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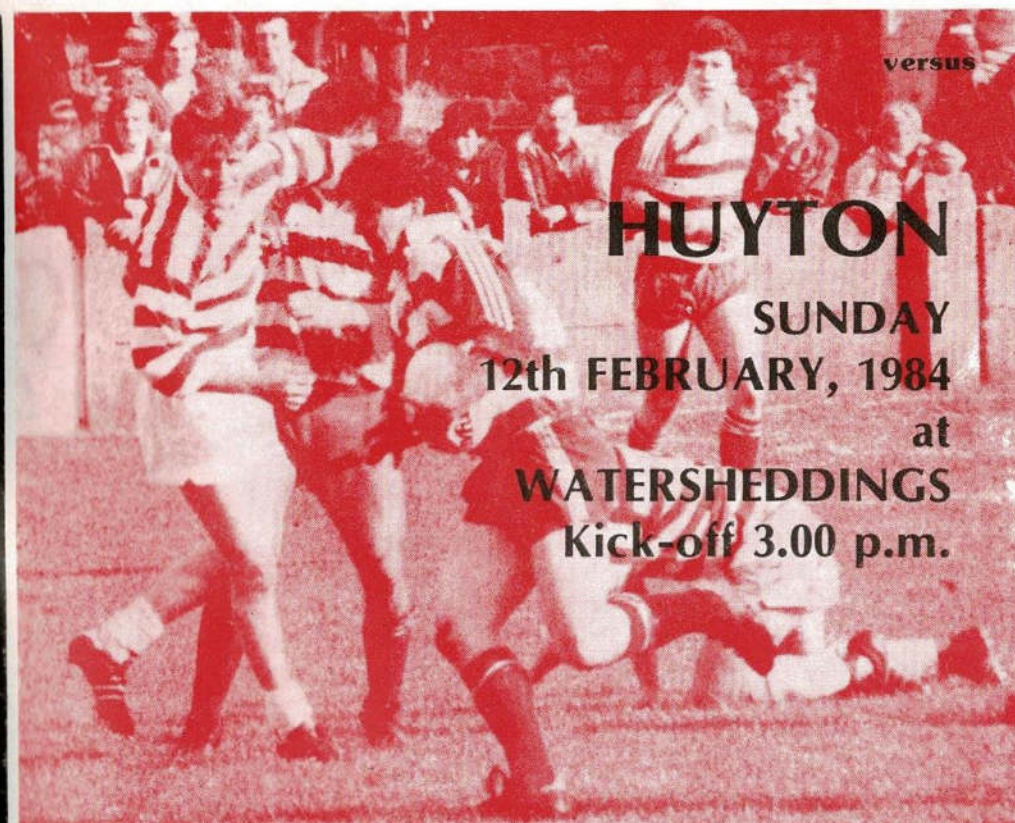
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	1956-57, 1957-58 and 1958-59
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Lancashire Shield Winners:	1975-76 and 1979-80
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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

AS this is our first home game since the resignation as coach of Peter Smethurst it would be remiss of us if we did not pay tribute to the part he has played in the club's progress over the past three seasons.

Peter came to Watersheddings as Frank Myler's assistant after our relegation to the Second Division at the end of the 1980-81 season.

He and Frank steered us back to the big time at the first attempt with 30 wins from 32 matches and, in the same season, an appearance in the semi-final of the John Player Trophy.

Last season, of course, Peter was here until Christmas time and helped to lay the foundation for a campaign which saw us finish in the top-eight in our first season in the First Division.

He went to Leigh but returned last summer and was our No. 1 coach this season until last week when he decided to offer his resignation after a poor run of results.

We would like to place on record our gratitude for the part he played in the development of the club and wish him well for the future.

Today, we temporarily take a break from the First Division with our first round tie against Huyton in the State Express Challenge Cup.

Maybe, we ought not to say it, but we are certainly due a decent run in this competition. We have reached round three only once in the last eight years and that was in 1981 when we won at Blackpool in round one, beat Workington at home in round two and then lost to St. Helens at home in round three.

The previous occasion we reached the quarter-final was in 1976 when, by coincidence, we beat Huyton in the first round (away), beat York at home in round two and also lost to St. Helens, this time at Knowsley Road, in round three.

Incidentally, that was the third time in four seasons that we reached round three during the 1970s.

The previous year — 1975 — we won at Blackpool, drew at Rochdale and beat them in a replay, and then lost at home to Widnes when only one step from the semi-final.

In 1973 Barrow were beaten at Watersheddings, we won at Hull in round two, but lost at Castleford in round three.

That was the first time in five years that we reached the third-round stage. In 1968, we hit the headlines when we won at Hunslet in the first round, drew at Bradford in round two and won the replay, but then lost at home to Leeds in round three.

We have not been in a semi-final, of course, since 1964 when we won at Keighley, beat Featherstone at home, won at Hunslet and then met Hull KR in those three never-to-be-forgotten semi-finals.

We drew the first game at Headingley, went in front in extra time at Swinton, but then had victory snatched from us because of poor light, and then got beat in the third clash at Huddersfield.

The lure of the Challenge Cup holds a special place in the hearts of all Rugby League people, but especially Oldham folk, who have never experienced the thrill of seeing their side play in the Wembley stadium.

Today sees the start of yet another Challenge Cup competition. Let us hope it has something pleasant in store for us all.

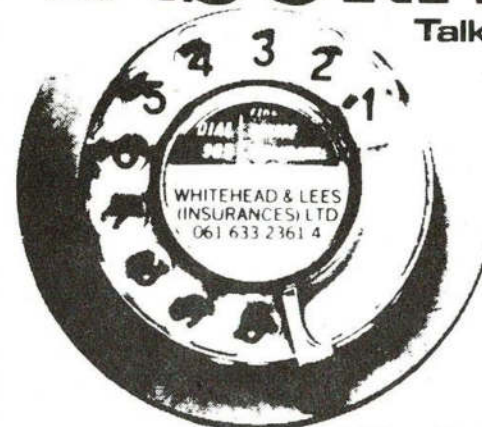
May we also offer our congratulations here to our five players who have won a place in Frank Myler's 41-man squad to train for the forthcoming Aussie tour.

The tour party is to be cut to 30, so there is nothing cut and dried yet but, at least, Des Foy, Andy Goodway, Ray Ashton, Mick Worrall, and Terry Flanagan are obviously very much in the reckoning.

Worrall, Foy and Goodway represented Britain in the recent 12-0 win in France with Des and Andy both scoring tries.

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HISTORICAL NOTES ON HUYTON

by Tom Webb

UNDER the name of Wigan Highfield, the present Huyton club was admitted to membership of the Northern Rugby Football League in season 1922-23. In 1933 permission was granted to the club to change its name to London Highfield and for one season the club played its home fixtures under floodlights. The next season the club moved north to become Liverpool Stanley. In 1950 the club became Liverpool City after moving from Stanley's old home to Knotty Ash.

The Alt Park ground at Huyton was secured and Huyton-With-Roby R.L.F.C., commenced under their present title in 1968-69 season. The ground was officially opened a season later by Lord Derby.

The team which represented the club in its first game as Huyton was Ernie Forber; Arthur Johnson, Jack Smith, Jim Bright, Norman Pickersgill; Geoff Heaton, Johnny Smith; Bill Payne, Dick Evans, Peter Donoghue, David Bridgewater, Bill Bevan, Brian Winstanley with substitutes Albert Heesom who replaced Bill Bevan and Bill Newton who did not take the field.

The pitch gave great trouble to the club and many "home" games were played away from Alt Park. The first "home" game took place at St. Helens against Whitehaven after the first ten fixtures had been played as away games. Oldham, Featherstone Rovers, Hunslet, Keighley, Rochdale Hornets, Barrow, Widnes, Workington Town and Doncaster all played their away games with Huyton on the Widnes enclosure, thanks to the generosity of the Widnes club. Warrington played "away" games with Huyton at Wilderspool in the Challenge Cup and the League, and Salford, Swinton and Leigh each played an away game on their own ground. Only the one home game with Blackpool Borough was staged at Huyton.

The club was able to play all the home games on their own ground for season 1969-70. It seemed a very long time for the directors who had first announced their intended move to Alt Park in February 1965 when a meeting to discuss the move had been held at the Huyton Parish Church Hall.

Some years earlier, a seaside showman, twenty-one stone Tommy Mann had been invited to join the Liverpool Stanley board. At the age of five he had with other children been admitted to Wigan's home games at half time free of charge and from then on had become a Rugby League fanatic. His family moved to Oldham and in due course Tommy was chairman of the Crompton Urban District Council and served a year on the Oldham Football Club committee after finishing second in the club's 1948 elections.

He was the first chairman of Liverpool City when the move was made to Knotty Ash and Lord Derby opened that new ground for the club.

Tommy recalled buying his wife Annie a washing machine for Christmas. At the time Stanley had only one set of jerseys and had matches on Christmas Eve and Boxing Day. Annie spent all Christmas Day washing Stanley's shirts. After every two shirts they had to take a bucket of sand and dried mud out of the machine. With supporters of that kind, it is no wonder the club continues to survive.

John Bilsland who rescued the club in 1935, was owner of the Stanley, White City and Seaforth dog tracks in Liverpool and was a director of the Shawfield and Firhill tracks in Glasgow. His unfortunate death on the eve of the opening of the Knotty Ash ground was a great and lasting blow to the gallant club.

HERE COME HUYTON!

WE extend a terrific welcome today to the officials, players and spectators of the Huyton club in the first round of the State Express Challenge Cup.

Any visit from the Merseyside men, of course, means a return to Watersheddings for Geoff Fletcher, and our spectators will give a special welcome to Geoff, who was an extremely popular player with us in his younger days.

Geoff is now in his seventh season as Huyton's player-coach and he must therefore be one of the longest-serving club coaches in the game.

Huyton deserve the highest possible praise for their efforts to keep the Rugby League flag flying on Merseyside and Fletcher has done a terrific job over the years at Alt Park.

He has to run the team on a shoestring budget and he does so with terrific enthusiasm, and no small amount of expertise.

One of his attributes is his ability to pick up players for "a song" and there could be some comparatively new faces in the Huyton side today.

Another ex-Oldham forward, Tony Peters, has moved to Merseyside on loan from Swinton, while former Lions winger Peter Hindley has joined Fletcher and his merry men from Bramley.

Steve Simms, a second-row forward from Parkside Colliery, Newton-le-Willows, is another recent recruit, who signed for Huyton after successful trials.

Fletcher himself has not played this season because of a bone disease caused when he stood on a nail.

But if Geoff's past record is any guide, injury and the passing of time will not cause him to throw away his shoulder pads yet! We hear he will soon be fit to play again. Could it be in today's team?

Ian Smith, a winger who is said to be a real flier, is one of Huyton's most prolific finishers. He has scored a dozen tries this season and is said to be a winger of genuine pace.

Glen Crehan, who also had a spell at Watersheddings, can run a bit, too, and Fletcher also has the services of two players who represented Great Britain as amateurs — John McCabe and Peter Glover.

McCabe, a centre, captained the first BARLA tour to Papua New Guinea, while Glover went on the same tour as a full back.

More recently, Fletcher has been playing Glover at loose-forward because he thinks he is more suited to that position under the new rules.

Last Sunday, Huyton were due to play a trialist hooker against Bramley, when Peters and Hindley were also due to make their debuts.

The last time we met Huyton in the Challenge Cup was in 1976 when we won at Alt Park in round one and beat York at home in the second round before losing at St. Helens in the quarter-final.

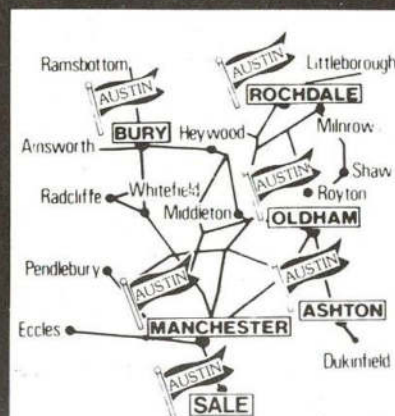
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LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRIES
THURSDAY, 5th APRIL, 1984

QUESTIONS

- (1) Which two clubs hold the record for most Challenge Cup Final appearances at Wembley?
- (2) Which player captained two clubs to victory at Wembley 14 years apart, the second time at the age of 41?
- (3) Which club knocked Widnes out of the State Express Challenge Cup last season, 1982-83?
- (4) The highest score against an amateur side in the Challenge Cup is 119-2 against Swinton Park in 1913-14. Which professional club provided the opposition?

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The time-table for the 1984 State Express Challenge Cup is:

Second Round	25th/26th February
Third Round	10th/11th March
Semi-Final (1)	24th March
Semi-Final (2)	31st March
Final at Wembley	5th May

After the deduction of the £72,000 prize money, the remaining £48,000 of the 1984 sponsorship fee will be donated to the Rugby League's Capital Development Fund into which a percentage of all sponsorship money is being invested to aid ground improvement schemes at club level.

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Round	Per Round	Total
Preliminary	4 x £1,000	£4,000
First	16 x £1,000	£16,000
Second	8 x £1,400	£11,200
Third	4 x £2,400	£9,600
Semi-Finals	2 x £4,325	£8,650
Runners-up	1 x £8,000	£8,000
Winners	1 x £14,555	£14,555
<i>Total</i>		<i>£72,000</i>
<i>Development Fund</i>		<i>£48,000</i>
Grand Total		£120,000

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THE draw for the Second Round of the 1984 Rugby League State Express Challenge Cup will be made live in the B.B.C. Television Breakfast Time programme broadcast on Tuesday, 14th February, at approximately 7.40 a.m.

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The other amateur side, Leigh Miners' Welfare lost to Leigh 23-10 before a crowd estimated at 6,000.

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February 10th, 1974 (First Division)

Bramley 2 2 10 Oldham 2 1 7

Bramley: Keegan (2 goals); Goodchild, Bolton, J. Hughes (2 tries), Austin; Briggs, Astbury; Jarvis, Price, Sampson, Ashman, Idle, Wolford. Substitutes Huxley and Craker did not play.

Oldham: Murphy; O'Brien, Wainwright, Bottom, Holland (2 goals); Treasure, McCone; Clawson, Taylor, Ashcroft, Gregory (try), Hall, Peters. Blair and B. Hughes replaced Wainwright and Clawson.

Referee, H. Hunt, Prestbury. Attendance 1,700. Half-time score 5-5.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

February 8th, 1969

Out of the 11 scheduled games only one took place, Leeds beating Halifax 29-4. Oldham's engagement with St. Helens was postponed.

Leading goal kickers at the time were Price (Bradford Northern) 120, Risman (Leeds) 108, Tyrer (Wigan) 104, Coslett (St. Helens) 101, James (Halifax) 93, C. Kellet (Featherstone Rovers) 88, Whitehead (Oldham) 87, Bootle (Warrington) 86 and Maloney (Hull) 83. Smith (Leeds) and Francis (Wigan) with 22 tries headed their list, followed by Burgess (Salford) 21 and Briggs (Oldham) 20.



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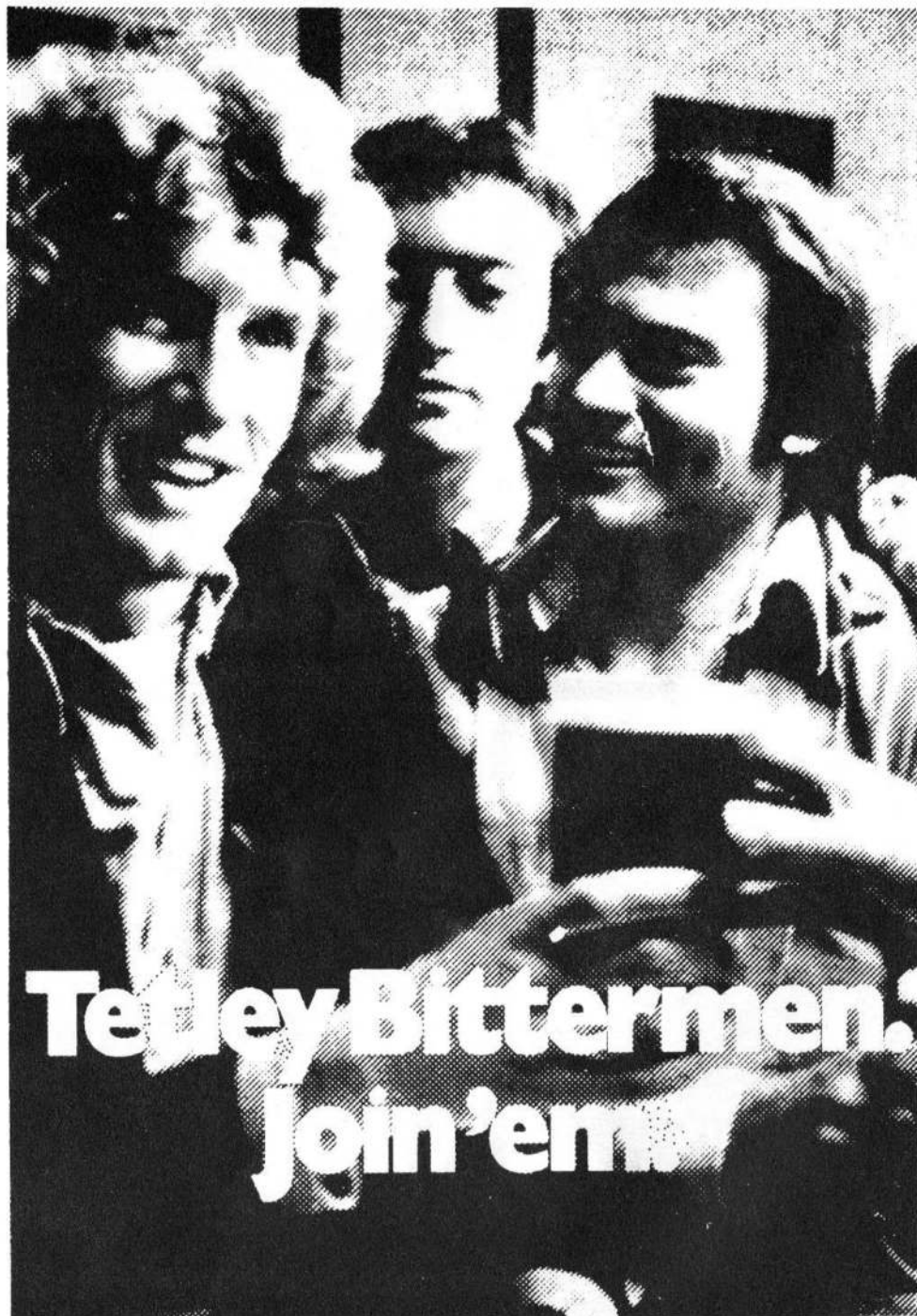
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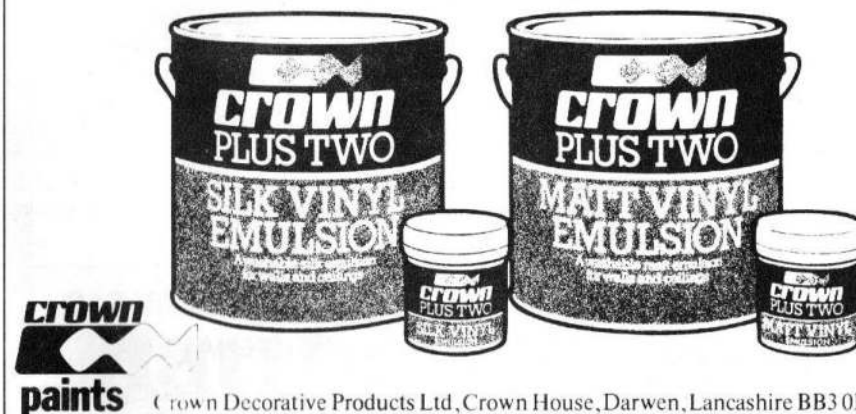


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The Supporters Club would like to extend a special welcome to our visitors from Huyton for today's first round State Express Challenge Cup game and we invite them to all our canteens and souvenir shop situated at different parts of the ground.

Our souvenir shop is situated at the pavilion end of the ground for the sale of Sweaters, £10.00 each; Sweatshirts, £8.50 adults, juniors £6.50; Scarves (Oldham), £2.75; Bar Scarves, £2.50; Ties, £3.50; Label Badges, 65p; Blazer Badges, £8.50; Bob Hats £1.25. Oldham red and white shirts with club badge on at different prices according to sizes.

OLDHAM SUPPORTERS CLUB

AWAY TRAVEL

on

SUNDAY, 19th FEBRUARY 1984

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R.L. ground on left.

Buy your SUPA-MATCH LOTTERY TICKETS at all our canteens on match days and try to win the top prize of £1,000.

The Supporters Club are holding A SOCIAL EVENING in The Social Club on Friday, February 24th, 1984 at 8 p.m. This evening is in aid of The School Boys who are going to Wembley to represent the town in the boy's match, so please come along and support this event and make it a great success. Admission by ticket is 50p only all classes.

JUNIOR SUPPORTERS CLUB

Are you aged up to fourteen?

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