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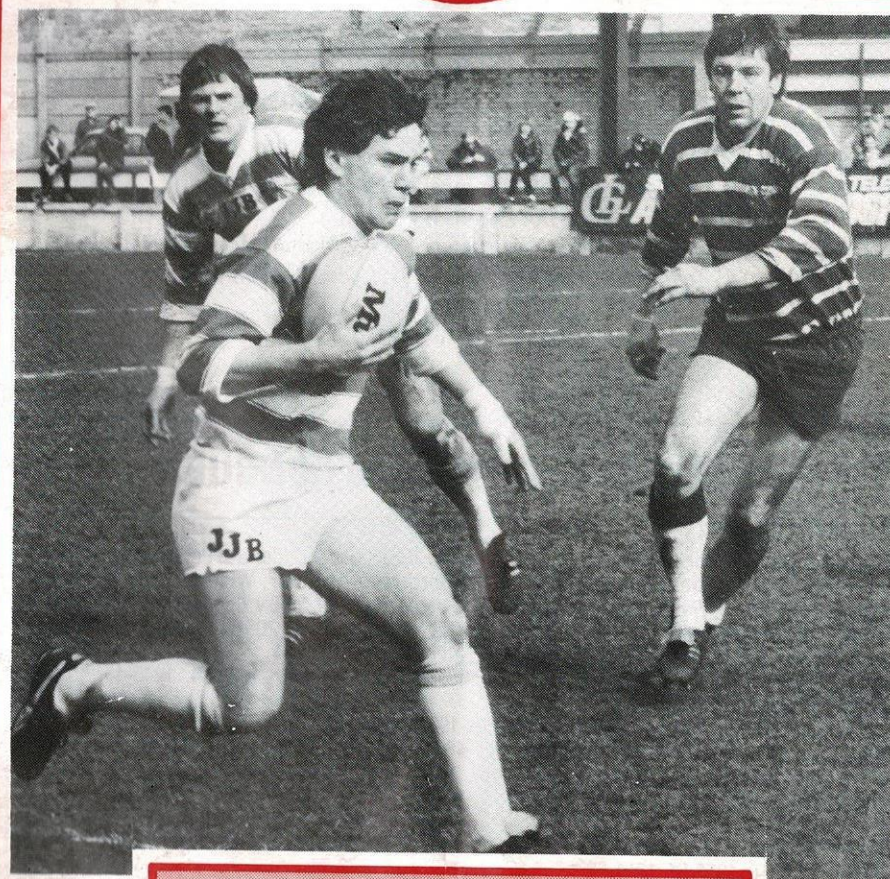
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Rugby League Championship winners: 1908-09, 1921-22, 1925-26, 1933-34, 1945-46, 1946-47, 1949-50, 1951-52 and 1959-60.

Runners-up: 1909-10, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1912-13, 1923-24 and 1970-71

Challenge Cup winners: 1923-24, 1928-29, 1947-48, 1950-51, 1957-58, 1958-59 and 1964-65

Runners-up: 1910-11, 1919-20, 1943-44, 1960-61, 1965-66 and 1969-70, 1983-84

Floodlit Cup winners: 1968-69

Runners-up: 1969-70

Lancashire Cup winners: 1905-06, 1908-09, 1909-10, 1912-13, 1922-23, 1928-29, 1938-39, 1946-47, 1948-49, 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52, 1966-67, 1971-72 and 1973-74

Runners-up: 1913-14, 1914-15, 1925-26, 1927-28, 1930-31, 1934-35, 1935-36, 1936-37, 1945-46, 1952-53, 1957-58, 1977-78 and 1980-81

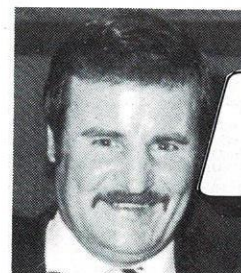
First Division Championship runners-up: 1963-64 and 1974-75

League Leaders' Trophy winners: 1970-71

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Runners-up: 1909-10, 1921-22, 1924-25, 1928-29, 1930-31, 1933-34, 1947-48, 1948-49, 1959-60 and 1968-69

John Player Trophy winners: 1982-83



MURPHY

I have, of course, just returned from my holidays so I did not see last Sunday's warm up against Mansfield. In any case it is too early to make snap judgements about players although it does help to show me who has been putting it all into training.

I have left pre-season stamina and spade work to Alan McInnes and during my absence he has stepped up from two to three nights per week. This is something I will carry out throughout the season. The days of preparing for First division rugby league on two nights training per week have gone forever. We have so much work to do, stamina training, sprinting, weight training, tackling-shield drills, team training and game plans that even three nights does not give us enough time.

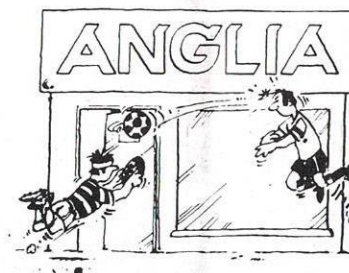
In this respect I am delighted to be able to say that this year we have had the full co-operation of the Wigan Metro Leisure Department for the full use of the Robin Park all weather surface. I also note the brilliant development carried out at the site of the new athletic stadium and sincerely hope we will be given the opportunity to use this wonderful facility.

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The Wigan Sevens are renowned as THE seven-a-side competition in rugby league. We have certainly seen some scintillating tries scored. The competition goes back to 1923 and Leeds, one of our visitors today have participated almost throughout the whole history of the competition. It further underlines the tremendous relationship and sense of history that exists between the two famous Clubs.

We also welcome back today our neighbours Leigh who have been forced to miss the last two previous years when they were required to play in charity matches. It is an equal pleasure to be able to welcome Warrington, another famous neighbour, who have not been able to compete in the competition recently. Swinton and Salford gave their supporters a run for their money in last year's competition and will no doubt do so again. We have invited for the first time ever the newly re-formed Blackpool Club. With so many Wigan lads in their ranks it would be interesting to see how they perform.

Wigan's first round opponents Oldham are, of course, under the renewed guidance of Great Britain Coach Frank Myler. They will certainly not lack for determination and all in all promises to be an extremely competitive and interesting competition.

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Half-time Quiz



1. Who were the 1981-82 Division II Champions?
2. A well known present day Coach won the Harry Sunderland Trophy in 1970 playing for St. Helens against Leeds. What was his name?
3. Who were the 1975-76 John Player Trophy Winners?
4. A well known ex international player is now the present York Coach. What is his name?
5. In the 1966-67 Lancashire County Challenge cup final between Wigan and Oldham, a South African played on the left wing for Wigan. What was his name?

Answers on page 25

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The club have learned with extreme sadness and regret that Mr. Herbert Silcock died last Sunday evening. Herbie, as he was affectionately known, was one of our most loyal supporters and had in fact attended Wigan's game against Mansfield. He will be sadly missed and we extend our deepest sympathy to members of his family.

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THE Wigan Summer Sevens are the ideal warm-up event before the season proper begins. These matches are played in a relaxed atmosphere and good spirit and the Sevens have a refreshing touch of informality before the serious business of league competition starts.

They are also very good fun and a couple of hours good sport for the spectators, because Sevens rugby is fast, and spectacular.

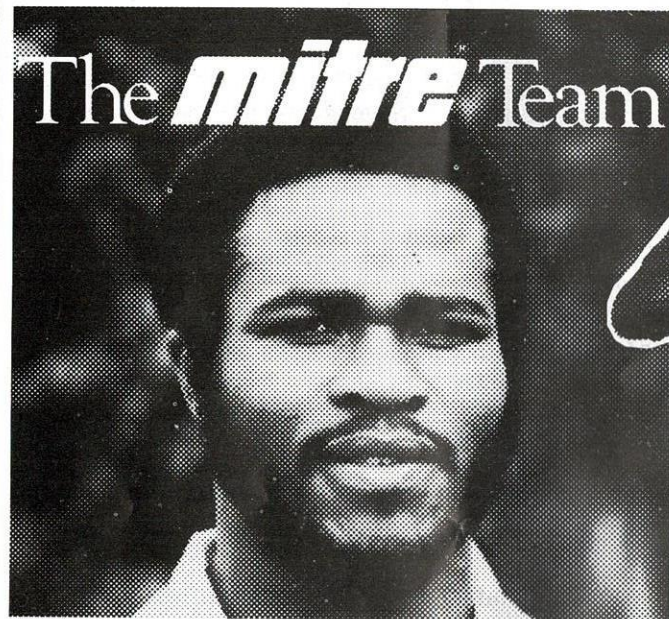
We hear a lot of complaints today about the 13-a-side game, particularly about the ball not reaching the wingers often enough. But in rugby sevens you get all the spectacular running and passing you could wish for.

The league status of the various teams taking part is of little account compared with the necessity for having pace in the side and so the results of each game is usually unpredictable to say the least. Before now we have seen teams winning the final with 30 seconds to go, only to lose to a try in the split second before the hooter sounds.

Widnes, the current holders of the Wigan Sevens Trophy, will be keen to hang on to it - and who can ever discount Widnes these days when they set their minds to something?

Wigan, who have won the trophy more times than anyone else, will be going all out to win it back. But there are speed merchants galore in all the teams taking part today, so the trophy could finish up in a Second Division boardroom, or over the Pennines in the hands of the mighty Leeds squad.

Whoever wins is not really important. The game's the thing at this type of tournament and so long as the spectators get good entertainment and value for money, Rugby League itself will be the real winner.

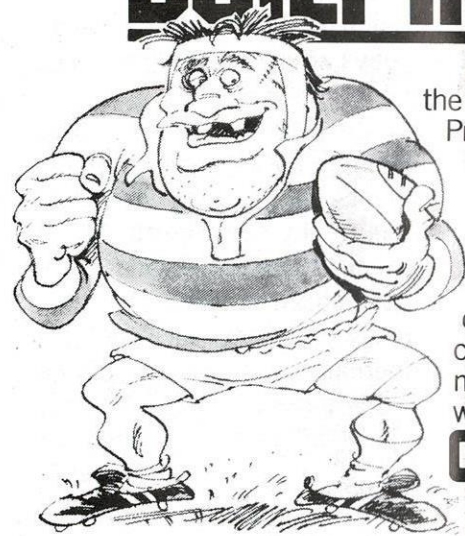


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Paul O'Neill scores a try for Wigan on his debut.

It's Great to be back!

I don't know what you have been doing over the silly season but Doug Stand has been busy becoming internationally famous.

Readers of this column will doubtless be interested to know that Doug Stand attended a sports journalists' dinner in Australia, a lavish beanfeast at which absolutely everybody who is anybody in Australian sport was present.

There, between the fast bowlers and the swimming champions, cheek by jowl with rugby league stars and top journalists, sat yours truly, gleefully stoking down the free food.

Very nice it was too, or so I am reliably informed.

Puzzled? Don't be. As is quite often the case, Maurice Lindsay is at the bottom of everything.

While the real Doug Stand sat at home in his lonely garret, reading press cuttings of Great Britain's performances on tour by the light of a flickering candle, Wigan's opportunist vice chairman was talent spotting Down Under using his name!

The absolute cheek of the man!

Apparently Maurice was spotted outside the grand hotel where the banquet was staged by a group of Australian journalists.

'Stop pressing your face to the window like that and come on in,' they said, or words to that effect.

'But I'm not a journalist,' said poor Maurice.

'Tell them you're Doug Stand,' said the devious representative of the Daily Mail. And thus the falsehood was perpetrated.

I repeat this sordid tale mainly from a sense of righteous indignation, but partly to confirm that Maurice is not the author of Doug Stand.

Maurice's signature was best used when put on the contract of Henderson Gill.

The authorship of this column has been puzzling Open Rugby magazine too. They had the good grace to mention Doug Stand in their appraisal of rugby programmes up and down the country, but lost credibility a little by suggesting it was penned by Alex Murphy!

No, this column is not contributed by anyone connected with the club, nor is it the work of Cliff Webb, Paul Ogden or Disgruntled of Platt Bridge.

It is the simple observations of a simple spectator, and it's here for another season. Hope it's as much fun as the last!



Andy Gregory's running set Widnes on the way to winning the Wigan Sevens last year. Here Andy takes on Leeds defenders in the semi-final and Widnes will be hoping he helps them to retain the trophy today.

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late Rees Thomas.

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Yours gratefully,
D. Kinsey
(Hon. Sec.)

Progress to Final

Note: First Rounds/Semi-Finals 7½ minutes each way.
Final only 10 minutes each way (one minute interval all games).

First Round

Kick-off

2.30 p.m.	Oldham	_____	}	_____
	Wigan	_____		_____
2.50 p.m.	Warrington	_____	}	_____
	Salford	_____		_____
3.10 p.m.	Leigh	_____	}	_____
	Blackpool	_____		_____
3.30 p.m.	Leeds	_____	}	_____
	Swinton	_____		_____

Semi-Finals

Final

Kick-off

3.50 p.m.	_____	}	_____
	_____		_____
4.10 p.m.	_____	}	_____
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4.40 p.m.



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9. P. Groves
10. D. Major
14. P. Glynn

SWINTON

1. P. Mellor
2. D. Bate
3. D. Wilson
4. M. Lee
8. M. Rowbottom
9. G. Hitchens
10. J. Allen
14. M. Coates

WIGAN

1. D. Ramsdale
2. H. Gill
3. M. Ford
4. J. Fairhurst
8. B. Juliff
9. P. O'Neill
10. S. Wane
14. J. Clare

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2. J. Stockley
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3. P. Ford
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LEEDS

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3. D. Creasser
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8. K. Rayne
9. K. Squire
10. R. Powell/P. Owen
14. N. Hague

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1. P. Johnson
2. J. Henderson
3. D. Taylor
4. P. Fox
8. D. Pyke
9. G. Hughes
10. S. Mellor
14. S. Fitzmartin/G. Ainsworth

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Games will be played under the laws of the Rugby Football League, except:-

1. At a kick-off, following a score - the ball shall NOT be required to travel 10 yards forward.
2. Each side will consist of seven players selected from a team of eight players and any of the selected seven players may be substituted by the eighth player AT ANY TIME during the match - providing the substitution is signalled by the referee.
3. The duration of each game shall be seven and a half minutes each way with one minute interval at half time. If, at the end of the game the scores are equal, the teams shall change over and continue to play until one side scores, such side being the winner, ends being changed every seven and a half minutes if necessary.

If extra time there will be no interval.

4. The final tie will be played for ten minutes each way with an interval of one minute at half time.
5. An independent time keeper will check all times and allow for injury or any other stoppage when so signalled by the Referee. A klaxon indicates the end of each session of play except that if a try has been scored, the scoring side shall be allowed to attempt the conversion.
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SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

ALTHOUGH some teams have already been involved in pre-season friendlies traditionally it is the Summer Sevens, followed by the annual charity matches, that mark the start of the new season. Having endured the rigours of Wimbledon, the Open Golf Championship, the England-West Indies Tests and endless athletics during the summer months it's good to get back to the rugby league season and see the Central Park terraces fill with cherry and white once again.

Interest in rugby league has been maintained throughout the close season by the Great Britain tour. The Test match results emphasized how far we lag behind the Australians and New Zealanders in terms of skills and fitness, and how much work needs to be done if we are to mount a serious challenge against the world's best teams in the coming years.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS 1984/85

Supporters can obtain their membership cards for the 1984/85 season from the Supporters Association shop this afternoon. Membership costs only 50 pence and in return members are entitled to cut-price travel to all away matches on the Supporters Association coaches, and to attend all Supporters Association social events and voice their opinions at our Annual General Meeting.

AWAY TRAVEL

Castleford v Wigan
Sunday 2nd September 1984
Coaches depart Central Park 1.30 p.m.
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OPEN RUGBY

Copies of the May, June, July and August issues are available from the Supporters Association shop. We also have a stock of back issues, many of which are now on sale at half price.

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Although Kent are now based at Southend we have received notification from their Supporters Club that the following souvenirs carrying the Kent Invicta crest are still available:

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Cheques should be made payable to 'Southend Invicta Supporters Club' and addressed to Mr. Peter Jones, 47 Ivy Close, Gravesend, Kent.

PRE-SEASON QUIZ

As promised in last week's Mansfield programme today we publish the second batch of questions for the Supporters Association quiz. The final set of questions will appear in the Locker Cup programme next week.

When you have collected all three sets of questions hand your entry in at the Central Park office by Thursday 31st August. Make a note on your entry of your name, address, telephone number and Supporters Association membership number for the 1984/85 season.

If you missed last week's programme then copies of the first set of questions can be obtained from the Supporters Association shop today.

A number of points will be awarded for each correct answer and the person obtaining the most points will be entitled to travel free to all Wigan's away matches this season on the Supporters Association coaches.

- Qn 7 Who is the only player to have won the Harry Sunderland trophy but finish on the losing side ... 1 point
- Qn 8 Name the only Keighley player to have earned a Great Britain Cap. ... 1 point
- Qn 9 In 1972-73 David Watkins set a new record for the number of goals kicked in a season (221). Who held the record before him? ... 1 point
- Qn 10 What was the last final in a first class Rugby League competition to finish scoreless and who were the teams? ... 2 points
- Qn 11 Doncaster have appeared in the final of one rugby league competition. Name (a) the competition (b) their opponents (c) the venue (d) the result. ... 4 points
- Qn 12 a) Which player kicked goals in the 1967 and 1973 Challenge Cup finals?
b) Who was the only player to appear in the 1963 and 1964 Challenge Cup finals?
c) Which player scored tries in the 1972 and 1978 Challenge Cup finals?
d) Who scored in both the 1973 and 1974 Challenge Cup finals?
e) Which player appeared in the 1968 and 1977 Challenge Cup finals? 5 points

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20TH AUGUST 1949 LEAGUE

BATLEY 18 WIGAN 29

WIGAN: Tries: Nordgren 3, Ratcliffe 2, Cunliffe & Gee. Goals: Gee 4.

21ST AUGUST 1954 LEAGUE

WIGAN 16 HUNSLET 6

WIGAN: Tries: Nordgren 3 & T. Parr. Goals Nordgren 2.

19TH AUGUST 1959 LEAGUE

WIGAN 16 WIDNES 12

WIGAN: Tries: Ashton & Bretherton. Goals: Ashton 5. Referee: Mr. G. Wilson.

20TH AUGUST 1969 LEAGUE

WIGAN 24 LEIGH 8

WIGAN: Tries: D. Hill 4, Rowe & Clarke. Goals: Denley 3.
LEIGH: Tries: Stringer & Eckersley. Goal: Warburton.

WIGAN: Denley, Jones, O'Loughlin, Rowe, Francis, D. Hill, Parr, Stevens, Clarke (Ashurst), Ashcroft, Fogerty, Hogan (Lyon), Laughton.

LEIGH: Brown (Eckersley), Tickle, Lewis, Collins, Stringer, Warburton, Murphy, Chisnall, Ashcroft, Watts, Welding, Grimes, Major (Lester). Referee: Mr. R. L. Thomas. Attendance: 12,445.

25TH AUGUST 1974 LEAGUE

HALIFAX 18 WIGAN 21

WIGAN: Tries: Irving, Willicombe, Taylor, Vigo & Wright. Goals: Tyrer 3.

HALIFAX: Tries: Brown 2, Baker & Hoyle. Goal: Shires. Referees Mr. H. G. Hunt. Attendance: 2,700.



Steve Brennan attacks the Mansfield line but is brought down by Chris Willis.

MEMORABLE MATCHES

TODAY we again take the opportunity of looking back at a match involving Wigan and a now defunct club. This time it is the turn of Belle Vue Rangers.

Wigan vs. Belle Vue Rangers (Lancashire Cup Final. October 26th, 1946 at Swinton).

Wigan 9 points Belle Vue Rangers 3.

WIGAN: Ryan, Nordgren, Lawrenson, Ashcroft, Ratcliffe, Mountford, Bradshaw, Gee, Egan, Banks, W. Blan, Atkinson, J. Blan

BELLE VUE RANGERS: Harris, Tolan, Waring, Powell, Barr, Kenny, Watkins, Thomas, Jones, Glendenning, Gwyther, Brown, Manning.

Referee: Mr. Dobson (Pontefract).
Attendance: 21,648. Receipts: £2,658.

IN 1946 Wigan reached the Lancashire Cup Final for the second successive year and they were determined to wipe out memories of the previous season's seven points to three defeat at the hands of Widnes. Belle Vue Rangers, on the other hand, were appearing in the final for the first time although Broughton Rangers, the club from which they had evolved at the beginning of the 1946-7 season, had reached the final several times.

On the way to the final Wigan ran up way over 100 points, beating Rochdale Hornets by 49 points to 4 at home and by 32 points to 5 away from home in the first round, Salford by 31 points to nil at home and by 19 points to nil away from home in the second round and Oldham by 21 points to 7 away from home in the semi-final. Rangers, meanwhile, beat Liverpool Stanley by 7 points to nil away from home and by 11 points to 5 at home in the first round,

received a bye in the second round and beat Widnes by 5 points to nil at home in the semi-final.

The final itself was a low scoring affair with Wigan taking a seven points to three interval lead through a try by Jack Blan and two goals by Lawrenson to a try by Manning. The only score in the second half was a third goal by Lawrenson.

The 1946-7 season was a very successful one for Wigan for apart from winning the Lancashire cup they also finished top of the Rugby league and Lancashire league tables, beat Dewsbury by 13 points to 4 in the championship play off final and reached the quarter final of the Challenge Cup. Ryan, Lawrenson, Gee, Egan, Jack Blan, Ashcroft and Bradshaw all represented Lancashire, Lawrenson, Ashcroft, Gee, Egan, Ryan and Bradshaw all represented England and Ward represented Wales.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

WIGAN V WARRINGTON

26th AUGUST LOCKER CUP

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.



WIGAN V BRADFORD

7th SEPTEMBER

(Slalom Lager 1st Division Championship)

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Henderson Gill scores a last minute try. He was also in excellent goal kicking form last Sunday.

PREVIOUS 'SUMMER SEVENS' WINNERS

YEAR	WINNERS		RUNNERS UP	
1923	Wigan	18	Barrow	10
1949	Salford	13	Warrington	11
1959	Wigan	11	Swinton	10
1960	Wigan	18	Oldham	11
1961	Wigan	19	Oldham	13
1962	Wigan	12	Oldham	6
1963	Wigan	16	Oldham	3
1964	Wigan	15	Halifax	11
1965	Warrington	19	Widnes	15
1966	Oldham	16	Halifax	15
1967	Halifax	28	Widnes	11
1968	Salford	26	Leeds	23
1969	Salford	23	Warrington	13
1970	Wigan	28	Salford	15
1971	Wigan	31	Leeds	26
1972	NOT PLAYED - SPONSORSHIP/BBC PROBLEMS			
1973	Wigan	45	Leigh	13
1974	Leeds	16	Wigan	11
1975	Leeds	23	Wigan	18
1976	Wigan	27	Wakefield T.	11
1977	Wigan	26	Leigh	0
1978	Workington	13	St. Helens	12
1979	Wigan	16	Widnes	6
1980	Wigan	15	Widnes	8
1981	Wakefield T.	28	Leeds	25
1982	Leeds	14	Wigan	8
1983	Widnes	46	Oldham	26

WIGAN R.L.F.C. GREATS

JAMES LEYTHAM

TODAY we feature 'Gentleman Jim of the Football Field' - former Wigan wingman James Leytham.

Leytham signed for Wigan from Lancaster in December 1903 for a fee reputed to be around £10. If this figure is accurate he certainly proved to be a bargain buy. In fact in his first full season at Wigan he gained representative honours for both England and Lancashire. His England debut against other nationalities was particularly memorable as he scored four tries and a goal in a 26 points to 11 victory.

Further representative honours followed in the 1905-6 season and he was also a member of the Wigan team that played against Leigh in the first ever Lancashire Cup Final. That final ended in a 0-0 draw, but Wigan won the replay by eight points to nil and Leytham scored a try. In fact tries came easily for him in 1905-6 and his final count was a massive 40. Not surprisingly he finished as the top try scorer in the rugby league. He was also the top points scorer in the league with 160 points.

It was the 1907-8 season that proved to be Leytham's best though. In that season he not only finished as the League's top try scorer with 44 tries, but he also played for Lancashire, England and Great Britain. His Great Britain debut came in the first test against New Zealand, which incidentally was the first official match to be played by Great Britain, and to mark the occasion he scored a try. In fact this was one of eight tries that he scored against the Kiwis on their 1907-8 tour. (He scored another for Great Britain in the second test, one for England, two for

Lancashire and three for Wigan, who were the first team to beat New Zealand on the tour).

Leytham lost his Great Britain place to Batten of Hunslet for the third test against New Zealand and Batten retained his place for all three tests against Australia the following season. Some consolation for Leytham though came with Wigan's 1908 Lancashire Cup Final and 1909 Championship play off final wins over Oldham.

1909-10 saw Leytham top the try scoring charts for a third time - this time with a total of 48. He also topped the points scoring charts with 232 points. Seven of those points came in Wigan's 22 points to 5 Lancashire Cup Final victory over Leigh. The highlight of his season though was his selection for the 1910 Great Britain tour of Australia and New Zealand.

The tour went well for Leytham and he played in both tests against Australia, scoring two tries and a goal in the first and four tries in the second. He also played in the solitary test against New Zealand, scoring two tries.

Unfortunately playing against Oldham at Central Park on March 29th, 1911, Leytham was badly injured and this injury hampered him to such an extent afterwards that he was forced to hang up his boots a year later. His final appearance came against Hull on April 8th, 1912.

Tragically Leytham drowned in a boating accident on Morecambe Bay on August 20th, 1916, but for as long as people talk about Wigan Rugby League greats he will be remembered.

APPEARANCES, TRIES & GOALS SCORED

(up to and including the game versus Mansfield, home, 12.8.84.)

Tries	App	Sub Pld	Sub N/P	Friendlies	Total
R. Braithwaite	1	-	-	-	-
S. Brennan	1	-	-	1	1
N. Courtney	1	-	-	-	-
B. Dunn	1	-	-	-	-
J. Fairhurst	1	-	-	2	2
M. Ford	1	-	-	-	-
H. Gill	1	-	-	1	1
J. Mayo	-	1	-	-	-
P. O'Neill	1	-	-	2	2
I. Potter	1	-	-	-	-
J. Pendlebury	1	-	-	1	1
D. Ramsdale	1	-	-	-	-
D. Stephenson	1	-	-	-	-
B. Williams	-	1	-	-	-
G. West	1	-	-	1	1
D. Wood	-	1	-	-	-
C. Wilson	-	1	-	2	2
				10	10
Goals:					
J. Pendlebury				1	1
H. Gill				7	7
				8	8

FIXTURES 1984/85

AUGUST

Sunday 12th	Mansfield	H	3.00	W 56-12
Sunday 19th	Summer 7's	H	2.30	
Sunday 26th	Warrington Locker Cup	H	3.00	

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 2nd	Castleford	A	3.30	
Friday 7th	Bradford N.	H	7.30	
Sunday 16th	COUNTY CUP COMPETITION Widnes	H	3.00	
Sunday 23rd	Leigh	A	3.30	
Sunday 30th	Leeds	H	3.00	

OCTOBER

Sunday 7th	Featherstone R.	A	3.30	
Sunday 14th	Barrow	H	3.00	
Sunday 21st	Hull K.R.	A	3.00	

NOVEMBER

Sunday 4th	Halifax	H	3.00	
Sunday 11th	Workington T.	A	2.30	
Sunday 18th	JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY	I		
Sunday 25th	Hull	H	3.00	

DECEMBER

Sunday 2nd	JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY		2	
Sunday 9th	Warrington	A	3.00	
Sunday 16th	Leigh	H	3.00	
Sunday 23rd	Hunslet	A	3.30	
Boxing Day 26th	St. Helens	A	3.00	

JANUARY

New Year's Day				
Tuesday 1st	Warrington	H	3.00	
Sunday 6th	Halifax	A	3.00	
Sunday 13th	Featherstone R.	H	3.00	
Sunday 20th	Bradford N.	A	3.30	
Sunday 27th	Oldham	H	3.00	

FEBRUARY

Sunday 3rd	Castleford	H	3.00	
Sunday 10th	CHALLENGE CUP	I		
Sunday 17th	Hull	A	3.00	
Sunday 24th	CHALLENGE CUP		2	

MARCH

Sunday 3rd	Hull K.R.	H	3.00	
Sunday 10th	Widnes	A	3.00	
Sunday 17th	Workington T.	H	3.00	
Sunday 24th	Barrow	A	2.30	
Sunday 31st	Leeds	A	3.00	

APRIL

Good Friday 5th	St. Helens	H	3.00	
Easter Monday 8th	Oldham	A	3.00	
Sunday 14th	Hunslet	H	3.00	
Sunday 21st	Widnes	H	3.00	