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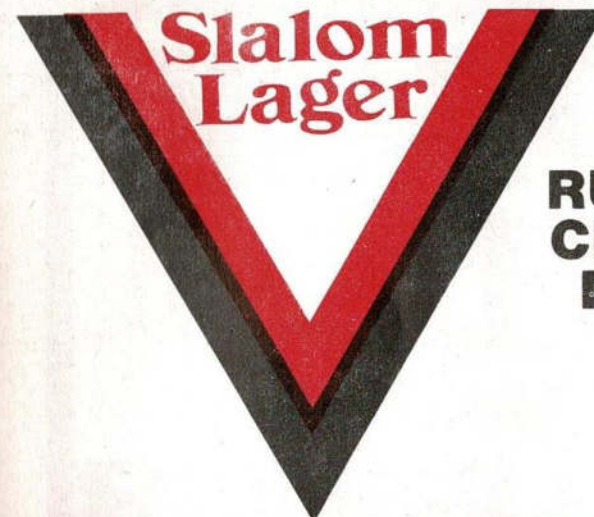
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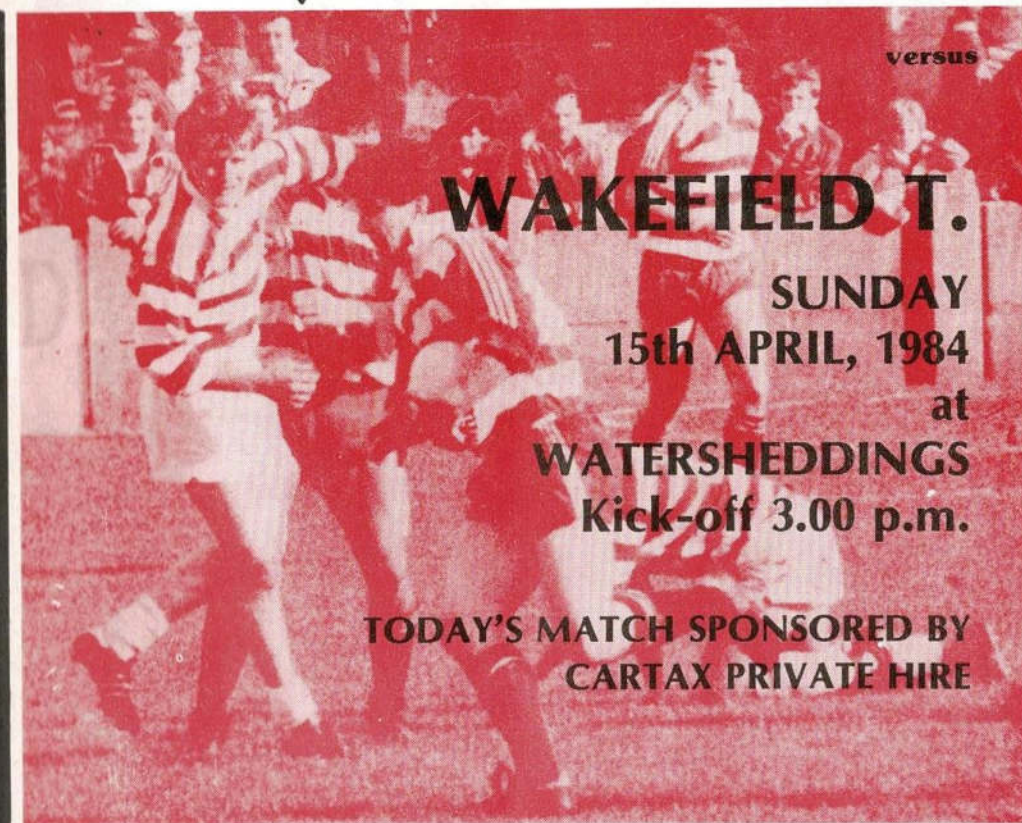
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Monday, 16th April, 1984 Oldham 'A' v. St. Helens 'A' K.O. 7.30 p.m.
 Friday, 20th April, 1984 Standard Cup Final, K.O. 11.00 a.m.
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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

FOLLOWING Wednesday night's match against Castleford, today's tussle with Wakefield Trinity is our final home game of the season at first-team level, although the "A" team signs off with its last game of the season against St. Helens "A" at Watersheddings tomorrow.

These notes had to be written before the Widnes and Castleford matches and at that stage it was impossible to accurately gauge our top-eight hopes although they did fade somewhat with our defeat at St. Helens.

We did not reach our best form at Knowsley Road and in terms of qualifying for the Premiership we had to do well against both Widnes and Castleford to retain any hope.

Even if we lost at Widnes, however, we were keen to complete the double over Castleford because this would mean that if we followed up with maximum points from the Wakefield and Salford games (at the Willows on Good Friday) we would finish with 32 points from our 30 First Division matches — the same total as last year.

Last year 32 points was enough to squeeze us into the play-off, but at the time of writing it was looking as though more points would be needed to qualify this time.

We are expected to be playing today without Ray Ashton, Des Foy and Mick Worrall, who were selected to represent Europe against Oceania in Paris yesterday.

The game is being staged at great expense to the French who are celebrating 50 years of League in their country and who have assembled some of the top stars from all over the world to show off in Paris.

Many of the top Kangaroos travelled across the world to play for the combined Australia and New Zealand side against a team comprised of Frenchmen and Englishmen.

Ashton, Foy and Worrall were due to play for us against Castleford on Wednesday and then depart the next morning for London, where they were to catch the 'plane for Paris and the match of a lifetime.

We trust that our trio all did well yesterday in top company. One thing is certain. They are unlikely to easily forget the part they played in the French celebrations, and they will certainly benefit from the experience of playing in such world-class company.

That brings us to another point — the forthcoming tour of Australia.

The squad of 30 to make the trip is to be announced in Leeds tomorrow so the best wishes of the club and all supporters will be with our five members of the Great Britain training squad — the aforementioned trio plus Terry Flanagan and Andy Goodway.

Whatever happens tomorrow, and in elation or disappointment, the thoughts of the club will be with our players when the names of the lucky 30 are made known.

The most tourists we have ever had in the club's history is four — and that was way back in the 1920s.

The sincere good wishes of all our members, supporters and friends will be with our five possibles tomorrow. All the very best, lads!

The season ends for us at Salford next Friday (unless we have qualified for the Premiership) so it would be remiss not to wish all supporters a happy and restful summer and link with that an urgent plea for practical support during the close season.

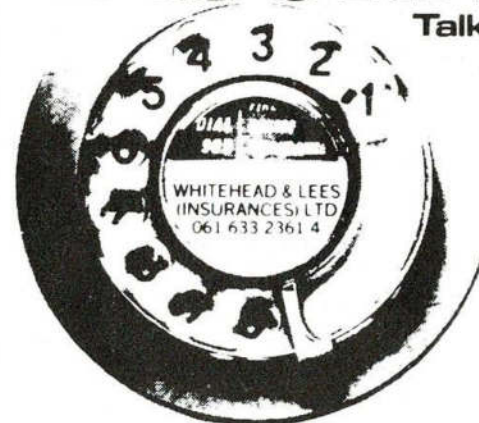
You may have noticed that we have recently introduced a new lottery. Early signs are encouraging that the "Party Five" ticket will be a success, but it really does need the support of everyone to make it so.

There will be various other functions to watch out for, including the player-of-the-year dance and a highly-popular Fun Run, both organised by the Supporters' Club, who are also running a Wembley draw.

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HISTORICAL NOTES ON WAKEFIELD T.

by Tom Webb

IN the early 1870s, the Holy Trinity Church Young Men's Society was formed in Wakefield and at the annual meeting in November 1872, it was reported that it had been decided to form a football club. In those days the word football embraced both association football and rugby union football. Although Oldham added the words "Rugby League" to their title "Oldham Football Club" a few years ago to become Oldham Rugby League Football Club, over on Humberside we still have the Hull Football Club referred to as Hull F.C. on both radio and television. Today's visitors still bear the title Wakefield Trinity Football Club.

Membership of the Trinity club originally had to attend church and it was the reluctance of team members to do so that caused the football team to break away from the church. The secretary of the club was T.O. Bennett and his family have provided players for the club over the years, and I think that three generations of his family have played for Trinity.

T.O. Bennett was club captain from 1873 to 1877 when A. Hayley took over for a couple of years, followed by C.T. Baldwin and Barron Kilner. The last named played for England against Ireland in 1880, later becoming president of the Yorkshire Rugby Union and he became a member of the England Rugby Union committee.

Other early internationals were Herbert Fallas, Henry Wiggleworth, Frederick Lowrie, Osbert Mackie and Frank Hutchinson. Lowrie moved to Batley with whom he gained a second cap.

The first match was played against a team of well to do youths who had formed the Wakefield club a year before. The "Wakefield Express" reported on that encounter which took place on February 8, 1873.

The report read, "Both sides played well but the Trinity team kept better together than their opponents, and had some of the men played more at the ball than at their opponents, the game might have been in their favour". No goals or tries were scored but Wakefield had three touch downs to one by Trinity.

Trinity had three other grounds before settling at Belle Vue. The first game at the ground was against Birch, a team from Birch in Longsight, South Manchester, not the Birch where there is a service station on the M62 motorway.

Admission prices were 2d. and 4d., equivalent to one and two new pence these days. Gate receipts were around £20 which had risen to about £450 in 1954. By the way ladies were allowed in free of charge.

The Yorkshire Challenge Cup was first contested in 1878, Trinity not reaching that final although they won three and lost two of the next five finals. Herbert Hutchinson played in six finals, always in the same jersey which in due course became so faded that he became a conspicuous player on the field.

The ground once had a banked concrete cycle track and lacrosse was played on the ground in addition to rugby football. Athletic meetings were also held and the company formed to buy the ground was known by the title, Wakefield Trinity Athletic Company.

An original member of the Northern Union in 1895, Trinity have won the Challenge Cup on five occasions out of eight final appearances. Twice the League championship has been won with Trinity being runners-up twice. The Yorkshire Rugby League Cup has been won nine times and lost in the final also nine times.

HERE COME WAKEFIELD

WAKEFIELD TRINITY come to Watersheddings today looking almost certain to make the drop back into the Second Division after only one season in the top flight. We can sympathise with them because it has happened to us more than once in the days when we were Rugby League's original yo-yo team.

With the possible exception of Featherstone, who are fighting out a duel to the death with Fulham, it looks as though the teams that came up full of hope last August may all be on their way down again, while three of the teams that went down could well be coming back in the opposite direction!

Wakefield caught the imagination of the Rugby League in mid-season when, thanks to the financial help of very good friends of the club, they were able to bring one of the world's leading players, Australian Wally Lewis, to England to play at Belle Vue on a short-term contract.

Lewis was in this country for about a dozen matches together with his younger brother and both played in our match at Belle Vue when Trinity won thanks largely to the silky skills of the Australian super star.

At that stage it looked as though Trinity might pull clear of the relegation zone, but sadly it did not materialise, although the Trinity will come here today looking to complete the double.

Like the Oldham club, they have had their ups and downs behind the scene and just as we have seen the resignations of coaches Peter Smethurst and Frank Barrow, Trinity have lost the services of coach Derek Turner, who also resigned a few weeks ago.

The team is currently under the wing of committee man and former top-grade referee and coach Laurie Gant, who had considerable success as a coach with Featherstone Rovers, whom he took to Wembley.

Over the years there have been many close associations between Oldham and Wakefield Trinity, with players like Turner and Don Vines representing both clubs at the height of their careers.

Oldham's loss was certainly Trinity's gain when Turner, our great loose-forward of the fifties, was transferred to Belle Vue and ultimately played twice at Wembley with the Yorkshire club.

In the current side, Trinity possess players such as Nigel Stephenson, who is being tipped to take over as coach of newcomers Mansfield if they gain admittance, winger Andy Fletcher, hooker Colin Maskill, an under-24 international and on the fringe of Test honours, and back-row forward Mike Lampkowski, who first signed as a scrum-half after gaining England RU honours.

Billy Harris, our former prop, is also at Belle Vue, though he did not play in the side which beat us there, that team including four players from Australia.

Alan McCurrie, of course, came to Watersheddings in the transfer deal that took Harris to Belle Vue, and Alan still has happy memories of Trinity, for whom he played at Wembley in 1979.

Trinity have made several trips to Wembley in post-war years and they have certainly become one of our bogey teams on the cup trail, having won twice here at Watersheddings and also at Belle Vue in recent cup campaigns.

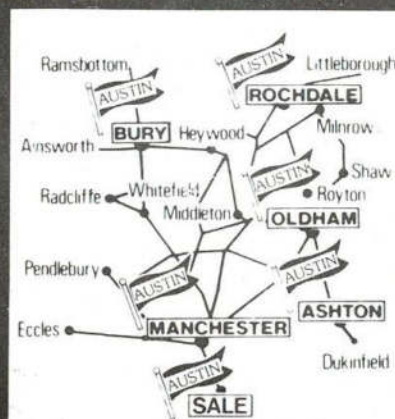
A young forward currently earning rave notices at Belle Vue is Paul Geary — a player to watch out for if he is in the Trinity team today.



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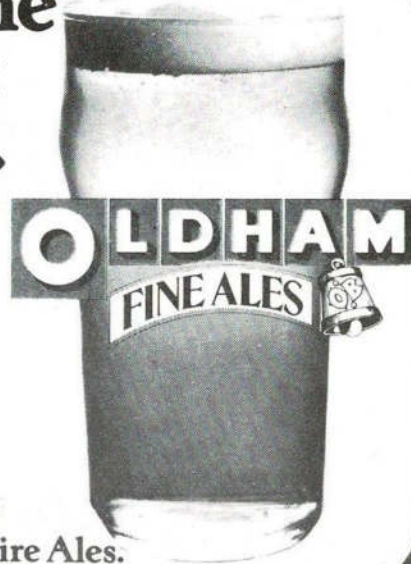
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The Supporters Club are once again running a Wembley Draw with prizes of – Winner £50 Losing Finalist £20, Losing Semi-Finalist £5, All other teams £1. Anyone wishing to sell any of the above tickets for us please see Miss A. Collinge at the small canteen behind the stand. Price of the tickets are 50p a book.

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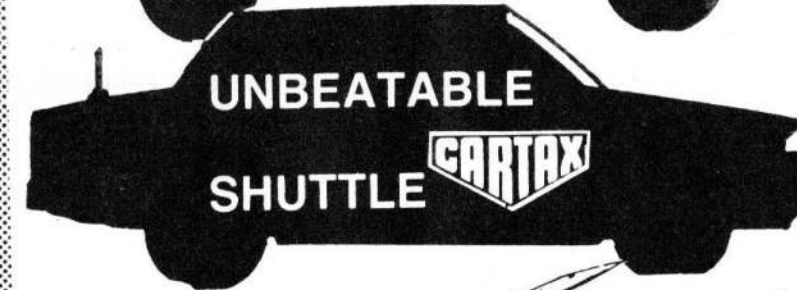
FUN RUN this year is being run on Sunday, May 20th, 1984. There are two runs, one is A Family Run of approximately 3 miles to commence at 11 a.m. Entry fee of £1.50 and A Senior Run of a distance of 7.6 miles (age limit of 17 years and over) to commence at 12 noon over the course as last year. Entry fee of £2.00. For details of these inquire at canteens.

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Sunday, April 15th, 1979

Batley 5 3 19 Oldham 1 1 5 (Second Division)

Batley: Oulton (5 goals and a try); Simpson (try), Pickerill (try), Presley, Whelan; Parker, Rippon; Rangeley, Fox, Taylor, Finn, Teasdale, Watts. Substitutes, Pitts and O'Connor for Rangley and Parker.

Oldham: Murphy; Elliott, Larder, Lund, Munro (try); Fricker, Ogden; Fiddler (goal), O'Mahoney, Hall, Hawkyard, Jones, Jewitt. Substitutes Ryan and Deakin did not play.

Referee, P.A. Massey, Manchester. Half-time 0-5. Attendance 650.

TEN YEARS AGO

Monday, April 15th, 1974 (First Division)

Rochdale Hornets 3 1 9 Oldham 1 1 5

Rochdale: Crellin; Brelsford, Brophy (goal), McGiffen, Pratt (try); Butler, Gartland; Holliday (2 goals), Clarke, Hodgkinson, Whitehead, Fogerty, Halmshaw. Substitutes, Hammond and De Looze.

Oldham: Murphy; Barton, Larder, Wainwright, Holland (goal); Treasure, McCone (try); Ashcroft, Brown, Hall, Gregory, Welding, Farrell. Substitutes Elliott and Paters.

Referee, R. Jackson, Halifax. Half-time score not known. Attendance 3,614

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Tuesday, April 15th, 1969 (League comprised one division only)

Oldham 1 0 2 St. Helens 4 3 17

Oldham: Whitehead (goal); Elliott, Crellin, Briggs, Buckley; Murphy, Canning; Wilson, Taylor, Fletcher, Irving, McCourt, Clark. Substitutes McCormack and Daley did not play.

St. Helens: Walsh; Blackwood (try), Benyon, Myler, Jones (try); Whittle, Rhodes; Rees, Sayer, Wanbon (try), Mantle, Chisnall, Coslett (4 goals). Substitutes Gartland and Egan did not play.

Referee, G. Wilson, Dewsbury. Half-time 0-17. Attendance 3,260.

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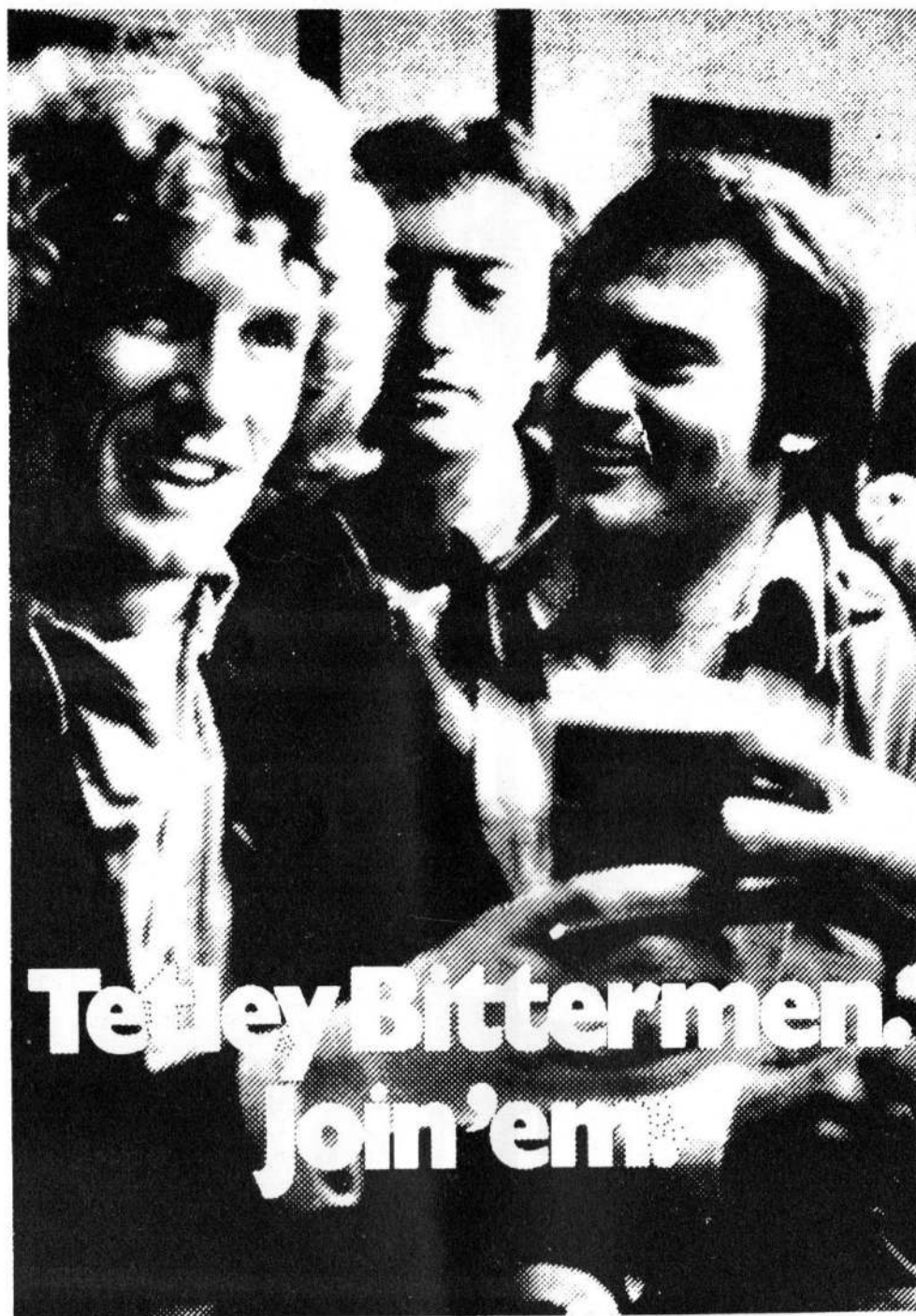
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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

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 18-6		
1984					
Jan.	2	Leeds (3.00)	A 12-16		
	8	Leigh (3.00)	H A		
	22	Wigan (3.00)	A P		
	29	Castleford (3.00)	H P		
Feb.	5	Hull (3.00)	A 8-20		
	12	STATE EXPRESS CHAL CUP (1)	H 28-10		
	19	Whitehaven (3.30)	A 8-42		
	26	STATE EXPRESS CHAL CUP (2)	H 6-30		
Mar.	4	Bradford Northern (3.00)	H 10-4		
	11	Leigh (3.00)	H 13-10		
	14	Wigan (7.45)	A 6-12		
	18	Warrington (3.00)	H 11-14		
	25	Whitehaven (3.00)	H 24-13		
Apr.	1	St. Helens (3.00)	A 20-31		
	8	Widnes (3.00)	A 34-28		
	11	Castleford (7.30)	H		
	15	Wakefield T. (3.00)	H		
	20	Salford (3.00)	A		

Jan.	28	Rochdale (2.30)	A
Feb.	4	Salford (3.00)	A
	25	Halifax (3.00)	H
Mar.	3	Rochdale H. (3.00)	A
	10	Barrow (3.00)	A
	17	York (3.00)	H
	24	Huddersfield (3.00)	A
	31	Bramley (3.00)	A
April	7	Salford (3.00)	H
	14	Bramley (3.00)	H

'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 ARLF	H 40-7		
	25				
Dec.	1	Leigh (7.30)	A P		
	9	Widnes (7.30) (Lancs. Shield)	A 14-8		
	15	Swinton (7.30)	H 12-12		
	21	Widnes (7.30) (Lancs. Shield)	H 14-8		
	30				
1984					
Jan.	5	Leigh (7.30)	A 18-28		
	12				
	19	Wigan (7.30)	H 18-32		
	26				
Feb.	3	Warrington (7.30)	A		
	9				
	16	St. Helens (7.30)	H P		
	25	Barrow (2.30)	A P		
Mar.	1	Swinton (7.30)	A 12-5		
	8	Warrington (7.30) (Shield Final)	H 13-23		
	16	Salford (7.30)	A 16-24		
	22	Widnes (7.30)	H		
	30	Warrington (7.30) (Shield Final)	A 18-20		
April	14	Barrow	A		
	16	St. Helens	H		

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