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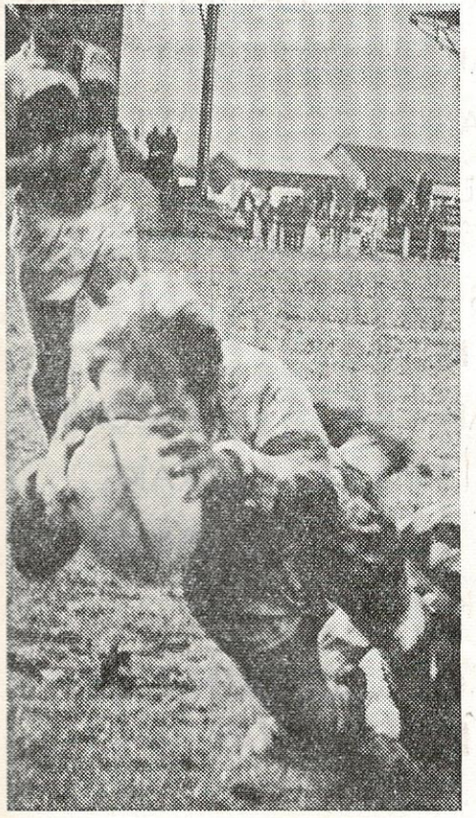

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## COMMENT

The defeat by Huddersfield was a shattering blow, espcially to the fans who have got used to our regular exciting shows at the Recreation Ground. It was our first home defeat since February, and really was the result of a very amateurish performance by 'Haven. We seemed to have no plan of attack, and lacked determination in defence. The forwards were well below what we have come to expect. Matt McLeod did not have support near enough him to take passes, and the thrusts of McCracken and Gainford were completely individual efforts.

One outstanding player was stand-off-half John Bailey, who all too often had to take the ball standing still, yet contributed several neat breaks. Smith's absence from the team meant the ball rarely moved away from the forwards, and our stereotyped play was easily countered by the Fartowners.

After saying what had to be said — that it was a rank bad show, and one which must not be repeated if we are to maintain the respect of the public — let me add that Whitehaven were, in effect, desperately unlucky to lose.

'Haven were the better side in my opinion. A view shared by Ian Van Bellem, who said his conscience would have felt better if the result had been a draw. The visitors had virtually given up hope of winning when we led by nine points to four, and it was just slow, weak defence which let them in for those two last minute tries. At least Whitehaven had the powerful running of McCracken and Gainford; Huddersfield had nothing to offer.

A first half break by Gainford was set to put a colleague in for a try, only to be recalled for an alleged forward pass. I was right in line with the pass in question, and certainly did not judge it as forward. Michael Gracey was also brought back for a forward pass after McLeod had put him in the clear. Gracey had a second "try" disallowed later in the game when he chased a Shimmings kick through, and seemingly touched the ball down with one hand. However, it was ruled he had bounced the ball. Tom Callister was most unfortunate in not being awarded a penalty try, when he tapped the ball forward from a play the ball, only to be held back by defenders as he attempted to drop on the leather over the line. The fact that we were awarded a penalty for the offence, justifies Callister's claim that he was obstructed. Enough said : it was a performance we want to forget, and I'm sure 'Haven cannot play so badly again. The problems shown on Saturday must be sorted out in training.

While we realise the side on show was far short of a full-strength Whitehaven team, it must be pointed out that Huddersfield lacked several of their stars.

Our reserve team's success really came to a wonderful climax with a magnificent 23-7 win at Wigan. A squad which contained the names of Cassie, Ennis, Roper, Bill Martin, Hunter and Cottier could hardly be described as "A" team material, and one hopes it is not long before the senior side begins to take the shape we saw at the back end of last season.

While we accept Saturday's depressing result as just one of those things that happens to every team now and again, it is of paramount importance that it should not happen again, and that the team for tonight's game should turn on the spirited play we are used to and get back on the victory trail.

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## PLANNED TEAMWORK IS VITAL

The essence of winning Rugby football is to ensure that each man in the team carries out his intended job. To achieve the vital uniformity of thought among thirteen players, the famous old-time Australian star Duncan Thompson, adopted the use of the word "contract." Think of a contract and you immediately think of a partnership, and this is what should exist between team-mates when they run on to the field.

Winning football is not so much a welding of thirteen individuals at one time, but a combination between two men — the ball carrier and the nearest man to him. These two are in the contract and the ball-carrier must position the ball for his support; the support must go looking for the ball, and the rest of the team must position themselves for future support.

The physical requirements are obvious but they are useless unless the supports have the thought in their minds that they are under contract to the ball-carrier and vice versa.

Contract football is especially important in rucks where body contact is imminent. Here the ball-carrier who is often denied the room to pass must put the ball in position for his support to take it. The obvious counter is to prevent the transfer of the ball, and the man to do it is not the first defender but the second. He knows what is afoot and immediately dashes in to assist. The second attacker must reach the ball before the second defender. The ball-carriers' support must be a jump ahead in thought and action.

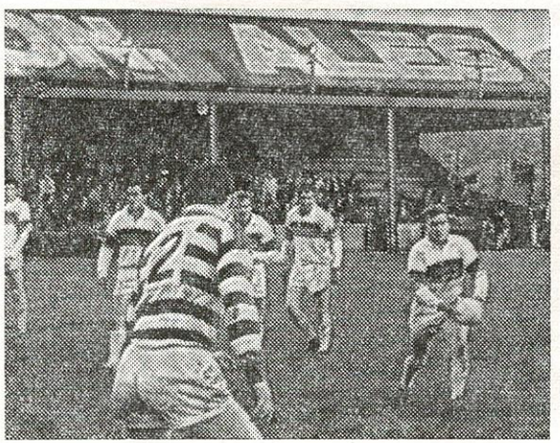
It is often said that a player does not know when to pass, and there are no set rules how to do this. It is something experience teaches, but there are the standard do's and dont's.

Duncan Thompson writes: "The player who is going to hoodwink you never looks you straight in the face. The Englishmen lay a trap for the forward who looks dead ahead. They create a gap. He pelts into it and wham — they close it!"

Thompson recalls: "Old-time Kangaroo full-back, Mick Bolewski, taught me a bitter lesson once when I made a break. There was only Mick to beat and I had support. I tried to draw him in the fashion of the text book — that is, I ran straight at him with the intention of throwing my pass at the last second.

He hit me before I had time to throw my pass. I knew then I should have veered wide, away from my support, taken Mick with me, and then thrown the ball. Thus I learnt that it is not necessary to run up to the defender but merely to draw his attention. Just a swing of the head or the hip away from your support and the would-be tackler is out of movement."

When you have the ball, it is your duty to run the man alongside you into an attacking position — put him through the gap. The greatest blot on the game is the player who tucks the ball under his arm and charges like a bull. In my opinion no man becomes a footballer until he carries the ball in his hands. Forwards are the worst offenders, when they barge for for a three yard gain when a pass might gain a breakthrough.



Here Sol Roper has Wigan rivals guessing whether he is about to pass, dummy, try to break through or kick. A perfect example of a player carrying the ball in his fingertips.

Although teamwork and method are the basis of success, variety is the key to attacking Rugby League. The stereotyped player is a simpleton in the hands of the determined defender.

Duncan Thompson again: "Playing for Sydney one winter against Glebe, I made a snap decision which resulted in a try. We won a scrum on our try line and I tried to run the ball. Frank Burge, Glebe's great loose-forward, came at me forcing me across field and dangerously close to our line. I saw the goal post out of the corner of my eye, flung out my arm, spun myself around the post, then headed in the opposite direction. Poor Frank was caught going the other way. I linked up with winger Harold Horder who bolted for a try."

One cannot teach players individual flair and natural ability, but teamwork will come as a result of decidated training.

## UNDER-19 TEAM WINS THROUGH

Whitehaven's Under-19 team had a very good victory on Saturday, when they beat Barrow by 26 points to 15, in the preliminary round of the Lancashire Inter-Town competition. The win over last season's beaten finalists was more notable in that two late changes had to be made in our team, with Mike Stephens and John Hartley replacing Jarrett and Hanley.

Try scorers for Whitehaven were: Ronnie Connor (2), Arthur Culnean, Neil Patterson, Arnold Walker and prop-forward Watson. Connor (3) and Walling landed conversions.

Whitehaven will now be at home to Leigh, in the first round proper, to be played on October 10th.

## KEITH BACK SOON?

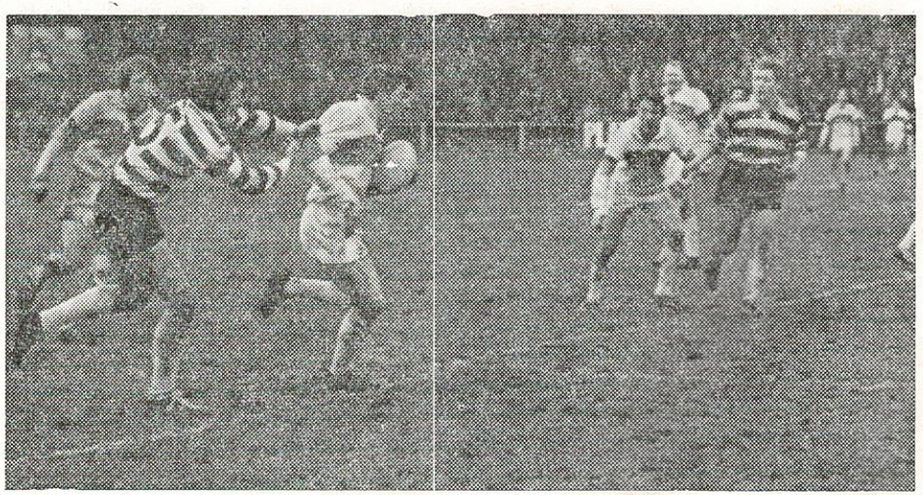
Although there is nothing certain at the time of writing, it seems that Keith Hunter should be back in action soon. While he has been away from this area, Hunter has been the subject of several inquiries from other clubs. All Whitehaven will be very relieved when they see Keith back leading our team.

## FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

| | App. | T. | G. | Pts. | | App. | T | G. | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| P. Donnelly ..... | 8 | — | 27 | 54 | T. Gainford ..... | 6 | 1 | — | 3 |
| R. Morris ..... | 9 | 6 | — | 18 | J. Pringle ..... | 4 | — | — | — |
| R. Martin ..... | 6 | 3 | — | 9 | J. Shimmings ... | 4 | — | — | — |
| J. Powe ..... | 4 | 2 | — | 6 | J. Davidson ..... | 2 | 1 | — | 3 |
| W. Atkinson ..... | 3 | 2 | — | 6 | T. Callister ..... | 2 | 1 | — | 3 |
| M. McLeod ..... | 7 | 1 | — | 3 | G. Cottier ..... | 2 | — | — | — |
| D. Martin ..... | 7 | 1 | — | 3 | M. Glaister ..... | 2 | — | — | — |
| W. McCracken | 9 | — | — | — | A. Cassie ..... | 1 | — | 1 | 2 |
| M. Gracey ..... | 8 | — | — | — | J. Roper ..... | 1 | — | — | — |
| B. Smith ..... | 7 | — | — | — | K. Hunter ..... | 1 | — | — | — |
| B. Buchanan ... | 7 | — | — | — | W. Martin ..... | 1 | — | — | — |
| J. Bailey ..... | 6 | 1 | — | 3 | T. Fowler ..... | 1 | — | — | — |
| M. McFarlane ... | 8 | — | 1 | 2 | H. Maddison ..... | 1 | — | — | — |

The following players have acted as substitutes: Shimmings (3), Davidson (3), J. Atkinson (2), Smith (2), Gallagher (2), Powe, McFarlane, Rose ,Roper, Buchanan and McLean once each.

## OLDHAM'S LAST VISIT



Last season Whitehaven beat Oldham 11 points to 9 at the Recreation Ground. The man of the match on that occasion was Peter Donnelly, and this picture shows him trying to escape the clutches of Phil Larder. On the left, Keith Hunter covers Donnelly, while on the right John Shimmings and Kevin Taylor move across.

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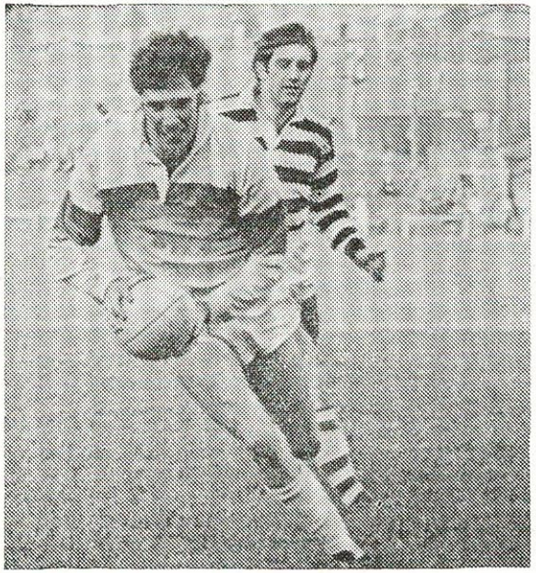

**Focus on . . .**

## TOM GAINFORD

Tom Gainford is in his fourth season as a Whitehaven first team player, after joining the club out of Under-19 football. Gainford is a player who covers every inch of the field, and is a faultless tackler. He is fast for a forward, which enables him to get attacks moving, while his cover defence is not far short of brilliant.

BIRTH DATE : July 15th, 1948.

BIRTHPLACE : Kells.

HEIGHT : 6ft. ¾ins.

WEIGHT : 12 stone 10 pounds.

OCCUPATION : Process Operator.

PREVIOUS CLUBS : Arrowthwaite; Kells.

MARRIED : Yes.

CHILDREN : One boy.

HOBBIES : Gardening.

CAR : Don't own one at the moment.

FAVOURITE PLAYER : Dick Huddart.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM : St. Helens.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENTS : Mick Shoebottom, Barry Seabourne.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH : 1970 Championship play-off at Wigan.

BIGGEST THRILL : Being selected for County team.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT : Losing to Warrington in last season's Challenge Cup Competition.

AMBITION : To tour Australia.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER : Len Wright and Kevin McIlroy (both school P.E. masters).

DO YOU NOTICE ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL RUGBY : Professional football is much faster. As an amateur, you could make a mistake yet still get back and cover up for it. If a professional makes a mistake, he's unlikely to get away with it.

FAVOURITE FOOD : Steak.

FAVOURITE ACTOR : Clint Eastwood.

FAVOURITE SINGER : Matt Monroe.

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOW : "Man in a Suitcase."

BEST FRIEND : Barry Smith.

BIGGEST DRAG IN R.L. : Long coach journeys.

WHICH 'HAVEN PLAYER DO YOU THINK COULD REALLY GO FAR ? : Barry Smith.

DO YOU READ MUCH ? : Yes; our own reports, and just about anything to do with the game.

DO YOU NOTICE ANY DIFFERENCE IN PLAYING AWAY FROM HOME ? : Yes, the crowds. Away games usually have no atmosphere, but at home we have a great crowd behind us.

## PROGRAMME REVIEW . . . 4 — OLDHAM.

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**"HAVEN" OPINION :** DESIGN : The most striking thing is the front cover, which is made up of a large close-up graphic reproduction of an Oldham player. The design is based upon an original photograph, and printed in red and blue, is very attractive. The rest of the programme is neatly set out, and compares favourably with most clubs.

**CONTENT :** Not many marks from this aspect. In the issue we reviewed (versus Whitehaven incidentally), there were very brief mentions of their own performances and the visitors, plus a page of Supporters' Club notes. In a feature entitled "Profile '70" a pen-picture of a club official is given, plus a photograph of the subject. One feels a more entertaining use could be made of the editorial space, instead of devoting one whole page to bingo results, etc. There certainly are many poorer publications than Oldham's, but for nine-pence there is not a great deal of interesting reading.

RATING OUT OF TEN : 6.

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While in each issue of "Haven" we review other clubs' programmes, it is interesting to note what others say about our effort. In a recent issue of the "Rugby Leaguer," Ramon Joyce wrote : "The first function of a programme is to be informative, and on that score, Whitehaven's gets full marks."

He went on to praise all the individual features of "Haven," but ended with the following criticism, "the contents deserve a more striking cover. It is colourful enough but with the teams listed on the front it looks a little cluttered."

We realise this, and in fact the original intention was to have a full-page cover design with teams listed on the back. However as Ramon Joyce says, the first function of a programme is to be informative, and we did not wish to "waste" any space.

Mr. Joyce says, "even for 9d. the Whitehaven programme, by current standards, is real value for money."

LANGLANDS

## WORLD CUP NEWS

Both Australia and New Zealand have named their squads for the forthcoming championship series, and both have included new players. The Aussies have really created shocks by leaving out several established internationals, including Eric Simms the Aboriginall fullback who scored a record 50 points in the four-match 1968 series. Names also missing are winger Johnny King, and Arthur Beetson, the rugged forward who was outclassed by Cliff Watson in the recent Tests.

Graeme Langlands was originally chosen as captain of the Kangaroo party, but since has had to withdraw on doctor's orders. Brilliant loose forward Ron Coote is tipped to take over as skipper. Included in the team is Bob Fulton who played his last game in this country at the Recreation Ground, while he was "guesting" with the Warrington club. Another interesting character is powerful three-quarter John Cootes, who is a fully qualified Catholic priest.

19 players were recently named for the British squad, the majority of whom went on the successful tour. Naturally, we at Whitehaven are plased to see local Paul Charlton included. Paul, who began his career with Kells and is the elder brother of 'Haven player Phil Charlton, is the best attacking fullback in Britain today. Another new face in the team is Wigan's Keri Jones, whose selection was largely based on his brilliant play against Whitehaven last week.

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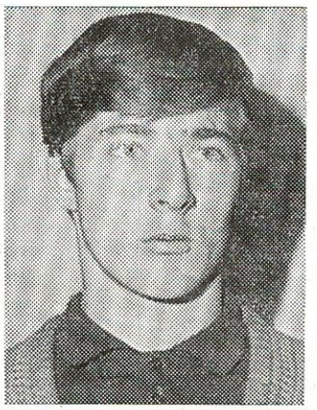
## "A" TEAM NEWS

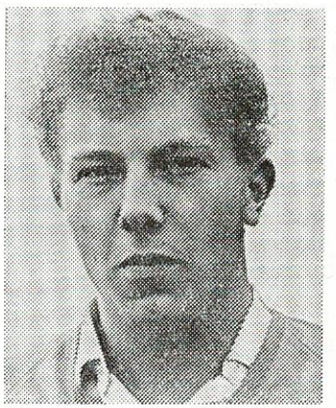
After holding a 15-point lead from the first leg of the Lancashire Shield tie, our reserves proved far too strong for Wigan "A" on Saturday.

Wigan had the incentive of scoring first, when winger Eastham got a try, converted by Herbert. Whitehaven stormed back to gain command from then onwards. Sol Roper and Brian Rose claimed a try each, and Roper also landed a couple of goals to give 'Haven a 7-10 interval lead.

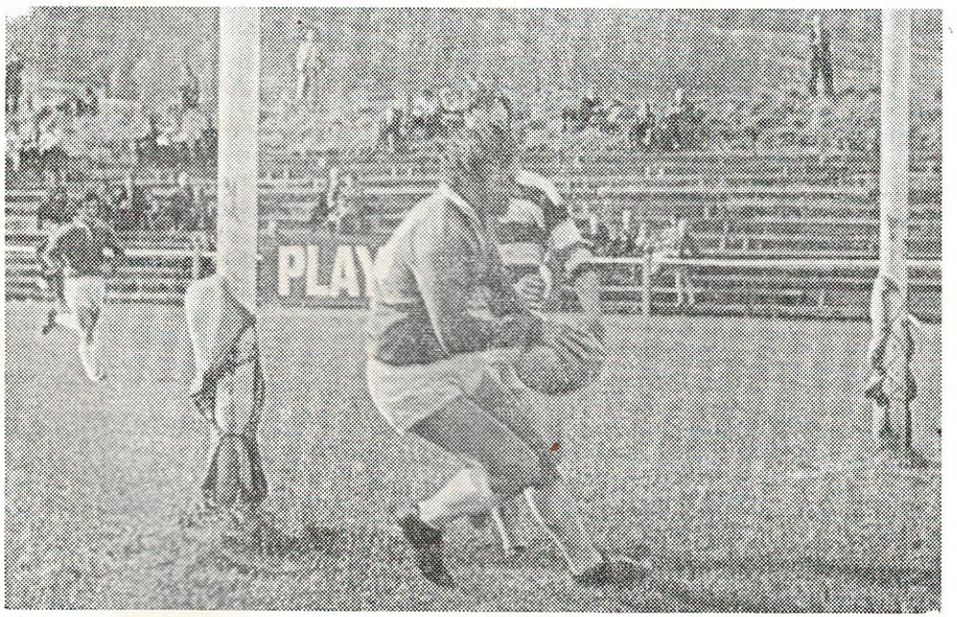
Roper was taken off injured just after half-time and was replaced by Atkinson, but we went further ahead with a try by Martin, Cassie converted.

Another eight points came through tries by Rose and Atkinson, and a goal by Cassie, to clinch a convincing 38-7 win on aggregate.





Two outstanding players in recent reserve team games, Bill Ennis and James Atkinson.



One of many sparkling tries by our "A" team, here scored by Gordon Cottier against Widnes.

## TONIGHT'S VISITORS . . . OLDHAM

During the close season many changes took place behind the scenes at Oldham, and there seems to be a much fresher atmosphere at the Watersheddings ground.

Oldham have a very strong pack of forwards, led by Ken Wilson, a former Rugby Union prop. In their efforts to strengthen the team, they tried to sign up Johnny Raper as player-coach, but this ambitious deal fell through. Oldham did however sign Keith Ashcroft from Wigan. Keith is a very respected player, particularly by opponents, who recognise his ability and sportsmanship. Chunky second-rower Bob Irving is one of the most powerful in the game; he joined Oldham as a 17 year-old, and last season gained a reward for consistent performances by touring Australasia.

Hooker Kevin Taylor and forward Ray Fletcher were both Oldham fans as young boys, and now play for their club. Taylor is one of the best hookers in the game, being very lively in the loose. He is an England international. Both Alan Ogden and Frank Walker are hardworking forwards, while at loose forward may be Bill Churm, the popular ex-Salford and Warrington player.

Young full-back Martin Murphy is a capable player, who came up through the Leigh amateur league. Such is Oldham's abundance of good forwards that Ray Clark has been tried as a winger. Ray, the fair haired former Warrington back-rower, began his career as a wingman, and in fact played his first game in the forwards against Whitehaven, at Wilderspool in October, 1966.

Player-coach Graham Starkey is an intelligent footballer and goal-kicker, who has also held similar positions at both Rochdale and Huddersfield. Coloured winger Mike Elliott hails from Cardiff's Tiger Bay, while centre Trevor Buckley and off-half Tommy Davies are local products. Centre and goal-kicker Terry Garrett is a former soccer player, and wingman Phil Larder is also a useful goal-kicker. The regular half-back is Ged Smith, brother of Huyton's John. Ged formerly played for Widnes and Barrow, and appeared at Wembley in 1967.

One of Oldham's best young prospects is stand-off Johnny Blair. Only 18-years-old, Johnny is a product of their "B" team, and won the man-of-the-match award in his first full senior game.

It seems that Oldham have now lost the services of ex-'Haven player Charlie McCourt. He suffered a bad neck injury last season at Barrow, and now has been told by doctors that he should not play rugby again.

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## QUICK QUIZ (Answers on page 14).

1. Charlie McCourt was one ,but can you name another Whitehaven back-rower who was transferred to Oldham ?
2. Name two ex-Oldham stars who have worn Whitehaven's colours in recent years.
3. 'Haven have won only once at Oldham, in season 1964-65. What was the score and who captained Whitehaven that day ?

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| 12—Featherstone | H | W | 16 | 13 |
| 19—Wigan | A | L | 12 | 41 |
| 21 Oldham | A | L | 2 | 15 |
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| 2—Hull | A | | | |
| 9—Hull K. R. | H | | | |
| 16—Castleford | A | | | |
| 30—St. Helens | A | | | |
| **February.** | | | | |
| 6—Leigh | H | | | |
| 13—Leeds | A | | | |
| 27—St. Helens | H | | | |
| **March** | | | | |
| 6—Swinton | H | | | |
| 13—Huddersfield | A | | | |
| 20—Wigan | H | | | |
| **April** | | | | |
| 3—Warrington | A | | | |
| 9—Bradford | A | | | |
| 10—Hull | H | | | |
| 12—Bradford | H | | | |
| 17—Featherstone | A | | | |

LANCASHIRE CHALLENGE CUP

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| **August** | | | | |
| 28—Rochdale | A | L | 11 | 14 |

## COLTS WIN

The Whitehaven Colts team played their first game of the season on Sunday, and scored an impressive 28-5 win over the Grasslot Welfare team. The Colts (Under-17 group) contain many promising young players, and obviously will prove a valuable nursery for the club. The Whitehaven team was :- Garraway; D. McKee, Crellin, Heron, Devine, McMillain, Wilson; Rae, Walker, Suart, Graham, Hudson and M. McKee.

## "A" TEAM LEAD

Before Saturday, our "A" team were top of the Lancashire Combination, but now are placed second to Workington "A" who beat St. Helens on Saturday, while we were involved in a Shield match. In the second round of the Shield, we play the winners of the Leigh-Oldham tie. 'Haven winger Bill Ennis is at present the Combination's leading try-scorer.

## EDDIE WARING SHOW

Tomorrow (Thursday), Eddie Waring will be in Whitehaven, presenting his show at the Civic Hall, commencing at 7-30 p.m. The show includes films of the recent Test series in Australia, and a question and answer session with a panel of R.L. personalities, including Sol Roper.

## QUICK QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Geoff Robinson.
2. Alf Mumberson and Ike Southward.
3. The score was Oldham 4, Whitehaven 21. Bill Holliday was our captain.

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