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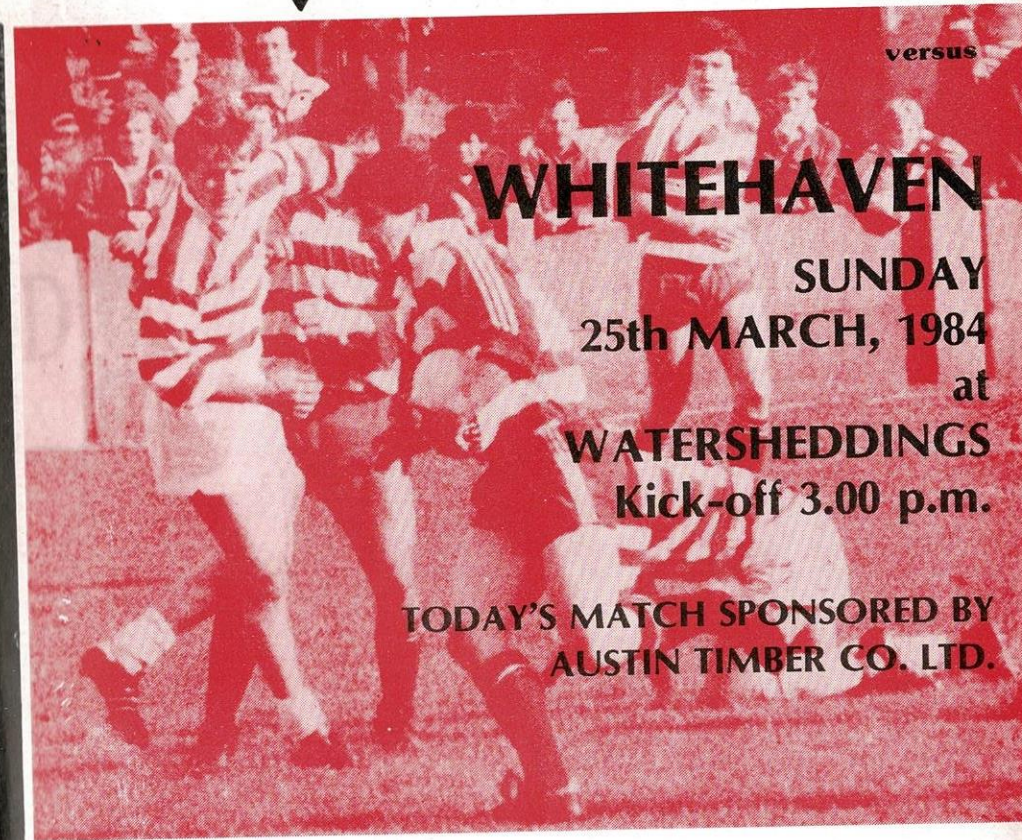
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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

AFTER the hectic rush of the past two or three weeks, with mid-week matches at Wigan and at Leigh, we now have just six matches left in which to stake our claim for the top-eight.

Three of these games are at home — against Whitehaven (today), Wakefield on April 15, and Castleford on a date not yet fixed.

The three remaining matches on opponents' grounds are at St. Helens, Widnes and Salford, which brings down the curtain on the 1983-4 season on Good Friday.

It is difficult to say just how many league points will be required to earn top-eight qualification, but it does appear that there are four clubs — Oldham, Wigan, Leigh and St. Helens — chasing the final spot.

Our hopes rose when, after a bad spell, we got back to winning ways with good wins over Bradford and then Leigh here at Watersheddings. In the next match we went to Wigan seeking to avenge our cup defeat there, but we lost 12-6 and very narrowly missed snatching a draw despite having to play without three key forwards in Wally Jones, Alan McCurrie and Terry Flanagan, who had all picked up injuries in the thrilling win over Leigh.

The Warrington game here last Sunday, followed by Wednesday's return match against Leigh at Hilton Park, were clearly going to be matches of major significance in the top-eight quest, and we should have a better idea by now whether or not we are in with a realistic chance.

Today we entertain Whitehaven, whose late-season upsurge has come too late to prevent the Cumbrians going down again. The odds are that they will be joined by the three clubs who came up with them at the end of last season — Fulham, Wakefield and Salford.

Last season, we finished up with 32 points in eighth place. Despite the traumatic events of a week or two ago, it was interesting to note that after losing narrowly at Wigan we were in exactly the same position as we were at the same stage last season — 22 points from 22 games.

A year ago, we lost the next game, but then won the next five before slipping up in the final two. Nevertheless, the nap hand of victories was enough to put us in the Premiership where we put up a glorious show at Hull before going down 24-21 before 13,000 fans.

Despite the disappointment of defeat after such a brave display, the match provided us with a big financial 'lift' and it certainly proved that it is a worthwhile venture to qualify for the play-off.

It gives the players the chance of late-season glory, it provides the clubs with an opportunity to make some money to help them through the summer, and it gives spectators an interesting finale to the season.

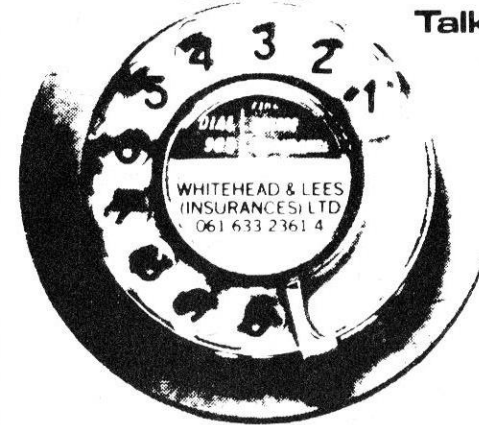
Talking of such matters, it would be encouraging and most valuable to the club if all supporters made a special effort to attend our last two home games against Wakefield and Castleford. The players appreciate your support on the field and the club appreciates your support through the turnstiles in difficult times when revenue is so vital.

Finally, there is a possibility that today's match will mark the departure for home of our three New Zealand players, Nick Wright, Alan Sinclair and Craig Coyle.

If that is the case, it would be remiss not to send them on their way with the best wishes of all Oldham followers for a safe journey and a happy reunion with family and friends so far away on the other side of the world. Bon voyage, boys!

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HISTORICAL NOTES ON WHITEHAVEN

by Tom Webb

THE "Lancashire Daily Post" of February 14th, 1948, reported that although the Kells Welfare Rugby League club had had no direct encouragement from the Rugby League Council, they were determined to "explore all the avenues which may lead to the formation of a professional club in Whitehaven."

Kells club supporters declared that there was sufficient interest and a big enough population within the area up to 10 or 15 miles from Whitehaven to maintain a first class club, providing that the fixtures did not clash with those of the Workington Town club.

There was a snag inasmuch as both the Kells and the Whitehaven Recreation grounds were governed by clauses which precluded the playing of professional sport on them. As it turned out the Whitehaven Recreation ground became available.

In the early days of the century Whitehaven Recreation and Whitehaven Town were senior clubs in Cumberland terms as both were members of the Cumberland Senior Competition. Even so these clubs were in effect superior junior clubs. When soccer hit the Northern Union, Town switched codes but the Recreation held on to Northern Union.

West Cumbria maintained our game without a break and today Cumbria has three senior clubs, four if one counts Barrow who were traditionally a Lancashire club. The amateur game in Cumbria is stronger now than ever before with Carlisle boasting ten or a dozen teams. The weakest part of Rugby League is in the schools, but there are flourishing mini-rugby league sides in abundance.

By March 24th, 1948 Tom Longworth in the "News Chronicle" was reporting that the Whitehaven club formed by a group of local sportsmen, headed by Tom Mageean, was making formal application to join the Northern Rugby Football League. Financial guarantees had been assured and the spacious Recreation Ground had been set at the club's disposal for many years.

Tom Stewart who had played soccer as a 15 year old for Parton before joining St. Bees Rugby Union club and later Egremont, Kells and Hensingham Amateur Rugby League clubs was the first chairman of the Whitehaven Supporters Club. He had gained international honours, playing France both across the Channel and in this country and had been chosen as a reserve when Cumberland had a game with Australia. He was chairman of the first group which planned to form the Whitehaven club. He was an overman at the High Pit at the time.

Tom Mageean was the first chairman of Workington Town when that club was founded three years previously. He had to resign on account of ill-health but when Whitehaven came into being he became chairman of the club. He was interested in promoting greyhound racing at the Workington Stadium, was a keen supporter of hound trailing and motor cycle racing. His elder son Harry, once won an Isle of Man T.T. race. In the dog world he was known far and wide as an owner of many winning Lakeland terriers.

There was only lukewarm support for Whitehaven. Eddie Waring in the "Sunday Pictorial" said that Wigan were against Whitehaven's entry into the league. Nearby Workington was split, the rugby half of the town wanting the new club and the soccer half fearing the effects of another professional rugby club.

'Haven scraped into the Lancashire League but were not accepted into the Lancashire Cup. In due course the club became part and parcel of Rugby League.

CUMBRIANS HIT FORM

AFTER last Sunday's game against a side that is bidding for the Slalom Lager championship — Warrington — we are at home again today against a team at the other end of the First Division, Whitehaven.

There is not a single Oldham follower will need reminding, however, that we got well and truly walloped at the Recreation Ground last month when we provided 'Haven with their first win of the season to the tune of 42-8.

We produced a terrible performance on the day, but that is to take nothing away from Whitehaven, who have since caused a few people in the League to sit up.

To say that the Cumbrians went without a win until February and then, in quick succession, beat Oldham, Fulham, and Wakefield shows what a difference one win can make.

Whitehaven certainly played well against us on a bitterly cold day at the Recreation Ground when they ran in seven tries, including a hat-trick for loose-forward Milton Huddart.

The son of the great Dick Huddart, who will be remembered by older supporters as an outstanding forward of the great days of the fifties, both with Whitehaven and St. Helens, Milton had a field day against us up there.

He ran well off the promptings and ball play of his second-row colleague Gordon Cottier, an extremely creative player.

The Whitehaven pack got on top before half-time and young Paul Lowndes, our hooker that day, faced an awesome task against one of the most experienced hookers in the game in former Workington Town star Alan Banks.

Banks won the scrums 8-1, including two or three against the head, and Cottier's clever ball work did the rest as he set up the running chances for men like Huddart and half-backs Colin Hall and Mel Mason.

Huddart crossed for two tries before the interval — both off Cottier — and completed his hat-trick late in the second half as the Cumbrians ran in the points.

It was during this period of 'Haven ascendancy that half-backs Mason and Hall were so effective.

Hall added another try, Mason made several telling breaks, and Cottier himself scored to crown a great day for the Cumbrians and for their coach Frank Foster, who needs no introduction to Oldham supporters.

Frank, you will recall, was a powerhouse in our Oldham pack of the early 1970s when he bossed the show up front, while Cliff Hill skippered the side from outside-half and Graham Starkey was the coach.

After a ten-year spell as Barrow boss, Frank moved up the Cumbrian coast to the Recreation Ground at the start of this season and his influence was certainly evident when we played up there.

The Whitehaven team that day was: Stoddart; Dalton, Fisher, Gribbin, Mackie; Mason, Hall; Phythian, Banks, Frazer, Hartley, Cottier, Huddart. It will be interesting to see how it compares with today's line-up.

Mason has seen service with several clubs, including Featherstone, Leeds and Barrow, while Steve Phythian was at Swinton before his move northwards.

The much-travelled Banks did sterling service for Workington, while second-row man John Hartley is the brother of Town's Ian Hartley, and a very rugged player, too.

Indeed, when we played up there, the back-row was in great form with Cottier providing the creativity, Hartley the venom and vigour, and Huddart the mobility and running power.

Today we have our chance to avenge that defeat and further enhance our chances of reaching the top eight. But a word of warning — Whitehaven's victories over Fulham at the Recreation Ground and Wakefield at Belle Vue proved that they cannot be taken lightly.



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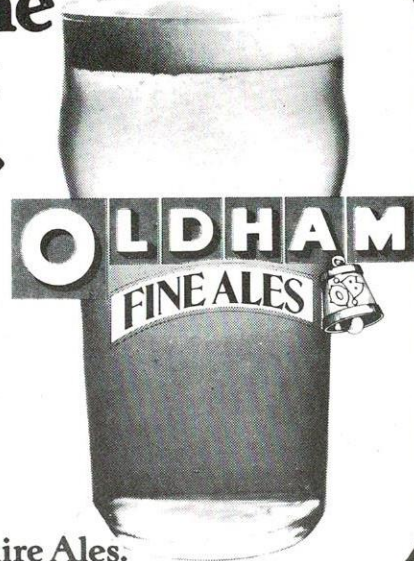
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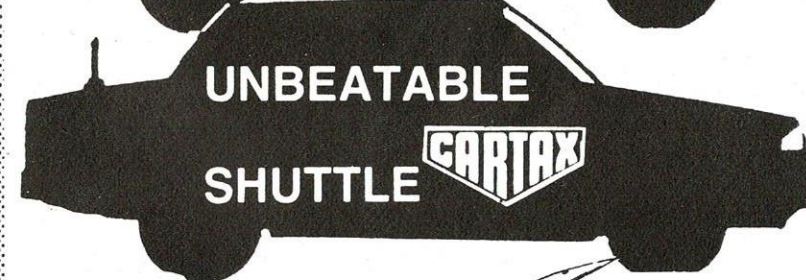
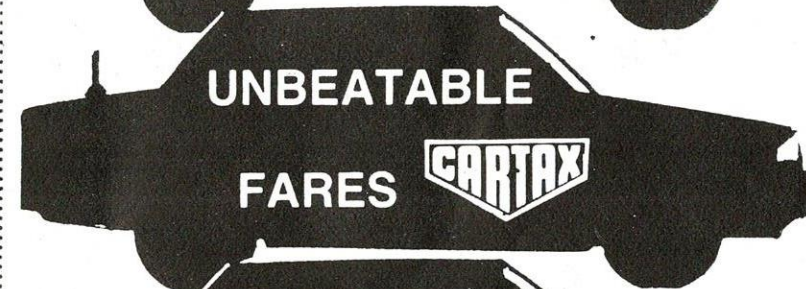


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The Supporters Club would like to extend a very warm welcome to our friends from Cumberland and to the Whitehaven team and Supporters Club members to today's match and invite them to all our canteens and souvenir shops situated at different parts of the ground.

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And at Widnes on Sunday, April 8th to leave the Social Club at 1.15 p.m. Adults £2.15, Juniors £1.40.

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Substitutes Deakin did not play and Radcliffe for Paterson.

Bramley: Johnson (2 goals); Dudley, Sampson, Nicholson, Pieniazek; Winterbottom, Langton; Ackroyd, Hawksley, Knowles (try), Bond, James, Crook (try).
Substitutes Olbison did not play, Higginbottom for James.

Referee, W.H. Thompson, Huddersfield. Half-time 5-8. Attendance 1,009.

TEN YEARS AGO

Sunday, 24th March, 1974

Hull Kingston Rovers 8 4 28 Oldham 3 3 15

Hull K.R.: Coupland; Stephenson, Longstaffe (2 tries), Hall (3 goals), Dunn; Millward (5 goals and 2 tries); Millington, Heslop, Wiley, Holdstock, Madley, Rose.
Substitutes Nuttall did not play and Woodhead for Rose.

Oldham: Murphy; Barton, Larder, Wainwright (goal), Holland (2 goals and 2 tries); Treasure, Gorman; Clawson, Brown (try), Ashcroft, Welding, Hall, Peters.
Substitutes, Elliott did not play and Taylor for Brown.

Referee, M. Naughton, Widnes. Half-time 10-10. Attendance 1,924.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Friday, March 28th 1969 (League comprised one division only)

St. Helens 5 3 19 Oldham 2 0 4

St. Helens: Walsh; Wilson, Prescott, Myler, Van Niekerk (try); Whittle, T. Bishop; Warlow, Sayer, Halsall, Mantle, Chisnall, Coslett (5 goals and a try).
Substitutes A. Bishop (try) and Rees for T. Bishop and Halsall.

Oldham: Whitehead (2 goals); Elliott, Crellin, Buckley, Davies; Briggs, Canning; Ogden, Taylor, Fletcher, Irving, McCourt, Clark.
Substitutes Murphy and Daley for Briggs and Ogden.

Referee, G.F. Lindop, Wakefield. Half-time 17-4. Attendance 5,000.

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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

1983			
Aug.	14	St. Helens (Friendly) (3.00)	H 10-32
	21	Leeds (3.00)	H 25-16
	28	Bradford N. (3.00)	A 8-14
Sept.	4	Lancs. Cup (1) Workington	H 26-20
	11	Featherstone R. (3.30)	A 24-16
	14	Lancs. Cup (2) Swinton	A 6-8
	18	Fulham (3.00)	H 30-12
	25	Hull K.R. (3.00)	A 18-18
Oct.	2	St. Helens (3.00)	H 32-6
	9	Widnes (3.00)	H 10-20
	19	Castleford (7.30)	A 18-16
	23	Hull (3.00)	H 18-12
	30	Warrington (3.00)	A 22-22
Nov.	6	JOHN PLAYER (1)(Leigh)	H 12-20
	13	Wigan (3.00)	H 8-4
	20	Fulham (3.00)	A 4-21
	27	Hull K.R. (3.00)	H 10-18
Dec.	4	Leigh (3.30)	A P
	11	Featherstone R. (3.00)	H P
	18	Wakefield T. (3.30)	A 22-28
	26	Salford (3.00)	H 18-6
1984			
Jan.	2	Leeds (3.00)	A 12-16
	8	Leigh (3.00)	H A
	22	Wigan (3.00)	A P
	29	Castleford (3.00)	H P
Feb.	5	Hull (3.00)	A 8-20
	12	STATE EXPRESS CHAL CUP (1)	H 28-10
	19	Whitehaven (3.30)	A 8-42
	26	STATE EXPRESS CHAL CUP (2)	H 6-30
Mar.	4	Bradford Northern (3.00)	H 10-4
	11	Leigh (3.00)	H 13-10
	14	Wigan (7.45)	A 6-12
	18	Warrington (3.00)	H 11-14
	25	Whitehaven (3.00)	H
Apr.	1	St. Helens (3.00)	A
	8	Widnes (3.00)	A
	11	Castleford (7.30)	H
	15	Wakefield T. (3.00)	H
	20	Salford (3.00)	A

Jan.	28	Rochdale (2.30)	A
Feb.	4	Salford (3.00)	A
	25	Halifax (3.00)	H
Mar.	3	Rochdale H. (3.00)	A
	10	Barrow (3.00)	A
	17	York (3.00)	H
	24	Huddersfield (3.00)	A
	31	Bramley (3.00)	A
April	7	Salford (3.00)	H
	14	Bramley (3.00)	H

A TEAM FIXTURES

1983			
Aug.	11	St. Helens (Friendly) (7.30)	A P
	17	Oldham Amateur R.L. (7.30)	H 40-2
	26	Lancashire Amateur R.L. (7.30)	H P
Sept.	2		
	10	Barrow (3.00)	H 20-16
	15	Swinton (LRCS 1st leg) (7.30)	A 26-16
	23	Salford (7.30)	H 30-24
	29	St. Helens (7.30)	A 8-28
Oct.			
	7	Widnes (7.30)	A 12-28
	13	Warrington (7.30)	H 30-12
	20	Swinton (LRCS 2nd leg) (7.30)	H 8-0
	27	Lancs. Amateur R.L. (7.30)	H 22-9
Nov.	4		
	9	Wigan	A 30-32
	17	Saddleworth ARLFC	H 40-7
	25		
Dec.	1	Leigh (7.30)	A P
	9	Widnes (7.30) (Lancs. Shield)	A 14-8
	15	Swinton (7.30)	H 12-12
	21	Widnes (7.30) (Lancs. Shield)	H 14-8
	30		
1984			
Jan.	5	Leigh (7.30)	A 18-28
	12		
	19	Wigan (7.30)	H 18-32
	26		
Feb.	3	Warrington (7.30)	A
	9		
	16	St. Helens (7.30)	H P
	25	Barrow (2.30)	A P
Mar.	1	Swinton (7.30)	A 12-5
	8	Warrington (7.30) (Shield Final)	H 13-23
	16	Salford (7.30)	A 10-14
	22	Widnes (7.30)	H
	30	Warrington (7.30) (Shield Final)	A
April	14	Barrow	A

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