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COVER PHOTO: John Bevan covers a Dewsbury kick ahead.

CLUB NOTES

TODAY'S match has kindly been sponsored once again by local firm **North West Decolling Limited**, of Causeway Avenue, Warrington. We are pleased to welcome the directors and guests and in thanking them for their continued support for the club, trust that they have an enjoyable afternoon.

Today's **Mitre Match Ball** has been donated by Messrs. R.T.Z. Metals North Ltd. of Manchester, Birmingham, Bradford and Glasgow. In thanking them we welcome Mr. Les Smith and his guests and hope that they too have a great afternoon at Wilderspool.

Today's **Miller 7's**, is the second semi final between Beamount and Oakwood Schools. The final is scheduled to take place in March.

A collection will be taken at today's game in support of **THE WARRINGTON SCHOOLS RUGBY LEAGUE ASSOCIATION (FRENCH TOUR COMMITTEE)**. The Association will be taking three teams (U-13, U-15 and U-16) to France and depend very much on public support so please be generous.

OTHER EVENTS

Organised by the Tour Committee are **AN R.L. EVENING** at Padgate High School with films, video and forum compered by Radio Merseyside's Gerry Burrows. Commences 7.30 p.m. and a **PROGRAMME FAIR** to be held at the Touchdown Taverner's Club between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on **SATURDAY 8th MARCH 1986**. Admission 20p only. Refreshments available.

WEMBLEY '86.

Our Supporters Club trip to Wembley is again being organised and a few places are still available (phone Jean on 821859). If you wish tickets for the match to be obtained for you please pay the necessary money to a Committee member or Irene in the Souvenir Shop — as soon as possible.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Sponsored this season by David Tabron (High Class Industrial Painting and Decorating) phone Padgate 816603 is selected by members only after each match. For the Dewsbury Match, Alan Rathbone and Paul Bishop were awarded four points each. This leaves Andy Gregory with an overall lead for the first team whilst Paul Bishop is still making the running for the 'Wizards' 'A' Team award.

RE-ARRANGED GAMES

Our postponed fixture at Wigginton Road has been arranged for Wednesday 12th February. Kick off 7.30 p.m. York are borrowing some floodlights. Our trip to Naughton Park has now been put back to Wednesday 12th March at 7.30 p.m. Our Home Alliance game v. Widnes 'A' will be on 18th February 7.30p.m.

TODAY'S SUPPORTERS QUIZ

1. Who scored his 100th try for Wire in the home league game v. Oldham last season?
2. Which side knocked out Oldham from the J.P. Trophy this season?
3. Who was Oldham's leading try scorer last season?
4. Who kicked Gt. Britain's only goal in the Under 21 defeat in France recently?
5. Which was the last Lancashire Club to win the First Division Championship?
6. Name the last major Trophy won by Oldham?

Answers on page 23.

REG BOWDEN

THE fact that we have already fielded thirty different players in our games this season serves to underline the various constant demands of Rugby League. Suspensions, injuries, illnesses and representative calls all take their toll and plans about a tight first team squad are quickly dissipated.

Most of the successful sides over the seasons have virtually selected themselves with the thirteen becoming household names. Whilst that may be the Utopia which we are all seeking, until it is achieved it is necessary to maintain the pressure of challenge on the players currently wearing the first team jerseys. I am still looking for some of our players to put their first team selection beyond doubt. In this game no one can sit back with an "I've got it made" attitude, particularly when the replacement players are of equal calibre. One way or another we have provided adequate cover for all positions with players who can fit in without weakening the side. Naturally I was looking forward to having Bob Eccles back for the cup ties but sadly that is not to be and he is now joined by Ken Kelly, another fracture victim. Mike Gregory has come through a couple of Alliance games, Tony Worrall has discarded his plaster and is back in training but Carl Webb and Ron Duane have some way to go.

Today we meet Oldham who began a highly successful run by defeating us at Watersheddings at the end of September. Oldham suddenly hit impressive form and we will need to be at our best to set the record straight and put us in the right mood for a good Challenge Cup run.



NEXT AT WILDERSPOOL

Sunday 9th February 1986 at 3 p.m.

WIRE v SHEFFIELD EAGLES

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP - ROUND ONE



WIRES PICTURE GALLERY

TOP LEFT: Phil Blake's first try at Crown Flatts.

BOTTOM LEFT: Andy Gregory tees the ball up for Brian Carbert (v. Saints).



TOP RIGHT: A solid reception from Boyd and Tamati (at Dewsbury).

BOTTOM RIGHT: Mark Roberts takes some stopping in full flight (v. Saints).



STOPWATCH

Sunday 12th January 1986 — League Championship — **WIRE 26 pts. ST. HELENS 16**

WIRE: Johnson, Carbert, Cullen, Blake, Thackray; Kelly, Gregory; Tamati, Hodson, Jackson, Eccles, Roberts, Rathbone. **Subs.** Forster (D.N.P.) McGinty (Pld.)

SAINTS: Viewers: Ledger, Elia, French, Conlan; Loughlin, Peters; Grienke, Harrison, Gorley, Dwyer, Forber, Allen. **Subs.** Bailey, Litherland.

Kick off 3 p.m. Referee: Kevin Allatt (Southport)

00.00	Saints kick off.	
00.04	Saints offside Carbert on target	2- 0
00.05	Poor cover on right as Conlon sweeps in at Gym. Corner. No goal.	2- 4
00.29	Rathbone. Early bath alleged foul in tackle after booking. Conlon .	2- 6
00.36	Gregory and Johnson combine to send Blake through. Carbert goal.	8- 6
00.37	Bob Eccles replaced by McGinty. Same arm broken.	
00.40	Kelly/Gregory run around. Roberts through the gap. Carbert again.	14- 6
00.40	Wire restart	
00.47	Gregory, Kelly and then Johnson wide pass to Thackray , good try. Carbert boots another	20- 6
00.60	Wire stretched. Conlon over on the right. No conversion.	20-10
00.77	Tony Hodson struggles over through tackles. Carbert No. 5	
26-10		
00.80	Elia on debut makes interception and clears the field. Easy Conlon .	26-16

Penalty Count

H.T. Wire 5 Saints 10

F.T. Wire 14 Saints 14

Scrum Count

H.T. Wire 4 Saints 2

F.T. Wire 8 Saints 4

Comment

Admittedly Saints were weakened with the absence of Pinner, Holding, Platt, Arkwright and Haggerty, players who have formed the backbone of their side in recent seasons, nevertheless it is something of a pleasure to record a victory over them. Wire began scrappily with attacking play at a hundred miles per hour, passes going astray and the now customary flow of early adverse penalties. Rathbone once again became the target of the day with a booking followed by a quick dismissal for an untidy but innocuous tackle — no one was hurt in either incident — His departure was quickly followed by the sad sight of Bob Eccles leaving the field with the same arm broken again which has kept him out of the game since the Lancs Cup final. With the arm heavily strapped he had not look too confident but his talents have been very much missed by this side. Tough luck Bob. When the side realised that playing rugby was the answer, we saw some pleasurable moves with Brian Johnson coming into the attack and looking the class player he is. Some hard grafting from the front row of Tamati, Hodson and value for money player Bob

Jackson was well supported by Mark Roberts' pace. The game would not have been won, however, without some sterling defensive play in which Brian Johnson, once again and Paul Cullen were outstanding . . . The sponsors M.O.M. went once more to **Andy Gregory**. He must have been pushed hard this time by **Brian Johnson**. It's nice to beat Saints, we should do it more often . . .



BRIAN JOHNSON



ANDY GREGORY

Hull K.R. ended a winning run of nine matches when they lost to Wigan in the John Player Trophy final by 8-11 at Elland Road.



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Wigan have now gone 19 matches without defeat beginning with Steve Elia's debut on 2nd October. (Prior to Wednesday's game at Naughton Park)

STOPWATCH

Sunday 19th January 1986 — League Championship — **DEWSBURY 12 WARRINGTON 16**

WIRE: Johnson, Thackray, Cullen, Blake, Bevan: Kelly, Bishop: Tamati, Hodson, Jackson, Boyd, Roberts, Rathbone. **Subs.** Peters (DNP), McGinty (PI)

DEWSBURY: Moore, Vasey, Shuttleworth, Collins, Ramsden: Sefuiva, Keyworth: Garner, Kiskin, Broxholme, Haynes, Jennings, Stephenson. **Subs.** Squires, Howells.

Kick off 3.30 p.m. Referee D.G. Kershaw

00.10	Wire offside easy for Vasey	2- 0
00.18	Bishop pass sends Blake over. Bishop goal.	2- 6
00.30	Blake to Johnson, backing up, Thackray in corner. No goal	6-10
00.35	Dewsbury's first visit to Wire 25 Moore in. Vasey hit the post	6-10
00.40	Interval. Roberts leg injury replaced by McGinty. Howells on for Haynes.	
00.50	Blake punt hits crossbar rebound via another player to Blake for touchdown. Bishop on target	6-16
00.73	Dewsbury on Wire line again, centre Collins try. Vasey goal	12-16
00.80	My feet are cold, let's go home	

Penalty Count

H.T. Dewsbury 4

Wire 6

F.T. Dewsbury 9

Wire 12

Scrum Count

H.T. Dewsbury 7

Wire 3

F.T. Dewsbury 14

Wire 9

Comment

A late withdrawal by Andy Gregory (down with 'flu) saw Paul Bishop take over the No. 7 jersey. John Bevan made his first appearance at No. 5 and Les Boyd returned to the second row. Most of the first half was played in the Dewsbury half which occupied the down slope and a quagmire which seemed to hold a fatal fascination for everyone, so much time was spent trying to plough through it. Wire should have sealed the game in the early exchanges with Rathbone going over from a Boyd forward pass after sixteen minutes, Thackray missing a sitter with a knock on and Blake sending a pass behind Bevan's feet when he could have walked over (he would have enjoyed it too for his 202nd). With too many scrums which were conducted in a diabolical manner, too many penalties for petty infringements, too much mud, too much wind and too much cold, it was another good advert for Summer Rugby. In fairness Dewsbury tried to play open football but it was not one of those days and the tried and tested method of ploughing up the middle prevailed. The pack worked tremendously with no one lagging behind. Rathbone had a great game without saying Boo to a Goose and incurring only one penalty for a raised elbow (he was getting mud out of his eye). Hard to single one out but he was marginally our best forward whilst Blake with his eye for the chance was our best back... Two coach loads of Wire fans boosted the small crowd. Full marks to our followers, it needs courage to leave the fireside on a day like this.



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FLASHBACK

SEASON 1982/3 v. OLDHAM

HOME

WARRINGTON 17 OLDHAM 12 (23rd January 1983)

WIRE: Hesford (46), Thackray (1T), R. Duane (1T), Cullen, Phil Ford: Blacker (1T), Kelly: Courtney, O'Mahoney, Chisnall, Eccles, Worrall, Muller. Subs: Finnegan, M. Gregory.

OLDHAM: Caffrey, Vigo, McEwen, Hawkyard, Dobb: Foy, Ashton: Alexander, McCurrie, Goodway (1T), Platt (1T 36), Worrall, Flanagan. Subs: Bishop, Nicholson.

Half Time 7-12 Attendance 4,425. Referee K. Allatt (Southport)

This game will best be remembered by the late match winning try by Rick Thackray. Bob Eccles began the move on his own line, slicing through the Oldham ranks before handing on to Ronnie Duane. Duane cleverly drew the cover then let go a peach of a pass to Thackray who fairly flew behind the posts from halfway in a grand finale to the game. Mick Blacker marked his Wire debut with a solid performance and a well taken try. Oldham had dominated the early exchanges and at one time enjoyed a 12-5 advantage. Wire gradually whittled away at the visitors lead before Rick's stunner gave Wire both points. The try was recorded for posterity by Granada's R.L. Action.



OLDHAM 22 WARRINGTON 12 (15th September 1982)

OLDHAM: Taylor: Vigo, Foy (1T), Caffrey, McEwen; Parrish (56), Ashton (1T), Hogan, McCurrie (1T), Alexander, Worrall (1T), Goodway, Platt. Subs: Kirwan, Nordell.

WIRE: Finnegan, Thackray, R. Duane, Paul Ford (36), Phil Ford (1T), Cullen, Kelly: Courtney, O'Mahoney (1T), Cooke, Eccles, Fieldhouse, M. Gregory. Subs: McGinty, Chisnall.

Half Time 10-2 Attendance 2,661 Referee K. Allatt (Southport)

Without Hesford and Bevan, Wire also lost skipper Ken Kelly to injury during the early exchanges. Roger O'Mahoney made his Wire debut as hooker having signed from Oldham the same day. He managed to squeeze in for a try against his former clubmates but Wire were forced to play second fiddle for most of the game. Derek Finnegan at full back, unusually for him had an off day but was not alone in this respect. The Wire pack was well beaten by the Oldham six and it took a late try from Phil Ford, appearing in the middle of the field and beating four defenders to bring some respectability to the scoreline. It was Oldham's first victory over Wire since the re-introduction of two divisions in 1973/74.

AWAY

John Henderson of Leigh still leads the try scorers list with 23.

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Joint second in th try scorers list are Phil Blake (Wire), Graham King (Hunslet) and Steve Halliwell (Leigh) on 20
with Phil Fox (Leigh) on 19 and Wigan's Steve Ella on 18.

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Bradford	•	26-18	8-10		12-22	18-8	12-17		6-24	9-18		48-20			21-16	12-17	
Castleford		•	16-12			22-14			18-26	28-4	32-18		28-16	20-26			34-6
Dewsbury	8-26	12-30	•	20-23	10-32				13-22	6-37		12-10	20-12	12-16	15-18		
Featherstone	15-8			•	10-20	10-10	14-27		18-20	14-14	12-38	12-16		27-14		12-26	
Halifax		14-8	12-16		•	21-8			18-18	12-12	27-18	23-12			8-15	12-12	
Hull	28-16		48-6	18-12	4-8	•	28-6		54-12	20-20			16-10		10-33		
Hull K.R.	30-4		42-0				•							12-8	12-24	19-18	12-6
Leeds			28-8		20-22		12-16	•	22-6	21-8						6-28	10-18
Oldham		46-22	48-14					14-30	•		32-10	12-16	26-20	10-10		24-16	
St. Helens	8-18		24-6			22-35	38-22	12-12		•				12-6	16-30	30-8	
Salford	9-8	9-8		26-12	22-6		27-24	16-22	20-34		•	21-17			12-8	22-18	
Swinton	8-0	12-10		14-7	10-16	16-8		14-26		14-32		•	12-28	17-6		16-30	
Warrington	32-7	24-16			12-14			32-18		26-16	41-19	42-0	•		10-12	14-12	
Widnes	28-26	9-5		30-16	12-9		8-15		10-10		27-12	30-16		•		14-12	
Wigan		10-12	58-8	62-0			12-8			38-14	20-8	42-0		32-10	•		
York				25-12	17-34	8-22	8-22		2-8		14-12	36-2		8-26	12-34	•	

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FACTS

The last meeting at Wilderspool. League Division
One. 25th November 1984.

WARRINGTON 12 OLDHAM 18

WIRE: Diamond, M'Barki, I., Duane, Forster (1T), Phil
Ford, K. Kelly (1T), Bishop: Shaw, O'Mahoney,
Worrall, Jackson, Fieldhouse, Eccles (1T).

Subs: M. Gregory, Poasa.

OLDHAM: Caffrey, Vigo (1T), Parrish (36), Foy (1T),
Taylor: Ashton, Kirwan: Morgan, McCurrie (1T),
Ogden, Goodway, Platt, Flanagan.

Subs: Chadwick, Jones.

Half time: 8-8 Att: 5,103 Ref: F. Lindop (Wakefield)

Warrington 1st Division Record v. Oldham

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	7	5	1	1	171	80	11
Away	8	6	-	2	168	105	12
Totals	15	11	1	3	339	185	23

FORM

Last season, Oldham enjoyed much success in the
League Championship finishing in a creditable fifth
position with a record **Pld. 30. W. 18. Dn. 1. Lost 11.**
For 563. Against 439 for 37 points. In the cup
competitions they had little success leaving the
Lancs Cup at the first stage at home to Blackpool
by 26-32, The John Player in Round 2 to Hull 14-26
and The Challenge Cup in Round 1 at home to
Castleford 8-14. Again in the Premiership they
failed to survive the first stage going down to
Leeds 18-36 at Headingley. This season after a
shaky start Oldham hit a good run in the Champion-
ship and prior to last weekend were in 4th spot.
P. 18 W. 9 D. 4 L. 4 373-302. Two points ahead of Wire
who had two games in hand. The Cups so far have
again brought little joy with a 12-40 defeat at Leigh
in the Lancs Cup Round 1 and a narrow 7-8 loss to
H.K.R. in the John Player Round 2. Oldham meet the
winners of the Carlisle/Mansfield clash in Round 1
of the Challenge Cup which should provide a
launch for better things.

After being twelve nil down in their home league fixture against wire, Oldham pulled back to a good 26-20 win to
give them their first league win of the season. That sparked off a good run of success which only ended recently
at Castleford. Oldham's improvement coincided with the arrival of three Australians, speedy full back **David**
Liddiard, second rower **Mal Graham** who last season was with Hunslet and centre/loose forward **Gary Warnecke**.
Another more than useful acquisition was the signing of free agent **David Topliss** who had been released by Hull.
David had a great five seasons at the Boulevard following a 13 year stint at Wakefield. Another player who has
taken on a new lease of life is Moroccan **Hussein M'Barki** who had a spell at Warrington after leaving Fulham.
Another top player **David Hobbs** was signed from Featherstone to fill the gap left by Andy Goodway who went to
Wigan. 1984 Tourist David has regained his best form and is now the club's goal kicker. Another 1984 tourist
Ray Ashton, Widnes born, is challenged for the scrum half spot by local Paddy Kirwan. Partnering Warnecke at
centre is the speedy ex Saddleworth Rangers and Widnes player **Des Foy** whilst Left winger **Mike Taylor** is
enjoying his best season at Watersheddings. Amateur signing **Ian Sanderson** is keeping out **Paul Lowndes** and
Alan McCurrie from the hooker spot making the best use of his experienced front row partners, the durable **Wally**
Jones and the crafty 37 year old **Mick Morgan** (ex Fev., York, Wakefield and Sothebys). Hobbs' second row
partner is another 1984 tourist **Mick Worrall** who has only recently returned from a knee injury. **Terry Flanagan**
completes the pack, a 1979 signing from Saddleworth Rangers who made rapid progress to skipper of the side
at the age of 19 and went on to skipper the G.B. Under 24 side. Flanagan also toured Aussie in 1984 as a late
replacement for Chris Arkwright. Last season's goalkicker **Mick Parris** (117) can fill in either at centre, out half
or second row forward and David Liddiard's younger brother scored a flyer on our 'Wizards' visit a few weeks
ago. Wire will have to show more conviction today than they did at Watersheddings in order to take the points
and climb above Oldham in the table.

David Stephenson (Wigan) still leads the points scorers with 198 (7 tries 85 goals) ahead of Chris Johnson who is closing with 194 (4 tries 89 goals)

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Chris Johnson of Leigh heads the goal kickers table with 89 with David Stephenson (Wigan) on 85, Gary Rowse (Hunslet) on 76 and Kevin Harcombe (Hornets) on 76.

STARS OF THE 20'S



BOBBY WANBON



Full playing record at WARRINGTON

Season	App.	Sub.	Tries	Points
1971/2	34	-	2	6
1972/3	40	-	12	36
1973/4	20	7	1	3
1974/5	20	-	2	6
1975/6	24	-	4	12
1976/7	3	7	1	3
1977/8	8	1	-	-
TOTALS	149	15	22	66



A Welsh Rugby Union International who turned professional with St. Helens in 1967, Bobby came on as substitute in Saints Championship final victory of 1971. He signed for Wire in the following season as a versatile front or second row forward, making his debut at Wilderspool on 12th September against Salford. In 1972/3 Bobby had become a regular in the Wire pack and his twelve tries helped Wire to the League Leaders Trophy. He went on to win four medals in season 1973/4. Playing in the Captain Morgan Trophy final, Players No. 6 final, Challenge Cup final and the Club Championship. At Wembley, Bobby came on the field as forward sub to replace the injured Brian Brady. Despite suffering through injuries in season 1974/5 Bobby managed to play in the replayed Floodlit Final v. Salford and returned to Wembley to play at prop in the Wire side which lost a grip on the Challenge Cup by going down to Widnes. Disappointment at picking up a losers medal was no doubt tempered by selection for the Welsh World Cup Squad to tour Australia. In 1975/6 in the final game of the season, Bobby probably turned in his finest performance for Wire in scoring three a marvellous hat trick of tries against Swinton.

Bobby began to ease off in the next two seasons and made his final bow on 1st February 1978 at Castleford. During his career at Wilderspool he had delighted the Wire fans with his forceful style of charging through the opposition with defenders desperately clinging on to his back. Happily settled in Warrington, Bob is currently mine host at the Old Ball public house in Winwick Road. In that World Cup tour of Australia Bobby earned Welsh caps against England, Australia and New Zealand.

Same joy for Runcorn Highfield who beat Doncaster recently by 12-8 to end a losing run of seven and Huddersfield Barracudas who drew 20-20 at Hunslet to end a similar bad run. Ex Wire's Terry McGovern was a Huddersfield try scorer.



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WIZARDS

ALLIANCE

REPORT



SATURDAY 18th JANUARY 1986 — Alliance League
— WIZARDS 46 CARLISLE 'A' 8

WIZARDS: Ford, Sanderson, Hesford, Abram, Lewis:
Morris, Bishop: Capewell, Lowe, Campbell, Allen,
Harris, Gregory. Sub. Scott.

A soaked ground and persistent rain did not discourage either side from putting in maximum effort but it was Wizards who went into the lead after ten minutes with Bishop and Morris combining to put in Darren Abram. No goal but a quick reply from Carlisle as their No. 4 collected an interception pass and ran seventy yards to score. The conversion gave the visitors the lead at 6-4. Wizards then applied the pressure with Dave Allen always prominent in guiding the efforts of the pack. The interval score was 24-6 with further tries from Steve Morris with a clever sidestep, and then another by backing up a tremendous Paul Bishop run. Another for Abram following a sweeping passing move and one for Roy Campbell who was put through by Dave Allen. A penalty to the visitors early in the second half was their only reward for a lot of effort well directed by John Risman. Wizards added further scores through Dave Allen coming on to a Bishop pass, a Bishop solo under the posts, a Capewell run from a smart Bishop pass and finally with minutes to go a try from Mike Gregory straight from a scrum. A total of five goals from Paul Bishop gave him a highly satisfactory afternoon. A lot of useful and productive foraging by top try scorer Steve Morris, Mike Gregory looking something like his best and a very good performance from Dave Allen kept this side on the boil throughout the eighty minutes and gave the faithful a pleasant afternoon's sport.

FRIDAY 24th JANUARY 1986 — Alliance League —
WIZARDS 30 pts. BRADFORD NORTHERN 'A' 27

WIZARDS: Paul Ford, Hesford, Peters, Abram, Lewis:
Morris, Scott: Capewell, Lowe, Knight, Allen,
Sanderson, Gregory. Subs. Harris, Campbell.

A hesitant start for the Wizards as Bradford ran in eight quick points from a penalty and a try by the No. 9 which was converted. After fifteen minutes Mike Gregory made a great break from the Warrington line and sparked off a brilliant passing move which resulted in Hesford sending Steve Morris romping away under the posts. Hesford made the score 6-8. The Bradford No. 6 found the lack of positive tackling to his liking and went under the Wire posts then added the goal for good measure 6-14. A drop from the No. 7 made the score 6-15 before Dave Allen drove in from a play the ball. No goal but the score at the interval looked better at 10-15. Sadly after half an hour Mike Gregory came off limping to be replaced by Darren Harris. Allen again was prominent to set up a break for Sanderson, a player of real talent, to tear away and release the ball for the persistent Morris to score. Hesford made it 16-15. Dave Allen again, this time sending Morris through to hand over to Mike Lewis

who scored by the posts. No trouble for Hesford (22-15). A penalty for Bradford pulled back two points before Hesford put up the best up and under I've seen for some time with hooker Lowe touching down. Hesford again and that made it 28-17. With twenty minutes to go a Hesford penalty made it 30-17. A series of adverse decisions unsettled Wizards who then managed to concede ten points from two tries and a conversion. Lowe went off with an ankle injury and Bradford did not appreciate the flavour of a souped up Campbell who appeared to be conducting a one man war. A retaliatory assault on Campbell gave Hesford a final shot which hit the upright and that was it. Wizards are a great attacking side, very entertaining but Derek has to work at that defence. Scotty played well at scrum-half with Steve Morris giving great support. The forwards are beginning to run off Dave Allen who is now looking more like the player Warrington tried to buy from Fulham in Kevin Ashcroft's days.

MONDAY 13th JANUARY 1986 - Alliance League - ST.
HELENS 'A' 22 WIZARDS 24

WIZARDS: Ford, Sanderson, Morris, Abram, Lewis:
Peters, Bishop: Capewell, Lowe, Campbell, Allen,
Knight, Mike Gregory. Subs. Cowell, Harris.

After a long spell of inactivity due to frozen grounds, Derek Whitehead finally got his Wizards show on the road on Monday night at a gale swept Knowsley Road. Sadly our inability to come to terms with officialdom resulted in an adverse penalty count of 6-20 which does not make the game any easier. An Abram break from the kick off gave plenty of encouragement with Paul Bishop going over wide out. Saints replied with a penalty and that was it to the interval, with Wizards suffering from disallowed tries to Lewis and Morris. The second half also began brightly with out half Barry Peters sending Mark Knight over the line despite playing into the wind. Another disallowed try, this time to Paul Ford, then Phil Capewell ran in a try which Paul Bishop goaled. Meanwhile Saints had added a penalty goal followed by a try. The attacking triangle of Bishop, Gregory and Peters next combined to send Steve Morris through. Saints replied with another try before a Bishop kick ahead was collected by Mike Gregory who touched down for Bishop to go. At 24-14 things were looking good but a late rally from the determined Saints added another ten points from two tries and one conversion. Dean Day was wide with the last conversion attempt with the home side looking for a share of the spoils. Good to see Mike Gregory back on the field after a long enforced break. He had a good game as did Barry Peters and Mark Knight. Another recent casualty Dave Allen also got through the game without problems and yet another casualty Darren Harris was back on the subs bench. All in all a good weekend at Saints expense.

The visit of Hull K.R. to Central Park a couple of weeks ago took the Wigan Slatom Lager Championship attendance to 112,188 in eight matches, averaging 14,023 for the season so far. Central Park's average for league games last season was 10,056

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Wire Fixtures

FIRST TEAM

AUGUST		
18th Wigan (Locker Cup).....	H	W 26-22
SEPTEMBER		
1st Bradford Northern.....	H	W 32- 7
4th St. Helens.....	A	L 6-12
8th Hull K.R.....	A	L 8-12
15th Blackpool Lancs Cup, 1st rd.	H	W 30- 3
22nd Castleford.....	H	W 24-16
25th Lancs Cup 2nd rd W'kton.....	H	W 38- 4
29th Oldham.....	A	L 20-26
OCTOBER		
2nd Lancs. Cup Semi Widnes.....	H	W 11- 4
6th Salford.....	H	W 41-19
13th Lancs. Cup Final-Wigan.....	N	L 8-34
20th York.....	H	W 14-12
27th Swinton.....	A	W 28-12
NOVEMBER		
3rd Leeds.....	H	W 32-18
10th F'stone JP prel.rd.....	A	W 14-10
13th Castleford.....	A	W 26-20
17th Halifax.....	H	L 12-14
24th JP Trophy 1st rd.Fulham.....	A	W 20-13
DECEMBER		
1st J.P. 2nd Rd. Barrow.....	H	W 34-14
7th J.P. 3rd Rd. Wigan.....	H	L 22-26
15th Swinton.....	H	W 42- 0
22nd Featherstone.....	A	L 14-27
JANUARY		
1st Wigan.....	H	L 10-12
12th St. Helens.....	H	W 26-16
19th Dewsbury.....	A	W 16-12
29th Hull.....	H	Post.
FEBRUARY		
2nd Oldham.....	H	
9th 1st S.C.C. Sheffield.....	H	
12th York.....	A	
16th Wigan.....	A	
23rd 2nd Silk Cut Challenge.....	A	
MARCH		
2nd Bradford.....	A	
9th Featherstone.....	H	
12th Widnes.....	A	
16th Salford.....	A	
23rd Hull K.R.....	H	
28th Widnes.....	H	
30th.....		
31st Halifax.....	A	
APRIL		
6th Dewsbury.....	H	
13th Leeds.....	A	
20th Hull.....	A	
Home games K.O. 3.00pm. & 7.30 pm.		

'A' TEAM

AUGUST		
31st Whitehaven.....	A	2.30 W 22-10
SEPTEMBER		
6th St. Helens.....	H	7.30 W 22-18
13th Salford.....	A	7.30 D 24-24
21st Hull.....	A	2.30 L 20-42
27th Oldham.....	H	7.30 W 44-26
OCTOBER		
5th C'nty Sh'ld (1) Leigh.....	A	W 30-18
9th Wigan.....	A	7.30 W 42- 8
19th C'nty Sh'ld (2) W'haven.....	A	2.30 L 12-21
25th Swinton.....	H	7.30 L 15-20
NOVEMBER		
2nd Barrow.....	A	2.30 L 14-28
9th Hull.....	H	3.00 W 20-12
15th Halifax.....	A	7.30 L 6-22
22nd Halifax.....	H	7.30 W 40- 8
DECEMBER		
2nd Oldham.....	A	7.30 D 18-18
5th Leigh.....	H	7.30 L 14-18
14th Swinton.....	A	2.15 L 14-24
21st Whitehaven.....	H	3.00 W 72- 4
JANUARY		
9th St. Helens.....	A	7.30 W 24-22
18th Carlisle.....	H	3.00 W 46- 8
24th Bradford N.....	H	7.30 W 30-27
28th Leigh.....	A	7.30
31st Widnes.....	A	7.30
FEBRUARY		
8th Carlisle.....	A	3.00
15th Challenge Cup (1).....		
18th Widnes.....	H	7.30
21st Wigan.....	H	7.30
MARCH		
1st Challenge Cup (2).....		
8th Barrow.....	H	3.00
14th Salford.....	H	7.30
21st Bradford N.....	A	7.30



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Appearances, Tries and Goal Scorers

Up to and including DEWSBURY away on 19.1.86.

SEASON 85/86						ALL SEASONS					
Player	App.	Sub.	Tries	Goals	D/Goals	App.	Sub.	Tries	Goals	D/Goals	
ALLEN, D.	4	3	-	-	-	5	4	-	-	-	
BEVAN, J.	1	-	-	-	-	330	1	201	6	1	
BISHOP, P.	6	3	3	25	-	8	4	4	32	-	
BLAKE, P.	17	-	20	-	1	17	-	20	-	1	
BOWDEN, R.	-	-	-	-	-	9	1	-	-	-	
BOYD, L.	16	-	3	-	-	16	-	3	-	-	
CAMPBELL, R.	-	1	1	-	-	4	2	1	-	-	
CARBERT, B.	18	1	7	44	-	53	2	24	86	-	
CULLEN, P.	20	1	1	-	-	92	3	12	-	-	
DUANE, R.	2	-	1	-	-	93	4	33	28	-	
ECCLES, R.	11	-	6	-	-	235	44	118	30	8	
FORD, P.	6	-	-	4	-	69	12	5	60	5	
FORSTER, M.	18	4	8	-	-	69	5	33	-	-	
GITTINS, T.	10	4	-	-	-	45	7	2	-	-	
GLEAVE, M.	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	-	-	-	
GREGORY, A.	21	-	4	-	1	34	-	4	-	1	
GREGORY, M.	7	-	2	-	-	76	12	20	-	-	
HESFORD, S.	2	-	-	6	-	310	8	46	1112	47	
HODSON, M.	6	1	1	-	-	9	2	1	-	-	
JACKSON, R.	22	-	3	-	-	50	-	6	-	-	
JOHNSON, B.	16	-	8	-	-	16	-	8	-	-	
KELLY, K.	16	1	5	-	-	278	6	70	-	10	
KNIGHT, M.	-	1	-	-	-	1	6	1	-	-	
McGINTY, W.	10	2	3	-	-	10	11	3	-	-	
MORRIS, S.	-	1	-	-	-	3	5	-	-	-	
PETERS, B.	5	2	-	-	-	16	7	2	-	-	
RATHBONE, A.	15	1	-	-	-	15	1	-	-	-	
ROBERTS, M.	6	6	2	-	-	21	8	8	-	-	
SCOTT, A.	-	-	-	-	-	31	15	5	2	1	
SHAW, G.	3	5	1	-	-	15	6	3	-	-	
TAMATI, K.	17	2	1	-	-	17	2	1	-	-	
THACKRAY, R.	19	1	9	-	-	102	1	32	-	-	
WEBB, C.	18	1	3	-	-	90	16	11	-	-	
WORRALL, A.	-	1	-	-	-	67	34	2	-	-	
YATES, M.	-	-	-	-	-	22	1	1	-	-	

N.B. Friendlies such as Locker Cup etc. NOT included.



ANSWERS TO SUPPORTERS QUIZ

1. Bob Eccles
2. Hull K.R.
3. Des Foy (15)
4. Brian Carbert
5. Leigh (1981/82)
6. Div. Two Champions (1981/82)