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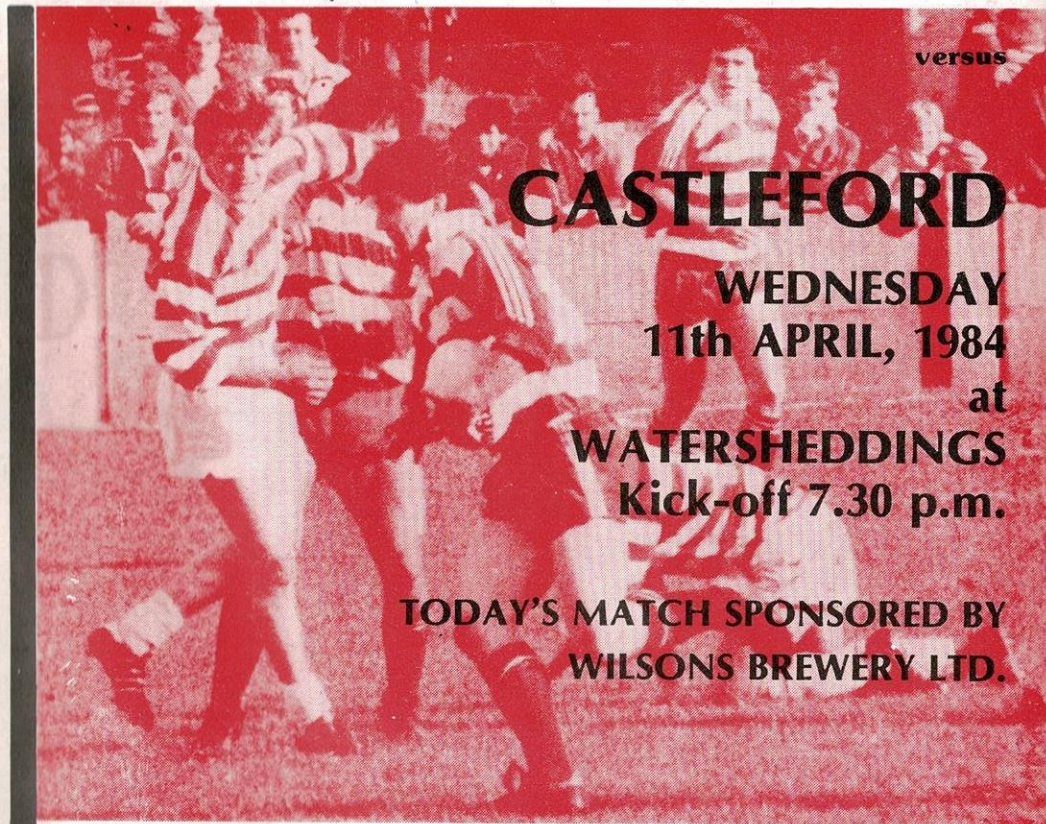
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1. Forward Pass:-

A penalty will only be given if the pass is deemed to be deliberately thrown forward. Otherwise a scrum will be formed for an accidental infringement.

2. Scrum:-

The differential penalty applies to all players, even those outside the scrum. In the case of a centre or winger being offside they are penalised where they offend. A full penalty is awarded for foul play or offences occurring before the scrum is formed.

3. Mutual Infringement:-

If after a slight skirmish, the referee decides it was six-of-one and half-dozen the other, play will start with a scrum at the spot, the attacking team to have scrum advantage.

4. Offside:-

Any offside player who remains within 5 metres of an opponent who is set to catch a kick up-field shall be deemed to be interfering with, or attempting to interfere with the catcher, and shall be penalised, unless the non-offending team gain immediate advantage.

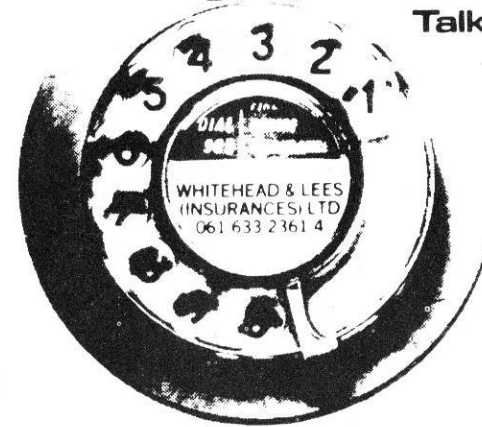
The offside player within 5 metres can never be played onside.

5. Foul Play:-

If during a passing movement a player is fouled after passing the ball, the referee cannot now await the advantage until play is stopped, then penalise. The penalty must be given where the offence occurs, or having played advantage must continue with play. At the next natural stoppage he can then deal with the offender but not penalise him. This means referees must quickly decide the best advantage to non-offending sides. The touch judge must also decide the advantage if the referee is unsighted. The penalty is still at the point where the ball lands if the offence is after a kick through.

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HISTORICAL NOTES ON CASTLEFORD

by Tom Webb

Typical of other periods in the club history when local signings provided the bulk of the Castleford team was January 1957. The Batley programme for the match with "Cas" indicated that full back Barnes, right wing Easts, left centre Albert Lunn (who also holds the club goals scoring record, the notes added), left wing Bryant signed "only a few weeks ago", stand-off half Hindley, second row forward Charlie Howard, front row forward Thornley and loose forward Fred Ward were also local products as was Evans the scrum-half "recently signed from Wakefield Trinity", thus nine locals were in the line up. Other players that day were Cliff Burton, a Wakefield junior recruit at left centre, Arthur Wilmot prop forward who was "well known to Batley supporters" and formerly with Hull Kingston Rovers, Huddersfield and Dewsbury, Flanagan, a Lancashire man who was at one time with the defunct Belle Vue Rangers and Derek Schofield, ex Rochdale, Halifax and England.

Bill Flanagan is still to be seen at Watersheddings where his son Kevin was a great favourite and where Terry, a younger son, occupies the number 13 role.

About this time Gideon Shaw was president of Castleford. He was a local printer and had charge of a touring party to Australia and New Zealand. The club chairman was Harry Harrison and the directors, G. Shaw, H.H. Clarkson, R. Simpson, F.L. Hartley, A.S. Dobson, A.E. Clarkson, F. Smith and A. Ellaby with L. Garbett as club secretary.

Ron Simpson had a most unique place in Rugby League. An Englishman, he was placed in charge of the Welsh national Rugby League side. He became a noted Rugby League legislator.

A.S. Dobson, like a later member of the Castleford board, Eric Clay, was a top grade referee and in his day was the number one whistler in the country. His brother was a great worker and fund raiser for the old Hunslet club in its Parkside days.

Alf Ellaby, who started off as a soccer player, became the best winger of his day, achieving greatness with St. Helens, Wigan, England and Great Britain. He became a publican in the Garforth district, I believe, and was a member of the club board for some years. I had the distinction of speaking with him at one of the annual dinners of the Huddersfield Supporters' Club over 20 years ago.

Len Garbett has been a personal friend of my wife and myself for many years. Len was a referee and like so many others in that profession, he had played professionally in the Northern Rugby Football League. During the war time he guested for Huddersfield and other clubs when his beloved Castleford club was not engaged. After retiring he became a club coach and in due course the club secretary. He covered Castleford for the "Rugby Leaguer" for some years and he was a valued contributor to my own short lived magazine, the "Rugby League Record" in 1962. He seemed to be related to half the Castleford side of the Hardisty-Hepworth period.

In 1960 a fire burnt out the club room at Wheldon Road when all the junior kits were destroyed. The social club room received more damage from water than fire but a brick built extension for the junior players' baths were saved. The development had not been officially opened at the time and it was to be named in memory of John Wilson, the former secretary of the Rugby Football League. At the time of the fire it had already enrolled over 1,000 members.

The 1934-35 season will always be remembered as the one when Castleford went to Wembley and triumphed over Huddersfield by 11-8. On the way to the final the club had beaten Astley & Tyldesley Colliery, Liverpool Stanley, Hunslet and Barrow, the last named at Swinton in the semi-final. Gideon Shaw was chairman, Captain Pickles the secretary and Billy Rhodes the trainer. The players included Jimmy Crossley, Ted Sadler, Jimmy Croston, George Lewis, Les Adams, Bernard Cunniffe, Pat McManus, Billy Davies, Harold Haley, Frank Smith, Tommy Askin, Tommy Taylor, Donald Knowles and Arthur Atkinson.

CLASSY CAS CHASING CHAMPIONSHIP

CASTLEFORD are making a serious bid for the Slalom Lager championship this season and they remain one of the most attractive teams in the competition.

We won a thriller at Wheldon Road in October and we will have to guard against a repeat of last season's results between the two clubs. We won in Yorkshire last season, and Mal Reilly and his men gained their revenge here at Watersheddings.

This time we are again chasing the double.

Actually, there could be one or two new faces in the Castleford team today because, like so many clubs these days, the Wheldon Road men have been recruiting Down Under in recent weeks.

To those of us who have grown accustomed to seeing Castleford teams full of local lads from full back to loose-forward it will seem strange to hear southern hemisphere accents among their ranks.

Thanks to coach Reilly, who played in Sydney for several seasons, and director Mr. Phil Brunt, Castleford have good connections in Australia and they have paid dividends with the signing of Steve Robinson and Brett Adkins.

Robinson is only 18 and is rated as "another Bobby Fulton". If he lives up to half that he won't be doing too badly. He is an outside-half of rich promise and a former captain of New South Wales schoolboys.

He will remain with Castleford for the rest of the season and will then go back to Sydney where several of the leading clubs are queuing up to grab his signature.

Adkins, who was due to arrive in Yorkshire last week-end, is described as a second-row man in the Phil Lowe mould, big, strong, fast and direct.

Yet another man from Down Under currently in the Castleford ranks is utility man Gary Freeman, who has been figuring in both half-back positions recently.

He can play either scrum-half or outside-half and already has proved a useful man to have around.

A New Zealander, Freeman first went to Kent Invicta when he arrived in England, but after a spell there he was keen to move into a higher grade of football and he was recommended to Castleford.

The basis of the side, however, is still one of youth and experience and mainly involving local players.

Darren Coen is a useful fullback, and Castleford have plenty of choice in the back line, especially so since the recruitment of Freeman and Robinson.

This has enabled Test man John Joyner to switch back to his original centre position from outside-half.

You cannot consider Castleford, of course, without considering the Beardmore twins — scrum-half and goalkicker Bob and hooker Kevin.

Both have played a major role in Castleford's success story this season and Bob was being tipped as a possible tour candidate earlier in the campaign.

Traditionally, Castleford are a fine footballing side. They do the basics right, play their football at speed and back up smartly — the very tactics, in fact, that formed the basis of Australia's triumph last season.

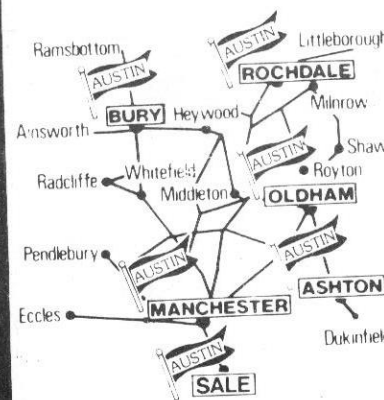


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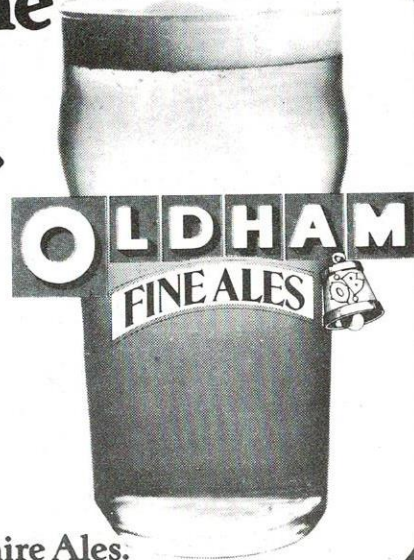
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The Supporters Club are once again running a Wembley Draw with prizes of – Winner £50 Losing Finalist £20, Losing Semi-Finalist £5, All other teams £1. Anyone wishing to sell any of the above tickets for us please see Miss A. Collinge at the small canteen behind the stand. Price of the tickets are 50p a book.

FUN RUN this year is being run on Sunday, May 20th, 1984. There are two runs, one is A Family Run of approximately 3 miles to commence at 11 a.m. Entry fee of £1.50 and A Senior Run of a distance of 7.6 miles (age limit of 17 years and over) to commence at 12 noon over the course as last year. Entry fee of £2.00. For details of these inquire at canteens.

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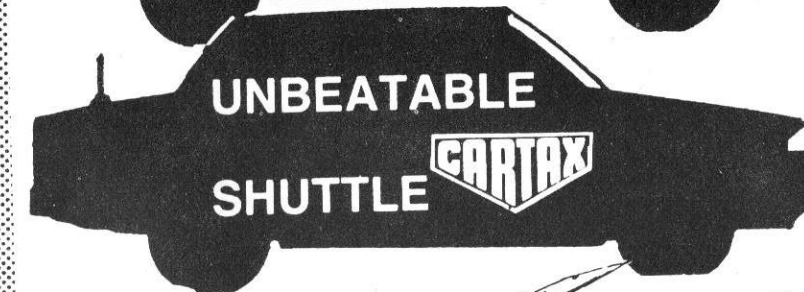
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IT is the time again for the BBC to run their popular Superstars series in which Rugby League players have made quite a hit in the past.

This series is, I would have thought, intended to be representative of the sports generally covered by the BBC during both summer and winter.

Obviously certain sports throw up more candidates than others yet once again Rugby League seems to have been given the cold shoulder despite the memorable performances of players like Keith Fielding and Des Drummond.

Why we can continue to have so many Union stars in the series and none of the men seen on the screen in League jerseys on so many Saturday afternoons baffles me.

Talk about discrimination. But this snub is not just restricted to the main Superstars programme. I switched on the other week for the Junior Superstars.

What did I find but that 75 per cent of the line up on that particular evening consisted of young Rugby Union players with a few competitors from other sports.

Once again not a Rugby League youngster in sight and we have some cracking talent who have emerged at Colts level to become international stars of the future.

Perhaps the BBC felt that they might be tainting the young Rugby Union players if we were to rub shoulder with players from the professional scene even though they might possess a lot more talent.

It is all so strange — or is it. Should we not accept that the powers that be in the South do not look to more than merely filling a blank spot on the Saturday afternoon programmes.

We now have the games on the Saturday split into two parts just to confuse viewers. After getting used to a 3.55 time the recording now starts at 3.30 just to help video owners.

After seeing the first half viewers get a chance to do some quick shopping or gardening while they show Soccer results etc. and then return eventually to the Rugby League game.

It is all very odd treatment but at least there is Wembley when they for once give the match live and with no major interruptions.

And while we are talking about other programmes I keep being asked why we never have League players on a Question of Sport these days!

Apart from an odd call to League it is the same old story of Union players plus every other sport getting the big treatment.

RUGBY LEAGUE DATA

TRIES

1. Garry SCHOFIELD (Hull)	31
2. John BASNETT (Widnes)	23
3. Joe LYDON (Widnes)	22
4. James LEULUAI (Hull)	21
John WOODS (Leigh)	21
Terry MOORE (Barrow)	21

GOALS

1. Eric FITZSIMONS (Hunslet)	131
2. Robert BEARDMORE (Castleford)	121
Steve HESFORD (Warrington)	121
4. John WOODS (Leigh)	110

WIDNES and WIGAN meet in the State Express Challenge Cup Final at Wembley on Saturday, 5th May, with each making a record 12th appearance at Wembley. The winners will lift the Cup for a record 7th time at the Stadium.

Mick Adams, Eric Hughes, and Keith Elwell are due to set an individual record of seven appearances at Wembley. At present, they share the record with the former Wigan trio of Eric Ashton, Billy Boston and Brian McTigue who appeared there six times between 1958 and 1966.

A Widnes victory would also give the Chemics' trio a record equalling four winners medals. The current holders are Brian Lockwood with Castleford (1969 and 1970), Hull K.R. (1980) and Widnes (1981), plus Alex Murphy, the Wigan Team Manager, with St. Helens (1961 and 1966), Leigh (1971) and Warrington (1974).

Joe Lydon and David Hulme of Widnes are hoping to become the first players to appear in both a Schoolboys Curtain Raiser at Wembley and a Rugby League Challenge Cup Final. They appeared in the first Under-11s Schoolboys Curtain Raiser in 1975 — Lydon for Wigan and Hulme for Widnes.

There is likely to be the most overseas players to appear at Wembley. The record at present is four on several occasions but there could be five on May 5th if the teams field their Semi-Final line-ups. Wigan have New Zealanders Howie Tamati and Graeme West plus Australians Mark Cannon and Wayne Elvin. In addition, Wigan's New Zealand forward Danny Campbell is battling to regain fitness after a broken leg.

Widnes's sole overseas representative is New Zealander Kevin Tamati, the cousin of Howie.

Shaun Edwards (Wigan) will be the youngest ever player at Wembley at 17 years 6 months 19 days, being born on 17th October, 1966. The previous youngest was Reg Lloyd who was seven weeks older when he played for Keighley on 8th May, 1937. He was born on 1st September, 1919. Like Edwards, Lloyd was also on the wing and the opponents again were Widnes who won 18-5 with Lloyd scoring Keighley's only try.

TRY SCORING SEQUENCES: Two Barrow players are on a run of having scored at least one try in five or more successive matches. Terry Moore has touched down in six successive matches as follows: 1-1-1-1-3-2 and Andy Whittle has scored tries in five successive matches as follows: 2-2-1-1-1.

Tommy David of Cardiff City has also scored tries in six successive matches as follows: 1-1-3-1-1-1.

Garry Schofield's try scoring run for Hull ended at six matches when he failed to touch down at Whitehaven on Sunday.

POINTS SCORING SEQUENCE: Shaun Dunford of Dewsbury remains the only player to have scored in every one of his club's matches this season — a run of 31 matches.

WINNING RUN: Wigan's defeat at Castleford last week ended their winning run at seven. Swinton now stand alone with the best current winning run of eight matches.

LOSING RUN: Doncaster and Wakefield Trinity share the current longest losing run, each having lost seven successive matches.

MILESTONES: John Bevan needs one try for a career total of 200 touchdowns for Warrington.

Paul Prendiville, the Leeds and former Hull winger, needs two tries for a career century of touchdowns in club and representative matches.

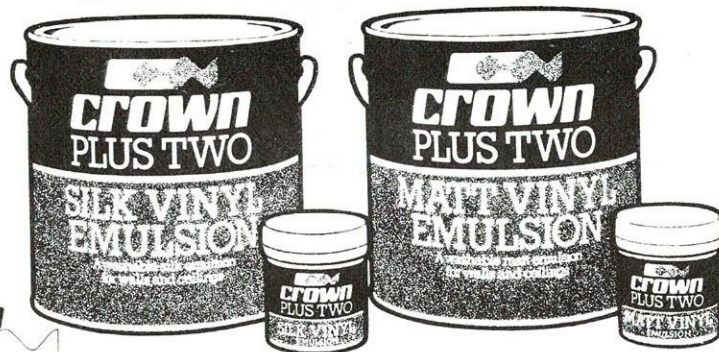
Nigel Stephenson of Wakefield Trinity needs one drop goal to equal the record career total of one-pointers. The record of 71 is held by Arnold Walker, the former Whitehaven and Workington Town scrum-half.

Steve Evans, the Hull and former Featherstone Rovers utility back, needs one try for a career century of Division One touchdowns.

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FIVE YEARS AGO

13th April, 1979 (Second Division)

Swinton 35 Oldham 6

Swinton: Gorton (5 goals 2 tries); Crehan, Cooke, O'Loughlin (try), Hindley (try); McAtee (try), Foster (try and drop goal); Phythian, A. Derbyshire (try), Gomm, Highton, Doran, Peters (try). Substitutes Bruen for Foster and Sutton for Peters.

Oldham: Murphy; Elliott (try), Larder, Lund, Fitzsimons (try); Fricker, Ogden; Fiddler, O'Mahoney, Ashcroft, Hall, Hawkyard, Jewitt. Substitutes Munro did not play and Jones for Ashcroft.

Referee, T. M. Beaumont, Huddersfield. Attendance 1,787. Half-time score 9-3.

TEN YEARS AGO

13th April, 1974 (First Division)

Oldham 4 Salford 2

Oldham: Murphy, Barton, Larder, Wainwright, Holland (2 goals); Treasure, McCone; Ashcroft, Browne, Maye, Gregory, Welding, Hall. Substitutes Elliott for Treasure and Farrell for May.

Salford: Charlton; Fielding, Watkins (goal), Hesketh, Richards; Gill, Banner; Coulman, Walker, Davies, Grice, Dixon, Prescott. Substitutes Devlin and Corcoran did not play. N.B. Salford finished top of Division One and Oldham were relegated.

Referee, R. Moore, Wakefield. Attendance 3,875. Half-time score 0-0.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

11th April, 1969 (One division structure)

Barrow 5 Oldham 7

Barrow: Jackson; Douglas (try), Leake, Hughes, Morris; Brophy (goal), Jones; Murphy, Evans, Irving, Ridgeway, Sanderson, Whitehead. Substitutes Shuttleworth for Morris and Rowley who did not play.

Oldham: Whitehead (2 goals); Elliott, Crellin, Briggs, Buckley; Murphy, Canning; Wilson (try), Taylor, Fletcher, Daley, McCourt, Clarke. Substitutes Davies did not play and Ogden for Daley.

Referee, M.J. Naughton, Widnes. Attendance 3,514. Half-time score 2-7.

Oldham were a middle of the table side with 17 wins and 15 defeats at this stage. There were only six open-age sides in Oldham, Waterhead, St. Annes, St. Mary's, Saddleworth Rangers, Royton and Ferranti and they were joined in the Oldham League by Langworthy Juniors (Salford) and Salford Juniors. Sadly, St. Mary's and Royton no longer exist and when Ferranti R.F.C. closed down the players formed the Chadderton club.



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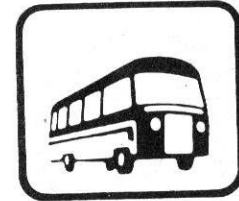
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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

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 24-13
Apr.	1	St. Helens (3.00) A 20-31
	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
Dec.	25	
	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 16-24
	22	Widnes (7.30) H
	30	Warrington (7.30) (Shield Final) A 18-20
April	14	Barrow A
	16	St. Helens H

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