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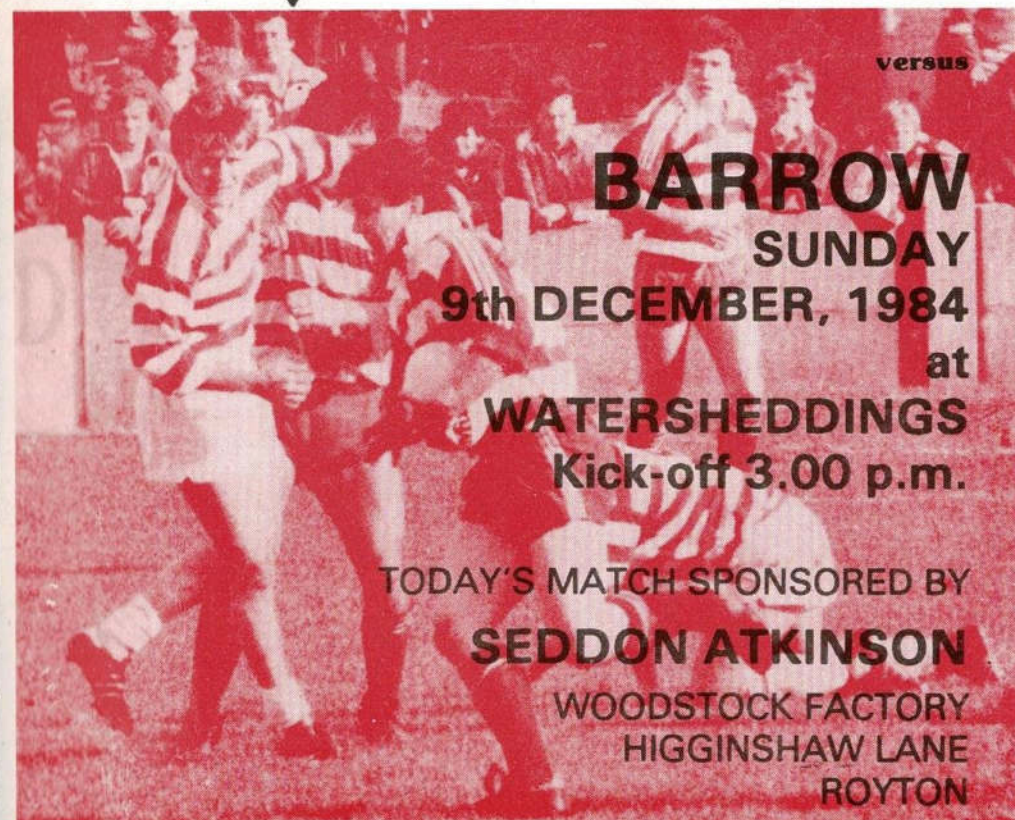
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IT is with great pleasure that we officially record today a brand, new association with the locally-based truck manufacturing firm of Seddon Atkinson.

We are proud to strike a sponsorship relationship with Seddon Atkinson and we feel sure that, through our combined efforts, the firm's big A symbol will be blazed widely throughout the land.

The club will benefit to the tune of £35,000 over a three-year period and the firm, for their part, will get major jersey sponsorship as well as ground and programme advertising, advertising sites around the Watersheddings complex, match-day tickets and benefits such as that.

The big A symbol will be emblazoned across the front of Oldham's jerseys and will feature a white A and circle on a navy blue patch that will match our official shorts.

The symbol is of an agreed tasteful size for all non-televised matches and will be subject to television regulations for televised matches.

It is agreed that the sale of Oldham's replica jerseys to the public will be exact imitations of the official club jersey, thus featuring the Seddon Atkinson symbol.

An important part of the agreement is the involvement of the club and players with the Seddon Atkinson work force.

The company will have freedom to introduce schemes such as their own player of the year or player of the month awards, and we will endeavour to make available the players for appearances in the factory for staff presentations and matters of that nature.

Our players will also be available for appearances under the Seddon Atkinson banner at motor shows, trade fairs, publicity launches etc.

This type of club sponsorship package has been successfully introduced into Rugby League and soccer in recent years with the relaxation of restrictions on jersey sponsorship.

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The Oldham club is equally determined that Seddon Atkinson should get excellent value for money and, to that end, we will continue to strive to provide the best that our great game can offer, both on the field and off.

This is a two-way agreement with our sponsors and together we believe we can go far. The Oldham club has come a long way in a short time and we see this new deal with a locally-based firm that is second to none in its field as a massive step in the right direction.

We want to try and develop the A team theme and we may introduce the theme music on match days of the popular television series of the same name.

It is nice to be home again after all our travels in recent weeks. After our home defeat by Hull K.R. in the last Watersheddings match, we won back our spurs with a workmanlike 22-6 win at York in the first round of the John Player Special Trophy and then enjoyed an 18-12 victory at Warrington which keeps up our pressure on leaders St. Helens at the top of the Slalom Lager championship.

Last Sunday we were travelling again this time to Hull in the second round of the John Player Special Trophy where, unfortunately, we lost 26-14.

Not many teams will go to the Boulevard and win and we were not helped in the first half when we had three good scoring chances near the line, but decisions went against us.

There are still three major trophies to be won this season — the Slalom Lager championship, the Slalom Lager premiership and the Challenge Cup — and you can rest assured we will be going all out to do well in all three.

After the Barrow game today, we go to Hull K.R. next Sunday, but the home game with Leeds on December 23rd is in jeopardy because of their involvement in the John Player Special Trophy. Watch the press for any fixture programme change on that day. We are at Widnes on Boxing Day and Halifax come to Watersheddings on January 1st — doubtless with a big following after their success under the Australians this season.

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HISTORICAL NOTES ON BARROW

by Tom Webb

It is believed that the Barrow club was formed in the late 1870's by an enthusiastic band of youngsters during the Rugby Union days. By 1894-95 the club had won the championships of the Lancashire Rugby Union Second Competition and the North Western League losing only one match in each competition but their efforts were nullified as the leading Lancashire clubs left the Rugby Union to form the Northern Union during the close season.

In April 1897 Barrow made the decision to join the Northern Union and played at least two friendly games towards the end of that month defeating Morecambe 9-3 and Wigan 6-4, both games being played on the Barrow ground.

Much water has flown down the Walney Channel since then and Barrow have had their ups and downs. In 1899 Messrs. Walton and Pritchard were continuing as Secretary and Treasurer, the former eventually serving for 19 years.

A couple of years later the players included J. D. Wharton, A. Girdwood, William Lloyd, Jack Williams, Jack Dunn, William Pratt, John B. Fox, Herbert Hughes, Joe Kewin, Walter Brough, Kit Brown, Tom Bowker, Bob Ogders, Albert Parkinson, George Cook, George Barrett, Harry Bamber, William Bamber, Harry Gifford, "Tot" Ireland, Jock Jardine, Alen Logan, Joe Northey, Fred Treweeke, Fred Walton, E. Rawlins, Duncan Lamonby, Josh Platt, L. Tillotson, William Bawden and W. R. Strickland. Some of those men became household names in the Furness area and gained representative honours. Harry Gifford won international recognition besides playing for Lancashire and Fred Treweeke had the distinction of representing Lancashire at both Rugby Union and Northern Union football, as did Tom Bowker.

Great rivalry was maintained against the local Millom club, which celebrated its centenary some time ago. As professionalism developed Millom became a junior club.

Jumping to 1967-68 season when the Barrow R.L.F.C. Year Book was produced, probably the last one, we find that evergreen Bill Oxley was the chairman of the directors with Tom Dickinson his deputy. Bob Brady was also a member of the board.

The Year Book recalls old timers such as George Hughes, Harry Gifford, Bill Burgess, Charlie Carr, Jack Woods and Alex Troup. Bill Burgess was a forward and his son, also Bill, became a crack winger a generation later. In more recent years, says the Year Book, Willie Horne, Jim Lewthwaite, Phil Jackson, Frank Castle, Dennis Goodwin and Jack Grundy were great names. The stars of 1966 included the players who took Barrow to Wembley in the 1966-67 season, William Burgess junior, a 1966 tourist, Jim Challinor captain, a tourist in 1953 and a World Cup player in 1960, Harry Hughes, Mike Murray, a Powderhall Sprint champion, Tom Brophy who had 35 county and 8 England caps in the Rugby Union game, Ged Smith ex-Widnes and later to join Oldham, Ivor Kelland who gained Lancashire caps and who now commentates for Cumbrian radio, Maurice Redhead who had a benefit with the club, Ray Hopwood who learned his football craft in Oldham schoolboy and youth teams before joining Barrow from Blackpool Borough, Mike Sanderson, Henry Delooze an accurate goalkicker and Mike Watson.

One of the clubs to have alternated between first and second divisions recently, Barrow gained a most meritorious Lancashire Cup success a year ago while still in the second division. David Cairns the diminutive half-back was chosen as player of the year during the close season by the Lancashire Federation of Supporters' Clubs, well ahead of all his first division rivals.

WELCOME TO BARROW

BARROW come to Watersheddings today bidding to get back on winning ways after a poor run of results which has seen them slip down the table into the bottom four after a bright and breezy start to life in the First Division.

Promoted at the end of last season with Workington, Hunslet and Halifax, the Furness boys came up as proud Second Division champions after totalling a massive 1,126 points in their 34 Second Division games, only two of which were lost.

That was a similar record to ours when we took the Second Division championship by storm three years ago.

The gulf between First and Second Divisions is vast, however, and we know from our own experiences here at Watersheddings how hard it can be to achieve consistently good results in the extremely competitive hurly-burly of the First Division.

Barrow have found that out this season and they come with a record of having won only four of their 11 Slalom Lager championship matches after suggesting early in the campaign that they might do quite well.

Nevertheless, that does not mean that we should underestimate what they can offer. Although we had a comfortable win at Craven Park on October 7th, the Barrow boys, under the guidance of coach Tommy Dawes, can still beat the best on their day.

This was never more clearly illustrated than when they took on Widnes in the Lancashire Cup final last season and won well to take the cup back to the north-west.

Barrow have several well-known players to look out for among them Ralph McConnell, Ian Ball, David Cairns, Steve Tickle, and our former Oldham player Steve Herbert.

Ball, on his day, can be one of the best goalkickers in the game while scrum-half Cairns has already won several international and other individual honours.

We won 34-12 at Craven Park on October 7th with the following team: Littler, Vigo, Parrish, Caffery, Hornby, Foy, Kirwan, Morgan, McCurrie, Ogden, Goodway, Hawkyard, Taylor.

Our six tries were scored by Goodway, Hawkyard, Vigo, Foy (2) and Caffery, while Mick Parrish landed five goals.

The Barrow team that day was: Elliott, Moore, McConnell, Ball, James, Rea, Cairns, Hughes, Fitzgerald, McJennett, Carter, Herbert, Mossop.

It will be interesting to compare that line-up with today's Barrow team.



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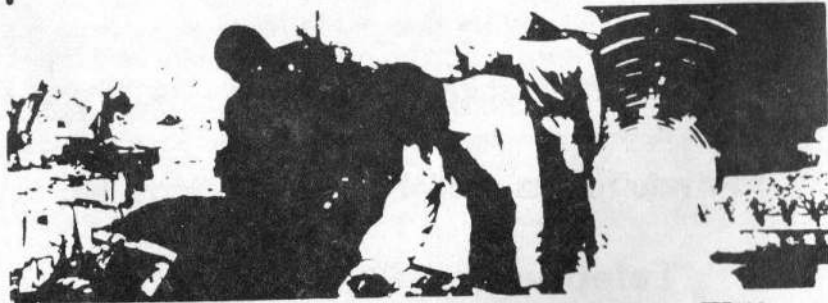
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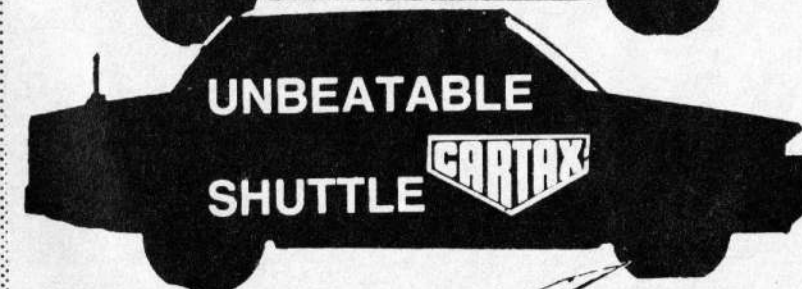
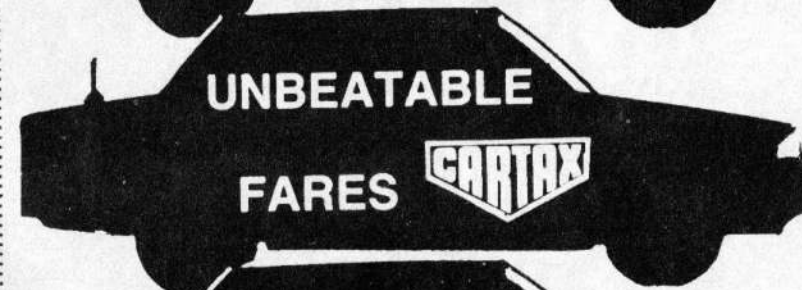
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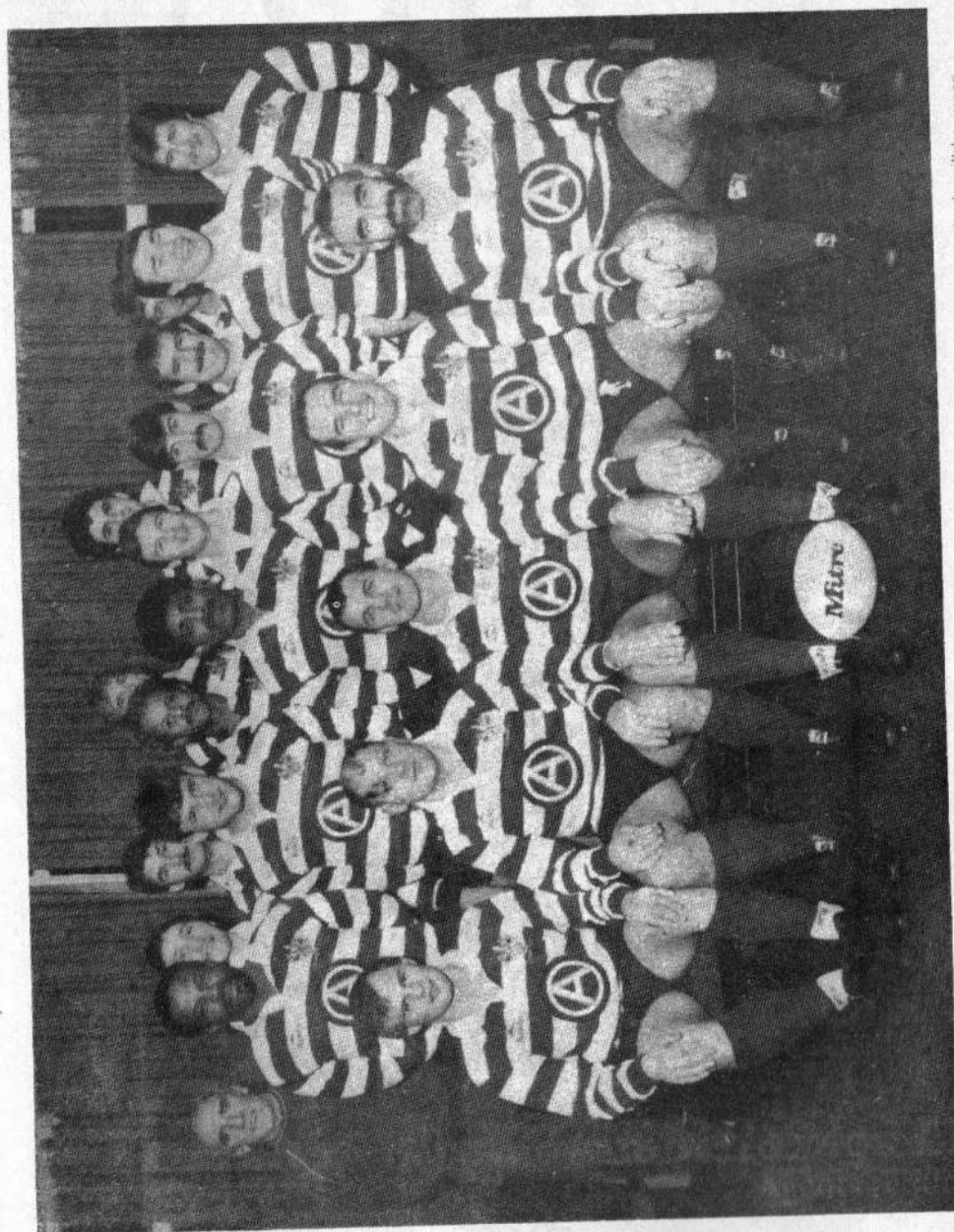
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New-look line-up. The Oldham players display their new jerseys, sponsored by Seddon Atkinson, which will be worn for the first time against Barrow today.



Signed, sealed and delivered: Gerry Woodhead, managing director of Seddon Atkinson, and Frank Myler, Oldham RLFC manager, and Mr Caygill, secretary of Seddon Atkinson, put pen to paper to clinch the new sponsorship partnership.

LIFELINE

DON'T FORGET...Monday's big draw in the social club for the special Christmas Lifeline Appeal pay-out. As well as the weekly £1,000 prize there will be prizes for several Christmas vouchers, each worth £50, and prizes for six couples to watch the Oldham — Halifax game on New Year's Day as guests of the club.

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BRIAN BATTY Daily Mail

RUGBY League followers throughout the game have been both amazed and angered by the Rugby Union's ban on BBC commentator Ray French.

Even Rugby Union fans and officials have joined in the national outcry at the hypocrisy and pettiness of this pathetic act.

To ban French from the Lancashire Schools' Committee after 23 years of dedicated service does more than break up a very rewarding relationship.

It leaves French, a senior tutor at Cowley School, claiming that he feels like a leper and totally mystified as to the reasons for such decision.

French, of course, played four times for England at Rugby Union as well as Lancashire before becoming a successful forward with League sides St. Helens and Widnes.

He was a member of Great Britain's World Cup side in Australia and New Zealand in 1968 and was a popular and loyal figure at all the game's different levels.

He enjoyed a consuming passion though for schoolboy Rugby and took touring sides to Australia, Canada, South America and France as well as many other countries.

Ian Sinclair, chairman of the Lancashire Schools Committee, says: 'The RFU have told us that Ray can no longer serve on the committee.'

'It is true that he forfeited his amateur status when he played Rugby League and should never have been allowed to sit on the Schools' committee. Someone has now brought it to the RFU's notice.'

'As regards the committee Ray has been fantastic. The amount of work he has done is second to none.'

Ray believes that his action in introducing Rugby League to Cowley school may have influenced the Union decision.

That view is shared by chairman Sinclair but if that is the case it is not only tragic but small-minded.

Whenever the RFU have a problem — such as the boots scandal in which top players received money from sponsors — they sweep it under the biggest carpet in sport.

But then they go and trip right over that very carpet by taking the sort of action which can't even win them the sympathy of their own supporters — and a great many officials.

SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

President: Mr. D. Blackburn, **Chairman:** Mr. D. Pilkington, **Treasurer:** Mr. T. Heywood, **Secretary:** Mrs. J. Pilkington, **Committee Members:** Miss. A. Collinge, Mrs. H. Heywood, Mrs. L. Wolstencroft, Mr. I. Pilkington, Mrs. E. Crowther, Mrs. L. Chadderton, Mr. C. Clarke, Mr. J. Gallagher, Mrs. S. Collinge, Mr. B. Doleman, Mrs. A. Doleman, Mrs. G. Doleman.

The Supporters Club would like to welcome all the players and the committee and our visitors from Barrow. Today's match, hoping we have a good, clean and entertaining match, we would like to invite all the supporters to our canteens situated at different parts of the ground and to our souvenir shop at the Pavilion end and the programme shop at the Waterhead end.

Souvenirs in our shop are Sweaters at £10.00 each, Sweatshirts at £8.50, and juniors £6.50, Scarves (Oldham) £2.75, Ties £3.50, Lapel Badges 65p, Blazer Badges £7.50, Patches £1.00, Gloves, small and large, £1.50, Pens 25p, Red and white shirts with Club Badges 24" to 42".

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Oldham: Murphy (try), Munro, Ward, Lund (try), Fitzsimons (seven goals and a try), Francis (try), Gwilliam, Alexander (try), Martland, Foster, Herbert, Blackwood (try), T. Flanagan.

Subs: Mordell for Blackwood and Ashton for Lund.

Batley: Parker, Finn (3 goals), Rippon, Brunyee, Riggs, Briggs, Pickerill, Frain, Eyre, Waltham, Vodden, Cookland, Tonks.

Subs: Presley for Brunyee and Fox (try) for Tonks.

Referee: D. W. Fox (Wakefield). Attendance: 2,118. Half-time score 15-4.

10 YEARS AGO

Sunday, December 8th, 1974

WORKINGTON TOWN 7 OLDHAM 20 (Second Division)

Workington: Marland, Davies, Nicholson, Wright, Rismann, Wilkins (2 goals), Walker (try), Curwen, Banks, Bowman, L. Gorley, Henney, Dobie.

Subs: Thompson for Marland and Allen for Dobie.

Oldham: Murphy, Elliott (try), Larder (4 goals and a try), Wainwright (try), Barton, Treasure (try), McCone, Ashcroft, O'Mahoney, Hughes, Hall, Brown, Farrell.

Subs: Reynolds for Brown who returned to replace O'Mahoney. Name of other substitute not known.

Referee: K. Allatt (Huddersfield). Attendance: 598. Half-time score 12-5.

15 YEARS AGO

OLDHAM 15 WIGAN 23 (Northern League was composed of one division)

Oldham: Murphy, Elliott, Crellin (3 goals), Mullarkey, Larder, Davies, Smith, Gardiner, Taylor, Wilson (2 tries), Irving (try), McCormack, Russell.

Subs: Clark for Russell, other one not known.

Wigan: C. Hill, Whittle, Ashurst (2 goals and a try), Rowe, Kevin O'Loughlin (2 tries), D. Hill, (2 goals), Jackson (try), Stephens, Mills, Ashcroft (try), Hogan, Ramsdale, Cunningham.

Subs: Parr and Standing for Ramsdale and Ashcroft.

Referee: R. Jackson (Halifax). Attendance: 2,101. Half-time score 7-8.



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1984

SEPTEMBER

2—Hunslet (3.00)	W 32-10	H
9—Workington (2.30)	W 44- 2	A
12—Widnes (7.30)	W 18- 2	H
16—COUNTY CUP	L 26-32	
23—Leeds (3.00)	W 18-14	A
30—Leigh (3.00)	W 12- 8	H

OCTOBER

7—Barrow (2.30)	W 34-12	A
14—Warrington (3.00)	L 15-16	H
21—St. Helens (3.00)	L 5-32	A
28—Featherstone (3.00)	W 26- 8	H

NOVEMBER

4—Bradford (3.00)	W 23-14	A
11—Hull K.R. (3.00)	L 5-31	H
18—JOHN PLAYER TROPHY v York	W 22- 6	
25—Warrington (3.00)	W 18-12	A

DECEMBER

2—JOHN PLAYER TROPHY v Hull	L 14-26	
9—Barrow (3.00)		H
16—Hull K.R. (3.00)		A
23—Leeds (3.00)		H
26—Widnes (3.00)		A

'a' team fixtures

1984 (Subject to change)

AUGUST

31—Salford	A
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SEPTEMBER

8—Workington	H
15—Carlisle	A
21—Widnes	H
27—Leigh	A

OCTOBER

12—Warrington	A
27—Featherstone	A

NOVEMBER

2—Bradford	H
9—Salford	H
20—Wigan	A
23—Warrington	H

DECEMBER

1—Carlisle	H
8—Barrow	A
14—Swinton	H
21—Widnes	A
28—Halifax	A

1985

JANUARY

5—Barrow	H
11—Bradford	A
18—St. Helens	H
25—Wigan	H

1985

JANUARY

1—Halifax (3.00)	H
6—Featherstone (3.30)	A
13—Bradford (3.00)	H
20—Castleford (3.00)	H
27—Wigan (3.00)	A

FEBRUARY

3—Hull (3.00)	H
10—CHALLENGE CUP	
17—Leigh (3.30)	A
24—CHALLENGE CUP	

MARCH

10—St. Helens (3.00)	H
17—Hull (3.00)	A
24—Hunslet (3.30)	A
31—Workington (3.00)	H

APRIL

5—Halifax (7.00)	A
8—Wigan (3.00)	H
21—Castleford (3.30)	A

FEBRUARY

2—Swinton	A
22—Featherstone	H

MARCH

7—St. Helens	A
15—Halifax	H
22—Leigh	H
30—Workington	A

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Leeds	11	7	0	4	244	140	14
Bradford N.	11	7	0	4	235	170	14
Wigan	9	6	0	3	196	139	12
Featherstone R.	13	6	0	7	173	205	12
Halifax	12	5	0	7	236	230	10
Leigh	13	5	0	8	285	296	10
Hull	8	4	0	4	221	129	8
Castleford	11	4	0	7	190	211	8
Warrington	11	4	0	7	186	247	8
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