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Steve Hesford benefits from a Ken Kelly kick against Whitehaven.

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Cover: Rob Muller capped an aggressive display with two tries v. Whitehaven.



One of the annoying features of Rugby League at Wilderspool over recent years has been our inability to kill off inferior opposition by good rugby. Too often we have allowed the opposition to dictate the style of play resulting in negative and unattractive football. It was then pleasing for me to see that in the Whitehaven game attitudes were correct and the side was beginning to play for each other, providing a spectacle of open football to which our opponents contributed with some excellent handling. It is difficult to pick out individuals in a good all round team display where each man has played his part some spectacular but others less so, but nevertheless effective. For sheer enthusiasm you have got to hand it to Roby Muller whose boundless energy must make even the spectators feel tired. For skill plus endeavour you will have to travel far to match the performance of our skipper, Ken Kelly, who this season is playing better than ever. As Ken's talents can be equally employed at Scrum half or Stand Off, it is difficult to understand why he is not training with the current Great Britain squad. I sincerely hope that the selectors are not blinded to current form as experience as well as youth can be a telling factor in Australia.

Equally surprising is the fact that Great Britain have not taken the opportunity to put out a representative side against the touring Queensland Party or the Touring Maori side whose talents appear to have been underestimated. Such games could have provided meaningful opposition to the squad and a few answers to the selectors. Once again Wilderspool has been overlooked with the Australians covering the same ground as last season's tourists — at Hull, Leeds and Wigan and the Maoris being restricted to games with Amateur sides, the nearest to this neck of the woods being Watersheddings, Oldham.

With our Directors, I shall make every effort to bring the Maori side to Wilderspool before they depart from these shores—I am sure that they would be tremendously popular opposition and a widening of horizons would be more than welcome at Wilderspool—a ground sadly neglected by Chapeltown Road in recent seasons.

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**Sunday, 16th October, 1983—League Championship—WIRE 50 pts WHITEHAVEN 16pts.**

WIRE—Hesford: Carbert, Day, Ron Duane, Bevan; Blacker, Ken Kelly; Yates, O'Mahony, Worrall, Eccles, Fieldhouse, Muller. Subs: (both played) Webb, Gregory.

Scorers: Tries, Ron Duane (2), Muller (2), Eccles, Fieldhouse, O'Mahony, Hesford, Gregory, Goals: Hesford (7).

Wire went into a two minute lead before 'Haven had touched the ball when Bob Eccles battered his way over after some brisk passing. Hesford goaled. Early in the the first half John Bevan in obvious discomfort, left the field with rib injuries to be replaced on the wing by Mike Gregory. The young loose forward linked well with Ronnie Duane and some pleasant moves brought two tries to Ronnie and one to Mike. During this period, Ken Kelly was clearly imposing his presence on the game but Whitehaven hit back when Wire lacked cover on the blindside at a scrum near the line. Huddart found acres of space and scored with ease. 22-4 at half time was a good start with Worrall getting through a lot of work in his role at No. 10. The second half saw Wire take off again as eighteen points were notched in less than ten minutes bringing the score to 40 with thirty minutes still to go. With Ken Kelly setting up most of the moves from the back of the scrum, Wire used Bob Eccles pace to great advantage, lying deep in the three-quarter line and accepting short passes from Terry Day which created yawning gaps in the Whitehaven defence. Much was written by the scribes last year when Rob Muller in an obliging mood supplied Bob Eccles with a gift try. This time Eccles repaid the compliment with interest and the crowd showed their delight. Muller made it two with another fine effort and narrowly missed the hat trick. John Fieldhouse had looked like scoring all afternoon and the supporters were delighted when he too went over the line. Again the popularity of Roger O'Mahony was evident when he found space in front of him and the line awaiting his touchdown. Earlier, Ken Kelly had put up an astute kick which eluded Bob Eccles on the bounce but Hesford backing up well, doesn't miss sitters like that and collected to score under the posts. Although Steve's goal kicking was not quite as immaculate as usual, he still added seven to his mounting total and given an injury free spell he will be at the top again soon. Whitehaven impressed throughout the game with some snappy handling and struck back with two late tries as Wire eased the pressure. The Cumbrian side did not let their heads drop as Wire piled on the points and the efforts of Gordon Cottier and Steve Pythian in the front row and Milton Huddart at 13 proved that there is something to build on. Let's hope Wire can stay in top gear as the two Major Cup competitions are near at hand.

**Sunday, 23rd October, 1983—League Championship—HULL K.R. 34 pts. WIRE 19 pts.**

WIRE—Hesford: Carbert, Day, Ron Duane, Mike Kelly, Blacker, Ken Kelly, Yates, O'Mahony, Eccles, Muller, Fieldhouse, Gregory. Subs: Fellowes, Webb (for Gregory) Scorers. Tries Ron Duane (1), Mike Kelly (1), Carbert (1).

Goals: Hesford (4), including 1 drop goal.

For fifty minutes this was a close, exciting tussle between two evenly matched sides. Rovers had marched into a 6-0 lead through a Gordon Smith try and Fairbairn penalty. Wire retaliated, a smart move between Yates and Ken Kelly sending Fieldhouse away down the left, Duane accepting his pass to score a fine try in the corner. Hesford converted and added a penalty and drop goal to give Wire the edge by 9 pts.-6pts., at half-time. Webb replaced the hard-working Gregory for the second period as Wire continued to attack. Prohm scored a 75 yarder for Rovers which Fairbairn goaled but at 12-9 down with thirty minutes to go Wire were still in with a shout. Fifteen minutes of exhibition rugby from the home side left the crowd gasping and Rovers 34-9 up. Their slick passing, superb handling and excellent backing-up had to be admired—most teams would have suffered. A late show of defiance from Wire brought tries by Mike Kelly and the best of the match from Brian Carbert, beating five men in a thrilling, weaving run to the corner. Hesford's conversion ended the scoring. The game was always entertaining and not over physical, although Casey of Hull K.R. and Webb of Warrington (separate incidents) both spent ten minutes in the sin bin. Rob Muller was again outstanding for Wire, with good support from Fieldhouse, O'Mahony and Ken Kelly. Mark Broadhurst deservedly took the Hull K.R. Man of the Match award, closely followed by half-backs Smith and Australian signing Dorahy.



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## Club Notes . . .

A warm welcome to the Directors, Officials, players and supporters from Watersheddings. Last season's corresponding game was in the balance right to the final whistle and we look forward to similar entertainment today.

Also very welcome at Wilderspool are the Guests of Our Match Sponsors, Messrs NORTH WEST DECOILING LTD., of Unit 3, Causeway Avenue, Warrington. Our sponsors have also donated a Man of the Match Award and will make the presentation after the game. We sincerely hope that today will be the first of many pleasant occasions for them at Wilderspool.

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A SPECIAL OPENING EVENING will be held on FRIDAY, 4th NOVEMBER with Disco, Entertainment and a Buffet. Tickets at £5 are available also in the General Office.

May we once again remind patrons NOT to take drinks out of the Bars to the Seating Areas or the Terraces. Please HELP US to enforce this rule without the need for extra Stewards.

In Round One of the John Player Special Trophy Wire are drawn away to Wakefield on Sunday, 6th November, 1983. Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

Entrance Fees at Wakefield are GROUND £1.80. Juniors and O.A.P.'s £1. STAND Transfers are available at 30p, 40p and 50p. We are advised that there is plenty of Stand Accommodation available (up to 4,000).

UNEMPLOYED can buy Ground Tickets from the General Office on Production of U.B. 40 for £1 only., from 10 a.m. to noon —on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 31st October, 1st and 2nd November.

The Snack Bar is now operating fully and Pies, Burgers, Chips and Peas can be obtained as well as hot drinks. The Terrace Bar is also open and pies and drinks can be obtained in the Main Stand.

Today in the Wires Under 17's Knockout Trophy HARE and HOUNDS from St. Helens play WIDNES TIGERS. Over the past ten seasons the Tigers have produced many players for the professional game.

Forthcoming action at Wilderspool—  
Wednesday, 9th November WIRE "A" v. Lancashire Amateurs 7.30 p.m.

Fiday, 11th November WIRE "A" v. WIDNES "A" 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, 12th November at 1.45 p.m. Lancashire Schools Under 13 play Yorkshire Schools U/13 followed at 2.45 p.m. by Lancashire Schools U/16 v Yorkshire Schools U/16.

On Sunday 13th November 3.30 p.m. Wire are again away at Wakefield in the Slalom Lager League Championship.

On Wednesday, 16th November at 7.30 p.m. WIRE "A" are at Central Park, Wigan.

Congratulation to Neil Courtney who marries on 11th November, and to Gary Dainty and his wife on the birth of a baby daughter.

If you have Christmas Presents in mind, pay a visit to our Souvenir Shop where a number of ideal gifts can be obtained. Sweat Shirts at £6.99 and £8.99, R. L. Diaries £2, and a new line in Sports bags at £6.99 are proving popular.

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The Draw for Round Two of the John Player Special Trophy will take place on Tuesday morning 8th November. Meanwhile you can keep a healthy interest in the competition by buying a 10p Ticket in our John Player Sweepstake on behalf of the John Bevan Testimonial Fund. 32 prize winners will be drawn against the 32 teams entering round one of the competition. If your team goes out at Round One You WIN £5, Round 2 £10, Round 3 £20, Semi-Final £40, Runner Up £60 and Winner £100. Double Winnings for the holder of the Warrington Ticket. We need your help with this one so PLEASE have a flutter and help the Testimonial.

When John Bevan went off with rib injuries early in the game v. Whitehaven he completed a blight on wingers since the start of the season. First Rick Thackray announced his premature retirement, then Paul Fellowes, a more than capable deputy broke an arm at Widnes. Next in the game at St. Helens Mark Forster and Phil Ford were dismissed to receive 6 and 4 matches respectively out of action. Meanwhile Mike Kelly returning after a long lay off received another injury in an "A" Team game. The tide may be turning as both Paul Fellowes and Mike Kelly should be having an "A" Team run soon.



Mike Gregory, an emergency left wing scores a good try v. Whitehaven.

## The 'A' Team

**Thursday, 13th October at Watersheddings—OLDHAM 'A' 30 WIRE 'A' 12**

WIRE 'A'—Rawlinson; Halpin, Peters, Muller, Cowell; Scott, Trialist; Courtney, Moylan, Gleave, Roberts, Peake, Webb. Subs: Dainty, Campbell.

In the first half Oldham ran straight and hard scoring three good tries all of which were goaled. Wire did not settle and went through a muddled period with mishandling the prominent feature. Courtney did a penance in the Sin Bin and the attacking talents of Muller were wasted in a threequarter line which saw little of the ball. Billy Cowell who later struck two good goals, before half-time struck an Oldham prop in retaliation earning the displeasure of the noisy referee who sent both off for ten minutes. A bad first half, Wire were lucky to get Nil.

With the subs entering the fray and too many positional changes Wire tried again in the second period. Reward came when Mark Gleave and Peters scored for the aforesaid Cowell to goal. Oldham hit back again with direct play and restored the balance with two more tries and two more goals. Not a good night for Wire but a very impressive performance by Oldham. Just shows what a lot can be achieved by getting the basics right. Although Neil Courtney made an impression on the opposition in the closing stages, Wire were second best.

**Friday, 21st October, 1983 at Wilderspool (Shield 2nd leg)—WIRE 'A' 18 ST. HELENS 'A' 9**

WIRE 'A'—Finnegan; Halpin, Peters, Fellowes, M. Kelly; Paul Ford, Rawlinson; Courtney, Moylan, Dainty, McGinty, Roberts, Muller. Subs: Peake, Campbell.

Carrying a five point deficit from the first leg, Wire faced keen spotting by a vigorous Saints side. An early drop by Paul Ford was countered by a Saints try but Wire struck back with a Ford penalty before Halpin flew in at the corner to score. A Saints penalty made it 7-6 for Wire with all still to do. A Saints drop and penalty were levelled by another penalty from Paul Ford before Barry Peters stretched over for a well taken try. No goal but at 13-9 Wire were back in the hunt. A well struck Ford drop brought the aggregate level with only minutes to go. In time added by the Referee Moylan followed up a Paul Fellowes kick and beat several Saints players to the touchdown. 18-9 and Wire were through. Excellent displays from Tommy Rawlinson and Derek Finnegan. For Saints, second row Round looks a fine prospect. The fans and Mr. Barrow went home happy.



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Ron Duane was back in G.B. form v. Whitehaven—seen scoring one of his two tries.

### WIRE—TOP TEN SCORES IN DIVISION ONE

The new four point try helped Wire to their first 50 point scoreline in Division 1 since the re-introduction of two divisions in 1973/74. The ten top scores in this period are as follows:-

|     | Season  | Opponents    | Ground         | Score (Wire first) |
|-----|---------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1.  | 1983/84 | Whitehaven   | Wilderspool    | 50-16              |
| 2.  | 1978/79 | Huddersfield | Wilderspool    | 48-5               |
| 3.  | 1977/78 | Dewsbury     | Wilderspool    | 45-0               |
|     | 1976/77 | Oldham       | Wilderspool    | 45-11              |
| 4.  | 1976/77 | Salford      | Wilderspool    | 44-10              |
| 5.  | 1976/77 | Oldham       | Watersheddings | 43-4               |
| 6.  | 1978/79 | Rochdale     | Wilderspool    | 42-10              |
| 7.  | 1977/78 | Hunslet      | Wilderspool    | 41-8               |
| 8.  | 1977/78 | Castleford   | Wilderspool    | 39-0               |
| 9.  | 1976/77 | Barrow       | Craven Park    | 38-13              |
|     | 1980/81 | Hull         | Wilderspool    | 38-3               |
| 10. | 1977/78 | Workington   | Wilderspool    | 37-7               |

Wire last topped the fifty point mark on Sunday, 15th April, 1973 when they defeated Blackpool by 51 pts. to 20 here at Wilderspool in the old one division championship.

During the two-division period Wire have only once conceded more than forty points. Steve Hesford made his debut in the particular game, played at Belle Vue, Wakefield. Steve gave Wire a 4-0 lead through two penalty goals but Trinity stormed back to record a 47 pts. to 4 victory.

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### FIRST TEAM

|         |                                     |   |         |
|---------|-------------------------------------|---|---------|
| Aug. 14 | Wigan (Locker Cup)(3.00)            | H | W 22-14 |
| 21      | Hull (3.00)                         | A | D 22-22 |
| 24      | Widnes (7.30)                       | A | L 4-12  |
| 28      | St. Helens (3.00)                   | H | L 8-12  |
| Sept. 4 | Blackpool (Lancs Cup 1st Rd.)(3.00) | A | W 30-4  |
| 11      | Leeds (3.00)                        | A | W 14-12 |
| 14      | (Lancs. Cup 2nd Rd.) St. Helens     | A | W 30-26 |
| 18      | Hull K.R. (3.00)                    | H | W 26-10 |
| 21      | Barrow (Lancs Cup S-F)(7.30)        | H | L 18-19 |
| 25      | Featherstone (3.30)                 | A | L 16-32 |
| Oct. 2  | Fulham (3.00)                       | H | W 29-9  |
| 9       | Salford (3.00)                      | A | W 12-8  |
| 16      | Whitehaven (3.00)                   | H | W 50-16 |
| 23      | Hull K.R. (3.00)                    | A | L 19-34 |
| 30      | Oldham (3.00)                       | H |         |
| Nov. 6  | Wakefield (J.P.S. 1st Rd.)          | A |         |
| 13      | Wakefield (3.30)                    | A |         |
| 20      | (J.P. Special 2nd Rd.)              |   |         |
| 27      | Featherstone (3.00)                 | H |         |
| Dec. 4  | Bradford (3.00)                     | H |         |
| 11      | St. Helens (3.00)                   | A |         |
| 27      | Leigh (3.00)                        | H |         |
| 1984    |                                     |   |         |
| Jan. 1  | Wigan (3.00)                        | H |         |
| 8       | Whitehaven (3.30)                   | A |         |
| 15      | Wakefield (3.00)                    | H |         |
| 22      | Castleford (3.30)                   | A |         |
| 29      | Salford (3.00)                      | H |         |
| Feb. 5  | Wigan (3.00)                        | A |         |
| 12      | (State Express Chall. Cup Rd 1)     |   |         |
| 19      | Hull (3.00)                         | H |         |
| 26      | (State Express Chall. Cup Rd 2)     |   |         |

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| Mar. 4 | Castleford (3.00)               | H |
| 11     | (State Express Chall. Cup Rd 3) |   |
| 18     | Oldham (3.00)                   | A |
| Apr. 1 | Bradford (3.30)                 | A |
| 8      | Leeds (3.00)                    | H |
| 15     | Fulham (3.00)                   | A |
| 20     | Widnes (3.00)                   | H |
| 23     | Leigh (3.30)                    | A |

### 'A' TEAM

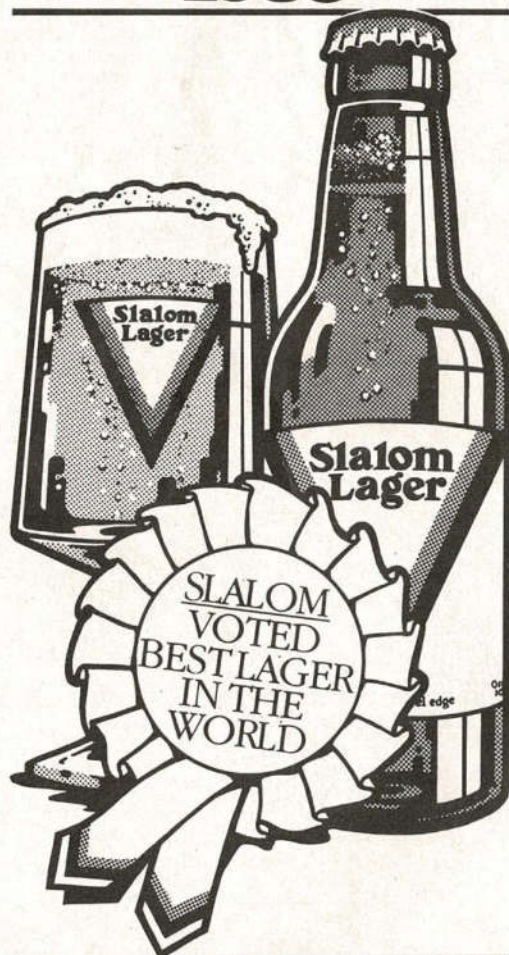
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| Aug. 26 | St. Helens (7.30)                 | A | D 24-24 |
| Sept. 2 | Wigan (7.30)                      | H | W 28-14 |
|         | Swinton (7.30)                    | H | W 28-14 |
| 16      | St. Helens (Shield 1st leg)(7.30) | A | L 9-14  |
| 24      | Barrow (2.30)                     | H | W 36-26 |
| 29      | Leigh (7.30)                      | A | W 30-8  |
| Oct. 7  | Salford (7.30)                    | H | W 36-8  |
| 14      | Oldham (7.30)                     | A | L 12-30 |
| 21      | St. Helens (Shield 2nd leg)(7.30) | H | W 18-9  |
| 27      | Swinton (7.30)                    | A |         |
| Nov. 11 | Widnes (7.30)                     | H |         |
| 16      | Wigan (7.30)                      | A |         |
| Dec. 9  | St. Helens (7.30)                 | H |         |
| 16      | Leigh (7.30)                      | H |         |
| 1984    |                                   |   |         |
| Jan. 7  | Barrow (2.30)                     | A |         |
| 27      | Salford (7.30)                    | A |         |
| Feb. 3  | Oldham (7.30)                     | H |         |
| 17      | Widnes (7.30)                     | A |         |

Please note that all Lancashire Shield games will be played over two legs.

### Slalom Lager Championship Results 1983/84

| AWAY TEAM \ HOME TEAM | Bradford N. | Castleford | Featherstone R. | Fulham | Hull  | Hull K.R. | Leeds | Leigh | Oldham | St. Helens | Salford | Wakefield T. | Warrington | Whitehaven | Widnes | Wigan |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|--------|------------|---------|--------------|------------|------------|--------|-------|
| Bradford N.           |             |            | 30-10           |        |       |           |       |       | 14-8   | 14-10      | 38-14   |              |            |            |        |       |
| Castleford            |             |            |                 |        | 18-40 |           | 54-4  | 28-18 | 16-18  |            |         |              |            |            |        |       |
| Featherstone R.       |             | 22-46      |                 |        |       |           |       |       | 16-24  |            |         | 8-12         | 32-16      |            |        |       |
| Fulham                |             |            | 21-11           |        | 29-24 |           | 10-44 |       |        |            |         | 16-14        |            | 24-6       |        |       |
| Hull                  |             |            |                 |        |       | 8-23      |       |       |        |            |         |              | 22-22      |            |        | 24-8  |
| Hull K.R.             | 16-14       | 14-26      |                 |        |       |           |       |       | 18-18  |            |         | 38-0         | 34-19      |            | 10-4   |       |
| Leeds                 |             |            |                 |        | 12-40 |           |       |       |        |            |         | 40-10        |            | 12-14      | 48-8   |       |
| Leigh                 | 0-24        |            |                 | 22-8   | 12-20 |           |       |       |        |            |         |              |            |            | 12-19  | 24-18 |
| Oldham                |             |            |                 | 30-12  | 18-12 |           | 25-16 |       |        | 32-6       |         |              |            |            | 10-20  |       |
| St. Helens            | 29-14       | 10-22      |                 | 18-14  |       | 30-11     |       |       |        |            |         | 50-12        |            |            |        |       |
| Salford               |             | 14-34      |                 |        |       |           |       | 6-38  |        |            |         | 27-26        | 8-12       |            |        | 14-16 |
| Wakefield T.          |             |            |                 | 18-14  |       |           | 19-20 | 20-18 |        |            | 8-16    |              |            |            |        | 11-18 |
| Warrington            |             |            |                 | 29-9   |       | 26-10     |       |       |        | 8-12       |         |              |            | 50-16      |        |       |
| Whitehaven            | 4-45        | 2-26       | 14-18           |        |       |           |       |       |        |            |         |              |            |            |        | 0-24  |
| Widnes                |             |            | 40-4            |        |       |           |       | 28-20 |        | 28-4       |         |              | 12-4       | 44-10      |        |       |
| Wigan                 | 16-24       |            |                 |        |       |           | 20-6  | 12-26 |        |            |         |              |            |            | 16-31  |       |

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A 10-8 victory at St. Helens took Wire to joint leaders in Division One. John Bevan scored our try with Hesford kicking three plus one drop. In a terrific game Ken Kelly left the field early for his lack of understanding of Referee Kevin Allatt's decisions, the crowd were sympathetic. A John Bevan 'hat-trick' was the feature of an entertaining home 24-13 win over Castleford. The 'A' Team recovered some dignity after Workington by defeating a useful Saints 'A' by 18-10 in the Combination.

The Aussies won 25-19 at Leeds and in the first test at Central Park, Wigan, defeated Gt. Britain by 15 pts. to 9. That man again—John Bevan—scored G.B.'s only try before a crowd of 17,644. Widnes joined Wire as the only club sides to beat the Tourists when the final whistle seemed long delayed before a last minute penalty made it 11-10. Hull felt the backlash in the next game, being hammered 34-2.

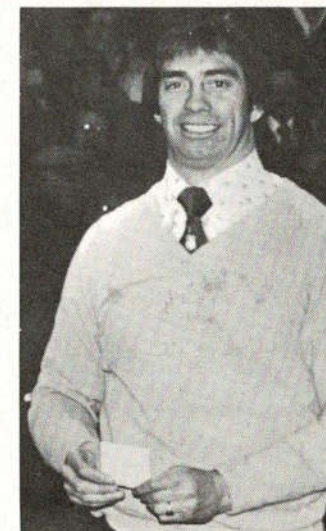
Oldham were finding life hard in the Second Division and the Cup competitions were bringing no relief either. Losing at Salford by 30 pts. to 5 in the First Round of the Lancs Cup, the 'Roughyeds' were dismissed from the John Player Trophy at the first hurdle, losing 11-67 at Hull K.R.

### TEN YEARS AGO

Wire were again at St. Helens but lost 6-24 Whitehead's three goals being our only contribution. Wire had hit a bad patch and Salford cashed in with a 26-4 victory in the 1st Round BBC 2 Competition at the Willows. By coincidence, Salford were next to visit Wilderspool in the league. The reds had won all seven of their league games but Kevin Ashcroft returned for Wire and gave a brilliant try scoring display in a 20-13 revenge win. The 'A' Team bandwagon rolled on with a 15-7 home win over Saints 'A' but received a jolt at Salford losing a hard fought game 12-14. Wires Australian guest Dave Wright figured in both these games.

The '73 Aussies were recording high scores against Oldham (44-10), Cumbria, at Whitehaven (28-2) and Bradford (50-14).

Oldham had made a poor start to their First Division Campaign and were out of all the early Cup Competitions. It was, therefore with some relief that they defeated Castleford 14-13 at Watersheddings. This win proved to be a confidence booster—Oldham won their next six games as well...



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## Warrington R.L.F.C. Appearances, Tries and Goal Scorers

(Up to and including Hull K.R. (away) 23-10-83)

| Player         | All Seasons |       |        |          |     | Season 83/84 |      |      |       |     |
|----------------|-------------|-------|--------|----------|-----|--------------|------|------|-------|-----|
|                | App         | Sub   | T      | G        | D/G | App          | Sub  | T    | G     | D/G |
| Bevan, J.      | 315(4)      | 1     | 197(2) | 6        | 1   | 9            | 1    | 6    | —     | —   |
| Blacker, M.    | 25(1)       | —     | 10     | —        | —   | 11(1)        | —    | 3    | —     | —   |
| Campbell, R.   | —           | 1(1)  | —      | —        | —   | —            | 1(1) | —    | —     | —   |
| Carbert, B.    | 5           | —     | 3      | —        | —   | 4            | —    | 3    | —     | —   |
| Chisnall, D.   | 57(2)       | 9     | 5      | —        | —   | 10(1)        | —    | —    | —     | —   |
| Cooke, A.      | 24          | 3     | 3      | —        | —   | —            | —    | —    | —     | —   |
| Courtney, N.   | 134(3)      | 2     | 4      | —        | —   | 2            | —    | —    | —     | —   |
| Cullen, P.     | 60(2)       | 3(1)  | 8      | —        | —   | 5(1)         | —    | 1    | —     | —   |
| Dainty, G.     | —           | 3(2)  | —      | —        | —   | —            | 1(1) | —    | —     | —   |
| Day, T.        | 6           | —     | —      | —        | —   | 6            | —    | —    | —     | —   |
| Duane, I.      | 81(2)       | 12    | 9      | —        | —   | —            | —    | —    | —     | —   |
| Duane, R.      | 63(1)       | 4(1)  | 19     | 28       | —   | 12           | —    | 5    | 3     | —   |
| Eccles, R.     | 172(4)      | 44    | 82(1)  | 34(6)    | 4   | 12(1)        | 1    | 6    | —     | —   |
| Fellowes, P.   | 23(4)       | —     | 9(1)   | —        | —   | 3(1)         | —    | 2(1) | —     | —   |
| Fieldhouse, J. | 65(2)       | 21    | 10     | —        | —   | 9            | —    | 2    | —     | —   |
| Finnegan, D.   | 236(8)      | 25    | 35(1)  | —        | —   | 3            | 1    | —    | —     | —   |
| Ford, Paul     | 32(2)       | 13(1) | 4      | 29(6)    | 1   | 1(1)         | 1    | —    | —     | —   |
| Ford, Phil     | 75(2)       | 1     | 35     | 3        | —   | 9(1)         | —    | 2    | —     | —   |
| Forster, M.    | 7           | —     | 5      | —        | —   | 5            | —    | 4    | —     | —   |
| Gleave, M.     | 5(1)        | 3     | 1(1)   | —        | —   | 3(1)         | 1    | 1(1) | —     | —   |
| Gregory, M.    | 27(1)       | 5     | 6      | —        | —   | 10(1)        | 3    | 2    | —     | —   |
| Halpin, P.     | —           | 1     | —      | —        | —   | —            | —    | —    | —     | —   |
| Hesford, S.    | 287(5)      | 6     | 44(2)  | 1030(16) | 42  | 13(1)        | —    | 4(1) | 52(5) | 2   |
| Holbrook, A.   | 24(1)       | 14    | 3      | —        | —   | —            | —    | —    | —     | —   |
| Kelly, K.      | 214(4)      | 5     | 57(1)  | —        | 6   | 14(1)        | —    | 2    | —     | —   |
| Kelly, M.      | 132(2)      | 5(1)  | 32     | —        | —   | 1            | —    | 1    | —     | —   |
| McGinty, W.    | —           | 7     | —      | —        | —   | —            | 5    | —    | —     | —   |
| Morris, S.     | 1           | 2     | —      | —        | —   | —            | —    | —    | —     | —   |
| Moylan, S.     | 2           | 1     | —      | —        | —   | 1            | 1    | —    | —     | —   |
| Muller, R.     | 27          | 2     | 3      | —        | —   | 2            | —    | 2    | —     | —   |
| O'Mahony, R.   | 40(1)       | —     | 2      | —        | —   | 13(1)        | —    | 1    | —     | —   |
| Peake, J.      | 3           | 4     | —      | —        | —   | —            | —    | —    | —     | —   |
| Rawlinson, T.  | 12          | 1(1)  | —      | —        | —   | —            | —    | —    | —     | —   |
| Scott, A.      | 24          | 9(1)  | 4      | 2        | 1   | 2            | 6(1) | —    | —     | —   |
| Webb, C.       | 37(1)       | 10(1) | 4      | —        | —   | 1            | 4(1) | —    | —     | —   |
| Worrall, A.    | 39(4)       | 30(1) | 3(2)   | —        | —   | 11(1)        | 1    | —    | —     | —   |
| Yates, M.      | 9           | —     | —      | —        | —   | 9            | —    | —    | —     | —   |

# MATCH DETAIL

The last meeting at Wilderspool—  
League Division One—23rd January, 1983.

## WARRINGTON 17, OLDHAM 12

**Wire:**—Hesford (4 goals), Thackray (1 try), Duane R. (1 try), Cullen, Ford (Ph.), Blacker (1 try), Kelly (K), Courtney, O'Mahony, Chisnall, Eccles, Worrall (A), Muller. Subs: Finnegan, Gregory.

**Oldham:**—Caffrey, Vigo, McEwen, Hawkyard, Dobb, Foy, Ashton, Alexander, McCurrie, Goodway (1try), Platt (1 try, 3 goals), Worrall (M), Flanagan. Subs: Bishop, Nicholson.

Attendance: 4,425.

Half-time: 7-12.

Referee: Mr. K. ALLATT.

### Warrington's 1st Division Record against Oldham

|       | P  | W | D | L | F   | A  | Pts |
|-------|----|---|---|---|-----|----|-----|
| Home  | 5  | 5 | 0 | 0 | 137 | 40 | 10  |
| Away  | 5  | 4 | 0 | 1 | 118 | 53 | 8   |
| Total | 10 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 255 | 93 | 18  |

Oldham's 8th place in Division One last season was their best performance to date, and their first entry into the Premiership competition. Previously they had only managed to stay in Division One once—finishing 12th in season 1975/76.

## Today at Wilderspool— OLDHAM

Not regarded as one of the "fashionable" clubs in R.L. at the moment, Oldham proudly boast five representatives in the current Great Britain Training Squad — loose forward Terry Flanagan who skippered the Great Britain U/24 side, Andy Goodway who enjoyed a terrific season in 82/83, the present R. L. Top try scorer, scrum half Ray Ashton, prop Wally Jones and Second Rower Mick Worrall, a Warringtonian who had trials at Wilderspool.

This nap hand are not the only stars in the Oldham set up.

Helping Ray Ashton to form a springboard for attacking play is local boy, 20yrs old Chris Ashton, a former English Schools Captain. Also playing at that level at the same time was centre Des Foy an astute signing from Widnes who don't usually usually give much away.

Also figuring at centre is Mick Parrish—ex—Hunslet— who usually figures somewhere near the top of the "Top Ten" goal kickers charts.

Wingers, Gren Vigo (if available) and Mike Taylor can go a bit and Taylor, in particular was most impressive in the Wigan Sevens held at the start of the season. In the Front Row skipper Alan McCurrie, ex-Wakefield, is a top class hooker and ball handler, supporting pack leader Mick Morgan, ex Carlisle, Featherstone and Sotherbys who is an ideal player to lay on the passes for the hard running back three. Colin Hawkyard has also figured in the pack as has Alan Lowndes.

It says much for Oldham's strength that they have continued to produce good results despite the set back of losing Alan Platt with a broken leg and heavy suspensions to Mike Taylor and Goodway.

The indications are that they are a good side going forward but have not relished the strangle hold placed upon them in games against Swinton and Bradford. The "A" team was most impressive in seeing off Wire "A" recently, benefitting from the direct approach of coaches Frank Barrow and Peter Smethurst, neither of whom held back in their playing days.

Joining Oldham at the end of the Maori Tour will be New Zealand full back Nick Wright who figured in the win over the much vaunted Aussie side early this year. Make no mistake, Oldham are here to stay.



The Oldham coach Peter Smethurst seen here in an R. L. Cup Semi v. Huddersfield at Wigan—an uncompromising player.