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Saints Club News

No Cup luck yet after Monday's draw for Second Round of Forshaws Lancashire Cup. Wednesday, September 15th, is the date for our Second Round Tie at Barrow which means two trips to Furness that week (the League game being the following Sunday, September 19th.) Full draw is:—

Barrow v. Saints. Kick-Off 7.30 p.m.

Leigh v. Carlisle. Kick-Off 7.30 p.m.

Warrington v. Oldham. Kick-Off 5.30 p.m.

Wigan v. Fulham. Kick-Off 7.30 p.m.

The draw offers Saints scant reward for their superb victory at Naughton Park last Sunday. The game was a nailbiter from start to finish, the result being in doubt until the final whistle. Saints drew first blood with a Neil Holding penalty but this was quickly nullified by a Mick Burke goal. In a first half largely dominated by St. Helens (mainly attributable to the scrum mastery of Graham Liptrot) it was against the run of play that Widnes took the lead. Mick Adams was fortunate to follow up his own up and under to score near the posts leaving Burke an easy conversion. Down by 9 points to 2 at half-time Saints really showed their character in a humdinger of a second half. Man of the Match John Butler carried through the Chemics defence for a magnificent try leaving Holding a conversion coolly taken. With Saints gaining the upper hand Doug Laughton played his trump card by bringing on Andy Gregory. This move quickly paid dividends when the Gt. Britian half-back outwitted Several Saints defenders to score near the corner flag. With only 5 minutes left and down 12-9 it seemed yet again that we would again be denied a deserved win. Not to be denied Saints stormed back to the Widnes line and following a surging run by Owen, Peter Gorley used all his power and class to force his way over for a final touchdown. Neil Holding again showing great coolness in converting the resultant pressure kick.

John Butler was again an inspiration at full-back whilst Peter Gorley defied all the odds by playing after undergoing surgery at Whiston Hospital on the Friday afternoon prior to the game. Graham Liptrot returned for his first appearance since last March to trounce Keith Elwell in the scrums to give us the decisive edge whilst skipper Harry Pinner was always probing the Chemics defence with his clever distribution.

SAINTS "A"

Saints "A" progressed to the second round of the Lancashire Shield with a hard earned win at Salford by 8 points to 5 last Friday. Scorers for Saints in a great team effort were Brian Parkes and Andy Platt with Barry Ledger adding a goal.

SAINTS v. AUSTRALIA—Sunday, October 17th.

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OUR VISITORS

Visitors again this afternoon are Oldham who last season proved to be the outstanding Second Division side by taking Slalom Lager Trophy Championship for Division Two. In the Pre-Season Charity Match they shared the spoils with Saints in a 15 all draw. Oldham then lost their first two home matches in Division One against Widnes and Leeds. Since then they have begun to find their 1st Division feet. They really confounded their critics by deservedly beating Bradford Northern at Odsal and then staged a storming second half display at Blackpool in the Lancashire Cup to win through by 27 points to 10. They are a young progressive side, well organised by Coaches FRANK MYLER and PETER SMETHURST. A shrewd move was the recent appointment of veteran campaigner BRIAN HOGAN as club captain relieving the talented TERRY FLANAGAN to concentrate on his undoubted constructive skills. Today's game will be a severe test for last seasons Division Two Champions particularly since Saints will be in full cry after their morale boosting performance at Widnes.

Cover Picture:— John Butler inspiring the team from full-back where he took the Man of the Match award at Widnes last week.

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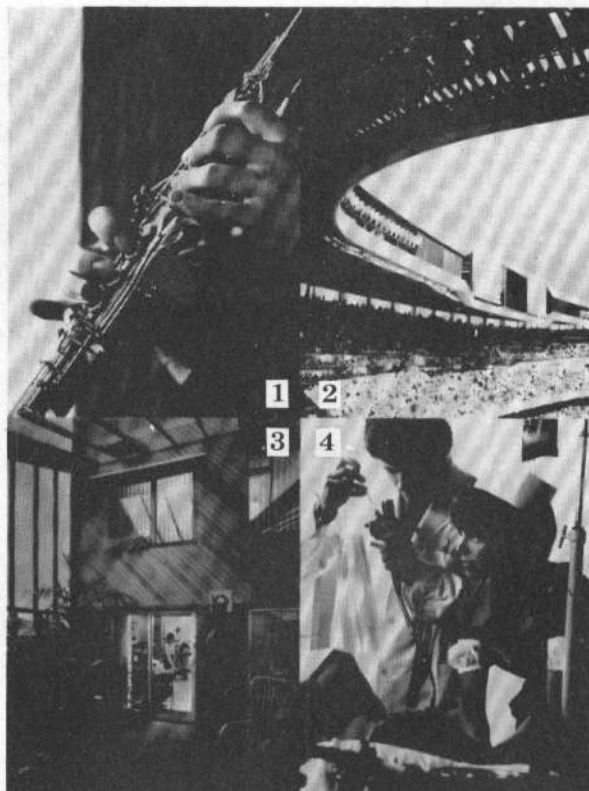
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TRIES:

Fulham stand-off JOHN CROSSLEY is the early season leading try scorer with seven touchdowns. He is already showing the form which made him the League's top try scorer in 1980-81 with 35 for York.

Close behind is GARRY CLARK, Hull K.R.'s teenage Colts International wingman, who has scored six tries in his first four senior games.

Then come Leeds loose-forward DAVID HERON and Leigh's Test winger DES DRUMMOND, with five each.

All four of the above players are among 15 players who have scored hat-tricks in the early season scoring burst.

GOALS:

Salford's STEVE RULE and Barrow's STEVE TICKLE are the joint leading goal scorers, with 18 each.

They are followed by KEVIN DICK, of Leeds and STEVE DIAMOND, of Fulham, with 17 apiece. STEVE QUINN, of Featherstone Rovers, and STEVE TOMLINSON of Leigh, are both on 15.

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The feat has been achieved 42 times in the history of the game, all by wingers. The 50 try mark was last broken in 1961-62 by Wigan's BILLY BOSTON who touched down 51 times including two for Great Britain. The legendary BRIAN BEVAN achieved the feat a record nine times for Warrington, including six times in succession from 1950-51 season. Since Billy Boston passed the 50 mark in 1962, the nearest approach was by KEITH FIELDING who touched down 49 times in his first season for Salford in 1973-74, including three in representative football. His tally was highlighted by a Salford club record of 46 tries. The 50 tries in a season was first achieved in 1911-12 by both the Huddersfield wingers, ALBERT ROSENFELD (78) and STAN MOORHOUSE (55). The most players to achieve the feat in any one season is four in 1951-52... LIONEL COOPER (Huddersfield-71), JACK McCLEAN (Bradford Northern-63), FRANK CASTLE (Barrow-52), and BRIAN BEVAN (Warrington-51).

The record for most tries in a season is 80 by Rosenfeld for the Fartown club in 1913-14. For 60 years until 1967-68, a winger always headed the try scoring list, stand-off Roger Millward (Hull K.R.) breaking the sequence with 38 tries in 1967-68. The only forward to head the list was Bob Haigh (Leeds) with 40 in 1970-71.

Last season's top try scorer was Workington Town's centre JOHN JONES with 31 touchdowns.

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For the second time this season we welcome our friends from Oldham. after holding us to a draw in the Charity game they have had a mixed start to the new season losing at home to Widnes and Leeds, and then after gaining a very impressive win at Bradford they moved into the Second Round of the Forshaws Lancashire Cup by beating Blackpool last Sunday. With Brian Hogan now captaining the side they will be keen to improve on their early season form and no doubt we can look forward to yet another exciting game of rugby league this afternoon.

After our magnificent victory over Widnes at Naughton Park last weekend we were rewarded with yet another tough away fixture in the Second Round of the Forshaws Lancashire Cup. At Barrow next Wednesday night, Kick-Off 7.30 p.m. We are running our usual coach service to this game and indeed the League game again at Barrow next Sunday, coach bookings for both games have been brisk and you can secure your seat by calling into the Club Shop after today's game or any evening during the week between 6.30 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. Why not make it a double and travel in style with the Saints Supporters Club.

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IN TOUGH

DES DRUMMOND:

A hat-trick for Leigh in the Forshaws Lancashire Cup First Round home tie against Rochdale Hornets leaves the Hilton Park Test wingman only one try short of his century of career touchdowns. The Trumanns Young Player of the Year, 1981 and 1982, has a current tally of 99 career tries, including 15 in representative matches.

MAURICE RICHARDS:

The Welshman's try for Salford against Wigan in the Forshaws Lancashire Cup First Round made the former Test winger the top try scorer in the club's history with a total of 293 touchdowns for the Red Devils. The previous record of 292 tries was set by Barney Hudson between 1928-46. Richards now needs only two tries for a club and representative total of 300 touchdowns, which includes five on the 1974 Tour "Down Under." He has scored 19 hat-tricks, including four tries in a match on four occasions.

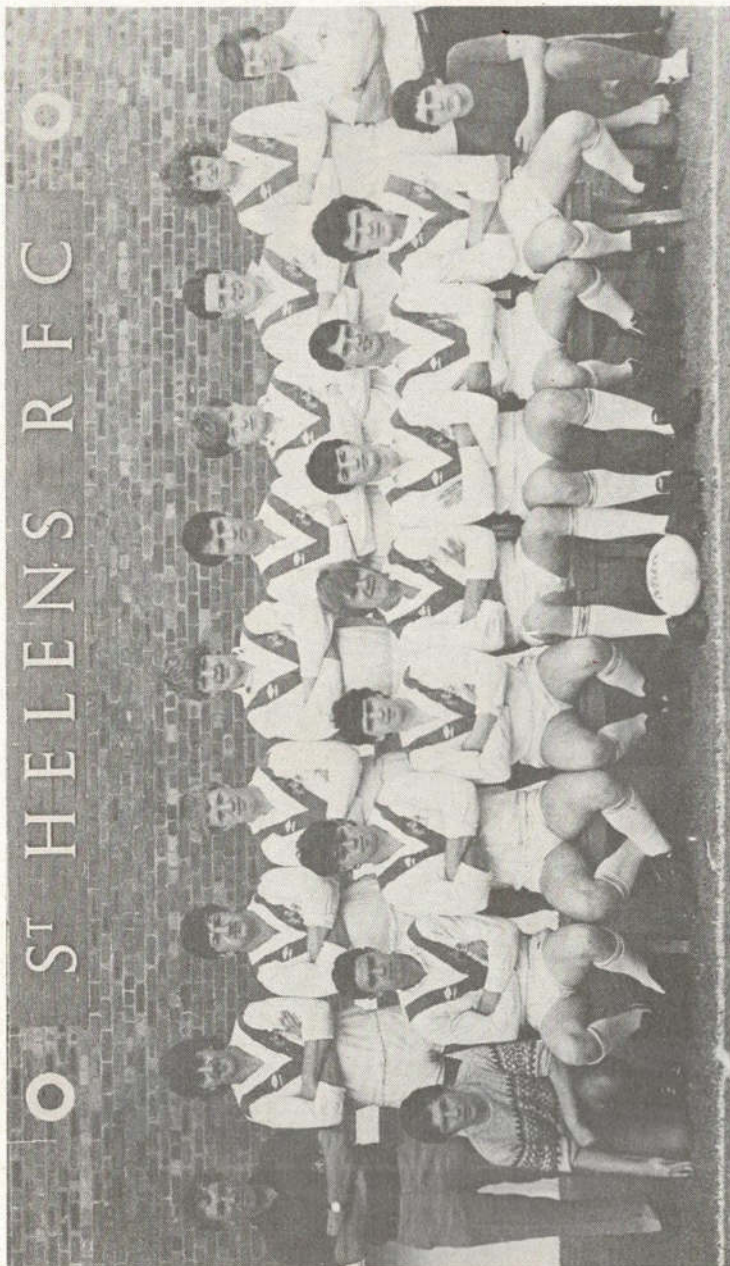
The former Wales and British Lions Rugby Union wingman signed for Salford in 1969 and in his first seven full seasons finished in the Top Ten Scoring list six times, heading the list in 1975-76. His breakdown of tries is as follows:—

Season	Tries	Top Ten Position
1969-70	13	—
1970-71	23	9th
1971-72	35	3rd
1972-73	38	2nd
1973-74	18	—
1974-75	28	7th
1975-76	37	1st.
1976-77	23	8th
1977-78	22	—
1978-79	10	—
1979-80	10	—
1980-81	14	—
1981-82	20	—
1982-83	2	—
1974 Tour	5 (inc. one in Test)	

COLTS LEAGUE:

Leading Positions as at 6th September.

	Pts.	W.	D.	L.	Pts
Wakefield T.	6	6	—	—	12
Hull	6	5	—	1	10
St. Helens	6	5	—	1	10
Hull K.R.	6	4	1	1	9
York	6	4	—	2	8
Halifax	6	4	—	2	8



ST. HELENS R.F.C. COLTS 1982-83

Back-Row L. to R.: Bob Dagnall (Manager), Paul Round, John Proudlove, John Benyon, Russ Morris, Andy Newsham, David Fish, David Gillin, Tony McCormick, Jeff Heaton (Coach).
Front-Row L. to R.: Darren Kenny, David Dalton, Paul Forber, Luke Burke, Paul Howard, Shaun Allen, Lawrence Pilkington, Darryll Davies, Mike Case.

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Colts Round-Up

Our Colts team has made a promising start to the new campaign, with home wins against Bradford, Salford, Oldham and away wins at Leigh and Barrow. The only loss to date being the away fixture to Hull, when the young Saints lacking the services of John Proudlove (flu) and Paul Howard (1st Team duty) went down to the strong Boulevard side in a closely contested match, were the final score of 8pts.-19pts., did no justice to our youngsters. Under the watchful eyes of Jeff Heaton (coach) and Bob Dagnall (manager) the young Saints are producing an enterprising brand of rugby which has brought 30 tries in the opening six games.

The Colts officials and players would like to congratulate centre Paul Howard, who, after an outstanding game in the "A" Team at Salford was called up for 1st Team duty at Widnes last Sunday. Although Paul was not included in the team which won so magnificently it will not be long before he and several others are pushing for First and "A" Team places.

As Colts rugby continues to grow, this season sees an attractive Fixture List which includes 34 League matches, Challenge Cup and Premiership Competitions, with Representative Honours at stake in the County Match and Internationals against France. The International scene looks particularly interesting with the promise of a five country International Series with teams from Gt. Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and France taking part in a tournament which seems set to be held in Australia.

Interested in joining the Colts? Then if your under 19 on the 1st September come down to the club on training nights, Wednesday at 6.30 p.m. Where you'll be able to use the best facilities in town. Do come, you'll be made very welcome.

- 14th AUGUST ST. HELENS COLTS 31pts—BRADFORD N. COLTS 14pts.**
 TRIES (7) Darryll Davies 3, Dave Dalton 2, Luke Burke 1, John Proudlove 1.
 GOALS (5) Tony McCormick 5.
 PLAYER OF THE MATCH. Dave Dalton.
- 18th AUGUST ST. HELENS COLTS 38pts—SALFORD COLTS 7pts.**
 TRIES (8) David Gillin 1, Luke Burke 1, Darryll Davies 2, Paul Howard 1, Paul Forber 1.
 Dave Dalton 1, John Proudlove 1.
 GOALS (7) Dave Dalton 7.
 PLAYER OF THE MATCH. Paul Forber.
- 21st AUGUST LEIGH COLTS 9pts—ST. HELENS COLTS 12pts.**
 TRIES (2) Dave Dalton 1, Shaun Allen 1.
 GOALS (3) Tony McCormick.
 PLAYER OF THE MATCH. Darryll Davies.
- 25th AUGUST. BARROW COLTS 12pts.—ST. HELENS COLTS 27pts.**
 TRIES (7) Tony McCormick 2, Paul Howard 1, Paul Forber 1, John Proudlove 1, John Benyon 2.
 GOALS (3) Tony McCormick.
 PLAYER OF THE MATCH. Tony McCormick.
- 28th AUGUST. ST. HELENS COLTS 20pts—OLDHAM COLTS 18pts.**
 TRIES (4) Mike McCann 1, Paul Forber 2, Paul Howard 1.
 GOALS (4) Dave Dalton.
 PLAYER OF THE MATCH. Paul Howard.
- 4th SEPTEMBER HULL COLTS 19pts—ST. HELENS COLTS 8pts**
 TRIES (2) Paul Round 1, Phil Edwards 1.
 GOALS (1) Tony McCormick 1.
 PLAYER OF THE MATCH. Paul Forber.



SAINTS BACK-ROOM STAFF

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Peter Gartland ("A" Team Coach), Billy Benyon (1st Team Coach), Eric Leach (Kitman)

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Date	Opponents	Grd
1982		
Aug. Su 22—Leigh (3.30)	A	
W 25—Bradford N. (7.30)	H	
Su 29—Hull K.R. (3.00)	A	
Sept. Su 5—Widnes (F.L.C. 1st Rd.)	A	
Su 12—Oldham (3.00)	H	
W 15—Barrow (F.L.C. 2nd Rd.)	A	
Su 19—Barrow (2.30)	A	
Su 26—Workington (3.00)	H	
Oct. Su 3—Featherstone R. (3.30)	A	
Su 10—Leigh (3.00)	H	
Su 17—Australia (3.00)	H	
Su 24—Leeds (3.00)	A	
Su 31—Warrington (3.00)	H	
Nov. Su 14—Workington (2.30)	A	
Su 21—Castleford (3.00)	H	
Dec. Su 28—(Third Test at Leeds)		
Su 5—(John Player 1st Rd.)		
Su 12—(John Player 2nd Rd.)		
Su 19—Bradford (3.30)	A	
Su 26—Wigan (3.00)	H	
1983		
Jan. Su 2—Widnes (3.00)	A	
Su 9—Hull (3.00)	H	
Su 16—Castleford (3.30)	A	
Su 23—Barrow (3.00)	H	
Su 30—Hull K.R. (3.00)	H	
Feb. Su 6—Oldham (3.00)	A	
Su 13—(Chall. Cup 1st Rd.)		
Su 20—Halifax (3.00)	H	
Su 27—(Chall. Cup 2nd Rd.)		
Mar. Su 6—Leeds (3.00)	H	
Su 13—Hull (3.00)	A	
W 16—Warrington (7.30)	A	
Su 20—Featherstone (3.00)	H	
Su 27—Carlisle (3.00)	A	
April Fr 1—Wigan (3.00)	A	
M 4—Widnes (3.00)	H	
Su 10—Halifax (3.30)	A	
Su 17—Carlisle (3.00)	H	

Date	Opponents	Grd
1982		
Aug. Tu 17—Wigan (Friendly)(7.30)	A	
Fr 20—Leigh (7.30)	H	26-10
Fr 27—Warrington (7.30)	H	
Sept. Fr 3—Salford (Shield)(7.30)	A	
Fr 10—Oldham (7.30)	A	
Sa 18—Barrow (3.00)	H	
Sa 25—Workington (2.30)	A	
Oct. Fr 1—Widnes (7.30)	H	
Th 7—Leigh (7.30)	A	
Th 14—Swinton (7.30)	A	
Sa 23—Whitehaven (2.30)	A	
Sa 30—Warrington (2.30)	A	
Nov. Sa 13—Workington (3.00)	H	
Dec. W 1—Wigan (7.30)	A	
Fr 17—Salford (7.30)	H	
1983		
Jan. Th 6—Rochdale (7.30)	A	
Fr 14—Swinton (7.30)	H	
Sa 22—Barrow (2.30)	A	
Fr 28—Widnes (7.30)	A	
Feb. Fr 4—Oldham (7.30)	H	
Fr 11—Rochdale (7.30)	H	
Mar. Fr 4—Salford (7.30)	A	
Fr 11—Wigan (7.30)	H	
Sa 26—Whitehaven (3.00)	H	

STATE EXPRESS CHALLENGE CUP			
1st Rd.	12/13 Feb.	1st Semi-Final	26 Mar.
2nd Rd.	26/27 Feb.	2nd Semi-Final	2 April
3rd Rd.	12/13 Mar.	Final	7 May

JOHN PLAYER TROPHY			
1st Rd.	4/5 Dec.	1st Semi-Final	28 Dec.
2nd Rd.	11/12 Dec.	2nd Semi-Final	1 Jan.
3rd Rd.	18/19 Dec.	Final	22 Jan.

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		Final	14 May

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