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## LINE UP

### WIDNES

Colours:  
White Jerseys, Black Shorts

- Mick Burke 1  
Stuart Wright 2  
A. Currier/D. Lyon 3  
Keiran O'Loughlin 4  
John Basnett 5  
Tony Myler 6  
David Hulme 7  
Mike O'Neill 8  
Chris Middlehurst 9  
Kevin Tamati 10  
Kurt Sorenson 11  
F. Whitfield/R. Eyres 12  
John Myler 13

### OLDHAM

Colours: Red & White hooped Jerseys  
Blue Shorts.

- Brian Caffery 1  
Green Vigo 2  
Mick Parrish 3  
Des Foy 4  
Mike Taylor 5  
Paul Taylor 6  
Paddy Kirwan 7  
Wally Jones 8  
Alan McCurrie 9  
Mick Morgan 10  
Andy Goodway 11  
Mick Worrall 12  
Terry Flanagan 13

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15

Scrums  
1 2 3 4  
5 6 7 8  
9 10 11 12  
13 14 15 16  
17 18 19 20

Penalties  
1 2 3 4  
5 6 7 8  
9 10 11 12  
13 14 15 16  
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Referee:  
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Touch Judges:

Mr. B. D. NORBURY  
(Rochdale-orange flag)

Mr. D. M. RUSSELL  
(Rochdale-pink flag)

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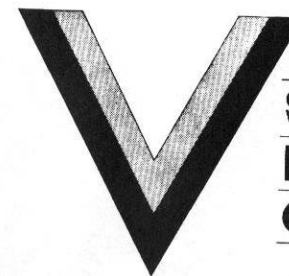
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runners-up 1928, 1940, 1955, 1971, 1981, 1983.

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# Naughton Park News

## FRANK MYLERS MEN HERE TODAY

This afternoon we should be in for a great game as we welcome Frank Myler's Oldham side to Naughton Park. Without question Oldham are having their best season for years and since the first game of the season they have not been outside the top four in the Slalom Lager Championship table.

Our meeting at Watersheddings on September 12th saw the home side score an 18-2 win in front of 3,910 spectators and no doubt they will be looking to repeat that this afternoon.

## JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY

Unfortunately Sundays John Player tie at Hull Kingston Rovers was played after this article was written and printed and we can only hope that our performance was good enough to earn us a semi final spot. If this is so details of that game will be announced over the Public Address System.

## OFF FOR THE FIRST TIME

The sending off of Stuart Wright in our last home game against Hunslet was the first time in 15 seasons that Stuart has been dismissed from the field. Unfortunately Kevin Tamati followed him and the whole weekend was completed when Dave Ruane was sent

off in the Alliance game at Warrington. The sendings off obviously had a great bearing on the rest of the game and after leading 22-7 at one stage, Widnes were glad in the end to hear the final whistle. However once again we seem to get the worst of some very dubious decisions and wonder at times just what Widnes have done to upset so many officials.

## MIGHTY SAINTS HERE NEXT WEEK

Our New Year's Day fixture couldn't provide better opposition with the visit of league leaders St. Helens, who like Oldham are in the middle of a real 'purple patch'.

As the remaining sections of the stand are expected to be fully occupied, seat tickets for this game will be on sale AFTER THE MATCH from the Lowerhouse Lane ticket office and then during normal office hours.

Work on the damaged stand is expected to start immediately after the Christmas break.

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## OLDHAM R.L.F.C.— A Brief History

*by Tom Webb*

The Oldham club has had a chequered history since its formation away back in the summer of 1876. The officials of the Oldham Harriers, interested in cross country running developed an interest in the growing sport of Rugby Football and were amongst the pioneers of the Oldham Football Club. In those days Rugby was as often played 20 a side as 15 a side.

A challenge match was played between members of the Oldham Lyceum and Oldham Parish Church Institute and it is understood that other challenge matches were played before the club actually came into being. A meeting was called at the Prince Albert Hotel, Union Street West, Oldham when Charles Hodgkinson the then Chief Constable of Oldham and Alfred (later Lord) Emmott and the Mayor of Oldham were present. This was in the summer of 1876.

The club started in a modest fashion, one of the fixtures being with Rochdale Hornets "A" team. By the end of the season the club had two teams and with Rugby Football spreading in the town and district, more and more interest was created in the club. Gradually the fixture list was improved and by the end of the first season games were arranged for the second season with Wakefield Trinity and Dewsbury who then bore the word Athletic in their title.

When the first team travelled to play Wakefield Trinity in the opening game of 1877—78 season, the second fifteen played the rest of the club who fielded 24 players, and beat them by two goals and seven tries to one try. The first team at Wakefield comprised two full backs, two threequarters, two half back and nine forwards.

When the Lancashire Senior Competition was established in 1892 by the Lancashire Rugby Union committee, Oldham were considered to be one of the leading clubs and finished in a middle of the table position.

In 1893—94 Oldham were champions and a year later finished as runners up. At that stage the leading Lancashire and Yorkshire clubs were breaking away to form the Northern Union as they were so dissatisfied with the Rugby Union.

In the first season of the Northern Union, 1895—96 Oldham made a profit of £1,148 the highest ever made by a rugby club. That was after spending over £1,000 to improve the stands.

Oldham were the first Lancashire club to win the Northern Union Challenge Cup (now the Rugby League Challenge Cup) and won the championship of the Northern League three times before the first world war, twice finishing as runners-up. Twice the club finished runners-up in the Challenge Cup and won the Lancashire League Championship and the Lancashire Cup above once in that same period.

After the war Oldham made history by appearing in four successive Challenge Cup finals, which no other club has so far accomplished. However, the greatest disappointment suffered by Oldham supporters for some 45 years is that the club has never appeared in a Wembley final.

Towards the late 1950's the club entered another golden phase of its history when honours came thick and fast for both club and players. What a galaxy of talent had arrived at Watersheddings in those glorious days. Bernard Ganley set up a goal scoring record, since broken by Dave Watkins, from the full back position. The threequarters included John Etty, Alan Davies, Johnny Noon, Dick Cracknell, Dennis Ayres, Vin Nestor and Terry O'Grady. Half backs during the period were Frank Stirrup, Frank Pitchford, Frank Daley and Alan Kellett.

The pack included giants of the stature of Derek Turner, Sid Little, Jack Keith, Charlie Winslade, Des McKeown, Ron Rowbottom, Roger Duffy, Don Vines, Ken Jackson and Geoff Robinson.

In 1984 the club has five players, Terry Flanagan, Des Foy, Mick Worrall, Ray Ashton and Andy Goodway who went on the last tour of Australia, New Zealand and Papua-New Guinea. Mick Parrish failed to score recently after a run of over 30 games. Mick Morgan, Alan Currie and Paddy Kirwan have all played in County Championship games.

Add Alan Taylor, Brian Caffery, Green Vigo, Paul Loundes, Tony Ogden, Colin Hawkyard, Mick Taylor, Paul Taylor (Australia), Chris Phelen (Australia), Wally Jones, Tom Nadirole, new signing Martin Foy and Gary Walczak and the present set up at Watersheddings is in line for a revival of former glories.

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## APPEARANCES AND SCORERS—SEASON 1984-85

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	A	S	G	Dg	T	pts	A	S	G	Dg	T	Pts
Basnett, J.....	14	—	—	—	4	16	111	—	—	—	61	213
Blackwood, R.....	2	—	—	—	—	—	101	—	—	—	8	24
Burke, M.....	13	—	27	—	1	58	234	3	615	1	52	1402
Currier, A. ....	11	1	—	—	9	36	13	6	—	—	11	44
Elwell, K.....	4	—	—	—	—	—	572	4	16	35	86	330
Eyres, R.....	11	3	—	1	6	25	11	3	—	1	6	25
Gormley, I.....	2	2	—	—	—	—	6	3	—	—	—	—
Gregory, A.....	1	—	2	—	—	4	132	10	25	7	43	193
Hulme, D.....	17	—	—	—	7	28	63	21	—	—	40	142
Linton, R.....	5	—	—	—	—	—	34	7	—	—	16	60
Lydon, J.....	7	—	3	—	1	10	71	3	99	—	42	352
Lyon, D.....	9	1	—	—	—	—	14	4	—	—	1	4
Middlehurst, C.....	7	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—
Moran, D.....	1	1	—	—	—	—	76	16	—	—	37	111
Myler, A.....	4	1	—	—	—	—	72	15	—	—	35	114
Myler, J.....	17	—	3	1	2	15	130	38	122	16	27	344
Newton, K.....	—	3	—	—	—	—	12	10	—	—	2	7
O'Loughlin, K.....	11	—	—	—	2	8	99	1	—	—	32	112
O'Neill, M.....	15	—	—	—	2	8	178	26	—	—	41	126
O'Neill, S.....	8	—	—	—	—	—	87	20	—	5	4	19
Platt, D.....	5	2	11	—	3	34	5	2	11	—	3	34
Ruane, A.....	6	—	—	—	1	4	9	6	—	—	1	4
Ruane, D.....	4	3	—	—	1	4	4	3	—	—	1	4
Sorenson, K.....	7	—	—	—	2	8	7	—	—	—	2	8
Tamati, K.....	13	—	—	—	3	12	78	1	—	—	12	44
Whitfield, F.....	4	6	—	—	1	4	54	37	—	—	9	33
Wood, J.....	10	—	—	—	—	—	85	—	—	—	3	10
Wright, S.....	13	—	—	—	6	24	245	—	—	—	150	460
A. Sullivan.....	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—

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## Brian Batty on Rugby League

Watching the Wallabies completing the Grand Slam must have brought back certain memories of another Australian side for followers of Rugby League.

The speed, power and fine supporting play produced by the Wallabies bore a resemblance to the style of that wonderful record breaking Kangaroo side of 1982.

Perhaps that is not surprising when so many of the Wallaby stars have had a taste of League in their formative years and that Union players in Sydney and Brisbane are set such a fine example by League men.

As Mark Ella admitted, he has played League as a youngster and so have many members of his talented family.

The same goes for winger David Campese, who looks as good as many wingers in League but would not get into an Australian Rugby League Test side.

Not with the likes of Eric Grothe, John Ferguson and Kerry Boustead—to name but three—around.

What Ella did for the Wallabies and so staggered Union people in Britain was simply to run with the ball and not attempt to kick it out of play with a negative outlook.

I have enjoyed watching the Wallabies because of their refreshing approach to Rugby Union in contrast to so many sides over here—the French excepted of course.

The fantastic coverage afforded to the full tour by the BBC has been marvellous for Union fans and sports followers in general.

But it only brings home the tragedy of how the BBC so badly neglected the 1982 Kangaroos who could have captivated the same audiences given half a chance.

Some of the exciting midweek displays by the Kangaroos would have gone down so well in midweek sports programmes—the clashes with Hull, Wigan and Leeds for example.

But in comparison the Kangaroos were largely ignored and that must go down a lot, I believe, to the politics involved when we examine the projection of Union and League.

Perhaps now the standards of home Union sides have been so cruelly exposed the merits of League as an entertaining sport will be better appreciated.

By  
Brian  
Batty  
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### LEADING TRY SCORERS

Ellery HANLEY (Bradford N.).....	26
Vince GRIBBIN (Whitehaven).....	19
Gary PROHM (Hull K.R.).....	18
Carl GIBSON (Batley).....	18
Garry SCHOFIELD (Hull).....	15
Barrie LEDGER (St. Helens).....	15
Gary PEACHAM (Carlisle).....	15
Mark ELIA (Southend I.).....	14
Henderson GILL (Wigan).....	13
Mal MENINGA (St. Helens).....	12
Des FOY (Oldham).....	12

### LEADING GOAL SCORERS

Sean DAY (St. Helens).....	81
Graham STEADMAN (York).....	71
Peter WOOD (Runcorn H.).....	66
Garry SCHOFIELD (Hull).....	63
Mick PARRISH (Oldham).....	61
John WOODS (Leigh).....	56
Malcolm AGAR (Halifax).....	50
Shaun KILNER (Bramley).....	47
Norman TURLEY (Blackpool B.).....	46
Billy PLATT (Rochdale H.).....	46
Colin WHITFIELD (Wigan).....	46

### LEADING POINT SCORERS

	Trs.	Gls.	Dr.Gls	Pts.
Sean DAY (St.Helens).....	7	81	—	190
Garry SCHOFIELD (Hull).....	15	62	1	185
Graham STEADMAN (York).....	11	69	2	184
Ellery HANLEY (Bradford N.).....	26	35	—	174
John WOODS (Leigh).....	9	55	1	147

### WINNING RUN

DEWSBURY extended their current best winning run to seven matches with their 20-0 home defeat of Bramley on Sunday. Including a draw, they have now gone ten matches without defeat.

These are Dewsbury's best sequences since they won the old-style Championship in 1973. Then they had a winning run of 12 matches spanning two seasons. They won the last ten matches of 1972-73, which included the Championship Final, and three other Top-16 play-off games and their first two matches in the newly formed Division One the following season.

The current longest unbeaten run is held by ST. HELENS who have gone 13 matches without defeat including one draw.

### LONGEST LOSING RUN

BRIDGEND have now lost 16 successive matches stretching back to last season.

★ ★ ★ ★

### MILESTONES

★ ★ GARY HYDE needs three tries for a total of 100 with Castleford.

★ ★ PAUL PRENDIVILLE of Hull needs two tries for a career total of 100 touchdowns.

★ ★ ★ ★





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## 47 point action

**WIDNES 24 HUNSLET 23**

**Sunday December 16th 1984**

- 1). Keiran O'Loughlin about to set up the try for Fred Whitfield.
- 2). The first Widnes score by Fred Whitfield.
- 3). Tony Myler about to send out a long pass to Stuart Wright.
- 4). David Hulme rescues the ball from the scrum

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Rugby League Alliance

**WIDNES v. LEIGH**

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Slalom Lager Championship

**WIDNES v. HALIFAX**

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## "SET BACK"

(By Mike Flynn)

After the disaster of losing the service of the injured Tony Myler and having two players dismissed, the Chemics weathered the storm of Hunslet's second half fightback to hang on and take the two league points. The match almost being snatched from their grip by the visitors Aussie second rower Mal Graham who scored three tries. The game did not turn out to be the confidence booster we had hoped for the homesiders preparations for their visit to Craven Park Hull in the John Player Trophy encounter.

This afternoon we have Frank Myler's third placed Oldham outfit visiting Naughton Park in the Boxing Day fixture, they beat the Chemics early in the season 18-2 at Watersheddings. Last term the Chemics won the away game 20-10, but lost at the Park 28-34, so we have an interesting clash for the points.

The visitors have now joined the big sponsorship league, which is so vital to clubs in these hard times, who without it could find it hard to keep going. The deal with a local truck builders firm is reported one of the best for a club in the game. Their new jerseys sporting the big "A" sponsorship symbol were used a few weeks ago in their game against Barrow. Which they won 44-8. Although they dropped the points against Hull K.R. and failed to score, they are still there keeping the pressure on the league leaders St. Helens who have not put a foot wrong since the arrival of the "Brisbane Bobbie," in their quest for the big time again.



Andy Goodway knocks-off Australia's Brett Kenny as he goes tearing through at the Sydney cricket ground in the first test.

(Photo By M. Flynn)



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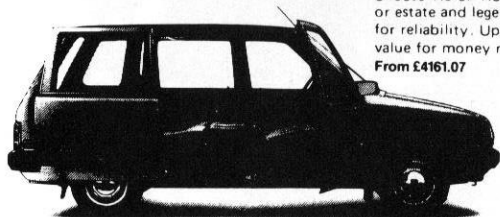
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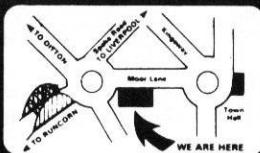


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One of the few successes of last summers Australian tour was Oldham's tearaway second row forward Andy Goodway, who is due to line up with one of Sydney's top league clubs Manly at the end of the season as a guest player. The Australians were quick to note his tearaway style of play would fit their set-up. Joining Oldham from amateur side Redhill in the Featherstone area during 1978, his senior club honours to date only include a second division championship medal. But on the International front he has made two appearances in the Great Britain under 24s side making his debut against France at Carpentras in January 1983. A month later he made his debut in the full test side also against France scoring a try, two more appearances followed at full test level. His form earned him selection for the trip down under and test honours against both Australia and New Zealand, no doubt the new Great Britain coach Maurice Bamford will be taking stock of Andy's performances this term with the New Zealand tour due next season. Before then the main target for Andy and Oldham must be maintaining interest in the championship race and going flat out to make that long over due appearance in a Wembley Cup Final which has evaded them through the years.

Another top of the table game in store for Widnes fans will be the New Years Day fixture with the visit of Burtonwood Brewery Lancashire Cup holders St. Helens to the Park.

Seasons greetings, to all supporters of our great game.



Disappointment on the faces of Joe Lydon, Andy Goodway and Des Foy as they leave the field in the first test against Australia in Sydney.

(Photo by M. Flynn)



## RUGBY LEAGUE ALLIANCE

Unfortunately due to Christmas printing deadlines, the result of our home fixture last Thursday with Oldham was unknown at this point of time, but we can only hope for better fate than that which met us the week previous at Warrington.

The Chemics lost that game 16 – 30 against a very strong Warrington side that included at least six regular first team players, whom Reg Bowden for his own reasons had left out of his first team panel. To add to our troubles David Ruane was dismissed and his case will be heard along with Kevin Tamati and Stuart Wright tomorrow.

Our next fixture involves a long journey to Barrow on Saturday and then Leigh provide the next Alliance attraction at Naughton Park on January 4th..

### ALLIANCE LEAGUE RESULTS Since our last programme.

#### Tuesday, 11th December

Warrington.....32 Oldham.....18

#### Thursday, 13th December

Hull.....38 Dewsbury.....12  
Leigh.....14 Wigan.....26  
St. Helens.....30 Halifax.....4  
Leeds.....14 Hunslet.....15

#### Friday, December 14th

Castleford.....32 Featherstone.....2  
Oldham.....8 Swinton.....28  
Salford.....34 Carlisle.....11  
Warrington.....30 Widnes.....16

#### Saturday, December 15th

Batley.....16 Huddersfield.....11  
Keighley.....0 Hull K.R.....106  
Workington.....18 Barrow.....19

### RUGBY LEAGUE ALLIANCE TABLE (Up to and including December 15th, 1984)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Wigan.....	13	10	1	2	307	180	21
Hull K.R.....	10	9	0	1	429	98	19
Hull.....	14	9	0	5	388	258	18
Swinton.....	13	9	0	4	242	158	18
Salford.....	14	9	0	5	299	249	18
Barrow.....	14	9	0	5	235	196	18
Warrington.....	12	8	1	3	229	157	17
St. Helens.....	14	8	1	5	219	178	17
Castleford.....	11	8	0	3	305	127	16
Leeds.....	14	8	0	6	351	269	16
Bradford N.....	12	8	0	4	291	138	16
Oldham.....	14	7	8	7	258	277	14
Leigh.....	14	6	1	7	280	229	13
Widnes.....	14	6	1	7	286	251	13

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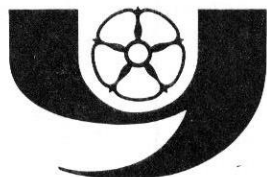
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# First Team Fixtures

Date	Opponents	Gnd	Score	Att.	Tries	Goals
<b>1984</b>						
Sept. 2	Warrington (3.00)	A	20-18	4,661	Wright (2), J. Myler, Tamati	Gregory (2)
9	Hull (3.00)	H	11-10	6,173	Currier	Burke (3)
12	Oldham (7.30)	A	2-18	3,910		Myles (D/G), Burke
16	Wigan (Lancs Cup)(3.00)	A	8-28	10,117	Tamati	Burke
19	Leigh (7.30)	H	32-6	4,012	Eyres, Hulme (2), Currier, Basnett, D. Ruane.	Lydon (2), Platt (2)
23	Hunslet (3.30)	A	29-18	1,519	Eyres (3), Platt (2)	Burke (4), Eyres (D/G)
30	Featherstone R. (3.00)	H	34-20	3,701	Wright, Currier, D. Ruane A. Ruane, Hulme	Platt (7)
Oct. 7	Leeds (3.00)	A	10-43	6,769	Platt, Currier	Platt
14	Hull K.R. (3.00)	H	4-18	5,480		Lydon, Platt
21	Bradford N. (3.30)	A	10-17	4,782	Lydon, Currier	Burke
Nov. 4	Castleford (3.00)	H	20-18	3,770	Wright (27), O'Loughlin, Eyres	Burke (2)
11	Halifax (3.00)	A	16-6	4,175	Hulme, Currier, Tamati	Burke (2)
18	(J.P. 1st Rd.) Workington	A	22-12	1,010	M. O'Neill, O'Loughlin, D. Hulme, Sorenson	Burke (3)
25	Workington T. (3.00)	H	24-5	3,056	J. Myler, Basnett, Sorenson, D. Hulme	Burke (4)
Dec. 2	Featherstone R. (J. P. 2nd Rd)	H	28-10	3,850	Currier (2) M. O'Neill, Basnett, Burke	Burke (4)
9	Castleford (3.30)	A	8-34	2,597	Wright, Currier.	
16	Hunslet (3.00)	H	24-23	2,888	Basnett, Hulme, Eyres Whitfield.	Burke (4)
23	Hull K.R. (J.P. 3rd Rd) (3.00)	A				
26	Oldham (3.00)	H				
<b>1985</b>						
Jan. 1	St. Helens (3.00)	H				
6	Leigh (3.30)	A				
13	Halifax (3.00)	H				
20	Hull (3.00)	A				
27	Hull K.R. (3.00)	A				
Feb. 3	Leeds (3.00)	H				
10	(Chall. Cup 1st Rd.)					
17	Bradford N. (3.00)	H				
24	(Chall. Cup 2nd. Rd.)					
Mar. 3	Barrow (2.30)	A				
10	Wigan (3.00)	H				
17						
24	Featherstone R. (3.30)	A				
31						
April 5	Warrington (7.30)	H				
8	St. Helens (3.00)	A				
14	Barrow (3.00)	H				
21	Wigan (3.00)	A				

(To be arranged Workington Town (Away))

# Rugby League Alliance

1984

Aug. 31	Warrington (7.30)	H	2-18	649		
Sept. 7	Hull (8.00)	A	12-22		Eyres, Platt	Dowd
15	Barrow (3.00)	H	40-20	153	Newton (2), D. Ruane (2), A.N.O. Gormley, A. Ruane	Platt (2) Platt (3) Dowd (3) A.N.O.
21	Oldham (7.30)	A	2-14			
29	Swinton (2.15)	A	20-33		Moran (2), Dowd, Linton, Dowd(2)	
Oct. 3	(L.C.C.S 1) Carlisle-Penrith	A	7-9			Dowd (3) Dowd (D/G) Dowd (2)
12	St. Helens (7.30)	H	24-24	279	Linton, Finnigan, Garrity, Sutton, Newton	
19/20	(L.C.C.S. 2)					
27	Leeds (3.00)	H	46-14	356	Lydon (2), Garrity, Dowd, Wood Sutton, Whitfield, Gormley	Dowd (7)
Nov. 2	Salford (7.30)	A	0-22			Platt
9	Halifax (7.30)	H	18-14	180	P. Hulme, Garrity, D. Ruane, Platt (2), D. Ruane (2), Garrity, Gormley.	Platt (3) A. Ruane (2)
15	Leigh (7.30)	A	28-10		Platt, Newton, Rigby, S. O'Neill Elwell, Sullivan	Platt (2) Platt (2)
24	Workington T. (2.30)	A	20-8			
29	Wigan (7.30)	H	12-14	209		
Dec. 7	Carlisle (7.30)	A	40-10		Lydon (2), D. Ruane(2) P. Hulme, Platt, Sullivan.	Platt(2) Dowd (4)
14	Warrington (7.30)	A	16-30		Newton (2), Platt	Dowd (2)
20	Oldham (7.30)	H				
29	Barrow (2.30)	A				
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Jan. 4	Leigh (7.30)	H				
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Feb. 2	Leeds (3.00)	A				
8	St. Helens (7.30)	A				
16/17	(Alliance C.C. 1)					
22	Salford (7.30)	H				
Mar. 2/3	(Alliance C.C. 2)					
5	Wigan (7.30)	A				
15	Swinton (7.30)	H				
30	Carlisle (3.00)	H				