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Steve Hampson	1 Full back	David Liddiard
Nick du Toit	2 Right wing	Hussein M'Barki
David Stephenson	3 Right centre	Des Foy
Ellery Hanley	4 Left centre	Gary Warnecke
Henderson Gill	5 Left wing	Mike Taylor
Steve Ella	6 Stand off	Glen Liddiard
Shaun Edwards	7 Scrum half	Ray Ashton
Greg Dowling	8 Front row	Wally Jones
Nick Kiss	9 Hooker	Ian Sanderson
Shaun Wane	10 Front row	David Hobbs
Graeme West	11 Second row	Mike Worrall
Andy Goodway	12 Second row	Mal Graham
Ian Potter	13 Loose forward	Terry Flanagan
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REFEREE: P.N. Houghton | HALF TIME | LINESMEN: N.J. Hesketh, A.J. Brown

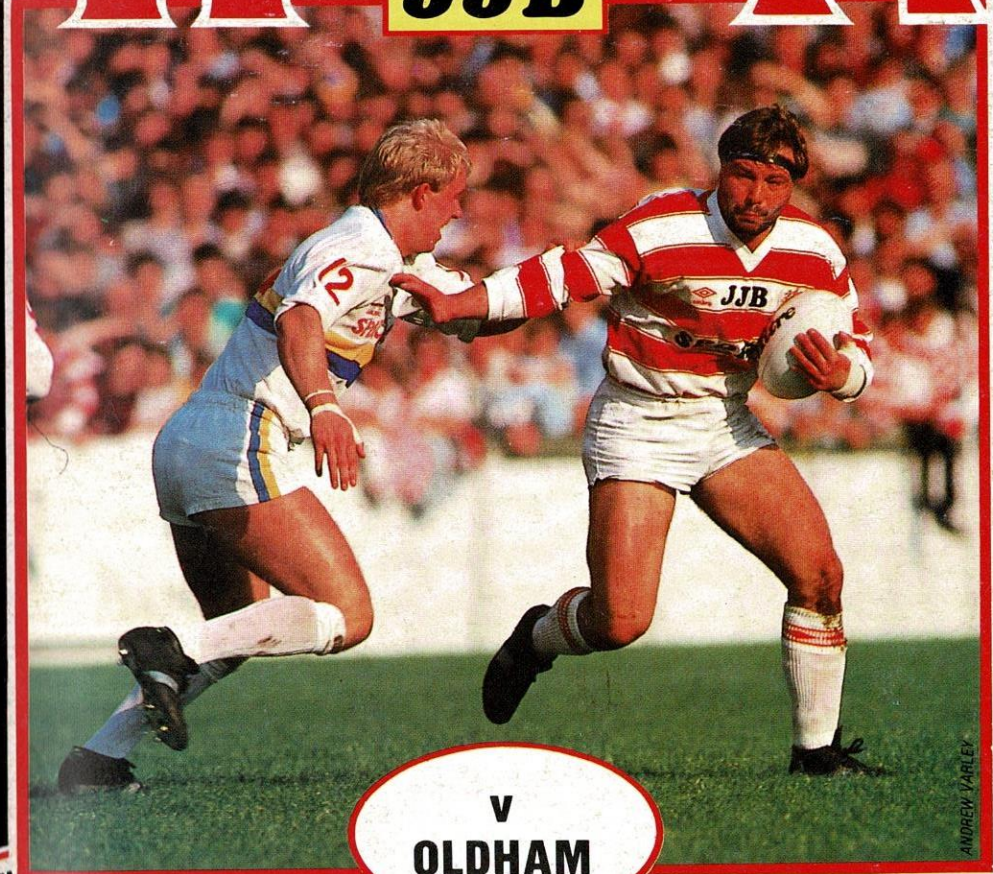
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Runners-up: 1909-10, 1921-22, 1924-25, 1928-29, 1930-31, 1933-34, 1947-48, 1948-49, 1959-60 and 1968-69

John Player Trophy winners: 1982-83 and 1985-86

Lancashire War League winners: 1940-41

War League Championship winners: 1943-44

Runners-up: 1940-41

welcome

TO

CENTRAL PARK

TODAY we extend a warm welcome to all the players, officials and fans of Oldham, for their first meeting with Wigan this season.

Oldham fans will not need reminding that this is their second visit to Central Park — and doubtless they will be hoping for better luck than they were granted in the Cup semi-final against Castleford last week.

It is unusual to get so far into a season without meeting another Lancashire Club — and Wigan spectators will today be hoping for a glimpse of the Oldham Australians which they have been denied so far.

With players like Liddiard, Graham and Warnecke in their ranks, and home grown stars like Hobbs, Worral, Ashton and Taylor, Oldham are capable of giving anyone a game.

Wily veterans Mick Morgan and David Topliss are also on hand to steer the Roughyeds in the right direction, complementing the coaching of Frank Myler.

Any team which reaches the semi-final of the Challenge Cup must be a good one, and Wigan will have to be wary today in their quest for championship points.

Whatever the outcome, we trust the afternoon will be an enjoyable one for all visitors and home supporters alike.

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Billy Wood — one of the directors responsible for bringing Billy Boston and Eric Ashton to Central Park — has died aged 80.

Billy became a Wigan director when his playing career was tragically cut short in the 1930/31 season. He was playing second row forward for the club in a game at Swinton when he received a terrible knee injury which left him crippled.

He served for many years on the Wigan Board and when he retired was vice chairman. Billy and his wife Agnes, were also well known as landlord and landlady of the Royal Oak which they kept for 19 years until 1959.

A life member of the Club, Mr. Wood was cremated following a service at St. Patrick's Church.



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SPOTLIGHT

MIKE FORD

FULL NAME: Michael Alan Ford
NICKNAME: I don't really have a nickname. The lads either call me Fordy or Mike.

BIRTHDATE: 18.11.65.

BIRTHPLACE: Oldham

MARITAL STATUS: Single. I do have a girlfriend but I've no plans to get married at the moment.

OCCUPATION: Apprentice plumber with my dad's plumbing firm.

CAR: A brown 1.1 Ford Fiesta

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOW: I've got two. I think Only Fools and Horses is great but my all time favourite is Minder. I tend to watch a lot of television, I find it quite relaxing.

FAVOURITE FILM: Rocky III. I've seen all the Rocky films but that one is my favourite. I went to watch Back To The Future last week and I thought that was good as well.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Queen, Elton John, Stevie Wonder, Paul McCartney. I don't collect albums but I do have a lot of tapes in my car. I like to listen to music when I'm driving.

FAVOURITE FOOD: I like all meat but especially lamb and steak. I'm not keen on foreign food. I'm not very adventurous when it comes to eating.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Bitter if I'm drinking socially, otherwise milk and Vimto. I drink so much Vimto I think I should be sponsored by them. Vimto have sponsored the athlete Shirley Strong so why not me?

FAVOURITE READING: I don't read much, only newspapers. My favourite is the Daily Mirror. I read it every day, starting at the back of course.

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: My favourite holiday was in Switzerland, it's a lovely country, but I've not been to many places actually on holiday. Most of my travelling has been through rugby and football. I've been to Holland, France and Belgium with the town soccer team when I was about 15 and Australia and New Zealand with the rugby. They are all good places to visit, I've been lucky.

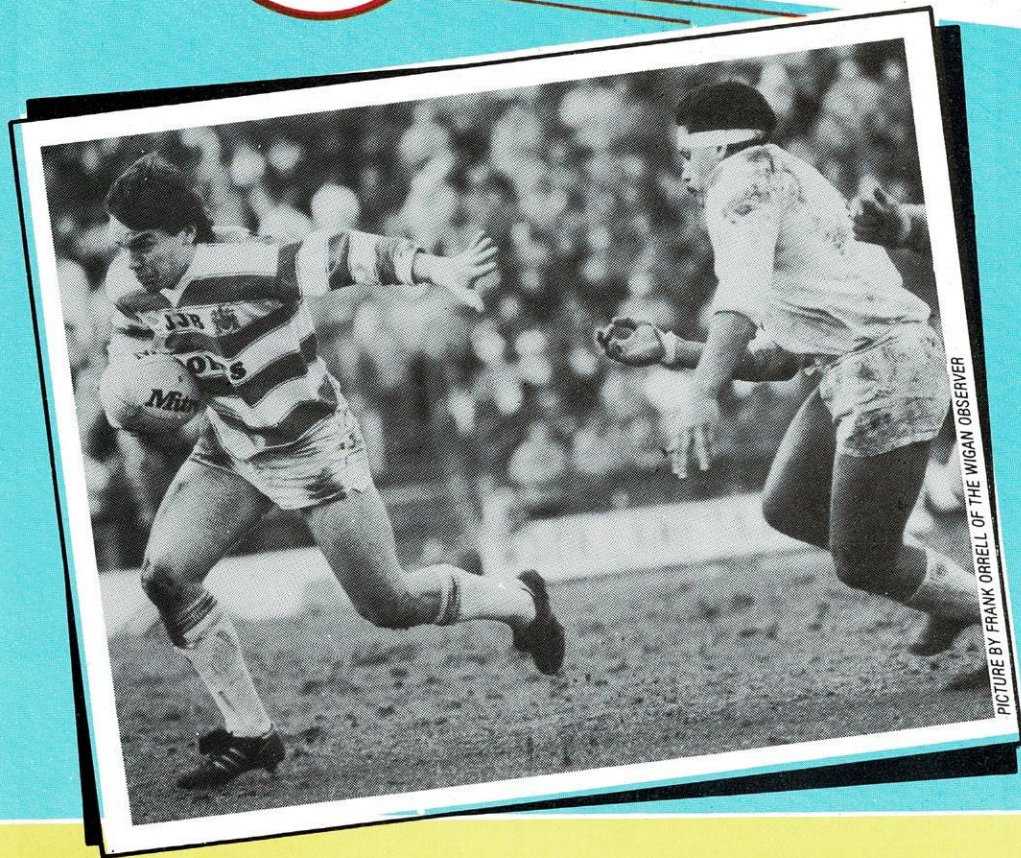
FAVOURITE RELAXATION: Watching TV, especially sport. Lounging around.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: Golf, football, athletics. I play quite a lot of golf with my dad.

LIKES: Playing all sports, but especially RL and golf. Winning. True supporters.

DISLIKES: Smoking. I hate being in smoky rooms or near to people who are smoking. Cold baths and showers. The bath up at Workington was the worst yet. It was freezing and had about 2 inches of water in the bottom. Being injured and out of the game.

SUPERSTITIONS: I don't have any. At the beginning of the season I decided to try being the last person in the dressing



PICTURE BY FRANK ORRELL OF THE WIGAN OBSERVER

room to put on my shirt. After a couple of weeks I had a bad game so I decided it was stupid.

FAVOURITE POSITION: Scrum-Half or stand-off.

FAVOURITE GROUND: It's got to be Wembley, with Elland Road coming a close second. I've played at both twice and never lost. They seem to be my lucky grounds.

GREATEST MOMENT: Winning at Wembley last year. It was a perfect day made all the better when I received a phone call from Arnie Beetsen asking me to spend the summer in Australia. I couldn't believe so much was happening all at once.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: I've got to say it's being dropped from the team at the moment. I've been dropped before but it is something you never get used to. You've just got to put your disappointment behind you, play well in the

'A' team and hope for a lucky break.
HARDEST PLAYER TO TACKLE: Des Drummond of Leigh.
HARDEST TACKLER: I would say Ian Potter. I've never played against him but I've stood next to him when he has gone in to tackle. Believe me he goes in hard. You can hear the crunch!
FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER: Brett Kenny. He is the best in the world — both to watch and to play alongside. He had a tremendous influence on the team when he was over here and was great at giving advice and helping players along.
AMBITIONS: To tour Australia with Great Britain in '88 and to become the world's number one scrum half.
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE DOING IN 10 YEARS TIME: Hopefully to be still playing first division rugby. I'll only be 30 by then so I should have a chance. I'd also like to have a good secure job and a happy family life.



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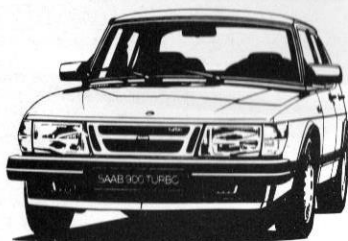
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Coaches Comment



ALL season we have been going out for the Grand Slam, but after the Cup exit at the hands of Castleford we have had to narrow our horizons somewhat.

We are now going for four major trophies, instead of five.

Naturally, we are very disappointed about missing out on a clean sweep, it was a dream which meant as much to us as the supporters.

These things happen in sport however, and the only thing to do is put them behind you.

The task in hand now is to win the Slalom Lager Championship, then turn our attention to the Premiership.

At the time of writing the Good Friday result is unknown, but whatever happened at St. Helens, two points today will be a crucial requirement.

Championship teams do not drop points at home, and we must keep on winning if we are to stay ahead of the pack.

Oldham are not going to be easy opposition, they have several first class players, but we have got to have confidence in our own ability.

Today we will be boosted, sadly for the last time this season, by Steve Ella and Greg Dowling, two Australians who have been a credit to the Cherry and White of Wigan.

Before they play their last game, we would just like to place on record our thanks and appreciation of two marvellous professionals, who would both be welcome back at Central Park at any time in the future.

We are sure the Wigan supporters will join with us in wishing Steve and Greg all the best for the future.

Thanks a bunch lads, and if we win the League title we'll gladly forward your medals.

Enjoy the game
Alan McInnes and Colin Clarke

Supporters Club

NOTES

TODAY sees the last appearance in Wigan colours of Steve Ella and Greg Dowling, as they fly home to Australia this evening. On Tuesday night in the Riverside Club the Supporters' Association presented engraved plaques to Steve and Greg as mementoes of their stay in Wigan. We know they have enjoyed their time here and we have certainly enjoyed watching them and wish them all the best for the future.

VIDEO SHOWS

There will be no video show tonight with there being a match this afternoon, but the regular Monday evening videos resume next week, April 7th, when we will choose a game from over the Easter period.

AWAY TRAVEL

We have two more away trips in the league, to Oldham and to Castleford. At the time of writing we do not know the date of the Oldham match, but details will be given in next week's York programme. Castleford is on Sunday 13th April and bookings can be made today for this trip. Coaches leave Central Park at 1.30 p.m. Adults £3.50, Juniors £2.50.

NEW BOOK

A new book on Rugby League is published this week. "Gone North" by Robert Gate, tells the story of many Welshmen who have left Wales to play in the North of England and become heroes and legends in their new environment. The front cover, appropriately, features Billy Boston, and the book can be purchased direct from the author Robert Gate, Mount Pleasant Cottage, Ripponden Bank, Ripponden, Sowerby Bridge, HX6 4JL. Hardback £12: Paperback £7.25., including postage and packing.

AUSTRALIAN MAGAZINES

Will supporters who ordered Australian magazine "Rugby League Week" please call at the main Supporters' Club inside the ground to collect these today? Anyone who wishes to continue receiving this magazine on a weekly basis throughout the close season should see Paul Connor at the shop to make arrangements for collection.

OPEN RUGBY

Hopefully April's "Open Rugby" will have arrived in time for today's match, but if not it will be on sale next Sunday at our re-arranged home match against York.

CLIFF WEBB

OF THE
WIGAN
OBSERVER

OLDHAM come to Central Park today, doubtless with bitter memories of their last visit a fortnight ago, when they were somewhat unluckily denied a first trip to Wembley by a no more than ordinary Castleford team.

The freak bounce of the ball from a kick by Castleford's Robert Beardmore in the Challenge Cup semi final cost Oldham a vital try in the 62nd minute, when they were leading 7-6 and looking easily the better team.

But that is cup rugby for you and Wigan, too, know to their cost what it is to be beaten by a no more than ordinary Castleford outfit. They are still smarting from their third round defeat.

But Wigan at least have the consolation of knowing that the championship and the Premiership are still well within their reach. Oldham on the other hand would appear to be out of contention for the championship, though a consistent winning spell might give them a chance of a top four spot, given today's positions in the league table.

Somehow though I think Oldham will be hard pressed to pick up two points here today. Wigan are utterly determined in their championship bid.

Mind you, Wigan have some tough games to play yet, including a visit to Oldham at Watersheddings and that will be no picnic.

But, as joint coach Colin Clarke has said: "If we win all of our remaining matches, we have no need to worry about what other contenders may do because it would mean our winning the championship".

A lot of people have been saying of late that Wigan have gone "off the boil" to some extent and while it is true that they have not been hitting the high spots as they did earlier in the season, team morale is very high and the lads have every incentive, financial and otherwise, to go all out for the remaining honours of the season.

Meanwhile it is good to see international prop Brian Case back in action and feeling no ill effects from the injury which sidelined him for so long. With Steve Ella and Greg Dowling having to go home to Australia after today's game, the return of Case is a real bonus for the Wigan club.

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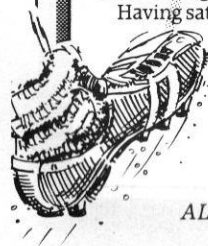


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vs. HULL KINGSTON ROVERS (John Player Special Trophy) (At Elland Road) (January 11th)

Shaun Wane made his 50th appearance for the club (excluding substitute appearances).

vs. HULL KINGSTON ROVERS (Home) (January 19th)

Richard Russell made his full first team debut and Rob Louw appeared for Wigan for the first time.

Mike Ford's absence from this game left the club without an ever-present this season. Ian Potter took over as the player with the most consecutive games under his belt (23 games).

vs. WIDNES (Away) (January 29th)

This was Wigan's first defeat in 20 games and the first time that Steve Ella had finished on the losing side in this country.

David Stephenson's goal brought his points total for the season to exactly 200 and his points total for the club past 400.

vs. WORKINGTON TOWN (R.L. Cup) (Away) (February 9th).

Ian Lucas scored his first try for the club.

Nick du Toit scored his first goal for the club.

David Stephenson made the 250th appearance of his career (Salford (97), Wigan (141), Representative (12)).

This was Wigan's highest score away from home since they beat Cardiff 59-14 on April 26th, 1952.

(Present chairman, Jack Hilton, scored 5 tries that day).

vs. HALIFAX (Home) (February 23rd):

This was the third consecutive draw between the two sides.

Wigan failed to score for the first time this season.

The last time they failed to score a try was September 7th, 1984, when Bradford Northern were the opposition in a League game at Central Park.

Steve Hampson made his 50th appearance for the club (excluding substitute appearances).

vs. HULL (Home) (March 2nd)

Joe Lydon made his Wigan debut and scored his first try for the club.

Ray Moridt scored his first try for the club.

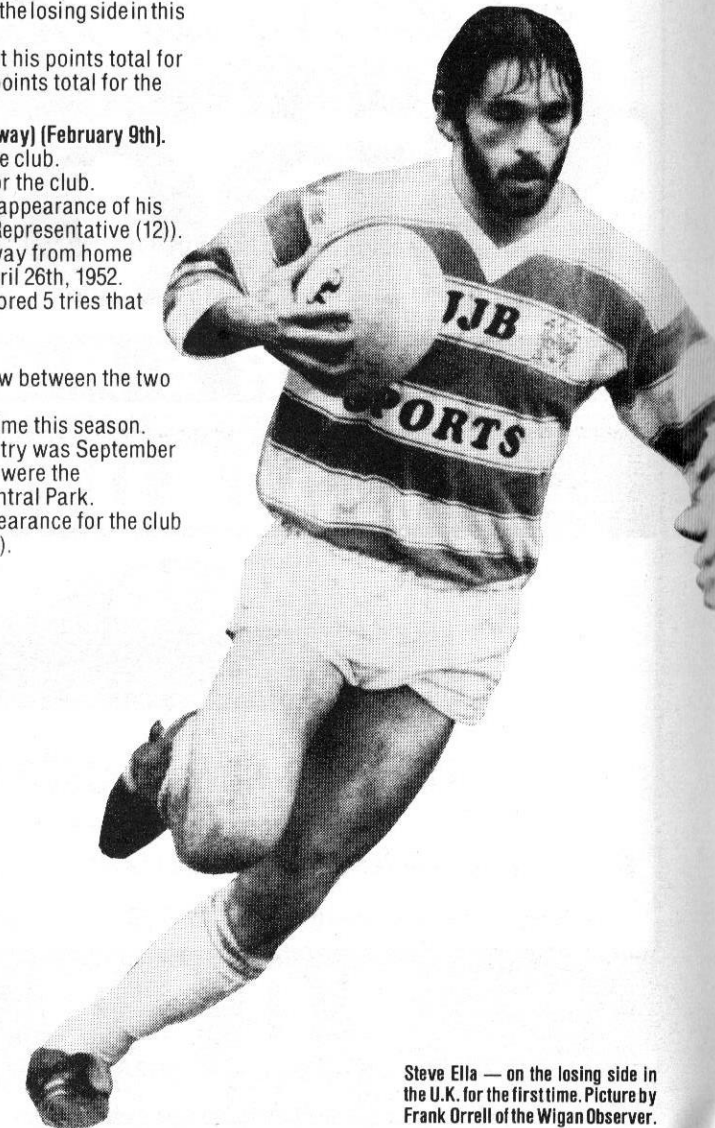
Ian Potter's run of 26 consecutive games for the club came to an end. Steve Hampson took over as the player with the most consecutive games under his belt (18 games).

David Stephenson's 2nd goal brought his career points total to exactly 550 (Salford (116), Wigan (419), Representative matches (15)).

Wigan have now scored 40 points or more on the last 3 occasions that Hull have visited Central Park.

PAUL OGDEN

WIGAN RLFC MILESTONES



Steve Ella — on the losing side in the U.K. for the first time. Picture by Frank Orrell of the Wigan Observer.

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VIEW FROM THE TERRACES

by
Doug
Stand

THERE was no mistaking the air of doom and despondency which dropped on Wigan like a fog after the exit from the Challenge Cup.

Once the Castleford party had gone back, champagne, streamers and all, the town settled down to a good, old fashioned sulk.

A funeral procession passing through Wigan that Sunday evening could have substituted a breach of the peace.

Individual tales of sorrow and woe are legion, from the town centre boozers who told their landlord to turn off the juke box, to the grown man who came home and sent his 17 year old son to bed at half past seven!

My favourite tale though, concerns a Wigan stalwart, old and wise enough to take his wellies to Dewsbury.

On the black Sunday, he returned home inconsolably wounded. The evening meal turned to ashes in his mouth, and not even his wife's tender ministrations could smooth the furrowed brow.

Eventually, after about two hours of silence, the good lady turn on her husband.

"Well you great soft thing," she said. "It serves you right. You think more of Wigan than you think of me". "Hang on a minute!" snapped the poor bloke. "I think more of St. Helens than I do of you!"

Perhaps going on about not going to Wembley is a little thoughtless in the presence of our friends from Oldham.

Oldham of course, have never been to Wembley, and last week they missed out agonisingly at the semi-final stage.

Doug Stand was out there with all the other bleeding hearts on the Popular side — some of the best supporters, I may say, I have encountered this season.

Naturally, I was rooting for the Red Rose side, though I was dismayed to see that Oldham disdain the wings even more than Wigan. The game is about moving out the ball after all, not one man bursts up

the middle.

But I'm being insensitive again.

Let's talk about the Super League — the latest invention to make life worth living when you've been knocked out of the Cup.

Personally, I can't see anything super about a competition which proposes to include Widnes and St. Helens, but that's just my opinion.

Oldham fans too may be wondering why Bradford and Salford are in the elite while they are lumped with the riff-raff, but these are fine details, which doubtless will be sorted out more or less equitably.

The real question is whether R.L. should be looking forward or backward — preparing for expansion or settling for what it's got.

From my tone you will gather that I am in favour of a positive development — I liked the bit in the breakaway blurb about taking advantage of the decline in soccer.

If it means we can have R.L. for breakfast, dinner and tea, on the back page of National Dailies, on the telly, in the schools and in the cornflake packets, then I'm all for it.

I realise this is wishful thinking, but if an R.L. Super League could really capture the public imagination and put soccer in its rightful place, I'd be prepared to sacrifice some of the game's homely comforts.

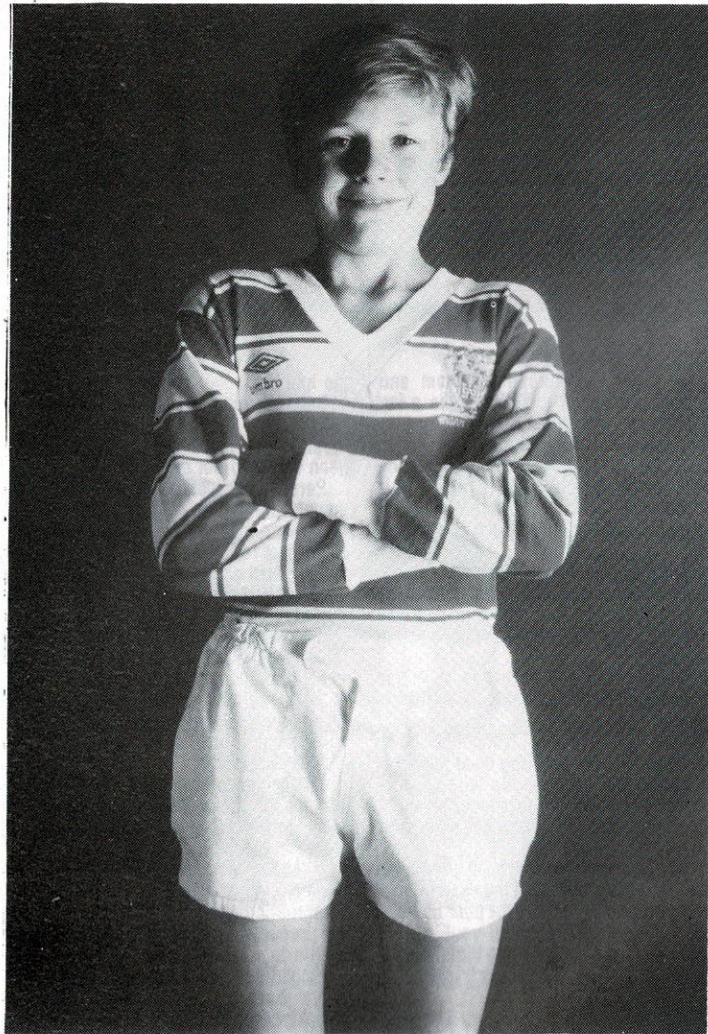
Some of my very favourite away trips in the past have been to places like Carlisle, Keighley, Workington, Huddersfield and Bramley.

Not because of the quality of rugby you understand, but for reasons as diverse as Timothy Taylor's beer, fish and chips, ethnic curry houses, friendly local supporters and the like.

But to stand still is to stagnate, as someone said.

Soccer, because it thought it had an automatic right to an audience, has stagnated to the point of decay. Some bright sparks in R.L. realise that supporters must be attracted rather than expected. Why not give them a chance?

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The pitch was six inches deep in mud as well, which made a bit of a lottery of the game and rendered recognition impossible after the first 10 minutes.

This as true for players as well as spectators, for two tries were a direct result of opposing players receiving passes by mistake.

Wigan started the scoring after 15 minutes, when Russell tidied up a loose ball and put Stephenson over, then in a similar position some minutes later, Andy Goodway's drive to the line resulted in a try for Phil Stott.

Two conversions and a penalty by David Stephenson put Wigan 14-0 up at half time.

Dewsbury ran and handled well in the conditions, but lacked the weight to seriously worry Wigan.

With props Brian Case and Shaun Wane standing out, Wigan were always in the driving seat.

Case and Wane combined for Wigan's first try after the interval, with Case making the ground with a detemined run, and Wane powering over in the corner. Once more, Stephenson converted well

from the touchline.

Shaun Edwards was next on the scoreboard, scooting to the posts, after good work by Wane, Goodway and Hanley.

Ian Potter got in on the act when a misplaced pass from a Dewsbury man found him just two or three yards from the line, and when Shaun Edwards limped off with a foot injury Mike Ford was quickly into the action.

Gathering a ball deep

behind the attack, Ford ran wide on the right and found an inviting gap opening up almost to the line. Ellery Hanley was on hand at the last to take a pass and make the touchdown.

Dewsbury man of the match Chris Mita scored an interception try just before the end, but Wigan had the last word when Ford (or was it Lyon?) scored from a David Stephenson cross kick.



A try and seven goals for Stephenson in the match against Dewsbury. Picture by John Callon of the Wigan Observer.

Introducing...

OLDHAM

FRANK MYLER (Coach): A truly great British middle back of the post-war era making 24 appearances for Britain, being the only man to appear in both the 1960 and 1970 World Cup, he toured in 1966 and in 1970. As tour captain he became the last British skipper to bring home the Ashes. He won the Harry Sunderland Trophy with St. Helens in the 1970 Championship Final joining Saints from home town Widnes with whom he starred for 11 seasons, including scoring a try in the 1964 Wembley win. His 34 tries for the Chemics in 1958-59 will stand as a club record.

He was coach of Widnes when they won their solitary championship in 1977-78, an achievement that won him the Trumanns Coach of the Year award. He has also coached Rochdale and Swinton before joining Oldham, and was of course, Great Britain tour coach in 1984.

BRIAN GARTLAND (Coach): St. Helens born who has spent most of his career in the Oldham area coaching the Oldham Colts and Reserve grade sides in recent seasons before stepping up to First Team duties in the middle of the 1983-84 season, doing an excellent job for the club in a crisis period which saw the resignations in quick succession of former coaches Dave Cox and Frankie Barrow.

DAVID TOPLISS (Stand off): Captain. Aged 35, height 5ft. 8in., weight 11st. 2lb. A former Normanton Junior who served Wakefield Trinity brilliantly for 13 seasons, winning the Lance Todd Trophy in the 1979 Wembley defeat. Played for Penrith Panthers in the mid-seventies and joined Hull F.C. in 1981, captaining the Airlie Birds to six major finals, his finest hour being the 1982 Challenge Cup replay with Widnes at Elland Road, scoring two tries of outstanding courage and importance. His brilliance gained him only four caps making his debut versus the 1973 Aussies at Wembley and his last as captain in the Final Test at Headingley in 1982. Was a replacement tourist in 1979 and has scored over 200 tries in a great career. Joined Oldham this summer.

DAVID LIDDARD (Full back): Age 24. Australian in his first season in England has earned rave reviews for his attacking play from full back berth. Signed from Parramatta Eels but will return to play for the Penrith Panthers at the end of the British season.

HUSSEIN M'BARKI (Winger): Age 29. Was brought to England by Fulham in 1981 for £25,000 from the French club Cahors, traded under the name of Des Smith for a while at Craven Cottage and became one of only seven players to score a try against the 1982 Australians in Fulham's tour match. Joined the exodus to Warrington last season before joining Oldham. The first and only Moroccan player in British Rugby League.

DES FOY (Middle back): Age 21. Boy wonder who signed for Widnes in July 1980 for a then record £17,000 contract from Saddleworth Rangers after playing for England Schoolboys. Made only 18 appearances for the Chemics before transferring to Oldham in January 1983. Scored a try on his Test debut in Avignon in January 1984 and went on the 1984 tour playing at stand off opposite the great Wally Lewis in

the first Test at Sydney Cricket Ground, his only Test appearance on tour.

MICK PARRISH (Centre): Age 27. Signed from Hunslet for £20,000 in September 1980 whom he had joined from Morley R.U.F.C. Is the only man in the history of the game to play and score in every match in a season for two different clubs, Hunslet in 1979-80 and Oldham in 1981-82. The elder brother of our Steve.

MICK TAYLOR (Winger): This is Mick's second season at the Watersheddings being signed from Huddersfield Amateur club Britannia Works (now Paddock).

RAY ASHTON (Scrum half): Age 25. Widnes born half back signing for Oldham in 1978, went on tour in 1984 at third choice number seven to Holding and Gregory, injuries ruining his tour, playing in only four matches.

WALLY JONES (Open prop): Signed from Rochdale H., the rugged prop was Oldham's Player of the Year in 1983-84 and was at one point in Frank Myler's pre 1984 tour Great Britain training squad.

IAN SANDERSON (Hooker): Age 20. The Leigh born player has come through the ranks at Oldham, given his chance he has retained his place on merit, playing well.

MICK MORGAN (Blind side prop): Ageless trouper who is taking a Rugby League approved benefit this season celebrating 20 years as a pro. A star for Yorkshire in the War of the Roses match this season Mick has found fame as an auctioneer with the Rugby League Roadshow.

TERRY FLANAGAN (Second Row): Age 24. Signed from Saddleworth in 1979, who club captain at only 19, captaining the side to the Second Division title. Was Britain lock v. France in the 1983 Tests and went on tour as a late replacement for Arkwright playing in two Tests in 1984.

DAVID HOBBS (Second row): A club record £40,000 signing from Featherstone who has one of the few 84 tour successes. Seems unfortunate to be out of this season's Test Squad, won the Lance Todd Trophy at Wembley in 1983.

GARY WARNECKE (Loose forward): Signed from Wests, Sydney, and scored the try that earned a valuable draw at Naughton Park last Sunday. Can also play centre.

MAL GRAHAM (Second row): Mal found fame with Hunslet last season being outstanding in the side relegated to Division Two. A Newcastle, N.S.W. player.

PADDY KIRWAN (Half back): Signed with Ashton and Flanagan in 1979 from Oldham Colts, creative player, graduate of Manchester University, also played for Saddleworth.

MICK WORRAL (Forward): Age 23. Warrington born former Colt, went on tour in 1984 playing in two Tests versus Australia. Guested for Brisbane Norths this summer but has suffered a knee injury in his first match back, that will probably keep him out today.

DAVID FINCH (Forward): Age 27. On loan from Castleford for whom he kicked two goals against Northern in the 1981-82 Yorkshire Cup Final.

Rugby League

ENTER AIDERS

HUSSEIN M'BARKI (Oldham)

In October 1981, Fulham gave trials to a player using the alias 'Des Smith'. The mystery man made a good impression on the Londoners and when news leaked out that the trialist was from Africa, most people assumed that his meant SOUTH Africa.

It was only when 'Des Smith' signed for Fulham that the wraps came off and Hussein M'Barki from NORTH Africa took the British Rugby League stage.

Several weeks earlier a French RU journalist walked into the Leeds offices of 'Open Rugby' magazine to pass on a piece of information which said that a former captain of the Moroccan international Rugby Union team, playing in France, was interested to a switch to Rugby League. The player was Hussein M'Barki.

The magazine's managing editor first recommended M'Barki to the newly formed Carlisle club but it was Fulham in the person of Managing Director Harold Genders who decided to check out the North African and off he went to France. Genders liked what he saw and decided that M'Barki had the potential to become a crowd-puller at Craven Cottage where Fulham — recently promoted — were attempting to establish themselves as a first division side, and so, following the aforementioned trials, the man the Londoners dubbed 'the Flying Arab' signed on in a deal worth £25,000.

His exotic background guaranteed that Hussein M'Barki and Fulham would receive a lot of publicity following the signing.

M'Barki, born in Khemisset, Morocco was 25 years old and had started playing rugby for a team, the name of which only a native of North Africa could pronounce, Prasptt. He later crossed to France to play for Narbonne and then Cahors.

He made 26 appearances for Morocco playing against such countries as France, Romania, Poland, Russia and Italy and he was Morocco's captain for two seasons.

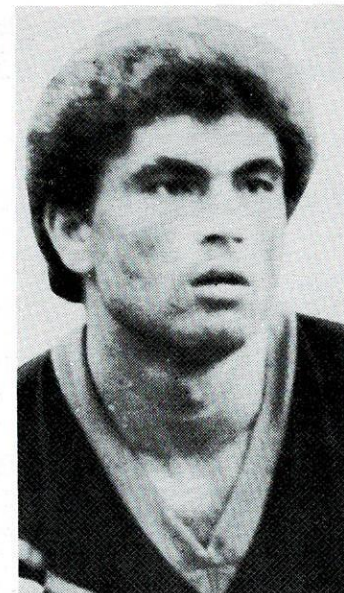
Originally Fulham flew Hussein over for each of their games but he was eventually accommodated in Widnes and it was there that he added a brand of English to his other languages of Arabic, French and Spanish.

His Rugby Union position had been at centre threequarter but Fulham used him as a winger and it was in the number 5 jersey that he made his first 'official' appearance. This was against Wigan on 22 November 1981 when a late Colin Whitfield drop goal gave the Cherry and Whites a 15 pts.-14 win.

Hussein M'Barki quickly became a huge favourite with the Fulham fans just as Harold Genders had predicted. His was a raw talent which generated excitement. He was fast, unorthodox and had that colourful personality which spectators found irresistible and soon the banks of the River Thames were ringing with the chants of 'Hussein!... Hussein!'

He scored his first Fulham try against Wakefield Trinity on 23 January 1982 and in 23 appearances during his first season he made eight touchdowns.

Although he played in his favourite centre position for a lot of his games in 1981/2, Fulham persisted in converting M'Barki into a winger.



Manager Reg Bowden described him as one of the best wingers in the game, even going as far back as to check whether he was eligible to play for Great Britain, while Colin Welland, a Fulham director, opined, "M'Barki has a wing threequarter's talent which I have not seen since the days of Brian Bevan."

In 1982/83 Fulham were back in the second division, unlucky to be relegated as it happened. M'Barki seemed to improve with every game and tries were building up. He was one of that small group of players who scored tries against the 1982 Kangaroos and his total for the season was 23 with Fulham winning promotion again.

He was the club's top try scorer with 17 in the Londoners' last season at Craven Cottage and, after a High Court judgement, he found himself a free agent at the start of the 1984/5 campaign.

He teamed up again with ex-Fulham boss Reg Bowden at Warrington. It was a controversial and unsuccessful move for Hussein. He made just 8 appearances and managed to bag a meagre two tries for the Wire.

Things didn't appear promising for M'Barki's career when he was given a free transfer but along came ambitious Oldham at the start of this season and the 'Flying Arab' signed on at Watersheddings.

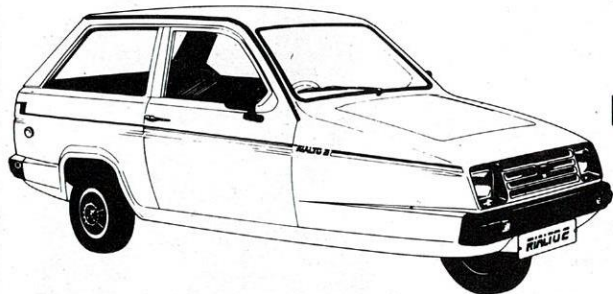
Hussein M'Barki has become a regular choice in one of the most entertaining Oldham teams for years and his versatility has seen him filling the full back, centre and both wing positions in his 23 first team appearances this season.

M'Barki is currently placed second in the running for Oldham's 'Player of the Year' award.

"Des Smith" has come a long way!

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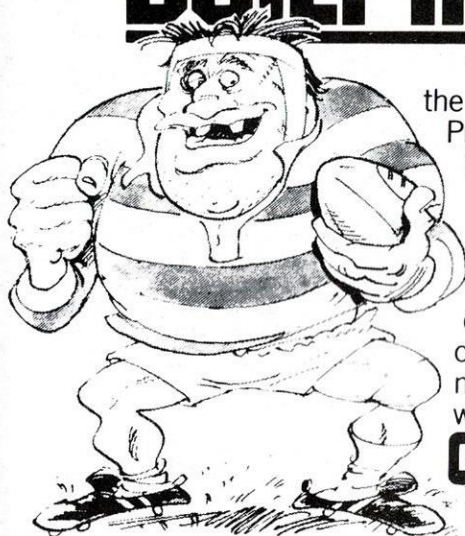
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COLTS TOPICS

AFTER all the disruption caused by the harshness of the winter weather the last thing that Wigan Colts needed was another weekend of inactivity now that conditions are back to 'normal' again.

Last week though this was just the unfortunate situation they found themselves in when scheduled league opponents Featherstone Rovers Colts were involved in a postponed cup tie that took precedence.

Many of the other clubs were also involved in cup matches thus making them too, unavailable. Coach Terry Cassidy made exhaustive but exasperating attempts to arrange a match for the team but drew a blank at every juncture. Leeds, who still have to play Wigan were without a game themselves, resisted every overtone and inducement made to them and so the players were left with another thumb twiddling Saturday.

Wigan now have a backlog of seven postponed matches although some of the clubs are in a worse position. Mind you, as they sit with a clear lead at the top of the table it will be the other sides that will have to do the most worrying about getting games in. Included in Wigan's programme are tough matches against Hull, Hull K.R., Wakefield and St. Helens and with the league scheduled to be finished by the end of March before the play-offs commence in April, there is sure to be a hectic last few weeks. In addition Wigan are still involved in the Colts Challenge Cup competition, in which they intend going all the way, and they will be anxiously

waiting to hear who their semi-final opponents are when the draw is made this week.

One Wigan player who got a late call up for international duty was winger Steve McMenamy who probably thought his chance had gone. After travelling to France as reserve and again being left in the wings as understudy for the return game.

At the last minute though he was pulled in when Shaun Edwards was required for the senior side and when Steve turned up for the pre-match lunch and nuptials at the teams hotel at Haydock he was given a quick about turn home to St. Helens to collect his boots.

Many people feel that Steve should have been included in the side earlier after giving outstanding displays for both club and county but be that as it may. At last he got onto the field of play to earn his cap and in doing so was the only amateur to receive this honour this season ahead of quite a number of good professional backs.

The under 18's Lancashire squad is due to be sorted out this week and Wigan will no doubt be well represented. It is over three seasons now since Lancashire Colts have put one over on Yorkshire at either under 18's or under 19's so the onus will be there to pick a strong side.

Eric Chisnall, St. Helens Colts coach, will again be in charge of training with Ivor Edwards as manager.

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Action from the victory over Swinton at Burnden Park, all three photographs this week by courtesy of Wigan Observer cameraman Frank Orrell.

Above right, Nicky Kiss sets up an attack, while below right, Ellery Hanley runs at the Swinton defence. Pictured left, Ian Potter gets the ball out of a Paul Topping tackle.



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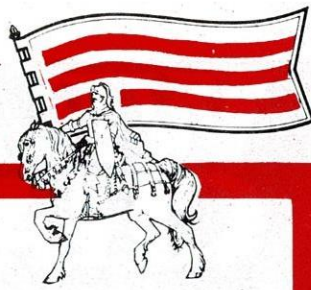
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Richard Russell crosses for his try against Swinton — his second senior Wigan score. Picture by Frank Orrell.



Tackled out of the Cup. No way through for Shaun Edwards in the Cup tie against Castleford. Picture by John Leatherbarrow of the Wigan Observer.

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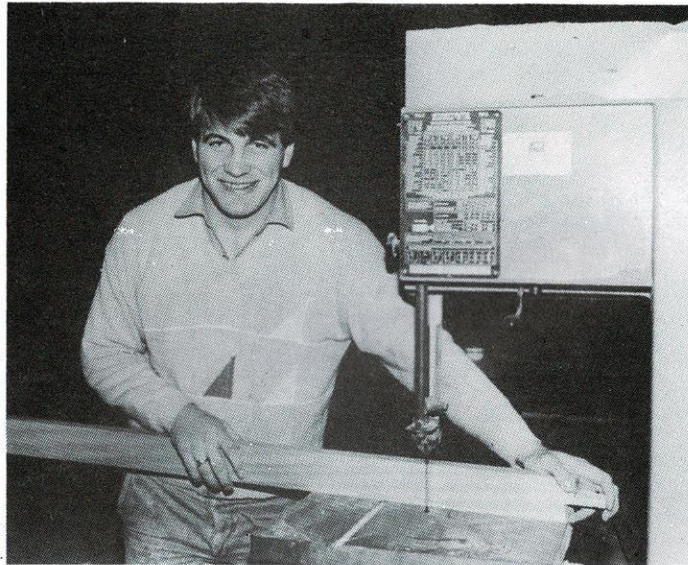
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Home team	Away Team															
	Bradford	Castleford	Dewsbury	Featherstone	Halifax	Hull	Hull K.R.	Leeds	Oldham	St. Helens	Salford	Swinton	Warrington	Widnes	Wigan	York
Bradford	•	26-18	8-10		12-22	18-8	12-17		6-24	9-18		48-20		40-8	21-16	12-17
Castleford		•	16-12			22-14		18-26	28-4	32-18		28-16	20-26			34-6
Dewsbury	8-26	12-30	•	20-23	10-32	12-30		13-22	6-37	12-18	12-10	20-12	12-16	15-18	4-42	
Featherstone	15-8	21-6	24-1	•	10-20	10-10	14-27	18-20	14-14	12-38	12-16	14-12	27-14		12-26	40-10
Halifax		14-8	12-16		•	21-8	10-10	18-18	12-12	27-18	23-12	16-14			12-12	
Hull	28-16	34-12	48-6	18-12	4-8	•	28-6		54-12	20-20	34-16	16-10		10-33	10-26	
Hull K.R.	30-4		42-0	20-0	10-23		•						12-8	12-24	19-18	12-6
Leeds			28-8	44-6	20-22		12-16	•	22-6	21-8	34-12	20-8		29-12	6-28	10-18
Oldham		46-22	48-14		14-19		16-20	14-30	•		32-10	12-16	26-20	10-10		24-16
St. Helens	8-18		24-6	44-14	22-10	22-35	39-22	12-12		•	28-10		12-6	16-30		30-8
Salford	9-8	9-8		26-12	22-6	15-12	27-24	16-22	20-34		•	21-17	10-19	22-6	12-8	22-18
Swinton	8-0	12-10		14-7	10-16	16-8		14-26		14-32		•	12-28	17-6	6-28	16-30
Warrington	32-7	24-16			12-14	43-16	31-16	32-18	8-4	26-16	41-19	42-0	•		10-12	14-12
Widnes	28-26	9-5		30-16	12-9		8-15	20-18	10-10		27-12	30-16		•	16-6	14-12
Wigan		10-12	58-8	62-0	6-6	44-6	12-8			38-14	20-8	42-0		32-10	•	
York	9-8	18-14		25-12	17-34	8-22	8-22		2-8	11-18	14-12	36-2		8-26	12-34	•

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Halifax	25	15	5	5	414	324	35
Wigan	22	15	2	5	580	212	32
Widnes	23	15	2	6	402	364	32
Warrington	20	14	0	6	452	281	28
Leeds	21	13	2	6	458	319	28
St. Helens	22	12	2	8	475	393	26
Hull K.R.	20	12	1	7	360	300	25
Hull	23	11	2	10	473	408	24
Oldham	21	9	4	8	407	349	22
Salford	24	11	0	13	368	471	22
Castleford	20	8	0	12	359	357	16
York	23	8	0	15	321	440	16
Featherstone	24	7	2	15	345	525	16
Bradford N.	21	7	0	14	333	353	14
Swinton	24	6	0	18	282	536	12
Dewsbury	23	4	0	19	247	624	8

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barrow	23	20	0	3	729	237	40
Leigh	21	20	0	1	704	220	40
Whitehaven	24	18	0	6	462	320	36
Wakefield	25	17	1	7	446	319	35
Rochdale	23	16	0	7	521	282	32
Batley	22	11	1	10	338	327	23
Blackpool	23	11	0	12	498	417	22
Fulham	22	11	0	11	402	409	22
Hunslet	22	10	2	10	450	460	22
Doncaster	22	10	0	12	368	429	20
Bramley	23	10	0	13	350	463	20
Sheffield	23	9	1	13	371	405	19
Workington	24	9	0	15	467	553	18
Keighley	20	7	1	12	262	426	15
Huddersfield	22	6	2	14	320	505	14
Carlisle	21	6	1	14	316	471	13
Runcorn	24	5	2	17	325	570	12
Mansfield	24	2	1	21	215	731	5

Memorable Matches

WIGAN vs OLDHAM (Championship play-off final, May 6th, 1911, at Wheater's Field, Broughton)

WIGAN 7 points OLDHAM 20

WIGAN: J. Sharrock, J. Leytham, J. Price, L.B. Todd, J. Miller, F. Gleave, J. Thomas, C. Seeling, P. Williams, T. Whittaker, R. Ramsdale, J. Shallcross, H. de Francis.

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

Referee: Mr. Whiteley (Wakefield). **Attendance:** 15,543 **Receipts:** £717.

The top of the Northern Rugby League table at the end of the 1910-11 season read as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	%
1. Wigan	34	28	1	5	650	205	57	83.82
2. Oldham	34	28	1	5	441	210	57	83.82
2. Wakefield T.	33	24	1	8	493	264	49	74.24
4. Widnes	30	19	3	8	310	137	41	68.33
5. Hull K.R.	33	21	3	9	587	294	45	68.18
6. Hunslet	34	21	0	13	431	389	42	61.76

Wigan, Oldham, Wakefield Trinity and Widnes therefore qualified for the Championship Play-off semi-finals. However before the matches could go ahead Wigan and Oldham had to play off for first place as both clubs had identical league records. The game took place at Wakefield's Belle Vue ground and Wigan ran out winners by 11 points to three.

In the Semi-Finals Wigan defeated Widnes by 16 point to nil and Oldham disposed of Wakefield Trinity by 15 points to 12, and so for the third

consecutive season the Championship Play-Off final was to be contested by Wigan and Oldham.

Wigan must have been confident of success following their first place play-off victory over the 'Roughyeds' but things did not go their way in the final and by half-time Oldham had built up a ten points to two lead. This lead proved to be too big for the men from Central Park and although wingman James Leytham crossed for a try in the second half Oldham finished comfortable winners by twenty points to seven. Centre Lomas was the point-scoring hero with two tries and three goals. Half-back White also scored two tries and pack-man Ferguson kicked one goal. Apart from the Leytham try all Wigan could manage was a goal each from full back Jim Sharrock and half-back Johnny Thomas.

The 1910-11 season proved to be a successful one for both Wigan and Oldham. Wigan topped both the Northern Rugby League and Lancashire League tables and finished runners-up in the Championship play-off and the Northern Union Challenge Cup finals, while Oldham carried off the Championship Play-off Trophy and the Lancashire Cup and were runners-up in both the Northern Rugby League and the Lancashire League. Furthermore Wigan wingman Joe Miller finished equal top try scorer in the Rugby League with Huddersfield's Kitchen and Rosenfeld. All three scored 40 tries.

N.B. Following the 1910-11 season, league placings were decided on scoring percentages.

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Dear Sir,

I was interested to read in your programme at the St. Helens match of your interest in the views of "exiles" who travel from afar to watch Wigan play.

Until last summer I was working in Zürich, where I taught for five years. Whenever I came home, I would naturally watch a few matches, this mainly being during the Christmas holidays.

In many ways I was born ten years too late (in 1958), as I missed most of Wigan's great Cup runs of 1958-66. I remember seeing the 1965 Final on T.V. before making my first trip to Wembley in 1966. I went again in 1970 — only to be disappointed once more.

There then followed fourteen barren years... I had always told my parents that I would fly over for the weekend if Wigan ever reached Wembley. In 1984 I thus experienced Wigan's third consecutive defeat! Undeterred, I booked my flight over to London for the beginning of May 1985.

Funnily enough, I saw an advertisement for a teaching post at Kent College the week before the Cup final. I rang up the school and arranged an interview for Friday May 3rd. Kent College is quite a strong rugby school and the fact that I had flown over from Switzerland for the Cup Final certainly helped me get the job!

That first weekend in May 1985 was certainly one of the most enjoyable of my life — being offered a job and Wigan winning the Cup!

As I am now living in Canterbury, it only takes me just over an hour to get to London. I'm looking forward to making the trip to Wembley again at the beginning of May, so if you see a Kent College mini-bus, you will know that I've taken a group of pupils to the match.

Yours sincerely,
Graham Finney

P.S. One of the more memorable trips was last Good Friday. I left Zürich at 12.15, arriving in Manchester at 1.55. I got through Customs by 2.10 and was driven by my brother to Central Park. We were on the ground by 2.55...!

Do you travel far to watch Wigan? If so, let us feature you on this page. Send a letter and pic. to: Programme Editor, Wigan R.L., Central Park, Wigan.

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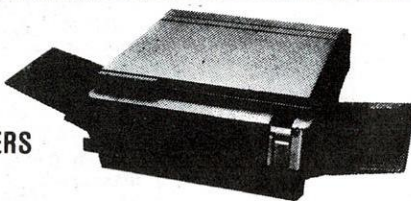
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Backchat

A MIXED correspondence bag this week with the first two letters showing two sides of Wigan fans. Let's hope there are more of the latter than former!

Sir,
Having been one of the many thousands watching the Wigan v. Castleford cup match on Sunday 16th March '86, and being a Wigan fan for many years, I was appalled to hear the so called Wigan fans pulling their team to pieces, because they were losing, they were not giving the opposing team the applause they so deserved.

Can't they understand that Wigan cannot win them all. I suggest they stay away or go and watch football and criticize them, no one was more disappointed than me that they lost, and to make matters worse, when we got outside of the ground I was ashamed to say I was a Wigan fan, all the Castleford fans were enjoying themselves (AS WIGAN FANS WOULD HAVE BEEN IF THEY HAD WON) when all of a sudden a gang of hooligans charged the Castleford fans with my husband and I in the middle, it was a terrifying experience.

I hope the so called fans read this, or better still keep away from Wigan Rugby Club, we don't want our rugby club having a bad name.

Yours, H. Mangnall
Cheltenham Dr., Newton-le-Willows.

Sir,
May I, through your programme, express my admiration for Wigan supporters who, in defeat, shook my hand and patted my shoulder with congratulations and wished Castleford success to Wembley. A sure sign that comradeship still exists in Rugby League.

All the best to Wigan who are trying to please their supporters.

W. Tilletson,
Castleford R.L. Supporter

Sir,
In football they say going to Wembley is a players dream, but No. 1 priority is to win the League Championship.

Well let's take a leaf out of their book, Sunday the 16th has seen our dream come and go for another 12 months, we will be back with a vengeance.

At least our season is not over yet, let's pick ourselves up off the floor and show all the knockers that we have been the most exciting and consistent team over the season (19 league and cup games without defeat).

Our season is far from over. Let's not throw it all away because we won't be gracing the hallowed turf of Wembley.

Let's fetch the Championship to Central Park for all loyal fans who have made attendances home and away this season go to record levels.

Where would the other clubs be

without Wigan's huge following?
(Let's see the attendance figures at Wembley this year without Wigan).

All we need to do is forget about individual performances let's play 100% as a team unit.

Individuals did not win the honours on Sunday, teamwork and hard graft won. Sorry Greg and Zippy, maybe some other time.

Yours, Dave Darbyshire
Weymouth Drive, Hindley Green, Wigan.

"Next Time"
I couldn't believe it and I wasn't even there.

To picture it just makes me cry "Maybe next year" I hear people say, though it's said with tears in their eyes.

No better for Leigh (but they don't really count)

It just doesn't sink in that our team has crashed out.

Oh, I can hear them all now, down the Knowsley Road way

Ray French, Alex Murphy - both chuckling away

BUT - Don't be disheartened, don't give it all up

We can still win the rest, though we can't keep 'the cup'

'The Cup' will return, without doubt - have no fear

I just know that the lads will try DAMNED HARDER NEXT YEAR!

Yours, M. Boyce
Thicknesse Ave., Wigan

Sir,
Every cloud has a silver lining.

When the game at Dewsbury was cancelled, I and a coachload of frustrated supporters were stranded in that happy oasis known as Waldo's Bar.

There over lunch we took our weekly fix of Rugby, courtesy of a video of the 1965 Cup Final.

Memory fades over 20 years and watching the game again was like a trip in a time machine. What a pack Hunslet had! Thank goodness for Danny Gardiner.

But the real surprise was how much really quite reckless passing there was in view of the unlimited tackle pile. No wonder in its day it was rated one of the best matches ever.

In those days the referee stood much closer at the play the ball, so I suppose desperate measures were called for. Long, Brett Kenny type, passes were out. Instead, almost every player demonstrated an ability to side-step and straighten up the point of attack, hence getting behind the defence as it moved up.

It was essential in those days, but even though time and tide have moved on, I can't help but think it's a skill whose practice would repay dividends - next time we play Halifax!

Yours, Trevor Holcroft
Berkeley Ave., Winstanley, Wigan

P.S. The biggest disappointment?

Trevor Lake's second try was sensational - but surely in 1965 his dive for the corner got much higher off the ground?

Sir,
After our recent visit to Hull we were appalled with many of the Hull supporters. We have never felt so unwelcome at any other away grounds before. All the way through the match we got abuse thrown at us.

To top it all, nearly all the Hull supporters were chanting racist remarks at Henderson Gill and Ellery Hanley which there was no need for what so ever.

A similar incident happened at our visit to Hull K.R. which was somewhat worse. It appears to us that both Hull and Hull K.R. supporters belong to some kind of mafia.

Yours, Joanne Mason & Julie Richardson, Appley Bridge, Wigan

Sir,
I am a 14 year old lad who has seen every match this season except for two.

I would first like to express my gratitude to the Wigan players for giving us such a marvellous season so far.

I have written this letter to say the only thing that spoils a great day's rugby is when the final whistle goes for full time.

Sometimes a lot of people run onto the field to get autographs etc. People like me who are small can't see.

I am asking the supporters to stay off the field so we can all congratulate our team, with a view that we can all see.

Yours, Julian Edge
Solway Close, Ashton-in-Makerfield

Sir,
Obviously, the unwarranted criticisms of Wigan's shock Challenge Cup defeat by Cas., have transpired from certain people who have forgotten that Wigan have won the Lancashire Cup and the John Player Trophy, and lost but three games since mid-September.


Not many games have gone, unwitnessed by me, this season, and though some of them have not entirely pleased (even winning ones, Colin), my reasonable opinion is afterwards given from an impartial analysis.

Though Wigan were literally tackled senseless by Cas., on all known form, they are still logically the best team in Rugby League. But they could be better.

Since last I wrote to you, the amazing Shaun Edwards has ensconced himself with dexterity at scrum half - which wholly pleases me. Now I would wish for Hanley to switch to stand off when Ella returns home, as that would be a precursor to overall stability.

Yours, David Hickey,
Beech Grove, Beech Hill, Wigan.

The Programme Editor,
Wigan R.L.,
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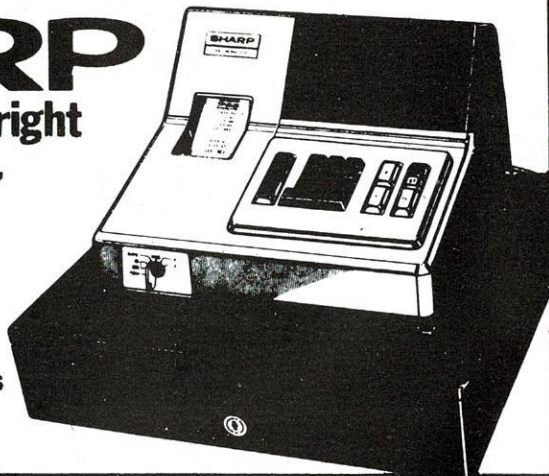
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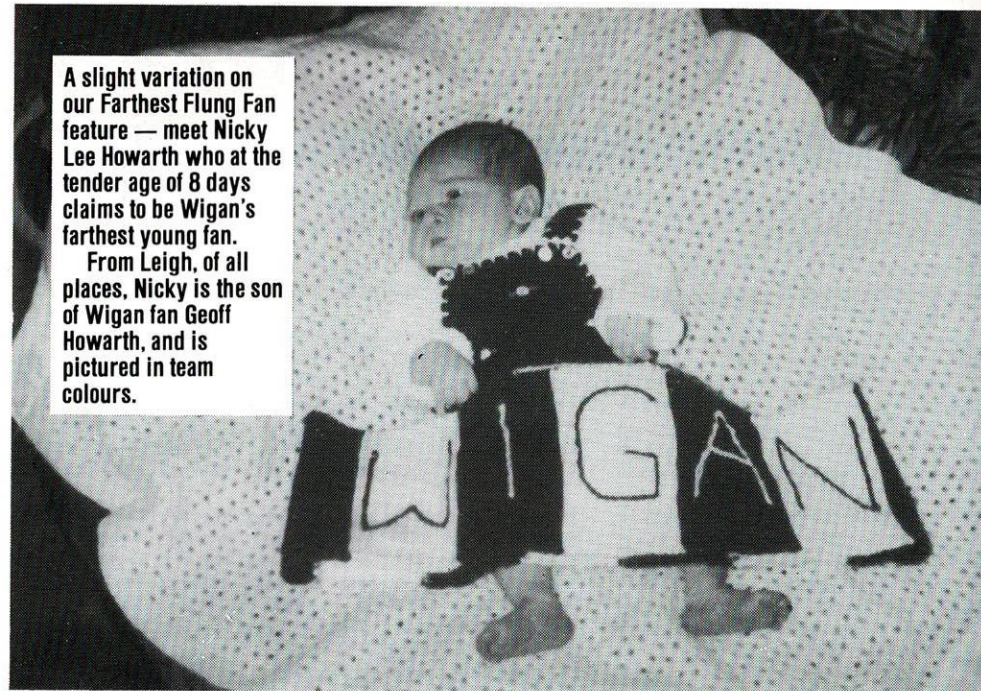
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From Leigh, of all places, Nicky is the son of Wigan fan Geoff Howarth, and is pictured in team colours.

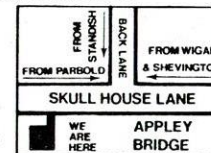


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AUGUST																							
Sun. 25th	Hull K.R. (C.S.)	H	3.00	W	34-6	4,066	—	Hampson	P. Ford	Stephenson G7	Donlan T2	Gill T2	Edwards	M. Ford T	Courtney	Kiss	Campbell	West	du Toit	Wane	Lucas (11)	Mayo (8)	
SEPTEMBER																							
Sun. 1st	Castleford	H	3.00	L	10-12	11,107	—	Hampson T	P. Ford	Stephenson G.	Donlan	Gill	Edwards T.	M. Ford	Courtney	Kiss	Campbell	West	du Toit	Wane	Whitfield (5)	Lucas (-)	
Wed. 4th	Salford	A	7.30	L	8-12	4,860	—	Hampson	P. Ford T	Clare G	Whitfield G	Berry	Donlan	M. Ford	Courtney	Kiss	Campbell	Lucas	du Toit	Potter	Fairhurst (4)	Fraser (13)	
Sun. 8th	Bradford N.	A	3.30	L	16-21	7,441	16	Hampson	P. Ford T	Stephenson TG2	Donlan	Clare	Edwards	M. Ford	Courtney	Kiss	Lucas	du Toit T	Fraser	Wane	Berry (9)	Case (11)	
Sun. 15th	Lancs. C.C. (1st rnd.)	Fulham	H	3.00	W	24-13	9,088	—	Hampson	Henley-Smith T	Stephenson TG2	P. Ford T	Edwards	M. Ford T	Courtney	O'Neill	Wane	du Toit T	Goodway	Potter	Case (10)	Campbell (11)	
Sun. 22nd	Widnes	H	3.00	W	32-10	17,143	11	Hampson T	Henley-Smith	Stephenson G	Hanley	Whitfield T2G3	Edwards	Ford T	Case	O'Neill	Wane	du Toit	Goodway T	Potter	Fairhurst (3) T	Courtney	
Wed. 25th	C'ty Kup (2nd rd.)	Salford	H	7.30	W	22-20	11,188	—	Hampson T	Henley-Smith T	A.N.Other G3	Hanley T	Fairhurst	Edwards	Ford	Case	O'Neill	Wane	du Toit	Goodway T	Potter	Holden	Courtney (2)
Sun. 29th	Hull K.R.	A	3.00	L	18-19	9,456	14	Hampson	A.N.Other G3	Whitfield	Hanley	Fairhurst T	Edwards	Ford T	Dowling	O'Neill	Case T	du Toit	Goodway	Potter	Holden	Wane (10)	
OCTOBER																							
Wed. 2nd	L'cs Cup (Semi F.)	St. Helens	H	7.30	W	30-2	18,726	—	Hampson	Henley-Smith	Stephenson G5	Hanley	Whitfield	Edwards T2	Ford	Dowling T	Kiss	Wane T	du Toit	Goodway	Potter	Ella T (1)	Case (10)
Sun. 6th	New Zealand	H	3.00	W	14-8	13,009	15	Edwards T	Henley-Smith	Stephenson G3	Hanley	Whitfield	Ella	Ford	Case	Kiss	Wane	du Toit	Goodway T	Potter	Hampson (5)	Courtney (9)	
Sun. 13th	Warr. (L'cs Cup Final)	N	3.00	W	34-8	19,200	16	Edwards T	Henley-Smith	Stephenson G7	Hanley T	Whitfield	Ella T2	Ford	Dowling	Kiss T	Wane	du Toit	Goodway	Potter	Hampson (2)	Case (10)	
Sun. 20th	Dewsbury	H	3.00	W	58-8	10,679	14	Hampson T	Edwards T	Stephenson TG7	Hanley	Whitfield T	Ella T4	Ford	Dowling T	Kiss	Case	du Toit T	Goodway T	Potter	Fairhurst (12)	West (13)	
Thu. 24th	Leeds	A	7.30	W	28-6	9,395	—	Edwards	Fairhurst	Stephenson TG6	Hanley	Whitfield T	Ella T	Ford T	Dowling	Kiss	Case	du Toit	Goodway	Potter	Campbell	West (11)	
Sun. 27th	Featherstone R.	H	3.00	W	62-0	11,542	9	Hampson	Edwards T	Stephenson G9	Hanley T2	Whitfield T3	Ella T2	Ford T	Dowling	Kiss	Case T	du Toit T	West	Potter	Fairhurst (10)	Goodway (9)	
NOVEMBER																							
Sun. 3rd	York	A	3.15	W	34-12	6,476	7	Hampson	Edwards T	Stephenson G5	Hanley	Whitfield T2	Ella T	Ford T	Campbell	Kiss	Case	du Toit T	West	Potter	Russell (2)	Fraser (12)	
Sun. 10th	Salford	H	3.00	W	20-8	12,713	4	Hampson	Edwards	Stephenson G2	Hanley	Whitfield T	Ella T	Ford T2	Dowling	Kiss	Case	du Toit	West	Potter	Stott	Campbell (13)	
Sun. 17th	Featherstone R.	A	3.30	W	26-12	3,480	3	Hampson	Stott T	Stephenson TG5	Hanley T	Whitfield	Ella T	Ford	Dowling	Kiss	Campbell	West	du Toit	Potter	Russell	Wane (10)	
Sun. 24th	Mansfield (JPS 1st rd)	H	3.00	W	26-0	10,043	—	Hampson G3	Henley-Smith	Stephenson G2	Hanley	Gill	Ella T	Ford	Dowling	Kiss	Goodway	du Toit T	West T	Potter	Stott (3) T	Wane (9)	
DECEMBER																							
Sun. 1st	Wakefield (JPS 2nd rd)	A	3.00	W	30-21	8,500	—	Hampson	Stott T	Stephenson G3	Hanley T2	Gill T	Ella T	Ford	Dowling	Dermott	Wane	du Toit	Goodway T	Potter	Russell (1)	West (13)	
Sat. 7th	Warrington (JPS Qtr. Fnl)	A	3.00	W	26-22	8,900	—	Hampson	Whitfield	Stephenson G3	Hanley T	Gill 2T	Ella T	Ford	Dowling	Dermott	Wane	du Toit	Goodway	Potter T	Stott	West (11)	
Sat. 14th	Leigh (JPS Semi Fnl)	N	3.00	W	36-8	11,248	—	Hampson	Whitfield	Stephenson G6	Hanley T	Gill	Ella T	Ford	Dowling T3	Kiss T	Wane	du Toit	Goodway	Potter	Dermott (9)	West (13)	
Sun. 22nd	Halifax	A	3.00	D	12-12	9,103	8	Hampson	Whitfield	Stephenson G2	Hanley T2	Gill	Ella	Ford	Dowling	Kiss	Wane	West	Goodway	Potter	Stott	Campbell	
Thur. 26th	St. Helens	H	3.00	W	38-14	20,055	6	Hampson	Whitfield TG5	Stephenson T	Hanley T	Gill T2	Ella T	Ford T	Dowling	Dermott	Wane	du Toit	West	Potter	Edwards (3)	Campbell (10)	
JANUARY																							
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Sun. 5th	Swinton	H	3.00	W	42-0	12,626	3	Hampson	Mordt	Stephenson TG4	Hanley T	Gill TG	Ella	Ford T2	Dowling	Kiss T	Wane	West T	Goodway	Potter	Edwards (1)	du Toit (13)	
Sat. 11th	Hull KR (JPS Final)	N	2.15	W	11-8	17,573	—	Hampson	Mordt	Stephenson G	Hanley	Gill	Ella	Ford T	Dowling DG	Kiss	Wane T	West	Goodway	Potter	Edwards (5)	du Toit (13)	
Sun. 19th	Hull K.R.	H	3.00	W	12-8	14,323	3	Hampson	Mordt	du Toit	Russell	Gill	Hanley T	Edwards	Dowling	Kiss	Lucas	West T	Goodway T	Potter	Stott (2)	Louw (1)	
Wed. 29th	Widnes	A	3.00	L	6-16	9,404	3	Hampson	Edwards	Stephenson G	Hanley	Gill	Ella	Ford	Dowling	Kiss	Wane	West T	Goodway	Potter	Stott	du Toit (13)	
FEBRUARY																							
Sun. 9th	Workington S. Cut CC1	A	3.00	W	56-12	5,400	3	Hampson	Stott T2	Stephenson G2	Hanley T	Gill T2	Ella T	Edwards T	West T2	Kiss	Lucas T	du Toit T2G	Goodway	Potter	Ford (9)	Louw (12)	
Sun. 23rd	Halifax	H	3.00	D	6-6	19,102	3	Hampson	Mordt	Stephenson G3	Hanley	Gill	Ella	Edwards	Dowling	Kiss	Wane	West	Goodway	Potter	du Toit (10)	Stott	
MARCH																							
Sun. 2nd	Hull	H	3.00	W	44-6	12,613	3	Hampson	Mordt T2	Stephenson TG6	Russell	Gill	Lydon T	Edwards	Dowling	Kiss T	Wane	West T2	du Toit	Goodway T	Ford (5)	Potter (8)	
Sat. 8th	St. Helens (CC 2nd)	H	2.15	W	24-14	18,486	4	Hampson T	Lydon	St'phenson T2G2	Hanley T	Gill	Ella T	Edwards	Dowling	Kiss	Wane	West	Goodway	Potter	Russell	du Toit (10)	
Wed. 12th	Hull	A	7.30	W	26-10	6,921	3	Hampson T	Stott	St'phenson T2G2	Hanley	Gill	Ella T	Edwards	Dowling	Kiss T	Goodway	West	du Toit	Potter	Russell (6)	Case	
Sun. 16th	Castleford (CC 3rd)	H	3.00	L	2-10	18,640	3	Hampson	Russell	Stephenson	Hanley	Gill	Lydon G	Edwards	Dowling	Kiss	Goodway	West	du Toit	Potter	Ford	Wane (12)	
Tue. 18th	Dewsbury	A	7.30	W	42-4	1,500	3	Hampson	Lydon	Stephenson TG7	Russell T	Stott T	Hanley T	Edwards	Case	Kiss	Wane T	West	Goodway	Potter T	Ford (7) T	du Toit (11)	
Sun. 23rd	Swinton	A	3.00	W	28-6	7,615	2	Hampson	Lydon	Stephenson G4	Russell T	Berry	Hanley T	Ford	Dowling	Kiss	Case	West T	Potter	du Toit (2) T	Louw (5)		
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