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FRONT PAGE PHOTO: So near . . . so far, Wire held up at the Halifax line.

CLUB NOTES

TODAY'S Match Sponsors, as for the same match last season, are Messrs. North West Decolting Ltd., of Unit 3, Causeway Avenue, Warrington. We welcome Mr. Greg Pache and Mr. Richard Hassall and hope that they and their officials and guests enjoy a pleasant afternoon at Wilderspool.

Our sponsors will also select and present a 'Man of The Match Award'. We thank them for their continued support and generosity.

Donating today's Mitre Match Ball is local newsagent Mr. Colin Green of D. & C. Green, 216, Lovely Lane, Warrington (opposite the hospital). In thanking him we wish also that his guests enjoy their visit to the Club.

Today's Collection is on behalf of the dependants of former player Ian Mather, whose tragic death was reported last week. Please give generously.

We can now officially welcome the Moroccan flyer Hussein M'Barki to Wilderspool. He has been waiting in the wings, watching 'A' Team games for a couple of weeks without being able to get back into action due to a Rugby League ban on his Registration. Also joining the club on Friday of last week were Full back Steve Diamond ex Wakefield and Dave Allen a sturdily built centre. Both players have been in limbo since last season's end with the folding of the Fulham Club and had to wait until Thursday of last week before, after court proceedings, the League accepted that they were free agents. It will take a few games for them to get back into their stride but all were prominent members of the Fulham side in happier days. Also joining

the Club is the powerhouse prop Glyn Shaw who until breaking his leg last season was first choice number eight at Central Park after years of distinguished service at Naughton Park. Pat Poasa will be returning to N.Z. at the end of January and Glyn will, hopefully, provide us with the necessary cover, in addition to young Mark Gleave, now back in training also after a broken leg.

On Wednesday 28th November kick off 7.30 p.m., Wilderspool is the venue for the Greenall Whitley Warrington Amateur League Cup Final. On Friday 30th November Wizards are scheduled to meet Halifax 'A' at Wilderspool at 7.30 p.m. but it seems likely that the Shield Final will take place at Swinton on Saturday 1st December. Kick-off 3 p.m. Mick Peers and Tony Barrow tossed a coin after the Semi with Salford and Mick's "Heads" call won a home venue for Swinton. Wizards also meet Oldham 'A' at Wilderspool at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 11th December in a re-arranged game. Wire's early lamented departure from the John Player Trophy gives us a blank week next Sunday, followed by another storming game on 9th December at Wilderspool when our visitors are high riding Wigan.

Last week's £1,000 winner from Lifeline was S. Brinksman from Orford. Congratulations and thanks for your support.

David Prince would like to thank all who contributed to last week's collection which raised £73.38 for the Junior Schools R.L. Association.

Bee Gee &

BOWDEN



You signed four players last week, how do you see them fitting in at Wilderspool?

Glyn Shaw was a one off job. Pat Poasa will have to return to New Zealand in January. David Chisnall and Tony Cooke are no longer on the playing staff and we do not have a pack leader. Shaw is a proven leader, I don't need to worry about his capabilities, it is just a matter of time in moulding the pack around him. He is not a young player but his experience will hopefully rub off on the others. Mark Gleave was looking useful but he will need time to get over a broken leg. I have been compelled to use players out of position and that affects the overall balance. As for Hussein M'Barki, Steve Diamond and Dave Allen, when the Fulham Club folded they had no club to go to. They readily accepted training facilities at Warrington and were quite happy to train under my guidance until the League sorted out the Registration problem. It was allowed to go on too long and in the end some of the players had to force the issue themselves. Now a decision has been made it is water under the bridge. They have been happy to accept terms at Wilderspool and I am happy to have them. Like Shaw they have proven track records but they have not played in a match since May, at the end of last season. Diamond and M'Barki played against Halifax, Allen is in training and will have a run or two in the 'A' Team.

How are the other injured players coming on?

This has been the problem, I cannot wait forever in the hope that Steve Hesford and John Bevan will suddenly appear and be match fit. I have tried most of the options available to me with the players who were available. I have even, against my better judgement turned out myself to find a temporary answer to the half back problem which has been made worse by Paul Cullen's absence through an injury difficult to put right. The lad is in pain, there is no question of him playing yet. Gleave is in training and Ronnie Duane has had a couple of 'A' team games. It is not easy to regain the confidence overnight after a broken leg. Ronnie don't forget is an International and a good one.

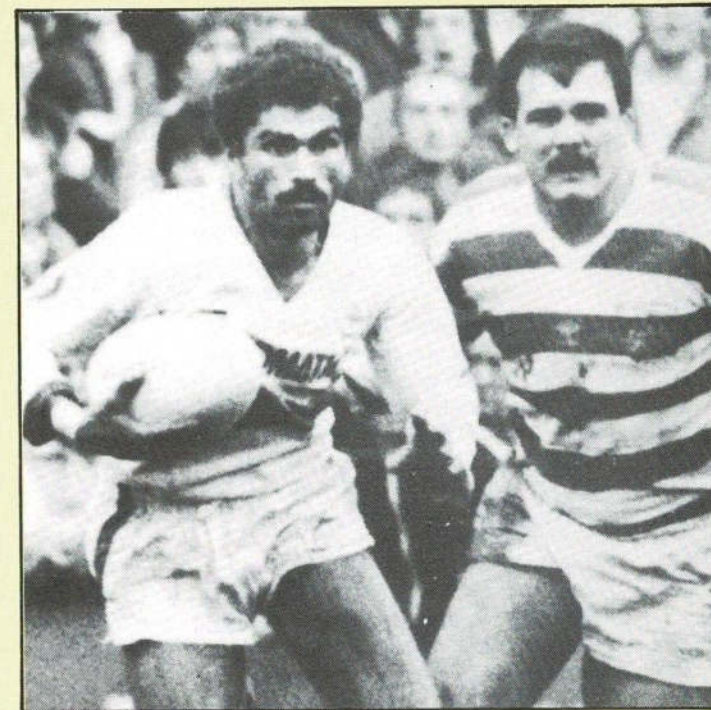
I thought you had thrown Diamond and M'Barki in at the deep end against Halifax?

In the last four games we have conceded an average of thirty points a game. If I had taken no action, I would have been wrong. Playing two players who hadn't had a match in six months has got to be a gamble. I took the gamble and it did not come off. That does not make Hussein or Steve lesser players in my eyes. The decision was mine, if it had come off I would have been praised, it didn't so I accept the flack. What I do not expect is the small minority of loudmouths who abuse players who have given years of excellent service to the Club, because of the outcome of one game. Having played Rugby for many years that is something I have never experienced before. Some of those people who call themselves 'Supporters' were in the Club Bar. Sportsmen are people who are capable of taking the rough with the smooth. One thing is certain - None of our players went on the field with the intention of not figuring in the draw for Round Two of the John Player Trophy. We will get it right because we've got to get it right and want to get it right.



WIRES PICTURE GALLERY

TOP LEFT:
Steve Diamond putting Wires
on the attack v. Halifax.
BOTTOM LEFT:
Reg Bowden with new
signings Hussein M'Barki,
Glyn Shaw & Steve Diamond.



TOP RIGHT:
Hussein M'Barki went near
with this run but no joy for
Wire.
BOTTOM RIGHT:
John Fieldhouse chips
through but Halifax cover
moved in.



MATCH REPORTS

SUNDAY 18th November 1984. John Player Special Trophy. Round 1. WIRE 5 pts. HALIFAX 17 pts.
 WIRE: Diamond, M'Barki, Ian Duane, Forster, Phil Ford: Peters, Kelly: Poasa, O'Mahoney, Worrall, Jackson, Fieldhouse, Eccles. Sub: Gregory (pld.) Shaw (D.N.P.)

Time Sheet. Kick-off 3 p.m. Referee: Ron Campbell

3.00	Wire kicked off and built up immediate pressure.	
3.03	Halifax offside. Diamond penalty.	2- 0
3.07	Halifax penalised incorrectly for releasing at the tackle. Diamond missed.	
3.09	Ball bounced off M'Barki's chest leaving Fieldhouse offside. AGAR.	2- 2
3.15	Obstruction on Fieldhouse. Diamond penalty.	4- 2
3.19	Duane run and pass. M'Barki grounded short of the line.	
3.20	M'Barki going clear but ~~he~~ blew too soon for offside against Halifax — advantage would have given us a try.	
3.23	Wire pressing Diamond drop goal.	5- 2
3.25	Halifax had survived the pressure. Clever kick through, bounced kindly for Hagan to touch down — no goal.	5- 6
3.30	Halifax come again with high 'bomb'. Diamond found wanting as Hagan touched down again. Easy for Agar.	5-12
3.34	Diamond tackle prevented No. 6 from going in again.	
3.40	H.T.	
3.52	Brilliant Eccles run but no cohesion to follow up.	
3.54	Agar drop goal.	5-13
3.55	O'Mahoney injured, Gregory substituted.	
3.58	Obstruction penalty against Wire, Agar off target.	
4.00	Eccles penalised for head tackle. Agar on target.	5-15
4.06	M'Barki penalised incorrect playing of the ball. Agar happy.	5-17
4.14	Sheer frustration took Ken Kelly to the Sin Bin for ten minutes.	
4.23	Another head tackle but no points. Kelly returned — too late.	
4.27	Eccles away again, looking dangerous but no follow up. Halifax sub 15 for 11.	
4.30	Wire out of the John Player Special Trophy.	

Comment

After the drubbing at Thrum Hall, I wrote, 'Halifax can now take on the best.' Wire on the day were far from that with the gamble to play ring rusty Diamond and M'Barki, with Kelly and Fieldhouse suffering from recent injuries, misfiring badly. The game was dominated by the Aussie trio at the base of the scrum where Wire have been most vulnerable. Hagan and Ryan at halfback with Langmack at loose forward were the match winners as Wire, particularly in the second half when only Eccles looked capable of scoring, disappointed their followers. Worrall who battled away relentlessly throughout took the M.O.M. but the physical effort is not being matched by playing skill. There is a lot of work to do.

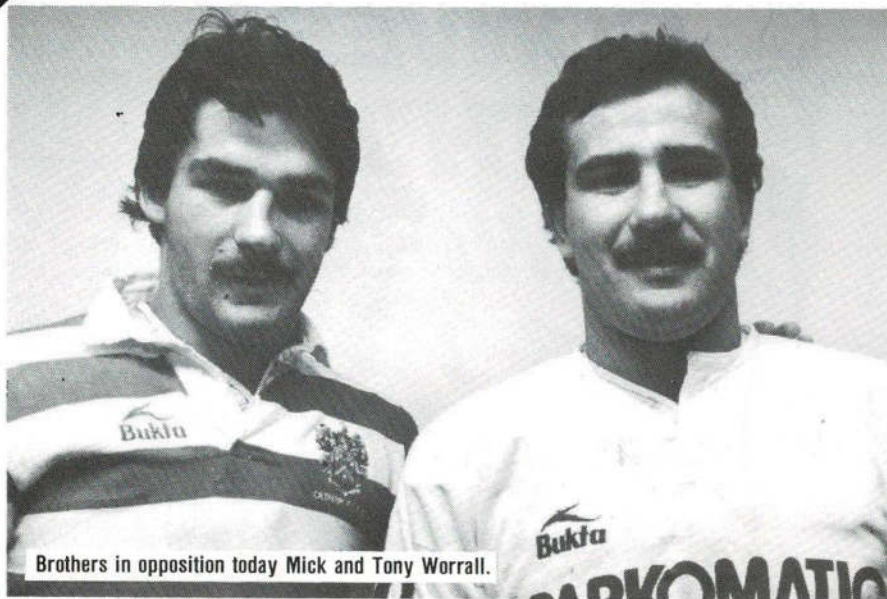
Vince Gribben's six tries for Whitehaven in their John Player Trophy rout of Doncaster is a record and shoots the player to second in the League Try Scorer's list.



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SEAN DAY'S ten goals for Saints against Keighley sends him to the top of the R.L. goal kickers list with 65 — ahead of John Woods (now incapacitated) and Garry Schofield both on 50.



Brothers in opposition today Mick and Tony Worrall.

SLALOM LAGER RUGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 1984/85		AWAY															
		Barrow	Bradford N.	Castleford	Featherstone R.	Halifax	Hull	Hull K.R.	Hunslet	Leeds	Leigh	Oldham	St. Helens	Warrington	Widnes	Wigan	Workington T.
HOME	Barrow			36-34	26-8	30-20					16-34	12-34					
	Bradford N.			20-10	28-8			6-34	72-12			14-23	30-10		17-10		
	Castleford				16-14				22-20		32-0			16-14		12-20	
	Featherstone R.					14-10				0-14				30-4		20-10	20-2
	Halifax			11-10					32-18		23-16			36-12	6-16		40-12
	Hull	44-14												24-12			46-2
	Hull K.R.						26-17			5-14	38-20		32-6			10-30	
	Hunslet	40-41					10-26			2-29			14-32		18-29		
	Leeds	38-12			4-8							14-18	2-21		43-10		
	Leigh		28-30				33-30		44-14	22-34						24-10	44-12
	Oldham				26-8			5-31	32-10		12-8			15-16	18-2		
	St. Helens	59-2		30-16	25-10	42-14						32-5					
	Warrington					21-14	21-14						14-20		18-20		42-30
	Widnes				20-18	34-20		11-10	4-18		32-6						
	Wigan	40-24	2-9				26-24				30-14						
	Workington T.		5-3					12-20	6-9			2-44				2-28	

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HOME

WARRINGTON 30 OLDHAM 2 (1.1.81.)

WIRE: Hesford (6G), Thackray (1T), Duane I., Began (1T), Kelly M., Kelly K., Gwilliam, Whittaker, Waller (1T), Case (1T), Eccles (1T), Worrall, Potter (1T). Subs. Fairhurst, Fieldhouse.

OLDHAM: Murphy: Munro, O'Neill, Parrish (1G), Caffrey, Ogden, Ashton: Alexander, O'Mahoney, Forster, Platt, Worrall, Flanagan. Subs. Littler, Hawkyard. H.T. 14-2 Attendance: 5,195.

Without Tommy Martyn and Neil Courtney, each suspended for two games, Wire still held too many guns for an Oldham side badly hit by disputes. Despite putting in the effort the Oldham replacements did not shine whereas Whittaker and Worrall were on top form for Wire. It was pleasing to see the tries shared around.

AWAY

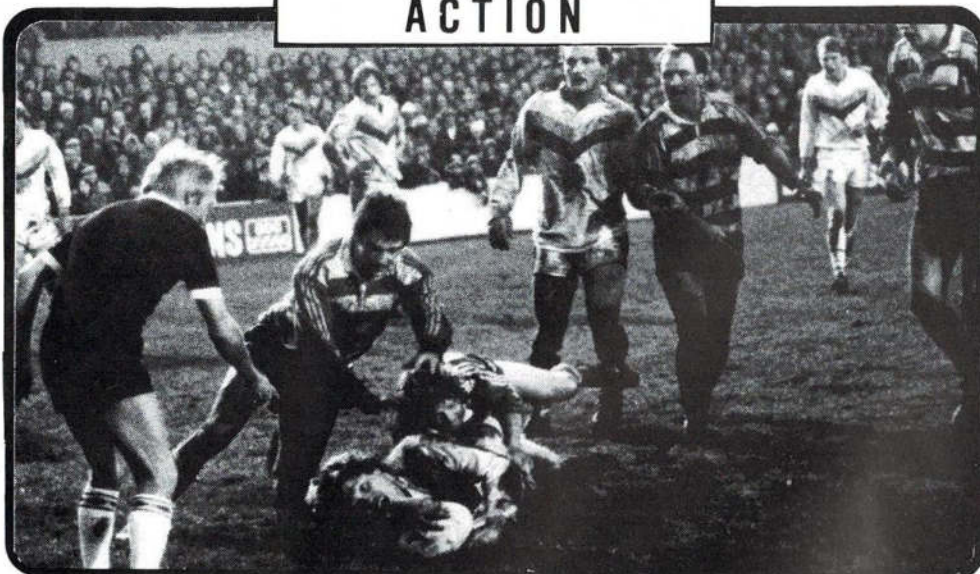
OLDHAM 2 WARRINGTON 22 (8.3.81.)

OLDHAM: Caffrey, Munro, Hunter, Parrish, Fitzsimmons (1G), Patterson, Kirwan: Owen, Martland, Harris, Platt, Mordell, Flanagan. Subs. O'Neill, Herbert.

WIRE: Hesford (5G), Ford, Phil (1T), Duane, I. (1T), Benyon, Kelly, M. (1T): Kelly, K. Gwilliam, Courtney, Waller, Eccles (1T), Martyn, Potter, Hunter. Subs. Gordon, Worrall. H.T. 2-13 Attendance: 4,415.

For the third time in season 80/1 Oldham could only score two points in a game against Wire (2-11 in the Lancs Cup Semi-final). Some fine play in the first half by Ken Kelly was continued in the second period by Parry Gordon (at out half) as a tired looking Oldham side had little to offer. The win took Wire back to No. 1 spot in the First Division. (Happy Days).

ACTION



SALFORD lost their longest run of Round One successes in the J.P. Trophy by going down at Crown Flatts. They had never failed to reach Round Two since 1971/2 season. Meanwhile Dewsbury had not passed the first stage since 1978/9.



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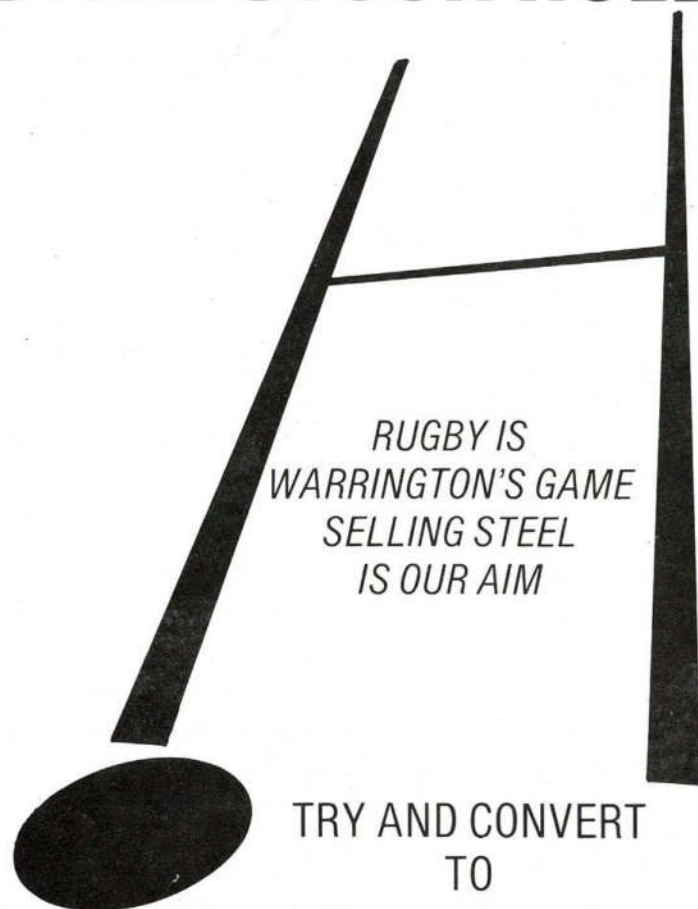
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Dear Supporter,

It was encouraging to see a good turnout at the Shield Semi final with Salford, these six hundred plus supporters surely have the interests of the Club at heart and it must also give heart to the young lads on the pitch who have the future of Warrington R.L.F.C. in their hands. Followers from the terraces have long requested facilities for the formation of a grass roots supporters organisation and having now become established with regular evenings in the Touchdown Bar we would welcome new members. Just come along and we will do the rest.

On Monday's we have Darts League Competitions, Tuesday's we have the Indoor Bowls League and Wednesday's the Pools League in which we have two teams. Support at all these events is welcome.

We will be holding a Christmas Eve Disco and Dance but meanwhile we have the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 29th November when our progress can be adjudged. On Thursday 6th December Gerry Burrows of Radio Merseyside will be our host at a Sports and Players Forum together with a Slide Show presented by Andrew Cudbertson. Tickets are £1.50 (fifty pence off for O.A.P's) and a Hot Pot Supper is included. We still have a few places unbooked for the Wembley Weekend (£50 plus your ticket) — please ring Mary on 821261. Our own Supporters jumpers and sweat shirts are now available in the Supporters Souvenir Shop, or you can obtain details from a Committee Member.

Leading positions in our Palatine Hire Player of the Year Competitions, generously sponsored by Mr. Tony Washer are: 1st Team - John Fieldhouse 16 pts., Bob Jackson 10 pts. Wizards - Paul Bishop and Mark Roberts, both on 7 pts.

Yours sincerely,
Graham Littler, P.R.O.

SLALOM LAGER TABLE - DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
St. Helens	10	8	0	2	16
Oldham	11	8	0	3	16
Hull K.R.	9	7	0	2	14
Bradford N.	10	7	0	3	14
Widnes	11	7	0	4	14
Leeds	10	6	0	4	12
Wigan	9	6	0	3	12
Halifax	11	5	0	6	10
Leigh	12	5	0	7	10
Featherstone R. .	12	5	0	7	10
Hull	8	4	0	4	8
Castleford	10	4	0	6	8
Warrington	10	4	0	6	8
Barrow	10	4	0	6	8
Hunslet	11	1	0	10	2
Workington	10	1	0	9	2

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Whitehaven	10	9	0	1	18
Mansfield	10	8	0	2	16
Swinton	10	8	0	2	16
Carlisle	10	8	0	2	16
Salford	10	7	1	2	15
Dewsbury	9	6	1	2	13
York	10	6	0	4	12
Runcorn	11	5	1	5	11
Huddersfield	10	5	0	5	10
Rochdale	10	4	1	5	9
Bramley	9	4	0	5	8
Keighley	9	4	0	5	8
Sheffield	10	4	0	6	8
Wakefield	9	4	0	5	8
Batley	10	3	0	7	6
Blackpool	9	3	0	6	6
Fulham	9	3	0	6	6
Southend	9	2	0	7	4
Doncaster	10	1	0	9	2
Bridgend	8	0	0	8	0

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MATCH FACTS

The last meeting at Wilderspool League Division
One, 30th October 1983.
Result Warrington 22 Oldham 22

WIRE scorers: Tries Day, Fieldhouse.

Goals Hesford 7

OLDHAM scorers Tries Hornby 2, Lowndes.

Goals Parrish 4, D/G Birkby & Ashton.

H.T. 8-11 Attendance 4,956

Referee: Mr. R. Campbell.

Warrington 1st Division Record v. Oldham

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Home	6	5	1	0	159	62	11
Away	7	6	0	1	148	79	12
Totals	13	11	1	1	307	141	23

A warm welcome today to the Directors, Officials,
Players and Supporters from Oldham.

Last season's drawn game was a thriller from
start to finish and with Oldham pushing Saints for
top spot in Division One, Wire will need to regain
their very best form to be in contention today.

Coached by Frank Myler who had the unenviable
task of taking out the recent Aussie Tour Party, our
visitors are capable of turning in fine performances
against all the top sides and this season have lost
only three league games, one being at home to
Wires a few weeks ago, when Paul Ford scored that
dramatic last minute try, converted by Bob Eccles.

Myler had no hesitation in nominating five of his
own Oldham team for inclusion in the Tour Party,
they being centre Des Foy a useful signing from
Widnes whose searing pace has brought into
prominence, Ray Ashton a classy, creative scrum
half perhaps unlucky to be overshadowed by
Gregory and Holding, Andy Goodway who has
managed to overcome a bad boy image to become
the best G.B. forward on tour, Mick Worrall, fast
moving second row or loose forward who escaped
the Wilderspool net and Terry Flanagan who
made the party on the suspension of H.K.R.'s Len

Casey at the 11th hour. Flanagan can double as hooker with his customary loose forward spot. These are not
the only stars, Oldham have a top class goal kicking centre in Mick Parrish who is at present on a 28 games
continuous scoring run and is one short of his fifty goals for the season. Green Vigo and Jimmy Hornby are both
seasoned, pacey wingers whilst Paddy Kirwan often catches the eye when turning out in either half back
position. Pack leader cum Auctioneer (he'll sell you your own braces) Mick Morgan and hooker ex Wakefield
player Alan McCurrie are the play-makers up front whilst Alan Lowndes, Colin Hawkyard and Alan Platt are the
runners in the back three who have to compete for places with Worrall, Flanagan and Goodway.
Watersheddings has not been immune from the Aussie influence either and coach Myler will have run the rule
over Parramatta stars Paul Taylor and Chris Phelan before accepting them as part of a very useful squad of
players who are bringing bigger crowds to their ground.

With the improvement in recent years now being consolidated by the coach's expertise, Oldham will be
looking this season to be amongst the honours. A handy League position and last week's win at York will give
them the encouragement needed to make progress in the Slalom Lager League Competition and John Player
Trophy competitions. Wire have to get up from the deck after a poor showing against Halifax last week but this
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ST. HELENS have still not lost a match since the arrival of Mal Meninga on 7th October. They extended their current winning run to nine with the 60-8 defeat of Barrow in the J.P. Trophy, following a 59-2 defeat of Barrow the previous week.

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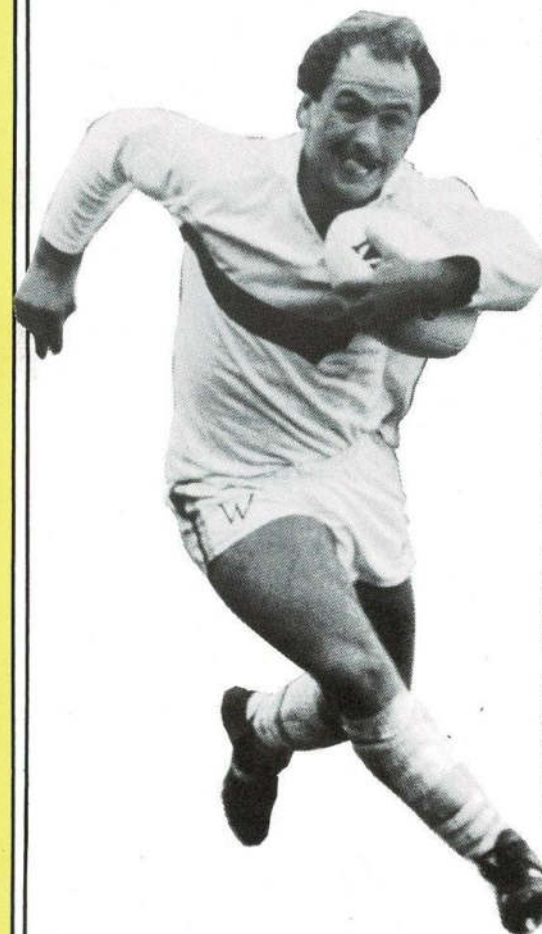
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ELLERY HANLEY scored his 4th hat trick of the season including two four try feats in Bradford Northern's last League win over Leigh by 30-28. Hanley has scored six tries in the last three matches and is the first to reach twenty for the season. His present figure — 22.

Player Profile

ROGER O'MAHONEY



Rochdale born Roger joined Oldham from Spotland Rangers but throughout his early career at Watersheddings he struggled to gain first team recognition. Gradually the name O'Mahoney began to appear with greater regularity and in 1976/7 he was selected for the Lancashire County Shadow Squad. Gaining such honours was difficult with Oldham at that time being one of the Leagues 'YO-YO' Teams, good enough to attain promotion but unable to consolidate in the First Division. Roger was a member of the Oldham team which defeated Wire 13-11 in a first round Floodlit Trophy game at Watersheddings back in 1977. He was also a member of the Oldham side of 1981 which not only won promotion but took the Second Division title for good measure. At the start of the 82/3 season Roger was not figuring in the Oldham line up and Wire were in desperate hooker trouble through injuries. Kevin Ashcroft asked Roger to come along to training and after one quick look said, "He'll do for me". Kevin quickly arranged the loan and Roger has been an almost permanent fixture at No. 9 since. He made his debut in the 43-5 trouncing of Huyton in the Lancashire Cup First Round and was a complete Wire player in time for the Oldham league game at Watersheddings. Despite a battling game in which he scored a try, Roger was on the losing side by 12-22. Revenge was sweet when four days later Wire defeated Oldham 16-14 in the Lancs. Cup Second Round this time at Wilderspool. Roger went on to play a significant part in Wires semi final win over Fulham but was unlucky to receive a nasty leg injury at Hull which forced him to miss the final victory over St. Helens at Central Park. After his first season at the Club Roger had made 27 appearances scoring the one try.

Rather than a memorable moment, Roger gave the Wires faithful a memorable season. In 1983/4 his performances made him a favourite at Wilderspool and earned him the Warrington Player of the Year award. He topped the appearances list with 37 (one try scored) and achieved a remarkable level of consistency.

Wire were well in the running for the League Championship towards the end of season but as other players wilted as the injuries built up Roger was going in stronger than ever showing powers of endurance which were an example to younger players in the side. His personal pleasure when Wire brought off an unexpected 14-11 win over his old side at Watersheddings will stay with my Rugby League memories forever.

Mal Meninga making his debut on 7th October has now scored nine tries in nine matches despite a thigh injury which caused his substitution last week.



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HARRY PINNER with 74 is the top drop goal (one point) expert. his nearest rivals Arnold Walker and Nigel Stephenson having retired. Tony Dean ex Hull now with Rochdale is on 64 following Norman Turley ex Wire now Blackpool on 65.

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OLDHAM had their biggest crowd for a home League game since Two Divisions when 7,547 saw them crash to Hull K.R. by 31-5 a week last Sunday. Previous best crowd was v. Wigan on 13 November 1983 when Oldham beat Wigan before 6,493 supporters.

ALLIANCE WIZARDS REPORT

WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 1984 - Lancashire County Combination Shield Semi Final
Wizards 36 points Salford 'A' 8 pts.

Wizards fielded a strong side with Ronnie Duane having his first outing since being incapacitated in the first game of the recent Australian tour. Tommy Gittins and Tony Hodson gave the pack a more solid look and John Kerr was given a run in the problematical full back spot and Barry Peters at No. 6.

A 600 plus crowd was a welcome sight for the directors as Wire went into an early two point lead from a Bishop penalty, only to be neutralised in five minutes when Morris was adjudged to have not played the ball correctly (his boot laces must have been undone). After 25 minutes some enterprising passing saw John Kerr fly through the Salford defence to score. Bishop goals to make it 8-2, at which stage Darren Harris came on for Billy McGinty. Salford's answer was over physical and Major was dismissed for applying his knees to an unprotected Wizards back. Shortly before the interval a clever run by Stephen Morris sent Brian Carbert racing away to score with Bishop again on target. Half time 14-2.

Salford conceded a quick penalty for obstruction before Shuttleworth replied with a good try which was converted 16-8. Bishop added another two points as Salford were again caught offside before midway through the half John Kerr again shot through the defence like a bullet from a gun to score. Bishop's kick made it 24-8. With eight minutes to go a Bishop run found Steve Morris on hand to touch down. The conversion made it 30-8. In the final minute John Kerr was again on hand to add his third try which Bishop goals to make his tally eight for the match.

Enthusiastic tackling had put Wire in a good position with Moylan and Gittins ensuring plenty of ball movement in the pack and backs Stephen Morris and John Kerr showing something like the form of which they are capable. Tony Hodson took the sponsors award but John Kerr should not forget this one in a hurry.

FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER 1984 - Alliance League - Halifax 15 pts. Wizards 8 pts.

The rain comes down horizontal at Thrum Hall, that is when it can penetrate the mist and isn't frozen before it makes earthly contact. The Brass Monkeys had long since taken cover as a few faithfuls huddled together in the uncharitable stand. Wizards wanted to get it over with quickly as Aussie Tig Salter was on hand to touch down from an up and under. Bishop made it 6-0. Great, let's go home. The ref, who was keeping warm by giving a fair imitation of Magnus Pyke insisted we continue and Halifax with some clever open play scored two tries, one of which was converted in a ten minute period of dominance. Bishop pulled two points back but at the interval Wizards were down 8-10. The second period was a war of attrition in the mud relieved only by a home drop goal which made it 11-8 until the dying moments when Halifax scored a try in the corner. That was it 15-8. After that terrific tackling stint two days earlier Wire had difficulty in raising their game on this pitch and in these conditions. Mr. Barrow said he wasn't too disappointed because they had all worked hard and the stresses of the Salford game were evident. I didn't believe him because he enjoys losing like toothache. Thank God I did not win the draw for a Weekend in Halifax — Second prize a fortnight.

Mark Roberts for a relentless tackling stint took the M.O.M. Award, but he was hard pushed by a trialist stand-off who had an excellent game.



CLUB AWARDS 1983/4 SEASON

Mike Gregory — Young Player of the Year
Roger O'Mahoney — Player of the Season
Roy Cambell — Most Improved Player

BOB ECCLES tried hard enough against Halifax last week but was unable to clinch his 100th try for Wires to supplement his personal 100 achieved against Hull at the Boulevard the previous week ... This week perhaps?

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WIRE FIXTURES - 84/85

1st TEAM

SEPTEMBER		p.m.
Sun. 2nd	Widnes	H 3.00 L 18-20
Sun. 9th	Featherstone R.	A 3.30 L 4-30
Sun. 16th	L.CUP Leigh	A L 14-22
Sun. 23rd	Hull	H 3.00 W 21-14
Sun. 30th	Castleford	A 3.30 L 14-16
OCTOBER		
Sun. 7th	Halifax	H 3.00 W 21-14
Sun. 14th	Oldham	A 3.00 W 16-15
Sun. 21st	Workington T.	H 3.00 W 42-30
Sun. 28th	Halifax	A 3.00 L 12-36
NOVEMBER		
Sun. 4th	St. Helens	H 3.00 L 14-20
Sun. 11th	Hull	A 3.00 L 12-34
Sun. 18th	J.P.T'PHY. Halifax	H 3.00 L 5-17
Sun. 25th	Oldham	H 3.00
DECEMBER		
Sun. 2nd	J.P. TROPHY	1
Sun. 9th	Wigan	H 3.00
Sun. 16th	Barrow	A 2.30
Sun. 23rd	Hull K.R.	H 3.00
Wed. 26th	Leigh	A 3.30

JANUARY 1985

Tue. 1st	Wigan	A 3.00
Sun. 6th	Leeds	H 3.00
Sun. 13th	Hull K.R.	A 3.00
Sun. 20th	Hunslet	H 3.00
Sun. 27th	Leeds	A 3.00

FEBRUARY

Sun. 3rd	Bradford N.	H 3.00
Sun. 10th	CHALLENGE CUP	1
Sun. 17th	Featherstone R.	H 3.00
Sun. 24th	CHALLENGE CUP	2

MARCH

Sun. 3rd	Bradford N.	A 3.30
Sun. 10th	Barrow	H 3.00
Sun. 17th	Halifax	A 3.00
Sun. 24th	Castleford	H 3.00
Sun. 31st	St. Helens	A 3.00

APRIL

G Fri. 5th	Widnes	A 3.00
Mon. 8th	Leigh	H 3.00
Sun. 14th	Workington T.	A 2.30
Sun. 21st	Hunslet	A 3.30

ALLIANCE LEAGUE

31st Aug.	Widnes	A 7.30 W 18- 2
6th Sep.	Salford	H 7.30 W 15-10
14th Sep.	Castleford	H 7.45 W 24-12
29th Sep.	Carlisle/Penrith	H 2.30 Post.
w/e 6th Oct.	LCCS 1st Rd. Barrow	A 2.30 W 25- 6
w/e 20th Oct.	LCCS 2nd Rd. Oldham	A 7.30 W 44-16
27th Oct.	Workington	A 2.30 Post.
1st Nov.	St. Helens	A 7.30 W 18- 6
9th Nov.	Leigh	H 7.30 L 8-20
14th Nov.	LCCS Semi Salford	H L 12-18
16th Nov.	Halifax	A 7.30 W 23-10
23rd Nov.	Oldham	A 7.30 W 36- 8
30th Nov.	Halifax	H 7.30 L 8-15
1st Dec.	Swinton Sh'd Final	A 3.00
4th Dec.	Wigan	A 7.30
11th Dec.	Oldham	H 7.30
14th Dec.	Widnes	H 7.30
22nd Dec.	Hull K.R.	A 3.00
28th Dec.	Wigan	H 7.30
5th Jan.	Swinton	A 2.15
12th Jan.	Hull K.R.	H 2.30
18th Jan.	Salford	A 7.30
25th Jan.	Swinton	H 7.30
31st Jan.	Leigh	A 7.30
9th Feb.	Carlisle/Penrith	A 2.30
w/e 16th Feb.	Alliance Cup 1st Rd.	
23rd Feb.	Barrow	H 2.30
w/e 2nd Mar.	Alliance Cup 2nd Rd.	
9th Mar.	Barrow	A 2.30
23rd Mar.	Castleford	A 3.00
29th Mar.	St. Helens	H 7.30
13th Apr	Workington	H 2.30

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(Up to and including Halifax at home on 18.11.84.)

PLAYER	SEASON 84/85					ALL SEASONS				
	APP	SUB	TRIES	GOALS	D.GOALS	APP	SUB	TRIES	GOALS	D.GOALS
BEVAN, J.....	-	-	-	-	-	321	1	199	6	1
BISHOP, P.....	1	1	1	7	-	1	1	1	7	-
BOWDEN, R.....	7	2	-	-	-	7	2	-	-	-
CAMPBELL, R.....	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-
CARBERT, B.....	5	-	1	2	-	19	1	8	4	-
CULLEN, P.....	6	-	-	-	-	67	2	8	-	-
DIAMOND, S.....	1	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	2	1
DUANE, I.....	9	1	2	-	-	88	13	11	-	-
DUANE, R.....	-	-	-	-	-	86	3	30	28	-
ECCLES, R.....	11	-	5	1	1	202	44	99	29	6
FELLOWES, P.....	1	-	1	-	-	21	1	9	-	-
FIELDHOUSE, J.....	9	-	3	-	-	89	21	15	-	-
FORD, Paul.....	11	-	1	21	1	45	12	5	48	3
FORD, Phil.....	10	-	3	-	-	104	1	56	3	-
FORSTER, M.....	10	-	4	-	-	33	-	13	-	-
GITTINS, T.....	2	2	-	-	-	32	3	2	-	-
GLEAVE, M.....	1	-	-	-	-	5	4	-	-	-
GREGORY, M.....	9	3	1	-	-	55	11	14	-	-
HESFORD, S.....	-	-	-	-	-	305	6	46	1102	47
HODSON, M.....	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
JACKSON, R.....	12	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-
KELLY, K.....	10	-	1	-	-	243	5	62	-	10
KERR, J.....	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	3	-	-
M'BARKI, H.....	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
McGINTY, W.....	-	2	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-
MORRIS, S.....	2	-	-	-	-	3	4	-	-	-
MOYLAN, S.....	-	1	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
O'MAHONEY, R.....	12	-	-	-	-	76	-	2	-	-
PETERS, B.....	4	2	-	-	-	10	3	2	-	-
POASA, P.....	8	-	4	-	-	13	4	5	-	-
RAWLINSON, T.....	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-
ROBERTS, M.....	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
SCOTT, A.....	-	1	1	-	-	28	14	5	2	1
WEBB, C.....	3	1	2	-	-	57	13	6	-	-
WORRALL, A.....	4	2	-	-	-	55	31	1	-	-
YATES, M.....	-	-	-	-	-	22	1	1	-	-
YOUNANE, P.....	5	-	1	-	-	5	-	1	-	-

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Mike Roberts