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Penalties

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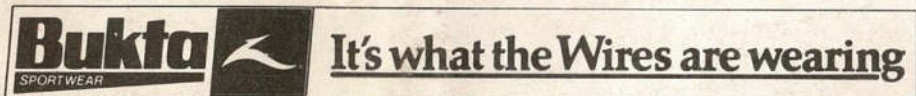
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Forshaws Lancashire Cup News

It will be seen that St. Helens' reward for a thrilling 14–12 win at cup giants Widnes is a trip to Barrow. Widnes had reached 6 of the last 8 Lancashire Cup Finals, but the Saints new coach Billy Benyon is aiming to steer his club to the 10th County triumph this season. Mr. Tom Ashcroft, Chairman of the St. Helens Club observed, "It is always a tremendous achievement to beat the formidable Widnes side particularly on their home ground. For this reason I am very optimistic about our appearance in the Final.

Warrington ran up the biggest score of the first round with a 43–5 romp over Huyton. And they now entertain promoted Oldham who trailed 10–4 at Blackpool before winning 27–10.

Leigh, the holders were 4–1 favourites before the tournament had started, and Chairman Brian Bowman said, "After the home draw against promoted Carlisle our odds will probably drop further, but we wanted a home draw and have no complaints.

Wigan have won the famous trophy a record 16 times. Their new boss Alex Murphy who steered Leigh to the County Crown last season, is confident the Central Park Club will be celebrating their 17th final victory on October 23rd.

Wigan, who lost 8 matches in a row near the start of last season are currently avoiding relegation and have been drawn at home to Fulham in the Quarter Final, and Murphy said, "Fulham may be the only 2nd division club left in the competition, but I am considering them a 1st division outfit, who had unfortunate luck when they were relegated last season.

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The draw for the semi-finals will be made live on BBC Radio Manchester (206 metres/95.1 VHF) at 7.50 a.m. on Monday, 20th September. The Semi-Finals will be played on Wednesday, September 29th, with the televised final on Saturday 23rd October.

LANCASHIRE CUP RECORDS

Record Winners—16 Wigan, followed by Oldham and St. Helens with 9 each.

Most successive final winners—6 by Wigan.

Most final appearances—29 by Wigan.

Most successive final appearances—7 by St. Helens and Wigan. Leigh the holders have won the final 4 times.

MAN OF THE MATCH AWARD

Today's Forshaws Man of the Match will receive an inscribed memento
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WELCOME TO OLDHAM

TODAYS VISITORS ARE OLDHAM.

A warm welcome is extended to the Directors, Players, Officials and Supporters who have travelled to Wilderspool from Oldham for todays Second Round Tie in the Forshaws Lancashire Cup Competition.

After a hesitant start to the season with defeats to Widnes and Leeds, the Roughyeds went up to Bradford and scored a fine 23-10 victory. This was in no small way due to a hat trick of tries from Oldham's former Wakefield hooker, Alan McCurrie. Also in that game Green Vigo, newly signed from Swinton in exchange for centre Clive Hunter, was sent off in the early exchanges. That win must be a fine encouragement to the side and the Directors who have worked hard to bring improvements to the Club both on the ground and in the team. Former Widnes prop Brian Hogan, veteran of many a hard battle, has recently taken over the captaincy and the services of Des Foy have been secured on loan from Widnes. In centre Mick Parrish, Oldham have one of the League's top goal kickers and scrum half Ray Ashton has been turning in some eye catching displays.

In the first round tie at Blackpool, having trailed 4-10 at half time, Oldham swamped the seashiders by 27 points to 10. Like our last round's visitors Huyton, Oldham too have been frequent opponents in this particular competition. In season 79/80, having defeated Wigan 17-14 in the first round WIRE went to the aptly named Watersheddings Ground and ran out winners 34-6 on a dry surface. The teams as per programme that day were WIRE: Finnegan, Sutton, Hesford, Benyon, Bevan, Kelly K, Gordon, Hogan, Waller, Lester, Case, Hunter, Gwilliam. Subs. Fairhurst and Worrall.

OLDHAM: Murphy, Fitzsimmons, Larder, Ward, Munro, Francis, Paterson, Fiddler, O'Mahoney, Taylor, Forster, Wolczak, Hawkyard, Subs. Arnold and Flanagan.

The following season after victories over Huyton and Barrow, Wire again visited the Watersheddings, this time living up to its name and producing monsoon conditions. The game was a terrific struggle against the elements and the two packs neutralising each other. Wire took the honours 11-2 by Brian Case scoring the only try and Steve Hesford proving that he can walk on water by aquaplaning four goals. One interesting feature was the appearance of two sets of brothers in opposition, Wires Tony v. Oldham's Mick Worrall and Wires Alan v. Oldham's Ken Gwilliam.

Teams were:- OLDHAM: Murphy, Munro, Hunter, Caffrey, Sullivan, Francis, Ken Gwilliam, Forster, O'Mahoney, Herbert, Wardell, Blackwood, Flanagan. Subs. Ashton and Mike Worrall.

WIRE: Finnegan, Thackray, Duane I., Bevan, Hesford, Ken Kelly, Alan Gwilliam, Courtney, Waller, Case, Martyn, Eccles, Hunter. Subs. Gordon and Tony Worrall. Brian Caffrey kicked Oldham's goal.

Last season Oldham were outstanding in winning the Second Division Title and are now set on course to prove that they belong to Division One.

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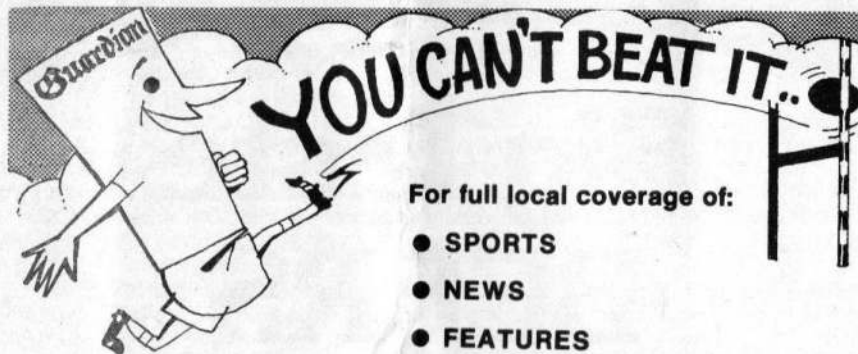
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Club Notes, Views and Opinions

Fair enough, you pay your money and are entitled to your point of view but having watched sport at all levels, for many years, I have no time for those voluble critics who choose to get on one player's back when he is perhaps, going through a bad time. It isn't clever, it does not help the player concerned nor does it assist the team as a whole. The player cannot hit back at you until he has got his game right. Sometimes the coach will decide that the best interests of the Club and Player are served by the player to continue through the bad period, he knows the lads, their qualities and what is best for the team. That is why he has the job of team selection. A little tolerance, please, get behind the lads and Kevin will get it all right.

On another tack, after Bob Eccles had run in his fourth try in two games, I heard one "supporter" say, "That's all he does." Bob can take heart from the fact that a long term and valued supporter reminded a colleague that they said the same about Brian Bevan. Well Bevan got 800 tries or thereabouts, so keep going Bob, the rest of us are with you.

The Stand Fund Committee have arranged a "Nite Out" at Chaplin's Club on Monday, 11th October, with a pianist, signer and disco from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are priced at £3 and can be obtained at the Club Office.

The Committee have also made a Provisional Booking of the Middleton Civic Hall for a Pantomime on Thursday, 30th December. It will be a matinee performance and tickets will be £3.50 each. All proceeds to the Stand Fund. Full details will be given later but bear in mind please for your Christmas entertainment—Date Thursday, 30th December.

The next "A" Team game will be at Swinton on Thursday, 23rd September. Kick-off 7.30 p.m. On Friday, 1st October the "A" team will be at the Willows, Salford.

The Primrose Association will be holding another "200" presentation at a Social in

the Gymnasium Club on 21st October. Member's Pass will get you in.

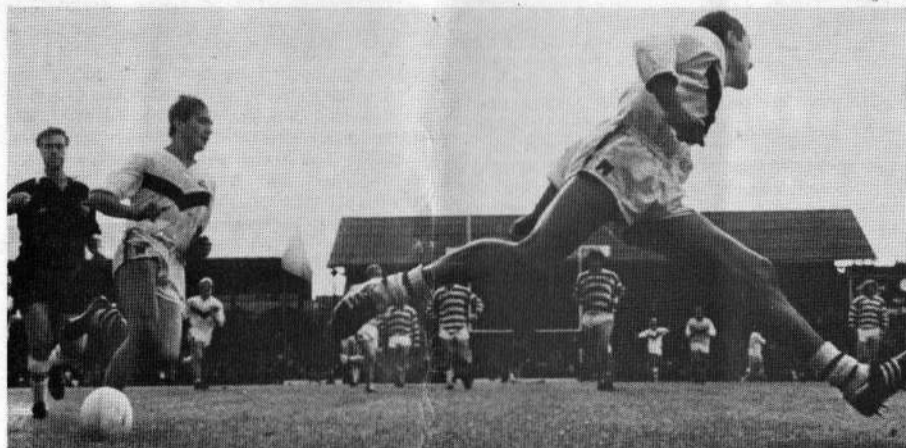
The One Leg "A" Team Shield Competition First Round tie with Barrow is now provisionally fixed for Saturday, 9th October. Kick-off 2.30 p.m. at Craven Park.

Changing Ends" at Wilderspool has long been a spectator fetish and generally little trouble is experienced. Wire supporters usually prefer to occupy the Fletcher End before the start of play and the visitors go to the Railway End. Travel between the ends along the front of the North Stand was possible without inconvenience because a passage was available at the back of the terracing. Regrettably both Wire and Wigan have a very small but undesirable group of people who use the meetings between the sides as a vehicle for acts of aggression, stupidity and malicious damage. Because of this and the encroachment of large numbers on to the field of play, the police were asked to discourage fans from changing ends in the Wigan game, at half time. This is a difficult and sensitive problem as 98 per cent of the supporters involved are quite genuine and do not seek trouble in any way. It is a sign of the times in which we live that we have to allow our judgement to be swayed to prevent the minority from spoiling the fun and entertainment of the majority. The Rugby League Rules leave us in no doubt that the CLUBS and the CLUBS alone are responsible for the conduct of their supporters, and the safety of players and officials. The loss of the North Stand has presented us with many problems so please bear with us for a little while, particularly at well attended games, as in six weeks time we hope to be able to make the North Side Terracing available to you once more. Sorry for the inconvenience.

The draw for the semi-finals of today's Forshaw's Lancashire Cup Competition will be made on September 20th and will be played Mid Week on Wednesday, 28th September and the FINAL, at a venue to be decided when the protagonists are known, on Saturday, 23rd October, 1982.

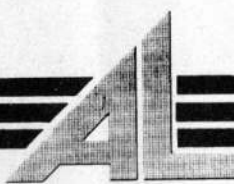


Eddie Fuller captures Phil Fords second spectacular try v. Wigan.



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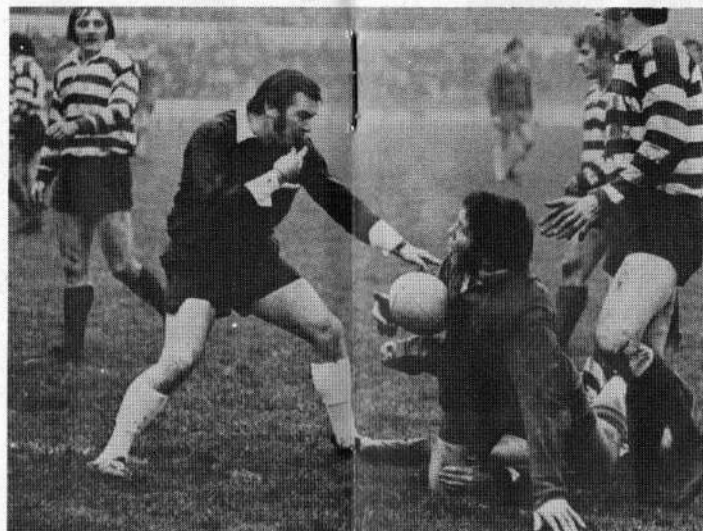
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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Aug. 15	Wigan (Locker Cup)	A	L	12-15
12	Featherstone	A	D	12-12
25	Workington	A	L	0-8
29	Castleford	H	L	15-20
Sept. 5	Huyton (Lancs Cup)	H	W	43-5
12	Wigan	H	W	19-13
15	Oldham	A		
19	Oldham (Lancs Cup 2)	H		
26	Bradford	H		
Oct. 3	Hull	A		
10	Widnes	H		
13	Castleford	A		
24	Workington	H		
31	St. Helens	A		
Nov. 7	Barrow	H		
14	Halifax	A		
21	Carlisle	H		
Dec. 5	John Player 1			
12	John Player 2			
19	Hull K.R.	H		
26	Leigh	A		
Jan. 2	Wigan	A		
9	Leeds	H		
16	Barrow	A		
23	Oldham	H		
30	Carlisle	A		
Feb. 6	Hull	H		
13	(Chall. Cup 1st Rd.)			
20	Leeds	A		
27	(Chall. Cup 2nd Rd.)			
Mar. 6	Featherstone	H		
16	St. Helens	H		
20	Bradford	A		
27	Halifax	H		
April 1	Widnes	A		
4	Leigh	H		
10	Hull K.R.	A		

MEMORY LANE - 10 YEARS AGO



Eddie Fuller (Guardian) takes you Down Memory Lane. 10 years ago...
Top:—

Brian Brady runs one in the 20-10 win v. Oldham.

Below:—

Kevin Ashcroft scores WIRE v. Blackpool Sept. 1972. Also shown, a slimline Chissie, still going strong and Brian Gregory in support. Wire won 42-8.



"A" TEAM FIXTURES

Aug. 21	Workington	H	W	51-13
27	St. Helens	A	Post	
Sept. 10	Wigan	A	L	12-18
18	Oldham	H		
23	Swinton	A		
Oct. 1	Salford	A		
8	Widnes	A		
16	Wigan	H		
23	Workington	A		
30	St. Helens	H		
Nov. 6	Barrow	A		
13	Salford	H		
27	Swinton	H		
Dec. 4	Rochdale	H		
16	Leigh	A		
Jan. 15	Barrow	H		
21	Oldham	A		
29	Whitehaven	H		
Feb. 19	Leigh	H		
26	Whitehaven	A		
Mar. 10	Rochdale	A		
19	Widnes	H		

Challenge Cup Final	7th May
John Player Final	22nd January
County Cup	23rd October
Wales v. Australia	24th October
Great Britain v. Australia	30th October
Great Britain v. Australia	20th November
Great Britain v. Australia	28th November
France v. Great Britain	20th February
Great Britain v. France	6th March

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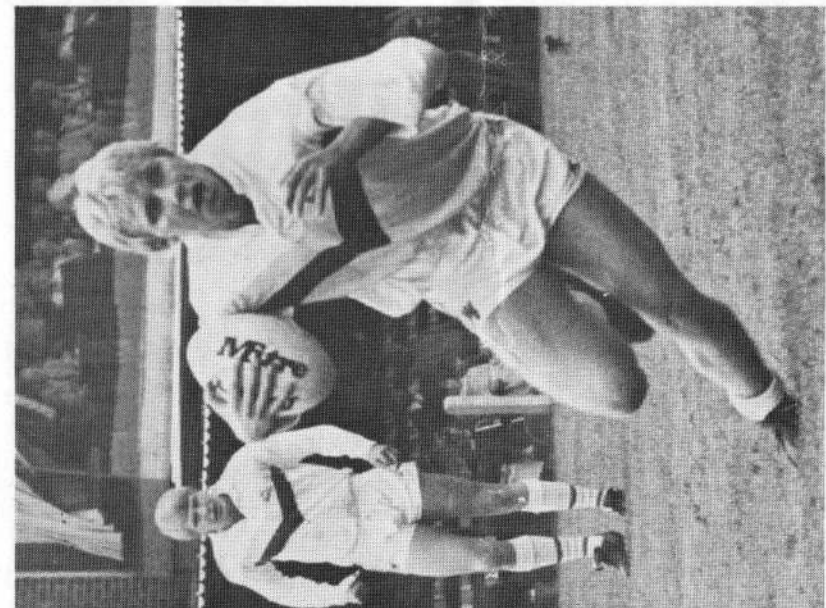
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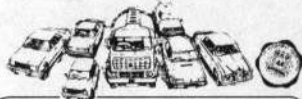


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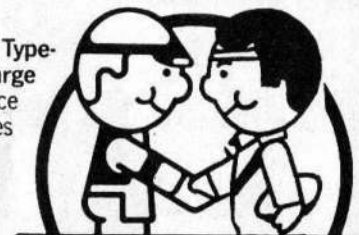
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Bee Gee's Match Report & Comments

"FRIDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER, 1982—WIGAN "A" 18 WIRE "A" 12.

A major contribution to this defeat was the absence from the playing arena of the "A" team for three weeks after that superb opening exhibition against Workington. It seems folly to devote extra time to pre-season training to gear the lads up to prime fitness then after proving the point, allow them to rust up and lose the edge before competing again. Even if sides played each other three times, there is no substitute for match fitness.

It was clear from the start that the Wigan lads were also fit and had no intention of becoming a pushover. Two penalties put them in a 4-0 lead before Paul Ford pulled two points back. Wigan soon made it 9-2 before John Whittaker got his pack together and with the aid of a little more ball from the set scrums two well worked tries from a trialist hooker each converted by Paul Ford put Wire into a 12-9 lead at half time. Once again the lads were looking good. Continuing the initiative in the second half, Wire were attacking the Wigan line when John Whittaker, who had bossed the forward exchanges, received a shoulder injury and had to leave the field. Wigan took fresh heart and began to run hard and straight. A try, converted, a penalty and two well taken drop goals put the score out of Wire's reach. The whole pack worked hard to wrest the initial supremacy from Wigan but in the final minutes it was Wigan who were carrying the game to the opposition. Tommy Rawlinson had a bright game and Mike Kelly was unlucky to put a foot in touch on two occasions in the first period when a try seemed imminent. Don't despair, we'll be back. WIRE "A" Paul Ford, Paul Fellowes, Billy McGinty, Mark Forster, Mike Kelly, Trialist No. 6, Tommy Rawlinson, Mark Gleave, Trialist No. 9, John Whittaker, John Peake, Gary Dainty, Tommy Gittins. Sub. Trialists 14 and 15.

SUNDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER, 1982. WIRE 19 WIGAN 13.

Reading the Alex Murphy report in Mondays Post and Chron' (the irrespressible Alex now appears to be "ghost" writing for a Mr. Benn, no not that one), one might have got the impression that only Wigan had problems and the absence from the Wire Squad of Carl Webb, Andy Holbrook, Ian Duane, Alan Scott and Tony Worrall was of little consequence. Even Mr. Thompson was lined up with the WIRE Camp. Coming back to reality, I thought both teams put in a lot of effort playing fast open rugby. The packs had a tremendous dual for supremacy and if the scrums were a little untidy that will not make news.

A well taken try by Phil Ford who collected from another of those astute Ken Kelly kicks put Wire in the lead but Wigan quickly pulled one back by Martin Foy. With Steve Hesford for once out of touch, missing four shots at goal the half time score was 3-3. Both sides earned a half time cheer for the effort displayed. In the second period, Ken Kelly seeing the need to seize a quick initiative, put over a rare drop goal and this was followed by a Bob Eccles try. Two points from Steve and at 9-3, Wire made the cardinal error of relaxing. Steve missed a touchfinding kick and following a burst by Wigan prop Cunliffe, Brian Juliffe broke through four would be tacklers to run in under the posts in front of the Fletcher Enders. The conversion being a formality for Wood, Wigan were right back in the game at 9-8. A rosy patch for Wire followed with Bob Eccles scoring again although held by two Wigan tacklers (Ward scored a similar try for Castleford in almost the same spot in an earlier game). Then Phil Ford suddenly appeared amongst the forwards, looking for work, and tore through the Wigan defence as though it did not exist. Two conversions from Steve and

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at 19-8 the game was over. Once again Wire allowed their concentration to lapse and Danny Campbell went over, under the posts, using the too near Mr. Thompsen as a foil. A conversion from Wood and that was, it 19pts to 13. Most of the fans enjoyed it and the applause given to Neil Courtney as he left the field for a clean bath just before the final whistle, was a tribute to a player who with his fellow prop Tony Cooke, had taken the steam out of the Wigan forwards to set up a fine victory. Roger O'Mahony can be well satisfied with his return from the wilderness, matching talked-of international Kiss in all departments of their specialist roles. Bob Eccles had another fine game and contributed well to the tackling in addition to running in two tries for the second consecutive week. Paul Cullen also tackled hard and Bevan and Ronnie Duane had the edge over Stephenson and Foy. One swallow doesn't make a summer but there are signs that Kevin is getting it right.

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