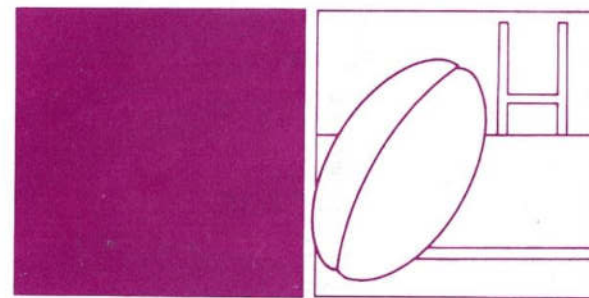


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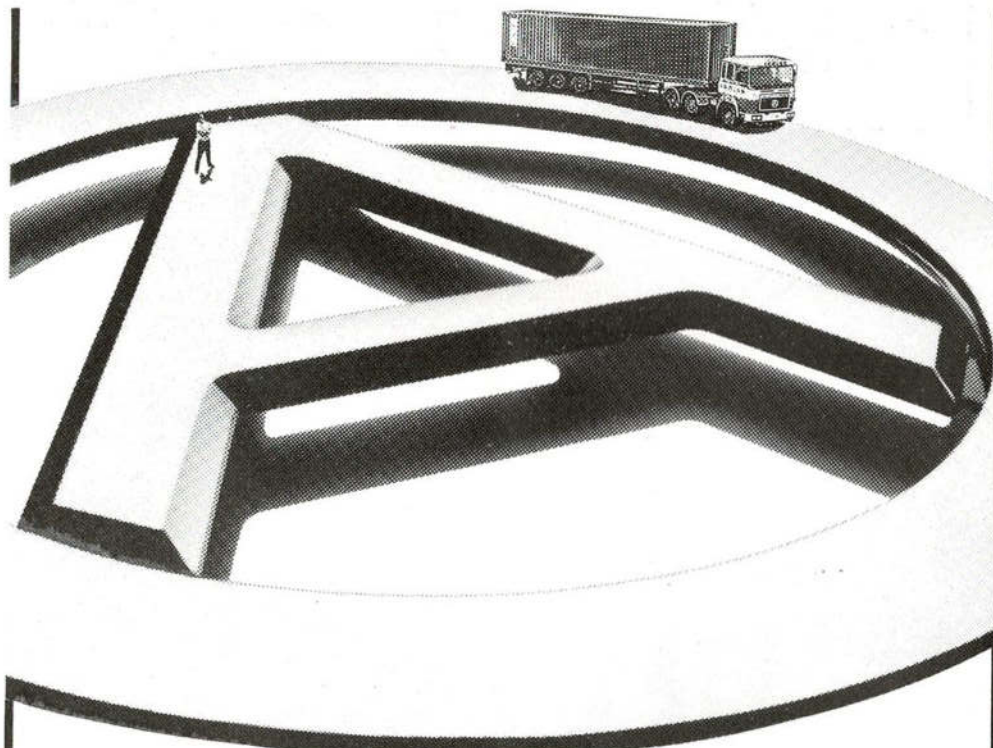
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Record Goal Scorer: Bernard Ganley, 224 goals, 1957-58 season

Record Point Scorer: Bernard Ganley, 28 points v Liverpool City, April 1959

First Game: 21st October, 1876 v Stalybridge

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Rugby League Championship Play-off Winners: 1909-10, 1910-11, 1956-57

Runners-up: 1906-07, 1907-08, 1908-09, 1921-22, 1954-55

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Rugby League Challenge Cup Winners: 1898-99, 1924-25, 1926-27

Runners-up: 1906-07, 1911-12, 1923-24, 1925-26

Lancashire Cup Winners: 1907-08, 1910-11, 1913-14, 1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-34, 1956-57, 1957-58, 1958-59

Runners-up: 1908-09, 1911-12, 1918-19, 1921-22, 1954-55, 1966-67, 19668-69

Lancashire Championship Winners: 1907-08, 1909-10, 1921-22, 1956-57, 1957-58

Runners-up: 1908-09, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1919-20, 1923-24, 1954-55

Lancashire Shield Winners: 1975-76, 1979-80

Colts Premiership Trophy: 1979-80



CLUB NOTES

A great deal has happened behind the scenes since our last game at Watersheddings on Boxing Day. The club was extremely active prior to the Silk Cut Challenge Cup signing deadline by transferring scrum-half Ray Ashton to Leeds and signing three players in 72 hours before cup registrations closed – Widnes full-back Mick Burke, Blackpool prop Hugh Waddle and the Yorkshire and Great Britain amateur international forward Mark Fairbank from Yorkshire open age amateur cup winners Elland. The club wishes Ray Ashton well in his new venture at Headingley and it goes without saying that Mick Burke, Hugh Waddle and Mark Fairbank come to Watersheddings with best wishes for a happy and successful stay at Oldham.

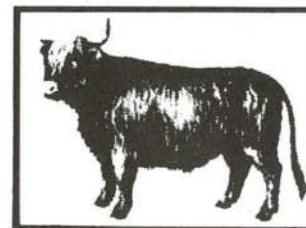
● Mick needs no introduction here. Suffice to say he is one of the best known, most experienced and most accomplished full-backs in the land, a player who has won every honour in the game, apart from a championship winners' medal, and one of the few to carry off both the Lance Todd trophy for the outstanding performance in the Challenge Cup final and the Harry Sunderland memorial award for 'man of the match' display in the Premiership final.

● Hugh is a former Burton-on-Trent RU player, who once had trials as a soccer player with Leicester City. He was in his fourth season at Borough Park, having already won one representative cap when he played for England against Wales at Ebbw Vale three years ago. Exactly one year to the day, in fact, from signing pro forms for Borough. Shortly before his England call-up he scored two tries here for Borough in their shock Lancashire Cup win over Oldham – a feat that was never forgotten by the Watersheddings management.

● Mark is the brother of two more professionals – Richard at Halifax and Karl at Bradford Northern. He is the son of former Leeds forward Jack Fairbank and shortly before he joined us he won the 'man of the match' award in Elland's Yorkshire Cup final triumph over Jubilee of Featherstone. Finally, congratulations to David Hobbs on winning back his place in the Great Britain side for last Saturday's Test demolition job on the French at Headingley.

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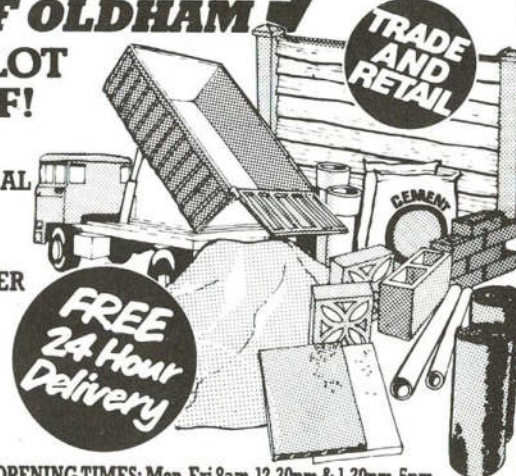
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TWO IN THE BAG, BIG-SPENDING WIGAN SET

Having won the Grunhalls Lancashire Cup by beating Oldham at St Helens last October and the John Player Special Trophy with that terrific performance over Warrington at Burnden Park, Bolton, three weeks ago, Wigan have made no real secret of their ambition to carry off all five major trophies this season under the command of the former New Zealand national coach Graham Lowe.

They are favourites to carry off the Silk Cut Challenge Cup at Wembley in May and they are handily placed in the First Division of the Stones Bitter Championship, currently in third place with a game in hand on leaders Warrington and two points behind.

Indeed, the Wires are the only side to have beaten Wigan this season. They are unbeaten in cup competitions and their two defeats in the first division have been at the hands of the Wire. No wonder victory was so sweet when Wigan topped Warrington to stay on course for a trophy grand slam at Burnden Park.

In the last few years Wigan have regularly captured the headlines by bringing star players from all over the world and paying out record transfer fees to snap up the best in the domestic game.

True to form, they stole the show again with a £130,000 swoop for scrum-half Andy Gregory from Warrington only hours before the cup deadline, and the side that will take the field today probably cost in the region of \$500,000 in transfer fees alone, and that not counting the cost of overseas men such as Dean Bell, skipper Graeme West and Ian Roberts, and the contracts of non-transfer men such as Steve Hampson, Martin Dermott and Shaun Edwards.

A measure of their standing in the game was the appearance of six Wigan players in the Great Britain side that met France last weekend - Lloyd, Gill, Stephenson, Hanley, Edwards and Goodway.

Defence forms an integral part of Wigan's game plan and the sheer attacking flair of players like Lydon, Gill, Hanley, Bell, Edwards and Gregory can do the rest. It is interesting to note, however, that in six home league games to date Wigan have conceded only 41 points while in nine games away from home they have let in their opponents for only 73 points, a record no other side can live with.

WIGAN PEN PICTURES

STEVE HAMPSON Full Back, 25. Signed in October 1983 from Vulcan R.U.F.C. after impressing for Wigan 'A' as a trialist. Missed out on a place in the 1984 and 1985 Challenge Cup Final teams due to injury but has forced his way back into the first team.

DEAN BELL Winger or Centre, 24. Current Kiwi test star. Rated the best centre in the world by coach Graham Lowe. This is his second spell in England, having represented Carlisle and Leeds during the 1982-83 and 1983-84 seasons. Played for Eastern Suburbs in Australia.

RAY MORDT Winger, 28. Top rate Springbok Rugby Union star who joined Wigan in December, 1985 along with fellow countryman Rob Louw. Made a promising debut at home to Swinton but a leg injury limited his first team appearances at the end of the season.

DAVID STEPHENSON Centre, 27. This ex-Fylde and England R.U. Under 19 star joined Salford in December 1978 and it soon became obvious that he was a player of great talent. Not surprisingly several teams showed interest when Salford agreed to let him leave but it was Wigan who acquired his services. For a then club record £60,000 in February 1982. Representative appearances: G.B. (4); G.B. Under 25 (5); Lancashire (6). Wigan player of the year last season.

JOE LYDON Utility Back, 22. A cup deadline signing from Widnes in January 1986 in a world record £100,000 cash deal, Joe began his R.L. career with Wigan St. Patricks A.R.L.F.C. Joined Widnes in August 1982 and 2 years later picked up the Lance Todd Trophy as his team defeated Wigan at Wembley. The same season he was named 'Man of Steel', Division One Player of the Year and Young Player of the Year. Representative appearances: G.B. (14, plus sub once); G.B. Under 24 (3), Lancashire (2). Toured Australia and New Zealand in 1984.

THREE TO GO - SIGHTS ON GRAND SLAM

HENDERSON GILL Winger, 25. Began his career with Bradford Northern Colts and turned professional for Bradford in 1978. Soon afterwards though he moved on to Rochdale for £9,000 and he remained at the Athletic Ground until Wigan signed him for £30,000 in October, 1981. Scored 3 tries on his G.B. debut versus France and also scored on his England debut versus Wales. Representative appearances: G.B. (9); G.B. Under 24 (1); G.B. Colts (2); England (1); Yorkshire (1). Was the club's top try scorer from 1981-82 to 1984-85 and played in Australia in 1985.

ELLERY HANLEY Stand Off, 25. This £150,000 rated G.B. star joined Wigan in September last year in a deal that saw Phil Ford and Steve Donlan (plus \$85,000) go to Bradford Northern. Representative appearances: G.B. (16, plus sub once); G.B. Under 24 (2), England (1), Yorkshire (2). Scored no less than 55 tries in the 1984-85 season and is currently rated the best centre in the world by 'Open Rugby' magazine. Toured Australia and New Zealand in 1984 and was Wigan's top try scorer last season.

SHAUN EDWARDS Scrum Half, 20. A former England School's Captain at both codes, he joined Wigan on his 17th birthday in October, 1983. In his first season he became the youngest player to appear in a Wembley Challenge Cup Final, the following season he became the youngest player to represent G.B. and last season he was named young player of the year. Representative appearances: G.B. (3, plus sub twice); G.B. Under 21 (2); G.B. Colts (2); Lancashire (1, plus sub once); Lancashire Colts (1). Also toured Australia with the B.U.S.C.A.R.L.A. squad in 1984. His father, Jackie played for Warrington.

MIKE FORD Scrum Half, 20. Signed on professional terms for Wigan in August 1983 after touring New Zealand with B.A.R.L.A. Under 19 squad. Previously he had played for the club as an amateur. He also represented Oldham St. Annes A.R.L.F.C. and was on the books of Oldham Athletic soccer club. Representative appearances: G.B. Under 21 (2); G.B. Colts (2); Lancashire Colts (1). Played in Australia in 1985 and was the Halbro super shooting star of 1985.

GRAEME WEST Prop or 2nd Row, 31. Captain. This 6'5", 15 stone plus giant joined Wigan on a 5 year contract worth around £60,000 in November 1982. Played for Taranaki in New Zealand and made his test debut v Australia in 1975. Captained his country to victory over Australia in 1983 and scored a crucial try. 18 test appearances and Wigan Player of the Year for 1983-84 and 1984-85.

MARTIN DERMOTT Hooker, 18. This hard-working youngster was signed from Wigan St. Patricks A.R.L.F.C. in November, 1984. Has represented both G.B. and Lancashire Colts team and looks set for a big future in the game.

BRIAN CASE Prop, 28. Signed from Warrington just one week before the 1983 John Player Trophy Final and played an important part in Wigan's win. Joined Warrington from amateur club Blackbrook during the 1974-75 season. Representative appearances: G.B. (4); G.B. Under 24 (3, plus sub once), England (1), Lancashire (2). Toured Australia and New Zealand in 1984.

IAN ROBERTS Prop, 21. Tough-tackling London born "Aussie" from South Sydney. Made his Wigan debut as substitute in the Lancashire Cup semi-final against St. Helens and took a share of the Man of the Match Award, topping the tackle count.

ROB LOUW 2nd row, 31. Wigan's other big name Springbok Rugby Union signing in December 1985. Has taken to the League game very quickly. Good ball handler and hard tackler.

IAN POTTER 2nd row, 28. International forward signed 3 times during his career by Alex Murphy. Began his professional career at Warrington during the 1975-76 season and stayed there until Leigh paid out a club record £50,000 for him in September 1981. Joined Wigan in February 1984 for a fee of around £20,000. Representative appearances: G.B. (7); G.B. Under 24 (4), England (2), Lancashire (4).

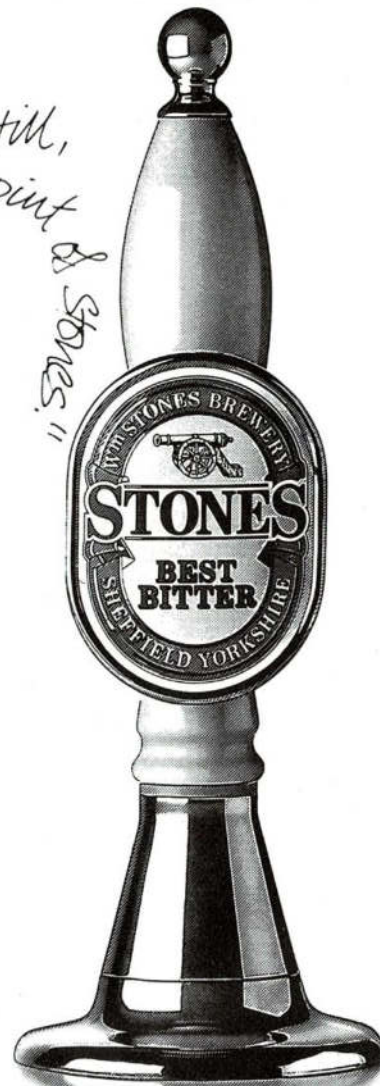
ANDY GOODWAY Loose Forward, 25. A then club record signing from Oldham in July, 1985. Andy toured 'down under' in 1984 and played in Australia in 1985. Joined Oldham from local Featherstone amateur side, Redhill in 1978. Representative appearances: G.B. (18); G.B. Under 24 (2); England (1); Yorkshire (1).

SHAUN WANE Prop, 22. Former Lancashire and England Schools' player who joined Wigan in November 1981 from Wigan St. Patricks A.R.L.F.C. Under 17's. Representative appearances: G.B. (2); G.B. Under 21 (3); G.B. Colts (3), Lancashire (sub once).

ANDY GREGORY Scrum Half, 25. A Wiganer who turned pro for Widnes, moved to Warrington and then arrived "home" at Central Park three weeks ago for a world record £130,000 fee.

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Big time Rugby League looks certain to return to Maine Road, Manchester, home of Manchester City in the near future. The recent success in staging the Oldham-Featherstone and Warrington-Barrow games on the heated pitch - one of the finest in the country - looks certain to be the forerunner of more games in the stadium that used to house Rugby League championship finals in the 1950's. Old Trafford, Burden Park, Elland Road, Boothferry Park and now Maine Road are all soccer grounds that seem certain to be staging major matches in the future, following the terrific success of the first Test against Australia at Old Trafford and the Wigan-Warrington John Player Trophy final at Burden Park three weeks ago.

Great Britain's record 52-4 win over France at Headingley last Saturday gave them two precious World Cup points and now gives them an excellent chance of qualifying for the final in Australia next year. The Headingley result gave Britain the highest score against France, beating the 50 scored by Britain at Leeds in 1959 and the 50 recorded at Headingley in 1985. The winning margin of 48 points was also a record, beating the 46 point margin recorded in that 1985 meeting. The record for most goals in a Britain-France Test is still held by Oldham's Bernard Ganley with ten at Wigan in 1957, though Joe Lydon came close last Saturday when he kicked eight goals at Headingley. His eight points and a try gave him 20 points - only one fewer than the record established by Lewis Jones at Leeds in 1957, equalled by Neil Fox at Wigan in 1963 and equalled again by Neil Fox at Leigh in 1964.

Holders Wigan are drawn away to Halifax or Castleford in the first round of the Colts Challenge Cup.

Preliminary round: Doncaster v Leigh; Halifax v Castleford.

First round: Leeds v Hull; Hull KR v Wakefield; Barrow v Hunslet; Doncaster or Leigh v Bradford; Featherstone v Sheffield; Halifax or Castleford v Wigan; St Helens v Huddersfield; York v Dewsbury.

In the first round of the Slalom Lager Alliance Challenge Cup, Oldham go to Featherstone and Wigan are drawn at home to Swinton Crusaders. The ties will be played on Saturday, 7th February unless mutually agreed otherwise.

Carlisle v Keighly; Workington v Batley; Huddersfield v Hull KR; Dewsbury v Salford; Wigan v Swinton;

Featherstone v Oldham; Hunslet v St Helens; Widnes v York; Castleford v Halifax; Bradford v Bramley;

Whitehaven v Warrington

Byes: Leigh, Hull, Wakefield, Barrow, Leeds.

Four amateur clubs competed in the Preliminary Round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup, but it was not a record for the competition. In between the two world wars, the First Round of the Cup rarely included fewer than four non-League clubs, with a peak of seven joining the seniors in 1919 and 1920. Even in 1946, there were five amateur teams in the First Round, and the last time there were as many as four was in 1948. The total of six Preliminary ties this year is also a long way off being a record. Up to 14 Preliminary Round ties were played in the early years of the century, dominated by non-League clubs. The last non-League club to knock-out a senior side from the Challenge Cup was Beverley who beat Ebbw Vale 7-2 in the First Round of 1908-09. The last time an amateur club beat a professional side in the Cup was Risehow and Gillhead who beat Keighly 10-2 in a First Round second leg match at Workington in 1947-48, but the Cumbrian club had lost the first leg 11-0 and went out on a 13-10 aggregate total.

Wigan's 18-4 defeat of Warrington at Bolton produced a record winning margin for the John Player Special Trophy Final. It had previously been shared by Widnes, who beat Warrington 16-4 in 1978-79 and Hull KR who beat Hull 12-0 in 1984-85. Wigan also equalled Warrington's record of three Final victories. The receipts of £86,065 from a crowd of 21,144 were also a record, beating the £69,555 for the Hull KR v Hull Final at Boothferry Park (Hull City A.F.C.) in 1984-85, which produced the record crowd of 25,326.

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of one of Oldham's best known and most respected Rugby League players of the post-war era. Terry O'Grady, a local lad who began his great career here at Watersheddings and then moved on to Warrington and Wigan, collapsed in the car park after watching the John Player Trophy final at Burden Park, at the age of 52. Terry joined Oldham from the old St Mary's club when he was only 16. By the time he was 19 he was selected for the trip to Australia, and he later played for Wigan at Wembley and played for Warrington on the opposite wing to the great Brian Bevan. On behalf of the club and all its supporters we pass on to Terry's family and loved ones our deepest sympathy and condolences.



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Castleford	17	6	0	3	199	122	6	0	2	163	121	24
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Widnes	17	7	0	2	252	144	3	0	5	138	172	20
Leeds	18	6	0	4	288	183	3	0	5	127	152	18
Bradford	17	4	0	4	162	119	5	0	4	190	175	18
OLDHAM	18	6	0	2	185	132	3	0	7	178	220	18
Hull K.R.	18	7	0	3	182	144	2	0	6	109	174	18
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Hunslet	19	9	0	0	248	73	9	0	1	252	69	36
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Whitehaven	18	9	0	0	234	69	4	0	5	114	133	26
Sheffield	19	6	0	3	188	109	5	0	5	229	203	22
Rochdale	16	6	0	2	154	79	4	1	3	133	133	21
Doncaster	16	3	1	2	144	94	7	0	3	176	160	21
Blackpool	17	4	0	4	124	118	6	0	3	185	138	20
York	18	5	0	5	246	204	4	0	4	126	122	18
Bramley	17	5	0	2	116	103	4	0	6	125	220	18
Runcorn	17	6	0	3	180	135	2	1	5	99	151	17
Carlisle	17	7	1	2	181	134	1	0	6	92	157	17
Batley	16	2	0	4	85	67	5	0	5	131	216	14
Huddersfield	21	2	0	8	164	231	4	0	7	176	297	12
Fulham	15	4	0	4	161	172	1	0	6	108	183	10
Dewsbury	17	4	0	6	139	156	1	0	6	74	181	10
Workington	17	3	0	6	167	175	1	0	7	71	233	8
Keighley	17	3	0	6	104	157	1	0	7	92	221	8
Mansfield	19	3	0	7	165	251	0	0	9	97	241	6

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	Opponents	Att.	F	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Aug 31	Leeds	4,621	14	12	Atkinson ITIG	M'Barki	Foy IT	Warnecke	Taylor	Topliss	Ashton 2DG	Jones	Flanagan	Clark	Hobbs 1G	Hawkyard	Worrall	Kirwan (10)	Nadirole (4)
Sept 3	Halifax (7-30)	4,869	14	20	Atkinson IT	Sherman	Foy	M'Barki	Taylor IT	Topliss	Ashton	Clark	Flanagan	Hobbs 3G	Hawkyard	Clawson	Worrall	Kirwan D.N.P.	Nadirole (12)
7	Warrington	4,000	18	22	Atkinson	Sherman	Foy	M'Barki IT	Taylor	Ashton	Kirwan	Clark IT	Flanagan	Hobbs 3G	Clawson	Hawkyard IT	Worrall	Edwards	Nadirole
14	Leigh L.C.C. 1	4,566	29	22	Atkinson	Sherman IT	Foy	M'Barki IT	Taylor	Topliss	Ashton	Clark IT	Flanagan	Nadirole IT	Clawson	Worrall 6G	Raper	Edwards	Hobbs 1DG IT
21	Hull K.R.	4,069	28	12	M'Barki	Sherman	Hawkyard	Warnecke IT	Taylor IT	Topliss	Ashton	Clark	Flanagan	Nadirole	Worrall 3G	Hobbs 1G IT	Raper IT	Edwards	Clawson
24	Workington L.C.C. 2	3,412	46	13	M'Barki IT	Sherman	Foy	Warnecke 2T	Taylor	Topliss	Ashton	Clark IT	Flanagan	Hobbs 7G IT	Nadirole	Worrall IT	Raper IT	Hawkyard	Clawson
28	Leigh (3-30)	4,000	12	40	M'Barki IT	Sherman	Hawkyard	Warnecke IT	Taylor	Bridge	Ashton	Clark	Flanagan	Hobbs 2G	Clawson	Worrall	Raper	Topliss	Casey
Oct 1	Widnes L.C.C. s/f	5,601	16	14	M'Barki	Sherman IT	Bridge	Warnecke	Edwards	Topliss	Ashton	Clark	Flanagan	Hobbs IT 4G	Nadirole	Worrall	Raper	Kirwan	Hawkyard
Oct 5	Widnes	3,875	22	16	Edwards	Sherman	Hawkyard	Warnecke IT	Atkinson IT	Topliss	Kirwan	Jones	Hall	Clark IT	Hobbs IT	Clawson	Worrall 3G	Ogburn	Casey
19	Wigan L.C.C. Final	20,180	6	27	M'Barki	Sherman	Bridge IT	Warnecke	Atkinson	Topliss	Kirwan	Clark	Flanagan	Hobbs 1G	Worrall	Nadirole	Raper	Hawkyard	Clawson
26	Wakefield T. (3-30)	2,740	54	10	Edwards	Sherman IT	Foy 3T	Warnecke 2T	Taylor	Topliss IT	Bridge	Jones	Flanagan	Clark	Hobbs 6G	Worrall 1G IT	Raper IT	Ashton IT	Hawkyard
Nov 2	Barrow	3,306	32	20	Edwards	Sherman IT	Foy	M'Barki	Taylor IT	Warnecke	Ashton IT	Clark	Flanagan	Clawson	Hobbs 6G IT	Worrall IT	Raper	Hawkyard	Nadirole
4	Australia (7-30)	5,678	16	22	Edwards	Sherman	Foy IT	Warnecke	M'Barki	Topliss	Ashton	Clark	Flanagan	Clawson	Worrall 3G	Hobbs 1G	Raper	Hawkyard IT	Nadirole
9	Hull K.R.	4,481	4	6	M'Barki	Sherman	Foy	Warnecke	Taylor	Topliss	Ashton	Clark	Flanagan	Clawson	Hawkyard	Nadirole	Worrall 2G	Edwards	Marsden
16	St Helens	5,752	17	18	M'Barki	Sherman IT	Foy IT	Warnecke	Taylor	Topliss	Ashton 1DG	Clark	Flanagan	Clawson	Worrall 2G	Hawkyard IT	Raper	Edwards	Nadirole
23	Bradford N. (3-30)	4,060	18	10	M'Barki	Sherman	Foy IT	Warnecke	Taylor	Topliss	Bridge	Clark	Flanagan	Clawson	Worrall IT 3G	Nadirole	Raper IT	Lowndes	Jones
30	Bradford N. (J.P.S.)	5,642	12	22	M'Barki	Sherman	Foy IT	Warnecke IT	Atkinson	Topliss	Bridge	Clark	Flanagan	Clawson	Worrall 2G	Nadirole	Raper	Ashton	Lowndes
Dec 14	Halifax	4,905	18	20	M'Barki	Sherman	Foy IT	Warnecke	Taylor IT	Topliss	Bridge IT	Jones	Flanagan	Clark	Worrall 1G	Hobbs	Raper IT	Hawkyard	Clawson
21	St Helens	6,821	6	28	Edwards	Sherman IT	Foy	Bridge	Taylor	Topliss	Ashton	Hobbs	Flanagan	Clawson	Worrall 1G	Hawkyard	Raper	Atkinson	Hall
26	Salford	4,011	34	18	M'Barki IT	Sherman	Foy IT	Bridge IT	Taylor	Topliss	Ashton IT	Clark	Flanagan	Clawson	Hobbs 1G	Worrall 4G	Raper IT	Edwards	Hall
Jan 1	Leeds	7,570	26	20	Bridge	Sherman	Foy	Warnecke IT	Taylor IT	Topliss	Ashton	Clark	Hall	Hobbs 3G	Flanagan 2T	Worrall	Raper IT	Nadirole	Clawson
4	Hull	4,895	16	20	Triallist	Sherman	Foy IT	Bridge IT	Taylor IT	Topliss	Ashton	Clark	Sanderson	Hobbs 2G	Worrall	Flanagan	Raper	Kirwan	Clawson
18	Featherstone	2,719	20	16	Burke IT	Sherman	Foy IT	Bridge IT	Taylor	Topliss	Kirwan	Clark	Sanderson IT	Waddell IT	Hobbs IT	Flanagan	Raper	Edwards	Clawson
21	Widnes	2,798	10	44	Burke 1G	Sherman	Foy	Bridge IT	Taylor IT	Topliss	Kirwan	Clark	Sanderson	Waddell	Clawson	Flanagan	Raper	Edwards	Nadirole
Feb 1	Silk Cut Cup (1)																		
8	Wigan																		
15	Silk Cut Cup (2)																		
22	Hull																		
March 1	Castleford																		
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29	Castleford																		
April 5	Barrow																		
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Barrow	■	18-14	14-24	12-23	16-17	24-6	16-23					12-34	36-13	16-18	8-16	
Bradford	36-20	■	12-7	41-2	6-12					18-18					27-11	10-20
Castleford	46-18	■	16-7	16-6	16-10	19-8	20-21	42-15	18-24	6-12						
Featherstone	16-18	■	16-15	18-12	11-11	50-16	16-6	8-44	22-19	14-48						
Halifax	20-4	12-16	■	28-16	24-18	23-8	20-14	18-8	20-15	13-16						
Hull	17-22	20-6	28-23	■	10-32	30-26					12-6					
Hull K.R.	12-30	26-11	14-0	29-4	■	35-20	6-4	4-35	22-11	18-0	6-23					
Leeds	4-12	33-12		42-7	■	28-12	20-26	46-10	20-40	46-4	16-54	35-6				
Leigh	5-9	6-12		29-28		20-8	■	40-12			22-17	18-20	6-33			
Oldham	32-20		20-16	18-20	28-12	14-12	■	34-18	17-18		22-16					
Salford	12-21	12-22		29-18	14-34	20-12	■	4-38		10-25	22-15	0-34				
St Helens			43-14	28-15	30-10		50-18	26-4	32-34	■	32-11					
Wakefield	14-14	22-32	12-40	1-29		14-28	6-42	10-54	19-16	■						
Warrington	24-30	28-26	38-10	43-10	20-4	22-18	42-14	28-18	■			23-12				
Widnes	28-11	14-30	23-20		26-8	35-10	44-10	16-11	18-14	■	16-22					
Wigan	18-6				34-7	31-0	42-12	42-10	4-6	■						

Appearances & Scorers

	APPS (inc. Subs.)	T	G	DG	PTS
ATKINSON, K.	7	3	1	—	14
BRIDGE, G.	13	7	—	—	28
BURKE, M.	2	1	1	—	6
CLARK, B.	23	3	—	—	12
CLAWSON, N.	21	1	—	—	4
EDWARDS, J.	14	—	—	—	—
FLANAGAN, T.	23	2	—	—	8
FOY, D.	19	12	—	—	48
HAWKYARD, C.	16	3	—	—	12
HOBBS, D.	19	6	43	1	111
JONES, W.	5	—	—	—	—
KIRWAN, P.	9	—	—	—	—
M'BARKI, H.	17	5	—	—	20
NADIOLE, T.	16	1	—	—	4
RAPER, S.	19	8	—	—	32
SANDERSON, I.	3	1	—	—	4
SHERMAN, P.	23	6	—	—	24
TAYLOR, M.	20	7	—	—	28
TOPLISS, D.	22	1	—	—	4
WADDELL, H.	2	—	—	—	—
WARNECKE, G.	16	9	—	—	36
WORRALL, M.	22	4	31	—	78
CASEY, L.	2	—	—	—	—
HALL, M.	4	—	—	—	—
LOWNDES, P.	2	—	—	—	—
MARSDEN, R.	1	—	—	—	—
OGBURN, J.	1	—	—	—	—
TRIALIST	1	—	—	—	—

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THE EDITOR TALKING

... On A Joint Record Buy

The signing by Oldham of Widnes and former Great Britain full-back Mick Burke equalled the club record transfer fee of £40,000 paid for David Hobbs to Featherstone two years ago. Hobbs came to Watersheddings only a short time before Andy Goodway moved to Wigan for £60,000, and it was in the knowledge that a sizeable fee was to be coming from the sale of Goodway that Oldham swooped for Hobbs. It is not the first time by any means that Oldham's search for a full-back has tempted them to pay out a good fee for a big name. Nor is it the first time that a recognised full-back has come to Watersheddings after serving his previous club for all his career.

In the early 1960's, Frank Dyson came from Huddersfield as player-coach. Like Burke, he was an international, and he was a big man. Under his control, Oldham won the Second Division championship and in the same season, 1963-64, reached the semi-final of the Challenge Cup where they took Hull KR to three games before slipping out. Taking the same path from Fartown to Watersheddings, over the hill came Brian Curry, another goalkicking full-back who arrived on the Watersheddings scene when Bernard Ganley was still more than just a name from the record books. Derek Whitehead, later to serve the Warrington club so wonderfully well over many years, was another full back buy from Swinton, not forgetting two other players who will be well remembered by the older Wigan fans, Stan McLeod and John Winton.

Winton, a South African, was an out-and-out full-back. McLeod could play equally well at stand-off or centre, but it is interesting to recall that when Oldham and Wigan met in the Lancashire Cup final of 1966, McLeod wore Oldham's No.1 shirt in a side that also included another ex-Central Park man in Jim McCormack (I'll wager he's a spectator here today!) and a Wiganer at loose-forward in Mick Mooney. Still, back to full-backs. Local lad Johnnie Noon had a long spell as Oldham's last line of defence, following Ganley and some years later there emerged a little lad from Tyldesley Colliery with a crop of ginger hair called Martin Murphy.

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In those days, Rugby League was packed with brilliant wingmen - Boston, van Vollenhoven, Bevan, McCormick, to name but a few. Cahill was not behind a fashionable side, either, but he fully deserved his selection for the 1954 tour party. Here at Watersheddings, wingmen like the late Terry O'Grady, John Etty and Dick Cracknell knew they would have to be on their toes when Rochdale Hornets were the visitors. Many years later, when I saw Murphy hauling down wingmen match after match, my mind often went back to the Athletic Grounds of my youth - just as it went back to Frank Dyson and the Oldham team of more than 20 years ago when Mick Burke crowned his Oldham debut with that bone-crunching challenge on Paul Lyman against Featherstone at Maine Road.

Here's hoping Mick will enjoy his first Watersheddings match in Oldham colours and go on to spend a happy and successful stint in red and white. The same applies, of course, to Hugh Waddell - but that's another story for another time.

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CAPTAIN'S TALE

by DAVID TOPLISS

Don't write us off in today's cup tie just because Wigan are the team of the moment and they beat us in the Lancashire Cup final. Wigan know they will get a hard game — and we won't disappoint them. We did well in our home matches in the Lancashire Cup and if we can rekindle the form that took us through to the final and enabled us to shake the Aussies, Wigan will certainly know they have a cup tie on their hands.

They have the most dangerous backs in the game, but I think if anyone can upset them we can.

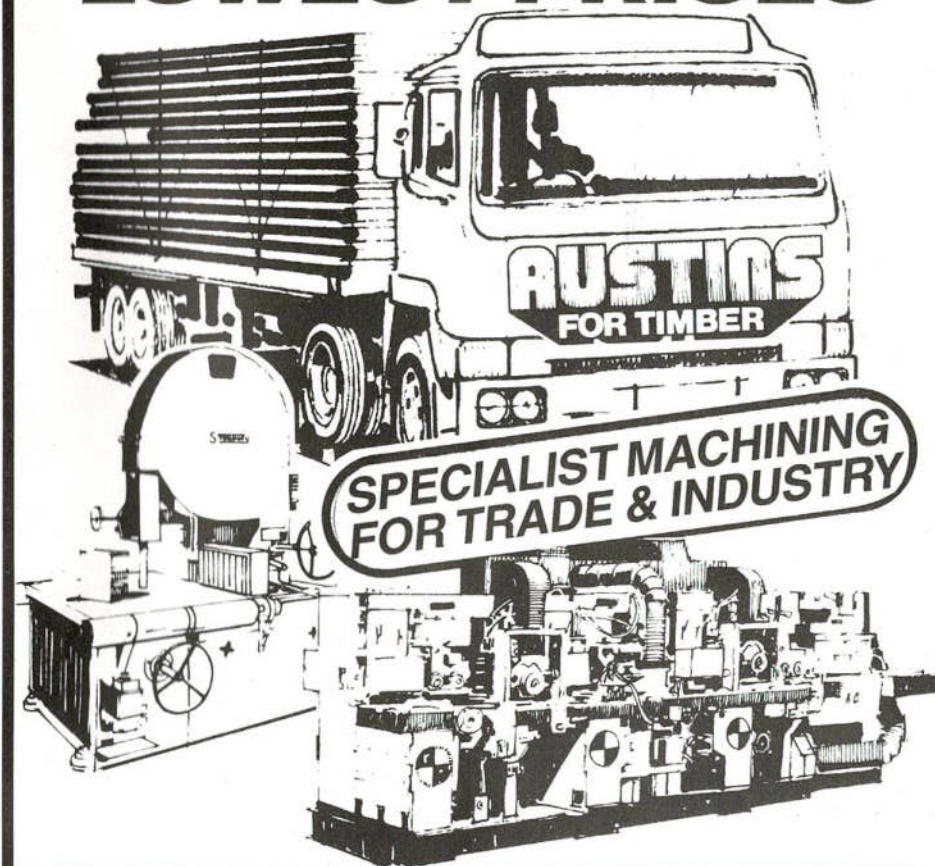
Cup ties are one off affairs, especially when the ultimate prize is Wembley, and reputations and past form count for little, as I discovered more than once when I was at Hull and we slipped up when we expected to walk it.

Wigan must start firm favourites on current form, but if we can start well I think we can take it from there. I know we had a bad result at Widnes but I think the result was a shock to our systems and I think it has wakened everyone up. It was one of those games and it has now been put to the back of our minds.

David Hobbs came through the Test match all right last Saturday and with a bit of luck we could have a full squad to choose from. The Oldham fans can rest assured that we have prepared well this week and we are going out there to do a professional job.

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