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Black Shorts

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2. RALPH LINTON
3. J. LYDON/E. HUGHES
4. KEIRON O'LOUGHLIN
5. JOHN BASNETT
6. DAVID HULME
7. ANDY GREGORY
8. KEVIN TAMATI
9. KEITH ELWELL
10. JOHN WOOD
11. L. GORLEY/M. O'NEILL
12. FRED WHITFIELD
13. MICK ADAMS

Substitutes:

- 14.
- 15.

Oldham

Colours: Red & White Jerseys
Blue Shorts

1. JOE BARDGETT
2. COLIN HAWKYARD
3. MICK PARRISH
4. DES FOY
5. JIM HORNBLY
6. IAN BIRKBY
7. RAY ASHTON
8. WALLY JONES
9. ALAN McCURRIE
10. MICK MORGAN
11. ANDY GOODWAY
12. MICK WORRELL
13. TERRY FLANAGAN

Substitutes:

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Referee: Mr. G. BERRY (Batley)

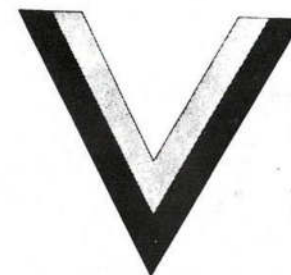
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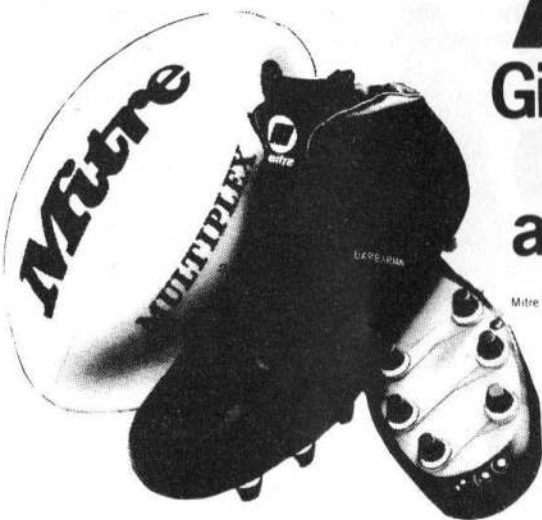
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WELCOME TO OLDHAM

This afternoon, we extend a very warm welcome to our friends from Oldham, for what will be the second of three home fixtures in eight days.

Oldham are placed in mid-table in the Slalom Lager Championship after starting off well, and then hitting rock bottom early in the New Year, which saw the departure of Peter Smethurst and Frankie Barrow from the club coaching staff.

Their results have improved again, and despite a 20-31 defeat at St. Helens last week, will no doubt provide formidable opposition for Widnes today. Our previous encounter this season at Watersheddings saw Widnes score a 20-10 win in October, the highlight of which was a thrilling 55 yard score from John Basnett.

Oldham have several players in Frank Myler's Gt. Britain training squad, and look certain to supply several tourists to Australia this year. Widnesian Ray Ashton and ex-Widnes centre Des Foy should be in action this afternoon and will be determined to perform well against the Chemics (as in fact Ray always does).

Unfortunately these notes were written prior to Wednesday evenings game against Bradford Northern, and we can only hope that the two necessary points were earned to close the gap on Hull Kingston Rovers at the top of the table.

Next Wednesday we have another home tie and a Wembley rehearsal against old rivals Wigan, and if maximum points could be obtained from these fixtures then the Championship race would not yet be lost.

The lockless Tony Myler, who was forced to leave the semi-final field after only ten minutes has undergone a cartilage operation and should with luck be back in action in another month. Let us hope he still has time to prove his fitness for the Tour to Australia.

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Oldham Pen Pictures

Chris Willis. A local lad who played Rugby League at Saddleworth School, joining Oldham Athletic before arriving at Watersheddings. He has played at both full back and stand-off with the first team.

Nick Wright. A Maori who was full back when New Zealand defeated Australia in a test match after Great Britain had been thrashed by the Australians. He may have been granted an extended stay in this country by the New Zealand Council.

Colin Hawkyard. Formerly a forward has developed into a very proficient winger. Has a nice turn of speed and tackles well. Plays on either wing.

Mick Parrish. A product of Morley Rugby Union Club, Yorkshire who joined New Hunslet and distinguished himself by scoring in every game in a season for that club, a feat he repeated after joining Oldham. Normally plays centre.

Des Foy. A great centre with an astonishing turn of speed. He scored a great try for Great Britain against France. A product of the Oldham Colts side who signed for Widnes before coming to his home town club. Brother of Martin Foy of Wigan.

Jim Hornby. Moved to Oldham after nine seasons at Wigan. Normally the first choice left winger he has recently played full back and centre. A real trier.

Ian Birkby. Signed from Castleford after being on loan. A very fast stand-off who fits in well with either Ashton or Kirwan. Castleford's loss was Oldham's gain.

Ray Ashton. A supreme scrum-half who also performs well at stand-off. Scored a hat trick of tries for Great Britain Under 24's against France this season. A product of Oldham Colts and the Widnes Amateur League. Scored 26 tries in 1981-82.

Paddy Kirwan. Scrum-half and another product of the Colts team. Has played with loose-forward Flanagan since his under eleven days. Has become first choice number seven recently.

Wally Jones. Former Crostfield's player, Warrington who joined Oldham after service with Rochdale Hornets and Blackpool Borough. A hard running open-side prop forward with great determination.

Alan McCurrie. One of the games leading hookers who had service with Whitehaven and Wakefield Trinity before settling at Oldham. Has many caps for his native Cumbria. His ten year old son Stephen recently captained Yorkshire under elevens against Lancashire and like his Dad he is a hooker.

Mick Morgan. Long serving player with Wakefield Trinity, Featherstone Rovers and Carlisle previous to signing for Oldham. Sells the dummy superbly and he is a great grafter. His reputation as auctioneer in the Rugby League Road Show is almost as great as his reputation as a player.

Andy Goodway. Another Oldham Colt who has reached international standing. He scored a try for Great Britain against France recently. Hard to tackle, he is one of the best second row forwards in the game.

Mick Worrall. Still another who learned some of his skills with the Colts at Oldham. Forms a great second row partnership with Andy Goodway. Brother Tony is with Warrington. Father is steward of the Oldham R.L. Social Club.

Alan Platt. Plays second row or loose-forward. Has missed most of the season with serious leg injuries but is now back in the reckoning. A junior international who played with Oldham Colts and son of former player, Don Platt who also played with Leigh and Batley.

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Tom Naidole. Second row forward and son of Tom Naidole who, along with fellow Fijians, John Saukuru and John Ravitale, signed for Huddersfield in 1964-65. Tom junior, is a fearless runner and tackler who exhudes enthusiasm in every match.

Mick Coombes. Yet another former Colt who is on the verge of regular first team football. Hampered by injuries this season he has just come back into contention. Hard running player and a fearless tackler he is a worthy opponent for any team.

Allen Sinclair. Over here from the Te Atatu club, Auckland, New Zealand. He can play centre, second row or loose-forward. Has done best of Oldham's overseas visitors and there is just a chance that the New Zealand R.L. Council will grant him clearance to the end of our season.

Terry Flanagan. Another Oldham Colt who has made international grade. He is the son of Bill Flanagan the Belle Vue Rangers and Castleford hooker and brother of Kevin the Oldham and Rochdale Hornets loose forward.

Steve Dobbs. Another ex-Colt is waiting to be given further chances on the Oldham wing. He has already gained minor international honours.

Steve Littler. Still another of the famous Colts team. Has had an extended run at full back and will improve with further first team experience.

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STEVE HESFORD:

STEVE HESFORD of Warrington is four short of a career total of 50 drop goals. His three drops from seven attempts in the 19-16 win at Bradford on Sunday was the first time he had managed more than two in a match. HESFORD made his debut for Warrington in November 1975, a year after the drop goal was reduced to one point. His best season was 1978-79 when his 13 drops helped him to a Warrington record of 170 goals. His season by season drop goals tally is as follows:—

1975-76	:	0	1980-81	:	5
1976-77	:	7	1981-82	:	6
1977-78	:	3	1982-83	:	0
1978-79	:	13	1983-84	:	6 (to date)
1979-80	:	6			

Brian Batty on Rugby League

Sport has made a habit throughout the years of throwing up some strange twists of fate.

Rugby League has enjoyed its full share and this year's Wembley final is surrounded by some fascinating situations.

For instance when Wigan's world class hooker Howie Tamati decided to leave New Zealand and follow his cousin Kevin to this country he can have had little thought as to what might lay in store.

But suddenly in a season that was no more than ticking over for Wigan the club took off and forced their way through to the State Express Challenge Cup final on May 5th.

Howie Tamati has played his part and booked a first trip that has taken on a new dimension within a week with cousin Kevin helping spearhead the Widnes charge to the final.

But that is one family . . . the other celebrating their arrival in the final are the brothers Steve and Mike O'Neill.

And there is an interesting quirk there for it was Wigan who sold Steve to Widnes while Glyn Shaw moved out from Naughton Park and is now at Central Park.

Mike O'Neill has had a terrible spell for injuries with his scaifoid break ruling him out most of the time. Yet he has never allowed it to get him completely down and has fought his way back.

On top of these points we have Widnes star Joe Lydon about to face his hometown club along with teammate Andy Gregory.

Lydon, of course, was in the 1975 schoolboy clash at Wembley playing for Wigan against Widnes, who won 8-0.

'I was playing against David Hulme and now he's a teammate. It's a strange world,' says Lydon.

And so it goes on with Wigan's skipper Colin Whitfield hailing from Widnes. There's going to be a lot of rivalry and pride at stake on May 5th.

RUGBY LEAGUE DATA

POINTS SCORING SEQUENCE:

SHAUN DUNFORD of Dewsbury remains the only player to have scored in everyone of his club's matches this season—a run of 31 matches.

DIVISION TWO RECORD:

BARROW have set a division Two record of most points in a season. The previous record total was 777 by Workington Town in 1981-82 from a full programme of 32 matches. Barrow passed the record in their 26th match when they won 43-8 at Carlisle last Wednesday. Their 64-2 defeat of Batley on Sunday took their record total to 867 in 27 matches.

BARROW would have beaten the record points total even without the increased value of a try for their total of 152 tries is also a Division Two record beating Workington's 148 in 1981-82.

Comparisons with other years are still difficult, however, as the number of Division Two matches has increased from 26 in 1973-74 to 34 this season.

WINNING RUN:

WIGAN'S defeat at Castleford last week ended their winning run at seven. SWINTON now stand alone with the best current winning run of eight matches.

LOSING RUN:

DONCASTER and WAKEFIELD TRINITY share the current longest losing run, each having lost seven successive matches.

MILESTONES:

JOHN BEVAN needs one try for a career total of 200 touchdowns for Warrington.

PAUL PRENDIVILLE, the Leeds and former Hull winger, needs two tries for a career century of touchdowns in club and representative matches.

NIGEL STEPHENSON of Wakefield Trinity needs one drop goal to equal the record career total of one-pointers. The record of 71 is held by ARNOLD WALKER, the former Whitehaven and Workington Town scrum-half.

STEVE EVANS, the Hull and former Featherstone Rovers utility back needs one try for a career century of Division One touchdowns.

TRY SCORING SEQUENCES:

Two Barrow players are on a run of having scored at least one try in five or more successive matches. TERRY MOORE has touched down in six successive matches as follows: 1-1-1-1-3-2 and ANDY WHITTLE has scored tries in five successive matches as follows: 2-2-1-1-1.

GARRY SCHOFIELD's try scoring run for Hull ended at six matches when he failed to touch down at Whitehaven on Sunday.

TOMMY DAVID of Cardiff City has also scored tries in six successive matches as follows: 1-1-3-1-1-1.

Semi-Final Sensations

WIDNES 15 LEEDS 4

SATURDAY, 31st MARCH, 1984.

Top Right:—The first Widnes try, scored by a jubilant Mick Burke.

Below, left to right:—Kevin Tamati, determined to win a place at Wembley.

Les Gorley tries to force a way through the Leeds defence.
Steve O'Neill and Tony Myler bring this Leeds raid to a halt.

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A Short History of the Oldham Club

(By Tom Webb)

The Oldham club started life in 1876 following a challenge match between Oldham Parish Church Institute and the Oldham Lyceum (the latter a superior kind of Mechanics' Institute). The original meeting to establish the club took place in the Prince Albert Hotel, Union Street West in the Werneth area of Oldham. Among the founders were Charles Hodgkinson the Chief Constable of Oldham and Alfred (later Lord) Emmott who chaired the meeting.

The first match with Stalybridge was lost and indeed four of the first six games were lost and the other two drawn. The seventh game with Bridgwater at Patricroft, Eccles was recorded as a draw as the Oldham club left the field. Towards the end of the season, several games were won and a second team established.

The ambitious club started its second season with a game with Wakefield Trinity away when the result was 'a draw in favour of Oldham.' Trinity had not scored any minor points but had to touch the ball dead twice and so conceded two "touchdowns." Other minor points were dead balls when the attacking side sent the ball dead or touch-in-goal. Sometimes these minor points were described as "rouges" but not so much in the North as in the South. Dewsbury and Mirfield were other Yorkshire clubs to be met.

Not until February 15th, 1890 did Oldham meet a team from St. Helens. St. Helens Recreation won the game on their own enclosure by two goals, two tries and eight minors to one goal by Oldham. The first game with St. Helens was played at Watersheddings on November 8th, 1890 when Oldham won by one goal, two tries and three minors to one goal and two minors. Not until 1894-95 season did Saints and Oldham have regular home and away matches.

One goal counted more than any number of tries in those days as Oldham found when the "A" team scored eight tries but were defeated by a local side that dropped a goal.

Gradually Oldham became a powerful Rugby union side and became the champions of Lancashire when the Lancashire Senior Competition was set up in the early 1890's. Saints had to win the Lancashire Second Competition before qualifying to join the senior competition.

When the Northern Rugby Football League was formed in 1895-96 Oldham was not only a founder member but most of the preliminary work for the Northern Union was done in Joseph Platt's office in Oldham, before the historic meeting took place in Huddersfield.

Oldham were the first Lancashire club to win the Northern Union Challenge Cup in 1898-99 and after the trophy became known as the Rugby League Challenge Cup in the 1920's Oldham appeared in four successive finals winning in 1924-25 and 1926-27 and the club set up an indisputed record by appearing in 23 consecutive rounds of the cup.

The club became Northern Rugby League champions in 1909-10, 1910-11 and 1956-57 and division one champions in 1904-05. Twice the club has won the second division championship.

The Lancashire Cup has been won nine times while seven times Oldham lost in the Final. When the Lancashire League was in operation Oldham won the Championship seven times.

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NO BULL.



HERE WE GO!

(By Mike Flynn)

After their first class demolition job, the Chemics burst the Leeds balloon at Station Road, Swinton to go through to their seventh Wembley visit since 1974 and meet Wigan who will be going back to the great stadium after a 14 year wait. Both teams will be making a record 12th appearance in the Final, each with six Wembley victories under their belts, the winners of this seasons State Express Challenge Cup will receive £14,555 and the runners-up £8,000. It will be the first time Wigan and Widnes have met in the Final, so we are in for a classic. Keith Elwell, Mick Adams and Eric Hughes will be setting up an individual record of seven Wembley Final appearances.

Highlight of the Semi-Final success over Leeds was the magic of Joe Lydon and his world class spectacular try with little 'mighty atom' Andy Gregory in on everything and 'Rock of Gibraltar,' Mick Burke not putting a foot wrong, Steve O'Neill's drop goal just brushing the paint off the cross bar and the powerhouse show from the pack with the main feature being the teams tackling, which was at its best from the first whistle in this great team effort, despite the loss of Tony Myler after only ten minutes through injury, which could put him out of the Final and the Great Britain Tour of Australia.



Eric Hughes gets a firm grip on loose-forward Webb, while Man-of-the-Match Andy Gregory and Mike O'Neill stand-by to stop any other Leeds progress.

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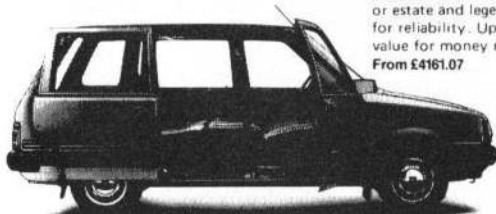
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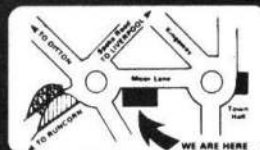


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Kevin Tamati the Chemics Kiwi forward, had his wish come true, to face Wigan at Wembley which will include his cousin "Howie" in the line up.

Today however, it is back to League action with Oldham (a team with so many class players) providing the opposition. They have overcome the set-back of losing their Coach Peter Smethurst and his assistant Frankie Barrow, and seemed to have weathered the storm and began to string a few results together. Widnes supporters will remember it was not too many months ago that Oldham scored a remarkable 23-13 victory at Naughton Park with a great display of attacking rugby.

On the International front things have not been going too well for Great Britain coach Frank Myler and Manager Dick Gemmell with players withdrawing from the squad, they have a testing time as the Tour Party selection date, April 16th approaches. Their tour plans have however, taken a turn for the best with the surprise announcement that Tour Captain select, Hull prop Trevor Skerrett could make the Tour after withdrawing over a week ago, due to knee trouble which as dogged him for most of the season. Like every other tour team chosen for Australia, we will have some surprises in the Final Party and one or two could come from Widnes. It will surprise me if the Club don't provide five to six players for the Aussie trip.



Joe Lydon about to cross the Leeds line for his spectacular try, chased by Leeds winger Smith and Keith Elwell with arms raised in victory salute.

(Photo by courtesy of M. Flynn)

APPEARANCES AND SCORERS—SEASON 1983-84

(Up to and including Saturday, 31st March, 1984)

	Season 1983/84						All Seasons					
	App	Sub	G	D/G	T	Pts	App	Sub	G	D/G	T	Pts
Adams, M.	30	—	1	—	1	7	396	14	39	24	68	307
Basnett, J.	30	—	—	—	23	92	90	—	—	—	54	185
Blackwood, R.	2	—	—	—	—	—	99	—	—	—	8	24
Burke, M.	34	—	55	—	9	146	215	3	569	1	46	1286
Currier, A.	2	5	—	—	2	8	2	5	—	—	2	8
Dowd, B.	2	3	—	—	3	12	3	3	—	—	4	15
Elwell, K.	38	—	—	1	4	17	560	4	16	34	85	325
Finnigan, P.	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Garrity, A.	14	1	—	—	5	20	14	1	—	—	5	20
Gladwin, M.	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Gorley, L.	19	3	—	—	1	4	151	7	—	—	23	70
Gormley, I.	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	—
Gregory, A.	31	2	4	4	7	40	127	10	23	7	43	189
Houghton P.	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Hughes, E.	36	—	—	—	8	32	475	5	—	1	201	612
Hulme, D.	12	8	—	—	9	36	39	20	—	—	27	90
Hulme, P.	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Linton, R.	18	5	—	—	11	44	27	5	—	—	15	56
Lydon, J.	31	—	46	—	21	176	58	3	88	—	35	302
Lyon D.	2	2	—	—	1	4	2	2	—	—	1	4
Myler, A.	22	1	—	—	9	36	68	14	—	—	35	114
Myler, J.	16	2	3	—	3	18	112	38	119	15	25	329
Newton, K.	7	2	—	—	1	4	12	7	—	—	2	7
O'Loughlin, K.	22	—	—	—	8	32	79	1	—	—	24	80
O'Neill, M.	7	2	—	—	—	—	156	26	—	—	38	114
O'Neill, S.	31	—	—	3	2	12	74	20	—	4	4	18
Quinn, K.	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Prescott, E.	12	3	—	—	5	20	122	7	—	1	19	63
Ruane, A.	2	5	—	—	—	—	2	5	—	—	—	—
Smith, M.	—	1	—	—	—	—	24	17	—	—	3	9
Tamati, K.	33	—	—	—	4	16	58	1	—	—	8	28
Whitfield, F.	24	4	—	—	3	12	46	27	—	—	6	21
Wood, J.	9	—	—	—	1	4	70	—	—	—	3	10
Wright, S.	5	—	—	—	2	8	226	—	—	—	142	428

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Oldham's record scorers have been Reg Farrar with 49 tries in 1921-22 and Bernard Ganley with 219 goals in 1957-58 to which he added five in the charity game with Rochdale. Joe Ferguson, father-in-law of Edgar Brooks made around 700 appearances in the first team between 1899 and 1923. Joe once won a long distance kicking competition at Wigton, Cumberland sending a soccer ball 83 yards. Second was Sam McClure of Blackburn Rovers with 62 yards and the third was Jack Cox of Liverpool with 61 yards. Joe once dropped a goal from his own 25 yards line which must have been a tremendous kick in those days when much heavier footballs were in use.

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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Gnd	Score		
1983					
Aug. 21—Leigh (3.30)	A	19-12	5,487	Burke (2), Tamati.	Lydon (3) Gregory (DG) Lydon (2)
24—Warrington (7.30)	H	12-4	5,691	Burke, Basnett.	
28—Whitehaven (3.00)	H	44-10	3,358	Basnett (2), Hughes (2), D. Hulme (2), O'Loughlin, Lydon, Prescott.	Burke (4)
Sept. 4—Wigan (Lancs Cup)(3.00)	H	36-20	7,013	Basnett (2), O'Loughlin, Newton, Lydon, Elwell.	Lydon (6) Lydon (2) Lydon (2) Burke Gregory (DG)
11—Hull K.R. (3.00)	A	4-10	5,380		
14—Leigh (Lancs Cup 2nd Rd.)	A	27-10	5,946	Basnett, Elwell, Burke, O'Loughlin, Lydon.	
18—Salford (3.00)	H	28-4	4,231	Lydon (2), O'Loughlin, Gregory, S. O'Neill, Currier.	Lydon (2) Burke
21—Swinton (Lancs Cup S-F)	A	22-8	2,650	Lydon, O'Loughlin, Hughes, Basnett, A. Myler.	
25—Wigan (3.00)	A	31-16	7,147	Basnett, Hughes, S. O'Neill, Linton, Adams.	Lydon (4) J. Myler Elwell (DG) Lydon (2) Lydon (4) Lydon, Gregory Burke (2) Gregory (2)
Oct. 1—Barrow (Lancs Cup Final at Wigan)		8-12	7,007	Lydon.	
9—Oldham (3.00)	A	20-10	4,541	Basnett, Prescott (2).	
16—Leigh (3.00)	H	28-20	5,151	Lydon (2), Dowd, Basnett, Prescott, Gregory.	
19—Featherstone	H	40-4	3,325	Basnett (2), A. Myler (2), Linton (2), Gregory, Garrity.	
23—Whitehaven (J.P. Prelim)	A	36-0	1,786	A. Myler (2), Gregory (2), Lydon, Garrity.	Burke (6) Lydon (3) Burke (3) S. O'Neill (DG) S. O'Neill (DG) Gregory (DG)
26—Leeds	A	14-20	5,662	Prescott, Lydon.	
30—Wakefield T.	A	23-20	2,314	Basnett (3), Garrity.	
Nov. 6—Bradford (John Player 1st Rd.)	H	2-1	5,640		
13—Hull (3.00)	H	30-0	6,297	Basnett (3), Dowd, Hughes (2).	J. Myler (2) Burke
20—Barrow (J.P. 2nd Rd.)	H	18-6	7,030	Hulme, Burke, Garrity, Lydon.	Burke Burke (4) Burke
26—Wigan (John Player 3rd Rd.)	H	20-15	6,492	Lydon, A. Myler (2), D. Hulme.	
Dec. 4—Featherstone (3.30)	A	6-14	2,788		
18—					
26—Bradford N. (3.30)	A	24-14	7,890	Lydon (3), Lyon.	Lydon (4)
1984					
Jan. 1—St. Helens (3.00)	A	20-12	7,008	J. Myler, Dowd, Linton, Currier.	Lydon (2)
8—Leeds (3.00)	H	8-17	5,119	A. Myler	Burke (2)
14—Leeds (J.P. Final)(2.15)	Wigan	10-18	9,536	Linton, Lydon.	Burke Burke (3) Adams
29—Whitehaven (3.30)	A	18-4	1,571	Linton (2), Hulme, J. Myler.	Gregory Burke (2)
Feb. 1—Castleford (7.30)	H	14-8	3,911	Wright, Hughes, Gregory, Basnett (2), Wright, Whitfield.	
5—Carlisle (C.C. Prelim Rd.)	A	20-12		Wood (2), Basnett (2), Lydon, Hulme (2), Tamati (2), O'Loughlin.	Lydon (5)
12—Dewsbury (C.C. 1st Rd.)	H	54-10	4,005	Elwell (2), Whitfield, Hughes, Tamati, Hulme, J. Myler.	Lydon (3) Burke (4) Burke (2) Burke Lydon Burke (3) S. O'Neill (DG) Elwell (DG) Gregory (DG)
19—Wakefield T. (3.00)	H	42-14	4,267		
26—Fulham (C.C. 2nd Rd.)	A	12-10	3,591	O'Loughlin (2).	
Mar. 4—Hull (3.00)	A	12-30	10,846	Basnett, A. Myler.	
10—Hull K.R. (C.C. 3rd Rd.)	H	21-10	8,017	Lydon, Gregory, Hulme.	
14—Hull K.R. (7.30)	H	8-17	4,909	Whitfield.	Burke (2)
21—Fulham (7.30)	H	14-16	3,417	Burke (2).	Burke (3) Burke (3)
23—Salford (7.30)	A	22-12	1,679	Burke, Lydon, Linton, Gorley.	Burke (3)
31—Leeds (C.C. S-F)(2.15) at Swinton		15-4	14,088	Lydon, Burke.	Burke (3) S. O'Neill (DG)

'A' TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Gnd	Score		
1983					
Aug. 25—Leigh (Farrell Cup)(7.30)	A	29-14		Currier (2), Haughton, Ruane, Finnigan.	Wood (4)
Sept. 9—St. Helens (7.30)	H	16-16		Finnigan, Quinn.	Wood (4)
17—Barrow (2.30)	A	19-22		Currier (2), Dowd.	Wood (3) Rigby (DG)
23—Wigan (7.30)	H	38-28		Currier (2), D. Hulme, Ruane, Linton, Garrity, J. Myler, Quinn.	Wood (3) Wood (2)
30—Salford (L.C.C.S. 1st leg)(7.30)	A	16-12		Wood, Lyon, Gladwin.	J. Myler (6) Dowd (2)
Oct. 7—Oldham (7.30)	H	28-12		Ruane (2), P. Hulme, Currier,	
13—Leigh (7.30)	A	12-20		Currier, Haughton.	
21—Salford (7.30)	H	38-0		Currier (2), Gormley, Dowd, Haughton, Lyon.	J. Myler (7) Ruane (3) Dowd Currier (3)
Nov. 4—Leigh (7.30)	H	26-10		Moran (2), Currier (2), Dowd.	
11—Warrington (7.30)	A	6-38		Ruane.	
24—Swinton (7.30)	A	14-18		A.N.O. (2).	
Dec. 5—Oldham (LCCS S-F 1st leg) (7.30)	H	8-14		Gladwin.	Currier Dowd
21—Oldham (LCCS S-F 2nd leg) (7.30)	A	8-14		Gormley.	Wood (2)
1984					
Jan. 9—Salford (7.30)	H	44-10		Wright (2), O'Loughlin (2), Lamb, Lyon (2), Ruane.	Wood (6) Wood (4)
28—Barrow (2.30)	H	24-20		Gormley, Gladwin, Lyon, Moran.	
Feb. 3—Swinton (7.30)	H	16-12		A.N.O. (2), Currier.	Wood (2)
24—Salford (7.30)	A	4-10		A.N.O.	
Mar. 2—St. Helens (7.30)	A	16-18		Blackwood, Gladwin, Currier.	Wood (2)
7—Wigan (7.30)	A	12-7		Currier, A.N.O.	Platt (2)
16—Warrington (7.30)	H	19-10		Platt, Wright.	Platt (5) A.N.O. (DG) Platt
23—Oldham (7.30)	A	6-18		Currier.	

First Team Fixtures—continued

April 4—Bradford N. (7.30)	H	
8—Oldham (3.00)	H	
11—Wigan (7.30)	H	
15—Castleford (3.30)	A	
20—Warrington (3.00)	A	
23—St. Helens (3.00)	H	
25—Fulham (7.30)	A	