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FIRST TEAM

Date	Opponents		Pts.	
1963	17—Liverpool C. (*C.C.*)	H	34	8
Aug.	24—Huddersfield (1)	H	7	10
Wed.	28—Castleford (1) 7 p.m.	H	20	11
	31—Keighley (1)	A	18	6
Sept.	2—Hunslet (1)	A	15	5
	7—Swinton (*L.C. 1st Rd.*)	A	12	2
	14—Hull K.R. (1)	H	40	5
	16—Workington L.C. 2nd R	H	28	4
	21—Halifax (1)	A	5	13
	23—Warrington L.C.-Se.-F.	A	21	14
	28—AUSTRALIA	H	2	8
Oct.	5—Barrow (*R*)	H	19	15
	12—Leeds (1)	A	10	2
	19—Hull(1)	H	11	10
	26—Leigh (Lancs. Cup Final)		15	4
Nov.	2—Warrington (1)	H	19	8
	16—Featherstone R. (1)	H	11	11
	30—Liverpool C. (*R*)	H	16	0
Dec.	7—Wakefield T. (1)	A	8	7
	14—Halifax (1)	H	12	13
	28—Workington T. (1)	A	5	0
1964	1—Swinton (*N.Y.D.*) (1)	H	8	10
Jan.	4—Salford (*R*)	A	15	5
	11—Hunslet (1)	H	10	12
	25—Keighley (3 p.m.) (1)	H	28	3
Feb.	1—Hull K.R. (1)	A	9	5
	8—Castleford *R.L. C. Cup*	H	6	13
	15—Barrow (*R*)	A	14	10
	22—Leeds (1)	H	6	14
	29—Warrington (1)	A	17	10
Mar.	7—Huddersfield (1)	A	16	11
	14—Workington T. (1)	H	14	8
	21—Whitehaven (*R*)	H	50	7
	27—Wigan (*G.F.*) (1)	H	11	5
	28—Salford (*R*)	H	24	13
	30—Swinton (*E.M.*) (1)	A	10	7
April	4—Widnes (1)	H	6	10
	8—Featherstone R. (1)	A	12	19
	11—Wakefield T. (1)	H	24	10
	15—Whitehaven (*R*)	A	3	0
	18—Liverpool C. (*R*)	A	32	7
	22—Wigan (1)	A	22	13
	25—Widnes (1)	A	19	8
May	1—Oldham (W.R. Semi-F)	H	.....	.....
	—Castleford (1)	A	.....	.....
	—Hull (1)	A	.....	.....

"A" TEAM

Date	Opponents		Pts.	
1963	26—Wigan "A" *Mon.* 7 p.m.	A	9	16
Aug.	30—Leigh "A" *Fri.* 7 p.m.	A	11	2
Sept.	7—Swinton "A" (*L.C.C.S.*)	H	18	5
	14—Oldham "A"	A	34	4
	17—Warrington L.C.C.S.	A	2	18
	21—Wigan "A"	H	22	10
Oct.	5—Barrow "A"	A	3	10
	12—Swinton "A"	H	14	10
	19—Blackpool B. "A"	A	8	13
	26—Liverpool C. "A"	A	20	11
Nov.	2—Warrington "A"	A	13	4
	9—Oldham "A"	H	20	2
	23—Rochdale H. "A"	A	11	8
Dec.	7—Blackpool B. "A"	H	38	16
1964	4—Salford "A"	H	33	13
Jan.	11—Workington T. "A"	A	8	5
Feb.	1—Warrington "A"	H	13	15
	15—Barrow "A"	H	19	9
	29—Rochdale H. "A"	H	27	8
Mar.	28—Salford "A"	A	21	7
April	4—Widnes "A"	A	8	12
	11—Liverpool C. "A"	H	29	2
	18—Leigh "A"	H	22	5
	25—Widnes "A"	H	10	5
	28—Swinton "A"	A	3	4
May	2—Whitehaven "A"	H	.....	.....
	—Whitehaven "A"	A	.....	.....
	—Workington T. "A"	H	.....	.....
	—St. Helens Jun. Lge.	H	.....	.....
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Note: On the Fixtures —
(1) Denotes a First Division match.
(*R*) Denotes a Regional Championship match.

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Last season we had a surprising finish to the Western Regional competition. The Saints went to Blackpool with a very doubtful record to play the final match in the competition, but at the end of the day their victory left them with a better points record than their rivals and they had earned a home game with Widnes as their opponents.

But that was as far as we got, for Widnes just managed to put paid to our account.

OLDHAM ONCE AGAIN

This year, with a fortunate draw, we have managed to gain second position and again have a home game in the play-off. Oldham's win over Rochdale determined who should be our opponents today. It is quite a good outcome for our spectators who would otherwise have had to go through the season without a sight of our Oldham rivals.

Apart from our close neighbours Oldham are probably the one team which through the years have maintained their high position in the estimation of our supporters. In the late fifties the Saints and Oldham were rivals for the Lancashire Cup but lately the Saints have won this honour four times in succession. Unfortunately Oldham in recent years have slipped from grace, probably through the decline of players like Ganley, Alan Davies, Pitchford and last season they found their way into the second division.

WITH THE HELP OF THE SAINTS

At one time Oldham were hard-pressed for the leadership of the second division by Leigh but as the season progressed they found themselves standing alone. Like some other teams Oldham have a leavening of St. Helens' players in their team. Len McIntyre was the Saints hooker when they defeated Halifax at Wembley and many will remember the way he fought back after he had been knocked cold by a vicious upper-cut. John Donovan, too, had several seasons with the Saints at centre and stand-off before he joined Oldham, while Trevor Simms grew up with the Saints before he went to Rochdale and then to Oldham.

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	Forwards	
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SAINTS REVIVAL

This season the Saints have had a somewhat mixed reward for their efforts. Though beset by injuries they started the season well and won the Lancashire Cup by an aggregate of 76 points to their opponents' 24. This was their fourth success on the run in this competition and it establishes them with a record second only to Wigan. Later in the season the Saints lost five matches at home in about ten weeks, including a cup-tie with Castleford. Something had to be done about this and a period of more strenuous training was entered on and later Stan Owen was signed on.

An improvement in the team work resulted and the Saints have finished the season in great fashion.

How great the improvement has been was exemplified by the game at Widnes last Saturday. The improved team work has been triggered off by Owen and Tembey, but last Saturday the team had to take the field without either of them. The first half saw the forwards playing hard, but without their new method. Gradually they found a way of their own and by half time the Saints seemed to be getting on top.

Immediately after the interval Harvey went through the Widnes team on his own and from that time the Saints team were masters of the situation.

ALEC ONCE AGAIN

Recent matches have also shown us that Alec Murphy is now completely recovered from the injury that he suffered in Australia. It has taken a long time and we can be sure that Alec has suffered as much as the team during these months.

Against Wigan and again at Widnes Alec played as well as he ever did. Making and scoring tries Alec in these games was again the master tactician that we have all been waiting for. He had his opponents completely at sea and at both Wigan and Widnes tries came when our opponents least expected them.

We are looking forward to a good game today, one which will recall many of the combats of the past, and whoever wins we wish them good luck in the final at Wigan in a fortnight's time.

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APPEARANCES—TRIES—GOALS up to and including 25th April, 1964

	Appearances	*Tries*	*Goal*
French, R.	40	3	
Tembey, J.	38	5	
Coslett, K.	37	4	125
Van Vollenhoven K. T.	34	21	
Harvey, P.	35	22	
Murphy, A. J.	33	18	4
Northey, K.	28	10	3
Williams, C. O.	31	7	
Smith, W.	26	7	
Dagnall, R.	27		
Killeen, L.	27	12	
Watson, C.	21	3	
Major, W.	21		
Huddart, R.	20	2	
Laughton, D.	20	2	
Burdell, R.	13	1	
Todd, B.	15	4	7
Ashcroft, K.	11		
Warlow, J.	16		
Benyon, W.	10	2	
Mooney, M.	9	1	
Heaton, J.	9	2	
Mustard, J.	8	1	
Goddard, P.	5	1	
Owen, S.	5	1	
Barrow, F.	3		1
Greenall, L.	2		
Ward, F.	3		
Hicks, M.	6	3	
Barrow, A.	1	2	
Case, G.	1		
Walker, G.	1		
Davies, L.	1		

Charity match v. Liverpool City included.