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Sunday, 9th October, 1983, Oldham v. Widnes, K.O. 3.00 p.m.

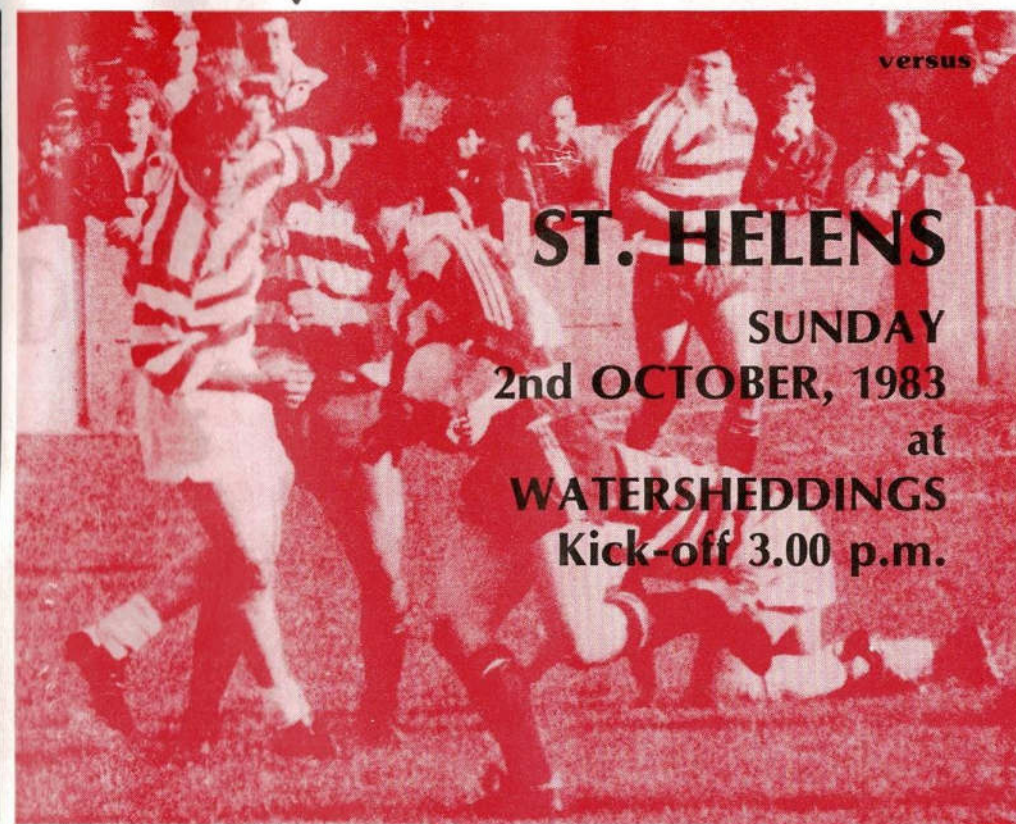
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1979-80

WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

THE congratulations and good wishes of all our supporters will go out today to our four young players who have been named in Frank Myler's Great Britain under-24 squad for the matches against France over the next few weeks.

Forwards Terry Flanagan, Andy Goodway, and Mick Worrall and scrum-half Ray Ashton were named at the end of last season in the big squad for summer training and now they have taken possibly one step nearer the realisation of a dream — winning places on next year's tour to Australia.

A total of 21 players have been named so far for the under-24 internationals against France in this country on November 13 and the return in France on December 4.

Our own four, all of whom have grown up through our colts team, played last year for the under-24s, and Flanagan and Goodway went on to represent Great Britain in full Tests against France.

We hope they can repeat that honour this season and hope that, this time, they will also be joined by Ashton and Worrall.

It does not seem so long ago — four years to be precise — that we signed these four players from under-18 amateur rugby and they have certainly come a long way in a short time.

They have set a shining example to all our other young players, two of whom have been signed recently out of the colts team — Ian Sanderson and Bob Marsden.

Ian is an 18-year-old hooker but those spectators who regularly watch the colts know he can play in a variety of positions with good effect.

While Ian is a Leigh lad, Bob has been signed off our own doorstep. A second-row forward, he played for Shaw under-17s and the town team last season, and then joined our colts set-up where he had some excellent performances early on this season.

We must also welcome to the club the New Zealanders Alan Sinclair and Craig Coyle, who turned up recently to try their hand at Rugby League in this country.

Their arrival coincided with the return from holiday of Jimmy Hornby and Wally Jones and the return to fitness of Mick Coombes.

Colin Hawkyard will also be back soon, and Gareth Owen is working hard on building up his knee after his recent cartilage operation.

We can also report that Castleford have allowed us to extend the loan of half-back Ian Birkby, all of which gives coach Peter Smethurst more cover and competition for places than he has had all season.

We are expecting two good crowds for today's game against St. Helens and also for the visit of Widnes to Watersheddings next Sunday.

It is not often we are at home on consecutive Sundays, so don't get confused. Make a note in your diary — Widnes HERE a week today!

Remember also that if you have still not submitted your bankers order for our Ambassador Club, and you intend to do so, now is the time to do it.

The club started officially on October 1 and for the contribution of £4 per month there will be a monthly draw which will be made here on the pitch before home games.

We duly beat Fulham in our last home game, which meant that at that stage of the season we had won three out of our four First Division games.

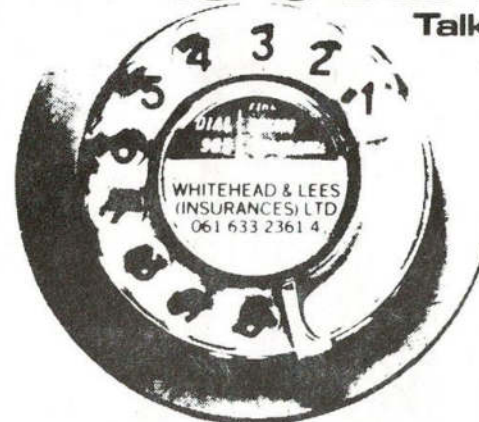
It set the scene for last Sunday's terrific performance at Hull KR when we overcame the dismissal of Andy Goodway and a severe injury to Alan Platt to fully earn an 18-18 draw.

In a magnificent team display everyone played their part. We trailed 16-6 with quarter of an hour to go but had our large band of supporters cheering wildly as we scored two late tries by Terry Flanagan and Ray Ashton, both made by the man of the match Mick Morgan.

Our first try was scored by Alan Platt, who later broke his leg and clearly faces a long lay-off from the game. The best wishes of all fans will go with him for a complete and speedy recovery.

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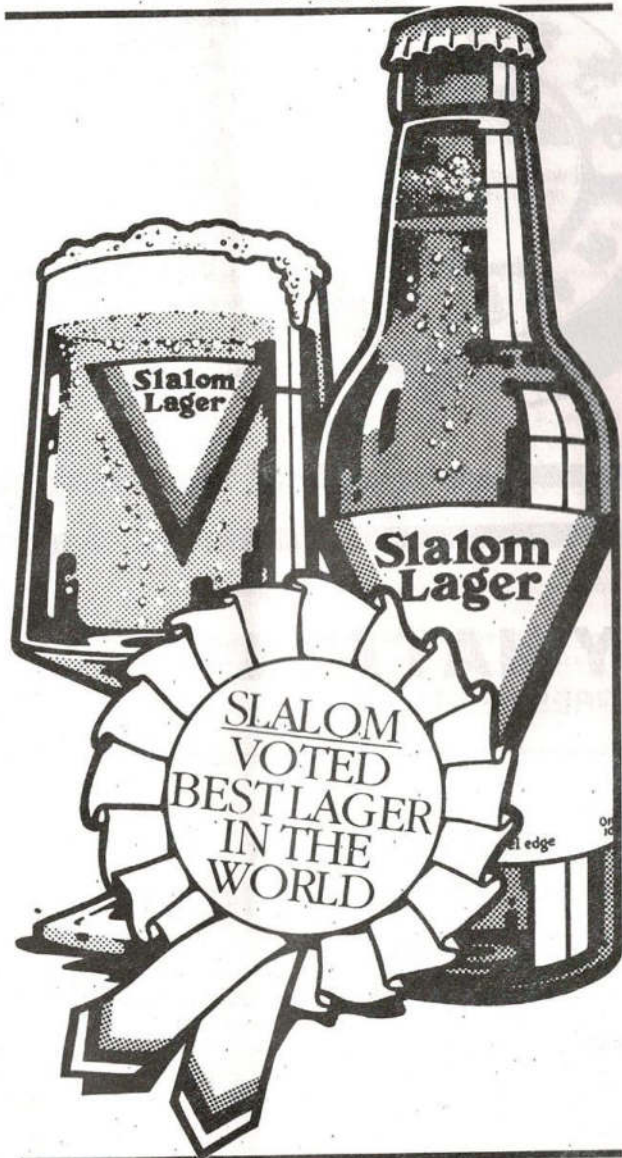
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HISTORICAL NOTES ON ST. HELENS

by Tom Webb

TOM BANKS writing in the 1930s about the St. Helens club, many years later said that "The 'harvest' was ready for bringing in back in that glorious spring of 1930, when the splendours of a Saturday afternoon with St. Helens did something to make one forget the miseries of depression, dole queues and poverty." He added that this was the great footballing outfit of the 30s — a side of internationals and masters of their craft.

Indeed Alf Ellaby told my wife and myself many years later that when the gates were opened for the unemployed after the interval or about three-quarter time, the players always knew when the gates had been opened by the tremendous growth of the cheering after the unemployed had been admitted. It was a sad story but it happened on all our grounds in the early 1930s.

Tom Banks — I think that he wrote for the Sunday Express or it may have been the Empire News — described the players of that great era at some length.

There was the supreme maestro of the wing, Alf Ellaby, the frail genius that was Leslie Fairclough, the three New Zealand internationals, Lou Hutt, Trevor Hall and Roy Hardgrave, and such great homespun products as Billy Mercer, Ben Halfpenny, Walter Groves and Lou Houghton. The side was headed of course by George Lewis, that supreme strategist of a centre.

On hard baked grounds the Saints had to play eight matches in eleven days to complete their fixtures, they won the lot and zoomed to the top of the Table.

Then there had been the cup run. Local rivals, St. Helens Recs. were beaten, then Leeds 18-5 at Headingley, a 5-5 draw in the semi-final with Wigan at Swinton, and a 22-10 win in the replay.

Unfortunately for Saints that was the end of their aspirations for they lost both finals within eight days, the Championship as a result of Jenkins "spotting" Elf Ellaby out of the game and the Challenge Cup defeat by twelve Widnes lads and Van Rooyen, the South African.

Tom Banks who recalled all these events thirty years later did us a great service by recording his memories. Our thanks are due to him for preserving the great memories that otherwise might have been lost.

The three New Zealanders cost £1,000, a great sum of money to be laid out without the Saints' officials even seeing them play. Their New Zealand agent did them a great service.

Leslie Fairclough, the drummer boy, was signed for half-a-crown, 12½p is the equivalent today and his out half play, at a weight of 10 st. 8 lbs., had a magical incisiveness about it at the break".

George Lewis, the Welshman might have been one of the slowest centres in a first team but he had tactical genius and he was among the half dozen leading goalkickers of his day.

In the following season, the Saints took the Northern League and the Lancashire League championships but a Wembley success evaded them for another couple of decades.

Eventually the team broke up. Fairclough retired, Roy Hardgrave went back to New Zealand, Ellaby moved to Wigan for £850 and Jack Arkwright went to Warrington for £500.

Alf Ellaby's great record with Saints showed that he scored 134 tries to which he added another 80 when with Wigan and 42 more on two tours of down under.

WELCOME, SAINTS!

ST. HELENS come to Watersheddings today no doubt keen to repeat their victory here in the pre-season friendly match.

They made an impressive start to the campaign but then lost three games within eight days — at home to Castleford, at home to Warrington in the Lancashire Cup, and at Bradford Northern.

Injuries have not helped the Saints cause and Neil Holding, Mel James, Andy Platt and Chris Arkwright were all doubtful starters for last Sunday's game against Wakefield.

The experienced John Butler also appears to be less than prominent on the Knowsley Road scene just now — so much so that Salford inquired recently about taking him on loan.

To make matters more acute for the Saints backs Steve Peters and Roy Haggerty were due to have their cases heard by the disciplinary committee on Thursday after being sent off in the Lancashire Cup. In a hard-fought tie the two Saints players were joined by three from Warrington in the early bath. These notes had to be written before the disciplinary meeting, so the outcome was not known.

No matter what their problems, however, Saints can always be relied upon to field a team that takes a lot of beating.

They can choose between former Salford man Steve Rule and Welshman Clive Griffiths for the full back job and at full strength they can boast three backs who are members of the Great Britain under-24 squad — scrum half Holding, wing Barrie Ledger and centre Haggerty.

Ledger will probably occupy the right-wing berth with Haggerty or possibly Brian Parkes inside him, young Platt in the other centre spot, and 17-year-old Sean Allen on the left-wing.

Signed in the close season from local amateur football, Allen is now rivalling players such as Kevin Meadows for a place in the Saints back line. He won a centre spot at Bradford a fortnight ago, and apparently did very well indeed.

If Holding and Peters have overcome their various problems they will pair up as half-backs, forming the link between a strong pack and a pacy back division.

James has been troubled by a shoulder injury recently, so it is not known whether the big Welshman will be in the front-row today or not.

If he is at No. 8, the chances are that Paul Grimes will be at No. 10, with Gary Moorby and Peter Gorley in the second-row and Harry Pinner at loose-forward.

If James is not available Mick Bowes or Brian Gelling will probably replace him.

Saints-Oldham matches are invariably good ones. There are old rivalries between the clubs and Saints seem to forever be one of the hardest teams in the Rugby League to beat.

Under the guiding hand of coach Billy Benyon, one of their great stalwarts of the past, Saints will certainly be a side that take a lot of beating wherever they play this season.

Both Rule and Griffiths are accomplished goal kickers, Ledger is one of the fastest wingmen in the game today, Haggerty is one of the most competitive threequarters in the First Division, Peters and Holding can be deadly half-backs, and a pack that could read James, Liptrot, Grimes, Moorby, Gorley, Pinner does not have much wrong with it!



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A welcome to all the St. Helens fans visiting Watersheddings once again for our second match with our Lancashire rivals. We extend a very warm welcome to them all and invite them to all our canteens and souvenir shop situated at different parts of our ground.

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Des Foy goes away from his opposite number Mike Smith as Chris Willis backs up — an incident from our game at Hull KR last Sunday.



Mike Taylor gets into his stride at Hull KR only to fall to a Gary Clark tackle.

BRIAN BATTY Daily Mail

Looking beyond the battle for honours in the Slalom Lager championships, the county cups and the John Player and State Express competitions we have an even greater challenge for the game's top players.

Great Britain manager Dick Gemmell and coach Frank Myler will be anxiously looking to players to produce the right attitude, fitness and skills to force their way into reckoning for Australian tour places.

Britain have to assemble a squad capable of making a serious challenge if this is not to be the last tour.

But we cannot ignore the task of beating New Zealand whose July triumph over Australia has confirmed how much they have improved at international level over the last decade.

I know the Aussies have claimed they blundered by picking a side including ten Queenslanders but you cannot ignore the fact that New Zealand now have some talented players in their powerful ranks.

Britain will find them just as hard to beat next year and there is no denying that it is a make or break tour.

Back to the home front and I just hope we get a season of success that proves again how much the code has to offer as a competitive and exciting sport.



Chris Willis evades Hull KR centre Ian Robinson during our 18-18 draw at Craven Park.

Photographs by courtesy of the Oldham Evening Chronicle

BEHIND THE WHISTLE — A. Givvons

The sin bin:-

Many people seem to be confused with the operation of the "sin-bin".

It has been in operation successfully in Australia, New Zealand and France for several years.

The referees from these countries have unanimously praised the introduction of this rule, for it often gives the official the chance to cool a situation down without having to resort to either dismissal, which could spoil a game, or to just "book" a player, leave him on the field, and still have a hot situation on his hands.

This rule can give rise to calls of inconsistency, but in the final analysis can be good for the game.

The referee can and will still dismiss a player without prior caution if he feels the situation warrants it. If a player has been "cautioned" or "sin-binned" previously and then commits a foul which would deserve a caution or "sin-bin" he will be instantly dismissed from the field. The referee will indicate in the following manner.

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It is felt that the present signal of pointing to the dressing room for dismissal is clear enough.

The player must leave the field of play when sent to the "sin-bin". He will be accompanied by an official whose function will be to keep time. When the players allotted time is up he will be sent to report to the nearest touch judge.

It must be clearly understood that the official timekeeper will be the touch judge, who will not allow the player to rejoin play until he is sure the time is up. This is why in some instances a player may be made to wait on the touch line.

The player's time will count from when he crosses the touch line, all stoppages for injury will count to his time.

Reports of temporary dismissals are sent to R.L. headquarters where a totting up system will eventually mean a persistent offender will be suspended.

This rule is part of the new international laws adopted by all rugby playing countries and is another step towards uniformity which has caused controversy in the past with touring teams.

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FLASHBACK by Tom Webb

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FIVE YEARS AGO

Saturday, October 1st 1978

Second Division

Keighley 4 4 20 Oldham 0 0 0

Keighley: Jickells, Stephenson (try), Greenwood, Waterhouse (try), Beale (4 goals) Nicholson, Seabourne, Sellers, W. Woolford, Garforth, C. Woolford, A.N. Other (2 tries), Dickens. Treasure did not play, Clayton for Garforth.

Oldham: O'Brien, Stodin, Larder, Munro, Lund, Murphy, Radcliffe, Charles, O'Mahoney Hughes, Hall, Taylor, K. Flanagan. Anglin did not play, Reynolds for Larder.

Referee: A. E. Fryer, Warrington. Attendance 2,331. Half-time score 14-0.

TEN YEARS AGO

Saturday, September 29th, 1973

First Division

Wigan 3 4 18 Oldham 0 0 0

Wigan: Kevin O'Loughlin (try), Vigo (try), Francis, Keiron O'Loughlin, Hornby, Cassidy, Ayres, Watts, Clarke (try), Smethurst, Irving, Gray (3 goals and try), Robinson. Coyle and Cunningham for Cassidy and Robinson.

Oldham: Blair, Munro, Elliott, Wainwright, O'Brien, Murphy, Kavanagh, Ashcroft, Taylor, Hall, Goodwin, Peters, Farrell. Reynolds for Ashcroft, Ashcroft for Farrell and Davies for Ashcroft.

Referee: D. G. Kershaw, York. Attendance 4,389 Half-time score 3-0.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Saturday, October 5th 1968

Oldham 3 3 15 Huddersfield 2 3 13

Oldham: Murphy, Elliott, Larder, McCormack, Whitehead (3 goals), Briggs (2 tries), Canning, Wilson, Taylor (try), Fletcher, Irving, McCourt, Hughes.

Huddersfield: Wallace, Major (try), Evans, Booth (try), Kersey-Brown, Rhodes, Loxton (try), Hardwick, Close, I. Van Bellen, Davies (2 goals), Dobson, Tomlinson.

Referee: R. Appleyard, Leeds. Attendance 3,916. Half-time score 8-5.

Any details concerning substitutes and substitutions would be welcomed by Mr. Webb.



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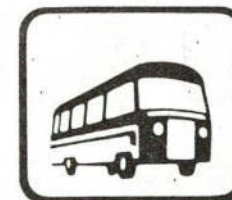
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1st DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	5	5	0	0	121	38	10
Widnes	6	5	0	1	138	56	10
Castleford	6	5	0	1	174	118	10
Hull	5	3	1	1	130	89	7
OLDHAM	5	3	1	1	105	76	7
Leeds	5	3	0	2	136	76	6
St. Helens	5	3	0	2	112	67	6
Leigh	7	3	0	4	128	117	6
Fulham	6	3	0	3	108	111	6
Hull K.R.	6	2	1	3	101	104	5
Warrington	6	2	1	3	90	100	5
Featherstone	5	2	0	3	99	121	4
Wigan	6	2	0	4	86	130	4
Wakefield	6	1	0	5	86	167	2
Whitehaven	5	0	0	5	42	179	0

OLDHAM R.L.F.C. FIXTURES 1983-84

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

1983					
Aug.	14	St. Helens (Friendly) (3.00)	H	10-32	
	21	Leeds (3.00)	H	25-16	
	28	Bradford N. (3.00)	A	8-14	
Sept.	4	Lancs. Cup (1) Workington	H	26-20	
	11	Featherstone R. (3.30)	A	24-16	
	14	Lancs. Cup (2) Swinton	A	6-8	
	18	Fulham (3.00)	H	30-12	
	25	Hull K.R. (3.00)	A	18-18	
Oct.	2	St. Helens (3.00)	H		
	9	Widnes (3.00)	H		
	16	Castleford (3.30)	A		
	23	Hull (3.00)	H		
	30	Warrington (3.00)	A		
Nov.	6	JOHN PLAYER TROPHY (1)			
	13	Wigan (3.00)	H		
	20	JOHN PLAYER TROPHY (2)			
	27	Hull K.R. (3.00)	H		
Dec.	4	Leigh (3.30)	A		
	11	Featherstone R. (3.00)	H		
	18	Wakefield T. (3.30)	A		
	26	Salford (3.00)	H		
1984					
Jan.	2	Leeds (3.00)	A		
	8	Leigh (3.00)	H		
	22	Wigan (3.00)	A		
	29	Castleford (3.00)	H		
Feb.	5	Hull (3.00)	A		
	12	STATE EXPRESS CHAL. CUP (1)			
	19	Whitehaven (3.30)	A		
	26	STATE EXPRESS CHAL. CUP (2)			
Mar.	4	Bradford Northern (3.00)	H		
	11	Fulham (3.00)	A		
	18	Warrington (3.00)	H		
	25	Whitehaven (3.00)	H		
Apr.	1	St. Helens (3.00)	A		
	8	Widnes (3.00)	A		
	15	Wakefield T. (3.00)	H		
	20	Salford (3.00)	A		

COLTS FIXTURES

1983					
Aug.	20	Leeds (3.00)	H		
	27	Bradford N. (3.00)	A		
Sept.	3	Wigan (3.00)	H		
	10	Cardiff C. (3.00)	A		
	17	Barrow (3.00)	H		
	24	Hull K.R. (3.00)	A		
Oct.	1				
	8	Bramley (3.00)	H		
	15	Castleford (3.00)	A		
	22	Hunslet (3.00)	H		
	29	Halifax (3.00)	A		
Nov.	5	Huddersfield (3.00)	H		
	12	Rochdale H. (2.30)	A		

'A' TEAM FIXTURES

1983					
Aug.	11	St. Helens (Friendly) (7.30)	A	P	
	17	Oldham Amateur R.L. (7.30)	H	40-2	
	26	Lancashire Amateur R.L. (7.30)	H	P	
Sept.	2				
	10	Barrow (3.00)	H	20-16	
	15	Swinton (LRCS 1st leg) (7.30)	A	26-16	
	23	Salford (7.30)	H	30-24	
	29	St. Helens (7.30)	A		
Oct.	7	Widnes (7.30)	A		
	13	Warrington (7.30)	H		
	20	Swinton (LRCS 2nd Leg) (7.30)	H		
	28				
Nov.	4				
	9	Oldham Amateur R.L. v N.Z. Touring Team (7.30)	H		
	18				
	25				
Dec.	1	Leigh (7.30)	A		
	9				
	15	Swinton (7.30)	H		
	21	Wigan (7.30)	A		
	30				
1984					
Jan.	5	Leigh (7.30)	A		
	13				
	19	Wigan (7.30)	H		
	27				
Feb.	3	Warrington (7.30)	A		
	10				
	16	St. Helens (7.30)	H		
	25	Barrow (2.30)	A		
Mar.	1	Swinton (7.30)	A		
	9				
	16	Salford (7.30)	A		
	22	Widnes (7.30)	H		
	30				

	19	Wakefield T. (2.30)	A		
	25	Hull (2.30)	H		
Dec.	3	St. Helens (2.30)	A		
	10	Salford (2.30)	H		
	17	York (2.30)	A		
	24				
	31				
1984					
Jan.	2				
	7	Leigh (2.30)	A		
	14	Colts Chal. Cup, Prelim. Round			
	21	Colts Chal. Cup, 1st Round			
	28				
Jan.					
to					
Mar.	31	Pool 'A' & Pool 'B' fixtures			

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