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SIGNINGS

The R.L. Tribunal completed the formalities of our signing DAVID LYON, full back, from Widnes. In season 85/86 David made two appearances for the Great Britain Under 21 side (against New Zealand and France) and was sub for the return game against France. He missed most of last season due to a broken leg.

Continuing our interest in promising amateurs our latest signing is 20 year old winger MICHAEL BACON from Thatto Heath top amateur club coach by Frank Barrow.

We welcome both players to the club and wish them every success in their career.

LISTINGS

Mark Forster at present on monthly contracts is listed at £75,000 whilst Paul Ford who is seeking first team rugby is on offer at £15,000. Mark is currently a G.B. International and Paul was good enough to keep Brian Johnson on the subs bench for the Premiership win in 1985/86.

EX-PLAYERS

An unhappy debut for Alan Rathbone at Leeds, the vice-captain left the field in the game with Leigh with a broken jaw.

Tony Hodson scored in his first game for Springfield Borough. Ian Duane has joined the ex Wires players at Springfield Park.

GRÜNHÜLLE LANCASHIRE CUP

Radio Manchester hosts the draw for Round Two of today's competition. Listen in at 8.45 a.m. tomorrow. Second Round ties will be played on Wednesday 23rd September. Semi finals on Wednesday 30th September and the Final on Sunday 11th October. 50 pairs of Stand tickets for the final are on offer to winners of the competition, details of which appear later in this programme.

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Tony Barrow



TODAY we make an early start to the Cup season with the first round of the Grünhülle Lager Lancashire Cup. On paper it is the easiest of the Trophies to win but in fact, the fierce competition between the Lancashire and Cumbrian based clubs makes the draw vitally important.

Our opponents, Oldham, were unlucky to be relegated last season following a dramatic end of season surge by Leigh and Salford who at one time looked certain for the drop. Oldham are not a second division outfit and will be smarting to prove quickly to their fans that they belong in the top ranks. The addition of Paul Round and Mal Graham to the pack adds both pace and scoring potential and as cup fighters we have only to look at last season's Challenge Cup shocker when in the dying moments of the game a Paddy Kirwan try ended Wigan's Wembley dream of a quick return trip. That was the only cup tie Wigan lost all season so it was no mean achievement. Oldham put in a terrific tackling stint that day and we can anticipate no less effort today.

Well satisfied with our opening performance in a highly competitive Locker Cup game, I was able to field practically the same side in our opening league fixture against Hunslet. I thought we countered well the visitors early tactics before going on to the offensive and running in some tries. We played as a team and the score is more important than the scorer. It was a luxury and great comfort to see both Bob Jackson and Les Boyd straining at the leash on the Substitutes bench. Subs are very much part of today's game both of necessity to cover for injuries and tactically to change the pattern of play.

The return of current Great Britain International No. 13 Mike Gregory from his summer in top Aussie football can only serve to increase the competition up front. Carl Webb who missed most of last season with a broken arm is now happily back in action and will be looking for first team opportunities along with last season's forward debutants Neil Harmon, Phil Capewell and Andy Mossop.

We have a proud record at Wilderspool of enhancing the performances of signings from the amateur ranks and continued progress in this field has not been ignored. Today's 'A' team stars can be tomorrow's internationals if they work at their game. It is no coincidence that so many of our young signings have reached top grade. It is sheer graft and hard work both by the individuals and the coaching staff. The Aussie/Kiwi influence has been a great bonus in recent seasons but the strength of British R.L. must come from the amateurs which means more coaching and advice in schools. We still have a lot to do.

NEXT AT WILDERSPOOL

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 1987

WIRE v. ST. HELENS

KICK OFF 3.00 p.m.

Round Two of today's competition will be played on Wednesday, 23rd September. The draw for ties can be heard on BBC Radio Manchester on Monday at 8.45 a.m.

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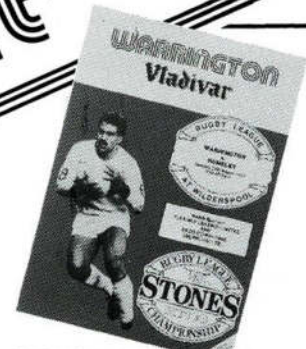
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Match Report



STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP - AT WILDERSPOOL SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 1987. WIRE 54 pts. HUNSLET 4 pts.

WIRE: Johnson, Drummond, Cullen, Peters, Ropati, Woods, Holden, Tamati, Roskell, Humphries, Sanderson, Roberts, McGinty. **Subs:** Jackson, Boyd.

HUNSLET: Kay, Bell, Tate, Irvine, Wilson, Coates, King, Mason, Sampson, Bateman, Platt, Bowden, Webb. **Subs:** Marson, Sykes.

Referee: R. Whitfield **Kick-off** 3 p.m.
For the first quarter Hunslet took on the Wire defence, employing spoiling tactics and pushing the offside rules to and beyond the limits. Wire did not panic and well led by Kevin Tamati gradually took over the game. Roberts, Tamati and Humphries worked the ball upfield and Roskell cleverly switched the ball to **ROBERTS** with McGinty drawing the cover. This lad knows the try line: **JOHN WOODS** converted. On 20 minutes Woods put up a kick from which **HUMPHRIES** gained possession and by sheer guts and determination took three defenders over the line. Crosfields would have been proud of him. **WOODS** again on target. Another three minutes and Wire were back again with Holden feeding **PETERS** for the centre to weave his way through a bemused defence to give **WOODS** another easy shot. Four minutes later it was **ROBERTS** again this time playing the ball forward and forcing his way through the cover, **WOODS** likes kicking goals at Wilderspool. On 34 minutes Holden, McGinty, Roskell, Peters and Ropati handled as Wire surged up the field. Woods found a gap for the persevering **HUMPHRIES** who completed the move under the posts, **WOODS** said thanks. 30 nil. Five minutes from the interval Wire were taken by surprise as Mr. Whitfield was explaining why he had given a penalty when the quick thinking **PLATT** tapped the ball and dived over. 30-4 was a fine achievement in a half constantly halted by the whistle and an 11-10 penalty count in favour of Wire.

Boyd replaced Tamati who had enjoyed a fine half and once again Hunslet dictated proceedings for a while as the run of the ball went in their favour. The No. 6 Coates looked like scoring when

Drummond appeared from nowhere to ground him with a brilliant cover tackle. This had the effect of putting Wire back on course. On 55 minutes Holden slipped the ball to **McGINTY** who scored cleverly. **WOODS** kept up the pressure. Three minutes later Woods with a brilliant burst of acceleration found space to send **ROBERTS** away for this third. **WOODS** added the goal. 42-4 and on fifty nine minutes Bob Jackson replaced Sanderson who had grafted throughout the game. Roskell sent McGinty away and the loose forward swerved around the defence to make **JACKSON'S** day for him with a two minute try. **WOODS** made it 48-4. With fifteen to go Tamati resumed as Roskell suffered a wrist injury. Uncharacteristically Woods missed a penalty which would have raised the half century but with a couple of minutes left the brilliant Holden cut through to send **TAMATI** in for a well earned try. **WOODS** booted home his ninth of the day and the Wire fans must have enjoyed their evening meal after this feast of fine attacking rugby. **Humphries** took the sponsors M.O.M. for a gutsy effort, he was pushed hard by **Holden**, always in the action and proving another Barrow bargain buy. Sheer poetry from Johnson at full back more promise from Peters at centre and another cultured display from John Woods, my Mr. Unflappable... Batemen and Platt served the visitors well but they had no answer to the pace and skills of a Barrow outfit benefitting from the gruelling pre-season training.

DATA:

Progressive score (Wire first): 6-0, 12-0, 18-0, 24-0, 30-0, 30-4 HT 36-4, 42-4, 48-4, 54-4.

Substitutions:

Wire: Boyd for Tamati 40. Jackson for Sanderson 59. Tamati for Roskell 64.

Hunslet: Sykes for Mason 30. Marsden for Bowden 34.

Scrums: Wire 12 Hunslet 8

Penalties: Wire 17 Hunslet 15

Attendance: 4,200



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Match Report



STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP - At Thrum Hall.
SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 1987. HALIFAX 10 pts WARRINGTON 19 pts

HALIFAX: Eadie: Taylor, Whitfield, Wilkinson, George: Wilson, Stephens: Dickenson, McCallion, Beevers, Dixon, Nellor, Pendlebury. **Subs:** Juliffe, Scott.

WIRE: Johnson, Drummond, Cullen, Peters, Ropati: Woods, Holden: Tamati, Roskell, Humphries, Sanderson, Roberts, McGinty. **Subs:** Jackson, Boyd.

Referee: J. Holdsworth. **Kick off:** 3 p.m.

Mention of Halifax sends opposing fans running for the waterproof thermals. We were not disappointed as the rain bucketted down on a good covering of grass making play treacherous. Bad news for Wire as after kicking off up t'hill Billy McGinty was substituted with only five minutes on the t'clock. Looking concussed Billy sadly walked off to allow Bob Jackson into the arena.

On 14 minutes Mark Roberts was stopped on the home line. Wire moved the ball to the left and **ROPATI** flew in at the corner. Whitfield missed two penalty shots before on 26 minutes Keith Holden dummied brilliantly to make space for fast backing up **MARK ROBERTS** who tore in under the posts making **WOODS** conversion a formality. Ten nil but Halifax came back on the half hour as Wilson kicked through for **WHITFIELD** (was he offside?) to gather and touch down. The same player converted. On 35 minutes, after Wire pressure, **HOLDEN** coolly dropped a goal to make the score 6-11. On 37 minutes Dixon who had twice been spoken to previously was lucky to escape with ten in the Bin for a rabbit punch on John Woods neck quickly followed by a punch on Mark Roberts. **WOODS** made the penalty kick tell and the half time score, 6-13.

McGinty returned for the injured Roberts. Some strong play from the home side and after

seventeen minutes into the second half **WHITFIELD**, a vastly improved player after his Aussie stint, cut through the Wire cover to score. No goal but the home side well in contention at 10-13. On 27 minutes it was Holden again who, helped by a Tamati push, broke through a tackle and found space to put **JOHNSON** away for a fifty yarder. **WOODS** found the conversion to his taste and Wire were clear at 10-19. Les Boyd came on for the last fifteen minutes of the game and succeeded in steadying Wire down at a time when they were looking a little ragged. Sadly he was holding that injured arm in the closing stages.

The Halifax heavyweights gave the Wire pack a searching test and it was pleasing to see McGinty come back for a fine second half. Barrow bargain buy of the year Keith Holden had another tremendous game but the brunt of this difficult game was carried on the shoulders of the pack in which **Tamati** was brilliant, well supported by his colleagues, **Bob Jackson** in particular. It is a comforting thought that Mike Gregory is fit and raring to go. He, the two Aussies and several of the 'A' team lads will be in this side before the seasons end. A good start and not many sides will win at Thrum Hall. Well done, lads.

DATA

Progressive score (Halifax first): 0-4, 0-10, 6-10, 6-11, 6-13, **HT:** 10-13, 10-19.

Substitutions:

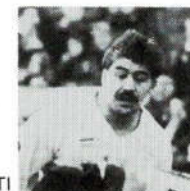
Halifax: Scott for Dickenson 56. Juliffe for Beevers 69.

Wire: Jackson for McGinty 5. McGinty for Roberts 40. Boyd for Sanderson 63.

Penalties: Halifax 10 Wire 9

Scrums: Halifax 8 Wire 5 (18 scrums)

Attendance: 5,820



KEVIN TAMATI



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Today's Games

GRÜNHALLE LAGER LANCASHIRE CUP ROUND ONE

THE draw for this season's competition was made during the Summer Sevens at Central Park, Wigan. The competition is in its second year of sponsorship by the Greenall Whitley Brewery.

Holders and clear favourites for this year's Lancashire Cup are **WIGAN** who are required to travel to **BARROW** in their first defence of the trophy. Barrow already look a decent bet for promotion having lowered Featherstone's colours in the opening league fixture. Undoubtedly plenty of effort from the Cumbrians who will benefit from the experience of top Aussie Rod Reddy who has been encouraged back into action after a spell of coaching in Queensland. They would need a team of Reddy's to hold back the fast moving Wigan side.

Top tie of the round is the **LEIGH** versus **ST. HELENS** encounter at Hilton Park. Leigh coach Bill Benyon will be wanting to win this one and will have his side fired up for the occasion. Murphy will be no less competitive and whilst admiring Leigh's miraculous survival last season and a double against Wire, Saints have the edge in class and pace.

RUNCORN could hardly find a closer derby game than to meet **WIDNES** who could jog across the Transporter as a warm up to the match. Ex-Wires Tommy Rawlinson scored Runcorn's winning try in a fine opening day victory at Rochdale but Widnes will be looking to a wide margin of victory and further progress in the competition.

SALFORD have once again drawn **FULHAM** at the Willows, no doubt with a sigh of relief at avoiding a loss making London trip. Unlike previous tussles I would expect Salford to run up a high score.

Newly promoted **SWINTON** entertain **ROCHDALE HORNETS** and once again this is a

clash I can see going one way only. The Lions of Swinton will have smiled rather than snarled at this accommodating draw and will welcome the temporary respite from First Division pace and power.

There always seems to be a Cumbrian clash in the first round and this year is no exception with **WHITEHAVEN** taking on **CARLISLE**. Both sides began this season with a defeat against last season's first division opposition — showing once again the gulf between the leagues (Whitehaven lost at home to Oldham and Carlisle took a drubbing away to Wakefield). Last season Carlisle were massacred by St. Helens in round one but Roy Lester did an excellent job in restoring their shattered confidence and ensuring a respectable finishing spot in division two. Whitehaven probably felt unlucky to miss promotion and should make home advantage pay to take this one.

Struggling **WORKINGTON** have the newly named **SPRINGFIELD BOROUGH** as their visitors. The ex Blackpool outfit will be hoping to include Bob Eccles and Tony Hodson in their line-up. Both made good debuts on 30th August, Hodson scoring a try and Bob paving the way for the match winner. Enthusiasm should carry them through even though it would be great to see a Workington revival.

Finally at Wilderspool **WARRINGTON** entertain last season's runners-up **OLDHAM** who were desperately unlucky to be relegated on points difference and will hope to put the record straight by returning to the top ranks at the first attempt. They cannot be under estimated, having had the technology to put Wigan out of the Challenge Cup last season. Wire reached two finals last season and will be looking to make the Lancashire Cup their first honour of the new season...

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Bert's View

Another addition to R.L. history

Thursday 27th August 1987 will go down in Rugby League history books as the first occasion on which the Rugby League Tribunal sat to determine the value of a player.

Ged Byrne, the Salford centre three quarter had rejected the terms offered to him by his club under the new contract system. In accordance with the new procedure Byrne was entitled to enter into an agreement with another club. The club, on this occasion Wigan, agreed terms for a contract with the player, registered him as their player and in accordance with the procedure within seven days offered compensation of £20,000 to Salford. Salford's valuation of the player was considerably higher, at £80,000. The matter was therefore referred to the Tribunal — a committee of individuals without club ties or commitments whose decision is binding — without right of appeal. In this case the compensation was assessed at £40,000 and Byrne thus became the first R.L. player so assessed.

Warrington's interest in the Tribunal arrived on Tuesday 1st September when the player concerned, David Lyon, the former

Widnes full back was assessed at £12,500. Wire had offered £10,000 against Widnes' evaluation of £20,000.

Prior to the start of the current season all clubs were required to enter into contracts with the players they desired to retain. The contracts are for a specified period of time in excess of one month but if no time is stated the contract terminates at the end of the season.

Procedures are laid down for players not able to accept the terms offered, the effect of which is that their names are circulated to all clubs. Any club is entitled to negotiate an agreement with the player and register him as theirs. The compensation procedure then follows and if no agreement the referral to the Tribunal whose decision as previously stated is binding on both clubs.

Matters taken into account by the Tribunal include the player's age, experience, reputation, potential, emoluments received at previous club, the offer made to him, esteem in which held at previous club, Division status, previous transfer fees paid, signing on fees paid, Divisional status of signing club.

It follows that clubs cannot take a referral to the Tribunal lightly and are well advised to try to determine the likely outcome before becoming committed. A club seriously undervaluing a player could well burn its fingers.

The Contract system should give the player a better deal. Hitherto he was often signed as young and inexperienced from the amateur game on terms which at that time might well have been attractive. He was committed to that agreement although his status, ability and valuation might well have soared. Inflation could have seriously devalued his original terms.

The club is entitled to more loyalty from the player and can include reasonable requirements to the new contract. The old ploy of 'staying away' should, hopefully, disappear.



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LANCASHIRE CUP

Flashback

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Second Round 19.9.82.

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WIRE: Finnighan (1T): Thackray, R. Duane, Hesford (5G), Phil Ford: Cullen, Rawlinson: Courtney, O'Mahoney, Cooke, Eccles, Chisnall, M. Gregory (1T), **Subs:** Paul Ford, Fieldhouse.

OLDHAM: Taylor, Vigo, Foy, Caffrey, McEwen (1T), Parrish (4G), Ashton: Hogan, McCurrie, Alexander, Worrall, Goodway, Platt. **Subs:** Kirwan (1T), Mordell.

Half-time: 9-6 **Attendance:** 3,876 **Referee:** F. Robinson.

Due to the lack of floodlighting at Wilderspool — a legacy of the stand fire — this Lancashire Cup tie took place four days later than other games of this second round, the arrangements being possible due to Oldham's co-operation.

A tense first half produced just one try, Cullen sending Finnighan over in the corner in a move straight from the scrum. The rest of the first half scoring was completed by contributions from the respective boots of Hesford and Parrish.

The game opened up a little after the break, although it was late in the proceedings when it really came to life. McEwen crossed for Oldham whilst the excellent Mike Gregory rounded off a fine personal performance by taking a try from a Rawlinson pass. At 16-9 with less than ten minutes to go Wire looked comfortable. Two minutes from time the visitors broke clear, Kirwan dropping Hogan's pass, but the ball catching his foot and rolling towards the Wire's line. Kirwan reached the ball first to touch down with Parrish's touchline conversion leaving Wire to sweat out the dying seconds. New signing Tony Cooke took the Man of the Match award.

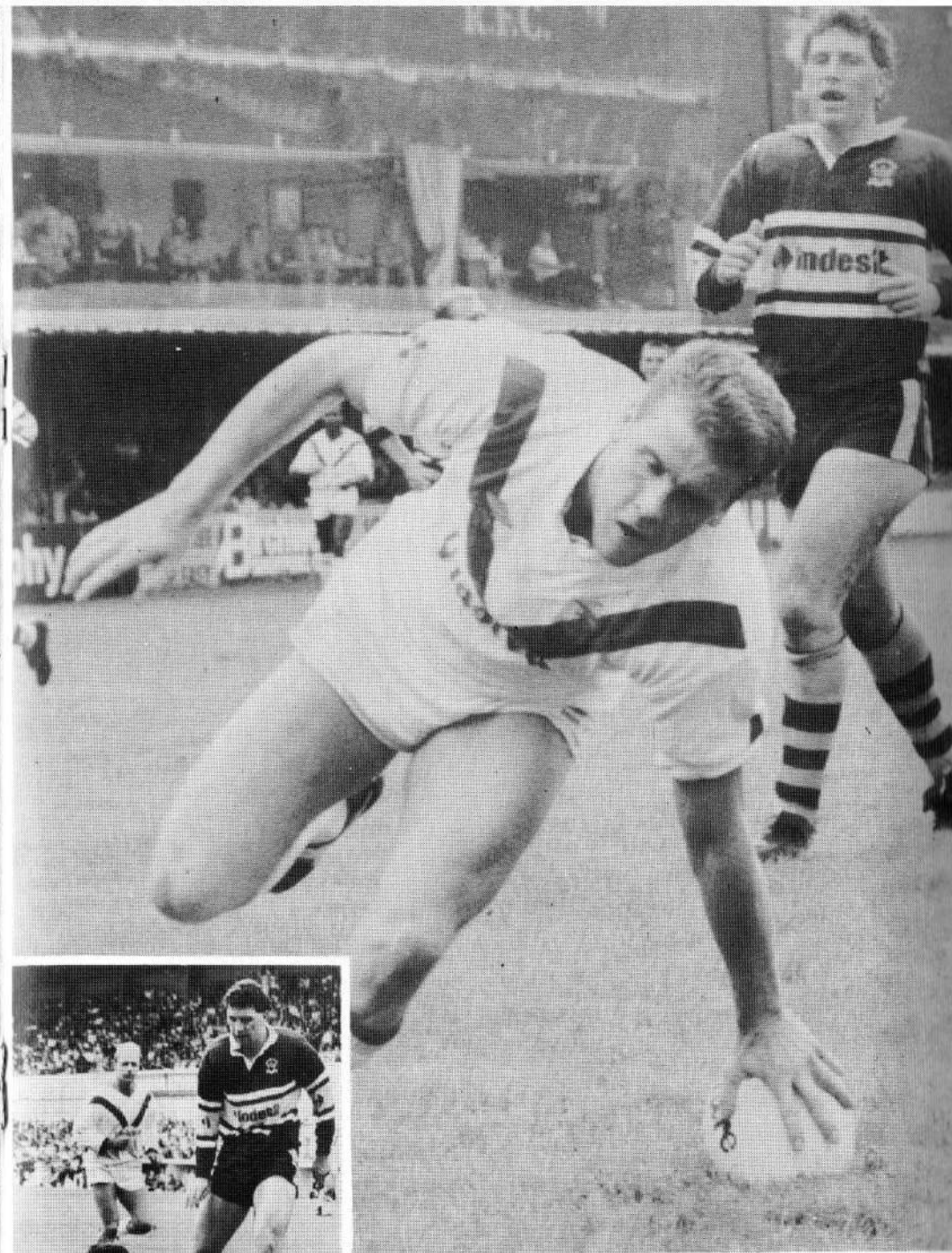
Progressive score (Wire first): 0-2, 2-2, 5-2, 5-4, 7-4, 9-4, 9-6. HT 11-6, 11-9, 16-9, 16-14.



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Action

WIRE v HUNSLET



TOP LEFT: Tony Humphries on the way. BOTTOM LEFT: Billy McGinty touchdown. TOP RIGHT: Barry Peters escapes the cover. BOTTOM RIGHT: One of three for Mark Roberts. (Courtesy of the Warrington Guardian).



LEFT:
Bob Jackson, two minutes
on the field and under the
posts.
BELOW:
Skipper Kevin Tamati winds
up the scoring.



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1. Who won the man of the match award in last seasons Grünhalle Lager Lancashire Cup?	☐ Mick Ford ☐ Graeme West ☐ Brian Case
2. Which of the following clubs have never won the Lancashire Cup?	☐ Workington ☐ Whitehaven ☐ Barrow ☐ Swinton
3. Which player once kicked 7 goals in a Lancashire Cup Final?	☐ Ray Dutton ☐ Jim Sullivan ☐ Steve Hesford
4. Who scored 112 points in a first round Grünhalle Lager Lancashire Cup tie last season?	☐ Wigan ☐ St. Helens ☐ Warrington
5. Which of the following participants is in the "County of Lancashire"	☐ Blackpool ☐ Barrow ☐ Rochdale

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MATCH FACTS

The last meeting at Wilderspool League Div. One. 7th Sept. 1986.

WARRINGTON 22 OLDHAM 18

WIRE: Johnson, Meadows, Forster (1T), R. Duane (1T), Thackray: Bishop (5G), A. Gregory: Capewell, Webb, Jackson, Eccles, Rathbone, Sanderson. **Subs:** Kelly, Humphries (1T).

OLDHAM: Atkinson, Sherman, Foy, M'Barkie (1T), Taylor: Ashton, Kirwan: Clark (1T), Flanagan, Hobbs (3G), Clawson, Hawkyard (1T), Worrall. **Subs:** Edwards, Nadirole.

Half-time; 8-12 **Att:** 4,393. **Ref:** J. McDonald

LANCASHIRE CUP TEN YEAR COMPARISON

Season	WIRE	OLDHAM
1977/8	Semi-final	1st Rd.
1978/9	2nd Rd.	1st Rd.
1979/80	Semi-final	2nd Rd.
1980/1	WINNERS	Semi-Final
1981/2	1st Rd.	1st Rd.
1982/3	WINNERS	2nd Rd.
1983/4	Semi-final	2nd Rd.
1984/5	1st Rd.	1st Rd.
1985/6	RUNNERS UP	1st Rd.
1986/7	2nd Rd.	RUNNERS UP

On both occasions within the last ten years when Warrington have won the Cup they defeated Oldham along the way ...

have a point to prove. He once scored a five timer in a trial game for Oldham before Tony Barrow signed him at the back end of season 85/6. Kevin's co-partner in those signings Steve Peters will probably figure at No. 6, having recovered from last season's leg injury sustained at Hull K.R. He will partner Paddy Kirwan one of the games best No. 7's whose last season will be long remembered at Wigan for that last gasp try which ended the prima donas Wembley hopes. Up front Mick Worrall has been filling in at prop alongside hooker Ian Sanderson and Ian Sherratt last season's signing from Bradford with Hobbs making the opposite trip. New £65,000 signing Paul Round and coach Mal Graham will make up the second row with GB International Terry Flanagan at 13. Neil Clawson ex Featherstone and Colin Hawkyard also compete for forward places. Oldham will be strengthened later this month by the arrival of Peter Walsh and Aussie stand off from Newcastle and hopefully Brian McArthur a Sydney/ Canterbury centre/wing threequarter.

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIAL



Cliff Hodgson

With a new coaching team of Eric Fitzsimmons, Mal Graham and Ian McCorquodale and departures of such players as David Topliss (now coach at Wakefield) Hussein, M'Barki, David Hobbs, Mike Taylor, Ray Ashton and Hugh Waddell, Oldham will surely have a new look this season. Mich Burke, signing from Widnes has been missing from early games in which goal kicker full back Keith Anderson has made his presence felt with eleven goals in his first two games. Centres Mick Parrish and the speedy Des Foy are still available and teenage winger Richard Irving has shown early promise. Jeff Edwards and pre-season signing from Wire, Kevin Meadows will also be in contention for threequarter positions. Kevin scored 15 tries in his thirty full games for Wire and will

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LANCASHIRE CUP 1st ROUND v. OLDHAM SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 1987

WELCOME

In town today we welcome supporters from Oldham, justifiable favourites to win the Second Division Championship. After a traumatic end of last season, Oldham are expected to show all the attacking qualities to get back into the big League, today's games should prove a pointer to see if the men from Watersheddings are getting it right.

LANCASHIRE CUP REVIEW

Today's first round clash teams up the runners-up in the last two Lancashire Cup Finals. Oldham's moment of glory in the Final, their first representation there for almost 20 years, was short lived, as they faded in the second half, to a Wigan onslaught. It seems ironic that the only two league teams to beat Wigan last season were to succumb to them in a major final!

One has to go back to 1958, in the record books, to find the last time that Oldham's name was inscribed on the trophy. The late Fifties were probably the first period within Oldham's history — names like Davies, Etty, Pitchford and Ganley tear into the opposition whenever they played. Unfortunately those days are gone, for the time being, and Oldham fans still await Lancashire Cup Final victory number ten. To progress today, Oldham will have to break a hoodoo on them, here at Wilderspool for they have never lowered the primrose and blue colours at Warrington in a Lancashire Cup tie. All six previous clashes here have gone to the Wires: 1906 10-2, 1948 55-0, 1953 12-11, 1964 19-4, 1965 21-10, 1982 16-14. Victory today for either

side will be a second round tie, a week on Wednesday, and the chance to pick up extra sponsorship cash, to the losers it will be worse than getting "grabbed by the Grünhalls'!!"

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AWAY DAY

Watch the Wire away. You can book on Supporters' coaches only by ringing 39842 or seeing Barbara Johnson at the Souvenir Shop — don't be disappointed — book early.

PLAYER OF THE MATCH

Tony Humphries picked up eight points, to lead in the Supporters Club Player of the Year. If you are a member you can cast your individual vote on a voting form — see committee for details. Votes are taken at each match on a 3-2-1 basis. Bob Jackson, (welcome back) was last season's winner.

QUIZ TEAM

The Supporters' Club are looking for anyone interested in taking part in an annual sports quiz knock-out. The quiz will be on general sport and not just Rugby League — more details will be in the St. Helens programme.

WELCOME BACK

Finally a welcome back to the "on loan" boys Meadows and Peters — they will both want to prove us wrong in letting them go.

Did you know that Kevin Meadows once scored five tries in a match for Oldham — at Salford in April 1984.

Thanks,
Stan P.R.O.

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Ken Kelly



Continuing a series of articles in recognition of Ken Kelly's ten years and over three hundred games for Warrington. An informal chat with BEE GEE.

Have you any special memories from your time at Wilderspool?

Coming to Wilderspool was special, particularly after being out of the game for twelve months.

The first Lancashire Cup success when I was in my first season as captain. I didn't have a great game but the thrill of lifting that trophy will long be remembered.

Every success in cup ties is special. Being made Club Captain by Bill Benyon to replace Parry when his marvellous playing career was running down, that was a terrific thrill.

My 'Man of Steel' Season when everything was going right until we lost in the Semi Final of the Challenge Cup. That was the third most successful season in the Club's history. I went to Wembley with Saints in '72 but never as a Wire player, obviously that is a disappointment.

You had something going on the field with Bob Eccles in season 1982/83?

Yes, that was Kevin Ashcroft's idea. When a player was tackled near to the opponents line, I was the acting halfback to the man playing the ball. Eccles stood behind me. I put my hand on the ball and rolled it back through my legs to Bob. I went left, Bob went right and usually scored. The acting halfback should be five yards away from the ball. Some Referees warned us before the game that the move would not be allowed. Bob got a few tries from it. Kevin has tried it on since at Salford but it was quickly rumbled and is now history.

Your have also had some 'lows' in the game?

Yes, my trial at Wilderspool. In the fourth game I broke my arm. That was a real sickener. I didn't tell anyone about the arm but went home. Later I phoned Alex Murphy up and said I would have to wait until it's mended then have another trial. Alex said 'Don't worry, we'll sign you anyway.' The next season I broke my arm again but I was happy to be back in the game.

You've had your differences with Referees?

Yes, mostly for arguing. To the spectators it is silly but it's the way you are made. I have always had great determination to win. Just playing is not enough. Last season in an 'A' team match we were winning 52 nil and I found I was still telling the Referee when he made a mistake. I can understand McEnroe, we get fired up by striving for perfection and these things rankle.

There are also players who deliberately set you up. I was told before one match at Saints that I would get sent off. The player was right — he succeeded and I fell for the nine card trick.

Once Kevin Allatt sent me off at St. Helens after a running discussion between us throughout the game. The game was tight, I was fully wound up and eventually Mr. Allatt had had enough. I had to go. I was starting to walk when I saw Pinner taking advantage of the situation and fly towards our line from a quick tap. Not thinking I dashed over and tackled him. Mr. Allatt came over and said, "I've sent you off." I said "Sorry ref, I thought you were pointing for me to get back ten yards. I left the field but Wire went on to win the game."

To be continued . . .

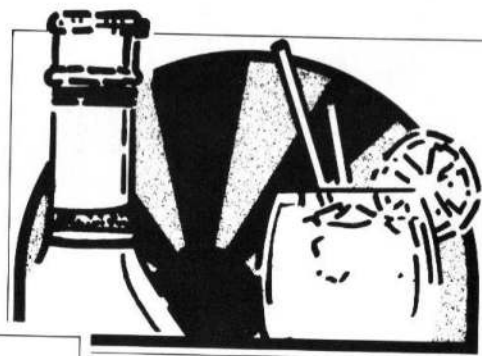


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SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE - FIRST DIVISION. FRIDAY 28th AUGUST 1987 HUNSLET 'A' 20 pts. WIZARDS 12 pts.

WIZARDS: Lyon: Bacon, Abram, Ford, Thorniley: Turner, Crompton: Boyd, Webb, Harmon, Jackson, Capewell, Knight. **Subs:** Forster, Thursfield.

Wizards fielded a strong side at McLaren Field, Bramley with Les Boyd and Bob Jackson having an early run to acclimatise. A niggly bad tempered game with the officials well aware of their roots. Despite this, Wizards with a little steadiness could have taken an early lead as Boyd and Mark Knight made breaks which should have brought success. In the event Hunslet went ahead when No.13 Rowse struck home a penalty goal. With Wizards out of sorts full back Penola cut through the visiting defence to send centre Rudd in for a fine try which Rowse converted. Sadly the aggro continued and following a scrum collapse the official added to his memoirs by despatching Les Boyd to the Sin Bin. Hunslet took advantage and Rowse scored then added the conversion to give the home side a healthy 14 nil lead. Rowse added another penalty for obstruction shortly before the interval. Wizards were not combining well and the tackling left much to be desired. On paper they had the ammunition, on the field they were firing blanks.

Mr. Barrow had seen enough to blow a gasket and in the second period Wizards got their act together with **Mark Knight** scoring near the posts to give **Paul Ford** an easy conversion. The pressure was maintained and Neil Harmon cleared the visitors line to send **Tony Thorniley** away on a sixty yard run to score wide out, bringing the score back to 16-10. With the niggly play continuing Hunslet's No. 11 Nicholl went to the Bin for trying to fight the entire Wizards side. **Paul Ford** struck home the resultant penalty and with 15 minutes to go Wizards were only four points adrift. Two penalties to the home side made the score 20-12 and Wizards runners up last season were off to a bad start. Neil Harmon, Mark Knight, Martin Crompton and Les Boyd were the pick of the Wizards side. We'll have better days (or nights).

FRIDAY 4th SEPTEMBER - WIZARDS 60 pts. HALIFAX 'A' 26 pts.

WIZARDS: Lyon, Bacon, Abram, Thorniley, Forster: Turner, Crompton: Boyd, Webb, Harmon, Jackson, Knight, Gregory, M. **Subs:** Thursfield, Percival.

Wizards first home game of the season provided a feast of good football for the faithful. After five minutes **FORSTER** flew in at the corner. No goal but **TURNER** added a penalty for offside minutes later. On 11 minutes **CROMPTON** dummied cleverly from the scrum to score from 35 yards, easy for **TURNER**. (12 nil). Next Jackson fed **ABRAM** with a perfect pass to touch down and three minutes later **THORNILEY** charged down a clearance kick, followed up and scored. **TURNER** converted from the touchline (22 nil). The visiting No. 6 kicked ahead for the No. 4 to score a converted try (22-6). A wide pass found **FORSTER** who proved why he is the fastest player in RL with a flyer. A super Bacon run had the crowd on its feet before **MIKE GREGORY** completed the first half with a hard won try. (30-6).

Boyd and Jackson had got the nod for First team subs and were replaced by Thursfield and Percival. It was Halifax who re-opened the scorebook when a loose ball was touched down, the No. 3 kicking a fortuitous goal. Crompton and Harmon tore away to feed Abram who unselfishly sent **THORNILEY** clear to score under the posts **TURNER** made it 36-12. Halifax's full back, Yorkshireman Mario Chercione, was next on the score sheet but eleven minutes into the second half Crompton broke once more from the scrum to send **BACON** slicing his way through the cover. This lad is an instant hit with the fans, pace, guts and determination. Two more tries from **THORNILEY** and a late one from **MARK KNIGHT** with superb conversions from **TURNER** and two tries and a goal from Halifax completed the night's entertainment. An excellent display with Turner dominant with the boot and clever with his passes, Thorniley and Forster a lethal partnership and Knight and Harmon pushing the more obvious choices for those subs spots. Mr. Barrow has a wealth of talent waiting in the wings.

Warrington R.L.F.C.

Up to and including HALIFAX away on 6.9.87.

WARRINGTON R.L.F.C. APPEARANCES TRIES AND GOAL SCORERS

SEASON 86/87						ALL SEASONS					
PLAYER	APP.	SUB.	TRIES	GOALS	D/GLS.	APP.	SUB.	TRIES	GOALS	D/GLS.	
ABRAM, D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
BISHOP, P.	-	-	-	-	-	57	7	26	169	30	
BOYD, L.	-	2	-	-	-	58	2	18	-	-	
CAMPBELL, R.	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	1	-	-	
CAPEWELL, P.	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	
CARBERT, B.	-	-	-	-	-	75	2	34	118	-	
CROMPTON, M.	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	
CULLEN, P.	2	-	-	-	-	127	3	24	-	-	
DRUMMOND, D.	2	-	-	-	-	19	-	8	-	-	
DUANE, R.	-	-	-	-	-	129	8	45	28	-	
FORD, P.	-	-	-	-	-	80	15	5	65	7	
FORSTER, M.	-	-	-	-	-	111	8	49	-	-	
GREGORY, M.	-	-	-	-	-	115	15	29	-	-	
HARMON, N.	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	
HOLDEN, K.	2	-	-	-	1	11	-	2	-	1	
HUMPHRIES, A.	2	-	2	-	-	10	10	4	-	-	
JACKSON, R.	-	2	1	-	-	105	2	20	7	1	
JOHNSON, B.	2	-	1	-	-	68	2	39	-	-	
KELLY, K.	-	-	-	-	-	301	15	73	-	10	
KNIGHT, M.	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	1	-	-	
LYON, D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
McGINTY, W.	2	-	1	-	-	21	23	5	-	-	
MORRIS, S.	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	-	-	-	
MOSSOP, A.	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	
PETERS, B.	2	-	1	-	-	25	8	5	-	-	
ROBERTS, M.	2	-	4	-	-	67	10	30	-	-	
ROPATI, J.	2	-	1	-	-	34	1	20	-	-	
ROSKELL, M.	2	-	-	-	-	13	-	1	-	-	
SANDERSON, G.	2	-	-	-	-	32	6	3	-	-	
SCOTT, A.	-	-	-	-	-	31	15	5	2	1	
TAMATI, K.	2	-	1	-	-	66	6	4	-	-	
THORNILEY, A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
WEBB, C.	-	-	-	-	-	95	16	12	-	-	
WOODS, J.	2	-	-	12	-	2	-	-	12	-	
WORRALL, A.	-	-	-	-	-	71	34	3	-	-	

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 Sun. 20th St. Helens H
 Wed. 23rd 2nd Rd. Lancs. Cup
 Sun. 27th Castleford A
 Wed. 30th Semi Final Lancs Cup

OCTOBER

Sun. 4th Hull K.R. H
 Sun. 11th Swinton/Lancs. Cup Final ... A
 Sun. 18th Bradford N.(Yorks Cup Final) H
 Sun. 25th
 Tue. 27th Auckland (7.30)

NOVEMBER

Sun. 1st Hull K.R. A
 Sun. 8th Halifax H
 Sun. 15th John Player Cup 1st Rd.
 Sun. 22nd John Player Cup 2nd Rd.
 Sun. 29th Hull/John Player Cup 3rd Rd.

DECEMBER

Sun. 6th Swinton H
 Sun. 12th John Player Cup 1st Rd. S/F A
 Sun. 13th St. Helens A
 Sat. 19th John Player Cup 2nd S/F
 Sun. 20th
 Sun. 27th Widnes A

JANUARY

Fri. 1st Wigan H
 Sun. 3rd
 Sat. 9th Hunslet A
 Sun. 17th Castleford H
 Sun. 24th Wigan A
 Sun. 31st Challenge Cup 1st Rd.

FEBRUARY

Sun. 7th Leeds H
 Sun. 14th Challenge Cup 2nd Rd
 Sun. 21st Bradford N A
 Sun. 28th Hull Chall. Cup 3rd Rd. W

MARCH

Sun. 6th
 Sun. 12th 1st S/F Chall. Cup
 Sun. 13th Leeds A
 Sun. 20th Leigh A
 Sun. 26th 2nd S/F Chall. Cup
 Sun. 27th Salford A

APRIL

Sun. 1st Widnes H
 Mon. 4th Leigh A
 Sun. 10th Salford H
 Sun. 17th

ALLIANCE FIXTURES 1987/88

AUGUST

Fri. 28th Hunslet A 7.30 L 12-20

SEPTEMBER

Fri. 4th Halifax H 7.30 W 60-26
 Fri. 11th Widnes A 7.30
 Fri. 18th St. Helens A 7.30
 Fri. 25th Castleford H 7.30

OCTOBER

Sat. 3rd Lancs. Combination
 Challenge Shield-1st Rd.
 Fri. 9th Swinton H 7.30
 Sat. 17th Lancs. Combination
 Challenge Shield - 2nd Rd.
 Sat. 31st Hull K.R. H 3.00

NOVEMBER

Fri. 6th Halifax A 7.30
 Fri. 13th Leeds A 7.30
 Fri. 20th Leigh H 7.30
 Fri. 27th Hull H 8.00

DECEMBER

Sat. 5th Swinton A 2.15
 Fri. 11th St. Helens H 7.30
 Sat. 19th Hull K.R. A 2.15
 Sat. 26th

JANUARY

Sat. 2nd Wigan A 3.00
 Fri. 8th Hunslet 7.30 H
 Fri. 15th Castleford A 7.30
 Fri. 22nd Wigan H 7.30
 Fri. 29th Salford H 7.30

FEBRUARY

Sat. 6th Slalom Lager Alliance
 Challenge Cup - 1st Rd.
 Fri. 12th Salford A 7.30
 Sat. 20th Slalom Lager Alliance
 Challenge Cup - 2nd Rd.
 Sat. 27th Hull A 3.00

MARCH

Fri. 4th Widnes H 7.30
 Fri. 11th Leeds H 7.30
 Fri. 18th Leigh A 7.30