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Thursday, 1st December, 1983, Oldham 'A' v. Leigh 'A', K.O. 7.30 p.m.
 Sunday, 11th December, 1983, Oldham v. Featherstone R. K.O. 3.00 p.m.



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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

OUR Slalom Lager championships hopes and ambitions took a knock last Sunday when, on our first visit to London to play Fulham, we suffered our heaviest defeat of the season so far.

It was, at best, a bitterly disappointing display and especially so as there was a very large following of Oldham supporters at Craven Cottage after the 200-mile trek.

Peter Smethurst, the coach, later apologised to the fans in the local Press and we can only hope that the team responds to this set-back by bouncing back to form against Hull KR today in a top-of-the-table encounter.

Rovers also lost last week-end though their defeat, at Leeds, was in the second round of the John Player Special Trophy and they still boast a First Division record of seven straight wins which has sent them soaring up the table and into the top four.

You will have read recently that our crowds have been going up and up. We have shown steady increases over the season until our home gate for the Wigan match a fortnight ago topped 6,400 and was the best for a league match at Watersheddings since 1972.

That was all the more reason why everybody was so disappointed at the Fulham performance, but we hope and trust that things will have been sorted out on the playing side during the week and that we will again produce a crowd-pleasing game.

It is essential that we try and maintain the sort of crowd level that we have enjoyed in recent weeks, and to that end we have launched a couple of schemes which we hope will encourage younger supporters to come and give us their support.

With nine home games left in the league we are now offering to juniors a cut-price ticket covering the rest of the season at a bargain price of £5. This represents a saving of £4 on the normal turnstile admission to boys of £1.

Also, we are letting it be known among local schools — both junior and senior — that we are willing to allocate to school teachers who run rugby teams free passes for league games here at Watersheddings.

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We have already had inquiries concerning both schemes and early indications are that they will be suitably received.

Next Sunday here at Watersheddings we stage the return under-24 international between Great Britain and France, and let us hope that we have more luck than last year when the corresponding fixture had to be cancelled because of a terrific snow storm shortly before the kick-off.

All being well there should be a lot of Oldham interest in the side and if we have four or more players in the line-up then our match at Leigh will be postponed until the Tuesday night.

The British boys won the first game of the series in France when we had four players in the side — Ray Ashton, Terry Flanagan, Des Foy and Mick Worrall. Andy Goodway is now available after his eight-match suspension, but these notes had to go to press before the side was announced to the team last Wednesday evening and to the public the following day.

If we do not have four players in the team we will have to play at Leigh as usual next Sunday. But if we reach the target of four, the Leigh match will be put back to the following Tuesday.

Whatever happens, Great Britain will play here next Sunday and Featherstone are here the following Sunday, so there will be plenty of Watersheddings activity leading up to the big Boxing Day clash with Salford.

Finally, may we welcome to Watersheddings two more players who have joined us recently — Nick Wright, the New Zealand full back, and young Chris Chisnall, a loose-forward from the St. Helens area. Chris's father, Bob, will be remembered as the Widnes winger of the early 1960s.

Nick has joined us, after lengthy negotiations with the New Zealand League, for the rest of this season and next.

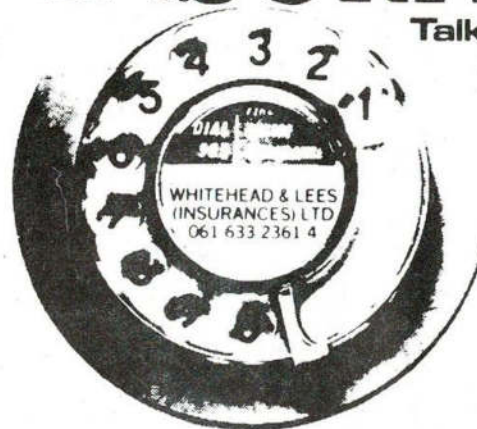
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I am sure everyone connected with Oldham R.L.F.C. would like to congratulate Peter Smethurst as the second winner of the Coach of the Month Award.

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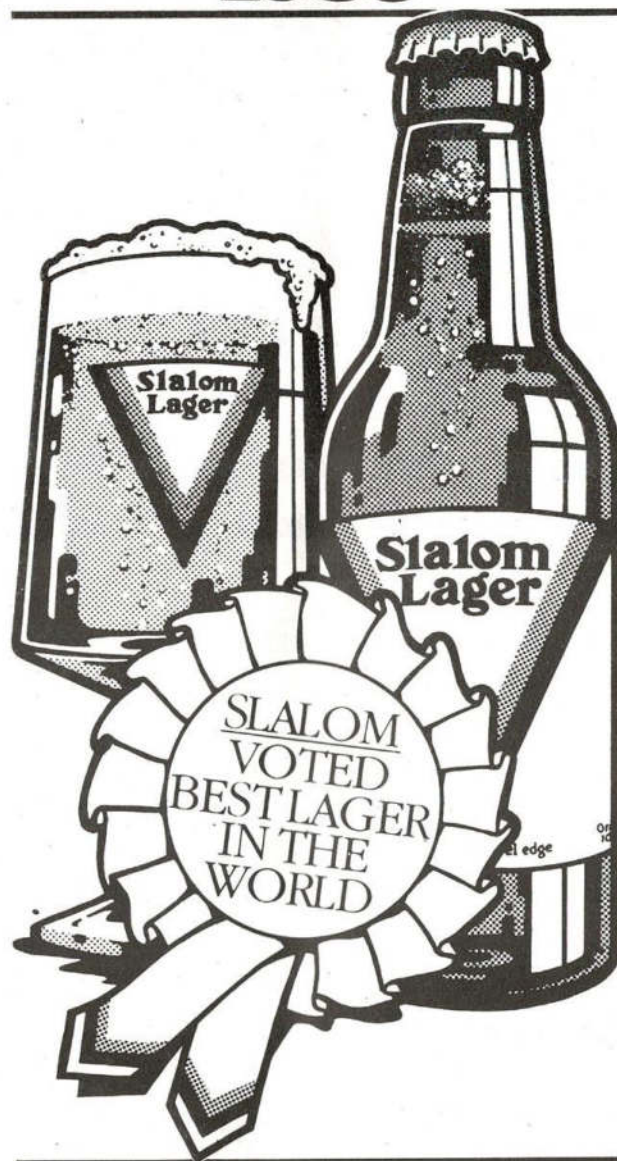
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HISTORICAL NOTES ON HULL K.R.

by Tom Webb

HULL Kingston Rovers celebrate their centenary in 1983 and during this period the club has become one of the most outstanding clubs connected with Rugby League football.

Away back in 1883-84 Kingston Amateurs was formed by the young men of the Hessle Road area. The first pitch at Gillette Street off the Hessle Road was so cramped that on one side the flagstones formed the touchline and the ground became known as Flag-edge Touch.

Two supporters had long connections with the club. Fred Langley was the boy who ran with the result of the Kingston Amateur's first match to the local newspaper office. In due course he became a director of the club and eventually chairman. Before the club became professional the chairman was Mr. C.E. Ward and his brother Tom was the secretary. The club made an old Hull White Star forward the first salaried and full time secretary, Mr. C.H. Savage.

Mr. Savage was succeeded in office by Mr. George Johnson whose experience in the Northern Union offices in Oldham proved beneficial when Kingston Rovers F.C. was formed into a limited liability company. Other early secretaries included Messrs. Tom Williams and E. Heysom.

The second great stalwart who followed the fortunes of Rovers was Ernest Mowforth a Cottingham builder. John Gosse, writing in the "Hull Daily Mail" Green Final edition told that Mr. Mowforth in 1959 had watched all the Hull versus Hull Kingston Rovers games for 60 years excepting on five occasions. He was taken prisoner by the Germans in the first war which caused him to miss three games. In 1957 he was on holiday and missed another and he missed the third round cup clash because he was down with influenza.

As a lad of 14, Ernest Mowforth lived at Anlaby Common in the days Rovers were based in West Hull. He travelled to matches by the "town-way-up" wagonette and it took a long time to reach the matches. On that first attendance at the match he had no particular favourite, Hull or Rovers, but finding himself among a crowd of Hull supporters he decided to shout for Hull K.R. He became a director and finally chairman of the club.

In the mid 1930s when Mr. Mowforth had a seat on the board, Rovers were doing badly and at the club's annual meeting at the Metropole Hall in West Street, only four men could be found who were willing to be nominated for the board. This meant the end of the Rovers when the meeting closed. However, the stalwarts who were not prepared to accept the end of the club, went to a neighbouring hostelry which was across the street and persuaded another five men to accept nomination and the day was saved.

The Robins, so called because of their playing strip, have had several grounds but are now established at Craven Park, which they sold to remain solvent, but which they have now repurchased. Perhaps not so well supported as near, and dear neighbours, Hull Football Club, they are still one of the best supported clubs in the game.

One of the proudest boasts of the Rovers' supporters was that in the squad which won the championship of the Northern Rugby Football League in season 1924-25, ten of the players were locals. These were Laurie Osborne, Louis Harris, Jim Cook, Jack Hoult, Gilbert Austin who had such a long run of consecutive appearances for the club, Jack Wilkinson, Bob Wilkinson, Frank Beilby, C. William Westerdale and Andrew Carmichael.

ROBINS COME BOBBING ALONG!

IF the Rovers-Oldham game at the end of September was anything to go by, today's match should be full of exciting, crowd-pleasing football.

You will recall that we recorded a creditable 18-18 draw after two major blows — the loss of Alan Platt with a broken leg and the departure of Andy Goodway, who was sent off after an incident involving Rovers' new recruit from New Zealand, Mark Broadhurst.

The arrival on the Craven Park scene of first Broadhurst and then Australian back John Dorahy seems to have given Rovers the boost they needed to stake a claim once more as one of the Rugby League's most consistent clubs. After an indifferent start to the season, they have now chalked up seven consecutive First Division victories to charge into the top four and emerge as championship contenders. Nevertheless, they slipped up at Leeds last Sunday in the second round of the John Player Special Trophy so they are not invincible by any means.

Dorahy may not be on view today because a freak injury ruled him out of football for at least a month and gave coach Roger Millward his toughest team decision of the season.

Dorahy's injury left Rovers without an experienced stand-off because Steve Hartley, who had held the position, was also out of action with a dislocated wrist.

Such is the strength in depth of the Rovers playing staff, however, that Millward had several options open to him.

He can always switch Gordon Smith to stand-off with Paul Harkin working the scrum, or he can leave Smith at scrum half and switch Mike Smith to stand-off, or he can keep Gordon Smith at No. 7 and switch David Hall to stand-off.

For the Fulham match a fortnight ago — the last time Rovers played in the league — Rovers were without the big, burly Broadhurst, who failed to fully recover from a chest injury he had received in the previous week's 56-6 win over bottom club Whitehaven.

It meant that Rovers had paid dearly for that huge victory because they had already lost Dorahy (ankle ligaments) and Phil Hogan, who broke a bone in his hand.

At strength, Rovers can field some of the most respected and best-known players in the game, ranging from George Fairbairn at full back to Len Casey in the front-row.

Garry Clark, a youngster on the wing, is in the Great Britain under-24 squad and bidding to win a place on next summer's tour to Australia. Up until recently, he was also the club's leading try scorer with seven ahead of Steve Hartley (5), Garry Prohm (5), Mike Smith (5) and David Hall (4).

The Down Under influence at Craven Park is an important feature of the Rovers set-up now that Broadhurst and Dorahy have been added to Gordon Smith and Prohm.

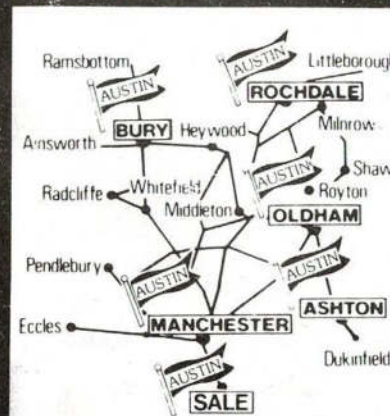
Up front, the Rovers possess a hard-working and determined set of forwards who include such well-known players as Broadhurst, David Watkinson, Casey, Roy Holdstock, John Millington, Chris Burton and Phil Hogan — a formidable outfit indeed.



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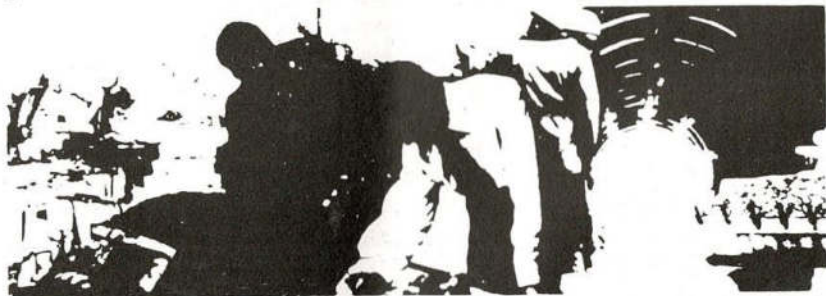
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Sunday, November, 26, 1978

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Oldham: Murphy; Munro, Larder, North (3 goals), Lund; Arnold, Ogden; Charles, O'Mahoney, Frodsham, Hall, Forster, Blackwood. Jewett and K. Flanagan for Frodsham and O'Mahoney.

Borough: Robinson; Brelsford, Machen, Parker, Pitchford; Redford, Fairhurst (2 goals); Hamilton, Clarke, Watts, Corcoran, Molyneux, Turley. Gamble (try) for Watts, Chester did not play.

Referee, S. Wall, Leigh. Attendance 1,296. Half-time score 4-0.

TEN YEARS AGO

Sunday, November 25th, 1973

First Division

Oldham 4 3 17 Wigan 3 1 9

Oldham: Murphy; Munro, Larder (3 goals), Wainwright, O'Brien (try); Treasure, McCone; Clawson (goal), Taylor, Hall, McCracken (try), Gregory, Peters (try). Elliott did not play, Ashcroft replaced McCracken.

Wigan: Francis; Wright, Vigo, Keiron O'Loughlin (try), Howlett; Ayres, Nulty; Smethurst, Clarke, Gray (3 goals), Irving, Robinson, Cunningham. Highton and Kevin O'Loughlin replaced Francis and Vigo.

Referee, A.W. Allen, York. Attendance 3,416. Half-time score not known.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Sunday, November 23rd, 1968

Whitehaven v. Oldham postponed, ground unfit.

The top teams in the league table were Wigan played 17, 30 points, Castleford 16-29, St. Helens 17-28, Leeds 16-27, Halifax 16-21, Wakefield 17-21, Keighley 16-21 and Swinton 16-20. Oldham were lying in 18th position with 14 points from 15 games. Rochdale Hornets were 16th with 16 points from 15 games. The 30 clubs were all included in one division.

The Southern Amateur League had five teams, Ealing, Hackney, Hillingdon, Peckham and Portsmouth.

Colin Tyrer had a week earlier scored the 1,000th point of his career and Roger Millward his 500th. Briggs of Oldham was in the top six try scorers and Whitehead eighth in the goal scoring chart.



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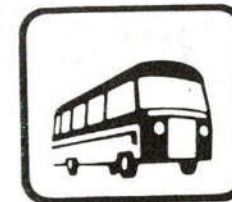
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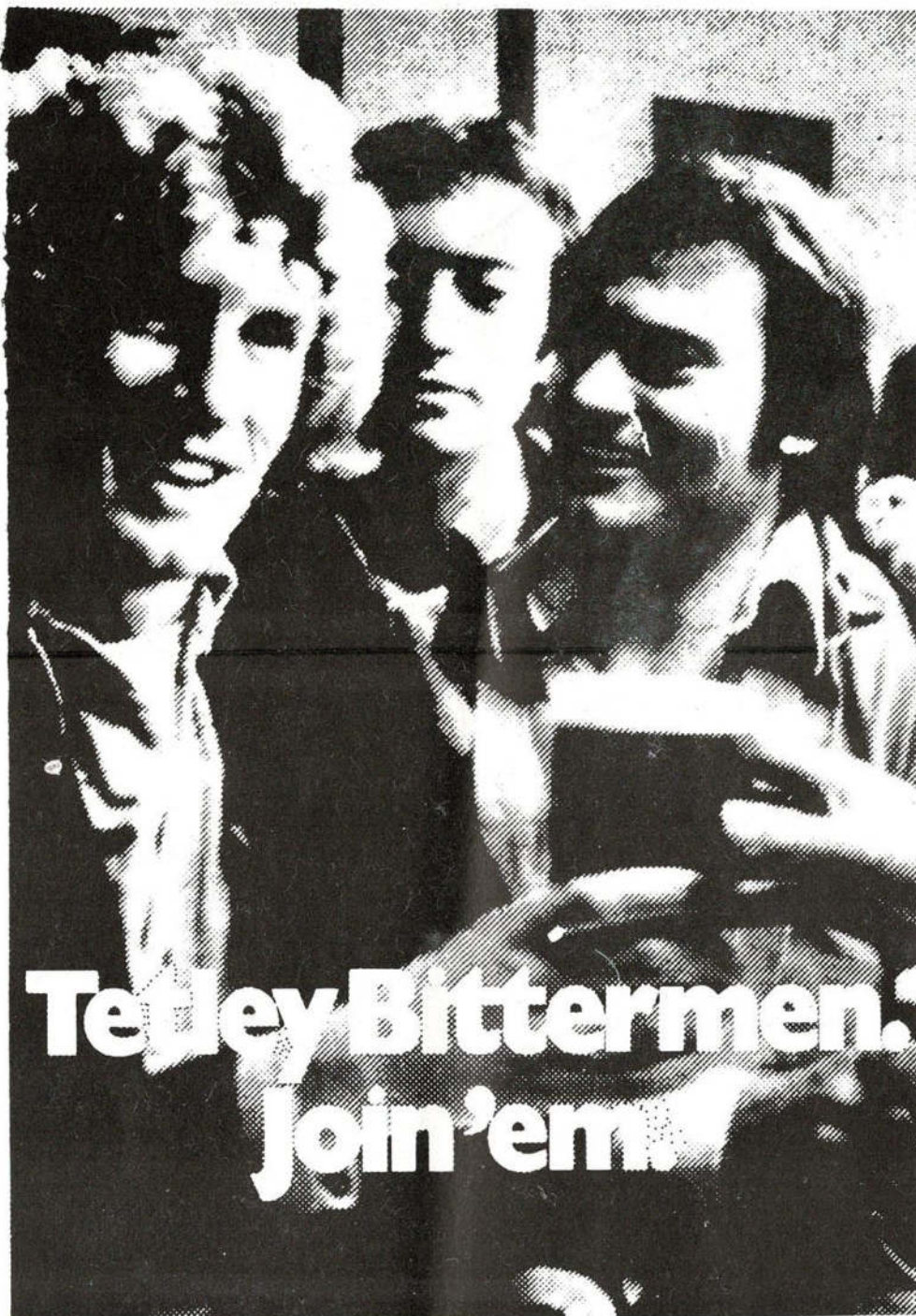
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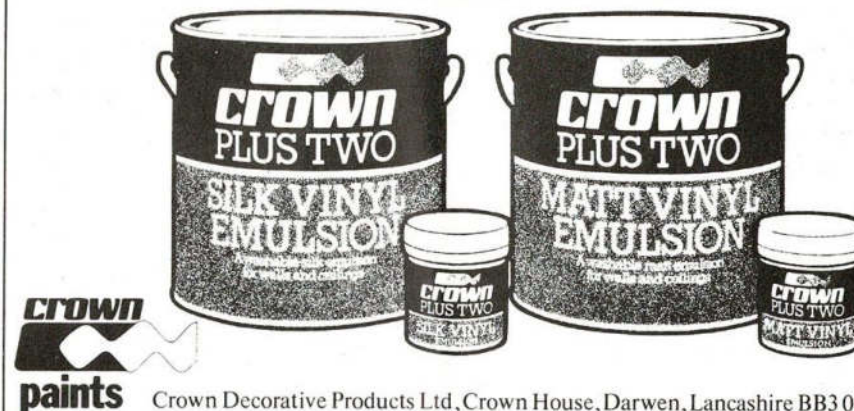
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Aug.	14	St. Helens (Friendly) (3.00)	H 10-32
	21	Leeds (3.00)	H 25-16
	28	Bradford N. (3.00)	A 8-14
Sept.	4	Lancs. Cup (1) Workington	H 26-20
	11	Featherstone R. (3.30)	A 24-16
	14	Lancs. Cup (2) Swinton	A 6-8
	18	Fulham (3.00)	H 30-12
	25	Hull K.R. (3.00)	A 18-18
Oct.	2	St. Helens (3.00)	H 32-6
	9	Widnes (3.00)	H 10-20
	19	Castleford (7.30)	A 18-16
	23	Hull (3.00)	H 18-12
	30	Warrington (3.00)	A 22-22
Nov.	6	JOHN PLAYER(1)(Leigh)	H 12-20
	13	Wigan (3.00)	H 8-4
	20	Fulham (3.00)	A 4-21
	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		
	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 8-28
Oct.			
	7	Widnes (7.30)	A 12-28
	13	Warrington (7.30)	H 30-12
	20	Swinton (LRCS 2nd Leg) (7.30)	H 8-0
	27	Lancs. Amateur R.L. (7.30)	H 22-9
Nov.	4		
	9	Wigan	A 30-32
	17	Saddleworth ARLFC	H 40-7
	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	
Jan.	28		
to			
Mar.	31	Pool 'A' & Pool 'B' fixtures	

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