

Warrington

Jerseys: Blue
Shorts: Blue
Stockings: Blue with Yellow Turnover

1—CUNLIFFE, D.

Full Back

2—SUTTON, D.

Right Wing

3—NOONAN, D./BRIGGS, W.

Right Centre

4—REYNOLDS, F.

Left Centre

5—BEVAN, J.

Left Wing

6—WHITTLE, A.

Stand Off

7—LOWE, J.

Scrum Half

8—WANBON, R.

Front Row

9—PRICE, J.

Hooker

10—BRADY, B.

Front Row

11—JEWITT, P.

Second Row

12—MATHER, I.

Second Row

13—CONROY, T.

Loose Forward

Substitutes:

14—

15—

Oldham

Jerseys: Red & White
Shorts: White
Stockings: Red & White

1—MURPHY, M.

2—ELLIOTT, M.

3—LARDER, P.

4—WAINRIGHT, T.

5—LUND, S.

6—TREASURE, D.

7—HAMMOND, J.

8—FLANNIGAN, K.

9—TAYLOR, K.

10—WELDING, R.

11—HALL, F.

12—HERBERT, S.

13—BROWN, R.

Substitutes:

14—BLAIR, J.

15—PETERS, T.

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Cover:
**John Bevan raises his arm to
salute the Wires' only try success
at Wembley.**

Photo by Mike Boden
(Warrington Guardian)



**Widnes No. 2, Alan Prescot, seems determined not
to let the ball go as Warrington's Bobby Wanbon
rushes in.**

Photo by Mike Boden (Warrington Guardian)

The **ALEX MURPHY COLUMN**

Well hello again and welcome back to another new season. Yet again it has only been a short break, for immediately after Wembley, myself along with six of our players were totally immersed in World Cup Football in Australia. On return, a short holiday, and then here we are with our first League game against our very welcome visitors **OLDHAM**. The prospect of a game against the men from 'Watersheddings' is always an exciting possibility for whatever the state of their team they have always been noted for good open football. Coached by former Warrington star Jimmy Challinor they are a very useful side sprinkled with a number of promising and outstanding players. At full back Martin Murphy is no stranger and needs no introduction. A County and International player he is well noted for his handling and ability to attack. We need no reminding that on the last occasion we played Oldham at home he scored a wonderful 70 yard try! On the right flank Welsh international choice Mike Elliott partners the teams' goalkicker Phil Larder whilst on the left ex-Leeds player Tony Wainright teams up with outstanding schoolboy international prospect Steve Lund. At half-back ex-Bradford and current Welsh World Cup player Dave Treasure occupies the No. 6 berth and is obviously a player of outstanding ability. At No. 7 and also at open side prop they have two new additions to the Oldham ranks in the form of close-season signings John Hammond and Kevin Flannigan both from neighbouring Club Rochdale. Long serving player Kevin Taylor who has enjoyed a benefit with Oldham occupies the hooking role with former Leigh and Bradford player Bob Welding completing the front three. Fred Hall ex-Blackpool and recent signing Steve Herbert—son of former Workington star Norman Herbert—partner each other in the second row whilst last man down is former Castleford junior player Dickie Brown. John Blair and Tony Peters are the likely substitutes. As previously stated therefore a more than useful combination that will no doubt want to make an early impact on its' return to the First Division.

From our point of view it is of course vital that we get away to a good win at home in this first match of the season. Our performance at Wigan however in the pre-season Locker Cup did not do much to encourage but in fairness I think the terrible injury situation with which we are faced is a major contributory factor. Unfortunately for this afternoons match it will not be much improved and the following have definitely been ruled out Parry Gordon, Derek Whitehead, Mike Nicholas, probably both Philbin brothers, Tommy Martyn, whilst Dave Chisnall continues to stay away. However over the last two seasons' I have referred to our depth in strength and given due accolade to the success the "A" Team have achieved so it is now up to several players to prove their worth and show they mean to contest the first team positions.

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Alex Murphy Column—continued

As this is the first programme of the season and also the first opportunity I have had since my Testimonial Match last May I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to all the supporters who turned up. It was an absolutely terrific night and one that I will cherish for many years to come. Again thank you and thank you to everyone who made a contribution.

TODAY'S REFEREE:— Joseph E. Jackson, born Pudsey Yorks., 39 years ago. Stands 5 ft. 9 ins., and is 13 stone. His occupation is that of a Works Manager and his hobbies outside R.L. include breeding tropical fish. His highest recognition in the game so far was to referee the inter-county play-off match during season 1974-75.

WORLD CUP '75:— We have been approached by the Rugby League to let all our fans and indeed all Rugby League Supporters have full details of the forthcoming dates in the remainder of the World Cup Series which are as follows:—

SATURDAY, 20th September	— Wales	v England	at Warrington	3.00 p.m.
SUNDAY, 19th October	— Wales	v Australia	at Swansea	3.00 p.m.
SATURDAY, 25th October	— England	v New Zealand	at Bradford	3.00 p.m.
SATURDAY, 1st November	— England	v Australia	at Wigan	3.00 p.m.
SUNDAY, 2nd November	— Wales	v New Zealand	at Swansea	3.00 p.m.
THURSDAY, 6th November	— Wales	v France	at Salford	7.30 p.m.

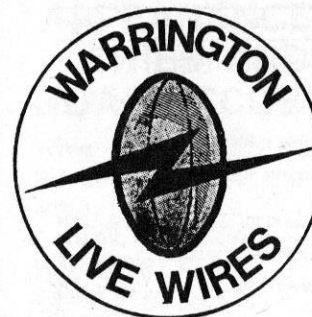
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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

1975	Opponents	Ground	
Aug. 6	Wigan (7.30) (Locker Cup)	A	4-42
17	Oldham (3.00)	H	
22	Salford (7.30)	A	
25	Widnes (7.30)	A	
31	Wigan (3.00) (Lancs. Cup 1st Rd.)	H	
Sep. 5	Castleford (7.30)	A	
14	(County Cup 2nd Rd.)		
21	Keighley (3.00)	H	
28	(Players No. 6 1st Rd.)		
Oct. 4	Wigan (3.00)	A	
12	Leeds (3.00)	H	
19	Dewsbury (3.00)	H	
26	Featherstone (3.00)	A	
Nov. 2	Wakefield (3.30)	A	
9	(Players No. 6 2nd Rd.)		
16	Huddersfield (3.00)	H	
23	Swinton (3.00)	A	
30	Castleford (3.00)	H	
Dec. 6	Huddersfield (3.00)	A	
14	Hull K.R. (3.00)	H	
21			
26	Bradford (3.00)	H	
28			
1976			
Jan. 1	Wigan (3.00)	H	
4	Dewsbury (3.30)	A	
11	Salford (3.00)	H	
18	Featherstone (3.00)	H	
25	St. Helens (3.00)	A	
Feb. 1	Wakefield (3.00)	H	
7	Leeds (3.00)	A	
15	(R.L. Cup 1st Rd.)		
22	Hull K.R. (2.45)	A	
29	(R.L. Cup 2nd Rd.)		
Mar. 7			
14	Swinton (3.00)	H	
21			
28	Keighley (3.00)	A	
Apr. 4	St. Helens (3.00)	H	
7	Oldham (7.30)	A	
11			
16	Widnes (7.30)	H	
19	Bradford (3.00)	A	
May 8	R.L.C.C. Final at Wembley		
22	Premiership Final		

'A' TEAM FIXTURES

1975	Opponents	Ground
Aug. 8	Wigan (friendly) (7.30)	H
16		
23		
30		
Sep. 6	Barrow (3.00)	H
13		
20	Rochdale (3.00)	A
27		
Oct. 4	Wigan (7.30)	H
11	Barrow (3.00)	A
18	Oldham (3.00)	A
25		
31	Salford (7.30)	H
Nov. 8		
15	Wigan (3.00)	A
21	Swinton (7.30)	H
29		
Dec. 5	Leigh (7.30)	H
12	Widnes (7.30)	A
20		
27		
1976		
Jan. 2	Widnes (7.30)	H
10	Huyton (2.30)	A
17		
23	St. Helens (7.30)	H
31		
Feb. 6	Huyton (7.30)	H
14		
17	Salford (7.30)	A
20	Rochdale (7.30)	H
28		
Mar. 5	Oldham (7.30)	H
13	Swinton (3.00)	A
20	Leigh (3.00)	A
27		
Apr. 2	St. Helens (7.30)	A

APPEARANCES, TRIES AND GOALS SCORED

Tries	APPEAR'S (all matches)	Locker Cup	Total
Bevan, J.	1	—	—
Brady, B.	1	—	—
Conroy, T.	1	—	—
Gordon, P.	1	—	—
Jewitt, P.	1	—	—
Middlehurst, C.	1	—	—
Noonan, D.	1	—	—
Philbin, M.	1	—	—
Price, J.	1	—	—
Reynolds, F.	1	—	—
Whitehead, D.	1	—	—
Whittle, A.	1	—	—
Wanbon, R.	1	—	—
Goals			
Whitehead, D.	1	1	
Briggs, W.	1	1	
	2	2	

Substitutes

The following players took part in a match whilst acting as substitutes:
J. Price, W. Briggs.

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A proud moment for Warrington's John Bevan, Alan Whittle and Parry Gordon as Chairman Ossie Davies introduces Princess Alexandra to the players.

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Frank Reynolds and Widnes hooker Keith Elwell in a struggle for the ball

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Batty's Column (Daily Mail)

Kevin Humphreys is proving a worthy successor to the late Bill Buckley, who was so highly respected as the Australian League President. Like his predecessor president Humphreys is a popular figure at player level and has, I feel, over the last two years surprised English players with his highly approachable manner. It is a healthy sign for the game in Australia where the crowds have flocked back at the club matches this season and two ground records have already been broken.

The leadership that Humphreys has provided is one of the reasons. For besides managing the Sydney club Balmain, he devotes an amazing amount of time to the sport as president. With the world championships programme demanding his presence in Brisbane on three occasions he had, along with the representatives of other countries, to fit in the International Board meeting in Auckland. But it was typical of the man and his remarkable energy that he found the time to return to Brisbane for England's last game in Australia when he admitted he was disappointed he could not fly on to New Guinea for the game there.

His excuse was acceptable for he was committed to fly to Alice Springs to support a rugby festival in aid of the badly hit Darwin Rugby League. Humphreys may be a hard man to deal with over a boardroom desk at club and international level. But there is no doubt where his heart lies, and he was sporting enough to admit Australia had been lucky to draw in the game against England. He is always prepared to talk rugby into the late hours and his main regret when we were in Sydney was that English League chairman Brian Snape had been unable to spend the fortnight Down Under that he had planned.

"I think it would have been a great opportunity had Brian been able to make the trip at this particular time, but I shall be out for the second phase of the world championship in Europe", promised Humphreys. He was, of course, over here for the Ashes-winning trip by Australia 18 months ago and is hopeful his country can take the new-style world championship. More important, he is anxious to see the competition succeed as a whole and remains enthusiastic despite the disappointing gates in his country. "If we can break even financially I think the competition will have proved itself", he told me. "The main thing is that we have players being brought into competition at this level, giving them a challenge and incentive. The game has got to have this type of competition and we have got to learn from any mistakes that may be made this time".

I share his views to a point but I do feel that fans will find themselves overfaced with this competition if played annually. We must continue with the highly profitable Great Britain tours, whatever the share-out in receipts.

ALEX MURPHY

HIS OPINIONS AND EXPERT COMMENT
EXCLUSIVELY IN THE

Manchester Evening News

Accept the Challenge

by Tom Bergin, Editor, Salford City Reporter

It is a sad fact of life that Rugby League has more than its fair contingent of Dismal Jimmies who, annually at this time of the year, prophesy that this will be the last season.

Strangely most of them contradict themselves by turning up, wet or fine, to cheer on their favourite team but their pessimistic outlook is enough to scare off many of those tempted to come along and see what this Rugby League is all about.

It is also strange that these prophets of doom will confess that Rugby League is the best sport in the world but . . . the play is not as attractive as once it was; the legislators are men of straw; the rising costs have made it too expensive a hobby, and so on.

The League Secretary, Mr. David Oxley, was right when he said recently that too many sell the game short and fail to project the right image. If Rugby League is the best of all team games—and I for one believe it is—we should be “selling” it by emphasising all its many strong points.

Some of the more sensitive complain that certain parts of the media give Rugby League a “cloth cap image”. That doesn't disturb me for after all you see more cloth caps at Twickenham or in the Royal Set at show-jumping than at half-a-dozen Rugby League matches but I do get upset when legislators, at league or club level, “sell the code short”.

Emphasis should be placed on the good things—and they are many—and we could all accept as our motto this coming season “Bring a new friend each match”. If we go to the trouble to “educate” these friends into the apparent mysteries of the game most of them will be sufficiently impressed by what they see to become enthusiastic fans.

There are outside problems and not the least is the ever-rising cost of living and travelling, especially for the man who has one or two young sons in tow, and so the first need is to concentrate on home support. Some clubs are going to find it hard going but despite airy-fairy talk of “super-leagues” the strong can not afford to let the weak go to the wall.

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