyons (2)
18 KEIGHLEY (JP1)	A	22-27	2,404	Rayne 3, Day	Lyons (3) Fennell, Buckley
25 WARRINGTON	A	12-17	3,523	Rayne, Day	Box 3
Nov 1 ST HELENS	H	16-9	3,118	Kelly, Lyons.	Walker 3, Lyons, Pickerill dg, Box dg.
8 BRADFORD N	home	11-8	5,173	Guest	Walker 3, Box dg, Pickerill dg
15 Wigan	3.0 away	5-16	4,553	Busfield	Walker
22 Widnes	3.0 away	15-24	4,500	Lyons 2, Walters	Lyons 3
29 LEIGH	home	12-18	3,790	Lyons, Jones	Lyons 3.
Jan 3 Whitehaven	A	9-9	2,000	Lyons	Lyons 3
24 Fulham	A	12-13	3,948	Lyons 2, Fletcher 2	
31 WHITEHAVEN	H	15-12	2,626	Fletcher 3	Lyons 2, Pickerill (dg)
Feb 7 HULL	H	10-14	1,332	Walters, Kelly	Lyons 2
14 Bramley (Cup)	A	16-4	3,300	Heslop, Juliff	Lyons 2, Box 3
21 Leeds	A	5-15	6,163	—	Box 2, Pickerill (dg)
28 CUP (2)					
Mar 7 Leigh	A				
14 FULHAM	H				
21 York	A				
28 WARRINGTON	H				

WEMBLEY STANDING TICKETS

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