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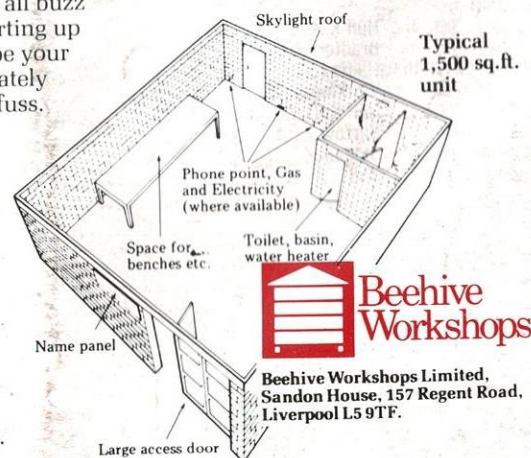
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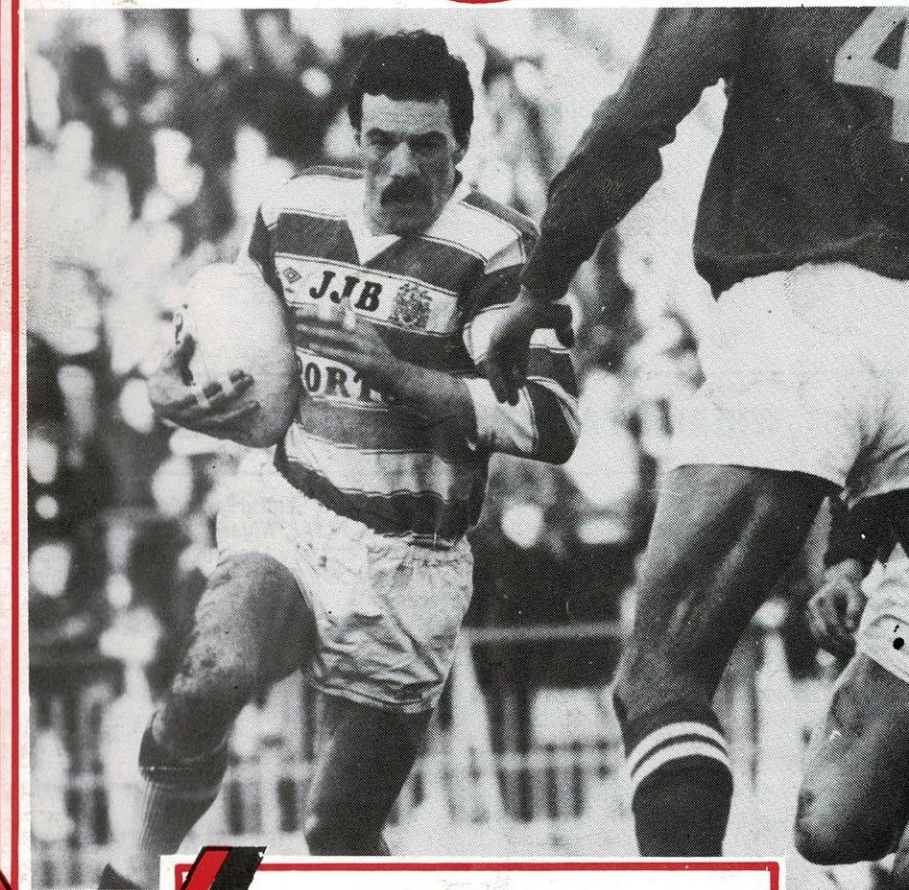
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Rugby League Championship winners: 1908-09, 1921-22, 1925-26, 1933-34, 1945-46, 1946-47, 1949-50, 1951-52 and 1959-60.

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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, 1945-46, 1960-61, 1962-63, 1965-66, 1969-70, and 1983-84.

Floodlit Cup winners: 1968-69

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Runners-up: 1913-14, 1914-15, 1925-26, 1927-28, 1930-31, 1934-35, 1935-36, 1936-37, 1945-46, 1953-54, 1957-58, 1977-78, 1980-81 and 1984-85

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

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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

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welcome TO OLDHAM

THIS evening we offer a welcome to everyone who has made the journey from Watersheddings. So far Oldham have had an up and down season, but on their day they play fast entertaining rugby.

Over the years Oldham have managed to capture some great rugby players, names like Rocky Turner and Sid Little brought excitement to the spectators. Although Oldham have had some great sides they have never played at Wembley.

Today they still have great players. International players like Andy Goodway and Des Foy can capture the imagination of the opposition, both have tremendous pace and ability.

TODAY'S SPONSORS

WE would like to offer our sincere thanks to today's match and matchball sponsors who are the Metropolitan Borough of Wigan Council. One must never forget the great debt which Rugby League Football in the area owes to many of the Departments of the Council. They assist in numerous ways, helping out with training facilities when we have problems, grant aiding many local amateur clubs, grant aiding individuals, mainly those of school age, who represent town, county and country at this great game of ours.

Lastly, but by no means least, our thanks to those employees of the Council who through their dedication to the game provide a constant flow of talent without which the game in this country would die. We refer, of course, to the teachers in the schools throughout Wigan.

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The second social function for the Knights, for members with numbers 501 - 1000, will be held in the Riverside Club on the 4th April, kicking-off at 8.00 p.m. Winners up to date: 7th week £1000 0596, £50 0731. 8th week £1000 0490, £50 1112. 9th week £1000 1079, £50 0932, Holiday 0473. 10th week £1000 0537, £50 1425. 11th week £1000 0537, £50 0300.

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VIEW FROM THE TERRACES

by
Doug
Stand

BY the time you read this we will all know whether Wigan were successful in their bid to reach Wembley for the second consecutive year.

Gosh, that's the kind of intro likely to get you kicked off the Rugby Leaguer!

You see my difficulty however. It's all very well for programme editor Mary Charnock to put on her sweet voice and ask for copy five days in advance — she doesn't have to warble on about things pertinent to Wigan RL while conveniently ignoring the biggest match of the season.

I sometimes wonder why I put up with impossible situations like this. They didn't ask Tolstoy to dash off War and Peace before Napoleon arrived at Moscow.

Waffle, I hear you say, skirt around the subject a bit. Well it's not quite as simple as that. It's perfectly true that I could fill this page without any reference to Hull K.R. or the semi-final, but who would I be writing for?

Will it be a gleeful, appreciative crowd assembled here on Tuesday, glowing with smug satisfaction and eager to devour inane remarks like "Wem-ber-ley" or "Here We Go . . . ?"

Or will it be a sombre, unsmiling gathering, sharp to criticise and in no mood at all for this column's frothy meanderings?

It's not outside the bounds of possibility for Saturday's match to end in a draw, meaning a mid-week replay, meaning the match against Oldham will be cancelled, and meaning this column will make even less sense when it is eventually read in late April.

And you thought it was easy writing this stuff! Whatever Maurice Lindsay is paying me, it isn't enough.

But enough of this Wembley talk. It won't go down very well with visiting friends from Oldham, because they've never been.

(Altogether) What NEVER? No never . . . Oldham were unfortunate enough to battle their way through to no fewer than seven Challenge Cup finals, in the days when those games used to be played at such far flung and exotic venues as Leeds, Manchester and Rochdale.

Their last appearance in the final was at Central Park in 1927, two years before Wigan took part in the first ever Wembley final.

Times were 'ard in the 'twenties all right. When you weren't getting up at four o'clock in the morning and walking the eight miles to work with your dad on your back, you had to pretend Wigan was Wembley!

"There were nowt like Wembley in them days, lad," some old duffer was telling me the other day.

"We went to Wiggin and liked it!

"Course we could only watch t'rugby one day a year in them days, and that was only if our team was in the final.

"Josiah Hardplater was top man in t'mill then, and he used to have a soft spot for t'rugby.

"Roughyeds are up for t'cup lads, he'd say. Tek half a day off and get thesen to Wiggin."

"Best days of our life those cup final outings, I remember all seven of 'em. They were the only times they let us out from t'mill!"

Times, like charabancs, have changed. But don't be too despondent if, by a cruel twist of fate or misfortune, Wigan have missed out on Wembley this year. Think of Oldham, who probably haven't noticed the difference!

Yesteryear

26th MARCH 1949 HALIFAX 4 WIGAN 10 WIGAN Tries: Ratcliffe & Silcock	LEAGUE Goals: Ward 2
26th MARCH 1951 SALFORD 16 WIGAN 3 WIGAN Try: Bradshaw	LEAGUE
26th MARCH 1960 WIGAN 18 HALIFAX 12 WIGAN Tries: Fenton 2 HALIFAX Tries: Palmer & Snowden	LEAGUE Goals: Griffiths 6 Goals: Owen 3
26th MARCH 1962 WIGAN 40 HULL K.R. 16 WIGAN Tries: Davies 3, Bolton 2, Ashton, Boston & McLeod. HULL K.R. Tries: Paul & Poole	LEAGUE Goals: Griffiths 8 Goals: Kellett 5
26th MARCH 1963 ST. HELENS 20 WIGAN 11 WIGAN Try: Ashton ST. HELENS Tries: Major, Goddard, Huddart & Killeen. Referee: Mr. G. Philpott	LEAGUE (DIVISION 1) Goals: Ashton 4 Goals: Coslett 4 Attendance: 21,000
26th MARCH 1966 WIGAN 17 ST. HELENS 8 WIGAN Tries: Lake 2 & Boston	LEAGUE Goals: Giffedder 4
25th MARCH 1972 WIGAN 31 HUDDERSFIELD 3 WIGAN Tries: Parr 2, Keiron O'Loughlin, Hill, Ayres, Laughton & Hollingsworth. HUDDERSFIELD Try: Evans TEAMS - WIGAN: Tyrer (Ayres); Kevin O'Loughlin, Hill, Francis, Keiron O'Loughlin; Davies, Parr; Ashcroft, Hollingsworth, Cramant, Ashurst (Clarke), Robinson, Laughton. HUDDERSFIELD: Bedford; Hooson, Pickup, Evans, Senior; Keaker, Doyle; Hepplestone, Wilson, Foster, Wild (Weavill), Davies, Branch. Referee: Mr. E. Clay	LEAGUE Goals: Tyrer 2, Francis 2 & Ashurst Attendance: 4,523
26th MARCH 1976 CASTLEFORD 28 WIGAN 10 WIGAN Tries: Wright & Gregory CASTLEFORD Tries: Pickerill 2, Orr, Burton, Joyner & Bence. TEAMS - WIGAN: Fairbairn; Wright, Hill, Francis, Vigo; O'Loughlin, Nulty; Hogan, Martland, Bailey, Gregory, Ashcroft, Irving. CASTLEFORD: Wraith; Walsh, Joyner, Johnson, Briggs; Burton, Pickerill; Bence, Spurr, Fisher, Redfearn, Orr, Lloyd. Referee: Mr. M.J. Naughton	LEAGUE Goals: Fairbairn 2 Goals: Lloyd 5 Attendance: 2,640

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CLIFF WEBB

OF THE
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TONIGHT'S rearranged league game with Oldham signals the start of a very exhausting programme of league matches for Wigan, who face six very tough encounters in the next 14 days, including tonight's game.

The itinerary includes a trip to Leeds next Sunday, followed by an equally demanding visit to Bradford a week tonight. Then comes the home game with St. Helens on Good Friday, and a return game at Oldham on Easter Monday, before tackling Widnes at Naughton Park two days later.

That little lot is going to test Wigan's championship ambitions to the full. No wonder Wigan are cursing the recent bad weather which has caused such a fixture pile-up.

Luckily Wigan now possess great strength in depth and there are many good players in the Alliance side who will be more than eager to take the places of any regular first teamers who may become stale and leg weary from playing so many games in such a short time.

The result of the Challenge Cup semi final against Hull K.R. is not known at the time of writing, but if Wigan won their way to Wembley, the pressure on players will obviously be greater.

Now coaches Colin Clarke and Alan McInnes, who have had such great success with the side this season, will have their powers of motivation strained to the limit as they set about the task of asking for 101 per cent effort from everyone.

But I have no doubt the lads will meet them halfway, for team spirit and the will to win something for their magnificent supporters has never been stronger in a Wigan side.

So they will certainly tackle tonight's hurdle with a will. Oldham, always welcome visitors to Central Park with their open style of rugby, are also bidding for league honours and their record this season shows that is no idle hope.

Under coach Frank Myler the "Roughyeds" have become a formidable team indeed in the past couple of season, so we should be in for a match to remember.

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Wigan	19	15	1	3	505	272	31
Hull K.R.	19	15	0	4	441	234	30
Hull	19	12	0	7	482	306	24
Featherstone R.	25	12	0	13	374	382	24
Widnes	23	12	0	11	386	421	24
Bradford N.	21	11	1	9	403	352	23
Warrington	25	11	0	14	431	515	22
Castleford	24	10	0	14	428	408	20
Halifax	23	9	2	12	418	422	20
Barrow	22	7	0	15	381	658	14
Hunslet	23	6	1	16	365	702	13
Leigh	23	6	0	17	421	577	12
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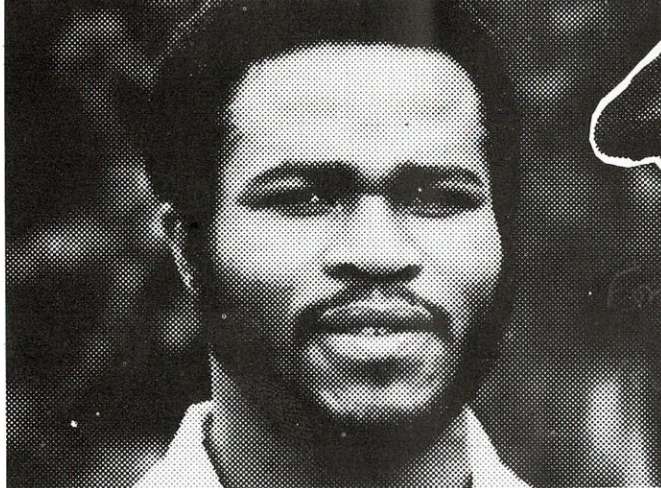
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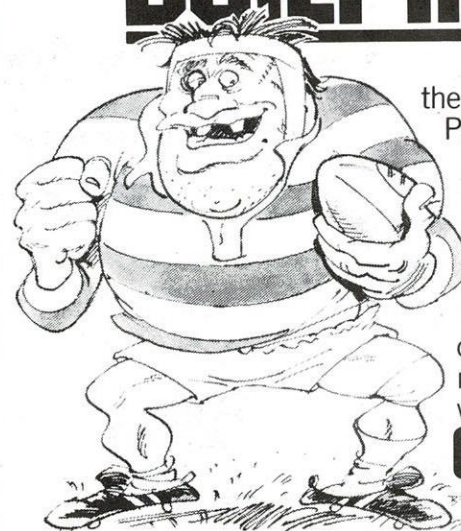


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The Race Night will be taking place in the Vice President's Lounge. There will be a bar and refreshments. And some handsome prizes for a full evening of racing. Further details soon.

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WIGAN R.L.F.C. MILESTONES

vs. BRADFORD N. (Away) (R.L. Cup 2nd Round), March 10th

Henderson Gill's try was his 19th of the season for Wigan — his best ever return for the Club (during 1982-83 he scored 18 tries in 32 games.)

vs. HALIFAX (Away), March 13th

John Mayo made his debut for the Club.

Henderson Gill became the second Wigan player to score 20 tries this season. The last time two Wigan players scored 20 or more tries in a Season was 1968-9 (Bill Francis (40), Colin Tyrer (21)).

The result of the game meant that Wigan did not equal Widnes's record of 13 successive Division One victories.

vs. WORKINGTON T. (Home), March 17th

Nicky du Toit scored his first try for the Club.

Brett Kenny captained Wigan for the first time and so became the Club's eighth different captain since the beginning of the 1982-83 season (the others being: Gary Stephens, Colin Whitfield, Graeme West, Jimmy Fairhurst, Glyn Shaw, Howie Tamati and Mark Cannon. Nicky Kiss also skipped the team against France during the 1982-83 season but that match does not count in the official records).

Colin Whitfield's 3rd goal brought his points total for the Club past 850.

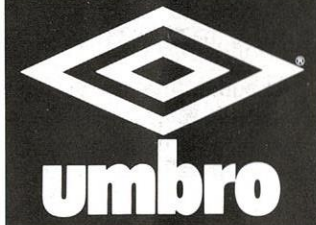
Henderson Gill's 2nd try brought his points total for the Club to exactly 250.

Brian Case's run of 28 consecutive games for the Club was brought to an end when he was rested for this game. (Ian Potter was therefore left as Wigan's only ever present this season).

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HENDERSON GILL

HENDERSON GILL of Wigan went into Saturday's Silk Cut Challenge Cup Semi-Final against Hull K.R. at Elland Road, Leeds, needing one try for a career total of 100. His total includes four for Great Britain and one for England. GILL made his debut as a 17-year-old for Bradford Northern in September 1978, moving to Rochdale Hornets two years later and signing for Wigan in October 1981.

WINNING RUN

WIGAN are still on course for a Division One record. Although the 12-12 draw at Halifax ended their winning run, one short of the Division One record set by Widnes in 1981-82, Wigan are now chasing the unbeaten run.

Widnes also hold that record by going 16 successive League matches without defeat. They won their last 12 matches of 1973-74, drew the first match of 1974-75 and won the next three.

WIGAN's win over Workington Town on Sunday took their unbeaten run in League matches to 14.

(Records refer to period since the re-introduction of two Division in 1973-74)

In all matches, WIGAN also have the best current unbeaten run of 13 matches including three Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

The best current winning run, however, now belongs to DEWSBURY who have won five in a row — all in Division Two.

F O C U S O N

OLDHAM

CLUB RECORDS

CHAMPIONSHIP WINS:	4
CHALLENGE CUP WINS:	3
LANCASHIRE CUP WINS:	9
RECORD SCORE FOR:	67-vs. Liverpool City, April 4th, 1959
RECORD SCORE AGAINST:	67-vs. Hull Kingston Rovers, September 24th, 1978
MOST TRIES IN A MATCH:	7-Miller, vs. Barry, October 31st, 1908
MOST GOALS IN A MATCH:	14-W. B. Ganley, vs. Liverpool City, April 4th, 1959
MOST POINTS IN A MATCH:	A. Johnson, vs. Widnes, April 9th, 1928
MOST TRIES IN A SEASON:	49-R. Farrar, 1921-22
MOST GOALS IN A SEASON:	W.B. Ganley, 1957-58
MOST POINTS IN A SEASON:	412-W.B. Ganley, 1957-58
MOST TRIES IN A CAREER:	174-A. Davies, 1950-61
MOST GOALS IN A CAREER:	1,365-W.B. Ganley, 1951-61
MOST POINTS IN A CAREER:	2,775-W.B. Ganley, 1951-61
MOST APPEARANCES IN A CAREER:	634-J. Ferguson, 1899-1923
CONSECUTIVE GAMES IN WHICH GOALS WERE SCORED:	40-M. Parrish, December 1981 to December 1982
CONSECUTIVE GAMES IN WHICH POINTS WERE SCORED:	57-M. Parrish, April 1981 to December 1982
CONSECUTIVE APPEARANCES:	115-T.E. Rees, March 1933 to December 1936

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Referee: Mr. S. Haigh

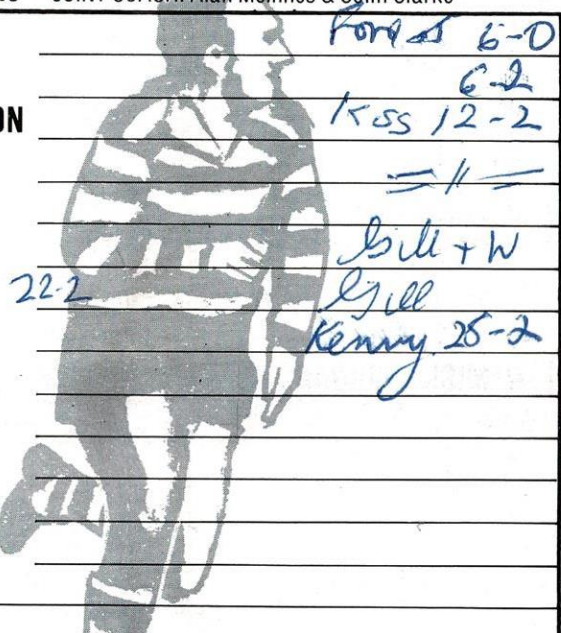
Touch Judges: Mr. T.A. Thornbury (Red flag)

Mr. M. Haigh (Yellow flag)

WIGAN: Cherry/White

JOINT COACH: Alan McInnes & Colin Clarke

- 1 SHAUN EDWARDS
- 2 BRIAN JULIFF
- 3 DAVID STEPHENSON
- 4 STEVE DONLAN
- 5 HENDERSON GILL
- 6 BRETT KENNY
- 7 MIKE FORD
- 8 NEIL COURTNEY
- 9 NICKY KISS
- 10 BRIAN CASE
- 11 GRAEME WEST
- 12 SHAUN WANE
- 13 IAN POTTER
- 14
- 15



Forrest 6-0
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Gill
Kenny 25-2

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- 4 DES FOY
- 5 MIKE TAYLOR
- 6 PAUL TAYLOR
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- 13 MICK WORRALL
- 14 TERRY FLANAGAN
- 15 TONY OGDEN



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Half Time:

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Final Score:

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Scrum

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INTERNATIONAL VIEW

by Brian Murphy

(International Rugby League Supporters' Federation)

THE 1985 premiership season is starting to get under way in Australia and once more the sports pages of the Sydney newspapers are filled with Rugby League news.

Some of the biggest headlines to be seen concern the man who was such a big hit here at Wigan during the winter, John "Chicka" Ferguson.

A year ago John Ferguson was just another player with the Eastern Suburbs club but news of the dashing Aborigine's exploits in the cherry and white of Wigan has crossed the world and John is now one of the Sydney premiership's hottest properties.

A week after his sensational try scoring display in the Challenge Cup tie at Warrington, Ferguson was back in Australia and was called on as a substitute for the second half of Easts' trial match with Balmain. He set up the Roosers' winning try and reports say that whenever he had the ball he looked dangerous.

Former Kangaroo great Arthur Beetson, the Easts' coach is now campaigning for Ferguson to be given representative honours. "I don't know what John Ferguson has to do to gain the recognition he deserves", says Beetson who was in charge of Queensland when they won last year's State of Origin series. "I've often wondered why he had been left out of the New South Wales team to play Queensland — nearly every other winger has had a chance over the years, some of the blokes weren't even wingers".

Referring to Ferguson's second half showing in the game against Balmain, big Artie said, "He proved he hasn't lost any of his guile, his pace and his deceptive swerve. "Just wait until he gets over his jet-lag, he'll be taking off like a Mirage fighter".

It may surprise Wigan fans to learn that John

has had to work overtime at training to get to the same fitness level as his Eastern Suburbs teammates and he admits he is probably not as fit as he should be.

"I'd say I was fitter at the start of last year than I am now", John has said and he also implies that playing and training at Wigan has not been as demanding as the preparation undergone by some of the Easts' players for the start of the new Australian season.

"Training in England is nothing like it is here", Ferguson is reported as saying.

However, Beetson is pleased with Ferguson's condition. He expects him to score plenty of tries this season and says, "I must hope he gets the just rewards when the State of Origin series begins".

Another Sydney news item reports on Cronulla's plans to have Bradford Northern's hooker Brian Noble in their side as soon as possible. The Sharks were hoping that when Bradford were knocked out of the cup by Wigan the other week Noble would be flying out to join them right away. Cronulla need Noble to solve their hooking problem and the chances are that the former Great Britain captain will be playing in Sydney long before the end of the English season.

One more interesting report has Greg Brentnall and Ian Schubert, two of the 1982 tour stars, both being approached by Halifax.

Brentnall, the classy Kangaroo full back retired from football with Canterbury-Bankstown in 1983 but he is considering a comeback although not in Australia. He would like to play in England next season and the mouth-watering postscript to this story reveals that 27 year old Greg Brentnall has also had talks with Wigan.



Henderson Gill evades the attempts of the opposition to race for the line. Photograph courtesy of Frank Orrell of The Wigan Observer.

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DATA SHEET

TOP TEN TRIES:

1.	Ellery HANLEY	(Bradford N.)	37
2.	Gary PROHM	(Hull K.R.)	28
3.	Vince BRIBBIN	(Whitehaven)	24
	Henderson GILL	(Wigan)	24
5.	Carl GIBSON	(Batley)	23
6.	John FERGUSON	(Wigan)	22
7.	Barry LEDGER	(St. Helens)	21
	Gary PEACHAM	(Carlisle)	21
9.	Steve EVANS	(Hull)	20
	Garry SCHOFIELD	(Hull)	20
	Mal MENINGA	(St. Helens)	20

TOP TEN GOALS (including Drop Goals):

1.	Sean DAY	(St. Helens)	106
2.	Graham STEADMAN	(York)	96
3.	Peter WOOD	(Runcorn H.)	94
4.	Mick PARRISH	(Oldham)	92
	Garry SCHOFIELD	(Hull)	92
6.	George FAIRBAIRN	(Hull K.R.)	89
7.	David CREASSER	(Leeds)	86
8.	Colin WHITFIELD	(Wigan)	82
9.	Clive GRIFFITHS	(Salford)	79
10.	Malcolm AGAR	(Halifax)	73

Appearances, Tries & Goals

Up to and including 17.3.85.

	App.	Sub pld.	Sub N/PLancs.	Cup Cup	Ch'Inge Cup	John Player Trophy	League	Friend-lies	Total
A.N. Other	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R. Braithwaite ...	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
S. Brennan	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
D. Campbell	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B. Case	27	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
M. Cannon	15	-	1	1	-	2	8	1	12
N. Courtney	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N. Du Toit	1	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	1
S. Donlan	8	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
B. Dunn	7	2	7	-	-	-	1	-	1
S. Edwards	24	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	7
P. Ford	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
J. Fairhurst	13	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	4
J. Ferguson	24	-	-	3	3	3	13	-	22
M. Ford	11	3	3	-	1	-	1	-	2
H. Gill	23	1	-	2	4	-	17	1	24
K. Holden	7	1	-	-	-	1	4	-	5
B. Juliff	3	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
N. Kiss	21	-	-	1	-	2	4	-	7
B. Kenny	13	-	-	-	2	-	10	-	12
J. Mayo	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P. O'Neill	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	3
I. Potter	30	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	5
J. Pendlebury ...	9	4	5	-	-	-	-	2	2
D. Ramsdale	8	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1
M. Scott	7	5	4	-	-	-	3	-	3
G. Shaw	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D. Stephenson ...	29	-	-	2	1	-	2	-	5
B. Williams	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G. West	28	-	-	3	1	-	3	2	9
D. Wood	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
C. Wilson	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
C. Whitfield	25	2	2	-	-	-	3	1	4
S. Wane	10	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	15	13	9	87	17	141			

Goals:

S. Edwards	1	-	-	-	-	1
M. Ford	-	(1)	-	(1)	-	2
H. Gill	-	1	-	3	7	11
J. Pendlebury ...	12	-	-	8	8	28
D. Stephenson ...	-	6	-	4	-	10
C. Whitfield	6(1)	5	9	62	-	82
	19	13	9	78	15	134

N.B. Drop goals (in brackets) are included in the principal figures. -

MEMORABLE

Wigan vs. Oldham (Championship Play Off Final, April 23rd, 1910 at Broughton)

Wigan 7 points Oldham 13

WIGAN: H. Price, J. Leytham, B. Jenkins, L. Todd, J. Miller, E. Jones, J. Thomas, R. Silcock
C. Seeling, H. de Francis, T. Whittaker, J. Barton, J. Topping.

OLDHAM: A.E. Wood, G.W. Smith, W. Dixon, S. Deane, T. McLean, A.E. Anlezark, T. White,
J. Ferguson, A. Smith, A.E. Avery, J. Owens, T. McCabe, J. Wright.

REFEREE: Mr. Smith (Widnes)

RECEIPTS: £520

ATTENDANCE: 10,850

The top of the Final League Table for the 1909-10 Season read as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	%
1. OLDHAM	34	29	2	3	604	184	60	88.23
2. SALFORD	31	24	1	6	387	210	49	79.03
3. WIGAN	30	23	1	6	545	169	47	78.33
4. WAKEFIELD T.	32	24	0	8	435	242	48	75.00
5. KEIGHLEY	28	19	0	9	382	242	38	67.85
6. LEEDS	34	21	1	12	451	317	43	63.26

The top four teams qualified for the Championship Play-off semi-finals which saw Oldham beat Wakefield by 12 points to 6 and Wigan win at Salford by 17 points to 6. These results meant that Oldham would be appearing in their 4th successive Championship Play-off final and that the final would be a repeat of the 1909 final which Wigan had won by 7 points to 3.

The first 40 minutes of the 1910 final ended with the teams level at 5 points each but Oldham took command in the second half and ran out winners by 13 points to 7. The 'Roughyeds' tries came from G. Smith, Dixon and McCabe while Wood and Ferguson both kicked a goal each. Wigan's points came from a Lance Todd try and 2 goals by Leytham.

Oldham's G. Smith was the second highest try scorer in the Rugby League for the 1909-10 Season with 36 tries — 12 tries behind Wigan's James Leytham. Leytham also kicked 44 goals to finish top points scorer in the Rugby League with 232 points.

MATCHES

COLTS FIXTURES

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 1st	Castleford	A	3.00	D 22-22
Saturday 8th	Oldham	H	3.00	POST.
Saturday 15th	Hull	A	3.00	L 22-32
Saturday 22nd	Wakefield T.	H	3.00	W 24-18
Saturday 29th	Leeds	H	3.00	POST.

OCTOBER

Saturday 6th	Bradford N.	H	3.00	W 14-16
Saturday 13th	Hull K.R.	H	3.00	W 32-24
Saturday 20th	Hunslet	A	3.00	POST.
Saturday 27th	Oldham	A	3.00	W 6-16

NOVEMBER

Saturday 3rd	Castleford	H	3.00	W 30- 6
Thursday 8th	Wakefield T.	A	2.30	L 36- 2
Saturday 17th	Hull K.R.	H	2.30	W 12- 8
Saturday 24th	Hull K.R.	A	2.30	L 6-11
Friday 30th	Bradford N.	H	7.30	L 10-21

DECEMBER

Saturday 8th	Leigh	A	2.30	W 24-42
Saturday 15th	Hunslet	H	2.30	POST.
Saturday 22nd	Leeds	A	2.30	W 0-19
Saturday 29th	Hunslet	H	2.30	POST.

JANUARY 1985

Saturday 5th	Bradford N.	A	2.30	W 0-20
Saturday 12th	Leigh	H	2.30	POST.
Saturday 19th	Hull	A	2.30	L 2-24
Saturday 26th	Leigh	H	3.00	W 34- 8

FEBRUARY

Saturday 2nd	Oldham (CCC Preliminary Rnd.)	A	3.00	W 40- 2
Saturday 2nd	Leeds	A	3.00	POST.
Saturday 16th	Hull K.R.	H	3.00	POST.
Saturday 23rd	COLTS CHALLENGE CUP (1st Rd.) Castleford	H		W 24-18

MARCH

Saturday 9th	Hull (2nd Rd)	A	12.30	L 26-14
Saturday 9th	Castleford	H	3.00	POST.
Saturday 16th	Leigh	A	3.00	POST.
Saturday 23rd	Wakefield T.	H	3.00	POST.

HALF-TIME QUIZ

- 1 Which Club did Maurice Bamford the present Rugby League coach start his coaching career with?
- 2 Who captained the Great Britain Under 21's this season?
- 3 Great Britain assistant coach Phil Larder played professional rugby league with two Clubs. Can you name them?
- 4 Great Britain fitness director, Rod McKenzie is a senior lecturer at which leading college?
- 5 Which country is due to tour Europe next season?

Answers on page 28

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SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

AWAY TRAVEL

Apart from the match at Barrow, our outstanding fixtures have now been given dates. As we have five away games within a fortnight, tonight's Supporters' Association page is being devoted mainly to information for all these trips, and bookings will be taken tonight for any of them.

FRIDAY 29th MARCH — HULL — *8 p.m. KICK-OFF
DEPART 4.30 p.m. — ADULTS £4.50, JUNIORS £3.00

SUNDAY 31st MARCH — LEEDS
DPART 1.00 p.m. — ADULTS £3.00, JUNIORS £2.00

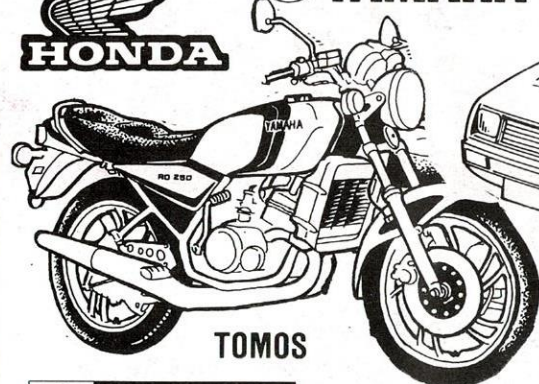
TUESDAY 2nd APRIL — BRADFORD
DEPART 5.30 p.m. — ADULTS £3.00, JUNIORS £2.00

MONDAY 8th APRIL — OLDHAM
DEPART 1.15 p.m. — ADULTS £2.00, JUNIORS £1.50

THURSDAY 11th APRIL — WIDNES
DEPART 6.00 p.m. — ADULTS £1.50, JUNIORS £1.00

SUPPORTERS' OF THE YEAR QUIZ

The Wigan competitors, Martin Culligan and Ann-Marie Silcock, were successful in the Supporters' of the Year Quiz and are now in the Final, along with teams from Salford, Widnes and Warrington. The Final will take place in late April at Wigan — details of actual date will be given in a later programme.



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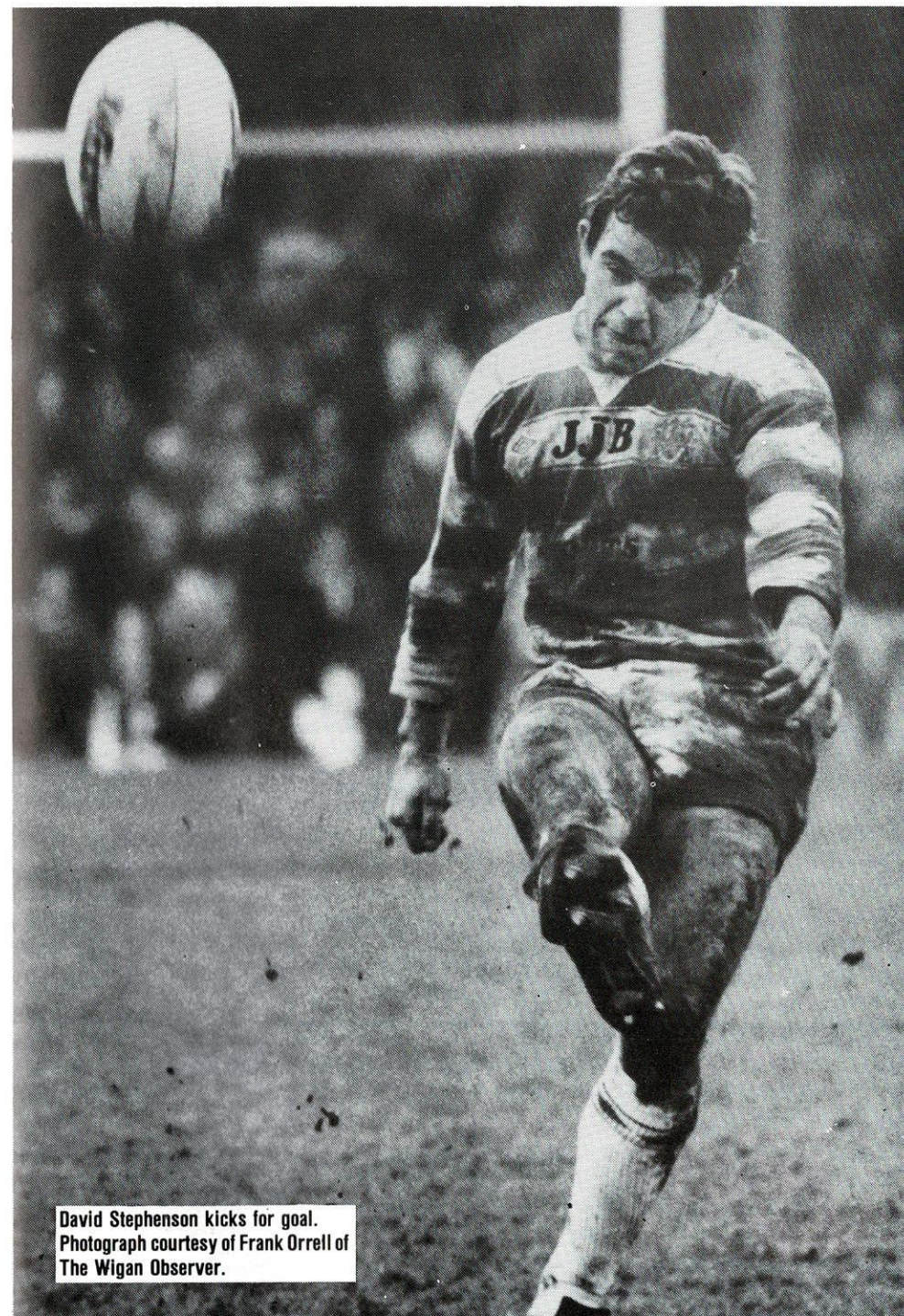
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David Stephenson kicks for goal.
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FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

FRIDAY 5th APRIL — KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.
WIGAN V ST. HELENS
 SLALOM LAGER CHAMPIONSHIP

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SATURDAY 13th APRIL — KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.
WIGAN V HULL K.R.
 COLTS LEAGUE

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. DEWSBURY
2. LEE CROOKS
3. OLDHAM AND WHITEHAVEN
4. CARNEGIE COLLEGE (LEEDS)
5. NEW ZEALAND



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JACK PRICE

EVERY so often an international class player becomes available on the transfer market and in the 1920's when Broughton Rangers agreed to let Great Britain loose forward Jack Price leave the club Wigan had no hesitation in snapping him up.

Price signed for Wigan at the age of 26 on October 4th, 1922, and he made his debut three days later against St. Helens Recreation at City Road. The change of club didn't affect his form though and it soon became obvious that he was going to be a great asset to the Wigan club.

At Broughton, Price had won representative honours for Lancashire, England and Great Britain, or the Northern Union as the team was then known, and he was soon repeating the feat for Wigan. On November 15th he made his first Lancashire appearance as a Wigan player against Cumberland at Chorley Road, Swinton, and he celebrated the occasion by scoring two tries. A month later on December 11th he turned out for England against Wales at Herne Hill Stadium, London. Unfortunately he didn't make the scoresheet on this occasion but he did play his part in a 12 points to 7 victory.

In 1924 Great Britain toured Australia and New Zealand and Price was one of five Wigan players to make the touring

squad. (The others being Tommy Howley, Danny Hurcombe, Johnny Ring and the great Jim Sullivan). Twenty-seven games were played altogether on the tour and Price played in twelve, including the first and third tests against Australia and the first and third tests against New Zealand.

1924 had also seen Wigan win the Rugby League Cup for the first time and Price was a try scorer in the historic 21 points to 4 victory over Oldham at the Athletic Ground, Rochdale. Tries, in fact, came quite frequently to the strong running price and he finished the 1923-4 season with a total of 18 tries which for a forward was very good indeed.

Price's final big game for Wigan was the 1926 Championship Play Off Final against Warrington which Wigan won by 22 points to 10 at Knowsley Road, St. Helens. Representative honours continued to come his way though and the following season he turned out for Lancashire against Yorkshire, Cumberland and New Zealand. The match against New Zealand ended in a convincing 28 points to 3 victory for Lancashire and Price marked his final appearance for the Red Rose County by scoring one of his side's 8 tries.

ALLIANCE LEAGUE FIXTURES

AUGUST

Tuesday 28th St. Helens H 7.30 L 0-20

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 6th Castleford A 7.30 W 21-16

Tuesday 11th Salford H 7.30 W 38- 8

Tuesday 18th Carlisle-Penrith H 7.30 W 26-12

Thursday 27th St. Helens A 7.30 L 16-14

OCTOBER

Tuesday 2nd Leigh H 7.30 W 28-24

Saturday 6th LANCS. COMBINATION CH. SHIELD (1st rd.) 7.30 Bye

Saturday 13th Barrow A 2.30 POST.

Thursday 18th LANCS. COMBINATION CH. SHIELD (2nd Rd.) v St. Helens 7.30 W 17-14

NOVEMBER

Thursday 1st Halifax A 7.30 W 14-34

Wednesday 7th LANCS. SHIELD (Semi-final) v. Swinton H 7.30 L 12-23

Saturday 10th Workington T. H 3.00 W 48-12

Tuesday 13th Oldham H 7.30 W 26-12

Wednesday 21st Barrow A 7.45 W 0-16

Friday 30th Widnes A 7.30 W 12-14

DECEMBER

Tuesday 4th Warrington H 7.30 D 20-20

Thursday 13th Leigh A 7.30 W 14-26

Saturday 22nd Barrow H 3.00 W 48-16

Sunday 30th Warrington A 3.00 W 22-32

JANUARY 1985

Thursday 3rd Halifax H 7.30 POST.

Friday 11th Salford A 7.30 POST.

Friday 25th Oldham A 7.30 POST.

FEBRUARY

Friday 1st Castleford H 7.30 W 20-10

Wednesday 6th Salford A 7.30 L 26-10

Friday 8th Swinton A 7.30 L 7- 4

Saturday 23rd Hull K.R. A 2.30 POST.

Sunday 24th ALLIANCE CHALLENGE CUP (1st rd) Warrington A 2.30 L 14-30

MARCH

Tuesday 5th Widnes H 7.30 W 18- 7

Saturday 16th Workington A 2.30

Sunday 24th Hull K.R. H 3.00

APRIL

Saturday 6th Carlisle-Penrith A 3.00

Wednesday 10th Swinton H 7.30

Friday 12th Oldham A 7.30

WIGAN R.L.F.C. FIXTURES 1984/85

AUGUST

Sunday 12th Mansfield H 3.00 W 56-12

Sunday 19th Summer 7's H 2.30 Wigan

Sunday 26th Warrington Locker Cup H 3.00 W 42-12

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 2nd Castleford A 3.30 W 12-20

Friday 7th Bradford N. H 7.30 L 9- 2

Sunday 16th COUNTY CUP COMPETITION Widnes H 3.00 W 28- 8

Sunday 23rd Leigh A 3.30 L 10-24

Wednesday 26th Swinton (LANCASHIRE CUP 2nd Round) A 7.30 W 6-32

Sunday 30th Leeds H 3.00 W 30-14

OCTOBER

Sunday 7th Featherstone R. A 3.30 L 20-10

Wednesday 10th Salford (LANCASHIRE CUP) A 7.30 W 8-19

Sunday 14th Barrow H 3.00 W 40-24

Sunday 21st Hull K.R. A 3.00 W 30-10

Sunday 28th St. Helens (LANCASHIRE CUP FINAL) H 3.00 L 18-26

NOVEMBER

Sunday 4th Halifax H 3.00 W 26-24

Sunday 11th Workington T. A 2.30 W 8-28

Sunday 18th JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY 1st rd. Huddersfield H 3.00 W 50- 6

Sunday 25th Hull H 3.00 POST.

DECEMBER

Saturday 1st JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY LEEDS A 3.00 L 4-10

Sunday 9th Warrington A 3.00 W 8-22

Sunday 16th Leigh H 3.00 W 37-16

Sunday 23rd Hunslet A 3.30 W 16-48

Boxing Day 26th St. Helens A 3.00 W 22-30

JANUARY

Tuesday 1st Warrington H 3.00 W 24- 7

Sunday 6th Halifax A 3.00 POST.

Sunday 13th Featherstone R. H 3.00 POST.

Sunday 20th Bradford N. A 3.30 POST.

Wednesday 30th Widnes H 7.30 W 28-12

FEBRUARY

Sunday 3rd Castleford H 3.00 W 36-18

Sunday 17th SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP Batley (at Bolton) H 3.00 W 46-18

Sunday 17th Hull A 3.00 POST.

Saturday 23rd CHALLENGE CUP Warrington(2nd) A 2.15 W 24-14

MARCH

Sunday 3rd Hull K.R. H 3.00 W 20-16

Sunday 10th Bradford (CC 3rd) A 3.00 W 7- 6

Wednesday 13th Halifax A 7.30 D 12-12

Sunday 17th Workington T. H 3.00 W 52- 6

Saturday 23rd Hull K.R. (Semi) Elland -Rd A 2.15 W 11-18

Sunday 24th Barrow A 2.30 POST.

Tuesday 26th Oldham H 7.30

Friday 29th Hull A 8.00

Sunday 31st Leeds A 3.00

APRIL

Tuesday 2nd Bradford A 7.30

Good Friday 5th St. Helens H 3.00

Easter Mon. 8th Oldham A 3.00

Thursday 11th Widnes A 7.30

Sunday 14th Hunslet H 3.00

Friday 19th Hull H 8.00

Sunday 21st Featherstone H 3.00