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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

MAY we take this opportunity of wishing all our members, spectators and followers a happy and prosperous New Year and link with that the hope that you have all had a happy Christmas.

We believe we can look forward to another good year for the Oldham club in 1984, topped hopefully by the appearance of some of our players in the 30-man Australian tour squad when it is named in a few months' time.

Ray Ashton, Terry Flanagan, Mick Worrall, Andy Goodway and Des Foy will all be thinking about Sydney when they make their New Year wishes, and it goes without saying that they carry the best wishes of all of us.

All five, of course, represented the Great Britain under-24 side in their 48-1 victory over France here at Watersheddings a few weeks ago and that is a record of which the Oldham club can be justifiably proud.

Three of them, Andy Goodway, Mick Worrall and Des Foy, are now in the 21-man squad that is preparing for the two Tests against France in January and February, but the League insist that the players who have not been promoted from the under-24s are certainly not overlooked.

The policy seems to be to give as many players as possible a chance to show what they can do at international level, and there are now only the two Tests left before the tour party is announced.

You will doubtless have read in the Oldham Chronicle that we have now linked up with our local evening newspaper in the promotion of our lottery.

The success of this new venture is absolutely vital to the future financial stability of the club, and we appeal to all our members, supporters, friends and voluntary workers to help us along in our quest to make it a real and lasting success.

We believe the format is a good one and we further believe that the link-up with the Oldham Evening Chronicle will also help in the fight to establish the new lottery as a successful fund-raising venture.

If you can help in any way — as an agent or merely as a customer — please do so because, like all professional clubs these days, we need all the help we can get.

The Ambassador Club is also coming along nicely and we expect to make the first £500 jackpot draw at today's game against Salford. Again, if you wish to join the club please do not hesitate to contact us as soon as possible.

May we also draw your attention to a club function that we are holding at the new-look Embassy Club, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, Manchester on Thursday, February 2. This is a grand benefit show in aid of our club, and staged thanks to the good offices of comedian Bernard Manning.

Bernard and a supporting programme will form a fine evening's entertainment and the ticket, costing £2, also admits the bearer to the snooker, pool, darts and dominoes room.

Tickets are available from the club or any committee man, so let's make sure that we make it a real Oldham RL night at the Embassy Club on February 2.

The Christmas Draw was a success, but it is vital that all our fund-raising activities get full backing if we are to continue to make the forward advances that we have achieved over the past few years.

On the field of play we look forward to an enjoyable holiday fixture against Salford today and then a trip to meet Leeds at Headingley on January 2.

The next home game should be a cracker with another bumper crowd — Leigh here on Sunday, January 8.

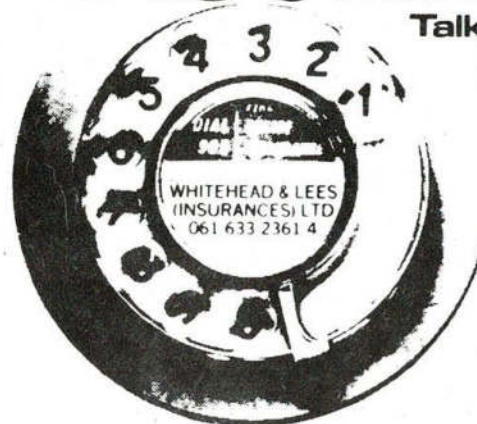
A crowd of more than 6,000 watched their game here in the first round of the John Player Special Trophy, and we can expect another big following from Leigh, especially if Adrian Alexander is going to be in their line-up following his move to Hilton Park on a £1,000-a-year arrangement.

So, a Happy New Year to you all. Do think hard about how you can help the club commercially, because it is YOUR club and, if successful, it is to the enjoyment of ALL of us.

If we all pull together to the betterment of the club we can ensure that 1984 is a really good year and one that marks even more progress in our steady but consistent climb towards the top of the Rugby League ladder.

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HISTORICAL NOTES ON SALFORD

by Tom Webb

WHEN the game was played during the first world war, players only received broken time payments, that is any wages lost through playing for a senior Rugby League club were made up by the club. Professionalism as such was outlawed as clubs were running on a shoestring.

During season 1918-19 the game restarted officially, although there had been war-time emergency leagues and friendly football. The Salford club was one of the first to support a scheme to pay the players as distinct from just making broken time payments. It is ironical that when the club offered the players ten shillings a match (50p) and half-a-crown for winning (12½p) the players turned down the offer. They wanted £1 per match and refused to play unless they received that amount. In February 1919 the players refused to play Broughton Rangers at The Cliff and Salford had to cancel the match.

The players were suspended for six matches and the subsequent fixtures were fulfilled by the "A" team. Among the leading players of those days were W. Harry Launce, a Cornishman, Walter Clegg, W. Dai John, Ernie Woods, Jack T. Bevan, E. Sykes, George Currie, H. Whitney, James A. Burgess from Runcorn who had just ceased to exist, George Callender, A. Livesley, Tom Coates, Edgar C. May, Reg M. Clifford, Joe Ratcliffe, Willie Thomas the captain and later a director, J. Knott and B. Wanklyn. I don't know which of the foregoing were on strike and the Salford City Reporter's accounts of the club at the end of the war were, to say the least, a bit sketchy.

War time matches concerning Salford, Broughton Rangers and Swinton were played on gate sharing principles which ensured that each club would get shares of good gates to counterbalance the days when weather reduced the attendances at matches.

Older spectators will remember Salford in their prime just before the second world war. What a galaxy of talent they had assembled to play under the supervision of Lance Todd! How much would the players cost today with our inflationary prices?

In 1937-38 the Reds' players included Bert Day who made 43 appearances, Harold Osbaldestin 42, Paddy Dalton 41 (his name was W. Dalton but he was always Paddy — what was his first name?) Billy Watkins 39, Joe Bradbury 38, Barney Hudson 36, Albert Gear 36, Dai M. Davies 36, Gus Risman 34 (he kicked 101 goals for the Red Devils that season), Alan Edwards 33, Billy Williams 32, Jack Feetham 32, Bob Brown 31 and Harold Thomas 30. They were backed by Sammy Miller, C.G. Reeve, Emlyn Jenkins who was transferred to Wigan, N. George Harris who left Weaste for Keighley, Herbert Cambridge, Leslie Pearson, Tommy Harrison, J. Turner, D. Schofield, J. Spruce and an Oldham lad Joe Gardner. Alan Edwards scored 22 tries, Gus Risman 18, Albert Gear 17, Barney Hudson and Bob Brown 16 each.

The directors in the last two seasons before the war were C.B. Riley chairman, J.B. Goldstraw, J. Priestley (I think he was a leading referee once), H. Sides, H. Bratherton, F.M. Wellwood, J.W. Hammond who only died just over a year ago, A.G. Wild, former player and later the Lord Mayor of Salford, W.H. Hughes, V.C. Williams, J. Leonard and F. Mattinson. Lance Beaumont Todd was secretary-manager.

By 1954 J.B. Goldstraw was chairman and J.W. Hammond had succeeded to chair by 1962. (I haven't season by season details of the club as I have for Oldham). Brian Snape was on the board in 1962 and later he became club chairman and chairman of the Rugby League Council. He has now given way to John Wilkinson who has a new part time club secretary in Graham Morris, who wrote along with John Huxley the book "Wembley Magic".

SALFORD'S BIG CHALLENGE

SALFORD come to Watersheddings today for a traditional holiday encounter seeking every possible point in their bid to climb away from the bottom four relegation zone.

They were promoted last season from third place in the Second Division, having won 24 of their 32 matches to pick up 48 points and finish behind champions Fulham and Wakefield Trinity. In fourth place were Whitehaven.

Up until just before the Christmas period, three of those teams — Whitehaven, Salford and Wakefield — occupied the bottom three places in the First Division.

In recent weeks both Wakefield and Featherstone have shown distinct signs of making up ground lost earlier in the season, Trinity hitting the headlines with their capture of Australian star Wally Lewis in a major bid to drag themselves clear of the bottom four.

Rovers had a run of four wins out of five, though two of those were in the John Player Special Trophy.

Nevertheless, Salford know they have much to do to try and keep themselves in the first division this season and they certainly will be firing on all cylinders today.

A major change took place at the Willows some weeks ago when Salford and coach Mal Aspley parted company, and the coaching job went to one of Salford's best-respected sons, Mike Coulman.

The big forward joined the Reds way back in 1968 from Moseley RU Club in the Midlands and in an accomplished career, which earned him international honours at League to follow those he won at Union, the big fellow has scored more tries than any other forward in Salford's history.

He has now retired from the playing side of things, but he is working hard as coach as Salford try to blend together several youngsters with one or two more experienced campaigners.

They don't come any more experienced than Peter Glynn, Steve Nash, John Wood and Denis Boyd.

Similarly, there are numerous youngsters in the ranks, among them Paul Shuttleworth, Gerard Byrne, Paul Fletcher, and Paul Groves.

Though Shuttleworth was signed as a half-back from Batley Boys, he is now performing well at full back and is said to be one of Salford's most improved players.

Glynn joined Salford in the swap move that took Steve Rule to St. Helens in the close season and he is equally at home at stand-off, centre or wing, where he has played in several matches lately.

Centre Byrne, snapped up from that prolific nursery, Wigan St. Pat's, is running in the tries with uncanny regularity, while Stewart Williams is always a dangerous player, and winger Keith Bentley, signed on loan from Barrow, is capable of causing the tightest defence a good deal of trouble.

Stand-off Fletcher, still a teenager, is a local lad who has come up through the Salford colts set-up, while his partner Nash is without doubt one of the best and most respected players in the game.

Nash has served Featherstone, Salford and Great Britain wonderfully well throughout a long career and he deservedly starts a benefit with Salford in the very near future.

In the front-row of the pack, the Reds possess two hard men in John Wood, signed from Fulham, and Denis Boyd, who had a spell on loan here at Watersheddings, before finally settling at the Willows in a permanent move from Carlisle.

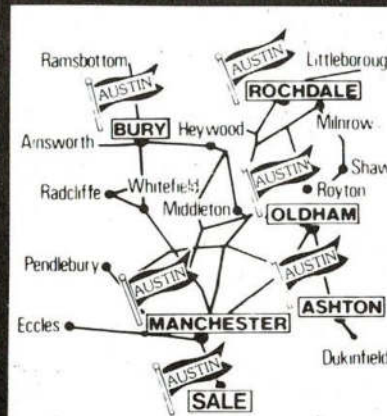
Sammy Turnbull and Steve Dickens, the ex-Leeds and Keighley player, could form the second-row with former Leigh forward Mick McTigue at loose-forward.



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The Supporters Club would like to extend to all its members **A Very Happy Christmas and A Prosperous New Year**, and to all supporters, players, and committee attending today's game with Salford. A very special welcome to our visitors from Salford, we extend to them all a very warm Oldham welcome and invite them to all our canteens and souvenir shop situated at different parts of the ground.

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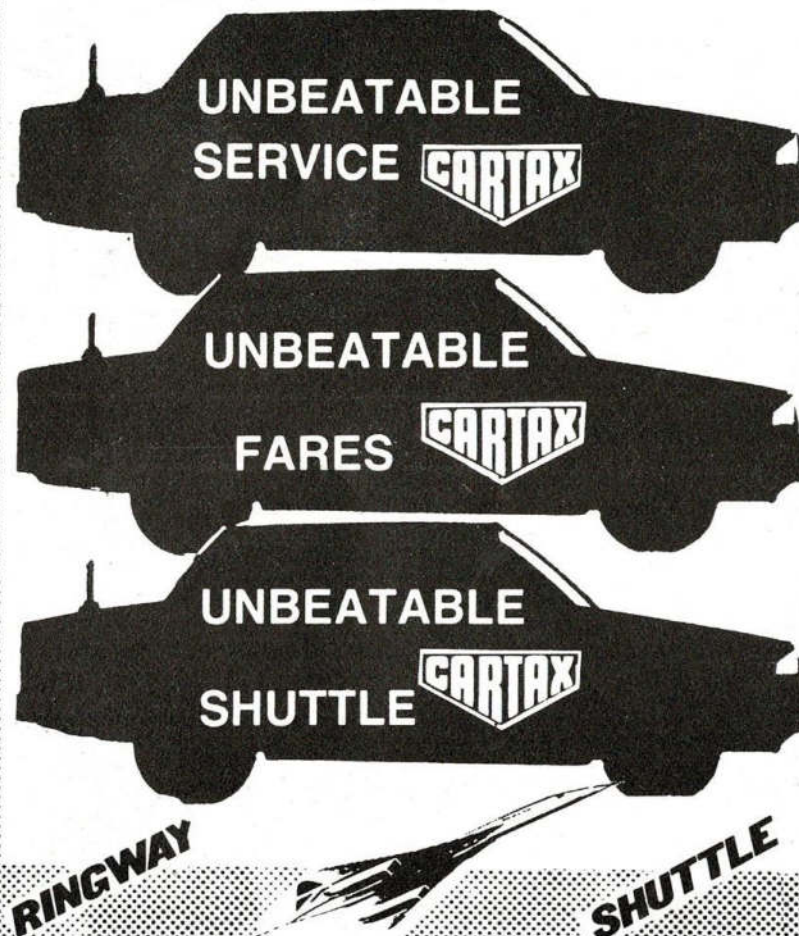
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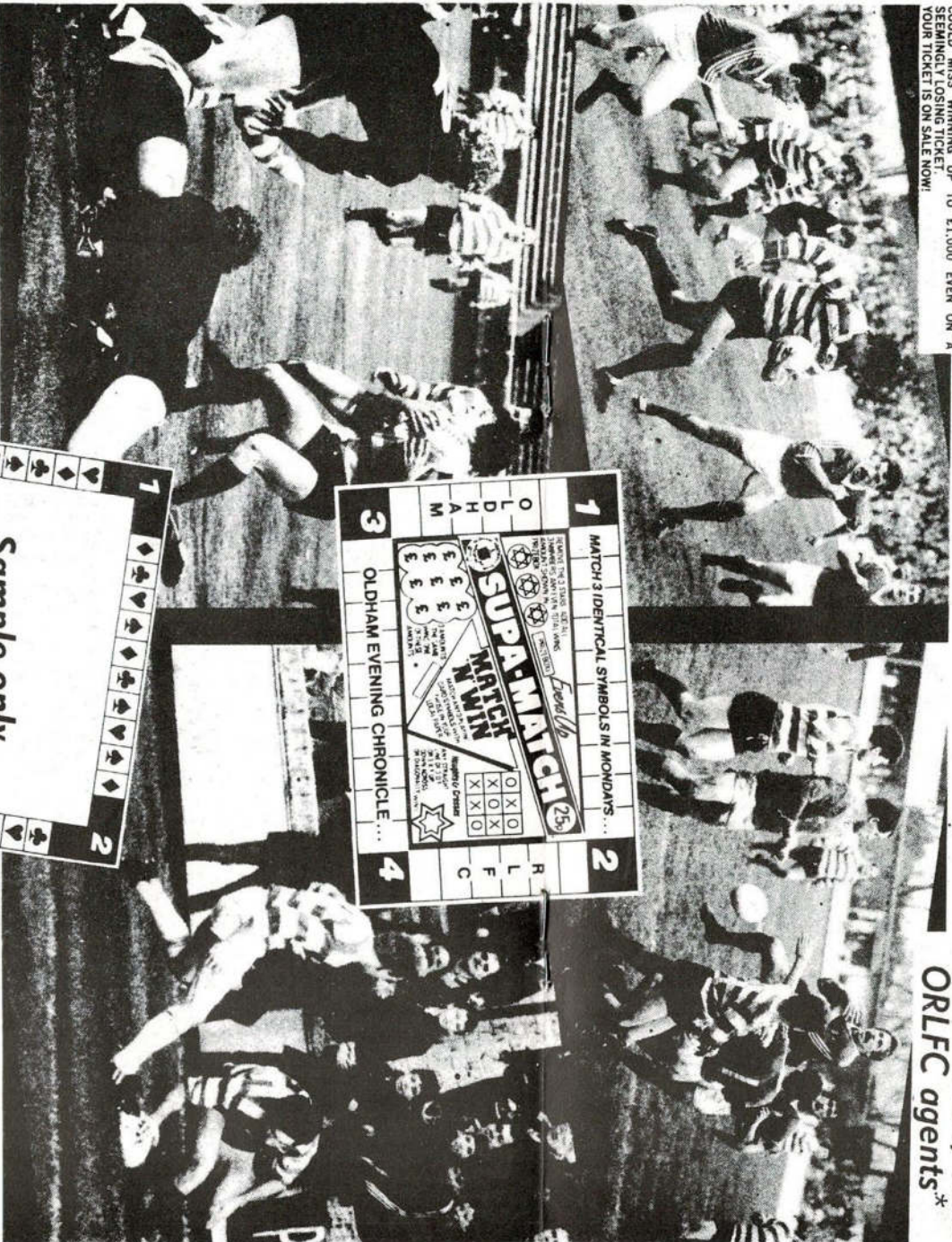
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FLASHBACK by Tom Webb

How many of our supporters remember the corresponding day 5, 10, 15 years ago?

FIVE YEARS AGO

Tuesday, December 26th, 1978

Second Division

Oldham Id.g. 2 g. 2t. 11 Swinton 1 2 8

Oldham: Murphy; Elliott (try), Larder, Lund, Fitzsimons (2 goals); Arnold (drop goal), Ogden; Connor, O'Mahoney, Hall, Forster, Hawkyard (try), Jewett, Munro and Byrom for Ogden and Jewett.

Swinton: O'Loughlin; Hindley, Cooke (goal), Cassidy, Crehan; Boulton, Bruen; Phythian, Sutton (try), Armitage, Ashcroft, Young and Peters (try).
Davies went on as a substitute but McAtee did not play.

Referee, D. W. Fox, Wakefield. Attendance 1,199. Half-time score 3-8.

TEN YEARS AGO

Wednesday, December 26th, 1973

First Division

Oldham 4 1 11 Rochdale Hornets 3 3 15

Oldham: Murphy; Munro, Larder (3 goals), Elliott, O'Brien (try); Treasure (goal), McCone Ashcroft, Taylor, Hall, Gregory, McCracken, Peters. Bottom replaced McCracken, other substitute not known.

Hornets: Crellin; Brelsford (try), Brophy, Taylor, Aspinall; Butler, Gartland (try); Holliday (3 goals), Harris, Whitehead (try), Hodgkinson, Sheffield, Hammond and Delooze replaced Gartland and Hodgkinson.

Referee, S. Wall, Leigh. Attendance 5,041. Half-time score 8-12.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 26th, 1968

Oldham v. Swinton postponed.

Friday, December 20th, 1968.

Widnes 4 6 26 Oldham 1 1 5

Widnes: Dutton (4 goals); Brown, Aspey McDonnell (try), Gaydon; Rowse (try), Boylan; Walsh, Foran (try), Carden (try), French, Nicholls (try), Lowe (try).
Substitutes Walker and Newton. (Don't know if played or not).

Oldham: Murphy; Elliott, Whitehead, Larder, Davies (try); Briggs, Canning; Wilson (goal) Taylor, Ogden, Irving, McCourt, Fletcher. Substitutes McCormack and Russell. (Don't know if played or not).

Referee, not known. Attendance 3,000. Half-time score 13-2.



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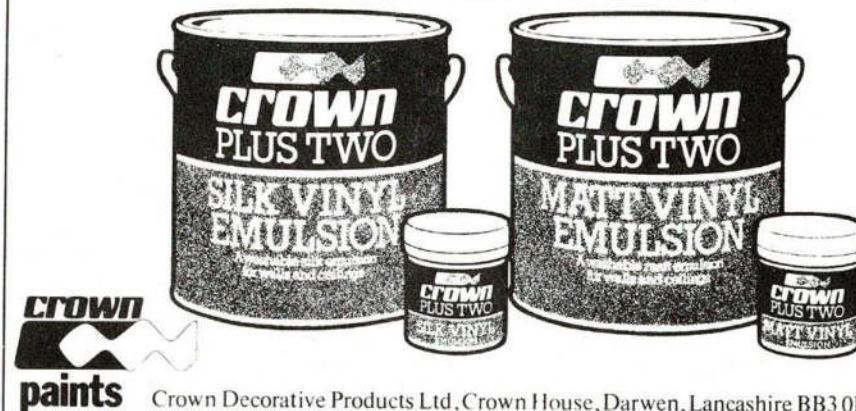
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BRIAN BATTY Daily Mail

A refreshing chance to watch schoolboy rugby's exciting advance is presented by the current tour of a top Australian side to this country.

This 'first' for schoolboy rugby deserves every support as the James Cook (Sydney) tour of Britain gets under way.

Thanks to BUSCARLA the trip by the talented high school side is a taste of things to come.

Next July the British High Schools will be taking their own team on a tour of Australia.

It has been claimed by certain people within our sport that if you want to see the game played properly then take a look at the schoolboys.

In the past that has applied to the raw youngsters but these present Australian tourists are well on the way to becoming the finished article.

We have had visits from Australian school sides twice in the past but this is the first time an individual school has made the trip.

There is understandably, the hope that the game will now enjoy continued trips by these boys with so much to gain as well as give in the way of entertainment.

I was staggered to see that the James Cook boys had raised about £30,000 to finance their trip in a 12 week spell.

A powerful side, they have won the Sydney Grand Final at their level for the past two years and are coached by Brian Smith, who recently took over the Sydney Premiership side Hawara Steelers.

Their programme consists of games against Greater Manchester Schools, Merseyside and Cheshire Schools, West and South Yorkshire Schools and Humberside Schools.

With Britain forming its own High Schools Rugby League there is talk of staging Test matches in the future.

There is still a lot of work to be done in this direction but if our game is to thrive then we have to look to these boys showing the way for other youngsters.

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 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 10-18
Dec.	4	Leigh (3.30) A P
	11	Featherstone R. (3.00) H P
	18	Wakefield T. (3.30) A 22-28
	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 P
	9	
	15	Swinton (7.30) H 12-12
	21	Widnes (7.30) (Lancs. Shield) . . A
	30	
1984		
Jan.	5	Leigh (7.30) A
	12	
	19	Wigan (7.30) H
	26	
Feb.	3	Warrington (7.30) A
	9	
	16	St. Helens (7.30) H
	25	Barrow (2.30) A
Mar.	1	Swinton (7.30) A
	8	
	16	Salford (7.30) A
	22	Widnes (7.30) H
	29	

	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 . .
Jun	28	
to		
Mar.	31	Pool 'A' & Pool 'B' fixtures . . .

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